

Citizens Vote For Home Guard Unit

Citizens Bank Building Is Offered For Consolidation Of Jail And County Offices

Commissioners Appear Interested In William Privott's Proposal

NO PRICE NAMED

Jail and Various County Offices Would Be Centralized

Because of more or less frequent agitation of late relative to the consolidation into one building of the numerous offices used by different county agencies, as well as the repeated recommendations by grand juries in recent years concerning Chowan's antique jail, the County Commissioners on Monday gave earnest and interested consideration to a proposal that they eventually take possession of the Citizens Bank Building, and house the jail and other offices there under one roof.

The proposal was placed before them by William S. Privott, one of the bank building owners, but was not made for the purpose of forcing any immediate sale of the structure, but, as Mr. Privott explained it, was offered as a suggestion not only worthy of consideration, but one which the county might find itself necessary to go into more deeply at some near future time.

It is seldom that the County Board listened as attentively as the members did to Mr. Privott, and occasional questioning of the former prosecutor indicated that the Commissioners were not only much concerned over the office and jail situation but viewed the bank building proposal as possessing merit when the time comes for action. No mention was made as to the price of the building, but it was disclosed that the county is paying around \$125 per month for office rentals in addition to jail maintenance charges. Mr. Privott, speaking solely for himself, thought the bank could be secured at a figure cheaper than the county could build, and with a possible bond issue that could be handled at a less annual cost, or no more, than is now being paid otherwise for rentals.

Mr. Privott said he brought the matter up because it was generally reckoned that the ancient county bastille was in bad shape, and that it was a question of a few years before

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Williams, Hart And Vaughan Added To Board Of Health

Specific Duties of Health Officer Will Be Defined

Membership of Chowan County's Board of Health was perfected Monday afternoon when Mayor J. H. McMullan, D. M. Warren, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and W. J. Taylor, county superintendent of schools, met to elect two physicians and one dentist to complete the board.

Those elected were Dr. L. P. Williams, Dr. Roland Vaughan and Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr., whose terms will be for two years each.

Another meeting of the entire board will be held next Monday, at which time a county health officer will be elected. It was agreed, however, at Monday's meeting that before a health officer is named, for which there was only one applicant Monday, the duties of the health officer should be more clearly defined. This was deemed necessary in that there appears to be an overlapping of responsibilities of the Welfare Department and the Bertie-Chowan Health Department. The specific duties of the county health officer have at various times been discussed by the County Commissioners, who were reluctant to pay bills for services which they believed were under the duties of the health officer and be paid for by his salary.

E. H. S. Football Boys Guests Of Rotarians At Banquet Friday

Coach Jim Tatum of Carolina Principal Speaker

AT 7 O'CLOCK

Feature Will Be Picture Of Carolina-Duke Game

Edenton High School's football squad, together with Coach Jimmy Maus and officials of the team, will be entertained Friday night by Edenton Rotarians. The affair will be held in the Parish House, but instead of the usual day of Rotary meetings, it will take place Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The principal speaker for the occasion will be Coach Jim Tatum, of the University of North Carolina. Mr. Weaver is director of freshmen athletics at the University and assistant to Coach Ray Wolf. He is also one of the principal scouts for the football team. Mr. Tatum was Coach Carl Snavelly's assistant at Cornell before coming to North Carolina, and his acceptance of an invitation to speak has created a considerable amount of interest in the meeting.

Tom Byrum, former Edenton High School star and last season one of the most promising linemen on the freshman squad, is expected to accompany Coach Tatum.

Another feature of the occasion will be showing of moving pictures

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Lions Interested In Enlargement Of P. O. Quarters

Committee Is Appointed to Inaugurate Campaign

Agitation for enlarged post office quarters in Edenton took definite form at the Lions Club meeting on Monday night when the matter was discussed and a committee appointed to plan a campaign in an effort to add another story to the present building. The committee appointed by President Geddes Potter to work out details is composed of W. J. Taylor. It was pointed out in the discussion that by the addition of another story office space could be centralized for various government agencies at present scattered about town.

Members of the club were gratified over the report of the Rev. W. C. Benson, who was put in charge of the distribution of Christmas packages to poor children on Christmas eve. Mr. Benson reported having distributed 25 of these packages, going into both city and country homes, and he was complimented for his efforts in the undertaking.

J. Frank White, Jr., was in charge of the program, which took the form of a quiz relating to State affairs. W. J. Taylor was high man in the contest, having answered 11 of the 12 questions correctly.

COMMISSIONERS RAISE OFFICIALS' PAY ORDERED IN 1935; BACK SALARY?—HUSH!

Despite the fact that they were dealing with lawyers, the County Commissioners on Monday failed to untangle a legal question which has been hanging fire since 1935. It all came about when J. N. Pruden appeared before the Commissioners with a request that he be paid \$62.50 per month instead of \$50 as salary for Judge of Recorder's Court.

In 1935, several years after all county officials' pay was reduced, John F. White had passed an act in the General Assembly raising the salaries of the judge and prosecutor from \$50 to \$62.50, the sheriff increased \$50 per month and a slight increase to the clerk of Recorder's

C. Of C. Concerned Over Failure Build New Bus Station

Town Permit and Lease Negotiated Over Year Ago

COMPLAINTS

Town Council Will Be Asked to Take Some Action

Concern for the failure of the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation to build a new bus station was vigorously registered at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in the Municipal Building Tuesday night. It was brought out that the bus company over a year ago leased the property between S. C. Mills and the Western Auto Associate store and at that time expressed the purpose to occupy a new station by January 1st, of last year. To date nothing has been done pointing to a new building other than filling up the lot and storing a large pile of unsightly bricks.

Over a year ago Town Council approved plans for the building, which would add considerably to the attractiveness of the corner, and following a discussion of the situation, President J. W. Davis instructed Secretary C. L. McCullers to write a letter to Town Council urging the Town Fathers to get down behind the matter to the end that the building will soon be erected or else rescind the permit which was issued last year.

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Roy McMillan Will Speak To Veterans Tuesday, January 21

Regular Meeting Postponed Due to Conflicting Affairs

Due to so many other conflicting matters, the monthly meeting of Ed Bond Post was postponed from Tuesday night until Tuesday night, January 21. At that time, John A. Holmes, commander of the Post, announced Tuesday that Roy McMillan of Raleigh, will be present and speak to the Legionnaires.

Mr. McMillan is a candidate for commander of the North Carolina Department, and is very anxious to meet and speak to all ex-service men.

Pruden Reappointed As County Attorney

Having the only application before the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday, W. D. Pruden was re-appointed as attorney for Chowan County.

Mr. Pruden's salary, which had been \$135 per year, was raised to \$150. This increase resulted, no doubt, because of action just previously taken when the Commissioners decided to raise salaries for the Sheriff, Judge of Recorder's Court, Prosecutor and Clerk of Recorder's Court.

Committee of Seven Named To Select Officers For Unit And Meet With Gen. Metts

Witnesses

Despite the fact that the County Commissioners on Monday were well-pleased with Sheriff J. A. Bunch's report relative to collection of taxes during December, one item on his report proved far less popular with the group. This item had to do with an expenditure of \$113.50 for grand jury witnesses.

During the last term of court the grand jury summoned 227 witnesses, over 100 of whom were called in the case of W. T. Satterfield, which is scheduled to be tried at the special term of court the last week in January. The bill was paid, but to say the least, it was reason for more than one frown.

Bank Of Edenton's Current Report Is Best In History

Better Than Officials Dreamed Ever Would Be Realized

That conditions are on the upgrade in this section is strikingly reflected in the report of the Bank of Edenton. The report, appearing elsewhere in this issue of The Herald, is the best report ever submitted in the history of the local institution.

According to the report the bank has loans totaling \$1,179,774.44, while deposits have reached an all time high of \$1,397,491.01. Cash on hand as of December 31, was \$329,421.09, at which time there were no liabilities in the way of unpaid bills or borrowed money.

The report is reason for a great deal of pleasure on the part of bank officials and employees, the former frankly admitting that they never dreamed of being able to have such a splendid report.

Special Term Of Court January 27

Governor Orders Term; Judge Burgwyn to Preside

Due to an accumulation of both criminal and civil cases, Governor Clyde Hoey has ordered a special term of Chowan Superior Court to be held the week of January 27. For this term of court Special Judge William H. S. Burgwyn of Northampton County, will preside.

Included on the docket there are already six criminal cases, as well as several civil actions which will consume a considerable amount of time for trial.

On the civil calendar the first case set for trial is R. L. Chesson vs. Kieckhefer Container Company, of Plymouth. This case has been dragging in court for several years, Chesson finally winning a verdict over the pulp mill for breach of contract. The Plymouth concern appealed to the State Supreme Court, which body ordered a retrial.

Chowan PTA Meets Next Tuesday Night

A meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association of Chowan High School will be held in the school auditorium Tuesday night, January 14, at 4:30 o'clock. For this meeting L. L. Stevens, principal of the Hobbsville school, will be the principal speaker.

It has been announced that a prize will be awarded to the grade having the largest attendance of parents, and it is hoped a large attendance will be on hand.

Definite Action Taken at Meeting Held Tuesday Evening

UNANIMOUS

Expressions By Various Ones Support Organization

Edenton citizens at a called meeting Tuesday evening voted to organize a home guard unit. The meeting was called by Mayor J. H. McMullan and D. M. Warren, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, at the invitation of Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts to sound out public opinion. Twenty-four representative citizens were present for the meeting which was held in the Court House at 5 o'clock.

Mayor McMullan at the outset read a letter from General Metts, in which the purpose of the unit as well as the methods of organization and operation was explained, then asked Mr. Warren to preside.

Mr. Warren, stating the purpose of the meeting, asked for expressions from various men present and without a single exception, the idea was approved and thought to be a good thing for the town.

Jasper L. Wiggins, former mayor, a Spanish-American war veteran and at present chairman of the Chowan County draft board, was first to express his views. He said the unit would be the only one of its kind in the Albemarle and that Edenton was honored in being invited to organize a unit. Mr. Wiggins, in his remarks, emphasized the psychological effect the news of America's mobilizing five million troops had on the totalitarian countries and compared this with the effect a home guard would have on lawlessness. Mr. Wiggins was of the opinion that the majority of those enlisted in the unit should come from those draftees who have been placed in deferred classes in the selective service draft. He emphasized his approval of a unit by saying it would be an honor to the town and is vital and necessary under present conditions.

John A. Holmes, also very favorable to the organization, said that for sometime a home guard has been

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Campen Ready To Discuss Legislation For Chowan County

New Representative Relates Position on Several Matters

J. G. Campen, Chowan County's new representative in the General Assembly, left Edenton Monday, together with Mrs. Campen, to occupy his seat in the lower house. Mr. Campen left in time to be on hand for the caucus on Tuesday, and upon leaving he stated that he had nothing special in mind pertaining specifically to Chowan County.

However, he made it plain that if there is anything he can do for his constituents back home he will be only too glad to give a hearing, for which purpose he has already made arrangements if the occasion arises.

Before leaving he stated his position on the sales tax, saying that he prefers a flat reduction rather than removing some items from the taxable list. The latter, in his estimation, will cause no end of trouble and confusion for many merchants.

Mr. Campen also said that he favors a retirement fund for State employees and school teachers, as well as an increase of pay for teachers and a nine-months term of school.

The new representative takes his position seriously and before leaving said that if anyone comes to Raleigh while the House is in session he will most likely be found in his seat looking after the interest of Chowan County as well as the State as a whole.