

Complaints Still Being Registered About Valuations

Many Appear Before County Commissioners Thursday

MEET FRIDAY

Appraisers Backed In Figures Except In Cases of Error

Chowan County's Commissioners on last Thursday were again confronted by a large group of property owners who registered complaints relative to increased valuations placed upon their property by appraisers during the revaluation process. As at the previous meeting, the Monday before, the Commissioners listened to complaints and if, after making comparisons with adjoining or similar property, the figures were not out of line, the complainant was told there was no reason to complain. However, if there appeared to be some doubt as to the fairness of the new figures, the appraisers were requested to again visit the property and re-check their figures.

Appraisal of Edenton property has now been completed and those whose valuation has been raised will be notified by letter. The Commissioners, sitting as a Board of Equalization and Review, will meet again Friday morning to hear complaints. Another meeting has also been scheduled for the following Friday, 4, with the final time for entering protest being Monday, April 7.

The Commissioners are backing the appraisers in the valuations set forth, being of the opinion that, though some property is now valued at a higher figure, there is far more equalization in value the county over. Only in cases of error do they show any inclination to change figures as presented by the appraisers.

Of course, with many more complaints expected to be made and some changes likely, Tax Supervisor Philip McMullan is unable to figure the county's property valuation. He is of the opinion, however, that there might be as much as 10 per cent increase, which naturally will have an effect in a lower tax rate provided expenditures do not increase over last year.

Methodist Church Planning Revival Beginning April 20

Rev. A. L. Thompson of Ahoskie Church To Do Preaching

Rev. W. C. Benson, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, announced at services Sunday that a series of revival meetings will be held in the church beginning Sunday, April 20, the Sunday after Easter. Though still several weeks away, the preacher emphasized the need for an evangelistic campaign and urged members of the congregation to prepare themselves for the meetings by being much in prayer and to avoid engagements which will conflict with attendance. He also pleaded for the cooperation of various organizations, urging them not to program any activities which will prevent members of the groups from attending services.

For the meeting the Rev. A. L. Thompson, pastor of the Ahoskie Methodist Church, will preach. He is an outstanding pastor and revivalist and is expected to attract large congregations.

Wholesale Moving

Moving on a wholesale scale is the order of the day this week at Center Hill, where entire buildings are being shoved around to make room for a road. On Monday the Tyner post-office was rolled to a new location, while later L. W. Belch's store was moved as well as other houses in the vicinity in order for the curve in the road at that point to be eliminated.

Improving of the road is being done by the State highway forces, who are also moving the buildings in order to straighten the road.

What Next?

Hereafter authors of chain postcards will get nowhere with their schemes. Of late many of such postcards have come into the Edenton postoffice, but Postmaster C. E. Kramer has been ordered by the Postoffice Department to withdraw all such mail and send it to the dead letter office.

Postcards having to do with purchasing an apron and the like and some carrying threats if certain Biblical passages are not read and similar postcards forwarded to friends are in conflict with postal regulations and hereafter will not be dispatched.

John H. Small Asks Audience Of Chowan Friends Next Monday

Former Congressman to Speak at Opening Of Court

WRITES DIXON

Not After Office But Has Message For Men and Women

Edenton friends, and they are many, will be glad to know that former Congressman John H. Small, of Washington, N. C., will be here Monday and make a short address at the conclusion of the morning session of Superior Court, which will open for the April term that day. The ex-national law maker has written his good friend, Richard D. Dixon, to that effect and asked him to notify all of his friends, "particularly my women friends," that he will be on hand at the time designated.

Congressman Small retains a very warm spot in the hearts of the State Democratic party for it was as a result of his vigorous efforts in the late '90's that he "saved" the State from a fusion amalgamation of Democrats and Republicans, and became quite a "hero" because of it. It kept him in congressional office from 1898 until 1920, 22 years, but like many others he finally succumbed to defeat.

He has written Mr. Dixon that he is not out for office again, that he is asking nothing political or other wise, and that he merely wishes to speak to and greet his friends of the earlier years.

Masonic Banquet On Tuesday Night

Judge Henry L. Stevens Scheduled to Deliver Address

Arrangements have been completed for the annual banquet of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. — A. M., which will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes on next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Tickets have been on sale for about a week and from present indications upwards of 100 Masons and their wives are expected to attend.

The principal speaker for the occasion will be Judge Henry L. Stevens, who is scheduled to preside over the spring term of Chowan Superior Court.

G. A. Helms, master of the lodge, will call the meeting to order which will be followed by singing "America," led by W. J. Daniels, and invocation by the Rev. W. C. Benson. After the dinner Dr. W. S. Griffin will take charge as toastmaster. Special music will be rendered by the Chowan trio composed of Mrs. Gordon Blow, Miss May Belle Edwards and Miss Louise Wilson, as well as piano selections by Jimmy Weathers. Judge Stevens will be introduced by E. W. Spiers, and at the conclusion of Mr. Stevens' address, the lodge's closing ode will be sung.

Parent-Teachers Meet Tuesday Afternoon

Edenton's Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, April 1, at 3:30 o'clock, in the school library.

Miss Emily Smithwick and Miss Sara McDonald will feature a children's hobby show in connection with this meeting. The exhibits will be on display throughout the day in the grammar grade library and all members are urged to attend.

Consolidation Of Rural Mail Routes Been Abandoned

Senator J. W. Bailey Informed By Assistant Postmaster General

STUDY DATA

Present Routes at Edenton and Hertford Continued

Rural mail patrons will be interested to know that the contemplated consolidation of Edenton's rural mail routes has been abandoned for the present at least. This information reached The Herald office this week when Senator Josiah Bailey forwarded a letter received by him from Smith W. Purdum, second assistant postmaster general.

Said Mr. Purdum:

"My dear Senator Bailey: Further reference is made to your interest in the protest of Mr. Carroll E. Kramer, postmaster at Edenton, North Carolina, against the proposed revision at his office and Hertford, North Carolina, based upon a vacancy in the rural carrier force at the latter office.

"After careful consideration of data on file at the Department and representations made to this Bureau, it has been decided to make no revision at this time.

"The present arrangement of routes at Edenton and Hertford will be continued."

Upon hearing that consolidation of the local rural mail routes was being considered, many protests went forward, which no doubt had some weight in the decision reached by the postal authorities.

MARKETING CHIEF HERE

George Ross, chief of the State marketing division, was in Edenton Wednesday conferring with officials of the Chamber of Commerce relative to the defense produce market set-up. Mr. Ross came here to explain the situation at the request of Secretary C. L. McCullers.

W. J. Taylor Named Chairman Of Easter Seal Sale In County

Half of Proceeds Remains In County to Aid Cripples

W. J. Taylor, superintendent of county schools, has been named chairman of the Easter Seal Sale for crippled children in Chowan County.

Half of the proceeds of the sale will remain in the hands of the county committee for the aid of our own children, and half will be sent to the State office for assisting those whom a county committee cannot serve.

Some counties already have established clinics for their crippled children, and the State-supported Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia, to which the more serious cases are sent, also has a splendid record of service. But the Orthopedic Hospital has facilities for only 160 children, and there are now more than 300 on the hospital's waiting list.

A recent federal report says North Carolina has 62,000 physically maimed residents. Of these 17,000 are listed on the Social Security records at Raleigh, showing that many belong to the lower economic levels. There are more than 300,000 crippled children in the country as a whole, and it is estimated that approximately 10,000 of these are in North Carolina.

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78 Attend Red Men's Banquet Friday Night

Seventy-eight Chowan Red Men and their wives attended the annual banquet of Chowan Tribe of Red Men held in the Community Building at Cross Roads Friday night. The affair was one of the most enjoyable ever held by the Tribe and many favorable comments followed the meeting.

The principal speaker was Walter Cohoon of Elizabeth City, who was at his best. He spoke briefly but in a masterful manner dwelt upon the tenets of Redmanship and the important role fraternal groups can play in the present world crisis.

Military Training Topic Triangular Debate On Friday

Edenton, Elizabeth City And Hertford Teams Again Meet

PUBLIC INVITED

Triangle Only One In State Which Has Remained Intact

Edenton, Elizabeth City and Hertford high school debating teams will on Friday morning argue the query, "Resolved, that the United States should adopt a policy of requiring one year of military training of all able-bodied men before they reach the age of 23." The debates will be held at 11 o'clock, except at Elizabeth City, where the debate will take place at 10:30 o'clock.

In Edenton, the Elizabeth City affirmative team will meet the Hertford negative, while Edenton's affirmative debaters will meet the Elizabeth City negative in Hertford. Edenton's negative team and Hertford's affirmative team will meet in Elizabeth City at 10:30.

Edenton's debaters, all new material, will comprise Nell Skinner and Margaret Griffin, affirmative, and Annie Maeon Byrum and Sam Cates, negative.

Despite the fact that very timely questions are always involved in these triangular debates, usually little interest is shown by the general public. However, this year's query is of unusual interest due to war activities and for that reason it is hoped that many, other than students, will attend to hear the arguments both for and against the subject.

Judges for the debate to be held in Edenton will be selected from members of the Edenton Rotary Club and will be named by the president of the club at today's meeting.

It is interesting to know that the Edenton, Elizabeth City and Hertford triangle is the oldest in the State, having been formed in 1914, and is the only group in the State which has not been rearranged since the debates were started.

E.H.S. Baseball Team Opens Season With Chowan On Friday

First Conference Game With Elizabeth City On April 4

Edenton High School's baseball team was given a real test Wednesday afternoon when it crossed bats with an all-star team in which line-up appeared former high school stars among whom were Lester Jordan, William Cayton, John Byrum and Sanford Forehand.

Coach Jimmy Maus was well pleased with the showing made by his youngsters and figures they are about ready to meet Chowan High School's aggregation in the first scheduled game here Friday afternoon.

The first conference game will be played here on Friday afternoon, April 4, when the locals will meet their arch rival, Elizabeth City.

Coach Maus is somewhat at a handicap this season in that very few experienced players appear in the squad. His team will be built around a nucleus of only a few veterans. Only seven boys have reported for practice who have had at least some experience on last year's team.

These include Murrill and Murray Byrum, E. C. Ashley, Lester Ashley, Marcus White, Noah Goodwin and Alvin Parks.

Band Concert Sunday If Weather Permits

If spring keeps on as spring and doesn't turn sour and wet and cold, its initial arrival will be signalled on the Court House green next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the first of a series of open air band concerts by the newly costumed high school youngsters.

It is Director McCullers' purpose, if Jupiter Pluvius will stand by him, to have these little concert flare-ups in the same place every Sunday afternoon through the remaining spring and summer months, and this is something to rejoice about.

Action Needed

Unless something is done at once toward the organization of a Home Guard, Edenton's chance to have such a unit will be withdrawn. This week Millard F. Bond, who was recommended as captain of the outfit, was informed by Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts that he understood little interest is shown and that no progress has been made.

Mr. Bond has not yet returned his oath of office and does not intend doing so unless there is some manifestation of interest and a desire shown on the part of citizens that they want the organization.

General Metts informed Mr. Bond that some action will have to be taken immediately or else the opportunity to organize the unit will be transferred to another town.

Judge H. L. Stevens Will Speak To Legion Next Monday Night

Meeting Changed to Court House at 8 O'clock

PUBLIC INVITED

Legionnaires and Members of Auxiliary Meet Jointly

Legionnaires and ex-service men have a treat in store next Monday night, when they will have an opportunity to hear Judge Henry L. Stevens speak. Judge Stevens, who will be conducting Superior Court here, has consented to speak at the Legion meeting, which has aroused considerable interest and will no doubt attract a goodly number of ex-service men.

Judge Stevens is a past national commander of the American Legion, the only one to be so honored in this section of the South, which fact is all the more reason why former service men will want to be on hand.

Because of the number expected to attend, Post Commander John A. Holmes has announced that the meeting will be held in the Court House at 8 o'clock, instead of the usual meeting place in the Red Men Hall. He also announced that the meeting will be joint affair, with the Legion Auxiliary also being invited to attend, as well as a general invitation being extended to the public.

Mr. Holmes is very anxious that all ex-service men fill out questionnaires as soon as possible and any who have not yet done this can be assisted by calling on Richard D. Dixon, C. E. Kramer, Thomas J. Wood, T. C. Byrum, R. E. Leary or Mr. Holmes. The blanks will be furnished by any of the above-named Legionnaires.

Educated Dogs At School Friday A. M.

Program Arranged to Create Interest In Natural History

Friday morning at 8:45 o'clock at the Edenton school will be presented the United States Society of Zoology's troupe of high school educated dogs in an effort to increase interest in natural history. The Society has a number of features which are presented in schools, but Superintendent John A. Holmes is of the opinion that this dog act is easily the best.

The dogs perform by bareback riding, rope walking, tumbling, hoop jumping as well as other tricks including a special feature, Wise Boy, the ladder-climbing dog.

During the act students will be shown what can be accomplished with animals and pets through kindness, as well as how they should be cared for.

The public is also invited to see this act, for which only three cents will be charged which is used exclusively in maintaining these units throughout the United States.

4-H CLUBS ON RADIO
Over radio station WCNC in Elizabeth City on Saturday morning at 11:30 o'clock, a 4-H music appreciation program will be broadcast by the boys' and girls' 4-H Club of Chowan High School. The program, which will include solos, duets and chorus numbers, will be directed by County Agent C. W. Overman.

Chamber Commerce Banquet On Tuesday An Enjoyable Affair

Large Number of Prizes Given By Edenton Merchants

76 PRESENT

John A. Holmes Stresses Responsibility Resting on C. of C.

One of the most enjoyable meetings of its kind in recent years took place Tuesday night in the Community Building at Cross Roads when the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet. For the occasion 76 were present which included members of the organization and a number of mid-county farmers, the affair being arranged for the purpose of creating a better feeling of friendship and cooperation, which incidentally materialized during the course of the meeting.

President J. W. Davis presided until he turned affairs over to John A. Holmes, who acted as toastmaster as well as being the principal speaker. At several points on the program Secretary C. L. McCullers awarded prizes to lucky holders of tickets, a large number of prizes being given for the purpose by Edenton business houses.

Before delivering his address, Mr. Holmes called upon several present for brief remarks which included D. M. Warren, J. Edwin Buffalop, Geddes Potter, C. E. Kramer, J. G. Campen and C. W. Overman. Each spoke very briefly, expressing pleasure at meeting in the rural community and inviting affiliation of rural citizens with the Chamber of Commerce in the interest of the county as a whole. The program was also interspersed with special music by the Chowan trio composed of Mrs. Gordon Blow, Miss May Belle Edwards and Miss Louise Wilson.

Mr. Holmes, in a humorous vein at the outset of his remarks, said he had a matter which should be considered by the Chamber of Commerce. Some time ago, he said, he made a survey as to the number of sons of Chamber of Commerce members, Lions and Rotarians, and discovered that there were fewer sons (Continued on Page Eight)

Lions Will Celebrate Fourth Anniversary Tuesday, April 8th

Walter Cohoon of Elizabeth City Principal Speaker

Edenton's Lion Club will observe its fourth anniversary on Tuesday night, April 8, when a banquet will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes at 7:30 o'clock. The anniversary will be a ladies' night affair and will, from present indications, attract a large crowd. Aside from wives of members, a large group of visitors are also expected from the Lions Clubs at Elizabeth City, Hertford, Plymouth and Williamston.

For the occasion the principal speaker will be Walter Cohoon, prosecuting attorney of Pasquotank County, who on last Friday night addressed the Red Men at a banquet held at the Community Building at Cross Roads. Aside from Mr. Cohoon's address, a committee in charge of arrangements, has planned an otherwise interesting program.

At the conclusion of the program at the hotel, a dance will be held at the Armory.

"Vacation"

With the open season for big water fish now in full swing, though without much result, next Monday night marks the end for 40 days of all hook and line fishing in what are termed "inland waters." Game Warden J. G. Perry announces that the law sets a closed-season for such fishing from April 1 to May 10, and he wants everybody to respect it. Actually, Perry says the reason is to give the finny tribe a short period for lying-in-hospital work, which he calls spawning.