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McMullan Again Re-elected Mayor

Leads Leroy H. Haskett By 58 Votes In Three-cornered Contest As Record Of 846 Votes Are Cast In City Election

Ask Highway Commission To Accelerate Repairing of Damaged Williamston Fill

Commissioners Pass a Resolution at Meeting Monday

HURTS EDENTON Felt That Progress on Road Is Somewhat Lagging

Geddes Potter, chairman, John W. Graham, L. S. Byrum, J. Edwin Bufflap and Julien Wood, members of a special roads committee from the Chamber of Commerce, met at the home of the latter late last week to formulate a road program to be presented at the next meeting of the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission. The committee thoroughly considered road needs in the county and outlined a program which was endorsed by the County Commissioners Monday and will most likely be favorably acted upon by Town Council at the meeting to be held Tuesday night.

The local program in the way of hard-surfaced roads includes the road through Rocky Hock from the church to Small's Cross Roads, a distance of approximately 6 1/2 miles. The other is the Soundside Road from the Albemarle Sound bridge road to Neil Hobbs' store on the Yeopim road, about the same distance.

Aside from these two paving projects, the committee felt that even more important to Edenton and Chowan County was the early completion of the road through the Williamston fill and widening Route 17 from Edenton to the Perquimans County line. It is felt that progress on the Williamston fill is lagging by reason of an inadequate force of men at work. So important is the completion of this section of the highway that a resolution was unanimously passed by the Commissioners which will be forwarded to the State Highway and Public Works Commission, a copy of which was also handed to Commissioner Carroll Wilson while he was attending the Chamber of Commerce dinner Tuesday night.

The resolution follows: "Whereas, the continuous flow of traffic over that State Highway known as U. S. No. 17 is vital to the economic life of the County of Chowan and Town of Edenton for the reason that a large volume of commerce is carried on over this route between the Chowan County area and the communities lying South and West of the Roanoke River, and further that a large volume of interstate and tourist traffic normally travels over Route U. S. No. 17 with (Continued on Page Seven)

Boy Scout Troop To Be Registered Within 15 Days

Troop Committee Told Of Plan By Kermit Layton

Kermit Layton returned Monday from Doylestown, Pa., and Mendham, N. J., where he attended a course for Boy Scout executives in which was paramount organizing emergency corps for boys from 15 to 18 years old.

Within the next 60 days, says Mr. Layton, who is Boy Scout field commissioner for the Albemarle District, a director will be assigned from the executive school held at Mendham to this district.

A meeting of the Boy Scout troop committee was held Monday afternoon, when Mr. Layton told something of the plans pending for advancement of the local troop. He has been given authority to act for the best interest of the troop and plans to have the Edenton troop officially registered within the next two weeks.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. James Cozzens announce the birth of a daughter, born on Saturday, May 3rd.

Claimed By Death



JAMES H. HOLMES Being confined to his home since November 7, as the result of a broken leg and following a stroke last Thursday, Mr. Holmes passed away at his home Saturday morning.

James H. Holmes Dies At Home On Saturday Morning

Confined to Home By Accident Since November 7

69 YEARS OLD

Many Turn Out for Funeral on Sunday Afternoon

Edenton and the entire Chowan countryside, in both of which sections he had counted his friends as legion, were deeply saddened by the early morning news last Saturday that James Hinton Holmes, 69, had passed away. Mr. Holmes, affectionately known to everyone as "Jim" Holmes, died at his East Water Street home at 8:30 o'clock, after a stroke of paralysis that occurred 36 hours before, and indirectly following injuries resulting from being run down by an automobile last November. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon.

Deceased, for well up toward the half century mark a merchant in Edenton, was a native of adjacent Washington County, having been born there the son of W. D. and Harriet B. Holmes, January 20, 1872. As a mere boy he moved with his parents to Edenton and soon afterward entered the old Edenton Academy, graduating from there with high honors. Immediately afterward he secured a position as a printer's devil in the shop of the one-time Edenton Fisherman and Farmer, but soon gave up that avocation to take a clerkship with the late E. L. Brinkley, where he continued until 1896.

Later Mr. Holmes was similarly associated with W. O. Elliott, remaining until 1902 when he entered the mercantile business for himself along with O. M. Elliott and Joseph Vail. This he continued under the same partnership, maintaining one of the largest stores in the Albemarle, until a year and a half or so ago when the partnership was severed. (Continued on Page Seven)

Effort On Foot To Add Second Story To P. O. Building

Rotary Club Adopts a Resolution Urging Improvement

If efforts now on foot materialize, another story will be added to the Edenton postoffice. Because of unsatisfactory space in the basement for affairs and the need of more office room, as well as an assembly hall for governmental purposes, at least one letter has gone to Representative Herbert Bonner and a resolution passed by the Rotary Club urging consideration of the addition.

The resolution as passed by the Rotary Club follows:

"Whereas, under the present arrangement, a group of workers are located in the basement of the Post Office Building, which has proved unsatisfactory and entails considerable expense to the government in efforts to make this section of the building waterproof,

"And whereas, the building was erected with the expectation of adding another story, and was constructed with that in mind,

"And because more space in the Post Office Building would provide more suitable space for the present agencies occupying offices and at the same time make room for the other government agencies which are now obliged to be scattered about town, as well as provide an assembly hall for various meetings of a government nature,

"Now, therefore, the Edenton Rotary Club, this day, May 1, 1941, endorses the efforts to secure the addition of another story to the Post Office Building in Edenton, and requests the serious consideration of Representative Herbert Bonner and Senator Josiah Bailey in their efforts in the realization of this much needed improvement."

Sheriff Reports Good April Tax Collection

Evidently because delinquent 1940 taxpayers are advertised this week, Sheriff J. A. Bunch reports a good collection of taxes during April.

According to his report to the County Commissioners on Monday, \$7,714.33 was collected in 1940 taxes, bringing the total year's collections up to \$60,507.40. The year's levy is \$81,615.16.

Recital Postponed To Wednesday, May 14

Due to illness of Mrs. Leon Lewis, the children's piano recital scheduled for tonight (Thursday) has been postponed until Wednesday evening, May 14, at 7:30 o'clock.

Dickie Speaker At Meeting Of C. Of C.

Theme of Remarks Had To Do With Defense Problems

Another of the Chamber of Commerce's delightful and beneficial membership dinners was held at the Hotel Joseph Hewes Tuesday night and proved an interesting affair to the 63 localities and guests from Elizabeth City and elsewhere who were present. L. P. Dickie, of Atlanta, Ga., southeastern division manager for the United States Chamber of Commerce, was the principal speaker and made an enlightening talk. Highway Commissioner Carroll Wilson, of Roanoke Rapids, and Division Superintendent Gardner, of Tarboro, who were expected to be present, were not on hand, however, but District Engineer George P. Mack, of Murfreesboro, was.

President J. W. Davis presided at the dinner and after the Chowan trio had entertained the assemblage, See (Continued on Page Four)

HOW EDENTON VOTED TUESDAY

	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward	Fourth Ward	Total
MAYOR:					
J. H. McMullan	133	107	84	37	361
L. H. Haskett	39	136	67	61	303
T. Wallace Jones	43	89	31	19	182
TREASURER:					
W. H. Gardner	192	233	162	93	680
COUNCILMEN-AT-LARGE:					
J. Edwin Bufflap	151	190	103	79	523
David Q. Holton	102	121	98	54	375
Ralph E. Parrish	70	117	50	35	272
J. L. Pettus	49	67	57	34	207
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:					
W. W. Byrum	150	149	123	79	501
J. H. Conger	158	138	115	71	482
O. Branning Perry	125	133	93	66	417
W. S. Griffin	108	120	76	55	359
A. S. Hollowell	36	115	28	30	209
Ernest L. White	20	77	37	16	150
George W. Leary	3	23	10	8	44
FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN:					
J. Clarence Leary	155				
John G. Small	58				
SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN:					
W. Jordan Yates	140				
Graham Byrum	139				
L. C. Burton	39				
THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN:					
Albert Byrum	167				
FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN:					
W. M. Wilkins	107				

Note—In the Second Ward Graham Byrum and Jordan Yates turned in a tie vote, 140 each. The tie, according to the Town Charter, would have been decided by lot by the Board of Councilmen sitting as a canvassing committee to canvass the vote Friday night. The two candidates, however, matched to break the tie after the vote was counted, with Mr. Yates winning. One of Mr. Byrum's votes was therefore given to Mr. Burton.

Commissioners Endorse Dixon As New Judge

Realize, However, That His Services Will Be Greatly Missed

Chowan County Commissioners, at their meeting Monday, endorsed Richard D. Dixon as a special Superior Court judge and followed up their endorsement with a lengthy telegram to Governor J. M. Broughton for his consideration when filling several places.

The Commissioners were frank in their admission that it will be mighty hard to secure another man of Mr. Dixon's calibre as a county official and were very complimentary of the way he has performed his duties. They realize that his advice and cooperation will be greatly missed if he is appointed to a judgeship, but were of one accord in lending their support to the promotion.

Poppy Day Observed Saturday, May 24

Poppy Day, the annual affair sponsored throughout the nation by members of the American Legion Auxiliary, will be held this year on May 24, and will, of course, be observed here. Paper poppies made by disabled veterans, as before, will be offered for sale as their only means of support.

COUNTY PROPERTY VALUATION RAISED \$700,000 ACCORDING TO LATEST FIGURES

County Commissioners Hopeful That Increase Will Result In Reducing Tax Rate Which Is Now \$1.13 Per Hundred

With Chowan County's revaluation of property completed and the time expired in which to register any complaints that would alter the figure, a tabulation by County Tax Supervisor Philip McMullan reveals an increase of approximately \$700,000. So that the 1941 tax rate in the County will be based upon a property valuation of about \$7,527,803, instead of \$6,827,803 as last year.

The increase, the Commissioners hope, will result in lowering

of the tax rate which is now \$1.13 on the \$100 valuation. There will be the same amount to be paid for bonds during the year, except at a lower interest rate and with expenses running on a par with this year every indication points to a lower tax rate.

Obviously the boost in property valuation will also affect the town valuation and will aid materially in maintaining a dollar rate or possibly slicing off a few points.

The Winnah



J. H. McMULLAN

With interest at fever heat, Mr. McMullan was again re-elected as Edenton's Mayor in Tuesday's election, defeating L. H. Haskett and T. Wallace Jones.

Chowan's Quota In Cancer Campaign More Than Trebled

Mrs. John F. White Reports \$166.50 By Contributions

With Chowan's quota \$50 and net returns totaling \$166.50, Mrs. John F. White, Chowan County chairman for the Woman's Field Army to raise funds to combat cancer, is more than pleased with the result of this year's campaign. In winding up affairs of the drive, Mrs. White desires to publicly thank the faithful corps of canvassers, as well as each one who helped by contributions to treble the quota fixed for the county. She is especially appreciative for the splendid support she has received from Mrs. J. A. Bunch and Mrs. Leon Leary, who acted as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Seventy per cent of the fund will remain in Chowan County for use in providing relief for cancer victims and preventative measures, while the remainder will be forwarded to the national organization.

Those who contributed during the (Continued on Page Five)

Byrum, Conger, Perry Elected to Board of Public Works

TIE VOTE IN SECOND Bufflap and Holton Win Councilman-at-large Contest

With a record vote cast Tuesday, when 846 Edenton citizens trekked to the polls to register their choice for officials for two more years, Edenton experienced one of the most interesting elections in recent years. The weather was ideal and with 22 candidates in the field, the vote was the largest in history for a city election.

Principal interest centered in the three-cornered contest for Mayor, in which J. H. McMullan was returned to office by a slim majority of 58 votes over Leroy Haskett. The latter led T. Wallace Jones by 121 votes. McMullan polled 361 votes, Haskett 303 and Jones 182. McMullan carried the First and Third Wards, while Haskett was high man in the Second and Fourth Wards, the winner being very strong in his own ward, the First, where he led Haskett 94 votes. Jones trailed in each of the four wards.

In the race for Councilman-at-large, J. Edwin Bufflap polled the highest vote on the ticket where there was any opposition, being led only by Henry Gardner, who had no opposition for treasurer. Bufflap's vote was 523 in a quadrangular contest, while Gardner polled 680 votes. David Holton was elected to the other councilman-at-large seat with 375 votes as against 272 for Ralph Parrish and 207 by J. L. Pettus. Bufflap was far in the lead in every ward except in Holton's own ward, the Third, where the lead was only five votes.

West Byrum led the field of candidates for three members on the Board of Public Works with 501 votes. The other two members elected were J. H. Conger with 482 votes and O. B. Perry with 417. Wallace Griffin, present member of the Board, was fourth with 359, followed by A. S. Hollowell with 209, Ernest L. White with 150 and George W. Leary with 44.

In the First Ward, J. Clarence Leary easily defeated John G. Small for Councilman, Leary receiving 155 votes to 58 for Small.

What has never happened in a city election before occurred in the Second Ward, where Graham Byrum, W. Jordan Yates and Lloyd Burton were candidates for councilman. When the vote was tabulated Byrum and Yates each had 140 votes in what was no doubt the biggest upset in the election. Byrum, a veteran councilman, has always polled a large vote, and to be so closely pressed came as somewhat of a surprise. The winner was decided by both candidates agreeing to toss a coin in which Yates won the toss and will replace Byrum on the Board. One vote was, therefore, taken from Byrum's total and added to Burton's which makes the count Yates 140, Byrum 139, and Burton 39.

Albert Byrum in the Third Ward had no opposition and polled 167 votes, while W. M. Wilkins, also with no opposition in the Fourth Ward, received 107 votes.

Town Council will meet Friday night to canvass the votes and declare the winners and the new Board will take oath of office at the regular meeting next Tuesday night.

Encouraging Sale Of Bonds And Stamps For Aid In Defense

With United States Defense Saving Bonds and Postal Savings Stamps going on sale at the local post office on May 1, Postmaster C. E. Kramer reports very encouraging response as a part of the defense program.

The first bond was purchased by E. J. Bunch, while two youngsters, Philip McMullan, Jr., and his sister, Anne McMullan, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip McMullan, are credited with the first savings stamp purchase.