

In these columns will be found a fair presentation of local and county news of general interest.

THE CHOWAN HERALD

This newspaper is circulated in the territory where advertisers will realize good results.

A HOME NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

Volume VIII.—Number 33.

Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, August 14, 1941.

\$1.25 Per Year

Edenton's Tax Rate Cut to 95 Cents

Proposed Peanut Diversion Program For 1941 Boosts Price Schedule About \$25 Per Ton Above Last Year's Figure

Crop Again Marketed Through Designated Agencies GOOD PROFIT New Program Very Encouraging to Peanut Growers

Peanut growers will be interested to know that the Department of Agriculture has announced a schedule of prices for quota peanuts for use in connection with a proposed program to divert peanuts into the manufacture of oil and by-products. Details of the program, which will be similar to diversion programs previously conducted by the Department of Agriculture, will be announced in the near future.

Under the proposed program producers could sell their quota peanuts to designated agencies at the announced schedule of prices. For the purpose of the program "quota peanuts" would be those marketed within AAA farm marketing quotas established for 1941 after a referendum of producers.

Class	1940	1941
Class A	\$70	\$94
Class B	66	88
Class C	61	81

Under the proposed program it is expected that producers' cooperative associations which participated in the peanut diversion programs in prior years will be named as the designated agencies to divert quota peanuts and to market excess peanuts. Producers may deliver either quota peanuts or excess peanuts at the warehouses of the designated agencies.

Service Club Picnic Held Next Tuesday At Holley's Wharf

Members of the Chowan County Service Club met at the Community House at Cross Roads on Monday night. One of the principal matters discussed at the meeting was the club's picnic which will be held at Holley's Wharf next Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 5 o'clock.

Members Of Band At Bay View This Week

In the neighborhood of 50 members of the Edenton High School Band left Monday morning for Bay View, along the Pamlico River, where they will remain in camp this week. The bandsters are expected to return home Sunday.

THANK GAWD!

Conspicuous Detour Signs, Detrimental to Edenton, Windsor and Williamston, Removed From U. S. Route 17 Saturday

Reason for rejoicing in Edenton resulted Saturday when conspicuous detour signs were removed at Broad and Church Streets, at the intersection of Route 17 and the Albemarle Sound bridge road, a few miles from Edenton, as well as the large sign on North Broad Street calling attention to the detour sign a few blocks further.

Re-routing of traffic over the Sound Bridge road since the washing away and repairing of the highway just this side of Williamston has been very detrimental to Edenton, Hotel Joseph Hewes, tourist homes and filling stations especially feeling the effect of curtailment of this flow of traffic. This detour has caused considerable concern on the part of Edenton, Windsor and Williamston, all three towns feeling the effect of loss of the tourist business, and Windsor especially being just about entirely cut out.

Mrs. F. W. Hobbs Wins Two Prizes In Chevrolet Contest

Has Best Record For Accounts In Zone and Region

Mrs. F. W. Hobbs, Chowan Motor Company's able bookkeeper, has been notified that she has won first prize both in zone and region competition in a Chevrolet bookkeepers' contest held throughout the United States.

W. I. Cozzens' Brother Dies In Washington

Edward B. Cozzens, prominent and widely known resident of Washington, N. C., brother of W. I. Cozzens, died at his home Saturday night as the result of a heart attack. Mr. Cozzens was widely and popularly known to a host of friends as "Burlley," being an especial favorite with children in his neighborhood who knew him affectionately as "Uncle Ned." He was 67 years old and was for a number of years owner of a meat market in Washington, but retired about 15 years ago.

LOSES FINGERS

F. O. Muth, who is working in Roanoke Rapids, had two fingers cut off last week. Mr. Muth was helping hang a garage door when the chain slipped catching his fingers.

complaint was registered with Mr. Wilson and concrete facts were presented to show how Edenton was losing considerable business as the result of the detour signs when much of the traffic would otherwise flow through town.

Already an increase in guests at Hotel Joseph Hewes has been noticed, and removal of the signs is reason for a great deal of optimism on the part of those who were most affected when the detour signs were put up.

The only sign now to detract traffic from Route 17 through Edenton is a regular highway sign labeled Temporary Route 17 which is located a few miles north of where the Albemarle Sound Bridge road leads into Route 17. Of course, Edenton, Windsor and Williamston will also object to this sign when the road near Williamston is completed.

Efforts have been and are still being made to change Route 17 across the bridge, or else mark the road 17-A, but this, too, will bring forth no little objection on the part of the three towns which would be vitally affected by such change.

Club Women Of County Staging Picnic Today

Affair at Eden House; County Officials Special Guests

Many members of the county home demonstration clubs and their husbands are expected to gather today (Thursday) at Eden House to enjoy the annual picnic held by the various clubs of the county. The picnic will be an all-day affair, featured by an elaborate dinner which will be served at about 1:30 o'clock, Daylight Saving Time, which will be 12:30 according to the time observed by the county people.

All county officials, as well as members of the press, have been invited to attend the picnic as special guests of the club women, most of whom are expected to accept the invitation.

Look At Label

This week, following the campaign by Chowan County Demonstration Clubs to secure renewals and new subscriptions to The Herald, the mailing list has been corrected and it is a distinct pleasure to note that as the result of the efforts of the club women, many new subscribers have been added to The Herald's family of readers.

In correcting the list, every effort was made to be accurate, but no doubt some errors have been made, and for that reason every subscriber is urged to note the expiration date on the label stamped on the paper, and if it is not correct, please let it be known at once so that correction can be made.

In turning in renewals, it was noted that some subscribers were listed with only initials instead of first names and vice versa, in which case they did not agree with names on the list and this might have resulted in a duplication in several instances. Notify The Herald in this event so that home or that proper extension can be given to the one subscription.

Reduction Likely In Electric Rate For Edenton Users

Board of Public Works Now Considering Flat Cut

MAY BE 10% Dr. W. S. Griffin Keenly Interested In Lower Rate

Though some reduction in light rates are expected to be put into effect, no definite announcement has as yet been released by the Board of Public Works. One of the most interested persons in securing a flat reduction in rates is Dr. Wallace S. Griffin, who was a member of the Board for the last two years and during which time he made a thorough study of operating expenses and the amount of revenue.

Dr. Griffin has been open and above board in his argument for a cut in rates and in conversing with a large number of citizens finds that many favor a reduction in present electric rates. He made an effort to head a delegation to appear before the Board of Public Works at the last monthly meeting of that body on Wednesday of last week, but when none showed up to accompany him, he appeared himself and urged a 10 per cent reduction.

The argument advanced by Dr. Griffin is that since the rates were juggled something over a year ago, the revenue has increased. The total revenue for the year ending on June 30, 1941, amounted to \$61,347.56 which resulted as follows: \$45,490.44 from the sale of current, \$11,787.28 from the sale of water, \$1,069.84 from the sale of merchandise, and \$3,000 from the Town of Edenton for current and water. The total year's revenue of \$61,347.56 compares with \$55,622.52 for last year.

During the past year the expenses were out of the ordinary in that a considerable sum was spent for repairs to a newly acquired electric line to the Chowan River bridge as well as extensions and enlarging the city's water line. For repairs to the electric line \$1,612.60 was used from the year's income, while for water line extension and enlarging the Board of Public Works spent \$17,455.17, or a total of \$19,069.77. Aside from this amount, operating expenses of the department totaled \$36,004.87, which were as follows: wages, \$8,836.69; building maintenance, \$140.08; line and structure maintenance, \$9,152.41; insurance and taxes, \$760.58; water test fee, \$64; maintenance and supplies for car and truck, \$511.36; electric current purchased \$15,526.46; fuel for plant and city hall, \$363.34; new truck, \$650.

General and administrative expenses of the department amounted to \$2,387.49, as follows: salary bookkeeper, \$900; salary collector, \$780; salary treasurer, \$150; postage, stationery and printing, \$343.55; telephone and telegraph, \$151.44; audit, \$62.50.

Other expenses aside from repairs to the electric line to the bridge and water line totaled \$2,440 as follows: Fidelity bond premium, \$50; interest on bonded indebtedness, \$1,290; bond principal paid, \$1,000; appropriation to Fire Department, \$100.

Thus the total expenses for the year amounted to \$59,900.73, or a net profit of only \$1,446.83. However, eliminating the expense of repairing the electric line to the bridge and the water line expenses, which cannot be classed as usual operating expenses, the profit for the department would have been \$20,515.20, which compares with a profit of \$14,458.32 last year and \$24,478.40 for the year ending June 30, 1939.

Increased profit over last year is not altogether due to increased consumption of water and electricity, for last year's Board of Public Works effected quite a saving in cost of operation by reducing the amount paid in wages, which resulted when the number of employees was reduced.

Ground Broken For New Texaco Station

Ground was broken this week on North Broad Street, near the Leary Bros. Warehouse for a new Texaco Service Station, which when completed is expected to be one of the most attractive and convenient stations in this section. The cost of the new station is said to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Five Cents Cut Off Of Old \$1 Rate At Long Meeting Of Council Tuesday Night

Not A Dump

Extreme carelessness is being exercised lately by some Edenton people who gather on the Court House Green to enjoy the refreshing breeze coming from Edenton Bay. So indifferent to the appearance of the Green were some people Saturday night that it was necessary to call out members of the Street Department about noon Sunday in order to clean up trash which was scattered all about the Green and making it embarrassing to have visitors see the place, much less tarry for any time.

Watermelon rinds were scattered about, empty whiskey and pop bottles were thrown here and there, and paper littered the plot as well as being scattered along the street.

Two large cans have been placed on the Green, where trash should be deposited by those who visit the place. The Green is very popular for many who visit Edenton's historical points, and it is the hope of town officials that local people cooperate in keeping it clean and as attractive as possible.

Chowan Asked For 11 More Soldiers

Colored Youths Will Go To Fort Bragg on Sept. 18

Chowan County's Draft Board has received another call to provide men for military training, this time the order being to send 11 colored recruits. This group will leave Edenton on September 18 and includes Walter Pierce, Javan Roberts, Thomas Nathaniel Morris, Willie Walter Rawls, James Clifton Beasley, Joseph Lawrence, George Washington Williams, Alphonso Hathaway, James Edward Lamb, Roscoe Valentine and James Paxton Sawyer.

Masons Plan Trip To Norfolk Lodge Next Monday Night

Hoped Enough Will Go To Charter Bus For Trip

Edenton Masons plan to visit George Wright Lodge, No. 346, m Norfolk, Va., next Monday night the visitation being in return for two visits made recently by the Norfolk Masons. The local lodge is hoping to turn out in large numbers and if enough members can make the trip, arrangements will be made to charter a bus for the occasion.

A committee composed of W. Jim Daniels and John Lee Spruill has been appointed to canvass the membership to determine how many will compose the delegation and in event any have been missed who can make the trip they are urged to contact either one of the committeemen as soon as possible so that arrangements will not be held up.

Evening Services At Methodist Church Are Off During August

Beginning last Sunday night, evening services at the Methodist Church were discontinued, which schedule will be in effect during the remainder of August, while the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Benson, is enjoying his vacation. Services as far as possible will be held each Sunday morning during the month, and Sunday School will go on as usual.

Councilmen Remain In Session Until After 1 O'clock

RAISE SALARIES Revaluation Is Reason For Greater Amount Of Revenue

Members of Town Council wrestled with figures until after 1 o'clock Wednesday morning when a tax rate was set for the year 1941-1942. Despite an increase in salary for practically all town employees, the finance committee's report was accepted which called for a rate of 95 cents on the \$100 property valuation. This is a reduction of 5 cents, last year's rate being an even dollar. The new rate, if not the lowest in the history of the town, is surely the lowest in the memory of Clerk Roy Leary, who has held the clerk's position for 20 years.

The finance committee, composed of W. M. Wilkins as chairman, Albert Byrum and J. Clarence Leary, presented the proposed budget in splendid style, having included in it practically every request which had been made for expenditures. It was while going over each item that considerable time was consumed, in several instances the councilmen being divided as to the merit of the appropriation.

The item which caused the most discussion was an appropriation of \$300 earmarked for the Chamber of Commerce for use in publicity for the town. The argument was advanced that the Town should not be called upon to bear the expense of Chamber of Commerce activities and that the organization should have a source of revenue sufficient to secure publicity material. The appropriation was cut off, but the usual advertising appropriation was increased from \$150 to \$300.

Another appropriation claiming quite a bit of discussion was the \$1,300 for the Edenton schools, \$900 of which heretofore went to the Band and \$400 to supplement the athletic coach's salary. The general opinion prevailed that the school should budget for the band, it being recalled that when the appropriation was first made a few years ago that the town was asked to provide \$900 for only one year and that the school would absorb the expense thereafter. However, after quite a lengthy discussion, the appropriation was continued, except that it was reduced from \$900 to \$750. The usual amount of \$300 was appropriated to the library and \$300 to the Boy Scouts.

In the new budget is also included \$500 for painting the fence and seats at the ball park, as well as \$200 to clear up the indebtedness remaining on the field house, for which amount several citizens have signed notes. Another new appropriation is \$100 for equipping and maintaining the tennis courts near the Armory.

The total expenditures as provided (Continued on Page Five)

Sunday Night Service Is Abandoned During August By Baptists

Preaching services at the Edenton Baptist Church were called off Sunday night, and no Sunday night service is scheduled for the remainder of August. Regular Sunday morning services, however, will be held, and Sunday School will continue uninterrupted.

Visiting Preacher At St. Paul's Sunday

Next Sunday, August 17, at 11 a. m., the Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the Rev. William B. Daniel, student at Virginia Seminary and stationed at Plymouth for the summer, will exchange pulpits. "Billy" Daniel, as he is called, is a most prominent young man, being a leader in young people's work. He is diocesan president of the Young People's Service League. Members of the congregation, as well as others, are especially invited to hear the visiting preacher.