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Much Criticism Is Aimed At Town's Proposed Budget

Elimination of \$300 For Advertising Causes Uproar

OTHER COMPLAINTS

Objections May Be Registered at September Meeting

With no little comment, tempered with a great deal of criticism, about the recently proposed town budget for 1941-42, the general opinion prevailing this week that a special meeting of Town Council would be held to hear several of the most outstanding complaints. However, no special meeting has been called nor is any contemplated, according to Mayor J. H. McMullan, who stated Tuesday that the budget has been made up, is open for inspection at the Municipal Building and is today published for the information of taxpayers. The budget cannot be adopted until the next regular meeting of the Board on September 9, at which time, the Mayor stated, all complaints will be heard and after consideration the budget will be adopted and put into effect.

The Mayor is opposed to calling a special meeting for each group interested in any particular phase of the budget, which could develop into any number of special meetings, and after all, could not be effective until the regular September meeting. At that time, therefore, all who object to any portion of the proposed budget should be on hand to register their objections.

As reported in The Herald last week, the new tax rate as proposed, will be 95 cents, a reduction of five cents over last year. It is this reduction to which there is no little criticism aimed, many expressing the belief that by maintaining the old \$1.00 rate a surplus would be realized by which some needed improvements could be made.

Another item which has caused a great deal of criticism is the elimination from the budget of a \$300 appropriation with which to purchase appropriate advertising material for the Town of Edenton. Many object to this action and undoubtedly a considerable amount of pressure will be brought to bear on the Councilmen at their next meeting to include this appropriation.

Much criticism has also been heard regarding a new appropriation of \$300 to equip and maintain the tennis courts near the Armory, when at the same time \$150 was sliced from the appropriation to the Edenton Band.

Still another appropriation under fire is the \$200 included in the budget for clearing up the indebtedness on the field house at the ball park. When the field house was built about 40 people signed notes guaranteeing payment of the debt, which has been reduced to about \$200. Some of those who signed notes object to this being paid with tax-payers' money, and this appropriation will no doubt be reconsidered before the budget is adopted. There are those, too, who look with little favor on \$500 being used to paint the ball park fence and stands.

There has been some criticism also (Continued on Page Five)

Look It Over

In this issue of The Herald appears the summary of the Town of Edenton's proposed budget for the year 1941-42. It appears for the benefit of interested taxpayers so that it can be studied and for the purpose of registering any objection to the expenditure of funds. The budget is also open for inspection at the Municipal Building and will remain open until the next meeting of Town Council on Tuesday night, September 9, at which time any objections will be heard and action taken before it is officially adopted.

10,965 Pounds Of Aluminum Sent Here During Drive

E. W. Spires Reports Collections From 16 Counties

PITT LACKING

Huge Pile of Aluminum Stored at Hobowsky Warehouse

E. W. Spires, chairman of Chowan County Defense Council, has received and accounted to Theodore S. Johnson, director of civilian defense at Raleigh, for 10,965 pounds of aluminum sent to Edenton from 16 of 17 counties during the recent drive for discarded aluminum for use in defense work. Edenton was designated as the concentration center for 17 eastern counties, all of which sent their collection to Edenton except Pitt County, which Mr. Spires expects was delivered to a nearer concentration center.

The aluminum is being held in the Hobowsky Warehouse on East King Street awaiting orders for disposition from Mr. Johnson.

Of the 16 counties reporting to Mr. Spires, Halifax County turned in the largest amount of aluminum, which was 3,010 pounds, with Beaufort second with 1,700 pounds and Martin third with 1,255 pounds. Chowan was tenth in the 16 counties reporting with 330 pounds.

Mr. Spires' report of the aluminum collected is as follows:

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| Beaufort | 1,700 lbs. |
| Bertie | 170 lbs. |
| Camden | 95 lbs. |
| Currituck | 737 lbs. |
| Chowan | 330 lbs. |
| Gates | 320 lbs. |
| Halifax | 3,010 lbs. |
| Hertford | 780 lbs. |
| Hyde | 140 lbs. |
| Dare | 178 lbs. |
| Martin | 1,255 lbs. |
| Northampton | 665 lbs. |
| Pasquotank | 600 lbs. |
| Perquimans | 365 lbs. |
| Tyrrell | 100 lbs. |
| Washington | 520 lbs. |
| Total | 10,965 lbs. |

Edenton Masons Visit Lodge In Norfolk Monday

Fourteen Enjoy Meeting With George W. Wright Lodge

Fourteen Edenton Masons journeyed to Norfolk, Va., Monday night to return a visit to George W. Wright Lodge, No. 346. The group left early in the afternoon to enjoy a few hours at Ocean View prior to the meeting held in the Masonic Temple. The Virginia Masons were very appreciative of their sister state's delegation and after a very enjoyable meeting during which greetings were exchanged, delicious refreshments were served in the dining room at the Temple.

The Edenton group was composed of W. J. Daniels, G. A. Helms, J. Edwin Bufflap, John Lee Spruill, E. T. Rawlinson, Ralph Hawkins, Vernon Barrow, S. C. Mills, W. C. Bunch, Paul Olsson, Clarence Godwin, J. R. Byrum, Louis George Wilkins and H. A. Campen, and were joined at Norfolk by Willis Owens, E. A. Gibbs and I. J. Moran, members of Unanimity Lodge, and J. H. Haskett, Jr., a member of the Naval Lodge at Portsmouth.

W. E. Bowman New Football Coach At Local High School

John Holmes Lands An Able Successor to Jimmy Maus

FINE RECORD

Newcomer Also Outstanding In Boy Scout Activities

W. E. Bowman, of Greenville, Tenn., has been employed as teacher and coach in the Edenton High School to succeed Jimmy Maus. Mr. Bowman was graduated from Tusculum College, where he played football for four years. He has been teaching and coaching in Tennessee, Alabama and Oklahoma for thirteen years, and he is highly recommended by every superintendent for whom he has worked, both as a teacher and as a coach. Mr. Bowman has attended the Duke University Coaching School for the past two summers and Coach Wallace Wade has recommended him for the Edenton position.

During Mr. Bowman's thirteen years of coaching, his football teams have played 150 games. These have resulted in 110 victories, 32 defeats and 8 tied games. During five of the seasons, his teams have been undefeated and untied. Two of his teams were unscored on. In 1929 Mr. Bowman coached a football team at Hartford, Alabama, that had claim to a State title. Again in 1931 Mr. Bowman's football team at Dayton, Tennessee, had claim to a State title, and in 1936 his team at Mangum, Oklahoma, won the Southwestern Oklahoma Conference Football Championship.

Mr. Bowman is a Triple Silver Palm Eagle Scout, and he has had considerable experience as a Scout master and as a counsellor in Scout camps.

Unknown Negro Found Floating At County Dock

Badly Decomposed Man Removed From Water Monday Morning

NOT IDENTIFIED

Dr. Warren Convinced Man Dead Before Entering Water

Quite a sensation occurred at the County Dock early Monday morning when the body of a colored man was found floating in the water. The body was seen by E. L. Hollowell and Herbert Granby, employees of the Edenton Street Department, as they arrived to go to work.

The body has not been identified, but was said to be that of a man about 45 years of age. It had apparently been in the water for a week or longer and had decomposed to such an extent that no identification marks remained. Crabs had eaten away a considerable amount of the flesh.

Dr. J. W. Warren was named coroner by Clerk of Court E. W. Spires, and following an examination, Dr. Warren expressed the opinion that the man had been dead before entering the water by reason of the fact that the lungs floated in water during the autopsy. However, due to the condition of the body, it could not be determined whether he was a victim of foul play.

A coroner's jury was summoned and following Dr. Warren's examination, agreed that death came about by some unknown violent means. The coroner's jury was made up of C. D. Stewart, W. M. Wilkins, J. P. Roberson, O. B. Perry, R. W. Stokley and R. N. Hines.

Despite efforts by Edenton police to learn from neighboring towns if the dead man could be identified, no information has been received of a colored man missing from any community.

Several Edenton people noticed something floating further from shore late Sunday afternoon, but thought the object was a floating log or some one swimming.

The body was turned over to Willie Charlton, local colored undertaker, who buried it at the expense of the County, which together with the coroner's fee of \$25 and the coroner's jury, will amount to something over \$50.

Chowan Farmers Now Have About \$14,000 At Stake

Amount Available For Completion Soil Building Practices

NOTIFIED

Urged to Secure Sufficient Seed to Meet Needs For Extra Payment

With farmers of Chowan County carrying out only 75 per cent of their required number of units to date in the soil building practices program, approximately \$14,000 is at stake for those who will comply with the requirements. There are still 1,900 units of soil building practices to be carried out in order to reach the county goal, and the additional 25 per cent can be earned by seeding hairy vetch, Austrian winter peas, crimson clover, or a mixture of these seeds. Rye doesn't count when seeded alone, but will count when seeded with the above mentioned seed, if the required amount of other seed is used with the rye.

Most of the seed can be obtained through the county office, as conservation material, and the cost of same will be deducted from the 1941 conservation checks this fall. The 1,900 units, if carried out, mean that the farmers will receive the remainder of the payments due them, or approximately \$14,000, as the payments are based on the percentage of their soil-building goal carried out. It is to the farmers' interest who have received notice that they do not have the required number of units carried out, to sign up for enough seed to meet their units.

In order to assist the farmers in placing their orders for these seed and executing their 1942 farm plan, committeemen will be placed at different stores in the county in the near future. Letters will be sent to all farmers, notifying them of these meeting places, and it will be to their interest to make plans to meet with the committeemen and get their farms in line for full payments.

Taylor Announces Opening Of Schools In County System

New Rocky Hock School Expected to Be Ready For Opening

DRIVERS' SCHOOL

Teachers' Assembly at Chowan High September 11

W. J. Taylor, county superintendent of schools, has announced that white schools in his unit will open on Monday, September 15, with the colored schools not beginning until Monday, October 13, due to many of the children being engaged in picking cotton.

Mr. Taylor is hopeful that the new Rocky Hock Central school will be completed in time for the opening of school, progress upon which was somewhat held up due to difficulty in securing plumbing equipment.

Though there will be some new faces on the faculty at Chowan High School, Mr. Taylor has secured all teachers and arrangements have practically been completed for the school opening.

New teachers will be Miss Mildred Michael of Mount Olive, who will teach the first grade; Perry Parker of Sylva, N. C., teacher of mathematics, who will also be athletic coach; Miss Dorothy Meyers of Hamilton, N. C., English and history teacher; Miss Helen Brett of Murfreesboro, who will teach history and English; Miss Lydia Hood of Vale, N. C., teacher of French and English.

Gene Paul Barnett will again be principal of the school.

At the new Rocky Hock school there will be three teachers, these being Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Wells and Mrs. Medlin Belch.

In preparation for the opening of school, Mr. Taylor has announced a teachers' assembly, which will be held at Chowan High School on Thursday, September 11, at which all teachers are expected to be present.

Bonus

Employees of the Albemarle Peanut Company were substantially benefitted Saturday when every employee of the concern received a bonus ranging all the way from \$300 to \$20. The Company enjoyed a splendid business during the fiscal year just closed and in appreciation for the faithfulness and loyalty of the employees, a portion of the profits were distributed.

It is the first bonus paid by the Company during its comparatively brief existence, and aside from being a distinct help financially, it created a general feeling of satisfaction and a spirit of cooperation among those who received the bonus checks.

Members Of Band Very Well Behaved Group In Camp

Letter Compliments Local Youngsters Upon Their Conduct

RETURN SUNDAY

Bay View Business Man Says Best Group In Camp In 30 Years

That Edenton High School's Band is a well behaved group of youngsters is borne out since their return Sunday from Bay View, where they spent a week in camp. According to Director C. L. McCullers, the camp was the best in the history of the band, and regarding their stay at Bay View, The Herald on Tuesday received a letter from G. E. Slade, one of the community's most prominent business men, highly complimenting the Edenton boys and girls upon the way they conducted themselves while in camp.

Mr. Slade's letter follows: "It has been my pleasure to have had the members of the Edenton High School Band to stay here for the past week and I want to say (for publication, if you like) that this is one of the nicest groups of children ever to visit Bay View in the past thirty years of my stay here, and I thought you would like to know of my appreciation of the courteous way which these boys and girls have conducted themselves.

"We all hate to see these folks leave us and want to congratulate their parents and their band director on their splendid training which reflects high standards of citizenship from their home community.

"I certainly hope that Mr. and Mrs. McCullers will bring this fine group back again next year and I assure them that I will do all I can to make them comfortable and happy while they are at Bay View."

Pete Everett Gets Generous Slice Of National Publicity

Former Edenton Star Will Enroll at Wake Forest College

Unless it is Paul Spencer, former Edenton High School football star who has been a member of the Alabama football team, Pete Everett has come in for the nicest slice of publicity ever handed out to an Edenton athlete. The publicity was embodied in Eddie Brietz, Associated Press sports roundup of last Friday, which was written by Sid Feder who was pinch-hitting for Brietz. The column appeared in daily newspapers throughout the country using the Associated Press and as a result has been read by millions of sports fans.

The comment in The Round-up was as follows: "Pete (Red) Everett, who's had the college scouts excited through five years at Edenton, (N. C.) High and Porter Military Academy, has decided on Wake Forest College . . . for which Pea Head Walker isn't shedding any tears."

Local fans will remember Everett as a human dynamo on the Edenton football team, and he continued starting when he entered Porter.

It will be interesting to note Everett's record at Porter, where in his first year he was made captain of the football and baseball teams. Last year he was again captain of the football and baseball teams, and (Continued on Page Five)

District Boy Scout Meeting Held In Edenton Tuesday

Tidewater Scout Executive Outlines Program For Year

INTEREST MOUNTS

Edentonians Appointed On Each of District's Committees

Representatives of the Albemarle District of Boy Scouts met in Edenton Tuesday night, at which time the district was completely organized and a program put into effect which should bring Scouting to the fore in Albemarle counties. Representatives were present from Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton, the only troop not being represented being Gatesville.

The meeting was presided over by Holland Webster, of Elizabeth City, district chairman, and with interest at high pitch, the meeting developed into one of the most encouraging in a long time. Mr. Webster called upon the various committee chairmen for reports, and while the organization is still in its infancy, considerable progress was reported.

H. Travis Thompson, Scout Executive for the Tidewater Council, was present and in a very able manner presented the Scout program for the year and explained the specific duties of the various committees. He felt very much encouraged by the interest shown and the number present and expressed the belief that with the arrival of cooler weather and the opening of school there will be no trouble in lining up the Scouts and inaugurating a program which will hold the interest of the boys during the summer season.

The various committees for the Albemarle district were completed with the addition of an Edenton man on each committee. These were as follows:

- Camping and Activities—H. A. Campen.
- Cubbing—Charles Wales.
- Health and Safety—Dr. L. P. Williams.
- Organization and Extension—J. Edwin Bufflap.
- Scout Advancement—John A. Holmes.
- Rural Scouting—C. W. Overman.
- Public Relations—Hector Lupton.
- Finance—John W. Graham.
- Civic Service—C. E. Kramer.
- Training—Geddes Potter.
- Inter-Racial—David Holton.

It was decided that the Council should hold regular monthly meetings, which will hereafter be held the third Wednesday night in the month. The meetings will rotate, with the next one scheduled to be held in Hertford.

At the conclusion of the meeting ham sandwiches and soft drinks were served, with Scouts Lester Stewart and Gordon Huffines in charge. Moving pictures, taken recently at the Darden Boy Scout Reservation by Miles Clark, of Elizabeth City, were also shown, which gave those present some idea of the Reservation and activities of the Scouts while in camp.

Standard Station To Be Built On Satterfield Lot

R. K. Hall, building inspector, this week issued a permit to Clifton Satterfield to erect a service station on his property on the northeast corner of Broad and Gate Streets. The station, it is understood, will be leased by the Standard Oil Company and when completed will be the last work in service station equipment.

Ed Habit Opens New Beer Garden Business

Ed Habit, local cleaner and dyer, has opened a beer garden in Edenton, the new business being located at the northern end of his present building, which was partitioned off for the purpose. It is Mr. Habit's purpose to later add a lunch counter in connection with the beer garden.

Commissioners Change Date For Sept. Meeting

Due to the regular September meeting of the County Commissioners falling on Labor Day, Monday, September 1, the meeting has been postponed until the following Monday, September 8, at 10 a. m. The change has been authorized by Chairman D. M. Warren.

Faculty At School Gradually Being Filled For Year

Industrial Arts Teacher Only Vacancy Now Remaining

Unless there are some unexpected resignations, Superintendent John A. Holmes' worries over teachers for the fast approaching school term are over, except in the case of a successor for Ralph Britt, industrial arts teacher, who has entered the United States Army.

One of the chief worries of Mr. Holmes was a teacher to act as athletic coach to succeed Jimmy Maus, and the Superintendent was all smiles and very much gratified to learn that he had finally secured W. E. Bowman, of Greenville, Tenn., for the position. Mr. Bowman not only has hung up an enviable record as a football coach, but has been very outstanding in Boy Scout work, being a Triple Silver Palm Eagle Scout, which means that he has acquired 26 more merit badges than is required. (Continued on Page Five)