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Election Called For 9 Month School

Possibility Brightens For Restoration Of Tea Party House In Edenton By D A R

County Gives Permission To Use Timbers For Purpose

IN BAD SHAPE

Recent Visit of State Regent Spurs Interest In Restoration

That there is an encouraging prospect of reproducing the Edenton Tea Party house is evident by the fact that the County Commissioners, on Monday, granted permission to use what timbers could be salvaged to build the house. J. N. Pruden appeared before the Commissioners in behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution, under whose auspices it is expected the old house will be restored.

Mr. Pruden told the Commissioners that apparently the D. A. R. meant business and that it would be the purpose to use as much of the present timbers as possible for the purpose. What remains of the original Tea Party House is now located on Peterson Street in the colored section and for years was occupied by Jerry Bembury and his wife. In 1935 it came into the hands of the town and county for back taxes.

The present building is in a bad state of repairs, having been partially burned several years ago and timbers gradually disappearing, most likely being used for kindling wood by colored people in the neighborhood.

Interest in restoration of the Tea Party House was revived several weeks ago when Mrs. Joseph S. Silverstein, of Brevard, State regent of the D. A. R., was a visitor here and informed friends that her organization was interested in restoring the old and historical building. What she saw of the remainder of the house pleased her and she appeared certain that the D. A. R. would take a part in the restoration.

In her opinion there is nothing more historically important in Edenton than the Tea Party House and its restoration, which would be of interest to those who visit Edenton and would most likely attract other visitors.

Many in Edenton deplore the fact that the house has been allowed to deteriorate and welcome the news that the D. A. R. has become interested in its reproduction.

Town Council will also be asked to grant permission to use what timbers remain, which request will undoubtedly be granted.

Details of the restoration relative to the size and the location, when completed, have not been determined.

Instruction School For Parent-Teachers At Chowan High Nov. 11

A school of instruction for Parent-Teacher Associations in Chowan, Gates and Perquimans Counties, will be held at the Chowan High School, Chowan County, November 11th, at 1:00 o'clock.

These schools are held for the purpose of instructing officers, committee chairmen, and room representatives in their duties, and to inform members of activities and projects of parent-teacher groups.

Mrs. E. N. Howell, Field Worker, of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be the instructor.

Legion Auxiliary Meets At Hotel Friday Night

Mrs. Edna White, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, is urging all members to attend the meeting of the Auxiliary in the Rose Room of the Joseph Hewes Hotel on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

County Offices Closed On Armistice Day

In observance of Armistice Day, all county offices will be closed all day next Tuesday, November 11. Any business to be transacted on that day should, therefore, be attended to on Monday of next week.

Means Business

Institution of foreclosure suits by Special Tax Attorney J. N. Pruden, as well as notice that suits will be instituted for delinquent taxes, has resulted in quite a bit of back taxes trickling into the county coffers. Mr. Pruden reported to the County Commissioners Monday that he had collected \$2,201.01 in back taxes including years from 1932 to 1940. Notice has also appeared in The Herald that 317 taxpayers will face foreclosure suits for unpaid 1939 taxes, some of whom have already made settlement.

Edenton Merchants Planning To Boost Christmas Business

Unique Scheme Adopted to Stimulate Interest

One jump ahead of Santa Claus, the Merchants Association Tuesday night heralded in the coming Christmas season with campaign talk designed to project the spirit of Yuletide immediately to the forefront after the big "repast of turkey on Thanksgiving."

Meeting at the Hotel Joseph Hewes, President Ralph Parrish turned the meeting over to John A. Mitchener, Jr., chairman of the trade promotion committee, who outlined the plans for the opening of the campaign on Friday night, November 21st.

"The campaign," Mitchener said, "will open with a treasure hunt contest getting underway at 9 o'clock, when everyone is invited to join in to find the article of merchandise displayed in participating merchants' show windows which is not sold by the store."

In other words, Mitchener explained. (Continued on Page Five)

Bank Of Edenton's 1941 Christmas Club Breaks All Records

\$29,000 Will Be Distributed Among 1,000 Members

With the Christmas season rapidly approaching, the Bank of Edenton will, on November 15, close the most successful Christmas Savings Club in the history of the bank. The club closes on the 15th and no more payments will be accepted from members after the following Monday, the 17th.

The club, this year, has outstripped all previous clubs, and shortly after the closing approximately \$29,000 will be distributed among about 1,000 members. Both the amount and the number of members far exceed last year's figures, when about \$20,000 was distributed among approximately 700 members.

This method of saving has become more popular from year to year and because of the easy method of accumulating money, many people will have the wherewithal to pay bills as well as do extra shopping during the holiday season.

Bank officials are delighted with the success of the Christmas Saving Club and look forward to another larger membership for next year.

Armistice Day Service At St. Paul's Church

There will be an Armistice Day service at St. Paul's Church Tuesday morning, November 11, at 11 o'clock, with the rector, the Rev. C. A. Ashby, in charge. The church will be open all day for prayer.

All County High School Students Tuberculin Tested

Of 581 Examined, 101 Reported Having Positive Tests

According to a report from the Bertie-Chowan District Health Department, all the high school students of the county have been tuberculin tested and of 333 white children tested, 45 were positive, while of 248 colored children, 56 were positive. This does not necessarily mean that all of these students have tuberculosis but it does mean that the children with positive tests have been exposed to tuberculosis at some time in their lives.

"The positive tests in adults usually runs higher than in children, as they have had more opportunities to be exposed," says Dr. J. S. Chamblee, director.

There are probably many adults in the county with tuberculosis who are not aware of it because of a lack of symptoms until the disease is moderately advanced. Every person who has tuberculosis will expose many others before it is discovered. Some, after they know they have it, will expose other people due to various reasons beyond control. You may be one of these people who have been exposed or you may actually have an early case and not be aware of it.

"The only sure way to tell whether or not one has this trouble is through an examination by a physician. If there is any reason to believe you have been exposed, or have tuberculosis, see your family physician immediately."

The Bertie-Chowan District Health Department is having a tuberculosis clinic in Chowan County, beginning November 17, for the purpose of finding all cases of the disease, if possible. Appointments for an examination may be made through family physicians or through the Health Office.

The Health Department urges the cooperation of everyone in Chowan County in an effort to make the county tuberculosis free.

Sunshine Sue Show At School Nov. 14th

Sunshine Sue with her family of rangers will appear at Edenton High School Friday evening, November 14, at 8 o'clock, the entertainment being sponsored by the Belle Bennett Circle of the Edenton Methodist Church.

CHOWAN COUNTY'S ANNUAL RED CROSS ROLL CALL WILL BEGIN NEXT TUESDAY

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Chapter Chairman, Names Many on Committees to Secure County's Increased Quota of \$800

With Chowan County's Red Cross Roll Call scheduled to begin next Tuesday, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, county chairman, this week named her committees, who will thoroughly canvass the entire county in order to hold up the county's past reputation in meeting its quota. This year's task will be a little more difficult in that the quota has been boosted from \$500 to \$800, which has been necessary due to increased calls on the Red Cross for help.

In requesting this support, Mrs. Pruden released the following information as to what has been done by the local chapter. During the year 85 girls' woolen dresses have been made, 15 women's dresses, 50 infants' layettes, 30 boys' shirts, 20 operating gowns, 15 hospital pajamas and many sweaters.

Aside from this the chapter sponsored senior and junior life-saving classes during June at the Fish Hatchery and Eden House Beach and furnished first aid kits to the schools in the county.

Last year Chowan chapter's percentage of memberships was 84th among the 120 chapters in North Carolina.

The officers of the chapter are: Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman; W. J. Berryman, vice chairman; Mrs. J. W. Davis, treasurer; Mrs. Mattie Davis, knitting chairman; Geddes Potter, home service chairman, and Melvin Layton and Thomas Elliott, life-saving chairmen.

Mr. Potter has been devoting considerable time to his duties as home service chairman, which has to do with giving all possible assistance toward the reemployment and re-

Commissioners Asked To Split ABC Store Profits

David Holton Appears Before Board Monday Morning

Following a discussion at the last Town Council meeting relative to profits from the Chowan ABC store, David Holton, councilman-at-large, appeared before the County Commissioners on Monday sounding out that body relative to splitting the store's profits between the town and county. At present, and under the statute by which the store is operated, all of the profits go to the county.

Mr. Holton advanced the argument that the town furnishes police and fire protection and that because of the town's vote the store was allowed to open and that he thought it no more than fair that the town should share in the profits, thus aiding in holding down the town's tax rate. It was also brought out that the store pays no town tax on the stock of merchandise as do the other places of business.

The Commissioners, though not committing themselves in the absence of Chairman D. M. Warren, seemed to see Mr. Holton's point of view, though Acting Chairman E. N. Elliott asked the question if the town would be willing to take over the county's present obligation of paying welfare expenses for those who live within the city limits. The general opinion prevails that it would be just about as broad as long, for if city taxes were reduced due to ABC store profits, it would necessarily mean that in the same proportion county taxes would have to be raised.

At any rate, the Commissioners were reluctant to go on record as to any change, preferring to wait until Mr. Warren is able to be back at his post and every member of the board present.

New Badges Arrive For Edenton Firemen

The monthly meeting of the Edenton Fire Department will be held tonight (Thursday) at the fire station at 7:30 o'clock. Fire Chief R. K. Hall requests every member to be present, for at that time the new firemen's badges will be distributed. Mr. Hall also requests that any fireman who has an old badge return it to him.

Commissioners Designate December 9, Day For Voters To Decide On Extra Month

Workers Needed For NYA Shop

Machinery Installed and Ready For Operation In Kramer Bldg.

Nine youths from Bertie and Chowan Counties reported Wednesday morning for work in the newly established NYA workshop here in the Kramer Building. H. C. Gaddy of Washington, personnel director, stated that the wood working shop could take care of at least 30 more youths, white and colored, between the ages of 17 and 25.

Still in the stages of setting up machinery and setting and locating equipment, the shop will be ready for production work to begin by November 15. Three months training in all the skills connected with woodworking, carpentry and shipbuilding will be given to the NYA youths.

The machinery includes 11 lathes, jointers, drill presses, band saws and rip saw machines. After finishing three months training in this shop, a youth will be prepared to accept positions in shipyards and other similar related industries.

Gaddy further stated that transportation is now being furnished from Windsor every morning for youths wishing to work here in the shop. Any youths between the ages of 17 and 25 interested in securing this valuable training are urged to apply on Mondays at the Citizens Bank Building. Mrs. Annie Plummer Taylor of Washington, is now acting as interviewer.

The first project to be worked on will be the building of a 25-foot boat in the shed adjoining the workshop. W. E. Love is project supervisor.

Campaign Planned To Carry Election For 9-Month School

Representatives of Organizations Asked to Meet Tonight

Two representatives and the president of eight local organizations, headed by the P. T. A. and including the Rotary and Lions Clubs, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, the Garden Club, Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, will meet in the library of Edenton High School tonight (Thursday) to form a central committee and discuss further plans for the campaign for a nine months school here, which will come to a climax on December 9th, with an election to decide the question.

Meeting Tuesday afternoon at the high school, members of the P. T. A. voted to invite each organization to send a committee to the Thursday night meeting and Mrs. W. D. Pruden, president of the P. T. A., appointed Mrs. Richard Elliott and Mrs. Thomas B. Wood, who, with Mrs. Pruden, will meet with the other representatives tonight.

In speaking of the nine months' campaign, Mrs. Pruden appealed to all members for their support and cooperation. "In this undertaking," she said, "we must all put our shoulder to the wheel."

Several rallies are being planned to give impetus to the movement for the nine months' school, but the time of the rallies will not be set until further discussion by the central committee.

Bank Of Edenton Will Close Armistice Day

Because of the observance of Armistice Day, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day next Tuesday. For that reason patrons of the bank are asked to transact their business accordingly.

Request Made Monday By Edenton School Trustees

COST \$6,519

Tax Not to Exceed 15 Cents Needed to Meet Added Expense

Voters living within the boundaries of the Edenton City School Administrative Unit will have another opportunity to vote for nine months of school following the passing of a resolution by the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday. Upon request of the Edenton school trustees, the election was called and will be held on Tuesday, December 9.

The school trustees were requested to ask for the election following a meeting last week of the Edenton Parent-Teachers Association, when Superintendent Paul Reid of Elizabeth City, spoke at the Association's meeting and very ably presented the advantages of a nine-month term over the present 8-month school. A petition was subsequently circulated by the P. T. A. requesting the school trustees to ask the County Commissioners to call the special election, which was mandatory.

It will be the second time voters in the unit have had an opportunity to vote for a nine-month school. Several years ago the proposition was voted upon, but though more votes were cast for the extra month than against it, the plan was defeated. This came about by the fact that voters who registered for a regular election, registered at the same time for the special election and because many of them who voted at the regular election failed to go to the polls for the special election, those votes counted against the extra month. For this election, a new registration has been ordered, in which it is expected the majority of those who register will be interested, one way or the other, and will no doubt more fairly represent the attitude of the voters.

Those who will be allowed to take part in the special election are those voters who live within the city administrative unit which comprises the territory embraced by the outer boundaries of Edenton and Yeopim Townships. It is not a county-wide election and will not affect those living without the unit.

The cost involved in adding the extra month not provided by the State is estimated by Superintendent John A. Holmes at about \$6,519. This amount will be principally for teachers' salaries in the white and colored schools and for bus transportation. To meet this expense a levy of 15 cents on the \$100 property valuation will be necessary. The present school tax is 20 cents.

The request for calling the special election was made by W. D. Pruden, a member of the school trustees, who was accompanied by Chairman Thom-

AAA Committeemen Meet Next Thursday

There will be a meeting of all county AAA committeemen in each township next Thursday at the Court House at 9 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the food and feed problem for National Defense.

W. B. Hassell, district field representative for the AAA, will be in charge of the meeting. Other officials attending will be A. H. Edwards of Hertford, county supervisor of the Farm Security Administration, Chowan County Agent C. W. Overman, and County Clerk James Price.

Masonic Lecturer On Duty This Week

P. C. Stott, of Wendell, assistant grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Masons in North Carolina, arrived in Edenton Monday and will, during the week, work with members of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Stott, who is a blind man, is one of the best informed men in the State regarding Masonic work and will instruct local members at any time of the day or night. He will remain in Edenton until Saturday.