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## 512 Register For School Election

### Commissioners Resort To Court Action To Collect Norfolk Southern Taxes

County Attorney Instructed to Proceed With Suit

\$2,200 INVOLVED

Issue Hinges on Track Taken Up Since Listing of Property

W. D. Pruden, attorney for Chowan County, was instructed by the County Commissioners at their meeting on Monday to proceed to bring court action against the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company to recover 1941 taxes which amount to about \$2,200. Suit will be brought against the railroad company some time this week.

The issue in the suit concerns the track of the defendant company lying in Chowan County and which was recently taken up when the line between Suffolk and Edenton was abandoned. The track was in place when property was listed for 1941 taxes and County Tax Supervisor Philip McMullan, as well as the County Commissioners, feel that taxes should be paid on the right-of-way. The railroad company, on the other hand, contends that the road had been abandoned and, therefore, their track should be listed, and taxes paid, on the basis of scrap iron, even though it had not been taken up at the time property was listed.

The difference in the amount of taxes, according to the listing as a right-of-way and scrap iron is a little over \$2,200, which the County Commissioners contend is due the county, and decided to bring suit feeling that they have a just claim for the amount involved.

Mr. Pruden will represent the county in the suit on a contingent fee basis.

### Zoning Topic For Joint Meeting Of Rotarians - Lions

Pat Healy Will Speak on Subject Next Thursday Night

Next Thursday night the Edenton Rotary and Lions Clubs will meet jointly, at which time Pat Healy, secretary of the League of Municipalities, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Healy will come to Edenton at the invitation of J. L. Pettus, chairman of the Zoning Commission recently appointed by Town Council when considerable agitation was aroused regarding zoning in Edenton.

Members of Town Council who are not members of either of the two civic clubs, as well as any other citizens interested in zoning, are invited to hear Mr. Healy, who will speak on that particular subject.

### Directors Of Elizabeth City C. Of C. Guests At Meeting Next Week

Members of the board of directors of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce will be guests of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce at a meeting to be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes on Wednesday night of next week. The visit of the neighboring town's directors will be one of a series of visitations arranged by the two organizations, planned as a means of building up more friendship and cooperation between the two towns.

A feature of the meeting will be the showing of moving pictures taken at Edenton's recent Peanut Festival by Miles Clark.

### Legion Auxiliary Meets At Hotel Friday Night

The December meeting of the Auxiliary of Ed. Bond Post will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Rose Room at Hotel Joseph Hewes. This will be an important meeting and Mrs. Edna White, the president, is very anxious to have every member present.

### Edenton Will Have Christmas Lights

With many inquiries as to whether or not Edenton's business section will be decorated with lights for Christmas, Mayor J. H. McMullan this week announced that the multi-colored lights will be put in place and lighted about 10 days or two weeks before Christmas. When the Board of Public Works agreed to put up the lights if it was the wish of Town Council, Mayor McMullan contacted members of the Board, and all expressed the desire for the Christmas decorations.

It was for some time thought that the lights would not be used this year due to the conservation of electricity, but the shortage does not affect this section. However, they will be lighted for a much shorter period than in previous years when the streets were illuminated around Thanksgiving.

### Lions Invest \$400 In Defense Bonds

Nathan Dail Presents Highway Accident Figures

W. J. Taylor, secretary of the Edenton Lions Club, was on Monday night authorized to invest \$400 from the Club's treasury in U. S. Defense bonds both as an investment and in a spirit of patriotic duty. This action was taken following a recommendation by the board of directors.

During the meeting Nathan Dail spoke about safety on the highways, basing his remarks upon bulletins received from the Highway Commission.

The October death toll was the highest in history, he said, 143 deaths resulting on North Carolina highways as compared with the previous high of 139.

Four times as many accidents occur on the highways than in cities, said Dail, 90 per cent of those killed in accidents being male and 82 per cent of the highway accidents in North Carolina involving North Carolina cars.

According to Dail's information experienced drivers have more accidents than inexperienced drivers considering the number on the roads, and trucks figure in more mishaps than passenger cars.

At Monday's meeting Dr. L. A. Deese was installed as a member of the club by Deputy District Governor W. S. Griffin.

### County Tax Listers Get Boost In Pay

New Salaries Set By County Commissioners Monday

Salaries of tax listers in Chowan County were fixed by the County Commissioners at their meeting on Monday, which provide for a substantial increase over previous years. The salary in the First Township will be \$160, in the Second Township \$100 and 80 each in the Third and Fourth Townships. Salaries for a number of years were \$100 in the First Township, \$60 in the Second, and \$50 in the Third and Fourth.

The Commissioners realized that if the work is to be properly done the salaries would have to be increased and because of the expectation of getting as much property on the tax books as possible, and the extra work involved, there was no quibbling about the boost in pay.

The tax listers are: First Township, Mrs. C. T. Hollowell; Second Township, Percy L. Smith; Third Township, T. A. Berryman; Fourth Township, J. A. Webb, Jr.

### Chowan Infantile Paralysis Chapter Receives Charter

Sole Purpose Is to Fight Disease In This Community

PLAN PARTY

Father McCourt Seeking President's Birthday Chairman

Receipt of the Chowan County Chapter charter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was announced early this week by Father F. J. McCourt, its chairman.

When forwarding the charter, Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation, said, "Your unit is now the official representative of the Foundation in your county, and under your leadership and with the help of its other members, I am confident it will render valuable service in the fight against infantile paralysis in your community."

Chapters supply various aids to needy infantile paralysis victims and render assistance during epidemics to the afflicted as well as to the medical profession and health officers.

Chairman McCourt is now very much concerned in securing a chairman for the President's Birthday celebration. The chapter has supervision over the President's Birthday celebrations and all unexpended funds which were raised in connection with celebrations of the President's birthday prior to the organization of the Chowan chapter should be turned over to Father McCourt. Just as soon as Father McCourt secures a chairman for the President's Birthday Party, he plans to call a special meeting to plan for the celebration.

The officers of the Chapter are: Father F. J. McCourt, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Coffield, vice-chairman; Henry Gardner, treasurer, and J. Edwin Bufflap, secretary and publicity officer.

### Primary Grades In Operetta December 16

More than 100 children in the primary grades of the Edenton school will take part in a Christmas operetta, "The Isle of Christmas Dreams," which will be presented in the school auditorium Tuesday night, December 16. The youngsters appear very much interested in the entertainment, which is expected to draw a capacity house. Tickets for the operetta will go on sale the latter part of this week.

### D. M. WARREN RESIGNS TUESDAY AS CASHIER OF THE BANK OF EDENTON

Veteran Banker Held Position For 25 Years, and Will Now Be Executive Vice President; W. H. Gardner Named as Successor

D. M. Warren announced Tuesday night that he had resigned as cashier of the Bank of Edenton, which position he has held for 25 years. His resignation will come as quite a surprise to his friends and acquaintances who are legion, but for some time he has been considering the matter. His resignation, however, does not mean that he will sever his connection with the local institution, for he will hereafter serve as executive vice president.

In his new position Mr. Warren will still hold a very responsible position, but will be relieved of much of his former responsibility and detail work, thus allowing him to devote more time to important bank matters.

Mr. Warren's health has not been as good as it might be lately and just recently he returned after several weeks as a patient in Duke Hospital. Since his return he has apparently improved, and friends were happy to see him about his business at the bank. In his new position, Mr. Warren's duties will not be so confining which will, it is hoped, enable him to regain his strength and usual health.

In commenting on the change in office, Julien Wood, president of the bank, said the directors felt that it was an investment in Mr. Warren's health, which is paramount to the continued growth and progress of the bank.

Mr. Warren began working in the bank as a boy, quickly adapted himself to the banking business and

### Red Cross Roll Call Lacks \$227.78 Of County's \$800 Goal

Mrs. Pruden Reports \$572.22 on Hand Tuesday

STILL INCOMPLETE

Quite a Few Canvassers Remain to Be Heard From

With reports still incomplete in Chowan County's Annual Red Cross Roll Call, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter, on Tuesday morning reported that \$572.22 had been turned over to her up to that time. The county's goal was set at \$800 and canvassers still to be heard from will not likely turn in \$227.78 to reach the goal. Mrs. Pruden, while anxious to go over the top, is very appreciative of the splendid showing made by the sacrifice made by the canvassers and the generosity of those who contributed, and even if the goal is not reached, desires to express her appreciation to all who in any way helped in the drive.

Those who joined since the last issue of The Herald are:

Mrs. C. T. Doughtie, Canvasser—Mrs. William Wells.

Mrs. Jimmie Earnhardt, Canvasser—County Health Office.

Miss Lena Jones, Canvasser—Mr. A. C. Fodrey.

Orphia Cozart, Canvasser—Mrs. R. W. Carlen, Mrs. J. W. Cates. Contributor, Orphia Cozart.

Ward's Club, Mrs. James Ward, Canvasser—Mrs. A. D. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winslow, Ward's Home Demonstration Club, Mrs. James

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### Chowan Farmers Balk At Signing Peanuts For Diversion To Oil

Chowan County AAA committeemen have made 701 farm contacts in order to sign up for the 1942 farm program, of which number 17 refused to sign intention forms for their farms. Indications are, according to County Agent C. W. Overman, that Chowan farmers are going over the top on all goals except peanuts for oil. This goal in the county in 1942 is 3,500 acres, but intention sheets show less than 1,000 acres to date.

The principal objection to signing the intention sheets is the fact that no price is stipulated for peanuts to be diverted into oil.

### Interest Aroused In Nine Month Term Last Week As Registration Closes

Cashier Resigns



D. M. WARREN

After 25 years of efficient service, D. M. Warren on Tuesday resigned as cashier of the Bank of Edenton. He will henceforth act as executive vice president, being succeeded as cashier by W. H. Gardner.

### Christmas Seal Sale Is Now In Progress

More Funds Necessary This Year to Fight Tuberculosis

Just now the Tuberculosis Seal Sale is under way in Chowan County, and it is hoped that every person will participate in this simple and inexpensive method of helping to fight tuberculosis. The drive was begun Friday when many letters went forth to citizens in town and county in which were a quantity of seals, for which the money was asked to be delivered to Mrs. R. C. Holland, treasurer.

Other than the principal business section, there will be no canvass this year, it being the opinion that the letter method will be more effective in raising more funds. The quota this year is \$850, which compares with \$223 raised last year.

Three-fourths of the amount remained in the county last year, the money being expended for treatment of and for milk for persons recommended by doctors. The funds, however, were exhausted in August. Now money is needed this year if proper progress is to be made to stamp out tuberculosis, which is curable and preventable. Smallpox has been wiped out, yellow fever is a thing of the past, malaria is under control and the next disease to be conquered must be tuberculosis. According to information furnished, no one knows where the germs are lurking. Twenty-one persons have died in Chowan County of tuberculosis in the last three years.

Those in charge of the Seal Sale say it is desperately important for our own sakes, for our children and for all those people who through lack of means or knowledge are undernourished or ill-fed that more money is provided to respond to any calls made during the entire year. Through this fund children who are undernourished are built up, older persons cared for and many are cured.

Though no report of sales was available Wednesday, the slogan is "Tuberculosis Must Be Eradicated," and everyone is urged to join in the fight by purchasing the Christmas Seals.

### Tom Byrum Gets Monogram At UNC

Varsity monograms have just been voted to 30 football players by the University of North Carolina Athletic Council. Among the number who will receive their first monogram is Tom Byrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Byrum, who gave a good account of himself when in the lineup.

Important Issue Will Be Decided Tuesday, December 9th

COMMENTS

Polls Will Remain Open From 6 A. M. Until 6 P. M.

That interest has been aroused in the special election next Tuesday to vote upon an extra month of school in the Edenton Administrative Unit is reflected in the number of voters who registered before the books were closed Saturday. With interest apparently lagging, only 188 had registered up to the previous Saturday, but the total registrants now number 512. Of these, 233 registered in East Edenton precinct, 239 in West Edenton and 40 in Yeopim.

The election will be held next Tuesday, December 9, when the polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. To carry the election a majority of the voters must cast a ballot for a local tax to cover the expense of the extra month, which will not exceed 15 cents on the \$100 property valuation. There will be two ballots at the polls, one printed "For Local Tax," and the other "Against Local Tax." Those in favor of the nine-month term should cast the former ballot and, of course, those opposed must vote the other.

While the opinion that the election will carry in favor of the ninth month predominates, those most vitally interested are concerned about voters going to the polls. A majority vote is necessary and for each one who registered and fails to cast a ballot is equivalent to a vote against the proposition.

With 512 registered voters, there must be at least 257 votes cast in favor of the tax in order to have the nine-month school term. Of course, next Saturday is designated as challenge day, when any voters who registered for the election may be contested for legitimate reasons, but it is doubtful if this will result in any decrease in the number eligible to vote.

There has been some opposition heard regarding this extra month of school, which opposition is based almost entirely upon the increased tax necessary. Many, on the other hand, favor the ninth month, several of whom did not hesitate to express their views.

Mayor J. H. McMullan had this to say, when asked for a statement by The Herald reporter:

"I am a conservative when it comes to spending public money. I am particularly proud of the fact that Edenton is practically debt free and I hope that we will always maintain this position. But there is such a thing as false economy, and this is well illustrated in our present local school system. The most important tax dollar is that which goes to maintain our school system. There is nothing so vital to our future as a school system of the highest standard. Time was when a six or an eight months school system was adequate to our needs because the other

### Rotary Club Meets At 6:15 Tonight

Meeting Changed From 1 O'clock Thursday Afternoon

Beginning tonight (Thursday) the Edenton Rotary Club will change the hour of its meeting, switching from 1 o'clock to 6:15, the meeting to be held at the Parish House as usual. The change in hour has been under consideration for several months and the change was made in the belief that it will be more convenient for members to attend the weekly meetings.

For tonight's meeting Wood Privott and the Rev. C. A. Ashby will be in charge of the program, and President C. L. McCullers is desirous of the meeting resulting in sort of a homecoming with every member of the club present.