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## Nine Month School Wins By 4 to 1

### Defense Principal Theme Of Town Councilmen At Meeting Monday Night

Committee Appointed to Cooperate With Defense Chairmen

#### CONSIDER LIGHTS

Necessary Equipment to Be Added to Police Department

With war news the order of the day, defense was the theme of Town Council's meeting Tuesday night, when a short meeting was held in order to allow the Councilmen to return home in order to hear President Roosevelt's first war-time speech.

The first official act of Town Council was to authorize Fire Chief R. K. Hall to go to Raleigh Wednesday at the call of Governor J. M. Broughton to attend a meeting of fire chiefs and officials of the State to study methods of combating incendiary fires or any other subversive activities which might develop during the crisis.

Lack of adequate equipment by the Police Department was also realized, and plans were put on foot to purchase a sub-machine gun, automobile shot gun, gas shells, ammunition and handcuffs.

The advisability of using the Christmas lights for decoration, as well as the regular street lights was also presented by Councilman J. Clarence Leary, who pointed out that in event of an attempt to attack Norfolk, or any other defense areas, which would not necessarily mean that it would be from the ocean, the lighted towns in the area would provide, if not a target, a means of directing the enemy to their objective. After discussing the matter, it was decided to appoint a committee to cooperate with E. W. Spire, chairman of the County Defense Council, and C. E. Kramer, chief of the county anti-aircraft forces, and to take such action as may be considered necessary in the interest of defense. The committee is composed of J. Clarence Leary, David Holton and J. Edwin Bufflap.

Mayor J. H. McMullan, as well as his associates, were of the opinion that there is no reason to be panicky, but every possible precaution should be taken at this time when defense on every hand is paramount.

During the meeting it was decided to furnish the Councilmen, as well as all other town officials free city automobile license plates. The officials are to have the lower numbers, starting with Number One for Mayor McMullan. Most of these numbers have been purchased, but Chief of Police Helms was instructed to request those who hold the numbers to surrender them for other numbers.

The Councilmen also discussed the advantage to police for auto owners to display their tag in front of their car instead of the rear. Car owners are, therefore, asked to carry out this request.

Before paying the month's bills, \$10 was appropriated to the Fire Department to bolster its treasury in order to have a supper for the firemen before Christmas.

### Two Autos Collide Sunday Afternoon

Mr. and Mrs. R. Graham White narrowly escaped injury late Sunday afternoon when their car was hit by a Virginia car at the corner of Mosley and Queen Streets. The Virginia car was little damaged, but the White car received damage to its left door and fender.

### Christmas Lights Turned On Dec. 15

Christmas lights have been placed in Edenton's business section, the varicolored bulbs being strung criss-cross across Broad Street from Water to Church Streets. According to West Byrum, chairman of the Board of Public Works, the decorative lights will be turned on Monday night, December 15.

#### Ball Chairman



**WILLIAM S. PRIVOTT**  
Appointed by Father F. J. McCourt, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, William S. Privott this week agreed to serve as chairman of the President's Birthday Celebration for the purpose of raising funds to combat the disease.

### Chowan Red Cross Chapter Asked To Canvass For \$2,500

W. J. Berryman, Elected Chairman, Calls Mass Meeting Monday

In the face of a war, in which the United States is an actual participant, a new and unprecedented call has been made for Red Cross funds. With the local annual roll call just completed, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, county chairman, on Tuesday received the following telegram from Norman H. Davis, chairman of the National Red Cross:

"Again the American Red Cross is called upon to serve our nation in war. Both nationally and locally we face vast and definite responsibilities for services to our armed forces and for relief to distressed countries. To provide essential funds, the Red Cross today is launching a campaign for a war fund of a minimum of \$50,000,000. The President will issue on Friday a proclamation supporting this appeal. Your chapter quota is \$2,500. Chapters may retain 15% of their collections for local war relief expenditures. Chapters should at once devote full effort to raising their quotas in the shortest possible time. Please report action taken. We must not and shall not fail in this crisis."

Mrs. Pruden realizes the great task ahead in raising \$2,500, and on Tuesday night called together the disaster committee to discuss ways and means of meeting the request. Members of the committee are Geddes Potter, chairman, Mrs. J. W. Davis, W. J. Berryman, Mrs. J. S. Davis, Mrs. J. A. Moore, John A. Holmes and R. L. Pratt.

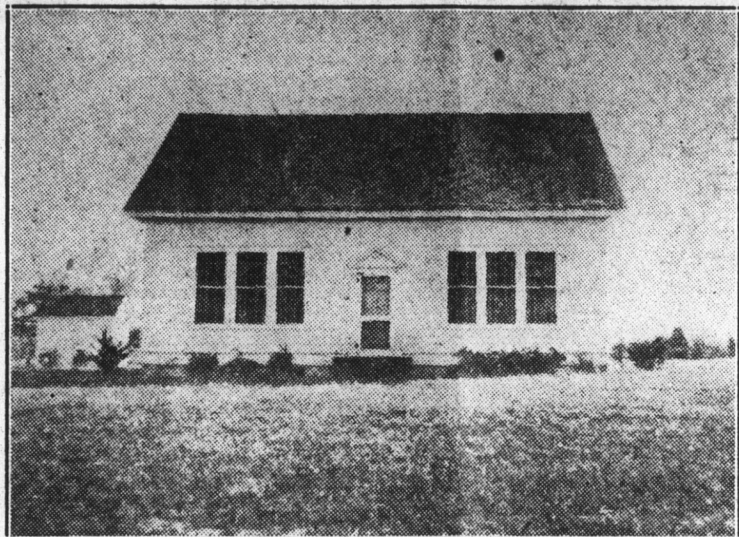
At the meeting W. J. Berryman was elected as chairman of the campaign to secure the county's new emergency quota. He was not prepared Wednesday morning to say just what course he will pursue, but has called a mass meeting of citizens of Edenton and Chowan County to be held at the Court House on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. So important is this matter that every citizen is especially requested to attend.

#### BUNDLES FOR BRITAIN DANCE

A dance will be given Tuesday, December 30, at 8:30 o'clock, at the Joseph Hewes Hotel, sponsored by Miss Evelyn Brown and Miss Marjorie Powell, for the benefit of Bundles for Britain.

Admission charge will be 75 cents a couple. All army men stationed at Edenton are cordially invited free of charge.

### Now Free Of Indebtedness



Real Community Need Consummated Through Persistency and Hard Work By Members Of Chowan Woman's Club

If Chowan Club women are a bit boastful, aren't they justified? They have finished paying for their Community House and now they enjoy the building more than ever. They realize that other groups have sponsored similar projects, and congratulate them, for they know the amount of work involved.

They are also very grateful for the cooperation of the many organizations and individuals who helped them to reach their goal—to make the final payment on their \$2,000 note in 2½ years. The interest, and financial aid of these friends, have meant a great deal. The total cost of the building was \$7,500, of which the WPA paid \$5,000, and the club women \$2,000.

In 1938 the 25 members of Chowan

Home Demonstration and Federated Club, after several months of discussion, decided to sponsor the Community House project. There was a real need for this building as their club was too large to hold meetings in the homes, and there was not a place for general community activities, or county meetings.

Their first difficulty was the task of convincing the County Commissioners that they could and would finance this project. Naturally, they did not want to take too much risk in signing the necessary papers for a WPA grant. However, they agreed to do this after the club women arranged to borrow the money. Mrs. B. W. Evans, the chairman of the Building Committee, with Mrs. R. H. (Continued on Page Six)

### St. Paul's Elects Vestrymen Sunday

There will be a congregational meeting of St. Paul's Church after the morning service next Sunday, when vestrymen will be elected and reports of the organizations of the church read. All members of the parish are urged to be present.

Vestrymen whose terms expire are John Graham, E. A. Swain and Hector Lupton. Another vestryman will be elected to fill the unexpired term of Charles P. Wales, Jr., who is now in the service of the United States.

### Zoning Subject Of Address Tonight

Tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock, Pat Healy, secretary of the League of Municipalities, will speak at a joint meeting of the Rotary Club, Lions Club and members of the recently appointed Zoning Commission. Mr. Healy was secured principally because of his experience with zoning, which will be the topic of his address.

The meeting will be held at the Parish House.

#### HIGHWAY PATROL MEETS

Eight members of the State Highway Patrol of Division Two, Troop A, met here Wednesday afternoon for a discussion held under Sergeant G. I. Dail. The matter under discussion could not be disclosed.

## AMERICA AT WAR WITH JAPAN

American citizens were shocked Sunday when Japan attacked United States outposts in the Pacific and as a result, war was on Monday declared upon Japan. Congress was practically unanimous in voting upon President Roosevelt's request, the Senate voting 82 to 0 and the House 388 to 1, the only negative vote being cast by Miss Jeannette Rankin, Montana's Democratic Congresswoman, who cast a like ballot in 1917, when war was declared on Germany.

The attack came without warning, and while there no doubt was loss of life and damage, the extent has not yet been definitely determined. The dastardly attack came when peace negotiations were still being considered, and by the nature of it, it had been planned and was even underway while efforts to reach a settlement were still in progress. The

incident had the effect of uniting the American people, differences of opinion being forgotten, and at present the entire country apparently is of one mind in banding together with every resource available to defeat Japan, and if necessary, other Axis countries in order to defend this country and perpetuate democracy.

President Roosevelt on Tuesday night spoke to the people of the nation over the radio, when he emphasized the gravity of the situation. He presented no false optimism and called upon every citizen of the United States to be willing to share his or her part of the burden in defending America. He expressed the belief that this country, under God, would be victorious in the end, but said that it will mean a long and hard-fought war, but worth the price to maintain our liberty and independence.

### 401 Voters Cast Ballots In Favor Of Local Tax In Special Election Tuesday

#### Joins Herald



JAMES H. PEED

Thursday of last week, Mr. Peed began work with The Herald, being in charge of the job printing department. Mr. Peed took a liking to Edenton when working here for a short time about 10 years ago, and is delighted to adopt Edenton as his home.

### Cotton Producers Ready To Vote On Quotas Saturday

County's Polling Places Will Be Open From 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Cotton producers of Chowan County, all set to cast their ballots Saturday in the referendum on marketing quotas, and the accompanying loan program, were being urged by AAA committeemen this week to acquaint themselves with their nearest community voting places, and to get to the polls early Saturday.

Voters may cast their ballots between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., the polling places for Chowan County being as follows:

Edenton Township—Court House.  
Middle Township—Z. W. Evans' office.

Upper Township—G. A. Hollowell's store.  
Yeopim Township—R. E. Coffield's Store.

Every farmer who produced cotton in 1941, regardless of whether he is a tenant, sharecropper, or land owner, may vote in the referendum.

Quotas—and loans, which this season were offered at 85 per cent of parity to AAA operators—have been in effect for the past four seasons. During this period North Carolina growers have witnessed a sharp increase of prices which, for this season, was more than double the discouraging eight-cent average of 1937, the last year in which there were no quotas. North Carolina cotton prices this year have been above 17 cents.

In an address to farmers last week, Governor J. Melville Broughton, crediting the 85-percent-of-parity loan program as being "one of the main factors in the sharp increase of cotton prices in recent months," reiterated the previous warning of E. Y. Floyd, State executive assistant of the AAA, that "no loan program can be offered to farmers during any marketing year for which quotas have not been voted in a referendum." The Governor explained that "to make loans on an uncontrolled surplus would be an unwise expenditure of public funds." The loan provides a method whereby producers can hold their cotton when prices are not satisfactory.

To be in effect, marketing quotas must be approved by more than two-thirds of the farmers voting in the referendum. North Carolina growers last year favored the use of marketing quotas and the accompanying loans by an overwhelming majority of more than 92 per cent.

43 Vote Against Proposition and 68 Fail To Vote

#### RESULT SURPRISE

Nine Month Term Will Be Inaugurated Next Year

Voters in the Edenton school administrative unit on Tuesday cast their ballots just about 4 to 1 in favor of a local tax to support a ninth month of school. A successful election was expected, but even the most optimistic had no idea that it would carry by so wide a margin. Out of a voting strength of approximately 1,200, only 512 registered for the election and of this number 68 failed to vote, which of course counted against the proposition.

In East Edenton Precinct, where 233 had registered, 176 votes were cast in favor of the tax, 24 against, leaving 33 who did not vote.

West Edenton Precinct had 239 registered, of whom 197 voted for the tax, 19 voted against it, and 23 failed to vote.

Yeopim Precinct registered no negative votes. There were 40 registrations, of which number 28 voted for the tax and 12 did not vote.

As the result of the election, schools in the Edenton City Administrative Unit will have a nine-month school term, beginning next year. The cost of the extra month has not been definitely determined, but it will not exceed an extra tax rate within the area affected of more than 15 cents on the \$100 property valuation. The principal cost will be in the extra month's salary for the teachers and the transportation of children.

Because of the nine-month term, the Edenton school will regain its standing with national and regional accrediting agencies such as the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, which will work to the advantage of Edenton students entering college by not having to take difficult and trying college entrance examinations. The extra month without question will also benefit those students who do not enter college or even graduate from high school, for the same books will be used, but more time will be allowed to cover the various subjects, which heretofore had to be crammed into eight months. It will also benefit Superintendent John A. Holmes in filling vacancies, for teachers much prefer a nine-month position to an eight-month term.

### Christmas Tree Will Be Placed On Green

On Sunday night, December 21, it is planned to have a band and glee club concert and general community singing on the Court House Green, starting at about 6:30 o'clock, near the Christmas tree which will be put in place and attractively decorated. The exact hour will be verified in a later issue.

The same Christmas tree and music committees which functioned last year will again serve. It is earnestly hoped that everybody will attend and take part, especially the men of the armed forces.

#### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rosley Ward, of near Center Hill, on November 1, a daughter.

### Stores Begin Open Nights December 18

At a meeting of the directors of the Edenton Merchants Association, it was decided that beginning Thursday, December 18, stores will begin to remain open at night during the holiday season. Show windows are displaying timely and attractive merchandise which provides helpful hints to shoppers, and from reports, all stores are already doing a satisfactory holiday business.

## Red Cross Mass Meeting Monday - Court House 7:30