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## \$14,992,300 Deal Is Adjudicated Tuesday By Clerk Of Court

### Largest Financial Matter Ever to Enter County Records

\$1,540 STAMP

### Norfolk Southern Ownership In 50 Counties Transferred

The Norfolk Southern Railroad Company no longer exists as a corporation, deed having been placed for registration Tuesday in 50-odd counties, including Chowan, whereby the property became that of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

The deed was adjudicated in Clerk of Court E. W. Spire's office from W. B. Rodman, Special Master, and others conveying property to the new Company for the consideration of \$2,100,000, which is the amount of the highest bid when the property was sold by order of Federal Judge Luther C. Way.

Also probated was a First Mortgage from Norfolk Southern Railway Company to the Manufacturers Trust Company for \$6,000,000, and a general mortgage to the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company in the amount of \$6,892,300.

The deed contains 69 pages, the first mortgage 164 pages and the general mortgage 160 pages, which means that the Register of Deeds' office, usually a busy place, will now be swamped under with work as all of this has to be recorded verbatim.

The deed, first mortgage and general mortgage total \$14,992,300, most likely the largest financial transaction to go into the records of Chowan County in many years, if not the largest on record.

On the deed, "Uncle Sam" received a total of \$1,540 in revenue stamp tax alone. And in all the 50-odd counties where the deed is recorded, the same revenue stamp tax is required.

Under the reorganization plan, the new Company is expected to be able to show a profit, whereas, before it showed an operating loss due to the large amount of mortgages and bonds. These have been scaled down under the new Company to less than half their previous value and the stock even more. Consequently, the railroad now ought to be considered a "going concern" instead of a "white elephant."

### Aliens Must Register February 9 To 28

All enemy nations aliens must register during February 9 and 28, and though Chowan has practically no aliens, a notice has been displayed in the local post office. Registration is required at the date set irrespective of whether or not those affected have registered before.

### Regular Trips Of Navy Recruiters Abandoned

Due to illness of one of the recruiting officers and the transfer of the other, the regular trips to Edenton every Thursday by Navy recruiting officers has been abandoned for the present. The regular trips are expected to be resumed shortly, when due notice will be given. Quite a few young men have been contacted on these trips, when all necessary information is given by the recruiting officers.

### Gaylord Speaker At Lions Club Meeting

W. B. Gaylord was an interesting speaker at the Lions Club meeting on Monday night when he discussed airplane bombing, explaining the various sizes and types of bombs, their generating ability and the types of shelters used.

John Mitchener asked that all collapsible tubes be saved and deposited in a box provided at Mitchener's Pharmacy to be turned over to the government for the tin content. At the close of the meeting a bill was paid for a pair of glasses for an indigent woman.

### Four Chowan Boys Go To Fort Bragg

Four Chowan County white boys, the first to be inducted into military service since war was declared, will leave Edenton this (Thursday) morning by bus for Fort Bragg. The party includes John Ralph Brabble, James Thomas Brabble, Thomas James Parks and Willis K. Copeland.

## Getting Better?

Not in the recollection of any member of the Board of County Commissioners, which dates back as far as 1920 when J. B. Webb, oldest member of the Board took office, has the jail report been smaller than was the case in January. According to Jailer Shelton Moore's report, only 13 persons were jailed during the month, entailing an expense of \$26, which included jail and turnkey fees, and \$2.50 for scrubbing the jail.

## March Of Dimes And President's Birthday Dances Raises \$115

### Many Enjoy Round and Square Dancing at Armory

#### NEW RULING

### March of Dimes Campaign at Taylor Theatre Nets \$85.58

Though the financial return from Chowan County's President's birthday ball was not as much as might have been expected, the affair was very delightful and many enjoyed both round and square dancing at the Armory last Thursday evening. The dances netted \$30.40, while the March of Dimes featured at Taylor Theater brought in \$85.58 or a total of \$115.98.

Half of this amount will remain in Chowan County for use in the fight against infantile paralysis. It will be of interest to know, too, that Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, following a conference with President Roosevelt, announced a radical departure in the use by local chapters of the 50 per cent they will retain from the campaign.

This year, to make a still greater contribution to national defense and national morale, the National Foundation will permit Chapters, wherever necessary, to use a part of their proceeds from this year's Drive to assist the dependents of any man or woman in the military or naval services of the United States, who may become a victim of infantile paralysis while in the service of their country.

Mr. O'Connor stated that shortly the Trustees of the Foundation will issue regulations under which this expanded defense activity of the Chapters will be conducted.

## Advisory Council For Employment Office Is Installed

### Demonstrations of Office Work Feature of Meeting

Members of the local Advisory Council, appointed recently by Governor J. M. Broughton to work in conjunction with the Edenton office of the United States Employment Service, were installed Thursday night in the local office in the Citizens Bank Building, with Dr. W. R. Curtis, State director of the Unemployment Compensation Division, and R. A. Wadsworth, field supervisor of the U. S. Employment Service, both of Raleigh, as special guests. The meeting was presided over by Wood Privott, manager of the Edenton office, and was attended by a number of interested citizens.

Those installed were Mayor J. H. McMullan, Mrs. Charles T. Hollowell and J. Edwin Bufflap, representing the public; J. W. Davis and Ralph Parrish, representing employers, and Henry Rogerson and Gurnie Hobbes, representing employees.

At the beginning of the meeting Dr. Curtis delivered messages from Major A. L. Fletcher, chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, and R. Mayne Albright, director of the U. S. Employment Service for North Carolina.

"The Unemployment Compensation Commission," Dr. Curtis said, "is not a cure all for people out of work but it does attempt to cushion the fall and helps in the period of readjustment."

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## Mayor McMullan Asks For Cooperation In Time Change

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has passed an Act to promote the national security and defense by establishing Daylight Saving Time, by the terms of which, beginning at 2 o'clock A. M. February 9, 1942, the standard time for the various zones shall be advanced an hour, and the President has issued a Proclamation to this effect, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina has thought it for the best interest of the people of the State and the Nation that the standard time in effect in this State be advanced in accordance with the said Act of Congress, and has issued a Proclamation to this effect,

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. H. McMullan, Mayor of Edenton, being in hearty accord with the purposes of the aforesaid Proclamations, and feeling that it is for the best interest of the people of the Nation, the State, and the Town of Edenton, that the spirit and the letter of this wise instrument of defense be scrupulously observed, do hereby call on all persons, firms and corporations engaged in industry or commerce in the Town of Edenton to volunteer their wholehearted cooperation to make this national policy a success.

This 2nd day of February, 1942.

## Possibility Looms For Reopening Of Home For Poor

### Matter to Be Seriously Considered By County Commissioners

#### TICKLISH PROBLEM

### Former Inmates Now Board With Mrs. Harrell at Home

Though Chowan County is reportedly financially better off by having closed the County Home, there is a possibility that the institution will be reopened. Since the home was abandoned by the county as a refuge for the indigent, former inmates have boarded at various places with the expenses being met by the Welfare Department. In the meantime, Mrs. George Harrell has lived at the home with the understanding that it should be kept in good repair.

However, several of the county's charges have since gone back to board with Mrs. Harrell, for which she receives \$15 per month per person from the Welfare Department until last month when \$20 per month was allowed. Mrs. Harrell has complained that with present food prices she could not make ends meet and besides it is very hard for her to satisfy those who boarded with her.

To further raise the allowance would, in the opinion of some of the Commissioners, cost little less than to operate the home, and for that reason an investigation will be made as to the advisability of reopening the home, or continuing as it is now.

## FEBRUARY 9-14 OBSERVED AS "VICTORY GARDEN WEEK" IN NORTH CAROLINA

### Marks Campaign to Encourage Farm Families to Help Win War By Producing Own Vegetables and Fruit Supplies

Next week, from February 9 to 14, has been designated as "Victory Garden Week" in North Carolina. It will mark the start of a campaign to encourage every farm family in the State to contribute to the war effort of the United Nations by producing their own vegetable and fruit supplies in 1942.

Dean I. O. Schaub, Extension director of N. C. State College, says the "Victory Garden" campaign is based on: (1) Patriotism, (2) economics needs, and (3) health.

Schools; National and State farm organizations; dealers in seed, fertilizers and farm supplies; churches; health, rural electrification and other rural welfare agencies; bankers; and civic clubs, chambers of commerce and other city and town organizations, have been enlisted to help agricultural agencies in the campaign.

"The patriotic duty of every family demands participation in the Victory Garden campaign," Dean Schaub declared. "We must make an extra effort this year to grow an adequate supply of vegetables and fruits for family needs."

"Because of the advancing prices for food, the shortage of containers, and the increasing war demands, more food must be produced at home. Every serving of food produced in a Victory Garden saves money for the farmer and makes available more food for our armed forces."

"The strength of our Nation is

## PTA In Favor Of Consolidation Of Garden Projects

### Joining With Chowan High Would Reduce Expense

#### STUDENT TALKS

### Group Also Votes to Swap Produce With Colored School

Meeting in the High School Library Tuesday afternoon, members of the Parent-Teacher Association went on record as favoring the consolidation of a garden project with Chowan High School this summer. Contributing factors influencing the vote were that there will be less equipment to buy and since there have been several contributions of fertilizer, rent on the land for the project will be paid by the Edenton High School P. T. A. giving the fertilizer for the land cultivation.

Another motion passed during the meeting stipulated that the High School P. T. A. will share the produce of the summer project with the colored high school for use in the lunch room if they, in turn, will share the produce of their winter garden project with them.

Announcement was made by Mrs. W. D. Pruden, president of the P. T. A., of the receipt of \$10 from the High School Scholastic Society, the Beta Club, for use by the luncheon.

At the beginning of the afternoon's session, Mrs. R. F. Elliott introduced the High School student government president, Robert Harrell, who gave a brief talk on the activities of student government.

## Time To Bellyache

With tax listing time completed, except for a few who will be penalized for not listing their property for taxation, the County Commissioners will sit as a board of assessment and review on Monday, March 16, to hear and adjust any complaints. All citizens whose property valuation has been increased on the tax books will be notified by a letter from the tax supervisor.

## A. P. Godwin Will Remain In Contest For Seat In Senate

### Gatesville Attorney Unwilling to Let His Friends Down

#### FIRST TO ENTER

### Godwin, Leary and Evans Now Candidates In Primary

A. P. Godwin, Gatesville attorney, will be a candidate for the State Senate from the First Senatorial District despite the fact that since his announcement in the early part of June Herbert Leary, of Edenton, and Merrill Evans, of Ahoskie, have announced their candidacies for reelection in the coming primary.

That there will be at least a three-cornered race for the two seats is evident by a statement made this week by Mr. Godwin, who said:

"Some months ago I announced that I would be a candidate for the State senate. That was after Mr. Leary had announced his candidacy for Congress. My announcement was the result of solicitations from many of my friends over the district, many of whom in the past few days, have renewed their assurance of support. Now that I am a candidate, I am unwilling to let my friends down, and will make the race."

"My record of thirty years of unrewarded support and loyalty to the Democratic party stands before the people of this district, and I leave it to them to say, if my years of experience and party devotion shall earn for me at this time recognition."

## Men From 20 To 45 Must Register On Monday, Feb. 16th

### Two Places For Registration Designated In Chowan County

In addition to the proclamation by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, calling for the third registration of men of the nation on Monday, February 16, J. L. Wiggins, chairman of Chowan County Board No. 1 of Chowan County, has been authorized to conduct the registration and has made the following statement:

There will be two points of registration for Chowan County. One in the National Guard Armory, Edenton, for those who are eligible to register from West Edenton, East Edenton and Yeopim Precincts. The other will be in the Community House at Tyner (Cross Roads), for those who are eligible to register from Center Hill, Rocky Hock and Wardville Precincts.

The registration hours will be from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m., at both places.

The age limit of those who should register are those young men who have become 20 years of age on or before December 31, 1941, and those who have not reached their 45th birthday prior to February 16, 1942. To make this clear a young man who becomes 20 January 1, 1942, does not register and any man who is 45 on the 16th day of February, does not register.

President Roosevelt, in his proclamation, urges all employees and government agencies of all kinds to give those under their charge sufficient time in which to fulfill the obligations of registration.

## Garden Club Meets Monday Afternoon

Edenton's Garden Club will meet Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Rose Room at Hotel Joseph Hewes. This will be a very important meeting and every member is especially urged to be present.

## Horse And Mule Clinics Planned In County Next Week

### Conducted By Dr. Deese In Cooperation With County Agent

#### SCHEDULE

### Important That Every Farmer Has Work Stock Checked

Horse and mule clinics will be held in Chowan County next week, February 9 through February 13. These clinics will be conducted by Dr. L. A. Deese, local veterinarian, in cooperation with County Agent C. W. Overman.

Every animal brought to these clinics will be examined by the veterinarian free of charge. If treatment is recommended by the veterinarian it will not be administered unless the owner wishes the work done. All work done will be at very reasonable prices. In the two clinics conducted so far, the cost for animals treated has ranged from 60c to \$2.50 per animal, depending upon the kind of work needed and the amount of work done. The average cost per animal so far, has been around \$1.00 per head.

It is very important that every farmer take advantage of this opportunity to have his work stock examined and treated, if needed, so that the animals will be in the best of shape to carry on the farming program in 1942. Labor is scarce on most farms. When the work is heavy it will cause considerable loss of time if the animal becomes sick and has to stop work and be treated. The old saying, "a stitch in time saves nine" is very true. It is good common sense to have the work stock treated before they become sick and, perhaps in most cases, avoid sickness later.

It is the hope of the County Agent that every farmer will take advantage of this opportunity which he believes will render a saving in time that may be lost later, a saving of money by having the work done cooperatively and perhaps a saving of some animals that might be lost during the heavy work season by treatment now.

The following schedule has been arranged for the clinics:

- February 9—J. H. Harrell's—8 to 11 o'clock.
- February 9—St. John's Church—11:15 to 12 o'clock.
- February 9—J. C. Boyce's (Sandy Point)—2 to 5 o'clock.
- February 10—Yeopim School—8 to 9 o'clock.
- February 10—George C. Wood's—9 to 12 o'clock.
- February 10—E. L. Ward's—1 to 1:30 o'clock.
- February 10—Z. W. Evans Estate (Greenhall)—1:30 to 5 o'clock.
- February 10—W. S. Privott's—5 o'clock.
- February 11—Chowan Produce Exchange—8 to 11 o'clock.
- February 11—Tom Parks' Blacksmith Shop (Small's Cross Roads)—1 to 4 o'clock.
- February 11—Center Hill (Belch's Store) 4 o'clock.
- February 12—Byrum's Service Station (Kylard Road) 8 to 10 o'clock.
- February 12—Briggs' Store—10:30 to 1 o'clock.
- February 12—Henry Bunch's Store—2 to 4:30 o'clock.
- February 13—W. H. Roberts'—8 to 8:30 o'clock.
- February 13—C. H. Small's—9 to 11:30 o'clock.
- February 13—A. C. Griffin's—12 o'clock.
- February 13—A. C. Boyce's—1:00 o'clock.

## Federal Income Tax Return Man At Post Office February 19-20

According to C. H. Robertson, of Greensboro, collector of internal revenue, the department is giving February 16 through March 16 for filing period to assist taxpayers in filing their Federal income tax returns. The office is anxious to serve as many taxpayers as possible during that time and in order to assist local people with filing a return, one of the representatives will be in Edenton February 19 and 20.

This representative will be located at the Edenton postoffice for the convenience of those who desire assistance.

#### PIANO RECITAL FRIDAY

Mrs. Leon Lewis will present some of her piano pupils in a two-piano recital at the Edenton school Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.