

In these columns will be found a fair presentation of local and county news of general interest.

THE CHOWAN HERALD

This newspaper is circulated in the territory where Advertisers will realize good results.

A HOME NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

Volume IX.—Number 14.

Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, April 2, 1942.

\$1.25 Per Year.

Little Interest Apparent In Contemplated Zoning To Be Adopted In Edenton

Only 19 Present at Public Hearing Called By Chairman

PLAN EXPLAINED

No Objection Registered as Leaders Ask For Comments

If the number present at the public hearing called Thursday night by J. L. Pettus, chairman of the Zoning Commission of the Town of Edenton, is any indication, there is little interest as to whether or not a zoning ordinance is adopted and the resultant restrictions go into effect. Only 19 persons appeared at the Municipal Building, and of that number some came in long after the meeting had started and still others left before the meeting closed.

Those who were present to hear the discussion in whole or in part, were: Mr. and Mrs. Julien Wood, Mrs. R. P. Badham, J. L. Pettus, John W. Graham, Mayor J. H. McMullan, Graham White, Miss Inez White, J. Edwin Buflap, William Privott, Guy Hobbs, C. H. Barber, J. G. Campen, J. R. Byrum, S. C. Mills, G. A. Helms, E. T. Rawlinson, Leroy Haskett and Russell Cobb.

At the outset, Mr. Pettus explained the purpose of the meeting, saying that it was called in order to hear any objections to the idea of zoning as well as to discuss any alterations to the proposed restrictions as contemplated. He gave a brief resume of the activities of the Commission, stating that much thought and time had been spent in reaching the stage at which the proposition is ready to be submitted to Town Council for final disposition. Mr. Pettus said that 15 meetings were held by the Commission, some of which extended well into the night and that a careful survey of the town had been made preparatory to drawing a map designating the various boundaries for residences, business concerns and manufacturing enterprises.

This large map was displayed with the proposed zoning clearly outlined, which was explained by Mr. Pettus. John W. Graham, who has been closely associated with Mr. Pettus in much of the ground work of the proposed plan, read the preamble as well as portions of a lengthy ordinance pertaining to the matter. Both Pettus and Graham answered a number of questions asked, but in the main there was no objection registered and few changes suggested to the plan as submitted.

The ordinance calls for two classes of residence zoning, two classes for business concerns and the manufacturing area skirts principally the territory along the city limits. There is little difference in the two types of residence zoning, one class allowing the operation of apartment houses, tourist homes and the like. There is also a slight difference, too, in the two classes of business territory.

Members of the Zoning Commission are sincere in their belief that zoning will be for the best interest of the town, and made it clear that if adopted, the law will be flexible enough so that it will not have the effect of binding growth of the town. At present, it was pointed out, there is no protection to property owners, cases being cited that in many communities due to defense work as well as other sudden influx of people, many undesirable business enterprises spring up practically overnight which lower rather than increase property values.

Though an opportunity was afforded any who so desired, there was no objection registered at the meeting Thursday night. Consequently, after minor changes are made in the tentative ordinance, it will be ready to be submitted to Town Council to be enacted into law—or ignored altogether as the case may be.

First Aid Film Feature PTA Meeting Tuesday

Of interest to members of the Edenton Parent-Teachers Association at their April meeting will be a film shown by Dr. J. S. Chambliss, of the Bertie-Chowan Health Department, concerning first aid. The film is put out by the State Board of Health.

The meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon, April 7, in the school library at 8:30 o'clock, and is calculated to be one of the most interesting and educational of the year. For that reason every member is especially urged to be present.

In Alaska



HERBERT W. DALE, JR. Enlisting in the U. S. Air Corps in California in September two years ago, Herbert W. Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Dale, of Tyner, has been promoted to Sergeant. He is now located in Alaska.

Cemetery Group Elects Officers At Annual Meeting

Mrs. A. S. Smith Retires From Secretaryship Held 21 Years

At the annual meeting of the Beaver Hill Cemetery Association held at the home of the president, Mrs. R. F. Tuttle, Thursday, the following officers were elected for the year 1942: President, Mrs. R. F. Tuttle; vice president, Mrs. E. S. Norman; secretary, Mrs. C. E. Kramer; and treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Privott. The above officers, with the exception of the secretary, have served faithfully for a number of years and the selection of a new secretary was made necessary by the retirement of Mrs. A. S. Smith, who for 21 years has been a most interested, active and efficient officer. It was with reluctance and deep regret that her resignation was accepted.

The financial report was presented by the treasurer and approved by the Association, as were other reports of officers and committee chairmen in charge of the work of the organization.

The only aim of the Association is the care and upkeep of the cemetery, for which a contribution of \$1.50 a year is asked from each lot holder. This fund, with the exception of the amount paid each year by the Cemetery Corporation for the care of the unsold lots, constitutes the sole income of the Association. A committee composed of Mrs. J. N. Elliott, Mrs. E. S. Norman, Miss Corinne Forehand, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. L. G. Plant and Mrs. D. M. Reaves will call on plot owners and their cooperation is asked.

With such a limited sum available for the work, it is only possible to keep in order those lots for which contributions have been received and so the necessity for the full cooperation of every one can readily be realized.

In the past, five small trust funds, administered by the Bank of Edenton, have been established for the perpetual upkeep of lots, and the idea is presented here for the thoughtful consideration of all.

Bank Of Edenton Will Be Closed Next Monday

April 6, Easter Monday, will be observed as a holiday by the Bank of Edenton, the institution being closed for business the entire day. Patrons of the bank are asked, therefore, to transact their banking affairs accordingly.

Commissioners Will Meet On April 7th

Because of the regular meeting of the County Commissioners falling on Easter Monday, which will be observed as a holiday, the April meeting of the Board will be held the following day, Tuesday, April 7.

Exhibition Games Scheduled By Club Now In Training

Binghamton and Norfolk Outfits Rounding Into Shape

IDEAL WEATHER

Veteran Chief Bender Instructing Group of Mound Prospects

With the arrival of seasonable weather and a group of about 60 baseball recruits with the Norfolk baseball club and the Binghamton, N. Y., club, Hicks Field for several hours each day is a veritable beehive of activity. Managers of both teams, Ralph Boyle of the Tars and Eddie Sawyer, the Binghamton skipper, gradually sent the boys through workout until Wednesday, when they were rounding in shape to begin practice in earnest.

In all parts of the lot groups of players gather for various instructions, one of the most interesting to a small group of local fans Wednesday being in front of the bleachers where Chief Bender, former Philadelphia Athletics pitcher and hero of many a mound battle, is instructing a group of pitcher prospects. Chief Bender is very careful about the position of the feet, how the ball is held in the glove while winding up and the follow through. A very congenial type of man, the youngsters Wednesday were very attentive to Bender's instructions and with little difficulty adopted the style suggested by the veteran.

Business Manager Gene Martin, who arrived late last week when the weather was rather raw, is delighted with conditions this week and says everything is working out fine. He (Continued on Page Two)

E.H.S. Teams Win Triangular Debate

Group Will Participate In Elimination Contest April 17-18

For the first time in several years, both of the Edenton High School debating teams triumphed in the annual triangular debate held Friday afternoon. The query debated was "Resolved, that the nations of the Western hemisphere should form a permanent union."

Edenton's affirmative debaters, Winifred Hollowell and Margaret Griffin, defeated the Hertford negative at Elizabeth City, while Fontaine Pettus and Nelle Skinner, Edenton's negative debaters, were given the decision in Hertford over the Elizabeth City affirmative team.

By means of winning both debates, the Edenton group is entitled to participate in the elimination debates to be held at Chapel Hill April 17 and 18, when the contenders for the State title will be determined.

Debating in Edenton, the Elizabeth City affirmative side won the decision over the Hertford negative team.

WHAT THE ---

Elizabeth City Requests Check From S. Hobowsky For 1,890 Pounds of Scrap Aluminum Contributed During Drive

What was no doubt one of the greatest surprises ever received by Jake Hobowsky, local junk dealer, occurred late last week when in a letter from J. Henry LeRoy, of Elizabeth City, he was requested to send a check to Miles Clark for Pasquotank County's contribution of scrap aluminum in the recent nationwide drive to secure this metal.

Mr. LeRoy's letter follows: "Several months ago there was shipped to you from Elizabeth City 1,890 pounds of aluminum. We understood that you were to remit for this amount at the regular market price. Mr. Miles Clark was in charge of the committee which collected and forwarded this aluminum. Up to this time Mr. Clark tells me that he has received nothing from the proceeds of this shipment.

"Won't you please let check come forward promptly for the amount due for this aluminum, payable to Mr. Miles Clark, chairman aluminum committee, or to the undersigned, as chairman of the Pasquotank County Defense Council. A prompt answer will be greatly appreciated."

First Of Series Of Public Forums To Be Held Tonight

Dr. W. D. Perry of University of N. C. Will Be Speaker

AT 8 O'CLOCK

Interesting Series Sponsored By Edenton Rotary Club

Sponsored by the Edenton Rotary Club, a series of public forums will be held this summer, the first of which will take place tonight (Thursday) when the speaker will be Dr. W. D. Perry, teacher of sociology at the University of North Carolina. The subject of this forum will be "Youth Problems." As usual in meetings of this kind, Dr. Perry will speak upon the subject chosen and later the meeting will revert to a round-table discussion when questions may be asked.

The forums will be held in the library at the Edenton school, beginning at 8 o'clock, and it is the hope that many will attend and benefit by them.

For several weeks the series of forums have been discussed by the Rotarians, it first being planned to have them in connection with the regular dinner meeting at 6:15 on Thursday night. However, it was only this week decided to have the regular Rotary meeting at the usual time and the forums at the library at 8 o'clock. This arrangement was made in order to make it convenient for more people to attend.

High School Gives Up Baseball This Season

Tire Situation Prevents Carrying Out Schedule of Games

Though at the Edenton High School there is plenty of good baseball material this year, for the first time in the history of the school, it will not be represented by a baseball team on the field. This announcement was made this week, the reason advanced being that because of the tire situation it would be very difficult to carry out a schedule, and for that reason it would not be possible to play many games.

This athletic training will not be altogether lost, however, for some of the time usually devoted to baseball will be directed to spring football training.

City And County Offices Closed Easter Monday

Both county and city officials will observe April 6, Easter Monday, as a holiday. As a result, offices for both the city and county will be closed the entire day. Members of the street department will also be given the day off. The usual trash collection will be made Saturday, and collections resumed Tuesday morning.

Judge Dixon Dismisses Case Against J. C. Nixon In County School Squabble

Inland Water Sport Fishing Closed From April 7 To May 19

Because of some misunderstanding among sport fishermen relative to fishing in inland waters during the current season, the following is taken from the game and inland fishing laws:

"It shall be unlawful to fish or take fish by any means whatsoever in inland fishing waters of North Carolina from April 6 to May 19, of each year, both dates inclusive."

The inland waters included in the ban on fishing include all rivers and their tributaries or portions of same together with all ponds and lakes in the State not included in commercial fishing waters.

Game Warden J. G. Perry was notified on Wednesday, however, that the open season will be extended one day, thus permitting fishing on Easter Monday, after which the season will be closed until May 20.

Sale Easter Seals Will Begin Today

Edenton Lions Club Will Sponsor Three-day Campaign

Edenton's Lions Club will again this year sponsor the sale of Easter seals, the proceeds of which will go toward helping crippled children. W. J. Taylor has been named county chairman of the drive, with Grady Love in charge of sales in the Edenton schools and J. Paul Barnett directing sales in the county schools.

The campaign this year will be short, beginning today (Thursday) and continuing through Friday and Saturday of this week.

Mrs. J. Melville Broughton is vice president of the N. C. League for Crippled Children and has made a special appeal for the generous support of the seal sale, for by this method alone depends the league's ability to continue its fine record of service and its plans for reaching and helping an ever larger number of crippled children.

Half of the money received will remain in Chowan County for use in the work among crippled children, while the other half will go to the State organization.

Mr. Taylor has arranged for a canvass to be made by school children with a slogan "something from everybody." No quota has been set up, but a goal of \$116 is aimed at, which is based upon one penny from every person in Chowan County. The 1940 census gives Chowan's population as 11,600.

Two Chowan-Born Men Candidates For Officers Of Alumni Association

Worthy of note in the current issue of the Alumni Review, University of North Carolina Alumni Association is the announcement that two Chowan-born men have been nominated for president and vice president of the Association for the year 1942-43. Justice J. Wallace Winborne, of Raleigh, is a candidate for president, and Brent S. Drane, of Washington, D. C., is vice presidential candidate. Justice Winborne is the youngest son of the late Dr. Robert H. Winborne, who was a practicing physician in the county for 43 years, and Mr. Drane is the oldest son of the late Dr. Robert B. Drane, for 55 years rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Band Concert Tonight On Court House Green

Weather permitting, the Edenton High School Band will render a concert Thursday night at 7:15 on the Court House Green. The high school chorus will join the band in singing a number of patriotic selections in keeping with President Roosevelt's request for more bands, and these concerts will be continued throughout the summer.

The public is especially asked to be present and participate in the singing program.

Spring Term's Criminal Docket Completed Tuesday

LEGAL BATTLE

Negro School Bus Driver Freed on Homicide Charge

Though Solicitor Cretzer Morris was detained Monday morning due to tire trouble, Judge Richard D. Dixon, presiding for the first time over Superior Court in Chowan County, proceeded promptly with the preliminaries and with dispatch cleared up the criminal docket by Tuesday morning, then adjourned court to begin civil cases Wednesday morning.

"We have now come upon uncertain and dubious times," said Judge Dixon in beginning his charge to the grand jury, "all over the world nations are falling by the wayside, one after another are being caught up in this onward rush of unscrupulous dictators and reduced to the vassalage of slaves. It seems that freedom and democracy are about to perish from the face of the old world.

"At such a time and in such a dark hour, it behooves us here in America to pause, to take stock, and to make an inward, soul-searching examination of ourselves, to see if we are truly following the paths set before us by our fore-fathers and if not, to change our course and revert to the faith and ideals of the founders of this Republic.

"There is no better place to take this account of ourselves than right here in the county, the unit of government in these United States, and to see if we are standing four-square behind the constituted authorities."

At this point he referred to those who very often say, "The court house is the last place I want to go in. You don't get justice there." The judge admitted there are mistakes made in the courts as mistakes are made in every human agency, but that men who talk in such vein are the very first to run for the protection of the strong arm of the law when danger threatens or to seek the ever-watchful arm of justice when their rights are endangered. He asked of the grand jury "What sort of a county, what kind of civilization would you have right here in this county should your court house be torn down and all lawful proceeds come to a stop?"

Judge Dixon was very specific in his instructions to the grand jury, referring to them "as sort of a clinic in the civil body of this unit, the same as a group of physicians will conduct a clinic on our physical bodies," and very clearly defined their varied and important duties. He was especially sincere defining their duties, referring to the passing upon bills of indictment and examination of witnesses, as well as the power to make presentments.

The usual instructions were given relative to the various forms of offenses and investigation of public offices and institutions. Of these, the judge was very specific regarding those appointed to handle other people's money, referring particularly to executors, administrators and guardians. He also dwelt upon the care of aged citizens and innocent children caught in the trap of adverse financial conditions, comparing the present program of old age assistance and aid to dependent children with the former method of the county commissioners in the counties of the State allowing just enough to keep body and soul together.

"We do not have to point to the plains of Russia and the Pacific to find battle and murder and sudden death," said the judge as he referred to battles going on right here in our fair land of Carolina, "it is known as the battle of highways and leaves in its wake murder and sudden death, the screams of the injured and the moans of the dying." He contributed just one reason for this slaughter, "Violation of the law," emphasizing small violations which sooner or later bring disaster. He paid tribute to that small but brave and efficient band, the State highway patrol, who all too often are criticized for carrying out their duty.

In closing his remarks to the grand jury, Judge Dixon said he was deeply grateful for the manifestation of interest and friendship on the part of those in the audience who came no doubt because it was his first term of court in his home county and that it was his ambition to conduct himself in the capacity of indeed in such way as to at least bring no (Continued on Page Five)