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Work Starts On Marine Glider Base

Richard Elliott Succeeds J. W. Davis As President Of Chamber Of Commerce

Officers Elected at Meeting Held Monday Night

NEED SECRETARY
Acute Housing Condition Claims Attention Of Members

At a meeting Monday night at 6 o'clock of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, Richard Elliott was elected president to succeed J. W. Davis, who has served in this capacity for two years. At the same time J. Clarence Leary and West Byrum were elected as vice presidents. Dr. W. I. Hart, treasurer, and the following as members of the board of directors: M. F. Bond, W. M. Wilkins, J. Edwin Bufflap, Earl Goodwin and T. C. Byrum. This group will meet shortly to elect a secretary.

In opening the meeting, President Davis presented the financial report, and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to elect new officers for the year, which begins August 1. At the outset, he stated he had served as president for two years, that he was not a candidate and would not be able to serve if elected. He, therefore, appointed a nominating committee to retire and select a president. This committee, composed of Julien Wood, J. A. Moore, J. H. Conger, John W. Graham and West Byrum, selected Mr. Elliott, who was unanimously elected.

Secretary C. L. McCullers was not present at the meeting due to making arrangements to enter the army. This was occasion for much concern on the part of Mr. Davis, who was high in praise of the services of Mr. McCullers, as well as members of the organization. In commenting upon the loss of Mr. McCullers, President Davis said he felt that the duties and responsibilities of the Chamber of Commerce would increase to such an extent that the services of an all-time secretary would be absolutely necessary. This, of course, would have considerable bearing on finances and will necessitate both a larger membership as well as greatly increased dues of members. The matter will be left in the hands of the board of directors.

Mr. McCullers has been serving as secretary for two years in connection with his band duties, and though his time has been limited, Mr. Davis said he did a splendid job and really did far more work than the average member realized.

Another matter to cause some concern on the part of the Chamber of Commerce was the new Marine Glider Base, which finds Edenton wholly unprepared to cope with a housing situation as well as adequate facilities for serving food to the anticipated newcomers. A survey has been underway to learn if any vacant houses, apartments or rooms which can be rented, and though both Mr. McCullers and Mr. Davis have secured a list of available places, the need for living quarters and serving of meals will far exceed present facilities. For that reason, it was brought out at the meeting that every available room or rooms should be reported to Mr. Davis or Mr. McCullers, who will cooperate until he leaves for (Continued on Page Five)

Chowan Lagging In Buying War Bonds

Month Half Gone, Only One-fourth of Quota Purchased

Unless there is considerable stimulus to purchasing war stamps and bonds in Chowan, the county will not equal previous records for buying its quota for July. The month's quota is \$48,100, and up to Tuesday morning J. G. Campen, county chairman of the war savings staff, reported that sales amounted to only \$12,000.

With the month about half gone, Mr. Campen said, sales should be about double what they are, or around \$24,000. However, he hasn't abandoned the hope that the county's quota will be reached and for that reason emphasizes the need for purchasing bonds and urges every citizen in the county to go the limit in buying in order to reach the month's quota.

Henry House Goes To Coach At U. N. C.

Coached Edenton's 1934 State Championship Team

Many friends in Edenton were delighted to read in Friday morning's News and Observer that Henry House, a former Edenton High School football coach, had accepted a position at the University of North Carolina on the coaching staff. Mr. House will be assistant freshman coach and will serve on the physical education staff.

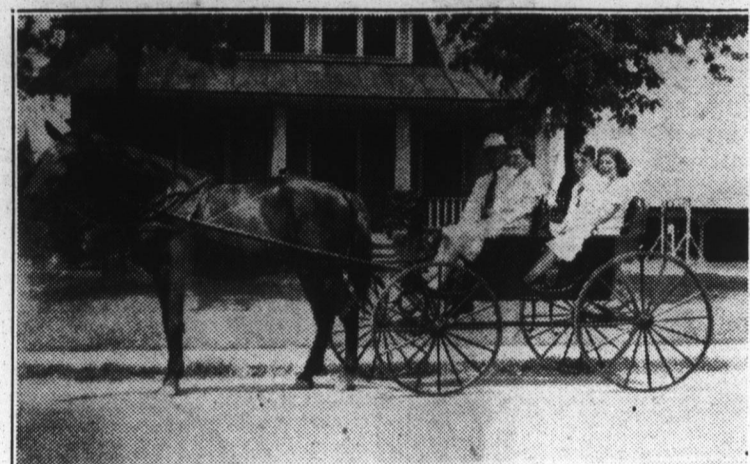
Mr. House is well remembered here, for it was while coach at the local school that he put Edenton on the football map. He coached the 1934 team which won the State Class B championship from Reidsville 6-0, and aside from that outstanding accomplishment, his boys went through the season unscathed upon while they piled up a total of 236 points against their opponents. Again in 1935 Coach House's team went into the State Class B championship game, losing to Mt. Airy in a hard-fought game 7-0.

The strength of Coach House's teams is reflected in the fact that many times the first string was obliged to play the entire game. He had very few reserves which fact played no little part in the defeat in 1935.

After coaching two years at Edenton, House went to Augusta Military Academy, where he coached five years, after which he spent a year at Carolina getting his Master's degree. He was later coach at Rocky Mount High School, resigning to return to his alma mater to coach.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT
The regular communication of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 8:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present for this meeting.

OATS NOT RATIONED -- YET!



Shortage and rationing of automobile tires and gasoline doesn't worry Maurice L. Bunch, genial Register of Deeds of Chowan County, very much. Always a lover of horses, Mr. Bunch rigged up a surrey and is here pictured with his wife and son and daughter, Maurice, Jr., and Charlotte, as they enjoyed a Sunday ride.

MANY MATTERS HOLD COUNCILMEN IN SESSION UNTIL NEAR MIDNIGHT HOUR

Special Meeting Called For Next Tuesday Night To Set Salaries, Select Employees and Work On Year's Budget

Town Councilmen, on Tuesday, remained in session until well toward midnight, but despite the lengthy meeting, the setting of salaries of Town employees, selecting employees and budgetary matters were not reached. A special meeting will be called for next Tuesday night, at which time the Councilmen will name Town employees, set salaries for the year and, no doubt, do some preliminary figuring on the 1942-43 budget. A considerable amount of time was again devoted to discussing a zoning ordinance. J. L. Petrus and John W. Graham, who have spent much time, were on hand to secure authorization to proceed further and get a map definitely setting forth the zoning ordinance scheme.

A lengthy ordinance has been prepared and Mr. Graham outlined various sections of the proposed zoning law, which developed into more or less of a round table discussion. The matter has been before the Council several times and the Zoning Commission has arrived at the point, after securing the map, that it is up to Town Council to say whether or not the ordinance should be adopted.

Several changes were suggested on Tuesday night, the principal one being to have only one residence zoning. About the only difference in this change will be to allow more than two family units living in any one house. Another will change the eastern end of Water Street and Oakum to King Street from a residential area to a business area.

After a lengthy discussion, Messrs. (Continued on Page Two)

Another Group Of White Men Leave For Army Tuesday

Eleven Colored Men Will Leave For Induction July 22nd

At least one or more Chowan County boys will leave on four different days for Fort Bragg, either for induction in the Army or to be examined preliminary to induction.

The first group will leave Tuesday, July 21, when 24 of a call for 35 white men will leave for Fort Bragg for examination. Those in this group will compose Kermit L. Layton, John S. Skiles, Elmer C. Ward, Paul T. Byrum, Lawrence A. Cayton, George E. Morris, George W. Lassiter, Robert M. Hobbs, Hallett D. Hobbs, Joseph C. Byrum, Melvin A. Byrum, Clayton McD. Ward, Jr., Elton Forehand, Joseph Vail, Vernon M. Sitterton, Howard B. Warren, Harvey L. Cayton, Jarvis H. Chappell, Elbert H. Copeland, William E. Sutton, Lester Ashley, Herbert C. Byrum, Joseph A. Ross, Paul E. Chappell and Henry Wright Gaff.

The second group to leave will be on Wednesday, July 22, when 11 colored men who have already been examined at Fort Bragg, will return for induction. This group will leave the Armory at 9 o'clock, when a departing program will be presented by colored friends of the boys, and will include Joseph A. Bennett, acting corporal, Charlie Wood, Bill Jordan, Lawrence C. Collins, John J. Bond, Alphons Hathaway, Lonnie R. Rumble, George A. Roberts, Oscar Elliott, V. S. Twine and George W. Halsey.

Seven others of this group who left Edenton for examination on July 7, were detained for a re-check, two of whom were accepted. These two were Ralph Riddick and Robert Bembry. Riddick will leave for Fort Bragg on July 23rd, while Bembry will leave the following day.

The local draft board has two more calls awaiting, one for 35 white men on August 6, and 45 colored men on August 26. The men comprising these groups have not yet been announced.

Lieutenant Prah Arrives In Edenton Tuesday Night To Be In Charge Of Project

Budget Of Town \$4,064 To Good

Unexpected Calls Results In Deficit In Some Budgets

Though Town Council, at its meeting Tuesday night, did not reach the setting of salaries of Town employees, or work on the budget for the year 1942-43, the financial affairs for the past year are in good shape. While several funds in the various departments were slightly over-spent, the budget as a whole shows a balance of \$4,064.17. Total appropriations for the year amounted to \$46,349.50, of which amount \$42,285.33 was spent.

In the administrative department, a balance remains of \$301.74, while in the street department the balance is \$4,995.37. The major portion of this balance is due to an appropriation of \$3,900 for a WPA project for street and sidewalk improvements which did not materialize during the year.

A deficit is shown in the Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department and miscellaneous expenses. The Police Department deficit was \$233.25, which was due in part to purchase of guns and ammunition for use in any emergency. Purchase of fire hose was responsible in large part for the deficit of \$829.01 in the Fire Department's budget, while the Health Department deficit was only \$1.25. Expenditures for miscellaneous expenses were \$169.43 above the appropriations.

Rationing Of Sugar In Chowan In Line With OPA Wishes

Due to the fact that there has been considerable diversity of opinion as to how much sugar should be allowed consumers for home canning purposes, and subsequent criticism directed at Dr. Wallace S. Griffin, a member of the Chowan County War Ration Board, it is interesting to note from a letter sent out by the OPA that one pound of sugar is to be issued for every four quarts of fruit to be canned, plus one pound per person per annum to be used in making jams, jellies, preserves, etc.

Some county boards have been allowing only five pounds of sugar per person for home canning purposes, while others have set a maximum of seven pounds, and others eight pounds per person.

The problem of determining how much sugar should be allowed an applicant is a difficult one, the responsibility for decision being placed with the local boards. Dr. Griffin has been very conscientious in his duties regarding rationing of sugar and has allowed a maximum of seven pounds, which compares with authorities that generally a maximum of eight pounds per person is enough to can all the fruit necessary for one person.

SUB-BOARDS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL GASOLINE RATIONING APPOINTED

Gasoline Users Must Present Application to Boards In Respective Communities; Applications Must Be Filled Out

In order to expedite the supplemental gasoline rationing in Chowan County and at the same time relieve the Chowan County War Ration Board, sub gasoline rationing boards were appointed Tuesday night at a meeting held in the Court House. Sub-boards were named for Edenton, Rocky Hook and Cross Roads, and it will be the duty of these boards to receive applications for supplemental ration cards today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday.

The sub-board at Rocky Hook will be composed of Z. T. Evans, E. L. Pearce and J. Gibson Perry, who will sit at the Rocky Hook Central School Friday and Saturday, July 17-18, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Site Will Be on Albemarle Sound Between Two Bridges

2,000 ACRES

Plan Calls For Three Runways Each 6,000 Feet Long

With some engineers in connection with the construction of a Marine Glider Base near Edenton arriving as early as last Thursday, and others gradually arriving, definite progress on the base began Wednesday morning following the arrival Tuesday night of Lieutenant C. G. Prah (C. E. C.) U. S. N. Lieutenant Prah will be in charge of the construction of the base and early Wednesday morning was very busy consulting with engineers and architects who had been awaiting his arrival for the past several days.

Lieutenant Prah will temporarily have his headquarters in the Rose Room at Hotel Joseph Hewes, where he will have a corps of about 18 assistants including office workers, engineers and inspectors. He, at first, intended to be located in the Armory, but because the engineers, architects and others connected with preliminary work of the project are temporarily located in the Court House, he preferred to be nearby in order to keep in close contact with progress of the project.

Lieutenant Prah is married and was joined Wednesday by his wife and several-months-old daughter. They will make their home at the hotel.

While there has been much speculation relative to the location of the base, Lieutenant Prah, on Wednesday morning, told The Herald editor that it will be located on the Chowan County side of the Albemarle Sound, between the Norfolk Southern railroad bridge and the Albemarle Sound vehicular bridge, but up to that time the particular site of land to be used had not been definitely decided upon.

Approximately 2,000 acres of land will be necessary for the project, which will include three runways, each being 6,000 feet long. Of course, actual construction of the base proper will not get under way for about a month, according to Lieutenant Prah, who estimates that about 2,000 will be employed when the actual work of construction gets under way. Much preliminary work is necessary, which will claim the attention of engineers and architects for several weeks.

While Lieutenant Prah and his assistants are located in the hotel, and the engineers and architects in the Court House for the time being, they will move later into headquarters which will be erected at the base.

When completed, the base is estimated to be occupied by 500 officers and 1,500 men.

Two contracts have been awarded for the construction of the base, one for the engineering and architectural design, and one for the construction. The former contract was awarded to Olsen, Deitrich, Carr and J. E. (Continued on Page Five)

S. W. TAYLOR PLANNING ERECT ANOTHER THEATRE FOR EDENTON

Efforts are now under way by S. W. Taylor, owner of Taylor Theatre, to either build another new theatre or renovate a building in order to provide two theatres for Edenton. This information was released by Jimmy Earnhardt, manager of the theatre, Tuesday morning, who said that Mr. Taylor had three locations under consideration. He has decided to provide another theatre, but, of course, either building or renovating will depend upon the ability to secure materials for the purpose. The Taylor has enjoyed a generous patronage since the

present theatre was built in 1925, but with an influx of newcomers due to the Marine Glider Base, the need for another theatre has been realized. The Taylor seats almost 1,000 persons and if, and when another theatre is built it is expected it will seat from 500 to 1,000, according to the ability to secure seats.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have been in the moving picture business for many years, for a long time operating a picture show in the old armory on Eden Street, before building the present structure.

Joint Service Sunday In Methodist Church

With Methodists and Presbyterians holding joint services each Sunday night, alternating in each church, the service Sunday night will be held in the Methodist Church. The preacher will be the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

J. H. HASKETT IN HOSPITAL

J. H. Haskett went to Norfolk, Va., Sunday to enter a hospital for examination and treatment. He has been in poor health for some time. Mrs. Heywood Cochrane, of Norfolk, Va., came and accompanied her father to Norfolk.