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## Town Councilmen Decide To Rent Cozzens Building For Use Police Department

Definite Action Taken At Meeting Thursday Night

EFFECTIVE FEB. 1

### W. I. Cozzens Goes Out Of Business After 26 Years

At a special meeting held Thursday night of last week, Town Council definitely decided to rent the W. I. Cozzens' building on the southeast corner of Broad and King Streets for the purpose of housing the Police Department. For some time the Councilmen have realized the police had outgrown their present limited room in the Municipal Building, and with this increase of activities has come about more or less interference with proper working of other city employees.

At a previous meeting several prospective sites were considered and a committee composed of W. M. Wilkins, W. J. Yates and J. Clarence Leary was appointed to make a thorough investigation as to the advantages of the proposed buildings and submit recommendations. The recommendation of the committee was that the Cozzens' building be rented, in that it would be more satisfactory for the purpose intended.

It is expected that the police will be able to move to the new quarters about February 1. Tentative plans call for sections set aside for the Edenton police, State patrolmen and the Shore Patrol, together with a private office for Chief of Police J. R. Tanner and a waiting room in the L part of the building for the Shore Patrol, where they can hold and question service men who are taken into custody.

Police have occupied the front portion of the Municipal Building since it was acquired in 1930, but in even normal times their quarters were not adequate. The proposed arrangement is only temporary, it being the hope that at some future date a permanent building will be erected in which the police will be housed.

In renting his building to the Town Mr. Cozzens will close out a business which he has conducted for a little over quarter of a century. This past September he had been in business 26 years. He does, however, plan to continue to take orders for suits and top coats for both men and women.

Mr. Cozzens stated that his reason for going out of business is due to the extreme difficulties of operating under present conditions, together with ill health.

## Mrs. Chas. G. Prah Chosen President Officers Wives Club

### Succeeds Mrs. Z. C. Hopkins, Who Will Soon Leave Edenton

At a meeting held Monday at the USO Club, officers were elected for the Officers' Wives Club, which resulted in Mrs. C. G. Prah being elected president of the group. Mrs. Prah succeeds Mrs. Zebulon C. Hopkins, who was obliged to resign due to the approaching departure of Colonel and Mrs. Hopkins.

Other officers elected included: Vice president, Mrs. A. Ujlaky; second vice president, Mrs. R. D. Fitzgerald; treasurer, Mrs. D. C. Kline; secretary, Mrs. C. W. Walker.

A goodly number of the members attended the meeting, and it was decided to meet the first and third Fridays at the Officers' Club at the base. At present there are 37 members enrolled, but this number is expected to increase as other wives of officers are contacted.

Mrs. Peters, wife of Colonel Peters, who will succeed Colonel Hopkins as commanding officer, was unanimously elected honorary president of the club. Though Colonel Peters is already in Edenton, his wife has not yet arrived.

The club sponsored a very successful dance at the Officers' Club Saturday night. The affair was well attended and music was furnished by the Weeksville Air Station Orchestra.

## Lucky Break

Because of the prevalence of so much sickness, coupled with the gasoline and tire situation, P. S. McMullan, county tax supervisor, announces an extension of five days for listing 1944 taxes in Chowan County. This action was authorized by the County Commissioners, and there will be no further extension before the penalty for not listing on time will go into effect.

Listing of property is supposed to be done during January, so despite the five extra days allowed, little more time remains to attend to this necessary matter.

## Trying Times Fail To Halt Progress B. & L. Association

### Rate of Interest Earned .069076 Despite War Conditions

Stockholders of the Edenton Building & Loan Association met in annual session Monday night in the Court House, at which time directors for the ensuing year were elected. The directors elected by the membership vote were: A. G. Byrum, L. C. Burton, F. W. Hobbs and J. W. Davis, who was elected after filling the unexpired term of M. F. Bond.

Directors elected by the stock vote were: R. C. Holland, F. P. Wood, T. C. Byrum and J. Clarence Leary. These two groups met immediately following the business meeting and re-appointed R. P. Badham as the ninth director.

At the regular meeting of the Association on February 10, the president and secretary-treasurer will be appointed and the organization perfected.

Those present at the meeting were surprised to learn that despite the lack of building due to war conditions the net rate of interest earned was .069076. The financial report was discussed, which was reason for no little satisfaction on the part of stockholders, and prompted a number of very complimentary remarks for the splendid report during these trying times.

## Chowan County Will Be Well Represented At Jackson Dinner

### Group of 10 Scheduled To Attend Raleigh Affair

Chowan County will be well represented at the Jackson Dinner which is to be held next Monday, January 31, at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh. According to R. L. Pratt, Chowan County chairman for the affair, ten men from Chowan are scheduled to attend the meeting, including the following: R. L. Pratt, Henry Gardner, B. W. Evans, Jno. F. White, Judge Richard Dixon, Medlin Belch, E. W. Spire, Lloyd Griffin, Marvin Wilson and T. C. Byrum.

Chairman Pratt's quota for Chowan County was set at \$150 but according to contributions early this week, he had collected \$200 toward the Democratic get-together, at which the principal address will be made by Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, who is chairman of the National Democratic Committee.

## Chowan High PTA Meets February 1

The Chowan High School Parent-Teacher Association will meet Tuesday night, February 1, at 8 o'clock, at which time special music will be furnished by the Second Grade Rhythm Band. An interesting program has been arranged, which includes stunts and games, so that everyone interested in the work of the school is urged to attend by Mrs. Rufus Smithson, president.

## Police Stage Ball In Edenton Armory Tuesday, Feb. 22nd

Purpose is to Secure Funds to Buy Extra Equipment

TICKETS ON SALE

### Floor Show and Music By Hal Thurston's Orchestra

Plans are going forward for the staging of a Police Ball in the Edenton Armory on the night of Tuesday, February 22, from 8:30 to 12:30 o'clock. The idea was advanced by Chief of Police J. R. Tanner in order to raise extra funds with which to purchase much-needed police equipment, part of which is an inhalator, finger printing material as well as other necessary items.

Music for the affair will be furnished by Hal Thurston and his orchestra from Rocky Mount. A floor show will also feature the ball, one of the highlights being Buddy Robinson, of Rocky Mount, who will give an exhibition of tap dancing.

Tickets for the affair went on sale Tuesday of this week, Mayor Leroy Haskett and J. Edwin Bufflap, Street Commissioner, purchasing the first two tickets shortly after they were printed. Members of the police force will have tickets with them from now until the night of the ball, and will be delighted to sell as many as possible. The tickets will also be placed at other places for the convenience of the public.

Chief Tanner is very optimistic over the affair and feels that a tidy sum will be realized for the benefit of his department. He has had many encouraging comments about the affair and officers at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station have assured him that many at the base will cooperate in token of their appreciation for the cooperation and consideration of the local police in more ways than one.

The Police Ball will be widely advertised, and Chief Tanner, with favorable weather and no untoward incidents, says he would not be surprised if the event nets \$1,000.

## Screen Test For Youths In Edenton High School Feb. 2

All Boys 17 and 18 Years Old Are Eligible to Take Test

John A. Holmes, superintendent of Edenton schools, has been notified by Lieutenant-Colonel William A. Schletter, district recruiting officer, that the U. S. Army Air Forces mental screening test will be administered by representatives of the Army and the Civil Air Patrol at the Edenton High School on Wednesday morning, February 2, at 9 o'clock.

Any white students in the community who are 16 or 17 years of age, whether enrolled in school or not, may take the test.

Since this examination was authorized by the Fourth Service Command and the State Department of Education has pledged its full cooperation, W. J. Taylor, superintendent of the county unit of schools, will allow any boys in Chowan High School to be excused from classes to take the test.

## Marine Air Station Will Tackle Colerain Monday

Unless plans miscarry, the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station basketball team will meet the Colerain team Monday night in the Edenton Armory. The game is scheduled to be played after the high school's teams play a double-header.

There will be no charge for the game and the public is invited.

## Masons Call Meeting Off To Eat Barbecue

Tonight's (Thursday) meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., has been called off by W. J. Daniels, master of the lodge, and instead members will go to Lee's Place to join in a barbecue supper. Those who plan to go are asked to meet at The Chowan Herald office at 7:15, going directly to Lee's Place, where the meal will be served at 7:30.

## Chowan County Goes Far Beyond Quota In Infantile Paralysis Campaign As Incomplete Report Shows \$1,000 Raised

### Urgent Appeal Made To Housewives For Waste Kitchen Fats

Mayor Receives Letters From Governor and Salvage Official

PAY 4c POUND

### Two Meat Ration Points Free With Every Pound Sold

Appeals have been made to Mayor Leroy Haskett by Governor J. M. Broughton and James B. Vogler, executive secretary of the State Salvage Branch, for Chowan County to contribute more waste fat for the war effort.

"Consumption of waste fat in producing munitions of war, military medicines, civilian medicines and a wide variety of other war materials," wrote Governor Broughton, "has so increased that it is absolutely necessary for us to lend every effort possible to increasing the shipments of this material from our State. I will assure you that this is a most important part of our war effort, and we must see that our boys get the proper equipment to assure a lasting victory, to enable them to accomplish their task in the shortest time."

Mr. Vogler likewise emphasized the importance of saving waste fat, calling attention to the fact that housewives will be paid four cents per pound in cash and will be given two meat ration points free for every pound of used household fat purchased at a meat market.

Mr. Vogler points out that one pound of fat not saved will deprive a soldier on the battlefield of 150 machine gun bullets. Five pounds not saved will deprive a soldier fighting submarines of a 100-pound depth bomb charge. "In fact," says Mr. Vogler, "fats are vital materials of war going into many important avenues of the war effort."

For the convenience of collection, three stores on Broad Street are now buying waste fats, these being Goodwin's Quality Store, Pender's and the Friendly Market. Miss Rebecca Colwell is in charge of the collection of waste fats and will be glad to furnish any information desired.

County Salvage Chairman J. Edwin Bufflap also urges the collection of fats, as well as scrap iron. He is also now working on a plan whereby waste paper can be disposed of, though no definite plan had been reached as The Herald went to press.

## Girl Scout Executive Will Speak At PTA Meeting February 2

### Local Troop Major Project of Association For Year

Mrs. E. S. Chesson, Jr., of Elizabeth City, Girl Scout program consultant for Eastern North Carolina, will speak to the Parent-Teachers Association at its meeting next week. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 2, at 3:45 p. m., in the High School Library.

Mrs. Chesson will give vital help toward organizing a Girl Scout Troop, one of the principal projects of the PTA. All members are, therefore, urged to be present. Visitors and newcomers in town are also cordially invited to attend this meeting.

A social hour with refreshments will follow the meeting. Members are asked to notice that this meeting will be held on Wednesday instead of on Tuesday.

MERIT EXAM JAN. 29  
Anyone who is planning to take the merit examination in Elizabeth City Saturday, January 29, is asked to contact Miss Mary Gray Byrum. She can be reached at phones 209 or 3-J.

## Only Knee High

With a very encouraging sale of Fourth War Loan bonds the first day of the drive last week, when about \$62,000 were purchased, the rate of purchases has dropped considerably. According to D. M. Warren, assistant chairman of the War Finance Committee, sales up to Tuesday of this week amounted to about \$100,000, or less than one-third of the county's \$363,000 quota. "We will have to pick up considerably," said Mr. Warren, "if we are to meet what is expected of us."

J. G. Campen, chairman, who has been ill, is able to be out again and expects to do his best to increase sales throughout the county.

## Gate At Air Station Named In Honor Of Wake Island Victim

### Col. Zebulon C. Hopkins Honors Second Lieutenant Conderman

Col. Zebulon C. Hopkins, USMC, commanding officer of the Marine Corps Air Station, has named the main entrance gate on the west side of the reservation "Conderman Gate," in memory of Second Lt. Robert J. Conderman, Jr., of New Bern, Marine aviator, who lost his life in the defense of Wake Island by the Marines.

A native of Hudson, N. Y., Conderman first went to New Bern in 1930, his father, Fred D. Conderman, then becoming postal inspector for a 21-county postal district. After graduating from the New Bern High School, he was graduated at the University of North Carolina in the class of 1939.

Following completion of his aviation training, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, for flight duty, and was ordered to active duty at San Diego, Cal., and thence to Hawaii. His next orders transferred him to Wake Island. He was among the first to fall mortally wounded in the initial attack of the Japanese there on December 7, 1941. He was New Bern's first casualty of World War II.

The Purple Heart medal was awarded posthumously and received by his widow, Mrs. Julia Bishop Smallwood Conderman, of New Bern. He has also been recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross. A special memorial tribute was paid him by Troop 13, Boy Scouts of America, in which troop he had been a senior patrol leader and an Eagle Scout.

Soon after receiving news of his only son's death, Lieutenant Conderman's father was commissioned a captain in the Marine Corps Reserve and went overseas to the Pacific area with the First Marine division. He is now camp mail officer for the 11 postoffices at Camp Lejeune, New River.

## Native Of Honduras Speaker At Meeting Rotary Club Today

### Abe Martin Arranges International Service Program

Abe Martin, chairman of the International Service Committee of the Edenton Rotary Club, has arranged an interesting program for today's (Thursday) Rotary meeting. For the occasion he has secured a native of Honduras, Central America, who will tell something about her native land as well as her impressions of America.

The speaker is Mrs. Rally Vaughn, of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, wife of one of the service men stationed at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station. Because of the appropriate program arranged by Mr. Martin, every member of the club is urged to attend.

## Returns Up to Wednesday Morning \$409.10 Above Quota

MORE EXPECTED

### Chairman and Miss Lucille Clark Delighted With Results

Though the report is still incomplete, Chowan County has again exceeded its quota in the drive for funds with which to fight infantile paralysis. J. Edwin Bufflap, chairman of the Chowan Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, reporting on Wednesday morning that the amount collected at that time totaled \$1,001.10. The quota for the county is \$592, so that it was exceeded by \$409.10, with still more expected to come in.

Credit for the success of the campaign goes to a group of interested and hard-working canvassers, coupled with a generous response on the part of those solicited, but special credit is due Miss Lucille Clark, who served as chairman of the Women's Division and under whose leadership the county was organized for the drive, which was practically completed in one week. Though Miss Clark nor the chairman doubted but that the quota would be reached, it was not expected to be so much of a success and both had discussed other means to reach the quota, if contributions fell short.

Half of the amount, after expenses of the campaign have been deducted, will go to the National Foundation, while the other half will remain in the county to be used to the best advantage in combatting infantile paralysis or offering assistance to any who are afflicted with the disease but cannot afford to pay for necessary treatment or appliances for rendering relief. Expenses in the campaign were negligible, there being less than \$5.00 to be paid. Glass banks used in collecting money cost \$2.20, while the only other expense was a printing bill of about \$2.00, which was necessary in sending postcards to the canvassers urging them not to forget the drive and to make an effort to collect as much as possible. A great deal of material was offered for sale by headquarters, some of which was rather expensive, but both the chairman and Miss Clark felt that people in Chowan County knew about the campaign and its purpose and that added expense would have very little effect upon the ultimate amount raised.

Splendid cooperation was given at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, where the Marine personnel and contractors and personnel of the Navy Department joined in the drive.

Though contributions were taken (Continued on Page Six)

## Need Continues For Workers To Make Surgical Dressings

### Two New Supervisors Appointed By Mrs. Coffield

Mrs. A. F. Liles and Mrs. John Oliver have been appointed by Mrs. W. H. Coffield, chairman of the Surgical Dressings Unit, as supervisors at the work rooms, and this week began their duties.

The class which began Sunday afternoon, after a recess of two months, was well-attended, as have been the classes this week. However, there is a definite need of more volunteer workers to help in getting the quota of pads, dressings and sponges finished and shipped within the given time for such work to be completed. The necessity of such work is outstanding. At all times, the call from improvised hospital headquarters behind the lines of war-theaters, in jungles and on shipboard is steadily increasing. "We, who can lend our aid, if only for a few hours, will be doing a great work toward surgical dressing production, and toward aiding and relieving intense suffering for those who are fighting that we may live," said Mrs. Coffield in appealing for more volunteers.