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School Trustees Request Written Bill Of Particulars Following Recent Criticism

Letter Written to Mayor Haskett and Town Councilmen

MUCH INTEREST

PTA Presidents Deny Lack of Interest on Part of Teachers

Shortly after last week's Herald was delivered attention of the editor was called to a story appearing having to do with criticism of Edenton school teachers relative to lack of interest in the Parent-Teacher Association, a statement made at the last meeting of Town Council.

Mrs. Nathan Dail, who for two years has been president of the PTA, emphatically denied the charge, further stating that on numerous occasions almost 100 per cent of the teachers were present at meetings and that more times than not there have been more teachers present at meetings than parents of children.

Mrs. Dail was no little concerned about the reported criticism, saying it was unfounded and unfair to the teachers, and wanted it corrected in fairness to the teachers. "As president of the PTA for two years the association has had wonderful cooperation on the part of teachers," said Mrs. Dail, "and on a number of occasions I took the opportunity at meetings to express my appreciation for their interest and cooperation. I hope the criticism, which is wholly without foundation, will not have the effect of discouraging teachers both in future attendance and cooperation in PTA activities."

Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, at present president of the PTA, also said the criticism was unjustified, and that she was very well pleased with the interest shown on the part of teachers.

Since the appearance of last week's Herald, John A. Holmes, secretary of the Board of Trustees and superintendent of Edenton schools, has written a letter to Mayor Leroy Haskett and members of Town Council requesting a written bill of particulars relative to the criticism aired at the last meeting of Town Council so that accusations may be answered or any faults remedied. Mr. Holmes in his letter said the school authorities are anxious to have the best school possible and requested facts so that differences can be ironed out and an understanding arrived at.

The Herald understands that Town Council will either prepare a written bill of particulars or else ask for a joint meeting with the school trustees, at which time the criticism heard and which was discussed at the meeting of Town Council will be presented.

No little interest in the schools has been aroused since last week's issue of The Herald, with some supporting the criticism, while others take the attitude that it was uncalled for.

The letter written to Mayor Haskett and members of Town Council follows:

From the June 14th issue of the Chowan Herald we learn that at your last regular meeting "no little criticism was directed at the operation of the Edenton School." Since no member of the school board, the school administration or the school faculty was present at this discussion, I am confident that it is your intention to furnish us with a written copy of the bill of particulars contained in the indictment.

We are not averse to criticism. Constructive criticism should always result in a better understanding and an improvement of conditions. It is the desire and purpose of all of the school authorities to improve conditions and to furnish the best school facilities possible within the limit of the financial appropriations. We shall await a copy of the bill of particulars contained in your indictment. This will give us an opportunity to answer any accusations that appear to us to be without foundation and also to remedy any conditions that need to be and can be remedied.

To me the criticism directed at the teachers "for apparent lack of interest in the Parent-Teacher Association" is so absurd that it becomes ridiculous. I have attended the greater part of the meetings of the Parent-Teacher Association and I have found at every meeting an overwhelming percentage of our teachers present. I cannot recall, however, that I have ever seen the Mayor or any member of the Town Council present at any of the meetings. This accusation could be answered better by the patrons who do attend the meetings and by the officers of the Association. We are perfectly willing to rest the case

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Want Coal?

Leroy H. Haskett, chairman of the Chowan County Hard Fuels Committee, calls attention to an approaching acute coal situation. Mr. Haskett emphasizes the fact that those who want coal next winter must register at once or face a strong likelihood that none can be secured.

Any person who desires to secure coal later in the year are, therefore, urged to register with their coal dealer at once.

County Health King And Queen Will Be Determined Friday

27 Contestants Chosen Recently From Five 4-H Clubs

At recent meetings of 4-H clubs in Chowan County top-ranking health winners were selected from each club, from which the county health king and queen will be chosen. Dr. W. P. Jordan, county health officer, will give each of the winning 4-H Club members a thorough examination Friday morning, June 22, at 10:30 o'clock in the Community Building at Cross Roads in order to determine the king and queen. All the club winners have been asked to bring a bathing suit to the Community House for this examination.

Extension workers from Chowan County gave each club member a preliminary examination to determine the winner, which are as follows:

Edenton High School Senior Club—Boys: Richard Leigh and Morris Small. Girls: Hilda Perry and Nora Lee White.

Edenton High School Junior Club—Boys: Franklin Perry, Maryland Harrell and W. O. Speight. Girls: Virginia Hughes, Suzanne Speight and Louise Brabble.

Rocky Hook Junior Club—Boys: Billy Gray Leary, Wilbur Harrell and Ronald Bass. Girls: Pearl Halsey and Arlene Harrell.

Chowan High School Senior Club—Boys: Tommy Leary, Jack Leary and Horace Rountree. Girls: Anne Rogerson, Audrey Pearce and Catherine Forehand.

Chowan High School Junior Club—Boys: Rosser Bunch, Robert Larry Hollowell and Roger Bunch. Girls: Betty Cole Bateman, Rita Hollowell and Audrey Ann Jordan.

James Smith Speaks On Radio Program

Edenton Boy Interviewed By Short Wave In Honolulu

One of Edenton's own heroes, now in Honolulu, was interviewed by two-way short-wave radio Tuesday night when Sgt. James "Smitty" Smith was heard on the "Everything for the Boys" program over Station WPTF, Raleigh. The broadcast was on the air at 9 P. M.

Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Smith, described his experiences on Guam and Leyte, in a trans-Pacific chat with film and radio stars Dick Haymes and Helen Forrest, in Hollywood.

The Edenton boy has been in the Army five years and took part in the invasions of Guam and Leyte, landing on the latter island with the 77th Division. He was first wounded on Christmas day and then wounded again on January 12th. He is credited with helping to break the back of the Jap defense by assisting in amphibious landings behind Jap lines.

For his efforts Smith has been recommended for the Bronze Star. He also wears the Purple Heart with clusters.

Sgt. Smith has been wounded twice, once on Christmas day and again January 12. During the radio conversation the Chowan County boy said he knows the folks back home will back up the boys who are doing the fighting by buying war bonds.

Over 250 Honor John A. Holmes At Rotary Meeting

Six Past District Governors Praise Work of Local Man

GIFTS PRESENTED

Affair Termed Most Delightful In History of Edenton Club

In the neighborhood of 250 Rotarians and Rotary Annes from all over the 189th District gathered in the Edenton Armory Thursday night to attend John Holmes Night planned by the Edenton Rotary Club honoring John A. Holmes, governor of the district and member of the Edenton Club, who has the distinction of leading the Rotary world this year in extension work. Mr. Holmes has six new clubs to his credit. Included in the guests were seven past district governors, all of whom in brief remarks praised Mr. Holmes for his splendid record as governor. The past governors included W. B. Kiker of Reidsville, Wade Marr of Elizabeth City, Hal Orr of Rocky Mount, Robert L. Madry of Chapel Hill, Irvin Morgan of Farmville, Maynard Fletcher and Edmund Harding of Washington.

The armory was attractively decorated for the occasion, with H. A. Campen, president of the Edenton club, officiating as toastmaster.

During the evening Mr. Holmes was presented a beautiful gold watch, the presentation being made by President Campen. Due to calling off the annual Rotary Assembly, at which time a gift is usually presented the outgoing governor, Irvin Morgan, on behalf of the district, presented Mr. and Mrs. Holmes a beautiful silver pitcher and tray, together with three \$100 war bonds. Both Mr. and Mrs. Holmes expressed their appreciation for the presents.

A delightful meal was served by members of the Dime Society of the Baptist Church, which added to the success of the party. The invocation was offered by the Rev. D. C. Crawford and singing was led by C. W. Overman, with Mrs. Wood Privott as the pianist.

Marvin Wilson made the address of welcome, while Wade Marr of Elizabeth City introduced Edmund Harding of Washington, N. C., who made the principal address. Mr. Harding, a past district governor and personal friend of Mr. Holmes, was up to his usual form and kept the crowd in a state of laughter throughout his remarks. The whole affair was termed by many of the Edenton Rotarians as the most delightful ever held by the Edenton club.

JOINT MEETING TONIGHT

Members of Town Council and the Board of Public Works are scheduled to hold a joint meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss financial matters pertaining to the town.

BOND RALLY AND AUCTION BOOSTS "E" BOND SALES \$26,675; QUOTA NOW IN SIGHT

County on Wednesday Morning Roughly Only \$15,000 Short of \$141,000 Quota; Chairmen Now Optimistic of Reaching Mark

Despite very inclement weather, Chowan County's war bond rally and auction was quite a success and gave a considerable boost to meeting the county's E bond quota in the Seventh War Loan.

Original plans were to hold the affair on Broad Street in front of the Bank of Edenton, but rain all afternoon and night made it necessary to move to the Armory at the last minute. Due to the rain, many people possibly thought the rally would be postponed and others no doubt did not fancy going out in the rain.

Miles Clark accompanied the Elizabeth City High School band as scheduled, but was unable to put on a show on Broad street as planned. Mr. Clark said Director Simmons had arranged quite a show, which would have been a treat for those who turned out. The rain, however, prevented the band from marching, but instead a concert was presented in the Armory prior to the auction sale and several numbers were played at intervals during the sale. Each number by the band was greeted by a round of applause by those who were present.

With a limited number of bidders

CASU Maintains An Undefeated Record In Service League

Navy Patrol Plane Base Downed Sunday Afternoon By Score of 12-5

VAN EMAN HOMERS

Team Plays Two Games Over Next Week-end Away From Home

But for a lucky seventh inning rally the CASU baseball team from the Edenton Naval Air Station had an up-hill fight Sunday afternoon in subsiding the Navy Patrol Plane Base from Elizabeth City. In the seventh inning CASU scored seven runs which came about by two costly errors by the visitors, coupled with timely bunching of hits by the local batters. Up until the seventh the visitors had more or less the upper hand, leading 5 to 4 when CASU went to bat. Edenton scored one run in the first inning and in the second the visitors scored a run. In their half of the third three more runs crossed the plate, while CASU scored one in the fourth and two in the fifth to tie the score at 4-4. In the seventh Patrol Plane Base again went into the lead by one run, and it was in their half that CASU went on a rampage to tally seven runs. Another run was shoved across the plate in the ninth, to make the final score 12 to 5.

Up until the seventh inning the visitors were far ahead in safe hits, but by the end of the game CASU made progress, so that during the entire game Patrol Plane Base had 12 safe bingles to 11 for CASU. Among CASU's hits was a terrific circuit clout by Van Eman, who was back in the lineup after a 15-day furlough. The slugger hit a sizzling drive between right and center field and chased over the route to home plate before the ball reached the infield. It was Van Eman's sixth home run for the season.

Though a very hot afternoon, Asmer went the entire route on the mound for CASU. Richards began on the receiving end, but was relieved early in the game by Moore. Lembo, star catcher, was not in the game due to being at his home in Brooklyn on leave.

The visitors used two pitchers, Buoze and Moon, with Mauney back of the plate.

Sunday's victory boosted league games won to seven, the local outfit leading the league standing with no defeats.

In all games played thus far, CASU has lost only two games, one early in the season to Jackson and Wednesday of last week to Harvey Point in a non-league game. To date the season's record of all games played is 15 victories and two losses.

Fans will not have an opportunity to witness any games over the coming week-end, for on Saturday CASU will play Williamston at Williamston and Sunday they will meet Consolidated Aircraft in Elizabeth City.

Commissioners Forced To Raise County's Tax Rate At Least 10 Or 15 Cents

Legion Officials



ROBERT L. PRATT



JOHN A. HOLMES

Robert L. Pratt, top, and John A. Holmes were honored at the North Carolina Department of the American Legion meeting in Raleigh Monday. Mr. Pratt was elected first vice commander and Mr. Holmes first district commander for a term of two years.

Robert L. Pratt And John A. Holmes Get High Legion Posts

Pratt Vice Commander And Holmes District Commander

Ed Bond Post of the American Legion was signally honored Monday in Raleigh when the North Carolina Department of the American Legion elected two Edenton Legionnaires to high offices. Robert L. Pratt was elected first vice president and John A. Holmes was elected district commander of the First District which takes in posts at Elizabeth City, Manteo, Hertford and Edenton.

The one-day session took the place of the annual three-day convention which was abandoned in compliance with ODT restrictions.

Victor R. Johnson of Pittsboro was elected department commander, succeeding George K. Snow.

Four members of Ed Bond Post attended the meeting Monday, including R. L. Pratt, T. C. Byrum, J. L. Chestnutt and Lloyd E. Griffin.

W. J. Taylor, Jr., Back From Aquatic School

W. J. Taylor, Jr. returned Sunday from Brevard, where he was sent by the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter to attend the annual American Red Cross Aquatic School.

The saying used to be "saved by the skin of his teeth," but now it's "saved by the shirt on his back."

The simple trick of keeping one's self afloat by capturing several cubic feet of air in a shirt is only one of the many ingenious methods of water safety learned at Camp Carolina by young Taylor.

There were 225 students trained under national authorities on not only water safety but also first aid and accident prevention. Many returned to their respective communities as qualified instructors to pass along their knowledge in free local Red Cross classes.

Increase Due to Building Teacherage at Chowan High

LONG MEETING

Construction of a New Jail Postponed During Fiscal Year

Chowan County's Commissioners put in a full day Monday, beginning a session at 10 o'clock in the morning and lasting until 6 o'clock, during which they juggled figures in an effort to hold down the county tax rate for the fiscal year 1945-46. At their regular monthly meeting earlier in the month, the general idea prevailed that the tax rate would have to be increased from 80 cents to \$1.00, but after paring here and there, the tentative budget calls for a boost of only 10 or 15 cents on the \$100 property valuation.

So well did the Commissioners manipulate anticipated expenditures and revenue that despite a few increases in salaries and other necessary expenditures, the rate for the usual operation of the county totaled 80 cents on the \$100 property valuation, the same as last year. What increase will be necessary comes about by building a teacherage at Chowan High School, which is estimated to require a 10 or 15 cent increase.

Earlier the Commissioners thought the rate would soar to at least \$1.00, but after delving into the financial status of the county, it was learned that there would be difficulty in raising funds with which to build a jail. This comes about by the borrowing power of the county being dependent upon the amount of indebtedness paid off during the year. For that reason the Commissioners decided to postpone the erection of a new jail during the next fiscal year. Thus, unless other expenses bob up before the next meeting, when the budget will be adopted, the rate for 1945-46 will be from 90 to 95 cents. The 80-cent rate was arrived at as follows:

Bond Fund50c
School Fund17c
Social Security Fund10c

The social security fund is the same as last year, while the bond fund last year was 56 cents. The reduction comes about due to this fund sharing in receiving intangible taxes, which were not received last year. This new source of revenue is established to be \$2,394.78. Then, too, bond payments are somewhat less than last year.

An increase in the school fund was necessary, going from 11 cents last year to 17 cents. This was caused in part by losing the greater part of the amount of intangible tax, which now goes into the bond fund. Last year \$2,500 was received from this source, while this year only \$446.50 is anticipated. Then, too, there will be no vocational funds received this year.

The total school fund budget calls for an appropriation of \$28,449.08, of which \$9,527.08 is for the county unit and \$18,922.00 for the Edenton administrative unit.

The general county, health and charity fund tops last year by \$2,370. This year's budget calls for expenditures of \$37,295, while last year's budget was \$34,925. There is no levy made for this fund, anticipated profits from the ABC store being calculated to take care of the amount set up in the budget.

In the general fund provision was made for a \$300 appropriation for the Panel Room Committee and \$30 per month as part salary for Onnie Charlton, colored home demonstration agent. The agent up until July was of no expense to the county, but some phase of Federal aid has been abandoned. The county's part of the salaries of county agent C. W. Overman was increased from \$135 to \$150 per month and Miss Rebecca Colwell's from \$85 to \$100. The county's portion of Miss Ernestine Jones' salary was also raised from \$50 to \$60 per month. Miss Eleanor Evans, employed by the Welfare Department will also receive an increase in salary from \$95 to \$100 per month. Sheriff J. A. Bunch will be allowed an extra \$25 per month for office help.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at eight o'clock in the Court House. All members are urged to attend and a special invitation is extended to visiting Masons to be present.