

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

# THE CHOWAN HERALD

A HOME NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

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

Volume XII.—Number 28.

Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, July 12, 1945.

\$1.50 Per Year.

## TOWN TAX RATE RAISED TO \$1.50

### Sgt. George I. Dail Accepts Position As Chief of Police; Assumes Duties August 1

Offered Job at Special Meeting of Town Council

SALARY \$250 MONTH

General Satisfaction Is Registered Over Acceptance

At a special meeting of Town Council held Thursday afternoon, the resignation of Chief of Police J. R. Tanner was accepted with regret, after which a successor claimed the attention of the Councilmen. Several members of the Board stated that they had talked to Sgt. George I. Dail of the State Highway Patrol and were of the opinion that he would be in a receptive mood.

Subsequently Sgt. Dail was called in and formally offered the position at a salary of \$250 per month. Mr. Dail said he greatly appreciated the honor, but that he would not be able to give a definite answer until the latter part of the week after he had discussed the matter with his superior on the Highway Patrol, as well as Mrs. Dail. On Saturday he informed Mayor Leroy Haskett that he had decided to accept the position and would send in his resignation to the Highway Patrol.

To say the least, Mayor Haskett and the Councilmen were delighted to learn that he had accepted and since his acceptance general approval and satisfaction has been heard from every direction. Had not Mr. Dail accepted, the Councilmen feel that a few headaches would have resulted, for it is generally known that two members of the police force were making strong bids for the opening, and a number of applications were on hand from other parts of the State. However, when Mr. Dail's acceptance was made known, members of the police force voiced entire satisfaction, so that he will assume his new duties with the assurance of respect and cooperation on the part of every patrolman in the department.

Many prominent citizens have called upon Mr. Dail in order to congratulate him upon accepting the chief of police job, and he will go in office with the approval of the citizens in general. He will assume his new duties on August 1 but, of course, he will be in Edenton right much of the time until then, so that in the meantime he will be making observations and considering plans for the efficient operation of the department.

Sgt. Dail has been a member of the Highway Patrol since 1931, a period of 14 years. He was sent to Edenton in September, 1931, and in 1945 was stationed in Greensboro for a short time, after which he was sent back to Edenton, where he has remained. At present he is in charge of Troop A of Division 2, including the nine counties of the Albemarle. He is 42 years old and was born in Beaufort County.

Chief of Police Tanner, who is scheduled to leave about July 15 to become chief of police in Greenville, also voiced his delight that Sgt. Dail accepted the position, saying that if he had accomplished anything worthwhile during his two years as chief of police, he knows of no person to whom he would rather turn over the duties than Mr. Dail.

### Eleven White Men Sent To Fort Bragg

Eleven white men from Chowan County were sent to Fort Bragg Thursday of last week to receive their pre-induction examination. Reports were to the effect that all but three passed the examination.

Those in the group were: Haywood Washington Jones, Clyde Raymond Hollowell, James Edward Byrum, Lonnie Raymond Harrell, aster Ray Lane, Hubert A. J. um, Louis Edward Bunch, Frank null, Carlton Phillips Layden, cha Grady Bennett and Harry Lee Spruill.

### COZZENS LEASE RENEWED

With the lease shortly to expire on the W. I. Cozzens building, which houses the Police Department, Town Councilmen on Monday night renewed the lease for a period of two years.

### First Class

Postmaster C. E. Kramer was this week notified by the Post Office Department that, effective July 1, the Edenton Post Office was listed as a first class office. This is the first time in the history of the office that it has been higher than second class. The higher rating resulted due to the increase in stamp sales, which during the last fiscal year jumped to over \$42,000. Postmaster Kramer early this week had no further information regarding the change other than that the Edenton office had been advanced to first class.

### Committee Urges Flood Lights Put Up On Hicks Field

W. J. Daniels Spokesman on Behalf of Young People

Appearing before Town Council Monday night was a committee representing the Lions and Rotary clubs, Masons and Red Men asking that the town install floodlights on Hicks Field for the purpose of playing soft ball at night, or for any other purpose of a recreational nature. The committee was composed of W. J. Daniels, Kenneth Floors, Raleigh Hollowell, Frank Hughes and Clayton Hollowell.

Mr. Daniels was spokesman for the group, stating that the lights had been purchased several years ago by the four organizations and are now stored away. He stressed the fact that the lights would provide a means for recreation for the younger group of people who now have very few places to spend spare time at night, and if the lights were installed, many would take advantage of the opportunity to play at night.

The Councilmen were in sympathy with the request and will recommend to the Electric & Water Department that the poles be put in place and the lights installed.

### Improving Dock Claims Attention Town Councilmen

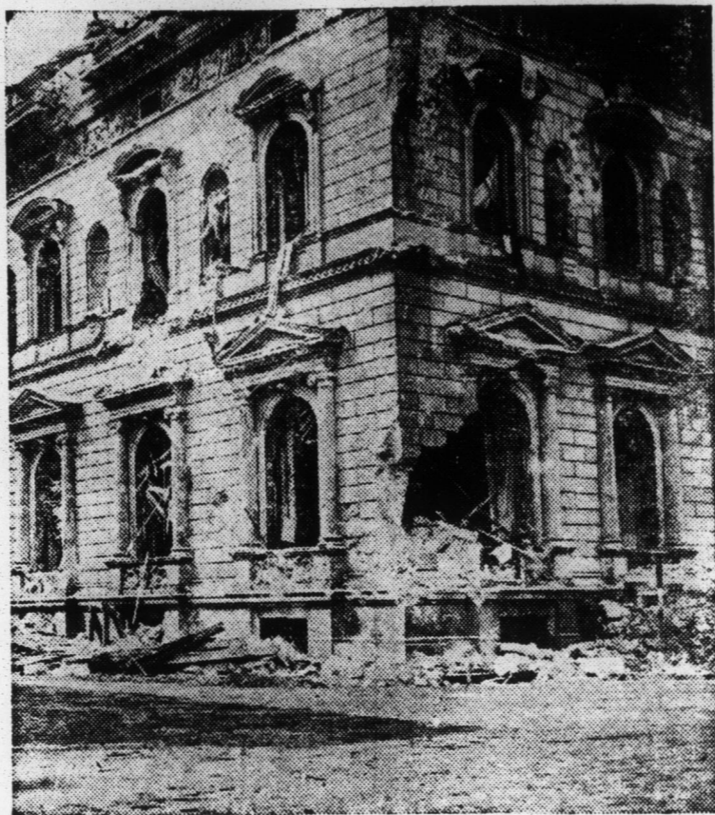
Idea Is to Provide More Room For Boats in Harbor

Town Councilmen on Monday night again considered the possibility of dredging and improving the harbor at the county dock in order to provide more room for boats coming into the harbor. The idea advanced was to drive piling along the bulkhead beside and in front of the town lot back of the power plant and dredge so that boats could tie up in any part of the area. The suggestion was also advanced that a boardwalk be built near the warehouse on the west side of the harbor to enable people whose boats are tied up at the outer edge to walk to shore.

Councilmen W. J. Yates and J. Edwin Bufflap were instructed to make an investigation as to the cost of the project and if and when the work can be done.

### Advance Detail Of Co. 26, State Guard Now At Fort Bragg

Captain Marvin Wilson and a detail of five members of Company 26, State Guard, left Edenton early Tuesday morning for Fort Bragg to make arrangements for the arrival of some 25 members of the local outfit, who will leave Friday for annual camp.



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations. WHERE HITLER LIVED IN WILHELMSTRASSE—Remains of the Borsig Palace in Berlin as it looked after the German surrender. It is said to have been one of Hitler's residences in the reich capital.

### Councilmen Hear Complaint About Sanitary Condition

Horse Stable and House Without Sewerage Criticized

Town Councilmen at their meeting Monday night heard a complaint relative to sanitary conditions on the lot back of the property of Raymond Williams. The target for complaint was the charge that a horse stable is located on the lot, as well as a dwelling house without toilet facilities.

Dr. W. P. Jordan, county health officer, was present at the meeting at the request of Mayor Haskett, and while he is familiar with the situation, he said he would make further investigation.

Complaints made were that the odor from the horse stable was undesirable in the neighborhood and that recently flies have greatly multiplied.

### THREATENING WEATHER FAILS TO DAMPEN INTEREST IN INSTALLING OFFICERS FOR ED BOND POST, NO. 40, AND AUXILIARY

Barbecue Chicken Served in Panel Room Instead Of On Court House Green; R. L. McMillan In Charge of Installation

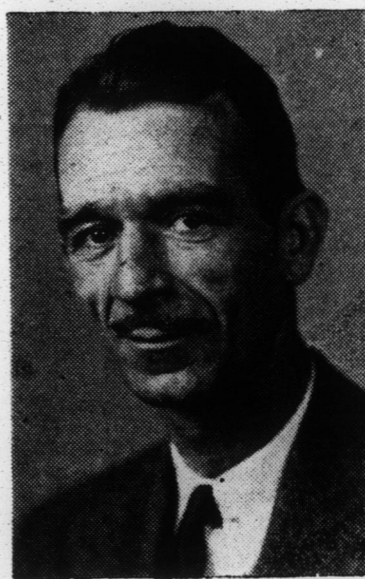
Inclement weather failed to reduce the crowd or dampen the enthusiasm for the ceremony attending the installation of officers for Ed Bond Post, No. 40 and the Legion Auxiliary Tuesday night. As a highlight of the affair, a barbecue chicken dinner was scheduled to be served on the Court House Green, but with rain falling late in the afternoon and threatening clouds overhead near the time for the meal, it was decided to serve the chicken in the panel room of the Court House, which was crowded with Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and quite a few guests, including some of the personnel at the Edenton Naval Air Station and several Chowan County boys who have returned from overseas.

Plenty of barbecue chicken was on hand which was prepared to perfection under the direction of William S. Elliott. Together with a generous helping of chicken, went the trimmings, including sliced tomatoes, slaw, corn bread and rolls and iced tea. Prior to serving the dinner quite a few took advantage of visiting the Masonic lodge room, where a brief lecture was delivered by E. W. Spires pertaining to the history of the George Washington chair, as well as the old lodge.

When all had the inner man satisfied the crowd adjourned to the court room, where the installation ceremony was conducted by R. L. McMillan of Raleigh, past department commander and a former national vice commander.

### Councilmen Also Decide To Take Steps To Pave All Dirt Streets In Edenton

Rotary President



MARVIN P. WILSON At last week's meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club, Marvin Wilson was installed president for the ensuing year, succeeding H. A. Campen.

### Local Boy Scouts Return From Camp

17 Boys Spend Profitable Week at Darden Reservation

Seventeen happy Edenton Boy Scouts and an equally happy Scoutmaster, C. W. Overman, returned Sunday from Darden Reservation near Franklin, Va., where they spent a week in camp. Mr. Overman was high in praise of the boys, as well as the camp, saying it was far superior to any year he attended. The food was very good, the management was splendid and he said the boys were very orderly and easily managed.

The local group won camp inspection one day and tied for honors on another day. During the week Scoutmaster Overman said 27 of the boys met second and first class requirements and five qualified for merit badges. Four boys also completed the Gold Nugget Trail, which covers first aid, swimming, rowing, climbing, an obstacle course, a compass and nature course. These four boys are Jack and Frank Habit, Bobby Byrum and Calvin Mills.

In the group returning from Darden Reservation were Jack Habit, Frank Habit, Calvin Mills, Bobby Byrum, Keith Emminger, Frank Williams, McKay Phthisic, Charles Lee Overman, John Goodwin, John Ward, Philip McMullan, Milton Flynn, Jimmy Earnhardt, Hector Lupton, Jr. and Stanford Spruill of Troop 156, and Douglas Allen and Eddie Tanner from Troop 170.

### Draft Board Changes Hour Of Meetings

During July, August and September the Chowan County Draft Board will change the time of meetings. These meetings will be held at 10 o'clock Wednesday mornings instead of 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon as previously.

### VERNON BARROW HOME

Vernon Barrow, USNR, a former employee of The Herald, is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barrow. Young Barrow, who has been stationed on a troop transport, has made some 20 trips across the ocean and has been to many parts of the world. He expects to be transferred to another ship at the conclusion of his leave.

### TWO FIRES IN JUNE

Fire Chief R. K. Hall reported to Town Council Monday night that firemen were called out only twice during the month of June. Both were minor fires with practically no damage resulting

### Special Election to Be Called to Vote on Bond Issue

5% PAY BOOST

Budget Calls For Expenditure of About \$79,125

Remaining in session until after midnight Monday, Town Councilmen seriously considered various appropriations, juggled figures and before adjourning were faced with the necessity of raising the town tax rate 35 points on the \$100 property valuation, so that tentative figures place the tax rate for 1945-46 at \$1.50, as compared with a rate last year of \$1.15.

A slight increase was registered on most of the anticipated expenditures, but contributing very largely to the 35-cent boost was the purchase of a new fire engine and a pick-up street sweeper. The cost of the fire engine is approximately \$6,000, while the street sweeper involves an expenditure of approximately \$4,000.

The proposed budget was prepared by W. M. Wilkins and J. P. Partin, members of the Finance Committee, and so well was it set up that after each item was considered separately with a view of shaving wherever possible, only about \$340 was clipped from the original figures.

The entire budget calls for the expenditure of approximately \$79,125, which is divided as follows: Fire Department, \$13,117; Health Department, \$750; Street Department, \$35,561; Police Department, \$15,635; Administrative, \$4,562; other expenses, \$10,250.

Anticipated revenue during the year amounts to approximately \$23,850, leaving \$55,275 to be raised by taxation. The rate is based on a property valuation of \$3,700,000, which will require a levy of \$1.50 to raise the \$55,275.

In the budget provision was made to increase the salaries of all town employees five per cent, which amounts to \$1,756.40.

In other expenses an appropriation of \$850 was provided for the Boy Scouts, \$480 for the two libraries, \$300 to the State Guard and a \$600 appropriation for the employment of a year round recreation director.

Two projects were presented during the meeting, one being the paving of all dirt streets in town, including the cotton mill and North Edenton and piping all open ditches. It was hoped to be able to do some of this work under the budget, but when it was learned that the rate would be raised otherwise, the idea to pave the streets by this method was abandoned. However, quite a discussion developed relative to the importance of doing something now regarding improvement of streets. While there was some objection registered to attempt to do anything at this particular time, a motion was made and passed to secure the services of an engineer to figure the cost and prepare plans for paving all streets, including valley gutters and piping all ditches, and when (Continued on Page Six)

### J. P. Partin Installed President Of Lions

Other Officers Also Installed at Meeting Last Week

At last week's meeting of the Edenton Lions Club J. P. Partin was installed as president, succeeding W. E. Malone. Other officers installed were Edmund Schwarze, J. A. Curran and M. A. Hughes, vice presidents; John Mitchener, tail twister; Nathan Dail, Lion tamer; Oscar Duncan and G. M. Byrum, new directors; W. J. Daniels, song leader and Earl Harrell, pianist.

President Partin expressed appreciation for the honor and confidence placed in him by electing him president, and appealed to the entire membership for cooperation during his term of office.

(Continued on Page Six)