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County School Board Hits Snag In Beginning Work On Chowan High Teacherage

Purchase of Land For Building Causes Misunderstanding

CHAIRMAN ILL

Another Meeting Called For Today to Iron Out Matters

More or less of a snag was encountered in connection with the erection of a teacherage at Chowan High School at Monday's meeting of the County Commissioners, when there developed more or less of a misunderstanding relative to the purchase of land adjacent to the school on which the teacherage is proposed to be built.

Members of the Chowan County School Board appeared before the Commissioners in the interest of a definite commitment as to how the money is to be secured to build the teacherage, saying that this information is necessary before any contract can be let. T. Wallace Jones, spokesman for the School Board, also stated that no action had been taken relative to the purchase of land and that in reality if a contract was let, the present status is that there was no site secured upon which to build the teacherage.

The Board of Education says a space 350x400 feet is necessary to build the teacherage, but the price of this much land, approximately four acres, is \$5,000, while the entire tract of Savage land adjoining the school can be purchased for \$6,000. This situation arises due to the fact that the portion to be used by the school would, it is claimed, greatly diminish the value of the remainder of the plot. Mr. Jones argued in or of the Commissioners authorizing the purchase of the entire piece of ground and then selling the portion not needed, which he claimed would bring in enough to reduce the county's investment in land far below the \$5,000 asked for the necessary amount. However, the opinion of the Commissioners was that the county should not go into the real estate business and that when the county owns land and wants to sell, for some mysterious reason, the value suddenly drops. The sale of some of the abandoned school houses and the ground going with them throughout the county was cited as examples.

The Commissioners at a previous meeting agreed to authorize the expenditure of \$38,000 for a teacherage, which includes all the cost, together with the land, this figure being arrived at after an earlier estimate was made of \$20,000. However, prices submitted will boost the cost of the teacherage above \$38,000 if the entire plot is purchased, and even if \$5,000 is paid for the necessary land, which fact caused more or less of an impasse at Monday's meeting. The Board of Education stressed the fact that the land is necessary before any building can be started and that work should be begun as soon as possible if the teacherage is to be of any benefit for even part of the approaching school term. On the other hand, the Commissioners maintained that they agreed to authorize the expenditure of \$38,000 and that the School Board should keep the cost of the teacherage within that figure.

Adding to the complicated situation was the absence from the meeting of West Byrum, chairman of the County Commissioners, who was confined to his home on orders of his physician. However, it was expected that Mr. Byrum will have recovered from his illness sufficiently to permit him to attend a meeting this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Court House, when the matter will be ironed out. Mr. Byrum, as chairman of the Board, is better acquainted than other members of his Board as to the method of raising the necessary funds to erect the teacherage, so that it is expected that matters will be straightened out at today's meeting. In the absence of Mr. Byrum, E. N. Elliott presided over the meeting of the County Commissioners.

WELFARE REPORT

Ninety-four persons in Chowan County received old age assistance during the month of July, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, superintendent of public welfare, reporting that \$1,326 was distributed. During the month \$404 was distributed among 13 cases of aid to dependent children and six blind cases received \$129. Mrs. McMullan's report also included many of the other activities of her department.

Officials Of Army See Many Problems Before Jap Defeat

Logistics An Important Phase of War In Pacific

An army task force, comprised of four overseas veterans, outlined to newspaper editors, at a meeting held at Rocky Mount Sunday, the problems facing the United States in writing the end to the war with Japan.

The old bottleneck, logistics, which held up for two and one half years the show down battles with the Germans is again showing up in the plans drawn to defeat Japan. Logistics, as explained by Colonel Cyril Bassich, veteran of the North African and Italian campaigns, one of the speakers on the program, is the art of getting the right number of men with the right amount of materials at the right place at the right time. Colonel Bassich outlined the tremendous problem facing the army in supplying the vast numbers of troops in the Pacific. He stated that by next year the Army will have more men fighting the Japs in the Pacific than were used in the European war. Service personnel are now being re-deployed to areas to set up huge warehousing spaces needed for the mountains of supplies to be shipped to the Pacific for the use of our army. In this matter the United States must prepare these areas from scratch. Unlike in Europe, where England was used as an anchor for one end of a conveyor belt and where huge supplies were stored up for the fight against the Nazis, there is now no such area in the Pacific and even though the Philippines no doubt will be used largely for this purpose, these islands are still 1,500 miles from Japan and supplies must be carried over the distance, which will require time and much of it, in keeping troops supplied.

The Army expects to cut back orders on certain types of war materials but on the other hand, orders have already been increased on many others. One such item increased is cotton shirts. The army estimated the need for five million of these for the next year, but this order has been increased to 15 million. War production of medium tanks, jeeps and other items will be cut down but other steel items such as ducks, used

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Hybrid Corn Crop In Chowan Holding Up Under Rains

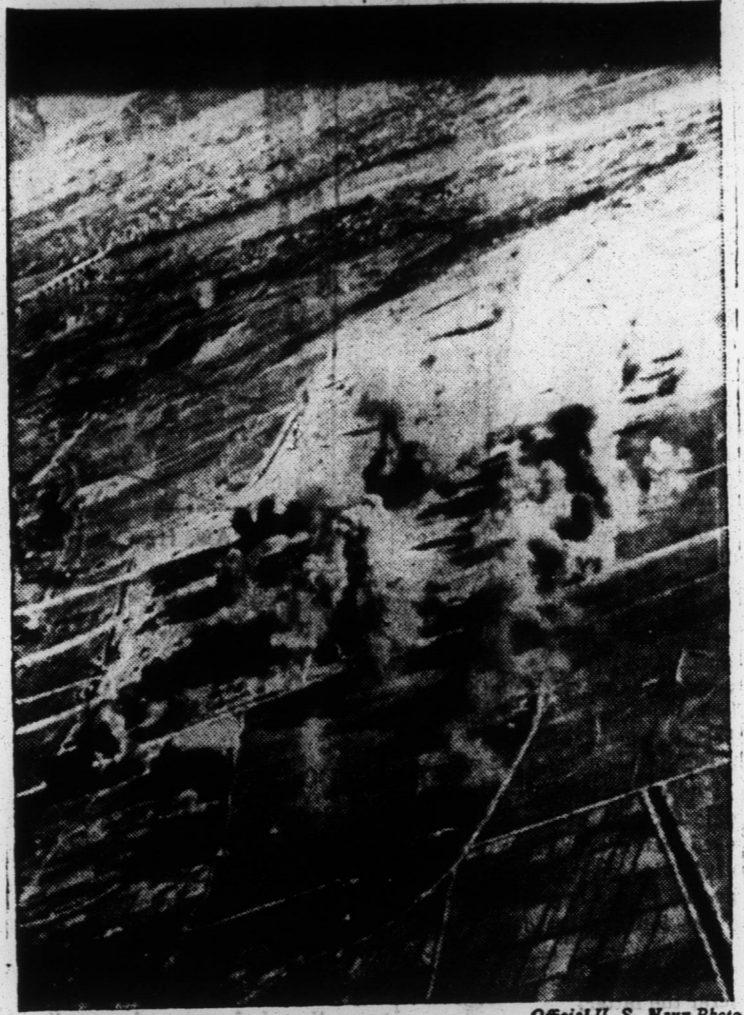
Peanut Dusting Handicapped By Constant Downpours

Hybrid corn demonstrations in Chowan County appear to be withstanding the wet weather very well, according to C. W. Overman, county agent. "Late corn is damaged considerably by the wet weather," says Mr. Overman, "most of the damage occurring where the supply of nitrogenous fertilizers was limited to 200 pounds of nitrate of soda or less per acre. Heavy and constant rains last week have continued to handicap sulphur dusting of peanuts, according to Mr. Overman, who reports that six of the 16 4-H Club boys using the small portable dusting machine have been unable to make a second application.

Methodists Begin An Attendance Contest Beginning last Sunday, an attendance contest was begun in the Methodist Church School, with John A. Holmes' class accepting a challenge by the Young People's class taught by Mrs. R. M. Johnston.

At the close of the contest the winners will be guests of the losers at a picnic. Mr. Holmes' class led the young people the first Sunday, and much interest has been aroused in the school.

Jap Airfield Blasted



Smoke and bursting bombs cover installations at Hiyasaki airfield, Kyushu Island, as Pacific fleet carrier-based planes smother it with bombs. You can help in building the ever-increasing power needed to blast the Japs out of the war with continued purchases of War Bonds.

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Lack Of Quorum Halts Appointment ABC Board Member

Another Joint Meeting Called For Thursday Afternoon

Because the Chowan County Board of Education and Board of Health failed to have a quorum at a meeting called Monday afternoon with the County Commissioners, no appointment was made to the Chowan County ABC Board. The term of John F. White on the ABC Board terminated August 1, so that he was not reappointed nor was a successor named, the law requiring that a quorum of each three boards must be present to appoint members to the ABC Board.

Mr. White has applied for reappointment, and Richard F. Elliott also has an application for the appointment. A joint meeting of the three boards was subsequently called for today (Thursday) at 2 o'clock in the Court House, at which time it is hoped that each group will have a quorum so that the appointment can be made.

Office Hours Changed At Health Department For Health Certificates

The local Health Department desires to inform the public of a change in office hours for immunization and blood tests for health certificates. The new hours will be Friday from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., and on Saturday from 9 to 12 A. M.

Anyone employing colored girls should demand a health certificate from the employee within a very few days or preferably before employment, according to the Health Department.

The department also wishes the public to know that it will be glad to furnish any desired information before girls begin work, if they are called.

TRAINING FOR HEAVY CRUISER

Linford C. Pierce, 29, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pierce of Winfall, N. C., is at the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., preparing for duty aboard a new heavy cruiser, the USS Fall River. Pierce, who entered the Navy in May, 1942, has already seen sea duty.

His wife, the former Pearlle Hudson, and their two children, Linford and Judy, live at 305 East Queen Street, Edenton.

TAX COLLECTIONS Tax collections reported by Sheriff J. A. Bunch during July amounted to \$4,735.09, of which amount \$179.49 was for 1944 taxes, and the remainder, \$4,555.60, prepayments for 1945 taxes.

Lt.-Col. Hugh Hines Commands 1135th Engineers In Europe

Rugged Outfit Bridged Eleven Major Rivers In Europe

Lieut. Col. Hugh B. Hines, grandson of Mrs. N. J. Hollowell and nephew of Mrs. Hector Lupton, now commands the 1135th Engineer Combat Group, which is part of the crack XII corps in Europe.

The 1135 Engineer Group, activated May 14, 1943, carried out assault bridging operations over 11 major rivers in France, Luxembourg and Germany. Three of the largest—the second crossing of the Moselle, and the Rhine and the Main—were carried out in 14 days. The last great river bridged by the group was the Danube.

Operating exclusively with the spearheading XII Corps, the 1135th has built over 300 bridges for a total combined length of approximately five miles of bridging. It was the 1135th which first bridged the Moselle, the Sarre and carried out the first assault crossing in history of the Rhine River at Oppenheim, March 22nd.

Colonel Hines was the first officer assigned to the group, and has served as executive officer during most of its campaigns. During the crossing of the Sauer and Our rivers into the heart of the Siegfried Line—the most difficult single feat the Engineers ever had—Colonel Hines was in command.

Pfc. James M. Holley Competes In Army Track Meet In London

Private First Class James M. Holley, of 130 East Freemason Street, was one of the seven 40-man teams representing the major commands of the United States Army's Communications Zone in the European Theater of Operations taking part in the track and field championships held in London recently. The contestants hailed from Com Z supply bases in France, Belgium, Germany and England.

Pfc. Holley represented the Oise Intermediate Section, France, in the 880 metre run. The meet was won by the Oise Intermediate Section, a supply base in France.

TOBACCO BARNS BURN

Edenton's Fire Department answered a call to the farm of William E. Bond on the Suffolk highway Saturday afternoon when a tobacco barn caught fire. The firemen arrived too late to be of any assistance, the barn and contents being a total loss. J. B. Webb the week before also had the misfortune to lose two tobacco barns by fire.

Eye Examination Clinic Is Scheduled To Be Held In Edenton School August 15

County Agents Of District Discuss Pasture Program

Plan Demonstrations on Few Farms In Each County

County agents of the Northeastern Extension District met at Windsor on Friday to prepare plans for a pasture improvement program. Specialists from the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station had previously prepared a unique pasture improvement program which they presented and discussed with the county agents.

The plan calls for the county agents establishing a small number of good pasture demonstrations on a few farms in each county.

Pasture is not only a source of food materials but a good pasture provides a very large supply of vitamins and minerals which are very essential in the proper growth and production of livestock. Many farms have considerable more livestock than they have adequate pasture for and very few farms have good pastures. The purpose of this program is to plan with the farmer adequate pasture and feed production to meet the needs of the livestock to be kept on the farm. A pasture properly fertilized and seeded to adapted seed mixtures will graze considerably more livestock per acre than the average pasture at present.

The corn production program staged by the Extension Service and the Department of Agriculture, assisted by a good growing season, is showing great progress toward an increased corn yield. It is hoped that a concentrated pasture program will likewise result in a considerable increase in pastures and also a great increase of good pastures.

The pasture program is starting with fall sowings which should be made after September 1. Farmers should begin at once to prepare their land that is to be seeded to pasture. They should make arrangements to obtain the seed to be used and obtain the necessary fertilizer to go on the land.

Jurors Chosen For September Court

Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh Scheduled To Preside

In preparation for the September term of Superior Court, Chowan Commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday picked 36 names from the jury box, who will be summoned as jurors.

The list includes the following: E. J. Goodwin, William Jethro, C. H. Barber, T. A. Berryman, J. C. Lane, George C. Wood, Thomas J. Hoskins, W. Jennings Bunch, W. L. Hardison, J. H. Thigpen, D. H. Berryman, Hoskins Bass, George S. Harrell, W. H. Dail, J. Louis Harrell, A. E. Layden, Elsworth Blanchard, Fernor Ward, D. R. Baker, J. Frank Ward, Henry Brabble, C. W. Perry, J. B. Ward, Alma Harrell, J. L. Bass, W. B. Shepard, W. W. Harrell, E. L. Brinkley, Vandy Nixon, W. R. Eason, M. L. Bateman, Eric Jones, M. M. Perry, C. M. Evans, Frank V. White and J. T. Parrish.

The term of court will convene Monday, September 10, with Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh, scheduled to preside.

J. H. McMullan Honored By New York Life Co.

J. H. McMullan was signally honored this week by The New York Life Insurance Company when he was presented a beautiful leather-bound rate book on which was inscribed in gold letters: "Awarded to John H. McMullan for an outstanding record Centennial Day, April 12, 1945."

Among the second year organization leaders in the states of Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida, Mr. McMullan ranked eighth in new business written in April and had jumped to second place in June.

Three Local Groups Are Helping Those Unable to Pay

MUST BE CERTIFIED

Patients Must Report Not Later Than 12:30 In Morning

An eye examination clinic will be held on Wednesday, August 15, in the auditorium of the Edenton Graded School on Court Street for the purpose of providing eye examinations for all persons in Chowan County who need eye examinations and who are not financially able to employ the services of an ophthalmologist.

The Chowan County Department of Public Welfare, the Chowan Health Department and the Edenton Lions Club will sponsor the clinic. The North Carolina State Commission for the Blind will provide the professional services of an ophthalmologist and medical social worker. All persons in Chowan County who wish to attend this clinic should visit the County Welfare Department before August 15 to be certified for admission to the clinic.

Single vision lenses or children's glasses will cost \$5.00. Cost of bifocal glasses will be \$7.00. These glasses will be delivered to the Chowan County Department of Public Welfare and must be paid for by persons receiving them. Those persons who are unable to pay for their glasses should make application to the Edenton Lions Club for financial assistance. It has been the practice of the Lions Club for a good many years to buy a limited number of glasses for persons unable to pay for them.

Those attending the clinic are asked to report between 9 and 11:30 A. M., and no patients will be accepted after 12:30 A. M.

Sgt. Joseph Parks Being Redeployed Directly To Pacific

Edenton Boy In Sixteen Months Continuous Combat In ETO

Staff Sergeant Joseph C. Parks, with a P-47 Thunderbolt group in the European assembly area, is now being processed at Camp Detroit in the assembly area command as a member of a fighter squadron in a veteran P-47 Thunderbolt Group being redeployed directly to the Pacific area.

Sgt. Parks is a crew chief with the group, which in 16 months has been in continuous combat in the European Theater of Operations. During this period, fighters of the unit participated in the air offensive over Europe and since the invasion cooperated with ground troops in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, in five major campaigns. The group wrought maximum destruction on enemy communications and fortified positions, meriting numerous commendations from units with which it cooperated. His squadron has been twice cited by the War Department as a Distinguished Unit. The squadron received its first citation for cooperation with ground forces in repulsing a strong enemy attack in the vicinity of Aachen, Germany, on October 15, 1944. A cluster was awarded for their extraordinary heroism while assisting 9th Army troops on December 6, 1944, in the capture of Julich, Germany.

Sgt. Parks is the son of Mrs. Lillie B. Parks, 806 Johnson street. He has been overseas 16 months and is authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Good Conduct Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and ETO Ribbon with six campaign stars.

FIRE TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Edenton's firemen were called out Tuesday afternoon when a fire was reported at 111 East Gale street. It is supposed children in the home set fire to the curtains in one of the rooms by playing with matches. The firemen were promptly on the scene, so that very little damage was done.