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Engineer Working On Project To Pave Local Dirt Streets

A. C. Linberg of Burlington Making Preliminary Survey

DITCHES CLOSED
Estimate of Cost Will Be Presented at Next Council Meeting

A. C. Linberg, consulting engineer of The Linberg Engineers of Burlington, N. C., arrived in Edenton Thursday of last week in connection with the proposed project of paving the remainder of the dirt streets in Edenton and piping open ditches now in town.

Mr. Linberg came to Edenton at the request of W. J. Yates and J. Edwin Buflap, who were appointed at a recent meeting of Town Council to secure an estimate of the cost involved in the improvements in anticipation of calling a special election to float bonds to do the work.

Mr. Linberg has secured data pertaining to the proposed work and returned to Burlington Tuesday, where he will complete a preliminary survey and plans to attend the next meeting of Town Council to present the estimated cost and explain in detail the work as planned.

The proposed project calls for placing hard surface material on Oakum street through to Highway 17, as well as all side streets, taking in Granville street through to Route 32. Streets in the cotton mill village are also included in the project, as well as curbs and gutters on all streets paved.

James E. Wood One of Vice Presidents of Peanut Council

Meeting of Group Held Session in Raleigh Last Week

At a meeting of the board of directors of the National Peanut Council held in Raleigh Thursday, James E. Wood was elected one of the three vice presidents.

Growers and shellers from the Virginia-Carolina section, representatives from the colleges in the peanut states and others interested in the peanut industry were guests of the Council.

Representatives from all segments of the industry were asked to express their views on the crop, on government policies and on the civilian trade outlook. Those from the Virginia-Carolina belt reported that the crop was damaged about 25% due to unseasonal rainfalls.

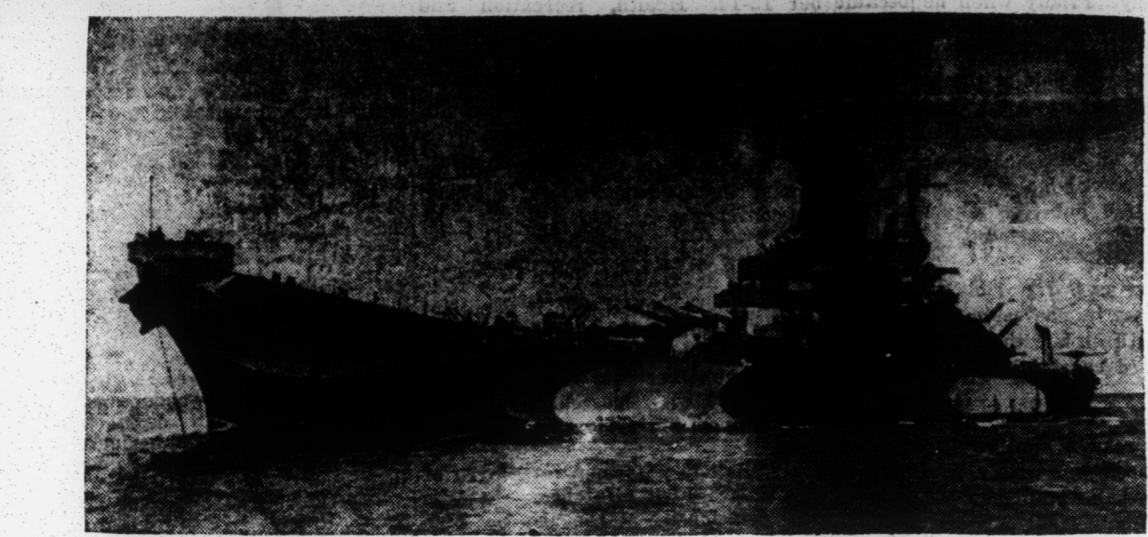
COMDR. BERT H. CREIGHTON SUCCEEDS COMDR. T. J. ROBERTSON AS COMMANDING OFFICER AT EDENTON NAVAL AIR STATION

Change of Command Takes Place Friday Afternoon at Base With Impressive Ceremony; Robertson Returns to His Home

In an impressive ceremony at the Edenton Naval Air Station Friday afternoon Comdr. Bert H. Creighton became commanding officer, succeeding Comdr. Thomas J. Robertson, who was relieved of command and has gone back to his home in Columbia, S. C., to resume his banking duties.

Comdr. Robertson has been commanding officer of the base since March 1 of this year, when it was officially taken over by the Navy from the U. S. Marine Corps. He has been very popular among base personnel, as well as civilians and in leaving, said he experienced sadness and joy, because of the realization that the calamity which had thrown so many strangers together, has been successfully terminated.

A large group of Sailors and Waves were lined up in front of the Administration Building for the ceremony and when the colors were presented and leading officers made an inspection of the men and women, Comdr. Robertson stepped to the microphone and after reading the orders, made his farewell address.



The United States Navy's mighty 45,000-ton battleship, the USS Missouri, will end her World War II career in a blaze of glory on September 2 in Tokyo Bay, when she serves as the scene of the historic unconditional surrender of Japan to the United Nations. Proudly bearing the name of the home state of President Harry S. Truman, the fighting USS Missouri has been named by General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, as the locale of the formal ending of the war in the Pacific. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, will sign for the United States, General of the Army, MacArthur, for the Allied forces which fought in the Pacific. The USS Missouri was launched January 29, 1944. Construction was ordered June 12, 1940. Her keel was laid on January 6, 1941, at the New York Navy Yard.—Official U. S. Navy photograph.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ARRANGES MEETING WITH TELEPHONE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS

Organization Handicapped By Lack of Materials As Well as Inexperienced Operators; Promise To Do Best To Give Better Service

At the request of the Chamber of Commerce, a conference was held Tuesday afternoon in the Municipal Building with officials of the North Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company relative to improving the local telephone service. The officials who met with a group of telephone customers were L. S. Blades, Jr., president; Camden Blades, executive vice president; and J. Evans Blades, secretary-treasurer.

At the outset, L. S. Blades stated that the three brothers appreciated the fact that they were called to discuss telephone conditions in Edenton and frankly admitted that they knew conditions were far from what they would like. However, he presented the telephone company's side of the problem which had to do with inability to secure materials to remedy the service, as well as turn-over of labor which led to inexperienced and untrained help.

Hunters And Fishermen Will Meet Friday Night

Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Court House a meeting has been scheduled at which it is hoped many of the county's hunters and fishermen will be present. The purpose of the meeting, which was called by David Holton, temporary chairman, is to consider formation of a club having for its purpose the sponsoring of more game, fish and wildlife.

Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Inc., is scheduled to be present at the meeting for the purpose of explaining plans and purposes of the State-wide organization.

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"It is with mixed feelings of sadness and joy that I take my leave today," he said, "sadness because I am leaving behind many cherished friendships. Joy, because, with the realization that the calamity which has thrown us together has been successfully terminated, I can now go back home and take up my ordinary way of life.

"It is truly difficult for me to express in words my sincere thanks to all of you who have assisted me in making this station a liveable military activity. It has ever been my desire, as your Commanding Officer, to handle matters of the station with understanding and justice. I sincerely trust that I have carried out this desire as well as could be expected of a human being. There is no doubt in my mind that I have been remiss in acknowledging appreciation to you who have fulfilled the tasks assigned to you with such merit—but although I have not expressed my gratitude in words, I can assure you that I have always sensed a glow of pride and pleasure.

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C. J. Wiggins Loses Life By Drowning While At Nags Head

Tragedy Occurs While Party Was Enjoying Week's Vacation

For the second time this summer tragedy by drowning saddened an Edenton family, when C. Jesse Wiggins drowned at Nags Head Wednesday of last week shortly after noon. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins, together with Mr. and Mrs. John F. White and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White were spending the week at Graham Byrum's cottage at Kitty Hawk.

Mr. Wiggins, together with some of the ladies, went bathing and when the latter decided to go to the cottage, Mr. Wiggins remained to swim a while longer. Very shortly afterward he was heard calling for help and was seen struggling in the rough water a short distance from shore. C. T. Griffin, who is spending the summer at Nags Head, happened to hear Mr. Wiggins and immediately grabbed an inner tube on shore, waded as far out as he could and then threw it toward the struggling man. Mr. Wiggins, according to reports, grabbed for the inner tube, but missed it by about a foot and then went under the water, not to be seen again until the dead body was washed toward shore. Coast Guardsmen were soon at the scene and though artificial respiration was resorted to, there was no sign of life remaining.

60 War Prisoners Available For Use To Harvest Peanuts

Those Needing Help Requested to Meet at Court House Friday

According to County Agent C. W. Overman, there will be 60 prisoners of war for use in the peanut harvest in Chowan County after September 15.

Mr. Overman is asking that all peanut growers in Chowan County who will need prisoners of war this fall to meet at the Court House in Edenton on Friday morning, August 31, at 10 o'clock. At this meeting definite plans for using the prisoners will be made, states Mr. Overman.

At the present time there are 20 prisoners of war available to Chowan County farmers for general farm work. These workers for the present have to be hauled from and to the Ahoskie camp by the farmer. The wage rate is 30 cents per hour or \$3.00 per 10-hour day. Any farmers interested in using prisoners of war for any general farm work should contact C. W. Overman, County Farm Agent.

Job-Jumping For Men In 18 To 25 Year Group Is Still Under Control

Despite the release of manpower control by other government agencies, young men between 18 and 25 years of age are subject to the same provisions that prevailed before the Japanese surrender.

This information was released by the local Draft Board Tuesday in an effort to prevent job jumping. A statement received by the Draft Board from Selective Service headquarters states that registrants in the 18-25 age group are still subject to provisions of section 622.22-2, and if they leave employment for which they have been deferred without a favorable determination from their local boards, they will be placed in a class available for service in the armed forces.

Dr. L. P. Williams On Medical Society Cancer Committee

Group Includes Physician From Each Congressional District

Dr. L. P. Williams has been appointed as a member of the cancer committee of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, the committee being composed of one physician from each of the 12 Congressional districts in the State. Dr. Ivan M. Proctor of Raleigh is chairman of the committee.

In accordance with an act passed by the 1945 General Assembly, the cancer committee of the State Medical Society will consult with the North Carolina State Board of Health regarding the development of a cancer control program for North Carolina.

Members of the cancer committee will also serve on the executive committee of the North Carolina Division of the Field Army of the American Cancer Society. Mrs. George E. Marshall, of Mount Airy, is State commander of the Field Army.

All Edenton Stores Closed Labor Day

All of Edenton's stores and business houses will be closed on Monday, September 3, Labor Day, according to an announcement made Tuesday by Mrs. Hazel Gibbs, office secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Citizens are requested to note the closing and transact their business accordingly.

Bank Of Edenton Closed Labor Day

Next Monday, September 3, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day in observance of Labor Day. Important banking affairs should, therefore, be transacted accordingly.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK

Chowan County Commissioners will meet Tuesday morning of next week at 10 o'clock instead of Monday, the change in meeting being due to the observance of Labor Day, September 3.

Mayor Haskett Furnishes List Complaints Aimed At Operation Edenton School



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WEST ALBEMARLE SCOUTERS GO ALL-OUT TO BOOST INTEREST AMONG BOY SCOUTS

Scout Government Day and Scout Circus Unanimously Agreed Upon at Barbecue Supper Held Friday Night at Richard Baer's Home

Spurred on by a barbecue supper Friday night at the home of Richard Baer, district chairman of West Albemarle Boy Scouts, a group of Scouters apparently went all-out in an effort to boost interest in Scouting in the entire Albemarle area. Chairman Baer asked for reports of various chairmen, all of whom reflected the fact that no little activity has been in progress and that these activities, as well as new ones, will be pushed forward.

One of the highlights of the meetings was a decision to observe a City Government Day during early fall, when Boy Scouts will fill the positions of all local government officials. The idea received the unanimous approval of all present, and it is confidently expected that the Mayors and city officials of all towns in the Albemarle having Boy Scout troops will consent to allowing the Scouts to serve for one day. It was the general opinion that the idea would not only create interest among the Scouts and their parents, but that the experience would be educational for the boys who participate.

A committee from the West Albemarle District was appointed to confer with East Albemarle District officials in the hope that the entire Albemarle will be in charge of Boy Scouts on one and the same day. The committee appointed by Chairman Baer includes John A. Holmes, C. T. Griffin, J. Clarence Leary, Philip McMullan and Geddes Potter of Edenton, V. N. Darden, George White, Dr. A. B. Bonner and Howard Pitt of Hertford, and Dr. Payne and L. Q. Pierce of Sunbury.

Another affair calculated to boost interest is a proposed Scout Circus, which is planned to be held possibly in April or May of next year. This is expected to be quite a drawing card and will be held in the Armory in order to accommodate the crowd. Scouts who will take part in the Government Day and Scout Circus will be selected more or less on a competitive basis, so that the best qualified boys will be used in each case in order to make the affair a success.

The committee appointed to plan for the Scout Circus is composed of C. T. Griffin, chairman, P. S. McMullan, H. A. Campen, J. R. Byrum, the Rev. D. C. Crawford and Dr. A. B. Bonner of Hertford.

Bill of Particulars Requested By John A. Holmes

20 COMPLAINTS

Trustees Will Consider Mayor's Letter at Next Meeting

Following a request from John A. Holmes, secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Edenton School Administrative Unit, for a bill of particulars relative to a discussion of criticism at a recent meeting of Town Council, Mayor Leroy Haskett on Monday submitted a list of 20 complaints he has recently received aimed at conditions at the Edenton school.

Mr. Holmes' request followed a news story in The Herald in which it was stated that at the June meeting Town Councilmen devoted no little time to a discussion of various complaints presented at the meeting. The matter again bobbed up at the last meeting of Town Council, when Mayor Haskett stated that it was his desire to dispose of the matter. Both a joint meeting of Town Council and the School Trustees, and furnishing the bill of particulars as requested were considered, it finally being decided to furnish the School Trustees a list of complaints.

Mayor Haskett's letter to Mr. Holmes follows: "In reply to your request for a bill of particulars pertaining to recent discussion of school conditions at a meeting of Town Council, at which a number of criticisms were listed coming from various citizens, I beg to submit the complaints as received. Members of Town Council were not instigators of these complaints, which came as more or less of a surprise, and were the subject of the Councilmen's discussion, reference to which was embodied in the story appearing in The Chowan Herald, to which you referred in your letter.

"Members of Town Council have no feeling toward any particular member of the School Trustees or member of the faculty, but if the complaints as enumerated have any foundation, then, as citizens, members of Town Council feel that conditions should be remedied in the interest of our children and better schools for Edenton. "The complaints as received follow:

- 1.—No discipline to be given to teachers as a whole.
- 2.—Teachers never visited by authorities unless on request.
- 3.—Lessons not prepared by children and teachers not able to get them. Children pay no attention to teachers' request.
- 4.—Children remain from class if they dislike the teacher. Lessons not

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