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C. Of C. Directors Consider Highway Matters At Meeting

Assured Route Changes Will Not Interfere With Hicks Field

MORE MEETINGS

Committees For Baseball and Tourist Trade Are Appointed

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce met Monday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, the primary purpose of the meeting being to discuss the highway situation. Marvin Wilson reported that he had made a visit to the Highway Department office in Raleigh and was informed there that the proposed highway changes would not involve the use of Hicks Field. The Department plans to send a location crew to Edenton in the near future to work out a satisfactory location for Highway 17. President J. Clarence Leary appointed a committee composed of W. J. Berryman, G. B. Potter and Marvin Wilson to confer with highway officials on this matter. It was also decided to contact the highway officials about the paving of the Rocky Hook road. This project was started and abandoned because of shortage of materials. P. S. McMullan moved that a Retail Merchants Committee be appointed to handle matters pertaining to them particularly. After some discussion this motion was carried and M. A. Hughes, Arthur Hollowell, Frank Elliott and John Mitchener were appointed to serve on this committee.

There was a general discussion on the holding of general meetings of all members of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association and G. B. Potter's motion that four of such meetings be held each year was passed. It was decided that these meetings should be held during the months of October, January, April, July and that all members be invited to attend them.

A committee made up of P. S. McMullan, David Holton, Graham Byrum and Jimmy Partin was appointed to investigate the proposed baseball league for the Albemarle section. It was strongly felt by all of the directors that Edenton should have a team in the league if one develops.

It was felt by the directors that the community should start now towards building up the tourist trade in Edenton. Edmund Schwarze, J. Edwin Bufflap, Jordan Yates, P. S. McMullan and Ernest Kehayes were appointed as a committee to study the local situation and report such recommendations as they saw fit to the directors.

County Council Will Meet September 27

Feature of Meeting Will Be County 4-H Club Dress Revue

The County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs will meet on Thursday afternoon, September 27, at 3:15 o'clock in the Community House at Cross Roads. All club officers are urged to attend this meeting and club members as well as non-club members are invited.

Mrs. A. D. Ward, who represented Chowan County at the State Council meeting in Raleigh September 11-14, will give a report of this meeting. Final plans will be made for the Achievement Day program to be held in October.

A feature of the Home Demonstration Club County Council will be the County 4-H dress revue. Each contestant will be judged on four points: The costume, the posture and grooming of the girl, the costume on the girl and the general effect and completeness. Approximately ten 4-H girls have indicated that they will enter a garment. Cash prizes will be awarded first, second and third place winners.

Former Local Teacher Supervisor Of Pender County Negro Schools

Miss Mary E. Harvey of Edenton and teacher in the Pender County Training School, has been appointed supervisor of Negro school in Pender County. She is a former teacher in Chowan County, having taught under Superintendent W. J. Taylor for seven years. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Millie Bond.

Telephone Company Announces Plans To Make Improvements

Outlay of \$60,000 Will Be Made, According To Officials

MORE LINES

Program Is Expected To Be Under Way Within Next Few Months

According to information from H. W. Dewey, general manager of the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, the company is planning considerable improvements and additions to its system which will require an outlay of approximately \$60,000. The contemplated improvements will be placed at Elizabeth City, Edenton, Hertford and Manteo.

Five major items are included in the proposed improvements which will be aerial and underground telephone cables, underground conduits, additional central office switchboard equipment, additional long distance telephone lines and extension of telephone service to more rural communities.

Replacement of many items of the plant will also be made which could not be provided during the war due to critical shortage and restrictions placed upon the use of strategic materials used by the telephone industry.

Mr. Dewey stated that he expected that the expansion program will be well underway within the next few months.

Hard Surfacing Of Town's Dirt Streets Considered Friday

Special Meeting of Town Council to Meet Consulting Engineer

Town Council will meet in special session Friday night, at which time A. C. Linberg, consulting engineer of Burlington, N. C., will be present to submit maps, estimates and other data relative to the proposed project of hard-surfacing the remainder of the dirt streets in Edenton.

Mr. Linberg was in Edenton a few weeks ago, at which time he secured information and made a preliminary survey in order to reach an approximate figure of the cost of the proposed improvements.

At Friday night's meeting the Councilmen will, no doubt, decide if they favor the improvements and if so, machinery will be subsequently set up for calling a special election to vote on a bond issue to finance the project.

Mr. Linberg's plans will include hard-surfacing of all present dirt streets, including those in the cotton mill village and North Edenton, as well as constructing curb and gutters.

When the project was brought up at a recent meeting of Town Council W. J. Yates and J. Edwin Bufflap were appointed on a committee to secure tentative figures on doing the work, and Mr. Linberg was subsequently secured to furnish an estimate, and definite figures will be presented at the special meeting.

LIEUT. WILLIAM A. HARRELL ON DUTY AT WASHINGTON

Lieut. William A. Harrell has reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C., for duty after spending a leave with his family. Previous to his leave Lieut. Harrell spent two years in the Pacific, first as executive officer on the USS Catalpa and later as navigator on the USS Tuscan. During this period of duty in the Pacific he took an active part in several major engagements including Bougainville in the Solomon Islands, operations in the Bismark Archipelago, Palau Islands and Okinawa.

COMPLETES FURLOUGH

Cpl. Leonard J. Bass last week returned to Fort Bragg for reassignment after a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Bass. He was a member of the Ninth Air Force, serving most of his time as a cook. Cpl. Bass was overseas 20 months and wears the ETO Campaign Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. While overseas he was in England, France, Belgium and Germany.



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations. COMING HOME FROM ITALY—These Infantrymen are arriving at Casablanca on the first leg of their trip back to the United States. They are leaving a B-17 Flying Fortress which brought them from Italy.

Edenton Boy In Invasion Of Tokyo

Millard Ward's Ship First To Land Troops On Jap Homeland

Millard N. Ward, S 1/c, U. S. Naval Amphibious Forces, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Ward, has sent home the heretofore censored story of his ship, the USS Waukesha (AKA84).

The USS Waukesha, one of the new 13,000-ton assault cargo transports with a complement of 36 officers and 354 men, was commissioned February 23 of this year in Brooklyn and joined the Pacific Fleet in April.

After stop overs at the Marshall and Caroline Islands, the Waukesha dropped anchor in Butner Bay for a prolonged operation at Okinawa. The ship was then ordered to Pearl Harbor but was diverted to Guam for 36 hours, where her crew was furiously loading troops and cargo of the Fourth Marines for 23 hours when official word was received of Japan's capitulation at 1100 Guam time, August 15. After cruising for three days, the Waukesha then sailed up and down the coast of Japan for five days with Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet as a unit of Admiral Radger's Task Force 31, being one of a division of six assault ships of the Amphibious Forces carrying the Fourth Regiment of the Sixth U. S. Marine Division. Loaded with 137 Marine officers and men and 1,500 tons of combat cargo, the USS Waukesha steamed into Tokyo Bay at 0720 August 30, Tokyo time, to land the first Allied seaborne troops on the Japanese homeland. Coincident with the landing of Army airborne forces 15 miles to the north, these veteran Marine troops, spearheading the Navy's occupation forces, were landed in regular invasion form at 0930 to seize and occupy the strategic Yokosuka Naval Base at the entrance to the once heavily guarded Tokyo Bay. After hitting the shore with his first wave, Seaman Ward, who is skipper of an amphibious landing craft, returned to his ship and began the task of carrying cargo to the beach. This unloading operation lasted for two days and now the USS Waukesha has put out to sea once more.

Young Ward graduated from Edenton High School in 1943, and attended Oak Ridge Military Institute for one year before entering the Navy in July, 1944.

Fermor Hare On Enterprise When Damaged By Japs

Fermor Hare, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hare, who recently moved from Chowan County to Whaleyville, Va., was stationed on the USS Enterprise, termed the "fighting carrier" in the United States Navy, when the ship was damaged off Okinawa by a Japanese suicide plane. The big ship was damaged 15 times in four years of fighting in the Pacific and the Japs reported it sunk six times. For its operations against the Japs, the carrier earned the Presidential Unit Citation.

ONE FIRE IN AUGUST

Fire Chief R. K. Hall reports only one fire in Edenton during the month of August. There was no damage, he says.

SGT. GOODWIN BACK IN STATES

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Goodwin have received a telegram that their son, Thomas R. Goodwin, landed at Boston, Mass., safely Saturday and that he will soon be home. Sgt. Goodwin has been overseas nearly 18 months.

Red Cross Ready To Assist Veterans

Advised to Contact Miss Elizabeth Moore, Home Service Chairman

With the end of the war the armed forces are ready for the greatest demobilization in history. The American Red Cross stands by to assist Chowan County's returning veterans in securing the government benefits to which they are entitled, and to help them with the many problems they face in their return to civilian life. Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter, said this week.

Miss Elizabeth V. Moore, Home Service Chairman, has just returned from Rocky Mount, where she attended a conference on veterans' claims and benefits. At the meeting it was emphasized that the work of the American Red Cross at home will by necessity continue and in some respects will increase, particularly in those services related to the service man, the ex-service man and his family.

Newest developments in veterans' claims and benefits were discussed and a program planned which will enable Chowan County Chapter to provide the greatest possible service for returning service men. Veterans desiring assistance are advised to contact the Chowan County Chapter at 110 West King Street, Mrs. Pruden said. The Home Service office there is open from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. every day except Sunday, and from 2 P. M. to 4 P. M. every afternoon except Saturday and Sunday.

Ed Bond Post Passes Membership Quota

Mrs. Willis McClenny First Legionnaire In Chowan County

Ed Bond Post of the American Legion this week passed its membership quota for the year, when 109 members were enrolled as compared with 106 members last year.

The local Post takes pride in announcing that it has added its first woman Legionnaire, when Mrs. Willis McClenny joined the organization. Mrs. McClenny was a member of the Marine Women's Reserve and was stationed at the Edenton Air Station when she met and married Mr. McClenny. She joined the Marines in St. Louis, and thus has the distinction of being the first woman Legionnaire in Chowan County.

Revival Adds Members To Macedonia Church

Eleven new members were added to the Macedonia Baptist Church as a result of revival services held there last week, seven coming by baptism and four by letter. Dr. R. E. Wall, pastor of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church of Elizabeth City did the preaching. The Rev. J. T. Byrum is pastor of the church.

Dr. Wall also held revival services for Mr. Byrum at Bethel and Ballards Bridge Baptist Churches. The total number of new members added to Mr. Byrum's three churches is nineteen.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold its weekly meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House.

Local Police Decide To Stop Warning For Ignoring Traffic Law

Chief of Police George Dail Lists 11 Growing Violations

MUST STOP

Arrests May Be Expected If Practice Is Continued

Chief of Police George I. Dail informed The Herald early this week that up to the present time the Police Department has tried to warn every person about minor violations of the traffic laws, but that it is now time for more drastic action. "Most of the violations endanger the life and property of others and they will have to stop," said Chief Dail. "It is not the desire of the Police Department to cause any person to be embarrassed or have them pay a fine, but in the interest of safety and rights of others, there must be an end to merely warning violators and more drastic action taken to curb violations."

Among the violations which are most noticeable of late and which the police intend to break up are the following:

- 1—Double parking on Broad Street over 60 seconds.
- 2—Speeding in town.
- 3—Riding bicycles on sidewalks.
- 4—Parking cars on and across sidewalks.
- 5—Making U turns at King and Broad streets, Eden and Broad streets and in middle of blocks.
- 6—Parking out of line.
- 7—Backing into intersections and across cross-walks.
- 8—Parking in safety zones.
- 9—Parking too near fire hydrants.
- 10—Parking on left side of street at Post Office and other streets.
- 11—Parking in private driveways.

Masons Discuss Building Temple

Strong Sentiment For Selling George Washington Chair

Ways and means for the construction of a Masonic Temple again became a subject for considerable discussion at the regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., Thursday night.

Possibilities of acquiring or constructing a temple for the lodge have been discussed many times in the past with little progress having been made. However, increased interest and vigorous efforts on the part of the membership bid fair to indicate that possibilities along this line will soon develop into probabilities.

Reports of fabulous offers for the historical old chair which legend says was brought to this country from England in early colonial days and once seated George Washington as master of a Masonic Lodge in Alexandria have prompted suggestions that confirmation of these offers be sought with a view to sale of the chair as a source of funds to help finance the construction of a temple.

Although it is quite apparent that the lodge would be reluctant to part with the historical old chair, a sizeable faction of the membership firmly contends that a temple would be of much greater value, a more fitting monument and is much more desirable to Unanimity Lodge than the chair. Therefore, it appears that should the right offer be obtained and other means be not available, preference for the temple could possibly win over and the chair of antiquity, an emblem of superb craftsmanship, mellow with age and closely associated with various historical legends, might be disposed of in favor of a Masonic temple.

T. B. Williford, master of the lodge, at last week's meeting appointed a committee to investigate a possible site and ways and means to raise funds for building a temple. This committee is composed of E. W. Spires, C. H. Wood, the Rev. W. C. Francis, Richard Baer and H. A. Campen.

Mooneys Entertain At Lions Meeting

With W. J. Daniels in charge of the program at the Lions Club meeting Monday night, members enjoyed a musical program rendered by Mrs. C. B. Mooney, Jr., and her daughter, Brenda Dean. The youngster delighted the Lions with her singing, while Mrs. Mooney also rendered a number of piano selections.

Grand Jury Discovers Poor Transportation For Colored Children

Recommends That Immediate Action Be Taken

REPAIRS NEEDED

One School Bus Ordered Replaced as Soon as Possible

According to the report of the Grand Jury, which was completed at the conclusion of the September term of Superior Court last week, conditions in Chowan County are in good shape, with no recommendations made except in respect to transportation of colored children to and from school. "We had brought to our attention something about the school transportation," read the report, "and after examination we find that we have colored children who live more than two and a half miles from school without transportation, and we, therefore, recommend to the Chowan County School Board and to the Board of County Commissioners of Chowan County that action be taken immediately to provide such transportation."

The report also reflects the fact that the Grand Jury complied with Judge W. C. Harris' instructions to carefully examine school buses, for in the report, one bus was recommended to be replaced and quite a few defects listed as to other buses.

Several necessary repairs were also noted at several of the schools and at the keeper's house at the County Home repairs are needed which should have already been done, according to the report.

More Members Join Local Wildlife Club

Up to Tuesday 39 Names And Dues Turned Over To Club's Secretary

Membership in the Chowan County Wildlife Club is gradually increasing and up to Tuesday of this week 39 names and dues had been turned over to P. S. McMullan, secretary and treasurer of the new organization. Besides, it is understood that one of the members has 35 more members enrolled, but these names had not been turned over to Mr. McMullan up to Tuesday.

David Holton, president of the club, will announce the directors of the club early next week, as well as the next meeting of the group.

Members enrolled with Mr. McMullan to date include: J. H. McMullan, David Holton, J. Edwin Bufflap, J. A. Bunch, L. S. Byrum, R. F. Elliott, Sidney W. White, C. N. Keeter, J. W. Cates, R. W. Leary, Jr., J. E. Wood, Thomas B. Wood, A. B. Harless, John Saunders, Joe Conger, Ernest Kehayes, Mack Jordan, John Mitchener, Richard Baer, Henry Gardner, J. R. Byrum, J. J. Ross, Clarence P. Yeingst, E. B. Schwarze, L. C. Burton, Kistler Phillips, C. E. Byrum, P. S. McMullan, L. M. Johnson, Marvin Wilson, O. E. Duncan, W. W. Byrum, Jordan Yates, Lloyd C. Bunch, C. B. Mooney, Jr., Louis Bunch, J. Clarence Leary, Joe Webb and G. B. Potter.

Cpl. David R. Mizelle Now At Greensboro

Cpl. David R. Mizelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. David P. Mizelle, Route 3, has reported to Greensboro for assignment to an Air Force installation in the United States. Cpl. Mizelle recently returned to this country after having spent 16 months in the European Theater of Operations.

At this station he is going through a record and classification procedure prior to assignment. This is a station in the Personnel Distribution Command's chain of Redistribution Stations, and also provides entertainment and relaxation for Cpl. Mizelle during his stay.

SEE MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES

Five Edentonians returned home early Monday morning after spending the week-end in Washington, D. C., where they watched baseball games between the Washington Senators and Detroit Tigers. In the group were West Leary, J. P. Partin, Frank Hughes, John Lee Spruill and J. Edwin Bufflap.