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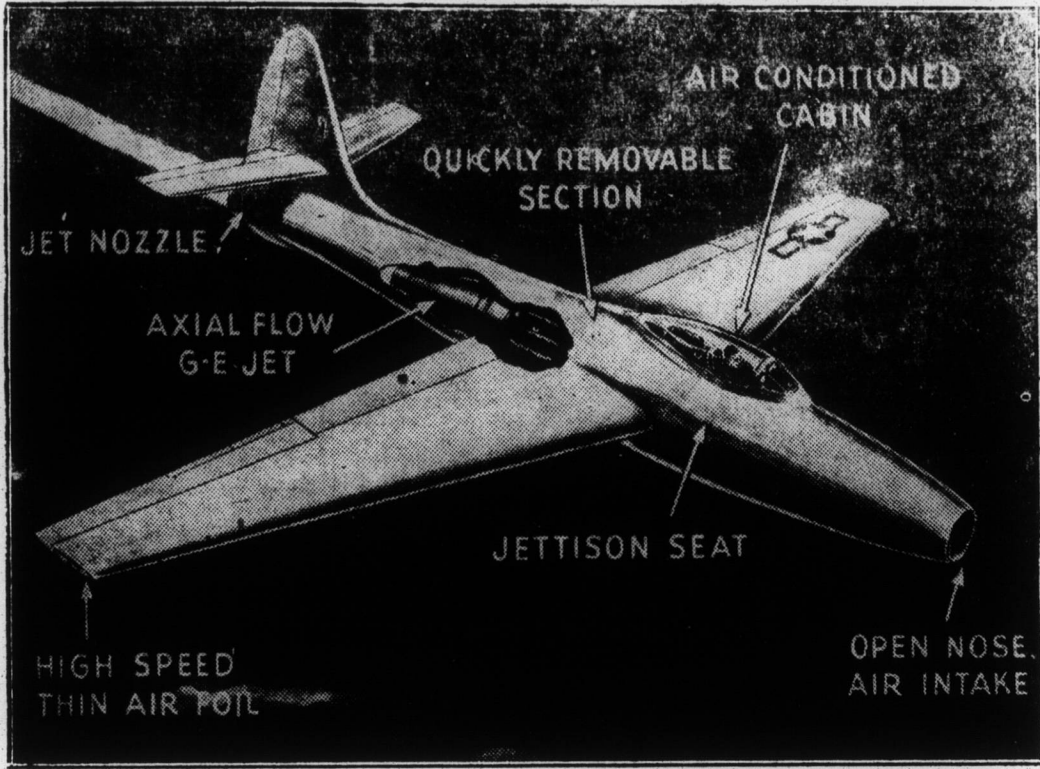
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## County Tax Rate Boosted Five Points To \$1.00



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**IT FLIES NEARLY 10 MILES A MINUTE**—The Army Air Forces has just announced the new XP-84 fighter, powered by the new type axial flow G-E Jet, which will fly at a speed of 590 miles an hour and perform smoothly at well over seven miles above the earth. This schematic drawing of the Republic Thunderbolt shows in operation the axial flow jet engine, one of which was exhibited to the public for the first time at the General Electric Air Research Demonstration at the Schenectady Airport on June 21 and 22.

### INTEREST BEING AROUSED IN EDENTON'S PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF \$370,000 BONDS FOR IMPORTANT STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Special Election Scheduled to Be Held Saturday, July 27th

MAJORITY COUNTS

Entire Project Estimated to Require 63-Cent Tax Rate

With an election to decide whether or not the Town of Edenton will float a maximum of \$370,000 bond issue for improvements to streets scheduled to be held Saturday, July 27, no little comment has been heard relative to just what improvements are contemplated, as well as what effect the improvements will have on the tax rate.

For the fiscal year 1945-46 the Town's tax rate was \$1.50, having been increased 35 points last year from \$1.15. The principal reason for the increase was the purchase of a new fire engine and a street sweeper which was paid for during the year, thus saving the payment of interest. Of course, at this writing the Finance Committee has not released any figures tending to show what the new tax rate will be, but barring the necessity of purchasing any necessary equipment or other added expense, it is reasonable to assume that the operating expense for the year should be less than the previous year and consequently a lower rate.

For the sake of figuring, if all of the improvements are made, which include paving practically all of the remaining dirt streets, installing curbs and gutters and improving the storm drainage system, as the result of which all ditches would be piped, the cost is estimated to be \$370,000. Of this amount the Town's part will be approximately \$216,500, while the property owners' part will be about \$153,500. The property owners will be obliged to pay half of the street paving, while the remainder of the cost for curbs and gutters and storm sewers will be distributed between property owners and the town.

On the assumption that the bonds can be sold at a rate of 2%, and it is believed that even a better figure can be secured, the entire project would mean a tax rate of approximately 63 cents on the \$100 property valuation, which would liquidate the bonds and interest over a period of 30 years. Of course, the estimated figure to do all this work is most likely somewhat too high, and further, when specifications are submitted and bids made, it is also probable that the cost will decrease, for some changes will most likely be made which will be less expensive.

Then, too, it might be the desire of Town Councilmen to do only part of the work, so that even if the election is carried, it does not necessarily mean that all of the bonds will have to be sold. And, of course, the

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Forced Down



**DOROTHY WIGGINS**, commercial pilot and flight instructor niece of the late Jesse Wiggins, was forced down by weather at the Edenton Naval Air Station Friday. Miss Wiggins was flying a Piper Cub from Clovis, New Mexico, to Augusta, Maine. She was accompanied by Patt Nicolet, a student pilot, while his mother was making the trip by car. They resumed their flight after the weather cleared.

### Volunteers Of USO Given Certificates Of Merit On Sunday

Interesting Program In Yard of USO Club Enjoyed

Loyal members of the USO and GSO were honored at a program held at the Edenton USO Club Sunday afternoon, when they were presented merit certificates. The program was held in the yard of the USO Club after visitors were greeted and shown around the USO quarters.

Wade Cashion, USO director, presided over the program, first calling upon Mayor Leroy Haskett for a few remarks. Mayor Haskett was high in praise of both the management of the USO and the volunteers who have made the club a success and an asset to the town. "The USO has been wonderfully operated," he said, "credit is entitled to more than one credit for which goes to the management and the ladies who have so selflessly given of their time and efforts into or more communities, counties or States."

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### Survey By Lions Club Uncovers 27 County Blind Cases

Blind Case Worker Emphasizes Importance Of Self-Employment OFFERS HELP

Picnic Lunch Will Feature Installation Ceremony Next Monday

As the result of a survey made by the committee on blind work of the Edenton Lions Club, the club was informed that 27 cases of blind or partially blind people in the county were found. The survey was conducted by the committee consisting of W. E. Malone, John Ross and George Hoskins.

In connection with the report Miss Bernice White, a blind case worker of Elizabeth City, who was accompanied by Mrs. Frank Sawyer, spoke on what can be done to aid in the way of employment for the blind. Miss White agreed to return to Edenton to render any service she can in the interest in self-employment.

In the absence of President J. P. Partin, J. A. Curran, vice president, announced that the club's incoming officers will be installed Monday, July 1, in connection with which Ladies' Night will be observed. A feature of the event will be an old-fashioned picnic lunch to be served on the lawn at the Armory. Each member of the club is requested to bring a basket lunch to provide for an extra couple due to the fact that invited guests are expected from Williamston, Hertford and Elizabeth City.

For the occasion, Jimmy Glover of Nashville and Littlejohn Faulkner of Wilson are expected to be present. Glover is the retiring district governor, while Faulkner is the new governor.

### Six Chowan County Boys Enlist In Army

Six Chowan County boys, four colored and two white, enlisted in the U. S. Army this week through the Army recruiter stationed at the Edenton Post Office every Tuesday afternoon. In the group were Lester Ashley and Clifford Batton, white, and David Blount, Wadens Hathaway, George Bembrg and Abram Bonner, colored, each enlisting for a period of three years.

Ashley left by bus Tuesday for Fort Bragg, while the remainder left Wednesday by plane from Elizabeth City. All except Batton have seen prior service for from 2½ to 5 years.

### Early Next Week

Due to the Fourth of July falling on Thursday of next week, The Herald will appear one day earlier in order to observe the national holiday. Because of this fact, those having news or advertisements for next week's issue are urged to bring or send to The Herald not later than Monday, for the paper will be printed Tuesday afternoon.

### Half Holiday Next Wednesday Will Be Practically Abandoned

Practically all of Edenton's stores and business houses will remain open all day Wednesday of next week instead of closing as usual at 1 o'clock for the summer half holiday. This action was announced by the Chamber of Commerce in view of all stores being closed all day Thursday due to the Fourth of July holiday.

Quinn's Furniture Company, however, will close as usual Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

**MASONS MEET TONIGHT**  
Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold its regular meeting tonight in the Court House at 8 o'clock. All Masons are cordially invited to attend.

### FLUE-CURED TOBACCO REFERENDUM IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD FRIDAY, JULY 12

Approximately 200 Chowan Farmers Will Help to Decide If Marketing Quotas Are to Be Continued; Vote at Court House

Approximately 200 Chowan County growers are eligible to vote in the referendum on marketing quotas on flue-cured tobacco to be held Friday, July 12, according to J. M. Price, secretary of the County Agricultural Conservation Committee. The referendum was called in accordance with the law, which provides for marketing quotas on flue-cured tobacco for the 1947 crop. However, marketing quotas cannot be in effect unless approved by at least two-thirds of the producers in the flue-cured areas voting in the referendum.

Marketing quotas furnish growers with a method of adjusting supply to demand and can help to provide fair prices to growers for the tobacco they produce.

At the present time, flue-cured tobacco growers are producing above world consumption levels to build up depleted stocks in foreign countries.

Marketing quotas afford the opportunity to adjust this supply to meet demand. Mr. Price explained that, if marketing quotas are approved, individual acreage allotments will be continued in 1947. Individual acreage allotments for 1947 will not be less than 80 per cent of the 1946 allotment for any farm which has grown up to 75 per cent of its allotted acreage in any one of the past three years. This allotment may be increased any time up to March 1, 1947 by the Secretary of Agriculture if the supply and demand situation warrants.

If quotas are approved, loans at 90 per cent of the parity price will be available. Loans or other price supports cannot be made available on the 1947 crop if growers disappear quotas.

The Federal government is no longer acting as agent for foreign governments in purchasing tobacco, and in the future loans cap afford a real protection to growers against drastic price declines or losses.

Mr. Price said Chowan County's 1946 crop of flue-cured tobacco is indicated at approximately 1100 acres. In 1946 there was 794 acres planted in the county. Chowan County producers will vote at the court house. The polls will open at 7 a. m. and close at 9 p. m., which will give all tobacco producers an opportunity to come in and vote on the issue.

### Commissioners Arrive At Figure After Long Meeting Juggling Budgets Monday

New Home Agent



**MISS HAZEL SHAW** of St. Paul's, N. C., who has been appointed as assistant Home Agent, devoting her time equally between Chowan and Perquimans Counties. Miss Shaw will begin her new duties next Monday.

### Food Emergency Drive In Chowan Is Very Gratifying

\$1,784.56 In Cash and 1,350 Cans of Food Contributed

CHAIRMAN PLEASED

Desires to Express Appreciation to All Who Helped In Any Way

J. L. Chestnutt, chairman of Chowan County's Emergency Food Collection, reported early this week that the drive was about completed and according to reports submitted cash contributions amounted to \$1,784.56. Also during the drive people in Chowan County contributed 55 cases, or 1,350 cans of food which will also go toward feeding starving humanity in war-affected countries.

Mr. Chestnutt will see to it that the cash is sent to New York headquarters this week and the food to Baltimore, from where it will get on its way overseas. Charles Wales, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Pratt, will have charge of shipping the food.

Mr. Chestnutt is especially pleased with the success of the drive and desires to express his thanks and appreciation to every one who in any way helped, those who took part in collecting cash and food, as well as those who made contributions. He is especially grateful to the Junior Woman's Club, members of which shouldered the burden of canvassing for cash contributions.

### Masons Of District Meet At Colerain

Quite a few members of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., attended a meeting of the Second District held in Colerain Tuesday afternoon and night, the meeting being arranged by H. A. Campen, district deputy Grand Master for the district, and sponsored by the Colerain and Harrellsville lodges.

A meeting was held in the afternoon especially for masters and secretaries for the various lodges and prior to the night meeting barbecue chicken was served at the beach.

Among the prominent Masons in attendance were William J. Bundy of Greenville, Grand Master and Wilbur McIver of Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

### EVANS BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSES

The Daily Vacation Bible School of the Evans Methodist Church which was held last week, closed Friday. The total enrollment of pupils and teachers was 53, with average attendance being 40. There were 24 who made perfect attendance records.

ABC Board Springs Surprise With Check For \$20,000

LITTLE SLICING  
Thumbs Turned Down For Assistant Case Worker

In almost an all-day session Monday, Chowan County Commissioners reviewed the various budgets of the county and after making a few changes and juggling figures came to the conclusion that to meet the various budgets for carrying on the county's affairs a tax rate of \$1.00 on the \$100 property valuation would be necessary to bring in the required amount of revenue for the year 1945-47.

The \$1.00 rate is thus broken down: 53 cents for bonds, 29 cents for schools, 8 cents for school security and 10 cents for the general county fund.

This year's rate is five cents above last year, when the rate was 95 cents, and though it was necessary to increase the rate five cents, the Commissioners had more or less a feeling that it would be necessary to set the rate over the dollar mark.

Some relief occurred when the Commissioners called in the ABC Board to ascertain how large a payment might be expected at this time from liquor earnings. The Commissioners anticipated a \$10,000 payment, but Hector Lupton, secretary-treasurer of the ABC Board, informed them that it would be possible to transfer \$20,000, so that this amount will take care of the remaining appropriation of \$38,000 for the teachers at Chowan High School, thus eliminating a levy for that purpose.

The general county budget calls for estimated expenditures of \$44,850, but during the year it is anticipated to receive \$36,350 from the ABC Board, leaving a balance of \$8,500, for which a levy of 10 cents will be necessary. The budget runs slightly above last year, one item of \$2,450 being included for indexing the county's books from 1928 and creating a permanent system whereby all records will be properly indexed. (Continued on Page Five)

### Legion And Auxiliary Officers Installed At Joint Affair Tonight

About 400 Expected to Enjoy Barbecue Chicken Dinner at Armory

BEGINS AT 8 O'CLOCK

Prominent Speakers Secured Who Will Arrive By Plane

In the neighborhood of 400 Legionnaires, members of the Legion Auxiliary and invited guests are expected to gather at the Edenton armory tonight (Thursday) when a barbecue chicken dinner will be served and new officers installed for each organization in a joint installation ceremony. The dinner is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock, after which the installation of officers will take place.

Bill York, of Greensboro, newly elected Department Commander, will install the officers and also make a brief address, while Edwin Burge, grand chef de guerre of the 40 and 8, is also scheduled to make an address, as well as Comdr. Bert Creighton, commanding officer of the Edenton Naval Air Station. Both York and Burge will arrive by airplane, arrangements having been made for them to land at the local air station.

The affair is calculated to be one of the most outstanding Legion meetings in a long time, so that most of the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members are expected to be on hand. It will be a "Dutch" treat, tickets having been on sale for a week or more.