

THE CHOWAN HERALD

A HOME NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

Volume XIII.—Number 29.

Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, July 25, 1946.

\$1.50 Per Year.

Edenton Naval Air Station Ordered Inactivated

Town Tax Rate Set \$1.50

Same Rate As Last Year Is Tentatively Arrived At In Long Session Monday Night

Extra Calls For Expenditures Prevents Lowering of Rate

SALARIES BOOSTED

Repairs to Armory and Storm Drain Adds 13 Points

Meeting in special session Monday night, Town Councilmen for several hours considered the budget for the year 1946-47, and after shaving here and adding there it was decided that about the same amount of money will be needed to operate the town as last year, so that a tentative tax rate of \$1.50 on the \$100 property valuation was set, the same as last year.

In view of the rising cost of living, the new budget calls for a slight increase in salaries for Town employees. It was hoped that the rate could be reduced, but several items were included which prevented a reduction. Among these were \$2,000 for concrete pipe which is required in connection with construction of curbs and gutters in North Edenton by the State way Commission, necessary repair to the Armory costing approximately \$3,000, a \$600 appropriation to keep of the colored cemetery on Granville Street, a new car for the Police Department, a new truck and moving machine for the Street Department and necessary expenses in connection with operation of Beayer Hill Cemetery which has been taken over by the town.

Of course, figures are only tentative and the appropriations for the various departments run about like this:

Fire Department	\$ 8,197.85
Health Department	750.00
Police Department	15,861.00
Administrative	4,465.17
Street Department	34,350.57
Cemetery	2,325.00
Other Expenses	12,955.00

Other expenses includes payment of \$3,000 to the Board of Public Works for electric current and water used by the town, \$3,000 for parks and playgrounds and miscellaneous other demands on the town.

According to figures compiled Monday night, estimated expenditures for the year will amount to something like \$78,894.59. The estimated revenue was figured at about \$23,912, leaving in the neighborhood of \$54,982 to be raised by the tax levy. To raise this amount on a valuation of \$3,700,000 will require a rate of \$1.50. Of course, the valuation had not been worked up at Monday's meeting, but it was believed that what difference might develop would not materially affect the tentative rate.

Fire Chief R. K. Hall Reminds Motorists To Pull Up To Curb

Says Violation of Law Jeopardizes Lives of Firemen

When the Edenton Fire Department was called out Monday morning, a car just ahead of the fire truck continued on its way north on Broad Street, causing the fire engine to turn while rushing to the scene of the fire.

It was impossible to notice the license number of the car, but Fire Chief R. K. Hall emphasizes the fact that a state law requires motorists to pull up to the curb when a fire engine is approaching. "This law will be strictly enforced," says Chief Hall, "so that those driving cars in Edenton should comply with the law unless they wish to appear in court to answer for their violation, which jeopardizes the lives of those in the fire truck as well as those who violate the law."

County-Wide Picnic Planned For July 31

First Affair of Kind to Be Held In County Since 1941

Chowan County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, the County Board of Agriculture and the Chowan Farm Bureau are sponsoring a county-wide picnic Wednesday afternoon, July 31, the affair to be held at the Valhalla auction block.

All white farm families are invited to attend, with each family being requested to bring a picnic supper and sweetened tea.

A recreational program will be arranged consisting of games and stunts, which are scheduled to begin at 4 o'clock and supper will be served at 6 o'clock.

This will be the first county-wide picnic since 1941, so that a large number of rural people is expected to attend and enjoy a few hours of recreation and pleasure.

Miss Rebecca Colwell, home demonstration agent and County Agent C. W. Overman will assist in staging the picnic.

Vets' Administration Contact Office Now Located In Edenton

Veterans With Problems Invited To Visit Local Office

The United States Veterans' Administration has established a contact office in rooms 310-312, Citizens Bank Building in Edenton, to serve the needs of veterans in this area. This office is presently staffed by Warren G. Knight, representative, who is subject to instructions from the Regional Office, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Knight is a veteran of World War I and World War II. He has been in the employ of the Federal Government for many years and is well versed in veterans' affairs. All veterans of the present war or of previous wars in which the United States has been engaged, having problems concerning pension, compensation, insurance, hospitalization and medical care, statutory awards, education, on the job training or any of the benefits available to veterans under existing laws administered by the Veterans' Administration are invited to make full use of this service.

Office hours are from 8 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Monday through Friday and 8 A. M. to 12 noon Saturdays.

North Edenton Project Expected To Start Soon

T. J. McKim, First Division highway engineer, has written Mayor Leroy Haskett to the effect that the petition from North Edenton residents requesting the construction of curb and gutters has been received and work will be started as soon as possible.

The town will be required to provide adequate storm sewers to carry off the water.

Fire Chief Hall Urges Inspection Of Chimneys

Fire Chief R. K. Hall this week issued a request that local residents check loose chimney tops and have them repaired immediately. He also suggests that this is the time to clean chimneys in order to have them in proper condition for the coming winter months.

Chief Hall will very soon make his final inspection and asks that this be attended to before he completes this work.

Chamber Commerce Quick Starting Work In Utilization Of Base

G. I. School, Freshman Class and Commercial Air Line Sought

Quick to sense the advantages accruing as the result of leasing the Edenton Naval Air Station when it is abandoned by the Navy, directors of the Chamber of Commerce met Monday night in order to begin at once to profitably put into use some of the facilities at the disposal of the Town of Edenton.

A committee from the directors appeared before Town Council, which was in session at the same time to consider budgetary matters, asking for the authority to appoint a committee, which will include Mayor Haskett, to cooperate in making use of some of the facilities at the base.

Among the matters discussed was the possibility of having a G. I. School at the base, as well as a unit of freshmen from State College or the University of North Carolina. A feeling of optimism prevailed relative to this endeavor due to many students being turned away from colleges because of lack of facilities and housing conditions. It was pointed out that there is plenty of living quarters at the base for students and faculty and that ample laboratory and class room space is available.

Another movement has to do with sub-leasing the several runways to a commercial line or for the purpose of training in aviation.

It was pointed out that with so many potential activities which can be carried on at the base an active committee will have its hands full and that no time should be lost in making the proper contacts.

Various schools have been contacted both by Chamber of Commerce members and Mayor Haskett and representatives are expected to come to Edenton to inspect the base relative to helping relieve congested conditions at colleges.

The Chamber of Commerce will make recommendations to Town Council relative to ultimate use of the various parts of the base which can be used, but Town Council will, of course, execute any sub-lease.

The request for a lease has gone in to the Navy Department, and while no information had been received regarding its acceptance at the time The Herald went to press Wednesday, local people feel reasonably sure that the lease will be granted.

Edenton USO Club Will Close Aug. 31

With the closing of the Edenton Naval Air Station now a certainty, the Edenton USO Club will also soon go out of existence in Edenton. Director Wade Cashion has been informed by Kenneth Dale, regional director, that the local club will officially close August 31.

Since the personnel at the base has been gradually reduced, very few service men have been taking advantage of the facilities at the Edenton Club.

EDENTON VOTERS WILL DECIDE ON BOND ISSUE IN ELECTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Result Will Determine If More Streets Are to Be Paved, Curbs and Gutters Constructed and Adequate Drainage Provided

Citizens of Edenton on Saturday have an opportunity to vote in a special bond election for the purpose of determining whether or not Town Council will be allowed to sell bonds for making major improvements. The bond issue calls for a maximum issue of \$370,000, this amount calculated to cover the expense of paving practically all of the remaining dirt streets, constructing curbs and gutters and providing adequate water drainage. The \$370,000 figure is the maximum amount of bonds which can be sold, but if the election is carried, Town Council will have the authority to do any portion of the work, or may, however, decide not to do any part of it.

The approaching election has created a great deal of interest among Edenton citizens, and naturally there are many who favor making the improvements, while on the other hand not a few are strongly opposed to the proposition.

Community Concert Campaign On Week Of September 23-28

Edmund Schwarze Receives Confirmation Of Drive For Members

Edmund Schwarze last week received confirmation for the Community Concerts campaign to begin in Edenton Monday, September 23, and end Saturday, September 28. During the week it is hoped that at least 400 interested people will purchase season tickets which is necessary to schedule a group of artists for the concerts.

Mr. Schwarze says literature and supplies are expected to arrive very shortly, at which time they will be distributed prior to the campaign in order for Edenton people to become better acquainted with the proposed concerts.

Season tickets will be sold for \$5.00 while students' tickets will cost \$2.50. Only those having season tickets will be allowed to attend the concerts, for there will be no tickets sold at the door. However, anyone holding a ticket may attend any performance presented in other towns, provided there is any room left.

There are many nationally and internationally known artists on the list to select from and for the local concert suggestions will be made by those who purchase season tickets and the final decision made by the board of directors.

There is a great deal of interest in the proposed concerts, so that those in charge feel very optimistic about securing enough members to assure a series of outstanding programs for the benefit of local music-lovers.

Edenton Colonials Cling To 4th Place In League Standing

Large Crowds of Fans Turning Out To Witness Night Games

STANDING OF THE CLUBS			
	W	L	Pct.
Hertford	16	9	.690
Windsor	15	9	.625
Colerain	12	11	.545
Edenton	12	13	.480
Elizabeth City	10	12	.455
Camden	7	18	.280

Winning three games and losing two since Wednesday of last week, the Edenton Colonials have been able to cling to fourth place in the Albemarle League, despite the fact that two games were lost to the Elizabeth City Senators, their closest opponent.

A game was scheduled to be played Tuesday night on Hicks Field with Elizabeth City, but a heavy rain starting during late afternoon knocked it out.

(Continued On Page 6)

Action Follows Determined Fight On Part Of Chamber Of Commerce Committee

Chamber Commerce Endorses Star Route

Comdr. Bert Creighton Elected Life Member Of Organization

At a meeting of Chamber of Commerce directors Friday night an Englehard-Columbia-Edenton star route was endorsed and the organization agreed to cooperate in every way possible for the realization of this improvement in the mail service.

During the meeting President J. Clarence Leary reported upon the untiring but unsuccessful efforts of Congressman Herbert Bonner in trying to continue operation of the Edenton Naval Air Station, as well as the work of the local committee in trying to save the base.

The time having arrived for the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, O. B. Perry was named chairman of a committee to arrange for this meeting.

In recognition of Comdr. Bert H. Creighton's interest and cooperation in Edenton affairs while he has been stationed here as commanding officer of the Naval Air Station, he was unanimously elected a life member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Wrangle Develops Over Frames On Cemetery Graves

Disposition Will Hereafter Be Made By Town

Friction over removal of flower stands and frames from graves in Beaver Hill Cemetery was reported to Town Councilmen at the special meeting held Monday night. It was called to the attention of Town Councilmen that it has been the policy heretofore for the Cemetery keeper to re-sell the frames and stands back to florists after removal from graves, but that recently the frames were taken from the cemetery.

Clerk R. E. Leary was instructed to notify florists that hereafter all frames should be unmolested for they will be gathered by the town and disposed of.

Overman Installed Rotary President

Takes Over Reins of Local Club at Meeting Last Week

County Agent C. W. Overman at last week's Rotary meeting was installed as president of the Edenton Club, succeeding Marvin Wilson. He was presented the President's pin by Mr. Wilson, who in turn was presented a past president's pin.

Mr. Overman pleaded for the help and cooperation of members during his incumbency, urging Rotarians to rise to higher heights in civic affairs.

The new president appointed the following chairmen of the four major committees:

Club Service—Richard Elliott.
Community Service—James E. Wood.
Vocational Service—John Holmes.
International Service—Ernest Kehayes.

Three Edenton Girls Go To Camp Leach

Misses Sharon Lupton, Barbara West Leary and Betsy Duncan left Sunday to spend two weeks at Camp Leach in Beaufort County. They were accompanied to camp by Mr. and Mrs. Hector Lupton and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Duncan, who returned Sunday night.

Town Council Requests Lease From Navy Department

MANY ADVANTAGES

Various Items Sought Which Will Benefit Town

Despite the efforts of a committee from the Chamber of Commerce, which enlisted the aid of Congressman Herbert Bonner, to have the Edenton Naval Air Station continued on a permanent basis, Comdr. Bert Creighton, commanding officer of the base, last week received orders inactivating the base, so that plans are going forward to remove materials as rapidly as possible so that the base can be officially closed by August 1. Comdr. Creighton, however, due to limited personnel, doubts if he can remove all of the equipment and materials the Navy is transferring to other bases by that time. Very few enlisted men are now stationed at the base and this group is diminishing by some being discharged. Many civilian workers at the base have also been discharged.

When it was definitely learned that the base will be closed, T. J. Crooks, Civil engineer for the Naval Air Bases, and Comdr. Creighton met with members of Town Council and other interested citizens at a meeting Thursday afternoon. Mr. Crooks informed those present that he felt sure the Navy Department would agree to lease the entire base or any part of it to the Town for any use it might deem advantageous at a nominal lease which will be revocable. Quite a few questions were asked of Mr. Crooks and it was finally agreed that a visit would be made to the base Friday afternoon to determine what portion the Town could use. This visit was made and at a meeting held again Friday night with Mr. Crooks and Comdr. Creighton a motion was made and passed that the Town request a lease for the entire base.

Comdr. Creighton was instructed to represent the Navy Department and at the outset explained in detail the meaning of the word "inactivated". During the course of his remarks he

(Continued on Page Six)

Large Delegation Of Red Men Expected By Chowan Tribe Friday

Quite a gathering of Red Men is expected Friday night when members of Massasoit Tribe, No. 77 of Norfolk, as well as other prominent Virginia Red Men will pay a visit to Chowan Tribe, No. 12. Among the visitors are expected to be W. N. Smith, Great Sachem of Virginia and the incoming Great Inchoonchee of the United States, W. L. Bentley, Jr.

Chowan Tribe will call a special meeting for Friday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of greeting the visitors, and many local Red Men are expected to be on hand.

Because of the number expected to attend the meeting it will be held in the Armory. A. S. Hollowell, a past Great Sachem of North Carolina, was appointed by E. C. Alexander, Sachem, to preside over the meeting.

Births Far Ahead Of Deaths During Year

The vital statistics report of the Bertie-Chowan Health Department for the year ending June 31 shows that there were 229 live births and 5 still births, while deaths were 75.

Maternity cases seen at clinics and visiting the Health Department totaled 133, while 120 visits of maternity cases were made by the public health nurse.

Infants seen at clinics and visiting the Health Department were 268 and 94 visited by the nurse.

Pre-school children seen at clinics and visiting the Health Department were 765 and 165 visited by the nurse.

ATTEND ABC MEETING

Hector Lupton, Richard Elliott, John F. White, members of the Chowan County ABC Board, and Sheriff J. A. Bunch went to Raleigh Tuesday, where they attended a meeting of the State ABC Board.