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## CHOWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS START WORKING FUND OF \$5,000 FOR OPERATING EDENTON NAVAL AIR STATION HOSPITAL

Dr. Frank Wood and Miss Lucille Hall Now In Edenton

### BEGIN WORK

Money Needed For Supplies and Salary of Personnel

With the arrival of Dr. Frank Wood, who will serve as surgeon and medical director at the Edenton Naval Air Station hospital, and Miss Lucille Hall as head nurse and manager, opening of the hospital appears to be in the very near future.

Marvin Wilson, a member of the hospital trustees, appeared before the County Commissioners Monday, stating that Dr. Wood and Miss Hall were ready to proceed with the preliminary work and in view of that fact, funds will have to be available at once to meet expenses. The Commissioners, who, like Town Council, agreed to appropriate \$10,000 for the operation of the hospital during the fiscal year, advanced \$5,000 as a working fund, and Town Council will, no doubt, authorize advancement of \$5,000 from E. & W. funds at the monthly meeting next Tuesday night. The money will be transferred to W. H. Gardner, treasurer of the hospital trustees.

While the hospital is adequately supplied with equipment, there will be some expense necessary to begin operation, for Mr. Wilson explained that the government sent most of the major operation cases to larger hospitals, so that while there is an over supply of some materials, there is a shortage of some items necessary for surgery operations. He was unable to estimate just how much expense will be involved. Besides, funds must be available to meet salaries of the hospital personnel, so that money must be available at once.

Heat for the hospital will be furnished by the Hervey Foundation, provision for which was included in the lease from the Town of Edenton to the Foundation. Heat was turned into the building early this week. While Dr. Wood and Miss Hall will make as much progress as possible to complete arrangements, no definite date has been set for beginning operation, although it is expected everything will be in readiness before January passes out.

## Automobile Wreck Near Edenton Fatal To Percy G. Hughes

Elizabeth City Man Instantly Killed; Two Others Injured

Another tragic automobile accident occurred near Edenton Thursday night about 11:30 o'clock, when Percy G. Hughes of Elizabeth City was instantly killed and his wife was seriously injured and a niece, Miss Jean Morris, less seriously hurt.

The accident occurred on the Albemarle Sound Bridge road, where it is crossed by the old Yeopim road, about five miles from Edenton.

Due to rain and fog, the supposition is that Hughes, who was traveling north, mistook the old Yeopim road for the curve where Route 37 joins U. S. 17, and bearing right, he ran into a deep ditch. Hughes was dead when help arrived and Mrs. Hughes and Miss Morris were rushed to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

Funeral services for Mr. Hughes were held in Elizabeth City Sunday afternoon with the Rev. Allen P. Brantley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was made in New Hollywood Cemetery.

## Meeting of Varsity Club Tonight In Court House

Having been inactive during the Christmas holidays, the local Varsity Club, composed of young men interested in athletics, are scheduled to meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the Court House. Among the activities to be considered will be a Valentine dance.

All members, as well as any others interested in athletics, are urged to be present at the meeting.

## Peter Carlton Begins Duties In Edenton As Secretary Of C. Of C.

Urges Cooperation and Joining Forces to Accomplish Results

Last week Peter Carlton, former Boy Scout Field Executive of the Albemarle District, began his new duties as full-time executive secretary of the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, a position he accepted about a month ago. Mr. Carlton immediately contacted many members of the organization in quest of ideas or suggestions in order to acquaint himself with the wishes of members, so that he can map out a program and devote his efforts toward the accomplishment of some particular phases of the Chamber of Commerce work.

Mr. Carlton is very enthusiastic over his new position and is a stickler for cooperation and joining forces for any particular project which will be of benefit to Edenton or Chowan County as a whole. He is eager to be of any kind of service and hence will welcome any advice or suggestions from any member of the organization.

The new secretary was born in New York City in 1912, where he attended the city schools and later attended LaSalle Military School. For two years he was a student at the University of Alabama, later transferring to Alfred University in New York State, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. He secured a teachers' license in New York State, and later enlisted as a pilot cadet at Randolph Field in the Army Air Forces, but was discharged due to physical defects. He then taught in adult education fields, taking part in the Federal drive to eliminate illiteracy.

Later he held a Federal position in New York City, during which he devoted much of his time to social work in the Brooklyn city prison, Ellis Island and Governor's Island. During the war he taught chemistry at Norfolk High School in New York State, after which he went into Boy Scout work.

Mr. Carlton is very anxious to rent a house or apartment, so that he can move his family to Edenton and when his wife and son are able to be with him, he feels that he can be of more service to the community. Anyone knowing of a house or apartment for rent will confer a great favor on Mr. Carlton, as well as the Chamber of Commerce by contacting the new secretary or Jesse Harrell, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

## C. Of C. Directors Hold Meeting Tuesday Night

Members of the Board of Directors of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association met in the Municipal Building this past Tuesday. According to Jesse L. Harrell, president of the association, the directors voted to carry on a vigorous campaign for a new bridge connecting Bertie and Chowan counties. Already Senator Lorimer Midgett has promised his support.

The issue which is clearly one for the citizens of Edenton and cities along U. S. Highway 17, will be placed before all civic groups for their support. Town and county officials have promised strong backing, according to Mayor Leroy Haskett and chairman of the County Commissioners, W. W. Byrum.

Determined delegates from leading groups will place the case before the State Highway Commission in Raleigh as soon as the preliminaries are completed.

## Mrs. B. W. Evans Buys Jail At County Home

Though several people expressed their interest in purchasing the old jail at the Chowan County Home, only one bid was submitted to the County Commissioners Monday, despite the fact that the sale had been postponed at the December meeting in order to allow time for other bids to be submitted.

The successful bidder was Mrs. B. W. Evans, whose bid was \$10, with the understanding that all of the building and debris be cleared from the county property.

## John Graham Leaves To Represent County In General Assembly

Asks to Be Contacted Relative to Any Desired Legislation

### BRIDGE REPAIRED

Informed Letting Rocky Hock Road Scheduled January 28

John Graham left Tuesday for Raleigh where he will represent Chowan County in the General Assembly. Prior to leaving, he appeared before the County Commissioners with the request that he be informed of any legislation desired for Chowan County, as well as promising the Commissioners that he will keep them informed as to any matters affecting the county.

Mr. Graham told the Commissioners that he had received a letter from Merrill Evans, Highway Commissioner, stating that letting of a contract for the road from Valhalla through Rocky Hock to Cross Roads was scheduled for January 28 and that he expected work to begin in the spring. However, Mr. Graham urged the Commissioners to write letters to Commissioner Evans and A. H. Graham, chairman of the Highway and Public Works Commission, urging letting of the contract.

Mr. Evans informed Mr. Graham that the road near Macedonia Church and the one to Herbert Small's farm will be taken care of by the regular maintenance force.

Mr. Graham was also advised that temporary repairs are to be made to the Chowan River bridge costing between \$30,000 and \$40,000. To modernize the bridge, Mr. Evans said, will cost in the neighborhood of \$800,000, and gave Mr. Graham no encouragement that this project will be undertaken in the immediate future.

## Fire Chief R. K. Hall Out Following Illness

Fire Chief R. K. Hall was able to be outdoors Monday of this week, after being confined to his home 20 days. Cap'n. Dick was taken sick Wednesday before Christmas and though able to be about, he is very weak from the effects of an attack of pneumonia. His illness prevented him from observing his 81st birthday which falls on Christmas day.

## Scoutin' Around

By PETER

CARLTON

Looks like we're going to have our baseball friends around again. Tuesday afternoon Mayor Leroy Haskett, Graham Byrum and this writer took over from Ed Schwarze in making H. P. Dawson, president of the Norfolk Tars, welcome. H. P. came through on his yearly pre-season visit making arrangements for the Birmingham, Denver and Norfolk ball clubs. He gave suggestions for making the field ready for the arrival of the players around March 25. Between 40 and 50 players will remain four weeks in Edenton. Around 35 will go to Hertford. Bill Jessup, baseball scout residing in Hertford, but covering the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, also paid us a visit along with Dawson. In speaking of the Albemarle League, he had some good recommendations to insure a good brand of ball. No doubt he will bring it up when the various groups meet. Baseball is a bang-up game from what we have seen; there are many rabid fans in these parts. They'll welcome any suggestions that will keep the game clean, fast and of first quality. Mayor Haskett and Graham Byrum promised all-out cooperation to Mr. Dawson in getting things ready for a comfortable stay. Ed Schwarze will take care of sleeping and eating accommodations.

We're happy that others are finding Edenton a grand place in which to visit or live. Every day the Chamber of Commerce of Edenton or the Mayor's office receives requests for information about tourist camps, Henry Gardner, executive vice president of the Bank of Edenton, turned over a request for a Colonial estate. Holiday Magazine wrote for pictures and information about the Cupola House. Mrs. Hazel Gibbs, office secretary of the Chamber, reports that thousands of illustrated folders have been sent out to those interested in Edenton, including hundreds to school children.

Philip McMullan, Sr., and Jesse Harrell, president of the Chamber group, both, had ideas along the same

## Carlton Working To Have Chowan River Bridge Modernized

Asks Commissioners to Join Forces to Have Work Done

### IN BAD SHAPE

Check Shows 1,200 Cars Crossed Bridge In Eight Hours

Peter Carlton, new executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday and urged concerted action relative to having something done to the Chowan River bridge. Mr. Carlton told the Commissioners that he understood some temporary repairs were scheduled to be made to the bridge, principally calling for placing wood on the roadway. Many holes are continually making their appearance on the bridge, so that traveling over the bridge is very unsatisfactory.

Mr. Carlton appealed for joining forces in requesting the Highway Commission to widen the bridge and provide a more permanent deck for the span of water. He suggested a resolution be sent to Highway Commissioner Merrill Evans and Chairman A. H. Graham, urging this to be done at once and not in the far-off future. Mr. Carlton told the Commissioners that according to an accurate check made recently, 1,200 automobiles passed over the bridge from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M., a total of eight hours.

The Commissioners were in accord with Mr. Carlton's suggestion, so that a resolution was prepared and sent to the highway officials urging this work to be done. Carlton plans to contact Bertie County officials, as well as local organizations in an effort to develop sentiment in favor of improving the bridge, so that a united front will be able to exert more influence with the powers that be.

## Two Basketball Games Tonight In Armory

Coach Tex Lindsay announces two basketball games in the Edenton armory tonight (Thursday) when his boys and Coach Ben Askew's girls' team will meet the Creswell High School teams.

Creswell is reported to have fast teams, so that two good games should be in prospect.

With the bridge at Williamston progressing nicely, and close to \$400,000 allotted for the curve at South Mills, it does seem a little bit one-sided to speak to citizens of Edenton about economies when another vital link along the Ocean Highway, namely the Chowan River bridge, is so desperately in need of reconstruction. Estimates on giving us a wider bridge and one with concrete superstructure with steel stringers beneath for support, varied from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. At the recent municipalities meeting held in Edenton reliable sources report that it was said that the State Highway and Public Works Commission had "piled up fifty million dollars in reserve. Representatives and officials of the government are there supposedly to carry out the wishes of the people. From what we hear, it is the people's wish that a safe and permanent bridge structure be built— not next year, but right now.

The Edenton Furniture Company has presented a good idea to merchants of the city—that of leaving window lights on until 9 o'clock. Believe it or not, it works. Passing by around 11 o'clock one night, people were seen looking into the Edenton Furniture Company's window. (Jesse Harrell had been to a meeting and was returning to douse the lights). So a word to the wise is sufficient. Come to think of it, that would make our streets more lively at night and would give folks a chance to see our merchandise. (How about that saying concerning moths and the light?)

Edenton is going to have its own freezer locker soon. John Mitchener, Jr., tells us that the refrigeration units are about to be installed and the doors opened for business around January 15. We found a solution for Eddie Buffal, Willie White and Frank Hughes. They caught a good looking string of fish last Saturday—sixty was the count. Nice jack pike. (Continued on Page Five)

## EDENTON SCHOOL TRUSTEES TAKE INITIAL STEP IN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE EXTREMELY CROWDED CONDITION AT NEGRO SCHOOL

### Grateful

The Young People's Service League wishes to thank all who contributed to the Christmas Stocking Fund this year. It is especially grateful to The Chowan Herald for the fine publicity given to this Christmas effort.

## Many Boys And Girls Taking Advantage Of Recreation Program

### Tex Lindsay Planning Athletic Pageant In Near Future

Many boys and girls in Edenton are now taking advantage of the recreational program which is under way at the Edenton armory under the direction of Tex Lindsay. Mr. Lindsay reports that in the neighborhood of 100 boys and girls have been going to the armory Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon, where they participate in recreation already under way, with others to be provided.

The activities are taking place of the Teenage Club, which had to be abandoned for class room space. Among the recreation activities planned are skating, table tennis, badminton, volley ball, hand ball and boxing. Another thing offering a lot of exercise and recreation is a punching bag and exercising bar. The youngsters also crowd around the microphone and sing.

"The activities, while very much enjoyed by a large number, have not reached perfection," says Mr. Lindsay, "but our program is shaping up rapidly and it is hoped more of the parents will drop around to get an idea of what is being done."

Mr. Lindsay says that in the very near future it is planned to have an athletic pageant, which will include boxing, punching bag activities, shuffle board, volley ball game, skating, exercising bar contest and a basketball game.

While Mr. Lindsay is delighted to see so many youngsters taking advantage of the recreational program, he hopes that grown-ups, too, will come to the armory and take part in the various exercises arranged.

## Dr. J. E. Andrews Lions Club Speaker

Tells Members About Navy Mobile Hospital Unit Experiences

Dr. J. E. Andrews was the principal speaker at the Lions Club meeting Monday night, when he made a very interesting address relative to his experience in organizing, operation and demobilizing a Navy mobile hospital. Dr. Andrews, a retired Navy captain, told about a hospital unit being sent to Cuba, then Bermuda as an experiment. Later a unit was organized in Brooklyn, sent to San Francisco, then to Sydney and Brisbane in Australia, and because of a change in fighting lines, it was transferred to the Philippines.

During the meeting Peter Carlton, new executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, was accepted into the club, having transferred from the Elizabeth City club.

## Mrs. W. S. Summerell Returns From Hospital

Mrs. W. S. Summerell has returned to her home on Albemarle Street after being hospitalized for the past 54 days at Albemarle Hospital, where she was treated for a broken hip bone, suffered when she fell on her back porch on November 13.

Mrs. Summerell was returned to her home by ambulance Monday afternoon. She will be semi-confined to her bed and room for several weeks yet, as she further recuperates.

Miss Elizabeth Kippis, sister of Mrs. Summerell, who is a registered nurse, of New York City, is attending Mrs. Summerell during her convalescent period.

## Plan to Sell Land and Buy New Plot to Provide Adequate Space

### NEED ROOM

Children Now Scattered In Four Buildings About Town

With conditions so crowded at the Edenton colored school that classes are held in four different buildings scattered about town, John A. Holmes, superintendent of schools, appeared before the County Commissioners Monday asking approval for the Edenton school trustees to sell a strip of land of about four or five acres lying east of the Norfolk Southern Railroad with the proceeds to apply toward purchase of additional land along Oakum Street for the purpose of squaring the school property preparatory to enlarging the colored school.

The strip of land now owned by the school is of no use for expansion purposes, for when the school is enlarged it is the purpose to have more or less of a square area which will allow for a larger building and a playground. It is necessary to about double the size of the present plant to properly take care of the colored school children.

The Commissioners approved the request, so that an effort will be made to sell the strip of land in question and purchase a new plot along Oakum Street adjoining the present school property.

Mr. Holmes presented a sketch of the present school property which was very convincing that the strip of land now owned by the school and not used does not fit into any contemplated enlargement of the present plant.

## Rotary Club Plans Observe Farmers' Night January 16

Boys In Peanut Contest And Their Fathers Will Be Guests

Edenton's Rotary Club at last week's meeting decided to observe Farmers Night on Thursday night, January 16, when the club will be host to all of the boys who participated in the 4-H Club peanut contest sponsored by the Rotary Club, as well as the fathers of the boys. The meeting will be held in the Parish House and James E. Wood, C. T. Griffin, George Twiddy and President C. W. Overman will make the necessary arrangements for the affair.

Mr. Overman reported to the Rotary Club that most of the 4-H Club boys completed their project, although in some instances crops were greatly damaged by rain and in two cases practically totally lost. The results of the contest were very gratifying and in almost every case, following recommendations of the county agents resulted in better crops. Ernest Swain will be in charge of today's Rotary program, which will be devoted to the Rotary Magazine.

## Many Friends Visit Mr. And Mrs. O. C. Davis On Wedding Anniversary

In the neighborhood of 80 friends called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Davis on Court Street Sunday afternoon between 3 and 5 o'clock, when the couple observed open house in commemoration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Davis greeted the guests as they entered and invited them to the dining room, where punch and cake were served.

Mrs. J. C. King of Rocky Mount, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, presided over the punch bowl, while Mrs. John M. Elliott, Sr., and Mrs. H. B. Jones cut the huge three-tiered anniversary cake. Misses Joan and Patsy Ann Cobb served the refreshments to the guests.

### MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The weekly meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Work in the first degree is scheduled, so that W. O. Elliott, master of the lodge, is very anxious to have a large attendance.