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Town Councilmen Wrestle With Provisions Of Lease To Base Until Midnight

Hervey Attorney Cites Objectionable Phases Of Lease

NOT SETTLED

Many Other Matters Up For Consideration at Lengthy Meeting

Although convening half an hour earlier Tuesday night, Town Councilmen remained in session until the midnight hour, the major portion of the time being devoted to consideration of the Navy's lease of the Edenton Naval Air Station, as well as the town's sub-lease to the Hervey Foundation.

The Councilmen were called together at 7:30 to meet with David Hervey, president of the Hervey Foundation, and his attorney, Robert H. McNeal, of Wilkesboro, who is practicing law in Washington, D. C. Mr. McNeal pointed out a number of provisions in the latest lease returned to the town from the Navy Department which, he said, he thought should be changed before the town signed the lease.

Quite a few sections in the lease were considered too binding by Mr. McNeal, both on the part of the town and, in turn, on the Hervey Foundation, suggesting that the Navy be requested to modify the language of the lease in some respect. Principal among Mr. McNeal's objections was a provision for immediate re-possession of the base by the Navy. He pointed out the unfairness of the possibility of his client being required to move without sufficient notice. Another feature of the lease not satisfactory was the provision allowing the Navy to more or less share in the profits of a sub-lease and raise the rental fee at will. Mr. McNeal stated that operation of the base involved an enormous expenditure and that if the Navy made provision for sharing in profits, it should be willing to assume some of the expense of operation.

Many angles of the present, as well as previous leases were discussed, but even when the Councilmen adjourned no definite action was taken concerning signing of the lease.

Comdr. R. T. Brinn of the Naval Air Station was also present and was frank in stating that the Navy has been very lenient and patient in waiting upon the town to decide upon the final terms of a lease, pointing out that the Navy was very anxious to close out the matter in view of the fact that money is being unnecessarily used to keep Navy personnel on the base. Incidentally Comdr. Brinn stated that all Navy men except one chief are scheduled to leave the base Friday, so that he urged the lease matter to be straightened out before that time. A suggestion was made at the meeting to send a local delegation to Washington to confer with proper Navy officials in the hope that the lease will read as desired by the town, but no definite action was taken before adjournment. However, Mayor Leroy Haskett was instructed to confer with Mr. McNeal Wednesday morning and contact Town Attorney John W. Graham in Raleigh in the hope that he can return to Edenton long enough Wednesday night to advise Town Councilmen before affixing the signature to the lease.

Aside from a considerable amount of time devoted to discussing the base leases, the Councilmen transacted quite a bit of other business. J. H. Conger appeared at the meeting on behalf of residents on West King Street, who complain about trucks and busses parked for long periods of time, thus causing a great deal of inconvenience. An ordinance was subsequently passed limiting parking of trucks, trailers or busses to not more than 30 minutes.

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Attention, Taxpayers In Second Township

In a large advertisement last week pertaining to listing of property for taxes in Chowan County, an important line was omitted under the Second Township of which Paul Ober is tax lister. Mr. Ober's schedule appeared in the ad, but the fact that he can be seen at his home on other days from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. did not appear.

Nevertheless, Mr. Ober will be glad to list property at his home at any time he is not engaged at the various places in the township for the purpose.

Fair Warning

Quite a few subscriptions to The Herald have or will expire very shortly, so that this is a reminder for any who are in arrears to pay their subscription at once. Postal regulations and the acute shortage of newsprint prevents The Herald from continuing going to those who are not paid in advance, so that unless these subscriptions are renewed at once, the names will be dropped from our list.

Tourist Business Looks Promising

Peter Carlton Reports Many Inquiries Being Received

According to reports from the Edenton Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, not a day goes by without inquiries coming in asking about tourist homes and trailer camps in Edenton.

Two tourist homes, operated by Mrs. Shelton W. Moore at 919 North Broad Street, and Mrs. Dick Leary at 214 Queen Street respectively, report that tourists have been stopping off every night this week.

The Chamber regretted that it had no trailer camps to recommend in this area. There were several requests from individuals making advance reservations on their way down U. S. Highway 17. The Committee on Tourist Trade composed of P. S. McMullan, Edmund B. Schwartze, W. J. Yates and Ernest Kehayes feel that much of the trade is slipping by due to lack of preparedness, accommodations and effective advertising.

Members Of PTA Vote For Higher Teacher Salaries

Legislators Informed of Action Taken Last Week

Meeting last week, the Edenton Parent Teachers Association unanimously adopted a resolution supporting a 40% raise for teachers' salaries. The matter was presented by Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, president, and Representative John Graham and Senator Charles H. Jenkins and Lorimer Midgett were informed of the action taken. John A. Holmes presented facts and figures tending to show that the increase was a fair request, referring to the proposal as the State's No. 2 need.

Various committees presented reports, during which Mrs. Rupert Goodwin stated that the recent bazaar netted \$167.91 and that \$40 worth of canned fruits were given to the school lunch room.

Miss Paulina Hassell, Mrs. Lloyd Griffin and Misses Katherine Deans and Myrtle Jenkins were instructed to investigate the possibilities of securing films for the projector and records for a phonograph.

Mrs. Lloyd Griffin's class again won the banner for having the most mothers present at the meeting.

High School Teams Meet E. City Friday

Edenton High School's basketball teams will play their second conference game Friday night when both teams will meet Elizabeth City in the local armory. The games will start at 7:30. The locals lost their first conference game to Washington.

Colored Births Lead White In December

Colored births in Chowan County were far ahead of white births during the month of December, the vital statistics report of the local Health Department showing that there were 22 colored births compared with 8 white. During the month three colored deaths were reported and one white. Three colored stillbirths were also reported.

Rotarians Observe Farmers Night At Tonight's Meeting

4-H Club Peanut Contestants and Fathers Guests

HARRILL SPEAKER

Club Adopts Resolution Requesting Widening Chowan Bridge

Edenton Rotarians will observe Farmers Night tonight (Thursday), the affair scheduled to begin at 7 o'clock in the Parish House. The Rotary Club's guests will be the boys who participated in the 4-H Club peanut contest, sponsored by the club and fathers of the boys. Among the group will be Wallace Reid Peele, Chowan youngster who was the winner of the State 4-H Club peanut contest.

L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader of Raleigh, has been secured to make the principal address at the meeting.

An interesting program has been arranged for the occasion and it is the hope of President C. W. Overman that every Rotarian will be present. The boys and their fathers have been invited by letter and returns indicate that practically all of the boys and their dads will be on hand.

At last week's meeting the club adopted a resolution calling upon the State Highway and Public Works Commission to consider widening and improving the Chowan River bridge, which is in a bad state of repair and plans are underway for temporary improvements. Secretary R. N. Hines was authorized to sign the resolution and send it to A. H. Graham, chairman.

The club also decided to stage a contest to stimulate attendance. Earl Goodwin and John Kramer were appointed captains of the two sides, so that an interesting contest is in prospect. The contest is to last three months with George Twiddy and M. M. Perry appointed to work out details.

At Thursday's meeting John A. Holmes presented a very interesting program having to do with the Rotary Magazine.

Local Legislators Given Places On Many Committees

Each Senator Appointed As Chairman of a Committee

John W. Graham, Chowan County's Representative in the General Assembly, and the First District's two Senators, Charles H. Jenkins and Lorimer Midgett have been placed on quite a few committees following the appointments announced by Speaker Thomas J. Pearsall and Lieut.-Gov. L. Y. Ballentine.

Mr. Graham was appointed on 11 committees including Banks, Courts and Judicial Districts, Finance, Judiciary No. 2, Pensions, Public Utilities, Rules, Veterans Legislation, Elections and Elections Laws and Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry.

Mr. Jenkins, aside from being a member of 17 Committees in the Senate, was appointed chairman of the Interstate and Federal Relations Committee. Mr. Midgett was appointed chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and appears on 16 other committees.

49 Edenton Arrests During December

Forty-nine arrests in Edenton during December were reported by Chief of Police George I. Dail. Drunks, as usual, led the list with 19, followed by nine arrests for parking and traffic violations, seven for disorderly conduct and six for speeding. Forty eight of the 49 were found guilty. Of the arrests made 28 were white males, one white female, 15 colored males and five colored females.

Fines amounted to \$379.50 and costs \$419.15 or a total of \$798.65, of which \$120.50 was turned over to the Town Clerk in way of officers' fees.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Pruden Forehand of Tyner announce the birth of a son, on January 11. The baby weighed 10 pounds. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Progress Is Being Made For Opening Of Local Hospital

Dr. Frank Wood and Miss Lucille Hall Securing Personnel

MEET DOCTORS

Phases of Hospital Considered at Meeting Last Week

Though handicapped in some respects, Dr. Frank Wood, surgeon and medical advisor, and Miss Lucille Hall, head nurse and manager of the hospital at the Edenton Naval Air Station, are gradually getting things in shape in the hope of having the hospital ready for operation by the end of January. Dr. Wood and Miss Hall on Thursday night of last week met with Edenton doctors and a group of hospital trustees to talk over the situation and their plans at the hospital. During the meeting a committee from Town Council was requested to visit the base Friday morning in the interest of securing from various buildings as much material as possible which is needed to get the hospital in operation.

This committee met with David Hervey, president of the Hervey Foundation, to whom the Town of Edenton has sub-leased the greater portion of the base, and Raymond Umbaugh, scientist in charge of cattle breeding. Mr. Hervey consented to the use of material stored in buildings covered by his lease providing a memorandum is signed to the effect that the various items were moved and that he could secure possession of them if and when he needs them.

In the meantime, Dr. Wood and Miss Hall are proceeding in securing personnel for the hospital and getting things in readiness for accepting patients.

Thomas J. Bell Dies After Long Illness

Funeral Services Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home

Thomas J. Bell, 70, passed away at his home on West Queen Street Sunday afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock following a period of failing health extending over a period of five years, the last six weeks of which he was bedridden.

Deceased was a native of Chowan County and for many years was employed in various capacities by the M. G. Brown Lumber Company.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Chetta Brett Bell, a daughter, Mrs. W. C. Moore, and a son, Thomas J. Bell, Jr., of Greenville, a brother, Capt. P. H. Bell and a sister, Mrs. Emma Kearns of Washington, D. C., also survive, as well as several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Ziegler Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. H. F. Surratt, pastor of the Methodist Church, of which Mr. Bell was a member, officiating. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were W. W. Byrum, J. Clarence Leary, J. A. Curran, Paul Wallace, William R. Israel, R. F. Elliott and Raymond Mansfield.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. W. A. Leggett, Dr. L. P. Williams, L. L. Lewis, D. B. Liles, G. E. Cullipher and T. J. Wilder.

Red Men 'Pounding' At Next Meeting

At Monday night's Red Men meeting it was decided to hold a "pounding" next Monday night for one of the members of the tribe, it being hoped that all members will participate. Cash contributions will also be in order.

The Red Men also adopted a resolution requesting the State Highway and Public Works Commission to widen and make permanent repairs to the Chowan River bridge.

Annual Parish Meeting Of St. Paul's January 22

Wednesday night, January 22, at 8 o'clock the annual Parish meeting of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be held in the Parish House. At this time vestrymen will be elected and other business transacted. A large attendance on the part of the congregation is desired.

March Of Dimes Drive In Chowan Scheduled Begin Next Monday, January 20

C. Of C. Secretary



PETER CARLTON
On January 1 Peter Carlton assumed his new duties as full time executive secretary of the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association. It is the first time in the history of the organization that it has had a full-time secretary.

Lions Club Adopts Resolution Calling Widening Of Bridge

Plans Shaping Up For Tenth Anniversary Meeting

Edenton Lions at their meeting Monday night adopted a resolution requesting the State Highway and Public Works Commission to widen and make permanent repairs to the Chowan River bridge, which is now being temporarily repaired. The Lions also accepted a recommendation made by the Chamber of Commerce to be represented at a joint meeting in the near future of all local organizations, public and school officials at which time a definite proposal will be made toward organizing a band in Edenton.

A. P. Harrell was in charge of the program which was in the form of a quiz. Geddes Potter won first prize and Nathan Dail second.

Various committees reported upon progress of the tenth anniversary observance of the club on January 27, interest in the affair being increased by the report that Larry Slater, who organized the Edenton club, will attend the meeting and take part on the program.

Legion Will Award Ford In Drive To Raise Post Funds

\$775 Offered In Prizes For Selling Most Tickets

Ed Bond Post of the American Legion have a brand new Ford automobile, secured from the Albemarle Motor Company, with which they plan to raise a considerable fund for Legion work. In order to stimulate sales, the Legion is offering eight cash prizes to the persons selling the most tickets during the contest. These prizes aggregate \$775, with first prize being \$500.

The contest will start today (Thursday) and end on or about February 22, when the Ford will be awarded the winner. To stimulate interest in the contest Edward Bass has agreed to manage the drive and plans to go into every community in this section, where the Ford will be exhibited and tickets sold.

GRAHAM BANK ATTORNEY

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of Edenton Thursday of last week John W. Graham was appointed as the bank's attorney, succeeding the late W. D. Pruden. Mr. Pruden held the position for about 25 years.

Chairman R. L. Pratt Calls Meeting of All Chairmen Today

AT COURT HOUSE

Worst Epidemic In 30 Years Reported During 1946

Robert L. Pratt, who this year is Chairman of the March of Dimes, succeeding J. A. Moore, who served last year, has called a meeting of various chairmen for today (Thursday) in the Court House at 5 o'clock when plans will be set in motion for Chowan County to raise its quota in the fight against infantile paralysis.

Mr. Pratt announced this week that he plans to begin the drive on Monday, January 20, and hopes Chowan County will be as liberal as in previous years, when the quota has always been over-subscribed. Last year Chowan County was credited with a contribution of \$1,566.82. Neither Mr. Pratt nor J. Edwin Buffap, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, have been informed what this year's quota for Chowan County is, but both are hopeful that as much will be raised as last year.

Reason advanced by both Pratt and Buffap for no decrease in contributions is the fact that the nation has just undergone the worst infantile paralysis epidemic in 30 years, with more than 25,000 cases reported by December.

Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation, at a meeting of the organization's state advisors on women's activities in New York early in December, pointed out that as a result of the drain on its resources in aiding those stricken in the 1946 epidemics, the National Foundation as never before in its history is in need of additional funds.

At least \$24,000,000 must be raised in the 1947 March of Dimes, January 15-30, he stated, adding that 1947 represents the most crucial of the National Foundation's nine years. Half of the \$24,000,000 goal would go to the organization's chapters for patient care, \$5,000,000 for research, \$5,000,000 for epidemic aid and \$2,000,000 to replenish the general working fund.

Committee chairmen who are asked to meet this afternoon are as follows:

- American Legion—Mrs. Willis McClenny.
- Legion Auxiliary—Mrs. Joseph Thorud.
- Junior Woman's Club—Miss Ernestine Jones.
- Lions Club—Linwood R. Worrell.
- Rotary Club—George Twiddy.
- Rural Communities—C. W. Overman and Miss Rebecca Colwell.
- City Schools—J. A. Holmes and Miss Lena Jones.
- County Schools—W. J. Taylor and T. J. Jessup.
- Colored City Schools—D. F. Walker.
- Rural Colored Communities—J. B. Small and Esther Burgess.
- Colored People in Edenton—Dr. O. L. Holley.
- Theater Contributions—Jimmy Earnhardt.

Mr. Pratt has appointed J. Edwin Buffap, Bill Cozart and Essie Coffield as his publicity committee.

All of the above chairmen are urgently requested by Mr. Pratt to attend today's meeting.

Gilmer W. Johnson Employed In Raleigh

Friends in Edenton will regret to learn that Gilmore W. Johnson has left Edenton to accept a position with the vocational department at State College, Raleigh. Mr. Johnson has been located in Edenton for five years, where he was connected with the Farm Production Credit Association and M. M. Nixon in the manufacture of farming implements. Mrs. Johnson and two children are still in Edenton, but plan to join Mr. Johnson in Raleigh as soon as living quarters are secured.

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. The first degree will be conferred during the meeting and W. O. Elliott, master of the lodge, urges a good attendance.