

# Scoutin' Around

By PETER CARLTON

Attractive windows which are doing a job of "silent salesmanship" and helping keep our town from looking like a morgue after business hours include the Betty Shoppe, Quinn Furniture Company, Edenton Furniture Company and the Tank Gas Company.

We've been hearing nice comments about the recent move of the new type violation ticket which the Edenton police will be using as soon as they are printed. Designed for visitors to Edenton who are not familiar with traffic regulations, they are definitely not intended as an invitation to commit violations, nor meant for habitual offenders. As a matter of fact, a record will be kept by the department of the violation. A repeated offense will leave the department no alternative but to follow the due process of the law. We're happy to see that Elizabeth City has instituted a somewhat similar action in giving the visitors a "glad hand."

That group of citizens in Windsor are certainly eager to get on the ball. Met with F. H. Britt, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Trade Association, and with Register of Deeds Mizelle. The latter is secretary of the County Board of Commissioners in Bertie. While nothing definite could be said concerning the Town Board, the Rotary Club and the American Legion, those contacted felt sure that all would back up the project due to the pressing need for action on the Chowan River bridge.

We traversed the Chowan River bridge twice this week, and certainly can't complain about the number of men working on it. We CAN PROTEST the type of repairs being made, however. One of our members of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Com-

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merce and Merchants Association was telling of an accident that happened just recently on the Williamston bridge. Repairs of a similar nature were made and with the wet weather, the slick road and boards caused a car to skid right through the guard rails and off the bridge. We're not professing to be experts, nor are we trying to tell experts how to run their business—but serious consideration should be given in advance to protect the lives of human beings. No price can possibly be placed on the loss of one human life.

It might be well for the department to give the same attention to the Fish Hatchery bridge, for many complaints have been heard concerning it.

The people have been informed that the State Highway and Public Works Commission is well aware of the condition of the Chowan River bridge. It states, however, that it would be unwise at this time to think about permanent repairs. It is of interest to note that the chairman of the Commission speaks that a bridge of permanent nature should be built "within a reasonable time." The people are happy to learn that the department is giving this matter serious consideration. However, they do want to know that the Chowan River bridge is placed on the Class A priority schedule. They would like to know also "when is a reasonable time?"

While it is not for us to divulge sources of information, we have it on reliable information that one merchant in Edenton receives over \$85,000 a year busi-

ness from customers who come over the Chowan River bridge. Even forgetting the dollars which are taken in from tourists, and considering the sums of money in the aggregate, which are taken in by all the merchants of Edenton, Chowan and Bertie counties by customers traveling over this span both ways, one can readily see how vitally it affects this area.

Eddie Bufflap will be pleased to hear that Bill Davey, correspondent for the Bertie Ledger-Advance in Windsor, keeps up with his "Heard and Seen" column which appears in the Chowan Herald. Davey says it gives some good personal slants on people in Edenton. Who can deny that Buff does have a "homey" style of writing—and he writes just as he speaks.

A prominent Elizabeth City business man expressed a great deal of admiration for the people of Edenton recently. In speaking of the acquisition of the base by the city, he admitted he was a bit critical as to who would grab it up. His statement that probably some big fellow would get it, was quietly met by the Edentonian with the reply, "What difference does it make who actually got it? All of us will derive benefits directly or indirectly." The Elizabeth City business man says he'll never have anything critical again to say about people who "stick together."

George Twiddy of the insurance agency named after himself deserves a great deal of credit from his fellow citizens in the way he has been serving as a "welcoming committee" to newcomers to Edenton. The Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association is highly appreciative of his efforts. We must not forget all those merchants who paid money out of their own pockets to join in placing a "welcome advertisement" in The Chowan Herald for our business newcomers.

Miss Francesca La Monte, executive secretary of the International Game Fish Commission, just completed a ten-day tour of North Carolina, accompanied by Bill Sharpe of the State Division of Advertising and News. She is known in big-fishing circles. From listening to the enthusiastic tales of local Isaac Waltons who fish for the sturdy large-mouthed bass and jack pike in the creeks, ponds and rivers around Chowan County it would seem that they get as great a thrill as the so-called "big game fish hunters."

Speaking of creating a fishing business, Frank Williams, newly appointed Captain and commanding officer of the National Guard unit which will be activated shortly as a cannon company, tells of a fellow who has a private lake stocked with all kinds of small game fish and who has worked up a sizable business connected with it. (Not in these parts yet).

Mrs. Cam Byrum, Mrs. Cecil Byrum, Mrs. Wallace Griffin, Mrs. Wilmer Malone and Mrs. John Goodwin—all Lionesses tried and true, served a most delicious meal at the Lions den

recently to the members of the local Lions Club.

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## Commissioners' Proceedings

The County Commissioners met January 6, 1947, with a full Board present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid:

M. P. Wilson, Judge Recorder's Court, salary, \$100.00; Weldon A. Hollowell, Prosecuting Attorney Recorder's Court, salary, \$100.00; C. W. Overman, salary and expenses, \$166.66; Miss Rebecca Colwell, salary and expenses, \$115.00; George C. Hoskins, salary as treasurer, \$60.00; J. B. Small, colored County Agent, salary, \$100.00; L. L. Bunch, bill and services, \$53.60; Dr. J. W. Warren, County Physician, \$40.00; Dr. J. E. Andrews, bill, \$3.00; Albemarle Hospital, bill, Elizabeth White, 12 days at \$5.20 per day, \$62.40; Quinn Furniture Co., bill, \$7.20; Mrs. H. H. White, \$15.50; David Linwood Cooper, \$81.57; W. J. Taylor, bill, school attendance officer, \$55.95; Mrs. George Harrell, bill, boarding home care for three non-family persons, \$82.50; G. A. Hollowell, bill, groceries for Welfare Department, \$10.00; Mrs. Carolyn C. McMullan, superintendent Welfare Department, \$200.00; Mrs. Dorothy P. Helms, junior stenographer-clerk, \$100.00; N. C. Tel. & Tel. Co., December service, \$4.00; Herbert Small, December rent, \$40.00; Mrs. Carolyn C. McMullan, travel, \$40.00; Mrs. Dorothy P. Helms, postage, Welfare Department, \$8.00; Chowan Herald, stationery, \$3.00; Mitchener's Pharmacy, office supplies, 40c; Bertie-Chowan District Health Department, bill, \$208.35; Miss Matilda Muth, salary, \$30.44; The Eastern N. C. Sanatorium for John Henry Welch, \$17.98; The Chowan Herald, bill, \$41.90; The N. C. Tel. & Tel. Co., bill, J. B. Small, colored County Agent, \$4.73; Edenton Ice Co., bill for coal, \$1.50; T. C. Williams, bill, \$5.00; Edwards & Broughton, bill, \$18.97; Wood & Berryman, insurance premium, Court House, \$130.00; The Worrell Mfg. Co., bill, \$12.42; J. A. Bunch, bill and salary, \$371.10; Wood & Gardner, bill, insurance premium on George C. Hoskins' bond, \$250.00; S. W. Moore, bill, \$5.00; Edenton Ice Co., Inc., bill, \$64.76; Hughes-Holton Hardware Co., \$6.25; Herman F. White, bill, care of prisoners, \$102.60; Town of Edenton, water and lights, \$26.76; Zep Mfg. Co., bill, \$8.84; Commercial Printing Co., bill, \$97.96; Rurkhead-DuVane Printing Co., bill, \$66.60; Byrum Hardware Co., bill, \$6.25; The Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., bill, C. W. Overman's office, \$14.41; Lizzie Jordan for support of one indigent

person, \$15.00; Dr. L. P. Williams, bill, \$5.00; E. W. Spires, bill and salary, \$183.21; American Jobbing Co., bill, supplies for County, \$121.28; Collector Internal Revenue, \$305.08; A. T. Allen & Co., bill, \$475.00; Felgar Indexing Co., bill, \$400.00; Brown-Carver Library, State aid to public libraries, \$51.00; Shepard-Pruden Library, State aid to public libraries, \$102.00; Mrs. Eloise B. Jordan, help in tax office, \$65.00; Mrs. Annie W. McMullan, tax lister, \$40.50; Joseph Austin, salary, janitor Court House, \$40.00; The Bank of Edenton, road and bridge bonds due January 1, 1947, \$5,326.29; The Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., bill, Miss Rebecca Colwell's office, \$7.30.

By motion of E. N. Elliott, seconded by J. R. Peele, that the County Commissioners appoint Dr. J. W. Warren County Physician for a period of two years from January 6, 1947.

By motion of J. R. Peele, seconded by E. N. Elliott that the County Welfare Department pay Lizzie Jordan \$15.00 per month for George Jordan for support.

By motion of A. S. Hollowell, seconded by E. N. Elliott that the County Commissioners grant Donald V. Burgess and Jack O. Barnes permission to secure beer license to operate on Highway 17 near the Fish Hatchery.

By motion of E. N. Elliott, seconded by J. R. Peele that the County Commissioners authorize the School Board to sell land east of the railroad and adjacent to the sale price to the purchase of lot from the Norfolk Southern Railroad and also property along Oakum Street north of the present school property.

By motion of J. R. Peele, seconded by E. N. Elliott that the old jail house at the County Home be awarded to Mrs. B. W. Evans, she being the high bidder.

On motion of J. R. Peele, duly seconded by A. S. Hollowell, and unanimously carried, the chairman is authorized to pay to the Chowan Hospital, Inc., the sum of \$5,000.00, upon

transfer of this amount by the ABC Board to the general county fund.

The following reports were ordered filed: Sheriff J. A. Bunch; Dr. J. W. Warren, County Physician; C. W. Overman, County Agent; Miss Rebecca Colwell, Home Agent; Miss Hazel Shaw, assistant Home Agent; School Attendance Officer; State Board of Public Welfare; Treasurer; J. B. Small, Negro County Agent; Es-ther Burgess, Negro Home Agent; R. S. Marsh, assistant County Agent; monthly budget report Bertie-Chowan Health Department.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

M. L. BUNCH, Clerk.

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The Tax Books for the year 1946 are now in my hands for the collection of taxes. We urge you to pay your taxes now and thus avoid the penalty which will begin on February 1.

A PENALTY OF 1% WILL BE ADDED ON 1946 TAXES NOT PAID BEFORE FEBRUARY 2. ANOTHER 1% WILL BE ADDED MARCH 2 AND AN ADDITIONAL 1/2 OF 1% WILL BE ADDED FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MONTH TAXES ARE UNPAID.

**J. A. BUNCH**

SHERIFF OF CHOWAN COUNTY