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Mayor Leroy H. Haskett Re-elected

All Except Two Members of Present Administration Returned In Tuesday's Vote

Geddes Potter and Walter Wilkins Lost Out In Contests

LEARY WINS

George Twiddy Declared Ineligible to Run For Office

Though there were 20 candidates listed for the 11 offices to be filled in the Edenton election held Tuesday, all incumbents except two were returned to office. The two who were not re-elected were Geddes Potter, a member of the Board of Public Works, and W. M. Wilkins, councilman from the Fourth Ward. Mr. Wilkins, who has been confined in the Chowan Hospital for over a week, was defeated by Clyde Hollowell. Mr. Wilkins held two very important positions on Town Council, having been chairman of the Finance Committee and was in charge of Beaver Hill Cemetery, recently taken over by the Town. Dr. W. S. Griffin defeated Geddes Potter as a member of the Board of Public Works.

The election was very spirited with the largest vote recorded in recent years. Over 1,000 voters cast a ballot during the day.

The principal interest centered around the contest for Mayor, with the incumbent, Leroy H. Haskett being opposed by former Mayor J. L. Wiggins. Mr. Haskett won by a vote of almost two to one, rolling up 682 votes to 353 for Wiggins. The Mayor led in each ward, showing the greatest strength in the Second Ward, where he won 212 to 93.

W. H. Gardner, who had no opposition as treasurer, polled 821 votes.

In the race for Councilmen-at-large with five candidates, W. J. Yates led the ticket with 597 votes, followed by J. Edwin Buflap, who polled 504 votes. David Holton was a close third with 431, followed by Jesse Harrell with 326 and Ed Habit trailing with 31 votes.

J. H. Conger led the Board of Public Works candidates with 603 votes. O. B. Perry was second with 572 and Dr. W. S. Griffin third with 571. Ralph Parrish came in fourth with 480 votes and Geddes Potter fifth with 472.

In the First Ward J. Clarence Leary, incumbent, easily defeated Frank M. Holmes by a vote of almost 3 to 1. Leary polled 182 votes and Holmes 69.

W. M. Wilkins lost by a narrow margin as Councilman from the Fourth Ward. Wilkins' vote was 111, while Clyde Hollowell polled 124 votes, a majority of 13.

Graham Byrum had no opposition in the Second Ward and received 275 votes.

Though George Twiddy was the first candidate to file for office, announcing his candidacy the early part of March, it was learned only a day or two before the election that he was disqualified due to the fact that he had not been a resident of Edenton three years. It was necessary to print the Third Ward ballots over, omitting Mr. Twiddy's name, so that J. P. Partin went back in office without opposition. He polled 221 votes.

Final Meeting Of PTA At Chowan High May 13

The Parent-Teacher Association of Chowan High School will hold its last meeting of the year in the school auditorium Tuesday night, May 13, at 8 o'clock. The program will be in the form of a round table discussion. All parents are urged to attend.

METHODIST SOCIETY WILL MEET ON TUESDAY NIGHT

A general meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Education of the Methodist Church will be held at the church Tuesday night, May 13, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

S. W. TAYLOR IN HOSPITAL

S. W. Taylor is a patient in Chowan Hospital, where he has been confined over a week. Friends will be pleased to learn that as of Wednesday morning he was gradually improving.

Hospital Day

Hospital Day will be observed on a nation-wide basis next Monday in honoring the birthday of Florence Nightingale. Miss Lucille Hall, manager of the Chowan Hospital, stated that the local institution will follow the custom of allowing the hospital to be open for visitors the entire day in observance of the event.

For that reason anyone who is interested in visiting the Chowan Hospital may do so any time on Monday.

Mrs. Paul Holoman President Auxiliary

Meeting Is Changed to Third Tuesday In Month

For the third successive year, Mrs. J. Paul Holoman has been elected to serve as president of the American Legion Auxiliary, which now has a total membership of 111.

Other officers elected to serve with the president are: Mrs. Jesse White, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Leary, recording secretary; Mrs. John Graham, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. K. White, treasurer; Mrs. Elwood Nixon, historian; Mrs. Hubert Williford, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Will Baker, chaplain.

New members joining the auxiliary at its last meeting were Mrs. William P. Jones, Misses Mary Lee Copeland and Mary Morris.

The time of meeting has been changed to the third Tuesday night of each month, and the place of meeting is now permanently fixed at the Legion Club Rooms at the base.

Members of the nominating committee serving for the coming year were Miss Lena Jones, Mrs. William Elliott, Mrs. Shelton Moore, Mrs. Richard Davis and Mrs. James Bond.

Three-Year-Old Girl Suffers Broken Leg In Auto Accident

Rebecca Ruth Boswell, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boswell, had the misfortune to have her right leg broken and narrowly escaped internal injuries Saturday morning when she was struck by an automobile driven by Roy Martin Downey of Savannah, Ga.

The accident occurred at the Boswell home when the child started across the highway in the path of the automobile. She was hit by the side of the car and State Patrolman Clyde Pentress, who made an investigation, termed the accident unavoidable. No charges were lodged against Downey.

Antique Show And Tea At Colerain May 15th

The ladies of the Colerain Woman's Club are making preparations to entertain 500 or more antique lovers when they give their Antique Show and Tea at the Community House the afternoon and evening of May 15.

The following Antique dealers will have booths and have for sale their choice selections: Mrs. Haywood Guion and Mrs. Lillian Goshen of New Bern, Mrs. Ben Long Rivers of Littleton, Mrs. Rodman of Washington, N. C., Mrs. Myrtle Watson of Edenton, Mrs. Lloyd Harrison of Ahoskie, Mrs. Eunice Weeks of Elizabeth City and Mrs. L. D. Perry of Colerain. Others are expected to sign up for booths this week.

FAMILIES INVESTIGATED FOR VIOLATION OF SCHOOL LAW

W. J. Taylor, school attendance officer, reported to the County Commissioners Monday that during April he checked on six families for children not attending school under the compulsory school law.

Of the number investigated three were reported back in school. One family was placed under probation.

Clothing Drive Begins May 14

Edenton's Vote In Tuesday's Election

	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward	Fourth Ward	Total
MAYOR:					
L. H. Haskett	143	212	139	188	682
J. L. Wiggins	111	93	101	48	353
TREASURER:					
W. H. Gardner	218	219	197	187	821
COUNCILMEN-AT-LARGE:					
W. J. Yates	157	159	122	159	597
J. Edwin Buflap	143	116	104	141	504
David Holton	103	136	117	75	431
Jesse Harrell	85	101	86	54	326
Ed Habit	1	17	5	8	31
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:					
J. H. Conger	158	155	137	153	603
O. B. Perry	159	150	112	151	572
Dr. W. S. Griffin	136	180	153	102	571
Ralph E. Parrish	114	125	141	100	480
Geddes Potter	133	104	107	128	472
FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN:					
J. C. Leary	182				182
Frank M. Holmes	69				69
SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN:					
Graham Byrum		275			275
THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN:					
J. P. Partin			221		221
FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN:					
Clyde Hollowell				124	124
W. M. Wilkins				111	111

Rotarians Choose Overman Secretary

Dr. George Crawford Unable to Accept Appointment

At last week's Rotary meeting Dr. George Crawford, who at the previous meeting was appointed secretary of the club by the newly elected board of directors, informed the club that, due to the press of his personal affairs, he could not accept the appointment. Dr. Crawford stated that he appreciates the honor, but with his present business set-up it would be impossible for him to take on any more responsibilities.

At the conclusion of the meeting C. W. Overman, outgoing president, was appointed secretary and will succeed R. N. Hines.

During the meeting, the convention of Rotary International at San Francisco was discussed and Richard F. Elliott was elected as a delegate and George Twiddy as alternate, though it is not certain if either one will be able to attend.

Group Meeting At School On May 14

Family Life Specialist Scheduled to Be Principal Speaker

A meeting of family life leaders of the home demonstration clubs, home agents, ministers, presidents of P.T.A. Woman's Club, American Legion Auxiliary and county presidents of home demonstration clubs of Chowan and Perquimans counties will be held in the Edenton High School auditorium Wednesday morning, May 14, at 9:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Virginia S. Swain, family life specialist with the State Extension Service, will speak on "What Makes a Happy Home?" She will also lead a discussion during the latter part of the meeting.

All of the above mentioned representatives are urged to attend the meeting.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER VAST 5 TO 10 YEAR COUNTY BUILDING PROGRAM

Estimated Cost of Necessary Improvements Over Half Million Dollars; Plan to Call Mass Meeting of Citizens to Consider Policy

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday gave some consideration to a five or ten year building program which is roughly estimated to involve the expenditure of over half a million dollars. The idea was brought about by urgent requests for school needs and requests for these improvements to be made. The Commissioners decided it would be the logical thing to list all the needs, then call a mass meeting of various groups and citizens in general to discuss the needs, after which a committee of seven is to be appointed to make a survey and thorough study of the situation and later report back to another mass meeting and make recommendations as to a program to pursue.

The Commissioners realize that something must be done and further sense the fact that what is done will affect every taxpayer, so that they desire to have a public meeting to learn the wishes of the citizens they represent.

Each educational unit has presented a proposed program, and the No. 1 project at Chowan High School is a gymnasium and equipment which is estimated to cost \$75,000. The No. 2 project of the county unit is an addition to the Rocky Hock school which will provide auditorium and classroom space, together with a shop and

garage. This project is estimated to cost \$11,000. The No. 3 project provides for extension of the auditorium at Cross Roads, estimated to cost \$34,000.

The Edenton unit request calls for an addition to the colored school which is estimated to cost \$165,000, and a new high school building on Hicks Field, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

Besides the above projects, the Commissioners call attention to a new jail, which for several years has been under consideration, the cost of which is estimated to be \$75,000. Then the need for a central office building is emphasized which will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000. Modern heating of the Court House and a ladies' toilet at the Court House is also called to the attention of citizens, with these two projects estimated to cost \$7,000. However, the Commissioners feel that the heating and toilet can be done aside from money from a bond issue.

The program is a big undertaking, but the Commissioners are aware of the fact that conditions warrant something being done. It is for that reason that they lean toward a five or ten year building program and desire the general public to have a voice in forming the sort of policy to pursue.

Chairman H. Freo Surratt Completes Organization To Help Millions Overseas

Half Holiday

Mayor Leroy H. Haskett, again chosen by the citizens of Edenton to represent them for another term, joined with the board of directors of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association in complimenting the merchants and business firms for the fine spirit of co-operation displayed in observing half-day Wednesday holidays for the duration of the spring and summer. All prospective buyers are again urged to plan their purchases ahead of time.

Canvass In Rural Section Planned May 19, 20 and 21

NEED GREAT

Housewives Urged to Save Clothing While Housecleaning

The Rev. H. F. Surratt, Chowan County chairman for the clothing drive for overseas relief, announced this week that the canvass will be made in Edenton Wednesday afternoon, May 14. Plans are being made to make the collection in the afternoon about 3 o'clock, so that any contribution of old clothes, bedding and shoes is requested to be placed on front porches where it can readily be seen and collected.

A house-to-house canvass will be made in the rural section of the county May 19, 20 and 21. Miss Rebecca Colwell and C. W. Overman will work with the rural churches in connection with the drive.

Mr. Surratt has completed his organization with the following taking part as sub-chairmen in the drive:

Robert S. Marsh, 4-H Clubs; Miss Rebecca Colwell, home demonstration clubs; J. L. Chestnut, Rotary Club; Jesse Harrell, Edenton merchants; W. J. Taylor, county schools; Mrs. Lloyd Griffin, Edenton schools; Mrs. Martin Wisely, Junior Woman's Club; the Rev. J. E. Tillett, rural colored churches; the Rev. E. S. Parker, Edenton colored churches; J. B. Small, colored rural area; Miss Emma Foreman, Edenton colored schools; W. W. Byrum, Dr. Martin Wisely and Graham Byrum, Lions Club; C. W. Overman, agricultural section; Miss Esther Burgess, colored home demonstration clubs. Mr. Surratt will assist white churches in the county in the drive.

Mr. Surratt stresses the importance of the drive in that millions of people are suffering due to lack of clothing. The goal for North Carolina is at least a pound a person and he is hopeful that this quota will be realized in Chowan County. The drive, originally started by the North Carolina Council of Churches, has the approval of Governor Cherry, who urges every person and organization to give liberally of items needed which can be spared in order to add comfort to unfortunate millions as the result of the recent war.

Goods collected in the drive will be shipped to New Windsor, Md., from where it will be sorted and packed for overseas shipment. Distribution overseas will be handled by churches, going to those in most need, regardless of race, creed or political and religious convictions.

Mr. Surratt is urging all housewives to combine their spring housecleaning with this project of mercy. Those old military uniforms, wedding clothes, baby things, extra bedding, torn tablecloths and a hundred other items can be sent abroad with the assurance that they will end their days in an errand of mercy.

Mrs. L. A. Patterson New PTA President

Group Is Entertained at Final Meeting of Year Held Tuesday

Edenton Parent-Teacher Association held its final meeting of the year Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, outgoing president, expressed her appreciation to the members for their cooperation during the year before turning over the chair to the new president, Mrs. L. A. Patterson. Other new officers are Mrs. Francis Hicks, vice president; Mrs. Richard Davis, secretary and Mrs. Maynard Perry, treasurer.

Mrs. Patterson stated that she will soon complete her list of committees, but stated that she had named Mrs. John M. Elliott as lunch room chairman, succeeding Mrs. Paul Wallace.

After a short business meeting Mrs. Ernest Swain's first grade pupils presented an operetta, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. C. B. Mooney.

Mrs. Frank Elliott also presented a trio of her students, Miss Carolyn Swindell, Miss Suzanne Speight and Miss Susan Thigpen, who rendered several selections, accompanied at the piano by Miss Charlotte Bunch.

Colonials Will Play Suffolk Tonight

Edenton Team Rapidly Rounding Into Shape For League

Edenton's Colonials are rapidly rounding in shape for the Albemarle League season which is scheduled to open Sunday, June 1. The local outfit, managed by John Byrum, has played three exhibition games and took the long end of the score in each game.

In the first game Wednesday night of last week the Colonials downed the Norfolk Fisher Texaco outfit on Hicks Field 8-4. Lester Jordan held things in check during the six innings he was on the mound. He allowed only one safe hit and fanned seven of the 20 batters to face him. He was relieved by Ben Askew, who contributed two home run clouts to the victory.

On Sunday afternoon the Colonials took the measure of the Hertford Indians on the latter's diamond by a count of 3-2. Carroll Griffin and Ben Askew performed on the mound.

The third exhibition game was won by the Colonials Monday night when a return game was played on Hicks Field with the Hertford Indians. The score was 11-7 in favor of Edenton with Lester Jordan on the mound for Edenton.

Manager John Byrum announces a game on Hicks Field tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock with Suffolk. The game is expected to be a mound duel between Lester Jordan and Herman Dowdy, ace semi-pro right hander of the Tidewater, so that a good game is in prospect.

Seeking Bids For Likely Star Routes

Move Made In Anticipation of Removal of Two Trains

In anticipation of removal of the Norfolk Southern passenger trains between Raleigh and Norfolk, Postmaster C. E. Kramer announced this week that the Post Office Department is seeking bids for three star routes to handle the mail which is handled on the two remaining passenger trains.

The star routes will be from Edenton to Washington, Norfolk to Edenton and Elizabeth City to Rocky Mount. Anyone interested in submitting a bid should contact Postmaster Kramer for further information.