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Tentative County Budget Figures Reflect Increase In Tax Rate Of Ten Cents

Commissioners Juggle Figures All Day Monday

RATE \$1.10

Agree to Adopt State Forest Fire Control Program

Though figures are not final, indications are that the Chowan County tax rate for the year 1947-48 will be \$1.10 per \$100 property valuation, which is an increase of 10 cents over the \$1.00 rate of the last fiscal year.

This rate was tentatively set by the County Commissioners after an all day session of figure juggling Monday, at which time the various department budgets were considered. Each budget was carefully scrutinized, with some requested appropriations sliced by eliminating here and there a number of items which were deemed not absolutely necessary.

The rate of \$1.10 was tentatively set by the following levies:

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|-----------------|-------|
| Bonds | \$.49 |
| Schools | .30 |
| Social Security | .11 |
| General County | .20 |

Total \$1.10

In comparison with last year's rate, the social security 11-cent levy is three cents above last year. Schools is up one point, bonds less four points and general county up 10 points.

Tentative figures for the county general fund calls for an anticipated expenditure of \$61,343. To meet this amount, \$43,543 is anticipated from the ABC store, leaving \$17,800 to be raised by taxation, which requires a 20-cent levy.

Expenditures in the general county budget includes expense of operating the county government such as listing taxes, sheriff's expenses, elections, accountant, treasurer, court house expenses, register of deeds, coroner, jail, outside poor relief, agriculture, health, contributions and gifts, Superior Court, clerk of Superior Court, Recorder's Court and Juvenile Court.

A considerable amount of time was devoted to studying the school budget, some of the time concerning a bus for the transportation of the school's athletic teams. The Varsity Club recently sponsored a project to raise funds to purchase a bus, but only approximately \$1,800 was subscribed. This amount was offered the Edenton school trustees with the understanding that \$2,000 be put in the budget to purchase the bus. This item resulted in a considerable amount of discussion and finally resulted on a thumbs down policy by the Commissioners. This amount was, therefore, dropped from the city school budget.

The total county school budget as finally tentatively agreed upon calls for an appropriation of \$39,406, of which \$13,678 is for the county unit and \$25,728 for the city unit.

Of the \$13,678 in the county unit, \$10,566 goes for current expenses, \$2,000 for capital outlay and \$1,112 for debt service. In the city unit current expenses require \$21,229 and capital outlay \$4,500.

Non-tax revenue for schools was estimated at \$8,600, of which \$6,000 is anticipated from fines and forfeitures, \$1,500 from poll taxes, \$500 from dog taxes and \$600 from intangible taxes. There was a balance (Continued on Page Eight)

Three Young Men Enlist In Air Force

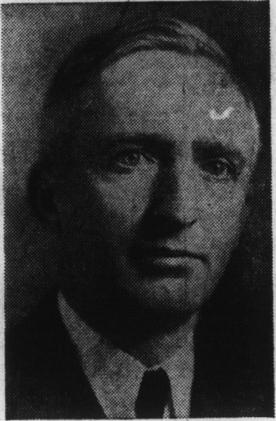
Sergeant Paul Fisher of the U. S. Army Recruiting team, reports that three local young men have enlisted in the regular army air force and were sworn in Friday for three-year enlistments. The trio is composed of Roger Haskett, son of Mayor and Mrs. Leroy Haskett; Rodney Harrell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Harrell; and Thomas Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ward. They were sent to San Antonio, Texas, for their basic training.

The recruiters are in Edenton every Thursday, and will be glad to furnish any information to young men regarding enlisting in the army.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold its regular meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. With no baseball game scheduled, W. O. Elliott, master of the lodge, urges a full attendance.

Candidate



H. P. (PAT) Taylor Announcement was made this week by H. P. (Pat) Taylor of Wadesboro that he will be a candidate for lieutenant-governor in the Democratic Primary in May of next year.

3 Minute News Digest

Editorial in "The New-Record" of last week. "A Merchants' Association Needed. This is not first time we've written an editorial on the need of a Merchants' Association for Marshall and probably will not be the last time. We are greatly handicapped without some association of this kind."

Senator Clyde Hoey (D-NC) favors restoring of funds to Ag Department. Urges Senate Appropriations Group to fully restore sums asked by President in budget for the year beginning July 1.

Halsey Mills at Creswell burned down last Friday evening. Loss estimated at around \$75,000. Dick Baer of Edenton, General Manager. Millions of feet of lumber were lost. Fire still burning on Monday. Fire originated near boilers around midnight. Edenton Fire Dept. valiantly worked to save. But lack of water supply made task hopeless.

Tomato plant flights help South Georgia. Permit plants to be shipped from Georgia one day and set out in Midwestern states the next. Georgia Agricultural and Industrial Development Board points out that air transportation holds great promise for this industry where time is important element. Cabbage, onion, pepper and broccoli plants have also been shipped to distant points for transplanting.

Berry pickers quit Hamburg, Iowa farm because couldn't stand deafening noise of a horde of locusts in trees near strawberry patch they were working.

Marylanders rap airport plan at D. C. hearing. Hundreds protest saying it would be menace to shipping. Owners of property nearby state it already scared away prospective purchasers of property near the site. Navy proposed building \$12,000,000 Naval Academy airport.

Maryland gets 40 million dollar hospital. War Department claims it will be "the greatest medical research center in the world."

Report from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company states records show one third of those killed by lightning were struck while standing under trees.

Red Men Will Install Officers Monday Night

Officers for the next six-month term will be installed Monday night by Chowan Tribe of Red Men. The installation, ceremony will be conducted by W. J. Daniels, Great Senior Sagamore.

The officers who will be installed are George T. White, prophet; John R. Lewis, sachem; Robert Whiteman, senior sagamore and William J. Wright, junior sagamore. A large attendance is requested.

Building Committee Recommendations Go To County Group

Small Crowd on Hand At Mass Meeting Friday

LITTLE INTEREST

Commissioners Are Expected to Take Some Action Monday

As was the case at previous meetings in connection with Chowan County's ten-year building program, a comparatively small crowd was on hand in the Court House Friday night to hear the recommendations of the building committee, members of which made an investigation and thorough study of conditions and accordingly arranged five projects in order of their importance, in the opinion of the committee as a whole.

The project claiming first priority, according to the recommendations, is building a unit which will provide adequate class rooms for colored children in Edenton.

Second on the list is also a unit to be built on Hicks Field which will provide class rooms for the overflow of children in the Edenton white school.

A gymnasium and addition to the auditorium at Chowan High School was ear-marked as project No. 3.

The addition of an auditorium at the Rocky Hock school was listed as project No. 4.

The No. 5 project is a central grammar school for colored children in the county unit.

J. W. Davis, chairman of the committee, stated that the work of the committee had been completed, with the recommendations made. These recommendations have been passed on to the County Commissioners, in whose hands will be the authority of carrying out the entire or any part of the program.

West Byrum, chairman of the Commissioners, thanked the committee for the interest taken and the dispatch with which their duties were performed and the apparent unselfish recommendations presented in an effort to solve the problem facing the county.

The County Commissioners will most likely take some definite action at their regular meeting next Monday.

Closing Exercises Of Bible School Tonight

Program Will Be Given In Parish House at 8 O'clock

Closing exercises for the daily vacation church school conducted jointly by the Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches will be held in the Parish House tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. The closing date was changed from Friday night in order not to interfere with the celebration of the Fourth of July.

The school has been very interesting and successful, according to the Rev. H. F. Surratt, director, who is high in praise of those who have taken part, and hopes many will attend the closing exercises to see what has, in part, been accomplished during the two weeks the school was in operation.

In the neighborhood of 75 pupils were enrolled in the school, with the following teachers participating:

Beginners—Mrs. Walter Holton, Mrs. Erwin Griffin, Mrs. K. J. Eyer and Mrs. J. A. Smyer.

Primary—Misses Peggy White, Susan Thigpen, Reba Comer, Mary Griffin and Mrs. Leroy Haskett.

Juniors—Mrs. Frank Elliott, Miss Margaret Griffin and Miss Carolyn Elliott.

Refreshments will be served after tonight's closing exercises with the following in charge: Mrs. W. W. Byrum, Mrs. W. H. Coffield, Mrs. Paul Wallace, Mrs. P. G. Perry and Mrs. John Dobson.

Cotton Blooms Found In Fields Saturday

Louis Boswell and E. L. Ward both reported finding cotton blooms in their fields Saturday. Usually July 4 is considered early for cotton blooms to appear, so that apparently the crop is pretty well advanced despite advance weather conditions early in the season.

Edenton's Colonials Holding Grip To Lead In Albemarle League

Local Team Wins Three Of Four Games Played During Week

.761 PERCENTAGE

Game Lost to Windsor, Breaking Rebels' Losing Streak

| | W | L | Pct. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| Edenton | 16 | 5 | .761 |
| Hertford | 13 | 6 | .684 |
| Colerain | 10 | 11 | .476 |
| Elizabeth City | 8 | 11 | .421 |
| Suffolk | 7 | 11 | .388 |
| Windsor | 5 | 15 | .250 |

Edenton's Colonials continued their winning streak during the past week, being credited with three victories in four starts and hanging on to a 3½ game lead in the Albemarle League race. Up to Wednesday the Colonials won 16 games and lost 5, with a percentage of .761, leading the Hertford Indians with a .684 mark.

Edenton 6, Windsor 2

Wednesday night of last week Windsor fell prey to the Colonials on the Windsor diamond by a score of 6-2. Fitch was knocked out of the box by the Colonials in the second inning when four runs were chalked up. He was relieved by White, who held the Edenton team to one run the rest of the way. Thorne was on the mound for Edenton and had things pretty much his own way. Trot Leary led at bat with three hits out of five times at bat.

Edenton 6, Colerain 0

In Colerain Friday afternoon Herman Vick, latest addition to the Colonial pitching staff, held the Bertie team to a scant four hits, turning in a 6-0 victory. While Vick was turning in a splendid performance, his teammates connected for 10 safe hits off Johnson which netted six runs. Joe Fulghum was leading hitter with three singles out of five times at bat. Thorne connected for a home run in the seventh, scoring a run ahead of him. Trot Leary was credited with a triple, his only hit of the game.

Edenton 4, Windsor 7

On Sunday afternoon in Windsor the Colonials dropped a game to the cellarites 4-7. It was the first win for the Windsor team in 14 games, the league's record losing streak. The Rebels soon solved the slants of Jobie Griffin and scored three runs in the first inning. He was relieved by Thorne in the first inning, but before the Windsor bats were silenced, four more runs were scored. Thorne, however, was master of the situation after (Continued on Page Five)

Paul Conant Speaks To C. Of C. Group

Urges Use of Collective Powers In Shaping Legislation

Paul Conant, National Affairs Advisor for the United States Chamber of Commerce, met with a special committee on Tuesday at 4 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce office. H. A. Campen, president of the organization, stated that Mr. Conant, who covers ten states in the above capacity, urged the members present to utilize their collective powers in helping to shape the course of legislation that is being turned out in Washington, D. C., thereby protecting themselves as business men, and also doing a service to the citizens of their community.

Mr. Conant pointed out that the fallacy exists among citizens of small communities to the effect that anything that they say or think would not make much difference in national affairs. He emphatically insisted that this was wrong reasoning, and that the representatives of the home community or State, in this case, Senator Clyde Hoey, Senator William Umstead, and Congressman Herbert Bonner, wanted to hear the opinions of the people back home. Describing the services of the United States Chamber of Commerce in providing daily legislative briefs to local chambers, Mr. Conant advised that a special committee on national affairs be appointed to be active in analyzing and studying all legislation that is turned out or that is about to come out and which would affect the country in their import, with a view to correcting bad legislation.

Edenton Heads Albemarle In Celebrating John Paul Jones Day On Next Sunday

Missing

George Holley, colored, of the Welch's Chapel community, reports that his wife, Elnora Boyce Holley, has been missing since Saturday, June 21. When last seen she was wearing a light plaid red, white and green skirt and white blouse. She also had a blue top coat.

She is six feet tall, weighs 130 pounds and has a dark complexion.

Any information regarding the missing woman should be reported to the Edenton police or George Holley at Welch's Chapel.

Colored Playground Will Be Presented On Fourth Of July

Program Arranged at 3:30 Under Old Sycamore Tree

Plans are about completed for the presentation of a community playground for the use of colored children by the local colored Woman's Club, the playground being located at the corner of Freemason and Oakum Streets. A few pieces of equipment have been installed and on the afternoon of the Fourth of July at 3:30 o'clock under the old sycamore tree a program will be presented, to which parents are cordially invited to be present and bring their children.

Talks will be made by several noted men on the upkeep and care of the playground. The program will begin with the children singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing", "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful". The program will close with the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Refreshments will be served and those attending are requested to bring a small offering to help defray the expense of the refreshments.

"Truly the dream of every member of the Woman's Club has become a reality," said one of the club members. For a long time efforts have (Continued on Page Four)

Junior Legion Team Meets E. City Tonight Starting In Final Lap

Lack of Interest Likely To Result In Dropping Program

Edenton's Junior Legion baseballers, going into the final stretch of their current season, will meet Elizabeth City's Jackets tonight (Thursday) on Hicks Field, starting at 7:45.

While the local boys are definitely out of the race, the Jackets are still in the running and have a good chance of advancing to Area championship play, but a victory over Edenton tonight is almost a necessity to this cause. They are pushing Roanoke Rapids for the runner-up spot in the league, but will have to win most of their remaining games, two of which are against Edenton. Ahoskie has virtually sewed up the top spot. The first and second clubs at the end of the season advance to Area play-offs against winners from Leagues I and II.

The remaining home games on the schedule for Edenton are: July 8, Elizabeth City; July 9, Roanoke Rapids, and July 11, Ahoskie.

Melvin Layton, Edenton coach, was injured in an automobile accident last Friday night, sustaining a broken arm and other lesser but painful injuries, and will be out the rest of the season. Walter Holton, Post Adjutant, will handle the club through the remainder of the race.

William P. Jones, Edenton American Legion Post Commander, has said that from the standpoint of the (Continued on Page Eight)

U. S. Navy Offers Cooperation In Staging Program

ALL INVITED

Band, Mine Sweepers And Huge PBY Is Promised

"John Paul Jones Day," Edenton, the former Colonial capital, and home of the patron of "John Paul," Joseph Hewes, will take the lead in paying homage to the "father of the American Navy" on Sunday afternoon, July 6, commencing at 2 o'clock on the Court House green.

According to Mayor Leroy Haskett, who has asked the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association to be in charge of the program in cooperation with the other organizations of the town and county, Captain O. R. Swigart, assistant chief of staff of the Fifth Naval District, with headquarters in Norfolk, Va., will deliver the principal address. He also states that the Navy promised to send its crack band, two mine sweepers and a huge PBY to lend color to the occasion. Lieut. Comdr. T. Brinn of the Weeksville Air Station, is conveying the personal invitation of the Edenton officials to the commandant of the Coast Guard Station and to the commanding officer of the air base to be also present.

All organizations of Edenton and Chowan County and of the surrounding counties, together with the citizens and officials, are invited to the celebration. The ships and flying boat will be open for inspection by the public. Other recreational facilities available will be a baseball game between the Edenton Colonials and Suffolk on Hicks Field at 3 o'clock, swimming in the tremendous pool at the Edenton Naval Air Station and the movie theater. There are numerous eating places in Edenton to accommodate the public, and it is expected that there will be a large crowd on hand for the occasion.

Halsey Hardwood Company's Plant Destroyed By Fire

R. P. Baer, II, President, Thanks Edenton Officials For Help

As the result of a fire of undetermined origin near the boiler room, the boiler room and saw mill of the Halsey Hardwood Company near Creswell was leveled to the ground early Saturday morning and, together with the loss of a large number of green logs nearby, damage was estimated in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

The fire was discovered shortly after midnight Friday and at once calls for help were sent to nearby towns. The Edenton Fire Department rushed one of its trucks to the scene, but with no water supply available, there was little the firemen could do in checking the blaze. What water is carried on the truck soon became exhausted. The truck returned to Edenton and was again called Saturday morning when the blaze took on new life.

Richard P. Baer, II, of Edenton, is president of the concern, and in commenting upon the fire early this week, expressed his thanks and appreciation for the cooperation of Edenton officials and firemen in offering their services to help combat the blaze. Mr. Baer was in New York City at the time the fire was discovered and was notified by his secretary shortly after it was discovered. C. T. Griffin, superintendent of the mill, was at Nags Head, and was on the scene a few hours after the fire was discovered.

The mill has been in operation since 1940, and Mr. Baer is being urged to rebuild the plant near Edenton.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Ross, a son, William Alexander, Thursday morning, June 26, in the Chowan Hospital. The newborn weighed 9 pounds and 13 ounces. Mother and son are getting along fine.