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\$400,000 County Bond Issue Election Approved

Tribute Paid To John Paul Jones And Joseph Hewes In Interesting Celebration In Edenton Sunday

Major Al Williams and Captain Swigart Principal Speakers

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Wreath Dropped From Helicopter In Honor Of War Dead

In response to a proclamation by Mayor Leroy Haskett setting aside last Sunday, July 6, as John Paul Jones-Joseph Hewes Day, citizens of Edenton and adjoining communities gathered on the Court House Green to pay honor and tribute jointly to Admiral John Paul Jones and his patron, Joseph Hewes.

Prior to the program, which began promptly at 2 o'clock, a concert was given by a band from the Norfolk Naval Base. The band also played several numbers which were interspersed in the program.

The speakers and those taking part in the program were seated on a platform arranged in front of the Hewes monument on the green, and under the shade of the trees many gathered and enjoyed the program arranged by the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association.

The program was in charge of Peter Carlton, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and public relations officer for Edenton and Chowan County. After the Navy band played the national anthem, Mr. Carlton called upon the Rev. Harold Gilmer to offer the invocation after which H. A. Campen, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, presented a number of interesting facts concerning both Hewes and Jones.

Major Al Williams, famed speed flier and aviation expert, spoke briefly but very interestingly. He said, like Admiral Jones, he detested war, but that one of the best ways to prevent war and to be prepared for it if it must come, is to be strong in the air over both land and sea.

Comdr. Don Levy, commanding officer of the Weeksville Air Station, also paid brief tribute to Hewes and Jones and said he felt honored in being invited to help celebrate the bicentennial of Admiral Jones and Joseph Hewes, who aided him in rising to the heights he attained as a Naval hero.

Mrs. J. M. Vail then read a poem she composed some years ago on John Paul Jones, which was read in public for the first time in honor of the occasion. She was given a hearty applause after the reading.

The principal address was made by Captain R. O. Swigart, assistant Chief of Staff of the Fifth Naval District. The speaker told of some of the famous sayings, which have since been emulated by the United States Navy.

Other speakers included Ensign R. Palkovic, commanding officer of the mine sweeper Linnet and his executive officer, Ensign Robert Larkin, both of whom were high in praise of the hospitality extended them while in Edenton.

During the program two Girl Scouts, Lillian Leary and Peggy Williams, placed a beautiful wreath at the foot of the Hewes monument which was erected in 1932 by special act of Congress. Another feature of the program was a helicopter hovering over the green, from which was dropped a wreath in tribute to those who had fallen in the late war. After the wreath landed in the water, (Continued on Page Eight)

16 Edenton Boy Scouts Now At Camp Darden

Sixteen Edenton Boy Scouts, members of Troop 156, together with their Scoutmaster, C. W. Overman, left Edenton about 1:30 Sunday afternoon to spend a week at Camp Darden, near Franklin, Va. The boys are expected to return home next Sunday afternoon.

In the group were Charles Lee Overman, Francis Hicks, Gene Ward, John Goodwin, Billy Bond, Sherwood Chesson, Burton Harrison, Byron P. Kehaves, Phillip McMullan, Billy Gardner, John Ward, Gene Taylor, Ernest White, Jr., Mack Privott, Frank Habit, Pete Adams.

Tobacco Assessment Referendum Is Scheduled To Be Held Next Saturday

Vote of Growers Will Decide Whether 10 Cents Per Acre Will Be Paid To Develop Export Market For Tobacco Crop

Every flue-cured tobacco grower in Chowan County whether landlord, tenant or share-cropper is urged by J. M. Price, secretary to the County Triple-A Committee, to vote in the tobacco referendum on Saturday, July 12.

The referendum, authorized by the last session of the Legislature in both North and South Carolina, provides for flue cured growers to express themselves in regard to an assessment of 10 cents per acre to be used in protecting and developing the export market for tobacco. The money would be administered by a non-profit organization known as Tobacco Associates, Inc.

"This referendum cannot be tossed aside as just another balloting on the mere assessment of about 45 cents per farmer annually for the next three years," says Mr. Price. "It goes far beyond that. It is a vote on whether growers are concerned enough to protect the \$200 an acre they received from exported tobacco in 1946.

"If there is a good turn-out at the polls, the effect will be felt both in Washington and in the capitals of foreign countries where matters of world trade are decided. If the vote is weak, then we may be headed back toward 1932, when, according to the economists, world trade was at a standstill. We know only too well first hand what prices were here at home.

"And, with the increasing yield

per acre from tobacco, it will be difficult if not impossible to maintain a fair price if our domestic supply is loaded down with the 40 per cent that normally goes for export."

Based on the average price received by farmers for tobacco in 1946, Chowan County tobacco farmers realized an income of \$625,000 from their last year crop. Of this amount \$250,000 come from exported tobacco. From these figures farmers can plainly see where export trade has a vital effect upon their prosperity.

Only tobacco farmers who are engaged in the production of the 1947 crop of flue-cured tobacco will be eligible to vote. Landlords and farm operators who have a tenant engaged in the production of tobacco should see that the tenant votes.

In Chowan County the polls will open at 8:00 A. M. and remain open until 6:00 P. M. Saturday, July 12.

It will require at least a two-thirds favorable vote to put the program into effect. "Every grower of flue-cured tobacco, regardless of how busy he may be, should take time out to go to the polls and vote," stated Mr. Price.

Mr. Price said that for Chowan County the following polling places will be open: Center Hill and Ryland communities will vote at Evans' store at Cross Road; Rocky Hook, Macedonia, Yeopim and Edenton Communities will vote at the court house in Edenton.

Commissioners Are Now Seeking Man For Fire Warden

Contract Signed For Forest Fire Control Program

Chowan County Commissioners on Monday signed an agreement with the Department of Conservation and Development inaugurating the State forest fire control program. At a previous meeting the Commissioners agreed to appropriate \$900 per year, which is the county's part of the expense involved.

The Commissioners are required to recommend three men from whom the Department of Conservation and Development appoint a fire warden for the county. Anyone who is interested in the appointment is asked to contact W. W. Byrum immediately, as names must be submitted by Monday of next week.

The salary of warden will be from \$130 to \$140 per month and is not necessarily an all-time job. The warden will be provided with a pickup truck with gasoline to be furnished to perform the duties. A tower will also be erected at a point deemed most advantageous.

Applicants are preferred between the age of 30 and 40 years and must be sober and conscientious. Officials are very anxious to get the program under way, so that anyone interested in the warden's appointment should contact Mr. Byrum at once.

Second Class

Effective July 1, the Edenton Post Office was reduced from first to second class. The local office has been first class since 1944, when business skyrocketed due to the Naval Air Station in Edenton, as well as war-time conditions.

Dropping back to second class will not, however, affect the service of patrons.

Dr. Lewis Reports On DDT Spraying

1,161 Homes Sprayed to Date; Many Houses Not Screened

Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, on Monday reported the progress being made by the DDT spraying program now in progress in Chowan County.

The report revealed that to date 1,161 houses were sprayed, of which 759 were white and 402 colored. People living in the houses totaled 5,815, of whom 3,390 were white and 2,425 colored. During the spraying 4,830 rooms and 1,137 porches were treated.

A surprising portion of Dr. Lewis' report was the fact that of the houses sprayed, only 306 were screened, 295 white and 11 colored. In comparison, 855 houses were not screened, 464 white and 391 colored. The number giving history of malaria were 558, of which 351 were white and 207 colored. The number of deaths from malaria were two, both colored.

Last year 343 houses were sprayed, 207 white and 136 colored.

Two Edenton Vets Now On Honor Roll In Nation's Capital

Dr. Frank Wood and Davis W. Cartwright First Honored

Two native sons of North Carolina are Edenton's first veterans of World War II to be enrolled on the permanent Roll of Honor at the unfinished Washington Cathedral, it was announced in Washington, D. C., by the Rev. Merritt F. Williams, canon of the Cathedral and chairman of the national war memorial committee. They are Dr. Frank Wood who served with the rank of Major in the third Auxiliary Surgical Group, Army Medical Corps, and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Presidential Group Citation; and Davis Warren Cartwright of 209 Park Avenue. He served as Boatswain's Mate, 1/c, in the U. S. Coast Guard.

Names and records of both the dead and living now are being enrolled in the nation's capital city on the only known national honor roll, in tribute to all men and women who served in the recent or any past wars of the Republic.

Canon Williams, associate chairman of the cathedral's national building fund campaign, a veteran of both World Wars and former chaplain of the war-lift aircraft carrier Wasp and battleship West Virginia, stated:

"Names and service records of all servicemen and women of the recent and all past wars are welcomed by the National War Memorial Committee and the privilege of memorializing the names and records of the war dead and of preserving those of the living, in thanksgiving for their safe return, is open to all."

"Enrollment of names and records," he added, "is not contingent upon any consideration other than the expressed wish of families or next of kin."

Names and records of the living and deceased veterans throughout the nation now are being sought by the National War Memorial Committee. Enrollment forms may be obtained from Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C.

Petition For Paving West Albemarle St.

28 Residents Anxious For State to Make Improvement

Chowan County Commissioners were presented with a petition Monday morning signed by 28 persons living on West Albemarle Street, asking the Commissioners to request the State Highway and Public Works Commission to pave the street from the northeast end of the cemetery fence extending northward to the end of West Albemarle Street extended.

The Commissioners accordingly will request the State Highway officials to hard surface the street which is used to a considerable extent.

AT CAMP LEACH
Sharon Lupton, W. O. Speight, Jr., and David Porter, left Monday afternoon for Camp Leach, in Beaufort County, where they will spend two weeks.

Commissioners Decide To Build Schools In Edenton; Gymnasium At Cross Roads

Veterans Honored



The Patriots' Transept, proposed southern arm of the unfinished Washington Cathedral, where names and war-service records of members of the U. S. armed forces will be enshrined on the permanent National Roll of Honor. The transept, upon which more than \$375,000 already has been expended, is one of the next cathedral units to be erected with funds now being raised in a nation-wide five-million-dollar campaign.

J. Henderson Dail Killed By Lightning

Prominent Farmer Was Seeking Shelter Under Tree

James Henderson Dail, 72, prominent Chowan County farmer, was killed by lightning on his farm near Cross Roads Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Dail was working in a field when a severe electrical storm hit the section and it is supposed he sought shelter under a hollow tree, which was struck by a bolt of lightning.

When Mr. Dail failed to return home about dusk, the family became alarmed and began a search for him, and it was then that he was found dead at the tree. The odor of burning clothing attracted members of the family to the tree, it was reported.

Deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary C. Dail; a son, Clifton R. Dail, and six daughters, Miss Bernice Dail of Franklin, Va., Miss Louise Dail of Washington, N. C., Mrs. S. F. Hicks and Mrs. Wendell Copeland of Edenton, Mrs. K. R. Copeland of Norfolk and Mrs. H. C. Sullivan of Hartford. Six grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the home this (Thursday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. E. L. Wells will officiate, assisted by the Rev. John T. Byrum. Interment will be made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Three Initial Projects Part of 10-Year Building Program

ALL DAY MEETING

Budget Approved and County Tax Rate Set At \$1.10

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday adopted the budget for the fiscal year 1947-48, which calls for a rate of \$1.10 per \$100 property valuation. The new rate is a 10-cent boost over the \$1.00 rate of last year. A tentative budget was considered at a special meeting held a week earlier and while further requests were made for appropriations, the Commissioners held down the figure so that it will not be necessary to raise the rate more than 10 cents over the previous year.

The total appropriation required amounts to \$154,197.21, of which \$43,544.18 is for bonds, \$61,343.00 for the general fund, \$39,406.03 for schools and \$9,904.00 for social security. The total budget for social security is \$42,404.00, of which \$32,500.00 is paid by State and Federal funds.

Anticipated revenue from sources other than ad valorem taxation totals \$56,643 of which \$43,543 is figured as coming from the ABC store earnings and \$13,000 cash balance in the County and City school funds. Deducting this \$56,643 from the total requirements leaves \$97,554.21 to be raised by taxation, which on a County property valuation of \$8,900,000 will require a rate of \$1.10.

Of the \$1.10 rate 49 cents goes for bonds, 20 for the general fund, 30 for schools and 11 for social security.

While setting of the tax rate was an important phase of Monday's meeting, the Commissioners utilized quite a lot of the all-day meeting to consideration of the recent recommendations submitted by the County-wide building committee. The entire 10-year program was considered and after thoroughly discussing each project the Commissioners decided to put before the people of the County an opportunity to vote upon a \$400,000 bond issue. With this amount the Commissioners feel that they can provide a unit for a colored school in Edenton and a unit on Hicks Field for the white school, each of which will have 17 class rooms, and to which can be added a gymnasium and auditorium at a later date. The bond issue will also provide for building a physical education building at Chowan High School. The aggregate estimated cost of the three projects, which will be part of the 10-year building program is \$491,000. Of this figure, \$200,000 is estimated for the colored unit, \$216,000 for the white unit and \$75,000 for the physical education building at Chowan High School.

While the estimated cost of \$491,000 is \$91,000 above the proposed bond issue, it is the belief that bids for construction will be lower than the estimate, that building costs will drop and that some funds will be available from the ABC store before the buildings are completed. It is hoped that construction on the projects will get under way by next spring.

After approving the first three projects and deciding to put a bond issue before the people, the Commissioners called in County attorney J. N. Pruden, who was instructed to prepare the necessary resolution and attend to the legal requirements in calling the election. Because of the amount of work involved in preparing for an election, no date was set (Continued on Page Eight)

Mrs. George Anderson Sponsor Of Fraternity

Mrs. George Anderson of Wake Forest has been selected as sponsor of Zeta Chi Fraternity at Wake Forest College, of which her husband is the retiring President. Mrs. Anderson's picture will appear in the College Annual for 1947. Mrs. Anderson is the former Miss Frances Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collins of North Edenton.

FORMER BAND IN CONCERT FRIDAY NIGHT



Above is pictured Edenton High School's famous band of several years ago under the direction of C. L. McCullers. Though many have graduated from school, practically all of the above group have been rehearsing for a band concert which will be held in the school auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock. No charge will be made, and it is hoped a large number will be on hand to hear the program. Mr. McCullers will come over from Kinston to direct the band for the concert.