

Norfolk Southern Railroad Renews Effort To Abandon Passenger Service On Road

Last Vestige of Personal Travel Accommodations For Public

2 TRAINS INVOLVED Claims Travel Has Declined Almost to Vanishing Point

The Norfolk Southern Railway Company is preparing an application to the North Carolina Utilities Commission for authority to discontinue passenger service on its Norfolk-Raleigh run (Nos. 1 and 2), which, if granted, will remove the road's last vestige of personal travel accommodations for the public.

The announcement, which came from the company's executive department in Norfolk, emphasized that the application is being made because of the tremendous losses being incurred in providing passenger service, but pointed out that the regular schedules of the two trains would not be largely disturbed, so far as the handling of mail and express is concerned.

A movement looking toward abandonment of the two trains—including not only passenger, but mail and express service—was initiated last Spring, but was abandoned when the new management took over and announced that the projects would be considered further. The posting of notices on the road's proposal brought forth protests from the communities and railway unions affected.

A spokesman for the road said the application also seeks authority to discontinue the operation of the two trains on Sunday, and pointed out that it has not been customary to handle express on that day. As for the movement of mail on Sunday, he added, adequate arrangements will be made by the Post Office Department.

It was also announced that the necessary procedure through the Virginia State Corporation Commission for discontinuing passenger service to Virginia communities on the Norfolk-Raleigh run will be undertaken shortly.

Company officials have posted notices in the North Carolina communities affected as to the road's application to the utilities commission. Under North Carolina statutes, such notices must be posted 10 days before the formal application is made, following which a public hearing is called if any concerted protest is made to the commission.

"Our final decision," a road spokesman said, "was that it would be economically impractical to continue this last passenger service considering that such travel has declined almost to the vanishing point and is continuing to fall off. Local passenger trains, so far as our road is concerned, have served their day. Buses, private automobiles and airplanes have put them out of business."

The two schedules now include 24 regular and 13 "flag" stops in each direction. Their abandonment, according to the company spokesman, "will not only result in a considerable saving but will make available for the commercial market quite a number of properties used exclusively for passenger stations." The distance between the two terminals is 229 miles, and the run, in each direction, is made in approximately eight hours.

It was pointed out that all the communities served have auxiliary bus or other passenger facilities, and a few are touched by commercial airlines.

Band Fund Now Near Realization

In Neighborhood of \$100 Needed Up to Tuesday Morning

Though the "thermometer" at the Bank of Edenton on Tuesday morning registered \$5,800, The Herald understands that enough contributions have been received to boost the total to less than \$100 of the \$6,000 quota.

A benefit dance is scheduled to be held in the Armory Friday night, as the result of which it is hoped the quota will be reached.

If by chance there are any who wish to contribute and have not done so yet, any amount should be sent to H. A. Campen, treasurer.

New Business

Chowan County now has a new enterprise, G. A. Boyce having recently started the manufacture of wooden soft drink crates at Ryland. An interesting phase of Mr. Boyce's new venture is the fact that because of the scarcity and extremely high price of the necessary equipment, he made some of the machinery needed for the business himself. Reports are to the effect that he is doing a thriving business.

Six Chowan 4-H Boys Enter Corn In Chicago Exposition

International Affair to Be Staged November 29 to December 6

Six Chowan County 4-H Club youths are still first from North Carolina to make entry in the International Livestock Exposition and Horse show which will be held at the Chicago Stock Yards November 29 through December 6. Each of these young farmers will exhibit ten ears of hybrid corn in the International Grain and Hay Show which is a part of the Exposition.

All active in 4-H Club work and each having raised one acre of corn as a club project, these participants are as follows: King George and Kelly Byrum, James Monds, James C. Boyce and Gerald Layden, all of Tyner; and Herbert Raye Lane, of Ryland.

Celebrating its silver anniversary this year, the Grain and Hay Show will show exhibits from many of the continent's most prominent grain growers, representing 29 states and Canadian provinces. Judges are top men in crops improvement, and their awards are considered the final court of grain and hay judging.

Cash prizes in the crops contest have this year been increased more than 50 per cent to make this show even more interesting than shows of past years.

The Grain Show is only one of many major attractions of the world's largest livestock show. Chief entertainment feature will be evening and afternoon horse shows in which some of the country's finest riding horses will compete. Farmers and stockmen from 39 states and provinces will show an estimated 12,000 animals in the various classes of the cattle, sheep, hog and horse competitions of the colorful eight-day event.

Bank's Christmas Club Sends \$50,000 To 1,000 Members

New Club Scheduled to Open December 1 With Only 1,000 Accepted

As the result of the Bank of Edenton's 1947 Christmas Saving Club, \$50,000 late last week was distributed among the 1,000 members.

The 1948 Club will open next Monday, December 1, and W. H. Gardner, vice president, says that only 1,000 books have been purchased, so that no more members will be enrolled this year. For the past few years late comers were unable to be enrolled, so that those desiring to enter this popular plan of Christmas Saving are urged to do so before all of the books are used.

Legion Canvassers Requested To Report

All chairmen of solicitation teams in the Legion Memorial Home drive are requested to attend a meeting Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Court House. Each chairman is requested to bring all signed pledge cards and collections so that a semi-final report may be completed.

THANKSGIVING

THE SPIRIT AND SEASON OF THANKSGIVING GO BACK TO THE PILGRIM FATHERS... BUT OUR CELEBRATION OF IT AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY WE OWE TO —



HER GOAL WAS ATTAINED IN 1864 WHEN PRESIDENT LINCOLN ISSUED A PROCLAMATION ASKING "MY FELLOW-CITIZENS IN EVERY PART OF THE UNITED STATES... TO OBSERVE THE LAST THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER AS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE... FROM THAT TIME ON, THIS DAY HAS STOOD AS A SYMBOL OF FAMILY UNITY AND NATION-WIDE THANKSGIVING."



College Color On Tap Year Recommended As Aces And Yellow Jackets Play Friday

Famous E. City Band Puts On Delightful Program MANY ON HAND

Aces Throw Score Into Jacket Camp But Lose In Final Quarter

Football fans on Friday night witnessed a sample of college color when the Edenton Aces and Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets met on Hicks Field in a homecoming game played before approximately 2,000 shivering fans. Prior to the game the famous Elizabeth City High School Band paraded up Broad Street to the football field, together with Miss Doris Miller, chosen as "Miss Edenton" and Miss Nancy Cropsey, "Miss Elizabeth City." At the football field the band members separated to form a long double line through which the Yellow Jackets came on the field to the wild cheers of Elizabeth City fans.

Between halves ceremonies were held in the middle of the field during which Harold Webb, president of the Edenton Student Council presented the visitors a trophy of friendship after which the band presented a very interesting drill which compared very favorably with doings on a college gridiron.

Though considerably outweighed, the scrappy Aces dominated and outplayed their heavier opponents during the first three quarters, but due to lack of reserve material the Edenton boys weakened in the final quarter, during which the visitors scored their three touchdowns to win the game 20-6.

Elizabeth City kicked to start the game and the Aces were forced to fumble the ball which was recovered by the Aces. The Aces were penalized 15 yards for holding and being unable to gain, again punted. The Yellow Jackets in turn punted, and the Aces were again forced to punt. The Yellow Jackets then chalked up two first downs but the Edenton line strengthened and the visitors kicked as the quarter ended. (Continued on Page Nine)

Thanksgiving Service At Methodist Church

At Sunday's services of the Methodist Church, the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Freeman, announced that a Thanksgiving Day service will be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. An appropriate sermon will be preached, to which the public is cordially invited to attend.

Hervey Foundation Accepts In Principle Town's Offer For Future Base Operation

Fair Warning!

According to Miss Goldie Layton, branch manager of the Carolina Motor Club, 1948 automobile licenses will go on sale at her office at 103 West Eden Street next Monday, December 1. Miss Layton is expecting increased sales this year, so that she urges automobile owners to secure their plates for passenger cars, trucks and tractors as early as possible. "Those who wait until the last minute to buy their licenses," said Miss Layton, "stand good chances of standing in line for a long time, thus causing inconvenience and hardship on themselves as well as this office."

Thanksgiving Dance Scheduled In Armory On Next Friday Night

Sponsored By Junior Woman's Club For Benefit of Band

A feature of the Thanksgiving holiday will be a dance in the Edenton Armory Friday night, starting at 9 o'clock and continuing until 1 o'clock. The affair is sponsored by the Edenton PTA with proceeds going toward the Edenton Band fund. Music for the occasion will be provided by Roy Cole and his orchestra from Chapel Hill, who is well known among local dance enthusiasts. Mrs. C. M. Speight, Mrs. Walter Holton and Mrs. C. B. Mooney are in charge of table reservations, applications for which should be made immediately. Very little more is needed to meet the band quota of \$6,000, so that it is hoped many will attend the dance and help put the drive over the top.

Wilbur Harrell Wins Honor As State 4-H Peanut Champion

Chowan Boy Awarded Free Trip to National 4-H Club Congress

Wilbur Harrell, 4-H Club member of the Rocky Hock community, has been declared 1947 State 4-H Peanut Champion, according to L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader. Wilbur is being awarded a free trip to the National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago, November 30 to December 4.

This was Wilbur's third year with a one-acre peanut project. His yield this year was 2,384 pounds on his acre. He cooperated with the Extension agents very closely in following the latest recommended practices in peanut growing. Lester Harrell, his father, gave him wonderful cooperation in his project work.

Wilbur is 17 years old. This marks his seventh year in 4-H Club work. During this seven year period he has conducted 4-H projects as follows: Five corn projects, three peanut projects and two pig projects, a total of 10 projects. His total net earnings have amounted to \$920.24.

Wilbur has been an active 4-H Club member during this period, holding various offices in his club, attending 4-H camps, attending annual 4-H short courses at N. C. State College, taking part on programs and other activities.

"It is gratifying to a County Agent to have 4-H Club members of this type who continue to be active in 4-H Club work and help others as well as themselves," commented County Agent C. W. Overman upon the accomplishment of young Harrell.

JUST A REMINDER

The congregation of St. Paul's Church is reminded that today (Wednesday) is the day on which Thanksgiving contributions of food are to be taken to the church.

President David Hervey Not Willing to Pay Court Costs

\$2,000 RENTAL Writes Open Letter to Mayor Haskett and Town Council

Replying to a proposition made by the Town of Edenton, David E. Hervey, president of the Hervey Foundation, to whom the Town of Edenton sub-leased the greater portion of the Edenton Naval Air Station, late last week wrote an open letter to Mayor Leroy Haskett and Town Council that his organization accepted the proposal as to future operation in principle. Mr. Hervey, however, objects to that portion of the proposal wherein the Foundation is asked to pay \$5,000 and all court costs in way of arbitration of litigation now pending between the Town and Hervey Foundation.

Mr. Hervey states that the latter deals with past events, and in that he also claims great damage as the result of the appointment of a receiver, he is willing for the matter to be decided by the courts.

Mr. Hervey's letter in full follows: "We wish to thank you for your letter dated November 8, proposing arbitration of the litigation now between us and a basis for future operations."

"We wish to discuss this latter portion of your proposal (namely that concerning future operations) first, as we believe this portion of your proposal, with slight modifications, is acceptable to us. First: the list of buildings you have made should include three more buildings which we are now actually using and without which even our present activities would have to be reduced, thereby decreasing our payroll, and also hampering our future growth. We are now using four buildings in the storage area instead of the three you mention. The other two buildings are No. 11 (where we do our woodworking and research) and the galley building. In addition, we need buildings No. 5C and 5D, but would not insist on them if you have prospective tenants. Second: We believe that your rental price of \$2,000.00 per year would be acceptable (even though the original lease called for only \$1.00 and the fact that we would be restricted to a much smaller portion of the base). We note that under your proposal we are still to maintain the buildings and facilities we use, at our expense. Also, that other facilities on the Naval Air Station will be available to us as we need them at a rental, proportionate to the above, provided they are not under lease to someone else at the time. Third: We would pay you for water and sewage services at the same rate we are now paying. Also, that you contract to us electrical energy at your standard schedule 6 rate, which is in line with our present power requirements. Fourth: That in addition to all the items in buildings listed and which

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Legionnaires Called To Work Saturday

Requested to Report at Home Site Equipped With Tools

All Legionnaires of Post No. 40 are requested to report at the site of the proposed War Memorial and Legion Memorial Home Saturday morning, November 29, at 6 o'clock.

Each one is asked to bring a hammer and saw and a wrecking bar if possible. These tools, together with man power, are needed to tear down part of the old oyster bar and to construct a building office on the northeast corner of the lot.

The committee in charge, consisting of Commander Walter Holton, Building Chairman Kermit Layton, Willis McClenney and George Crawford, urge all members to report for work on time, so that the entire work can be completed by noon.

Library Hours Again On Regular Schedule

With the boiler repaired, regular library hours have been resumed, according to Mrs. Sidney McMullan, librarian.

The library hours now are from 10 to 12 A. M. and 3 to 5 P. M. every day; 7:30 to 9 Monday and Thursday nights, and 3 to 5 P. M. on Sunday.