



Board Public Works Votes To Increase Price Of Water To Consumers In Edenton

Action Taken at Meeting of Board Held Last Week

MINIMUM \$2.25

New Rates Will Be Effective With Next Water Billing

At a meeting of the Board of Public Works held last week it was decided to increase the water rates, the new rates to be effective with the next water billing. It was pointed out that for quite a few years the water department has been operating at a loss. It was calculated that the annual deficit in operation expenses ranged from \$3,000 to \$5,000, so that the increase was decided upon primarily to make up for the operational loss.

Members of the Board of Public Works have been considering an increase in rates for some time and in making the announcement, they state that the new rates compare favorably with those in neighboring communities.

The new rates will make a quarterly minimum charge for those who use less than 3,000 gallons. This charge will be \$3.00 as compared with \$2.25 previously. Consumption of over 3,000 gallons will cost 26 cents per 1,000 gallons for the next 10,000 gallons. The former price was 22 cents. For the next 10,000 gallons the rate will be 21 cents per 1,000 gallons as against the former price of 18 cents. The old rate was 15 cents for each 1,000 gallons thereafter, while the new rate provides for 18 cents per 1,000 gallons up to 177,000 gallons, after which 15 cents per 1,000 gallons will be charged for all over that amount.

Under the new rates the Board of Public Works is of the opinion that the increased revenue will allow a sound and economical operation of the department which is primarily the reason for boosting the price of water to consumers.

Frances Privott And Billy Freeman Win In Baby Contest

Crowned at Tom Thumb Wedding To Be Held Tonight

Little Frances Privott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wood Privott, and Billy Freeman, son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Freeman, rallied in the vote-getting to wind up the baby contest as winners, according to the report following the close of the contest. Both winners were close in the final count, with Frances Privott having 11,330 votes and Billy Freeman 11,442 votes.

The winners will be crowned King and Queen at a Tom Thumb wedding which will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the Edenton High School auditorium. A bronze loving cup, gifts of Campen's Jewelers and Forehand's Jewelers, will be presented to each youngster as a prize. These loving cups are on display in Campen's Jewelry Store, so the public may have an opportunity to view them.

The baby contest, sponsored by the Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist Church was very successful from every viewpoint; it being reported that over \$1,000 has been realized.

The standing and votes of the first five in each division in the contest follows:

Girls—Frances Privott 11,330, Linda Rae Phillips 2,578, Barbara Layton 1,457, Rebecca Ruth Boswell 1,157.

Boys—Billy Freeman 11,442, Danny Long 7,030, Walter Paul Herrin 4,519, Bud Skiles 3,129, J. Douglas Jones 2,497.

Town Council Will Meet Friday Night

Due to lack of a quorum Monday night, the scheduled monthly meeting of Town Council was forced to be postponed. Mayor Leroy Hasket announced Wednesday morning that the meeting will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock.

New Complaint

Fire Chief R. K. Hall this week registered a new complaint having to do with fire plugs in Edenton. Mr. Hall states that he recently painted all of the fire plugs and because some people have a habit of resting their feet on the plugs, some of them look no better now than before they were painted.

Mr. Hall, therefore, urges those responsible to keep their feet on the ground where they belong.

Many Visit Hospital During Celebration

Auxiliary Members Escort Visitors Through Hospital Plant

On Wednesday of this week the Chowan Hospital held open house in honor of Florence Nightingale, whose birthday has been set aside and acclaimed as National Hospital Day throughout our country.

Members of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary acted as hostesses and hours for public inspection were from 2:30 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 8:30 P. M. Many people from Edenton and the surrounding area visited the Hospital and were shown throughout the building. Of particular interest was the new nursery equipment recently presented to the Hospital by the Auxiliary and the newly decorated surgical suite.

Members of the Hospital Board of Trustees were also on hand to greet those attending. After seeing the Hospital, visitors were invited to the Nurses' Home and were greeted by other Auxiliary members and Hospital personnel. Summer flowers were used in colorful arrangements throughout both buildings.

Auxiliary members who assisted with the hospital tours were: Mesdames W. D. Holmes, J. W. Davis, W. D. Pruden, Leland Plant, R. C. Holland, L. A. Patterson, Joseph Conger, Sr., Richard Elliott, A. C. Boyce, Roland Vaughan, Frank Wood, Martin Wisely, L. P. Williams, Elton Forehand, William Coffield, Albert Byrum, W. E. Bond, Allison Campen, John Wheeler, West Byrum, Roy Eminizer, John Waff, Emmett Elliott, Cary Hollowell, William Harrell, Herbert Hollowell, Wallace Goodwin, Russell Byrum, Percy Smith, Medlin Belch, W. M. Wilkins, Rufus Smithson, J. Clarence Leary, Mabelle Winslow, Z. W. Evans, L. H. Haskett, E. L. Belch, J. J. Long, W. J. Berryman and Misses Adelaide Tuttle and Janie Mitchener.

Hospital personnel wish to thank each one taking part and assisting with this affair. Special thanks is expressed to the merchants for the window space donated for decorations, the school children who made posters, The Chowan Herald for the publicity and the Street Department workers who aided in fixing the new parking area at the Hospital.

Federation Meeting Will Be Held In Dare

Bus Chartered to Convey Chowan County Members

Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent, calls attention to a meeting of the 25th District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs which will be held in Dare County Thursday, May 20, beginning at 10:30 A. M. The meeting will be held in the Lost Colony Theatre, but in case of rain it will be held in the Manteo School auditorium.

Chowan County Clubs are expected to be well represented so that a bus will be chartered to leave the Post Office at 8 o'clock.

Steps for passengers will be made at Valhalla, Cross Roads, Arthur Byrum's store and L. C. Briggs' store. Reservations should be made at once by calling Miss Colwell's office.

Dr. Leo Jenkins, dean of ECTC, Greenville, will be the principal speaker at the meeting.

Lions Club Minstrel Presented Tuesday To Capacity House

Creditable Show Presented For Benefit Of Band

Very few vacant seats were noticed in the 1,000-seat auditorium at Edenton High School Tuesday night when the Lions Club-sponsored minstrel and jubilee was presented for the benefit of the Edenton Band. The show was a credit to those who took part, as well as H. A. Campen, who as director spent a great deal of time and effort in coaching those who took part.

Appropriately enough, Ben Stevenson, director of the band, had his group on hand half an hour before the curtain went up and played almost continuously, much to the band's credit and the pleasure of those who heard the music. The band has made almost unbelievable progress and added no little to the entertainment, as well as arousing interest by a parade Tuesday afternoon.

With Earl Harrell as pianist and H. A. Campen as interlocutor, the entire show went off without a hitch, and there has been some talk of a repeat performance.

End men were Jack Mooney, Bill Vogedes, John Mitchner, Sidney Campen, Bill Cozart, Oscar Duncan, J. Clarence Leary and William P. Jones. These eight men injected much merriment in the program and performed more or less like veterans in the business.

Soloists during the show were West (Continued on Page Twelve)

County Democratic Convention Saturday

Delegates In Precincts Elected at Last Saturday Meetings

With the county's various precincts electing delegates last Saturday afternoon, the Democratic County Convention is scheduled to be held next Saturday afternoon, May 15, at 3 o'clock in the Court House. At that time officers will be elected and delegates chosen to represent the county at the State Democratic Convention. The State Convention will be held in Raleigh Thursday, May 20.

While all precinct delegates are expected to be on hand for Saturday's convention, any Democrat is invited to attend.

New Theatre Opens In Edenton May 18

New Brick Building Has Seating Capacity For 350

Edenton will have two theatres after Tuesday, May 18, when the New Eden Theater will open on West Eden Street in a brand new building. The new theatre is owned by the Taylor Theatre Company, comprising Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Taylor and Jimmy Earnhardt. The building, of brick construction, is modern in every detail and has a seating capacity of 350.

Both theatres will be under the supervision of Mr. Earnhardt, who announced that Hunter Jackson will be house manager of the Taylor Theatre and Johnny Owens manager of the New Eden Theatre.

The opening show will begin at 6:45 next Tuesday evening with the picture "The Return of Rin Tin Tin" featuring Rin Tin Tin III, Bobby Blake and Donald Woods. The picture, which is filmed in Vitacolor, will also be shown on Wednesday.

According to Mr. Earnhardt, week day shows in the new theatre will be at 7 and 9 P. M., while shows will be continuous Saturdays from 1:30 P. M. Sunday shows will be at 3:30 and 9:15 P. M.

Presbyterian Service On Sunday Morning

Preaching services will be held in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Adam H. Davidson, Jr., of Richmond, will preach and all members of the congregation are especially urged to be present. A cordial invitation is also extended to the public to hear Mr. Davidson.

May Day Festival On Friday Afternoon Delightful Occasion

Program Pleases Large Crowd of People on Court House Green

Living up to the reputation of past years, the May Day Festival held on the Court House green Friday evening and sponsored by the Beta Club of Edenton High School, was a very delightful performance. The green was attractively arranged as a garden scene and every phase of the festival delighted the large crowd who gathered to enjoy the entertainment.

Prior to the festival the Edenton High School Band paraded and played on Broad Street and at the green played several numbers which brought forth much applause.

Milton Ward Flynn was first on the scene as a herald and as he blew his cornet the court slowly began to move toward the Joseph Hewes monument. The court was composed of Hazel Boswell and Nathan Owens, Sybil Cayton and Aubrey Harrell, Joyce Webb and John Ward, Rebecca Swanner and Calvin Mills. Then followed the crown bearers, Jo Ann Leary and Mercer Darden.

Patsy Taylor and Russell Wheeler as queen and king followed and took their seats on the throne. Jean Jones was maid of honor.

The coronation dance was presented by Miss Nancy Beamer of Williamsburg, Va.

Next on the program were a number of songs rendered by Heilig Harney, Geola Ward, Mary Dale Spry, Carolyn Swindell, Susan Thigpen, Marion Harrell, Betsy Wood, John Harney, Jimmy Earnhardt and Bobby Jordan.

A Hungarian dance followed with the following taking part: W. O. Speight, Ben Browning, Marietta Perry, Betsy Duncan, Martha Wood, Peggy Lou Goodwin, Sara Kemp Wood, Harriet Conger, Kitty Campen, Ruth Rea Elliott, Barbara Dail, Barbara Leary and Mary Leggett Browning.

Next on the program was a Dark Eyes Dance, presented by a quartet (Continued on Page Twelve)

Meeting Of Farm Bureau Friday Night

President Asa Griffin Urges All Members To Attend

Members of the Chowan County Farm Bureau have been notified by the secretary, E. S. White, that the May meeting of the organization will be held at the Chowan Community Building Friday night, May 14, at 8 o'clock.

Asa Griffin, president, emphasizes the fact that some important business is to be transacted and that a short but interesting program has been arranged. "It is, therefore, very important that all members of the Farm Bureau attend," says Mr. Griffin.

Produce Exchange Will Open May 24

Francis Hicks Will Be Auctioneer Again This Year

Edgar Pearce, president of the Chowan Mutual Produce Exchange, announced this week that the exchange will open for the 1948 season on Monday, May 24. During the summer all kind of farm produce will be sold, with Francis Hicks again the auctioneer.

Mr. Pearce stresses the fact that sales are scheduled to start at 1 o'clock each day, so that farmers are urged to have their produce on hand by that time.

W. A. Harrell is secretary and treasurer of the exchange, which has been a great benefit to Chowan County farmers.

Musical Playlet At Chowan High May 18

"High Jinks at Hollister", a musical playlet, will be presented by the High School piano students of Mrs. R. R. White, Tuesday evening, May 18, 8 o'clock, at the Chowan High School. The public is invited to attend.

Edenton Methodists Plan Intensive Drive To Raise Funds To Add New Building

Tea Goal In Sight

Mrs. C. P. Wales reports that only one more 12-pound package of tea is needed in the Tea-for-Britain project in order to go over the top in reaching the initial goal of 100 pounds, which was set as the quantity to be sent to the Victoria League in London in memory of the ladies of the Edenton Tea Party.

If anyone wishes to make a donation towards this project, it will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made to Mrs. Wales, secretary of the Tea-for-Britain group.

Legion Auxiliary Members Hosts At District Meeting

Mrs. Joe Thorud Winner Of District and Unit Prizes

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post were hosts at a district meeting held in the Legion hut Friday morning, which was attended by representatives from the First and Second Districts. The Auxiliary members and guests were welcomed by Mrs. Paul Holoman, president of the Edenton unit, with Mrs. J. C. Rodman of Washington making the response. The colors were advanced by Mrs. S. M. Alford of Elizabeth City and Mrs. John A. White of Hertford, and after the preamble to the constitution was read by Mrs. W. G. Hollowall of Hertford, little Burton Harrison sounded Taps in honor of the war dead. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. W. S. Carawan of Columbia, who was later called home due to illness of her husband.

After special music by C. W. Overman, recognition of State officers and a business session, Mrs. Floyd Chadwick of Morehead City, department president, delivered an address. Mrs. Chadwick spoke about the national convention and during her remarks urged Auxiliary members to keep in touch with state and national affairs and to be ready to support favorable legislation, as well as equally willing to oppose that which is objectionable. She also stressed the importance of securing new young members in the organization.

At the luncheon meeting reports of various committees were made and prizes awarded. Mrs. Joe Thorud of the local unit won both the district and unit prize for securing the most members. Mrs. Kelly White won the honor for the Hertford unit and Mrs. S. M. Alford for Elizabeth City.

Mrs. R. E. Leary presented a very interesting report of the Edenton unit, but due to lack of space, this report will appear in next week's Herald.

The visitors were high in praise of the hospitality of the Edenton women and the hope was expressed that another invitation will soon be extended to again meet in Edenton.

Saturday Last Day To Register For Election

Next Saturday, May 15, will be the final day to register for the primary election to be held May 29. To be sure of being eligible to cast a ballot in the election, any voter who is not certain if his or her name is on the county election books should contact the registrar in his precinct not later than Saturday.

Registrars in the various precincts will be on duty Saturday from 9 A. M. to sunset.

Preaching Sunday At Ballard's Bridge Church

Preaching services will be held at Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The preacher will be the Rev. James R. Rowles, Jr., of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Rowles recently was graduated at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and during the war served as an army chaplain overseas.

All members of the congregation, which at present has no pastor, are especially urged to be present, and an invitation is extended to the public to attend.

\$30,000 Needed For Repairs and Educational Building

DAVIS CHAIRMAN Congregation Will Be Canvassed Sunday Afternoon

Faced with the need of necessary repairs and a desire to add an adequate educational building to the local Methodist Church, a group of members of the congregation met Monday night, at which time an intensive drive was inaugurated in an effort to make repairs and add a new building in the rear of the present church.

The building committee presented an architect's drawing of a proposed building which will provide 10 class rooms, a kitchen, a spacious recreation room, pastor's study and toilet facilities. At present there are no toilets nor water at the church.

According to the building committee's report the physical church plant is in deplorable condition, so that repairs are essential at once. Among the repairs needed are a new roof, since the present one leaks badly, repairs to the one corner at the base of the steeple which has been weakened by the work of termites, painting the interior of the church, the paint on which is now badly shedding, repairing windows which have left their original place due to settling of the building, the addition of a new boiler to replace one which has been worn out several years ago, as well as a number of other repairs.

According to a tentative estimate, the cost of the building and repairs will amount to something like \$25,000 or \$30,000, and at Monday night's meeting it was the general opinion that the undertaking was not impossible. J. W. Davis was named chairman of a committee to raise necessary funds and, without losing any time, Mr. Davis, after he had been assured the help and cooperation of all present, called for a drive to be held next Sunday afternoon to determine how much cash can be raised at once. He asks all of the stewards and any other members who are interested to be at the church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at which time teams will be allocated a group of members' names to be solicited. Incidentally, Mr. Davis urges all members of the congregation to be at home between 2 and 4 o'clock in order to meet the solicitors who will call on them.

"The amount needed is a lot of money," said Mr. Davis, "but I honestly believe that with the proper effort on the part of all the members we can raise it and provide an adequate church plant for our congregation and community."

Tom Thumb Wedding Tonight At School

Affair Climax of Very Successful Baby Contest Just Ended

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock a Tom Thumb Wedding will be held in the high school auditorium, which is expected to attract a large crowd. The affair is the climax of a baby contest staged by the Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist Church and the two winners in the contest, Billy Freeman and Frances Privott, will be crowned king and queen.

H. A. Campen will be master of ceremonies for the entertainment, which will include many of the town's youngsters. Mrs. Lloyd Griffin, Mrs. Roy Spry, Mrs. Edward Speight and Mrs. John Goodwin have been very busy directing the "wedding," and a delightful entertainment is assured.

4-H Sunday Observed At Center Hill May 16

4-H Sunday will be observed in the Center Hill Methodist Church Sunday night, May 16, at 8 o'clock. The Rev. E. R. Meekins will deliver the message and boys and girls of the Baptist and Methodist Churches will take part on the program.

The public is cordially invited to attend.