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## Town Councilmen Held In Lengthy Meeting Tuesday Night By Vexing Matters

### School Buses Will Be Allowed to Park on East Side Court Street

#### ONE PETITION

### Hervey Desires to Move Base Equipment to Harvey Point

Faced with many items of business, Town Councilmen again were held in session until after the midnight hour Tuesday night in their September meeting.

First to be heard was John A. Holmes, who asked permission to park school buses on the east side of Court Street between Queen and Church streets. Since this is now a one-way street, Mr. Holmes explained that no inconvenience would be caused by the few persons living on the street who have cars, and at the same time it will provide more playground space for school children. The six buses are now parked on the school grounds, where there is a shortage of room for the children to play.

It was pointed out, too, that it will be more convenient and safer for children to enter the bus if parked along the street, entering from the school side.

Permission was granted as requested, except for the fact that drivers park the buses over the curb due to the street being so narrow. The buses will also be parked so that they will not interfere with any driveways on the west side of the street.

The Rev. S. N. Griffith again appeared before the Board relative to paving Oakum Street or providing some relief from dust and mud on this much traveled street. The Councilmen were in sympathy with the preacher's request but was informed that the cost involved is so great that a bond issue will be required to carry out the project. The fate of the last bond issue was pointed out, so that no relief could be promised.

Several residents of North Edenton appeared at the meeting with a petition signed by 56 residents in the community. The petition requested relief from unnecessary noise and the nuisance of excess steam that is being discharged both day and night at the Halsey Hardwood Company plant. "Ruthless noise made by popping of this excess steam constantly makes it difficult for adults and nearly impossible for small children to get any rest or sleep either day or night," stated the petition. The petition also registered a complaint about the shrill noise made by the whistle at 6, 6:30 and 7 o'clock in the morning. It was claimed that a portion of this noise is unnecessary and could be eliminated without detriment to the mill and would be a relief to the citizens of the community. It was also pointed out that a "hell" could be used to burn saw dust, which would eliminate its consumption in the boiler during the night, so that the steam popping would be eliminated.

Mayor Leroy Haskett and J. P. Partin were instructed to contact mill officials in an effort to remedy the situation.

William Privott, manager of the Edenton Naval Air Station for the Town of Edenton, presented a letter from the Hervey Foundation which requested transfer of certain items from the Edenton base to Harvey Point. David Hervey pointed out in the letter that he transferred the assembly of the prefabricated housing program to Harvey Point in order to release the hangar air facilities at (Continued on Page Seven)

## 811 Are Enrolled In Local White School

### Supt. John A. Holmes Delighted With List Of Teachers

With schools opening Thursday of last week, little time was lost in getting down to regular schedule, so that classes and other school activities are already operating at almost mid-season form.

Superintendent John A. Holmes reports a slight increase in enrollment, with 190 students in the high school and 621 pupils enrolled in the grammar grades. The faculty is filled and Mr. Holmes expressed pleasure with his group of teachers.

## Edenton Aces Open Grid Season Friday With Greenville Team

### Coach George Thompson Adopts Single Wing Style

Edenton High School's Aces will open the 1948 football season next Friday night when they meet Greenville High School on Hicks Field with the game scheduled to start at 8 o'clock. The first contest will be a conference game.

The Greenville boys played their first game Monday night, when they defeated Jacksonville High, which is coached this year by Tex Lindsey, former Edenton coach. The score was 12-0.

George Thompson, new coach of the Aces, is a disciple of Coach Carl Snavely of the University of North Carolina and hence is a firm believer in the single wing style of play. The Aces heretofore used the T-formation, so that their success with the new style is an unknown quantity. Coach Thompson has been drilling the boys under the new system and while he appears well satisfied with the showing made, he will not predict how the boys will perform under pressure of competition. On the whole, Coach Thompson is optimistic over the prospects of a creditable varsity team, but is no little concerned about the lack of capable substitutes, a condition which has been the source of worry of previous Edenton coaches.

Coach Thompson has not definitely announced the starting lineup, but most likely Russell Wheeler and Jack Habit will be in the backfield. Earl Goodwin, an end last season, will be switched to the fullback position, while Oscar Griffin or Billy Altman will most likely be the fourth man in the backfield.

Al Habit, a star guard last year, has been shifted to an end position, while either Albert Lassiter or Paul-ette Lane will most likely get the nod to play the other end.

Hector Lupton, Jr., is practically assured a berth as tackle, while Gene Spruill or Jack Williams will start the game Friday at the other tackle post.

For guards, Earl Minshew and Ernest White will most likely go into action, while the center post will no doubt fall on the shoulders of Frank Habit, a veteran of last year.

No doubt coach Thompson will send in a goodly number of his reserves during the game as he observes the actions of the boys in their respective positions.

In order to add interest and color to the game the band will be on hand, and it is hoped a large crowd turns out to see the Aces play their first game of the season.

## B & P Women's Club Will Meet Tonight

### Members Urged to Attend District Dinner Tuesday Night

The regular monthly meeting of the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the school library. Mrs. Martin Wisely will be the guest speaker.

Miss Colwell urges as many members as possible to attend the district dinner meeting at Ahsokie Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. All who plan to go should contact Mrs. Percy Smith if they wish transportation, or other information about the meeting.

#### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. D. W. Wheeler returned last week from General Hospital, Norfolk, where she underwent a serious spine operation. Mrs. Wheeler is gradually recovering from the effects of the operation.

#### RALEIGH HOLLOWELL ILL

Raleigh Hollowell is ill at his home on Oakum Street, having been confined since Friday night, following a severe chill. Though still obliged to remain in bed, he is gradually improving.

## MOST POPULAR COLONIAL



Pictured above is Joe Wheeler (left), Edenton Colonial left-fielder, who has just been presented a beautiful wrist watch by T. M. Forehand, local jeweler, for being voted the most popular player on the Edenton team during the regular Albemarle League season. During the season fans voted on score cards which were sold at games played on Hicks Field.

## Dr. R. Kelly White To Preach Sunday At Baptist Church

### Rev. R. N. Carroll, Pastor, Will Be Away Two Sundays

In the absence of the Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church, the pulpit will be filled Sunday morning and Sunday night by Dr. R. Kelly White, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida. Dr. White is considered to be one of the outstanding preachers of the South and is very active in the program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The pulpit committee is very much pleased in being successful in obtaining Dr. White to supply for Pastor Carroll both services Sunday and feels that the people of Edenton will be glad to hear him at both hours. The public is cordially invited.

Sunday week, Dr. Zeno Wall, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage will preach at the morning and evening hours.

## Scouters Will Meet Sunday Afternoon

### Activities Will Be Discussed at First Meeting of Fall

George S. Twiddy, chairman of the West Albemarle Boy Scout District, calls attention to a very important meeting of West Albemarle Scouters, which is scheduled to be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Municipal Building.

This will be the first meeting of Scouters since May, so that every one is especially urged to attend. Bill Warren, Field Scout Executive, will be present at the meeting, and plans will be made for fall activities.

## Lions Club Resumes Regular Meetings

### President Martin Wisely Discusses Activities For Fall

Edenton Lions Club met Monday night, with meetings again scheduled for each Monday night after the interrupted meetings during the summer months.

On Monday night President Martin Wisely discussed proposed activities for the fall, during which he emphasized the function and duty of the various committees. Every member of the club is urged to attend the meeting next Monday night.

#### ATTEND SHRINERS CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mooney, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Griffin, H. A. Campen, R. P. Baer, Willard M. Rhoades and J. Edwin Bufluff attended the joint session of the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern Shrine Association, which was held at Virginia Beach. The convention was in session Thursday, Friday and Saturday and attracted Shriners from the southern boundary of Pennsylvania to Florida and west as far as the Mississippi.

## Edenton's Colonials Playing Post Season Series With Suffolk

### Goobers Win First Contest Tuesday Night By Score of 8 to 0

Edenton's Colonials and the Suffolk Goobers opened a five-game post-season series, with the first game played on Hicks Field Tuesday night. The visitors won the opener 8-0, with games scheduled to be played on Hicks Field Wednesday and Thursday nights. The fourth and fifth games will be played in Suffolk, one Saturday night and again Sunday afternoon.

The Goobers won the Virginia League pennant and have an aggregation of splendid ball players, so that the series will no doubt create a great deal of interest, although a comparatively small crowd of fans witnessed the first game.

In Tuesday night's game Lester Jordan started on the mound for the Colonials, but was replaced by Monk Webb in the fifth inning. The Colonials were far from their usual form, visibly showing lack of practice, not having played since they won the Albemarle League championship over a week ago. They were charged with five errors and lacked a lot of being the same hitters.

Zbiczak went the entire route on the mound for the visitors, with Joe Wheeler leading the Colonials with two hits. Pete Messina hammered out a home run for the visitors with two men on bases.

## Farm Bureau Fish Fry Held Tonight

### Affair Feature of Annual Meeting In Local Armory

Chowan County's Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting and fish fry at the Edenton armory tonight (Thursday), with the fish fry scheduled to begin at 6:30 o'clock.

All members have been notified by A. C. Griffin, president, and he hopes all members and their wives will turn out and enjoy the affair.

Each one attending is requested to bring his own bread.

#### DISCHARGED FROM NAVY

George C. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Ward, returned home Monday night, after being honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy. Mr. Ward has been in service for six years and was discharged at San Diego, Cal. He accompanied a shipmate east to New York, and traveled the remainder of the trip home by train.

## Symphony Official Here Monday Night

Music lovers will be interested to learn that A. Pikutis, business manager of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, will be in Edenton Monday night, September 20, to discuss the probability of bringing the symphony orchestra to Edenton.

A meeting will be held in the Court House at 8 o'clock and everybody interested is especially urged to attend.

## Probably 1,500 Marines Will Occupy Edenton Air Station When Reactivated

### Full Week Of Court Is Indicated Due To A Crowded Docket

### Directs Grand Jury to Be on Lookout For Punch Boards

Faced with a crowded docket, Chowan County Superior Court appeared destined for a full week, with criminal cases still being tried Wednesday morning.

Judge Chester Morris, who is presiding over the term, reported more than an hour late Monday morning due to becoming ill during Sunday night. Upon his arrival he apologized for being late, stating that at one time he doubted if he could make the trip, and upon opening court expressed doubt that he could continue. However, his condition improved and he was going in his usual form Wednesday.

After Sheriff J. A. Bunch opened court the following were chosen as members of the Grand Jury:

David Holton, foreman, H. J. Cuthrell, Henry Allen Bunch, L. W. Privott, C. T. Griffin, J. A. Asbell, George E. Privott, H. C. Brinkley, W. H. Dale, Ellsworth Blanchard, George Swain, S. C. Mills, J. W. Forehand, James Baker, Cecil Harrell, Paul R. Perry, A. H. Copeland, Clarence Bunch and L. E. Emminger.

Aside from the 36 jurors drawn by the County Commissioners, Judge Morris called for the jury box and ordered 15 more names drawn and summons issued to be on hand at 2:30 Monday afternoon in order to facilitate trial of cases. He stated he was not in sympathy with the Sheriff being obliged to go around picking up men on the spot to serve as jurors.

Judge Morris said it was a distinct pleasure to be back in Edenton, where he began his tenure as judge, saying that he knew most of the jurors as the result of his long service in the office of solicitor. Speaking directly to the Grand Jury, he said their function was the more important in county government, and that he cannot subscribe to the desire of some to do away with grand juries.

He said it was impossible for any person to consistently violate the law without any member of the jury knowing about it, coming as they do from every section of the county. The Judge said it was the solemn duty of a juror to impart any knowledge to other jurors so that a presentment can be made for the protection of society. At this point he emphasized the importance of secrecy among the grand jurors.

Judge Morris took occasion to instruct the Grand Jury to investigate punch boards, which he said are just as much violation of the law as one-armed bandits. He said he is not as much interested in owners of stores where punch boards are in evidence as he is to find the distributors. "They are not in evidence this week," said the judge, "for this is court week and those having them realize that some members of the Grand Jury might see them. The things are no doubt hid under counters."

The usual instructions were given to investigate county offices and buildings, with special emphasis placed on school buses. "School children are the greatest investment in the world," he said, "and it is amazing how little protection is given them in some counties. A test for the safety of school buses is if any member of the Grand Jury would be willing to have his children ride in them." By the same token he referred to the old people. "They are not the objects of charity because they want to be," he said, "and a test as to their proper care is if any member of the Grand Jury would be willing to be so treated."

The Judge said crime is running rampant in America, which is supposed to be a Christian nation, and this Country is looked upon by other nations to guide the destiny of the world. "Crime in all its aspects costs more than education," he said, "and the 17 to 22-year old group leads in all kinds of crime." The basic reason advanced by Judge Morris for this condition is lack of proper environment in the home.

"Though jurors are not paid in (Continued on Page Ten)

### Officials of Navy Meet With Local Group Last Week

### Survey Made Regarding Necessary Repairs At Base

As the result of a meeting of Navy officials with a group of Edenton citizens in Edenton last week, the general impression left with the Edenton group was that the Edenton Naval Air Station will be in operation under the U. S. Marine Corps with a complement of possibly 1,500 Marines at the outset. Of course, this information was not definite, but merely reflected what the officers thought might develop.

Meeting with the Edenton group were General Wallace from the Washington office, General Harris of the Sixth Naval District office, General Miller of Cherry Point and Congressman Herbert Bonner. The quartet discussed with the Edenton group the status of the hospital as well as plans for occupation of the base by the Marines. It was stated that the Bureau of Yards and Docks sent a group to make a survey at the Air Station relative to necessary repairs and housing facilities. In this respect, Mayor Haskett appeals to Edenton citizens to make some sacrifice in order to provide living quarters for the Marines and their families when they arrive and suggests the hope that someone will become interested in building apartment homes to house those who are expected to make their home in Edenton.

Another meeting is scheduled to be held this week when more definite plans will be discussed. No little concern has developed relative to the fate of the hospital and golf course, both of which have been put in operation at no little expense to the Town and County and private individuals. Of course, no policy on the part of the Navy has been advanced regarding these two projects, although a very cooperative attitude has been evidenced. At the outset, government officials expressed a desire to allow reasonable time to work out plans in which the Town and others using the base can vacate and consideration will be given to the hospital which is operated by the Town and County.

With an estimated payroll of \$5,000,000 annually, many Edentonians are very anxious to see work started on reactivation of the base, while, of course, there are others who would rather the status of the base remain as it is at present.

## Pool Operated At Deficit Of \$563.70

### Income \$788.20 Compared With \$1,351.90 Expenses

Taking into consideration the expense charged up by the Electric & Water Department in way of labor, current and materials, the swimming pool at the Edenton Naval Air Station operated at a loss of \$563.70 during the summer.

According to a final report submitted by William Privott, manager of the base for the Town of Edenton the local income amounted to \$788.20, coming in by way of admissions as follows: June, \$337.50; July, \$262.20; August, \$170.30; September, \$18.20.

The total amount paid out during the period was \$673.88, with \$650 going to life guards and \$23.88 for telephone, leaving a balance in hand of \$114.32. Bills outstanding for current, labor and materials furnished by the E & W Department amount to \$678.02, leaving a deficit of \$563.70 for the season's operation of the pool.

## Luther Dail Crushes Fingers In Accident

Luther Dail had the misfortune to lose the end of three fingers on his right hand in an accident which occurred at the Dail & Ashley Machine Shop Monday night. At the time of the accident Mr. Dail was working with a piece of iron on a shears and in some way his hand was caught by the piece of iron, crushing the fingers.

Mr. Dail, though suffering severe pain, is getting along as well as can be expected.