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Extension Of City Limits Now Sought By Town Councilmen

J. H. McMullan Will Be Asked to Introduce Local Bill

MORRIS TRACT Proposal Will Include Another Housing Project

Edenton's Town Council at its meeting Tuesday night voted to extend the city limits to include a portion of the S. E. Morris property adjoining Morris Circle. The plot of ground is in the course of being sold to David L. Strain of Raleigh, who plans to build a number of houses to help relieve Edenton's housing shortage. Representative J. H. McMullan will be requested to introduce a local bill in the General Assembly to take into the city limits the area in question.

Mr. Strain, in Edenton several days last week, stated that he is prepared to proceed with building the homes and has divided the area into three projects. He plans to build a unit of 16 houses to begin with and will continue to add to the project as the demand for living quarters continues.

The project, known as Albemarle Court, will be furnished water, light and sewer lines by the Edenton Electric & Water Department.

Mr. Strain has been working on the housing project in Edenton for several months, and says he can complete a house within 30 days and average a house a day when operations get in full swing. He has constructed similar projects in Columbia, S. C., where 186 houses were built, in Brunswick, Ga., and at Fayetteville.

Mr. Strain says he is in position to secure immediate delivery on materials and that the houses will be substantial 4, 5 and 6 room dwellings. Entrance to the new project will be from Morris Circle as well as on Badham Road leading from Route 32 to the Albemarle Peanut Company. Mr. Strain, however, has requested an entrance leading from Route 17, across the old Norfolk Southern right-of-way. No action was taken on this request, however, at Tuesday night's meeting of Town Council.

With the project of Captain L. A. Patterson and the Strain project, the housing situation in Edenton should be eased to some extent. Besides, a motor court on North Broad Street and several apartment houses now in the course of construction will provide living quarters for the newcomers expected to arrive in Edenton very shortly.

Jurymen Selected For Spring Term Of Superior Court

Judge Leo Carr of Burlington Scheduled To Preside

In preparation for the spring term of Chowan Superior Court, the Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday picked jurors to serve for the term. With what appears to be a crowded docket, the Commissioners selected 50 names from the jury box, all of whom will be summoned to appear for jury duty.

The term of court will be held the week of April 4, with Judge Leo Carr of Burlington scheduled to preside. Those who were selected to serve as jurymen are as follows:

Clarence Lupton, C. B. Boyce, M. D. Baker, J. F. Harrell, Glenn Bunch, J. E. Ashley, Isaac Byrum, Henry Brabble, J. C. Lane, C. F. Boyce, Carey A. Privott, C. Eston Baker, T. E. Parker, C. B. Davenport, Herman Layden, W. E. Jordan, Jr., C. E. Byrum, M. C. Hobbs, Paul M. Wallace, A. C. Boyce, Heywood Phthisis, James Swindell, Jimmie Jordan, J. W. Harrison, Howard Overton, J. W. Baker, E. M. Ward, J. D. Ward, W. S. Perry, W. H. Pierce, William Corprew, W. B. Hassell, George W. Bunch, G. A. Boyce, W. S. Bass, Ervin R. Saunders, J. Louis Harrell, A. D. Ward, John Parrish, John M. Elliott, J. E. Thigpen, Robert J. Boyce, Milton Copeland, Jesse W. White, Warner C. Bunch, R. B. Hollowell, D. T. Ward, Jr., Paul L. Parlin and Vandy Nixon.

Birthday

Chowan County Hospital celebrated its second anniversary Tuesday, when a birthday cake with two candles adorned the table in the dining room for the nurses and nurses aides.

Not only was the hospital personnel reminded of the anniversary, but patients, too, received individual cakes with two candles.

The hospital, after a rather hectic beginning, opened its doors for operation on March 8, 1947.

Miss Susan Thigpen Wins Scholarship In Ga. Piano Audition

Edenton Girl Is Among Three Winners at Macon

Miss Susan Thigpen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thigpen and a student of Miss Dorothy Williams, was one of three first place winners in piano auditions held at Wesleyan Conservatory of Music and School of Fine Arts at Macon, Georgia, on Saturday, March 4. There were 30 contestants in piano coming from five states, with the faculty of the conservatory serving as judges.

Miss Thigpen was awarded a \$300 scholarship for the school year 1949-50.

In the contest Miss Thigpen played "Battled in G Minor" by Brahms, "Hexentanz" by MacDowell and "Chopin's Etude Opus 25, No. 1."

Lions Club Host For District Zone Meeting Held Monday Night

Nick George Shows Interesting Red Cross Picture

Edenton's Lions Club was host at a district zone meeting held in the Lions den Monday night. Prominent Lions in the district who attended the meeting included Ralph White of Hertford, zone chairman; Norman Shannhouse of Elizabeth City, district deputy Governor; Norman Trueblood of Hertford, international counselor, and Paul Little, secretary of the Elizabeth City Lions Club.

Zone Chairman White complimented the Edenton club for its attendance record when it was revealed that attendance during February was 97%. After the regular meeting the business of the district was conducted.

During the meeting W. E. Malone was appointed to represent the Lions Club on the group being formed to help direct affairs of the Edenton Band.

A feature of the meeting was a very interesting Red Cross picture, "When Disaster Strikes," which was shown by Nick George.

Paul Little also invited members of the Edenton club to attend the anniversary meeting of the Elizabeth City club which will be held Friday, March 25th.

Two Directors Added To Colored Library

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday appointed W. H. Roberts and Willie Charlton as members of the board of directors of Brown-Carver Library. The two complete the board of directors, together with the Rev. N. S. Harris, W. E. Cox and Dr. O. L. Holley.

Emily Russell Nurse At Chowan Hospital

Miss Emily Russell, daughter of Mrs. Charles F. Russell, recently graduated as a nurse at the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. Miss Russell has returned home and has accepted a position as nurse at Chowan Hospital.

W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr. New President Of Albemarle League

Monthly Salary Limit of Each Club In Circuit Set at \$3,000

At a meeting held Wednesday night of last week at Lee's Cafe, representatives of baseball teams in the Albemarle League elected W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr., of Woodland president of the circuit for the 1949 season and Lorimer Midgett of Elizabeth City was re-elected vice president. Mr. Burgwyn succeeds Walter Holton of Edenton, who resigned following the close of the 1948 season.

Six teams were represented at the meeting, including Marvin Wilson for Edenton, Thomas Holley for Colerain, A. W. Hefren for Hertford, Bill Joyner for Wymouth, Cecil Reel for Elizabeth City and A. E. Bowen for Windsor.

Mr. Burgwyn accepted the presidency at a salary of \$675 for the year and not being a resident of any town represented in the league, baseball enthusiasts believe his election will tend to hold down to a minimum criticism about any decisions he might render.

At the meeting it was decided to allow each team in the circuit to carry 15 players or 16 if the manager is a player. Ten players will be allowed to be hired outside the town or county in which the team is located and each team will be limited to a \$3,000 monthly salary limit with the individual player salary limit placed at \$300 per month.

It was also decided to play six games a week, with the admission charge being left up to each club in the circuit. The matter of pooling college players was discussed and a motion to permit a team to retain players who were on the roster at the close of last season was defeated. It was agreed to pool all players from North Carolina colleges with the boys distributed among the six teams. Any team, however, will be allowed to hire any college player outside North Carolina.

The meeting was very harmonious and those in attendance feel that prospects were encouraging for another successful season for the league. The next meeting of the directors will be held in Colerain.

Final Payment On C. H. S. Gymnasium

Project Expected to Be Ready For Use By May 1st

County Treasurer George C. Hoskins was on Monday authorized by the Chowan County Commissioners to transfer \$10,000 from the school building bond fund to the Chowan High School gymnasium and garage building fund, the transfer representing the final payment of a \$75,000 appropriation to build a gymnasium and garage at Chowan High School.

Progress is being made on the project and Superintendent W. J. Taylor is of the opinion that it will be completed and turned over for school use by May 1.

THIRD INSTALLMENT OF CHOWAN'S SHOW PLACES IN GARDEN CLUB TOUR

Each Citizen Requested to Serve as "Ambassador Of Good Will" In Order to Exemplify Chowan County's Hospitality

Today appears the third in a series of articles relative to the Colonial Homes and Garden Tour to be held April 8-9-10.

This is the first time in Edenton's history that the public has been privileged to inspect these landmarks. Each home will be marked attractively with all the necessary information the visitor may want. Four large signs on the main entrances of town will direct the tourist to "Pilgrimage Headquarters" at the Joseph Hewes Hotel, where members of the Junior Woman's Club will be on duty. Arrangements will direct the tourist to the Countryside homes. It is hoped each citizen will act as an ambassador of good will, aiding the visitors in every way, so that the tourist leaving Edenton may return again not only to see Chowan County's shrines but to enjoy Chowan's hospitality. The group of places appearing in

Interesting Figures Released Regarding Hospital Operation

Miss Annie Ruth White Is Now Supervisor of Nurses

With the Chowan County Hospital rounding out its second year of operation on Tuesday of this week, a few figures which were released by Miss Frances Tillett, superintendent, should be of interest to people in Chowan and adjoining counties.

According to Miss Tillett, there were 939 persons discharged from the hospital during the year 1948, of whom 701 were white and 238 colored. Total patient days during the year amounted to 5,818, of which 3,859 were for white patients and 1,959 for colored.

Another interesting phase of the report is the matter of births in Chowan County. Out of a total of 358 births reported in the county, 158 youngsters were born in the hospital. Despite the trials and tribulations experienced in getting the hospital in operation back in 1947, there are four employees still on duty who were employed before the hospital opened. These are Miss Frances Tillett, superintendent; Miss Michael Rath, laboratory and X-ray technician; Hubert Granby, Negro orderly, and Belle Clemmons, a colored cook.

Another boost to the hospital should be the fact that Miss Annie Ruth White was recently made supervisor of nurses. Miss White, an Edenton girl, is a graduate of the University of Maryland. She was employed temporarily as a nurse while awaiting a call to the University of Michigan, but even after securing the call, she was persuaded to remain in Edenton. Miss White, not only very popular among patients, is well liked and respected by the nurses and nurses' aides at the hospital, and officials consider themselves fortunate in having her decide to remain at the local hospital.

Commissioners Sit As Tax Equalization Board Next Monday

Will Listen to Any Complaints About Property Valuation

Chowan County Commissioners will meet Monday morning as a Board of Equalization and Review, at which time any complaints should be registered by taxpayers relative to the valuation of their property as it appears on the county tax books. The meeting will be held in the Court House, starting at 10 o'clock.

The Commissioners at various times during the year have requests to alter valuations for this or that reason, but according to law, when they sit as a Board of Equalization and Review is the only time they can legally make any changes affecting taxes. Anyone, therefore, who believes the valuation of his or her property is out of line should present their complaint with the Commissioners at next Monday's meeting.

Prospect Bright For Construction Of New Hospital

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Senator Dies



J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON
Chowan County citizens, as well as the entire state of North Carolina were shocked Sunday morning when it was learned that United States Senator J. Melville Broughton died suddenly in Washington, D. C., as the result of a heart attack. Senator Broughton had served only two months of a six-year term, during which brief time he had already won the respect and admiration of many of the nation's lawmakers.

Red Cross Drive Reaches Only \$816 Up To Wednesday

Co-chairmen Hope Quota Will Be Reached By Next Tuesday

Incomplete reports in the current Red Cross fund raising drive show that up to Wednesday morning contributions amounted to a little over \$816, while the county's quota is \$2,138. In giving out the report, Herbert Hollowell, one of the co-chairmen, stated that in this figure no residential section returns were included.

Both Mr. Hollowell and West Leary, the other co-chairman, are hoping to be able to close the drive by next Tuesday, March 15. However, they are very anxious for Chowan County to meet its quota and, if necessary, will continue the drive a few more days. In the meantime they urge any who have not made a contribution to do so at once.

The chairmen also stress the fact that it is altogether possible that some people have been missed by the solicitors. In this event they are urged to send or bring in a contribution in an effort to meet the quota.

X-ray Clinic Will Be Held In Chowan March 29 And 30

Sponsored By TB Association and Health Department

Chowan County's Tuberculosis Association, in connection with the Chowan County Health Department will sponsor an x-ray clinic on March 29 and 30 for the families of those who have and have had tuberculosis in the family, as well as for persons who were skin tested and found positive.

White people will be x-rayed on Tuesday, March 29 between 9 A. M. and 12 o'clock noon and from 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Colored people will be x-rayed on Wednesday, March 30 from 9 A. M. to 12 o'clock noon and from 1 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

St. Paul's Auxiliary Will Meet In Parish House

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will meet in the Parish House this (Thursday) afternoon. The meeting will begin at 3:30 o'clock and all members are urged to attend.

Medical Care Commission Reported In Accord With Plan

35 BEDS

Estimated Cost \$350,000 With State and Federal Aid Expected

With the legality of Chowan County continuing operation of the hospital at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station being a moot question, prospects appear very bright for Chowan to build its own hospital, and no little effort is being made by the hospital trustees toward that end.

With the latest word from the Navy Department being to the effect that legally the county cannot operate the hospital on the base, the situation was the principal topic for consideration at a joint meeting Thursday night of last week of hospital trustees, Hospital Auxiliary members and doctors. J. W. Davis presented the facts pertaining to the hospital and stated that the trustees have proceeded as far as they can in order to build a county hospital.

It was reported that the Medical Care Commission has tentatively authorized the construction of a 35-bed hospital, which is estimated to cost approximately \$350,000.

It was pointed out that state and federal governments would pay 68 1/2 per cent of the cost for constructing and equipping a county-owned hospital, leaving the county's part 31 1/2 per cent, aside from the site on which to build the hospital.

It will be remembered that some few years ago a drive was made for funds with which to build a hospital, with the county and town each chipping in \$25,000 toward the fund. With pledges being very generous in the drive, most of this money, with a few unpaid pledges, is deposited in the Bank of Edenton and will take care of the county's part in building a hospital.

Of course, a site for the proposed hospital will have to be determined, and while a number are under consideration, no definite action will be taken until it is definitely assured that the financial aid from the Medical Care Commission will be forthcoming.

So that the trustees may know the pulse of those most keenly interested in a hospital, Mr. Davis asked for an expression relative to what the trustees have done to date and as to their efforts to secure a hospital. His request was met with a "vote of confidence" and apparently there will be wholehearted cooperation in an effort for Chowan County to secure a hospital of its own.

The county has operated the hospital at the base for two years and so encouraging are the prospects at present that one hospital enthusiast stated Tuesday that instead of celebrating a birthday next March 8 in the base hospital, she hoped to celebrate the opening of an institution of the county's own.

Attorney Instructed To File Suit Against Hervey Foundation

Action Brought For Unpaid Bill For Water And Electricity

J. N. Pruden, attorney for the Town of Edenton, was authorized by Town Council at its meeting Tuesday night to institute a suit against the Hervey Foundation for unpaid electric and water bills amounting to \$809.29. The bill represents electricity and water used by the Hervey Foundation at the local air station during the months of November and December.

David Hervey, president of the Foundation, objected to the rate for electricity charged by the local Electric & Water Department, while the local board contends that Mr. Hervey desired a rate which would have netted the Town no profit at all.

SIX FIRES IN FEBRUARY
Fire Chief R. K. Hall reported to Town Council Tuesday night that six fires occurred in Edenton during February. Total damage amounted to \$725.