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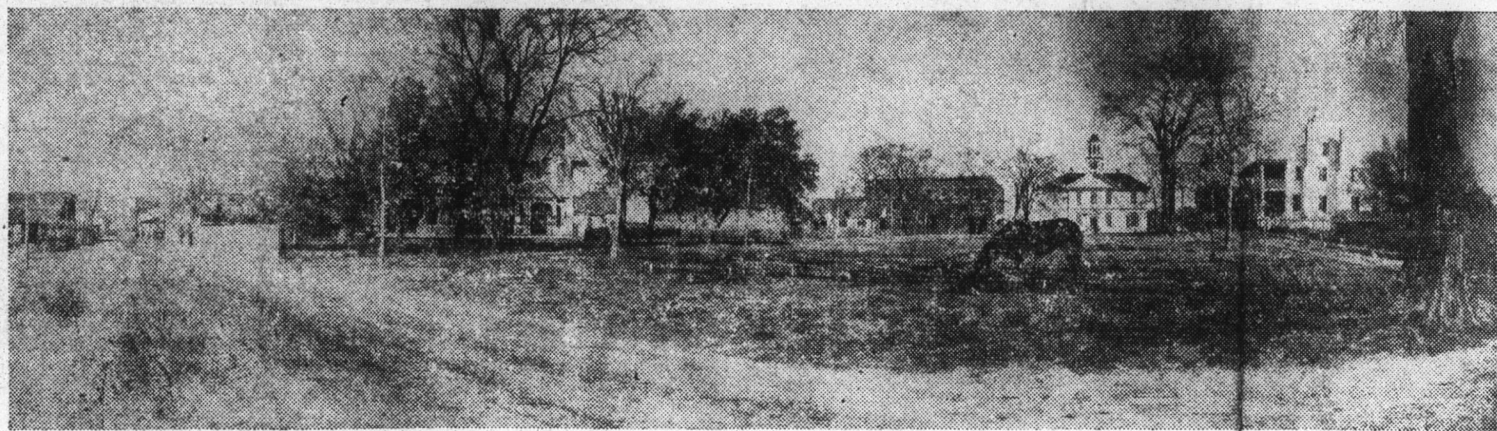
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L. H. Haskett Re-Elected Mayor Of Edenton

50 Years Ago In Edenton



Above is pictured the Court House Green in Edenton as it appeared about 50 years ago. The picture was taken by Edgar C. Rea in 1899. At that time the Confederate monument had not been erected and, of course, the Joseph Hewes monument at the foot of the Green came many years later. Neither had the tea pot been placed on the site of the Tea Party house. The rows of trees on either side of the Green had not yet made their appearance. The ancient Chowan County Court House and old Bay View Hotel are easily recognized in the background. The hotel at that time was operated by Fred White, with R. F. Cheshire acting as clerk. In the foreground is seen "Rochelle," faithful horse of Chief of Police "Uncle" Jimmy Roberson, which, no doubt, was the town's "official lawn mower." In contributing this story and pictures, Mr. Wiggins remarked, "Who says Edenton has not shown any progress?"

Captain J. L. Wiggins Releases Interesting Recollections Of 1899

Through the cooperation of Captain J. L. Wiggins, a former and very capable Mayor of Edenton, The Herald herewith presents a few interesting recollections of Edenton half a century ago. The article was written by Mr. Wiggins, who also loaned The Herald the two pictures used in connection with the story, which follows:

"Usually it is the reverse and Carolinians emigrate to Virginia in large numbers, but in my case, I elected to come to the Old North State to make my future home.

"As a youth, twenty years old, although a veteran of the Spanish American War; I landed in Edenton on May 11, 1899 at 1 o'clock at night from a steamer "Olive," that plied between Franklin, Virginia and Edenton, North Carolina (this boat was later sunk by a tornado at Holiday's Island in the Chowan River on February 15, 1903, eighteen people losing their lives).

"I have spent five-sevenths of my life here in this fair City, which sometimes I like to think was named for



Here is pictured "Uncle" Jimmy Roberson, Edenton's widely-known chief of police for 26 years and whose reputation for tracking down criminals was known far and wide. Many old-timers will remember "Uncle" Jimmy in his familiar buggy and his faithful horse "Rochelle." The Herald was unable to learn who the boy is riding the pony, who is referred to on the photograph as "Jack."

the Garden of Eden, rather than Governor Eden. "Perhaps, in retrospect, an article written portraying Edenton 50 years ago is anachronism, customs and people would be interesting to both our older people and those also born during the last half century.

"A person driving up Broad Street from the County Dock to what is now known as the Triangle would hardly recognize it as the same street except for its width. In May, 1899, there were a row of elm trees in the center of this

street from the intersection of King Street to Freeman; there was a drive-way on each side of these trees and the only vehicles there were, were drawn by either horses, mules or oxen. It was nothing unusual to see an ox cart on Broad Street drawn by a yoke of oxen. The street was unpaved and in winter became very muddy and cut out with deep holes. Cattle and hogs roamed the streets at will. The only water supply was from open wells on the streets and in private yards. With (Continued on Page Ten)

New PTA Officers Installed Tuesday

Group Holds Final Meeting of School Year In Library

Edenton's Parent-Teacher Association held its last meeting of the year Tuesday afternoon in the high school library, at which time the officers for the coming year were installed. The new officers are: Mrs. Leon Leary, president; Mrs. John F. White, vice president; Miss Nancy Darden, secretary and Mrs. Maynard Perry, treasurer.

The devotion was conducted by Mrs. Ernest Swain.

In closing the old business for the year, the outgoing president, Mrs. L. A. Patterson, called for reports from various committee chairmen, and commended each for her cooperation. Mrs. Leon Leary, chairman of the lunch room, was especially complimented on her efficient operation of the lunch rooms.

Members approved the plan to have dances arranged for teenagers, at which a number of Marines will be invited.

The details in regard to transportation, rules and chaperones to be worked out with officers at the Marine Corps Air Station.

Miss Rebecca Walker's ninth grade was awarded the attendance banner.

Mrs. Mary Browning, program chairman, presented a part of her Glee Club in a group of songs, accompanied at the piano by Miss Margaret Thigpen.

J. W. CATES DISCHARGED FROM CHOWAN HOSPITAL

J. W. Cates, who has been a patient in Chowan Hospital, was released Tuesday afternoon. Though greatly improved, Mr. Cates is far from being a well man and will be confined for some time to his home. He expressed his appreciation for the many friends who called to see him while hospitalized.

Commissioners Ask State To Take Over Four County Roads

Petitions Presented at Meeting Monday Morning

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday acted upon four petitions for the State Highway and Public Works Commission to take over sections of county roads. In each instance the Commissioners agreed to request the Highway Commission to take over the roads requested.

The first petition had to do with a road in the Second Township known as the Bear Swamp Road, which runs from Center Hill to the Hertford highway, a distance of 1.8 miles.

Another petition pertained to the Piney Woods Road in the Third Township. This road runs one mile east of Ryland to the Perquimans County line for a length of approximately three miles.

The third petition was for the Greenfield road, which runs from Drummond's Point to the Greenfield gate, a distance of one mile.

The final petition had to do with the road leading from Hobbsville to State Highway 37, the Gates County end of which is now under improvement.

Street Dance

Sponsored by the majorettes of the Edenton High School Band, a street dance is scheduled to be held on Broad Street in front of the Cupola House Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

A small admission will be charged and it is hoped a large crowd will attend to show their interest and cooperation with the band.

Junior Woman's Club Flower Show Friday In Hotel Dining Room

Food Bazaar Will Also Be Held In Connection With Event

Arrangements have been completed for the annual Flower Show and Food Bazaar sponsored by the Edenton Junior Woman's Club, which is scheduled to be held in the old dining room at Hotel Joseph Hewes Friday. It is expected that the show this year will live up to the reputation of previous shows and that many flowers will be exhibited and that many lovers of flowers will visit the show.

Mrs. Dorothy Campen is chairman of this year's affair and states that cars will be available to call for any flowers to be placed on exhibit, if necessary. For this service exhibitors are asked to contact Mrs. John W. Graham, Mrs. Sarah Lee Smith or Mrs. Campen herself.

The show will open at 9 o'clock in the morning and will close at 6 o'clock in the evening.

At the food bazaar tasty items will be sold which will be made by members of the club.

Missionary Union Will Hold Session May 12th

On Thursday, May 12, the Woman's Missionary Union of Chowan County will meet in the Macedonia Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 10:30 A. M., the theme being "Making Christ Known to the World."

Both a morning and afternoon session will be held, with those taking part including Mrs. Jesse Smith, L. H. Dawson, Mrs. L. H. Dawson, Malcolm Copeland and the Rev. E. G. Willis. Special music will be furnished by Warwick Swamp Church and a playlet will be presented by the Macedonia Church.

Hal Lyon's Concert In Edenton School Auditorium Tonight

Popular Artist Will Be Presented By Hospital Auxiliary

Tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Edenton High School auditorium the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary will present Hal J. Lyon, widely known artist, in an organ recital. Mr. Lyon has appeared in Edenton on two previous occasions, so that the quality of his music and his ability as an organist is well known to quite a few Edentonians. The Auxiliary feels very fortunate in being able to secure Mr. Lyon for a recital and it is hoped a capacity house will greet the artist. Mr. Lyon's program will be as follows:

Toccata and Fugue in D Minor by Johann Sebastian Bach; Behold, a Rose Is Blooming by Johannes Brahms; Angelus From "Scenes Pittoresques" by Jules Massenet; Fountain Reverie by Percy E. Fletcher; Country Gardens by Percy Grainger; Reverie: Sweet Hour of Prayer by Bradbury; Deep River, Negro spiritual; What a Friend We Have In Jesus by Converse; Finlandia by Jean Sibelius; Victor Herbert favorites: March of the Toys, Absinthe Frappe, Because You're You, When You're Away, I Can't Do the Sum, I'm Falling In Love With Some One, Gypsy Love Song, Italian Street Song, Kiss Me Again, The Irish Have a Great Day Tonight; Nola by Felix Arndt; Tales of the Vienna Woods by Johann Strauss; The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers by Leon-Jessel.

The Hammond organ and chimes for the concert will be furnished by courtesy of the Levy Page Temple of Music in Norfolk.

Application Must Be Made For Bleachers

Information from the Varsity Club is to the effect that the portable bleachers recently purchased by the club, will be loaned for any worthy purpose, but in order to secure the bleachers, application must be made to Coach George Thompson.

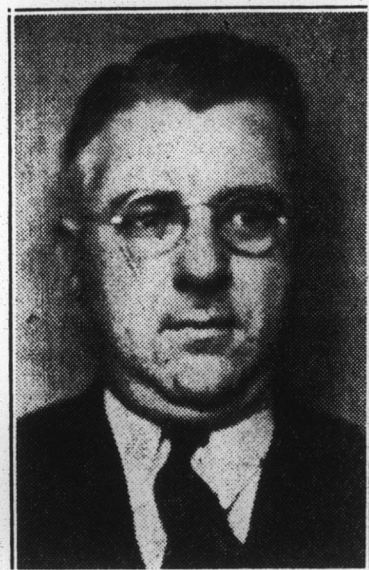
This provision has been made in the interest of proper care of the bleachers.

Edenton's Vote In Tuesday's Election

	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward	Fourth Ward	Total
FOR MAYOR:					
L. H. Haskett	124	120	109	128	481
H. A. Campen	131	130	114	78	453
FOR TREASURER:					
W. H. Gardner	229	189	194	151	763
FOR COUNCILMEN-AT-LARGE:					
W. J. Yates	213	176	174	137	700
J. Edwin Bufflap	214	168	175	138	695
FOR BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:					
Ralph E. Parrish	206	162	178	148	694
Dr. J. A. Powell	187	174	181	138	680
J. H. Conger	200	162	158	144	665
Richard P. Baer, II	84	76	83	67	310
For Parking Meters	143	102	116	118	479
Against Meters	100	104	95	58	357

Majority Of Voters Register Desire To Hold On To Meters

Re-elected Mayor



LEROY H. HASKETT
In one of the closest municipal elections in years, Leroy H. Haskett on Tuesday defeated H. A. Campen by a majority of only 28 votes.

Home Demonstration Club Week Is Being Observed In Nation

Chowan Clubs Plan Special features During Entire Month

The fourth National Home Demonstration Week is being observed May 1-7 to focus attention on the accomplishments and plans of the club women. However, Chowan County women are having special features at both community and county-wide meetings each week during the month of May. The theme for National Home Demonstration Week, "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World" should be the year-round theme for all homemakers, realizing that better homes will build a better world.

The Extension Service considers the week of May 1-7 as an educational week with objectives set up as follows:

1. Acquaint the general public with objectives, activities, and accomplishments of Home Demonstration work.
 2. To emphasize the need for further development of the program in light of local problems, and urge more families to participate.
 3. Give recognition to volunteer local leaders, and officers whose services have contributed greatly to the success of Home Demonstration work.
 4. Emphasize the opportunities in Extension work to bring about better understanding of public problems, local, state, national and international.
- The project leaders and officers of (Continued on Page Four)

Closest Race In Years With Haskett Leading Campen Only 28 Votes

LITTLE CHANGE

Sentiment Favors Parking Meters By Majority of 122

In one of the closest municipal elections held in recent years, Leroy H. Haskett was re-elected Mayor of Edenton over H. A. Campen in Tuesday's municipal election, by a slim majority of 28 votes. Haskett received 481 votes as against 453 for Campen. Mayor Haskett can attribute his re-election to the Fourth Ward, for Campen led by slight majorities in the other three wards. The Fourth Ward rolled up a majority of 150 votes for Haskett, while Campen led in the First Ward by seven votes, ten votes in the Second Ward and five votes in the Third Ward.

J. Clarence Leary rolled up a majority of 98 votes over George Twiddy for Councilman from the First Ward. Leary's vote was 175 and Twiddy's 77.

Another contest occurred in the Fourth Ward, where Clyde Hollowell, incumbent, easily defeated C. T. Griffin as Councilman. Hollowell rolled up 156 votes as against 47 for Griffin, a majority of 109 votes.

There were no contests for Councilman in the Second and Third Ward, Graham Byrum being elected without opposition in the Second Ward, and A. B. Harless elected in the Third Ward. Harless succeeds J. P. Partin, who did not seek re-election.

With four candidates for three members on the Board of Public Works, J. H. Conger, incumbent, was re-elected and new members will be Dr. J. A. Powell and Ralph E. Parrish. Parrish led the race with 694 votes, followed by Dr. Powell with 680 and Conger 665. Richard P. Baer, II, the fourth candidate, received 310 votes. Parrish and Powell will succeed Dr. W. S. Griffin and O. B. Perry, who did not seek re-election.

W. H. Gardner had no opposition as Treasurer and led the entire ticket with 763 votes.

W. J. Yates and J. Edwin Bufflap were returned as Councilmen-at-large with no opposition. Yates received 700 votes and Bufflap 695.

In conformity to a bill passed by the recent General Assembly, the highly controversial parking meter issue was finally settled. The bill called for an election to decide whether or not the meters should be removed, and in Tuesday's election a majority of votes were cast in favor of keeping the meters. The vote for continuation of the meters was 479 votes, while 357 votes were cast against the parking meters, or a majority of 122. There has been a continual argument in Edenton ever since the parking meters were installed, so that the election will, no doubt, bring to an end the efforts to have them removed unless some other avenue of attack on the part of those opposed can be discovered.

Several write-in ballots were cast Tuesday, there being three votes cast for Dr. W. S. Griffin and one for O. B. Perry as Board of Public Works members and one vote for W. J. Daniels as Councilman in the Second Ward.

As a result of the election, there will be very little changes in the administration. There will be only one new face on the Town Council, that being A. B. Harless, who succeeds J. P. Partin. On the Board of Public Works there will be two changes, Dr. J. A. Powell and Ralph E. Parrish succeeding Dr. W. S. Griffin and O. B. Perry.

Auditions Held For Tomorrow Stars Show

Auditions were held in the high school auditorium Tuesday for the "Search For Youth Talent Show" to be held in the auditorium Tuesday night, May 10.

Those selected were as follows: Susan Thigpen, pianist; the Melodaire Trio, Frances Bennett, Juanita Bennett and Grace Sutton; Carolyn Swindell, vocalist; Gary Martin, vocalist, and Brenda Dean Mooney, dances.