

Petition Is Presented To Town Council To Extend City Limits

New Area Will Include New North Edenton Housing Project

15.8 ACRES

Request Made Tuesday Night by John W. Graham

With many requests made, as well as a goodly amount of other business, Town Councilmen faced a busy session Tuesday night, although the meeting adjourned well before midnight.

Possibly the most important item of business was a petition presented by John W. Graham, who represents the Edenton Housing Corporation. The petition asked for the extension of the Edenton city limits to include all of the housing project at Albemarle Court near Morris Circle, not now within the corporate limits of the town. The new area will take in approximately 15.8 acres.

Another important item was a petition asking for paving North Oakum Street from Freemason street to U. S. highway 17. There were 25 signatures on the petition and the Street Commissioner was instructed to investigate the cost of paving this section of Oakum Street.

In connection with the petition, the Rev. S. N. Griffith reminded the Councilmen that a petition of long standing has been filed with Town Council for paving Oakum Street from Church to Freemason Street.

The Council was also requested to have a place cleared on the colored playground for a tennis court, as well as pipe the ditch on Oakum Street in front of the playground, which is very dangerous.

Nick George, who represented the Baptist Church, presented a request to adopt one-way traffic on Granville Street between Queen and Blount Streets on Sundays from 9:30 to 12:15 in order to solve a serious traffic condition during services in the Baptist Church.

B. W. Evans appeared at the meeting to request renewal of a 10-year lease for town property on which is located his veneer mill. The lease will expire in 1952, but the Councilmen went on record as being opposed to renew the lease for a 10-year period.

During the meeting Town Attorney J. N. Pruden was authorized to settle out of court the suit between the Town and James T. Gibbs. The suit had to do with a wreck between Gibbs' car and one of the Edenton fire trucks.

Due to the Electric and Water Department securing more equipment for rendering monthly statements, the need for space was brought to the attention of the Councilmen. This equipment will be operated in the space now occupied by Mayor Leroy Haskett. It was decided, therefore, to request the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association to seek new headquarters. W. J. Yates, J. Edwin Bufflap of the Council and J. H. Conger of the Electric and Water Department were named to contact the Chamber of Commerce relative to vacating the town office.

Chief of Police R. L. Pratt in his monthly report made a request for a new patrolman, stating that present officers are forced to work too long hours and further that there is need for another patrolman.

A number of parking problems were aired, including Eden, Gale and Oakum Street.

Holton Appointed To Ports Authority

Appointment Made Last Week By Governor Kerr Scott

Included among the appointments announced last week by Governor Kerr Scott was David Holton, who was named one of the five new members on the Ports Authority. There are nine members on the Board, whose duty it will be to administer a \$7,500,000 program of ports improvements in North Carolina, which was authorized by the recent session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Holton succeeds R. B. Page of Wilmington.

New Lions President



HECTOR LUPTON

At Monday night's meeting of the Edenton Lions Club, Hector Lupton was elected president of the club, succeeding Dr. Martin Wisely. Mr. Lupton, along with other officers, will be installed at the meeting of the club Monday, May 23.

D. B. Bunn Speaker At Schoolmasters Meeting On Monday

Members of Glee Club Present Pleasing Program

The Albemarle Schoolmasters Association held its final meeting of the school year Monday night in the Edenton school library, when the principal address was made by D. B. Bunn, president of Chowan College at Murfreesboro. He was introduced by Superintendent John A. Homes. Mr. Bunn spoke in an educational vein, dealing with the development of a child and what is to be expected of teachers and school people in general. He also injected in his remarks his interest in Chowan College and what the institution means to this section of the State.

A tempting dinner was served by members of the Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist Church and members of the home economics class served. Fenton L. Larson presided over the meeting, a delightful feature of which was a musical program rendered by a mixed group from the High School Glee Club directed by Mrs. Mary Leggett Browning. The group sang "A Night In June" by Largett and "Pillgrim's Song" by Tschaiowsky.

Hector Lupton New President Of Lions

Group of Officers Chosen at Meeting Monday Night

Edenton Lions Club at its meeting Monday night elected officers for the coming club year with Hector Lupton chosen president to succeed Dr. Martin Wisely.

Other officers chosen were: Earl Harrell, first vice president; J. R. Byrum, second vice president; Jesse Harrell, third vice president; J. P. Partin, tail twister; R. E. Aiken, Jr., Lion tamer; Oscar Duncan, chorister; Earl Harrell, pianist, and W. J. Taylor, secretary.

Kermit Layton and Bruce Jones were elected to serve as directors for a term of two years. Herbert Hollowell and George C. Hoskins are the directors whose terms expire July 1, 1950.

This group of officers will be installed at the meeting of the club Monday night, May 23.

DEGREE AT MASONIC MEETING

At the meeting of Unanimity Lodge, o. 7, A. F. & A. M., tonight (Thursday) the third degree will be conferred upon a candidate. All Masons are urged to attend, and a cordial invitation is also extended to visiting Masons.

Demonstration In Floor Finishing Will Be Held On May 18

Session Begins In Home Of Mrs. E. L. Winslow At 10 O'clock

Chowan County Home Demonstration Clubs are sponsoring a floor finishing demonstration on Wednesday, May 18, beginning at 10 o'clock in the home of Mrs. E. L. Winslow on the Suffolk highway. The purpose of this demonstration is to show the people of the county how to finish their floors to look attractive and be easily cleaned. Men and women are urged to attend the meeting and learn to use the sander, select and prepare stains and floor seals that give a good and durable finish. It is hoped that there will be sufficient interest shown by the people of the county to justify one of the local merchants to purchase a sander to rent.

A floor sanding and equipment company is furnishing an instructor and all equipment and materials to be used for this demonstration. Representatives of all the local stores and dealers in this type of equipment, commercial floor finishers, home economists, and agricultural teachers, and anyone else who is interested in learning to finish floors is invited to attend. Since the demonstration is scheduled to last from 10 A. M. until about 3:30 P. M., each person is asked to bring a picnic lunch. However, those who cannot stay all day might want to go for only part of the demonstration. Those who do this should try to go in the morning or early afternoon to learn to use the sanding machine.

John W. Graham New Commander Of Ed Bond Post

Legion Officers Elected At Special Meeting Held Last Week

Meeting in special session in the Court House Tuesday night of last week, members of Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, American Legion, elected John W. Graham as commander for the coming year, succeeding Kermit Layton.

Other officers elected at the meeting were as follows:

First vice commander, Dr. George T. Crawford; second vice commander, Willis McClenny; third vice commander, Richard Davis; adjutant, Robert S. Marsh; assistant adjutant, E. J. Hobbs; finance officer, R. E. Leary; service officer, J. W. White; assistant service officer, Edward Wozelka; guardianship officer, Thomas Francis; sergeant-at-arms, Edmund Mills; chaplain, the Rev. W. L. Freeman; historian, Richard Dixon; athletic officer, Nick George; welfare officer, Walter Bond; Americanism officer, Kermit Layton; national defense, W. W. Byrum and W. P. Jones; graves registration, Hubert Williford; Boys State, John A. Holmes; Boy Scouts, P. S. McMullan and Geddes Potter; membership, Thomas Byrum, R. L. Pratt, Jordan Yates, Henry Allen Bunch, John Lee Spruill and Charles Wales; publicity, Bill Cozart; oration, J. L. Chestnutt; Sons of the Legion, William Privott.

William A. Whichard Is Recalled In Army

Second Lieutenant William A. Whichard has been recalled to active duty in the U. S. Army as of May 7 and has reported for duty at Fort Benning, Ga. Young Whichard graduated at The Citadel December 18, 1948, with a BS degree, and has been visiting his father, Dr. M. P. Whichard, and other relatives in Edenton and Florida since his graduation.

Information Center

The Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association maintains a register of coming events for the convenience of program chairmen of clubs and other organizations, and for the public.

Your continued cooperation in listing your events as far as possible in advance will increase this service. Phone 302 or visit in person at the office in the Municipal Building.

Edenton's Tea Party Chapter Of DAR Will Hold Open House At Old Iredell Home Today



Above is pictured an etching of James Iredell by Mrs. Richard Dixon. Iredell, a justice in the first United States Supreme Court, lived in the house on East Church Street recently purchased by the Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The house has been renovated by the DAR ladies, who are proud to hold open house this (Thursday) afternoon between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to visit the old colonial home.

Public Invited to Attend In Order to Witness Accomplishments

4 TO 6 O'CLOCK

Small Group of Courageous Women Proud Of Undertaking

Members of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, DAR, have completed necessary repairs to the James Iredell House on East Church Street, and plans have been completed to observe open house this (Thursday) afternoon between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock in order to allow the public the opportunity to observe what has been accomplished.

Around Christmastime a small size miracle took place in Edenton. The newly organized chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution—the Edenton Tea Party Chapter—a band of twenty courageous women, dared to take the chance to buy the lovely old home of Associate Justice James Iredell at a price of \$15,000.00 with scarcely \$15.00 in their treasury. Someone facetiously remarked that they thought that this group of women showed even more courage than the famous "51 ladies" of the original "Edenton Tea Party."

The down payment of \$2,500.00 was obtained from our local bank by executing a note for that amount and endorsed by the members of the Chapter. The balance is in the form of a 25-year mortgage, with interest at 5%. The Society for the Preservation of Antiquities sent a gift of \$200.00. In addition to this gift, the Society has loaned \$2,500.00 for five years at 2% interest, for the purpose of fixing the house so that it can be rented for some revenue to meet the annual payments on the above mortgage. There have been additional gifts from seven people totaling \$266.00, varying in amounts from \$1.00 to \$50.00.

The house was in very good condition, but had no electricity nor plumbing. These two important items have been added, and one very attractive six-room apartment has been fixed—the part of the house that Iredell himself lived in, in fact, where he took his bride, Hannah Johnston, in 1773.

The east end of the house, which was added in about 1821, after Judge Iredell's death in 1799, is to be reserved for the home of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The plan is to interest other organizations such as the B.P.W., the Junior Woman's (Continued on Page Eleven)

LOCAL MACHINERY PUT IN MOTION FOR SPECIAL ELECTION ON STATE BOND ISSUE

\$225,000,000 Sought For Secondary Roads and Schools

In preparation for a special election called by Governor Kerr Scott on Saturday, June 4, the Chowan County Board of Elections last week put the election machinery to work so that voters in the county will be able to register their wishes in the election. The special election was authorized by the General Assembly in its recent session.

In the election North Carolina's voters will determine whether or not the State will be authorized to issue bonds in the amount of 20 million dollars for secondary roads and another issue of bonds in the amount of 25 million dollars for school plant construction and repairs throughout the State.

Registration books for this special election were opened last Saturday, May 7, and will remain open until sunset on Saturday, May 21. Hubert E. Olive, chairman of the State Board of Elections, notified L. S. Byrum, chairman of the Chowan County Board of Elections, that there need not be a special registration, therefore all persons who are now registered on the general election registration books will not have to register again for this special election. For those who are not now registered in the general election registration in the precinct of residence, they will have to register in order to vote in this special road and school bond election. In event any voter is not certain he or (Continued on Page Seven)

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Dean D. B. Bryan Of Wake Forest College Graduation Speaker

Finals Exercises Will Begin Sunday Night, May 29

Preparations are now being made for the closing of schools in the Edenton administrative unit, which will wind up the year's work with graduation exercises Friday night June 3.

Superintendent John A. Holmes announced this week that the baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday night, May 29, by the Rev. W. L. Freeman, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church. The service will begin at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium and most of the evening church services in Edenton will be called off for the occasion.

Class night, with its usual program, will be held Thursday night, June 2, at 8 o'clock.

Graduation exercises, the final event of the commencement period, are scheduled to be held Friday night, June 3, at 8 o'clock. The speaker for the occasion will be D. B. Bryan, dean of Wake Forest College.

Mr. Holmes reported that there are 32 students in the senior class this year, all of whom are expected to graduate.

Miss Susan Thigpen Will Appear In Recital At School On May 19

Public Invited to Attend; Reception Will Follow

Miss Susan Thigpen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thigpen, already an accomplished pianist who has won a scholarship, will present a piano recital in the high school auditorium Thursday night, May 19, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the recital, after which a reception will be held in the school corridor.

Miss Thigpen's program follows: Sonata in A major by Scarlatti; Sonata in D major by Scarlatti; French Suite V in G major by Bach; Allemande, Courante, Sarabande, Gavotte, Bourée, Gigue; Clair de lune by Debussy; Witches' Dance by MacDowell; Etude Opus 25 No. 1 by Chopin; Ballade in G minor by Brahms.

Lot Owners Urged To Have Weeds Removed

With grass and weeds making considerable progress, owners of vacant lots in Edenton are urged by Mayor Leroy Haskett to have weeds cut, both for the sake of attractiveness and from a health standpoint.

Lot owners are reminded that if weeds are not cut, Street Department employees will cut the weeds and the cost added to the taxes on the property.