

Congregation Of St. Paul's Church Votes To Rebuild Structure

Congregational Meeting Held Shortly After Disastrous Fire

MUCH INTEREST

Vestry of Church Will Act as Building Committee

Though their valuable shrine has been irreparably damaged as the result of a disastrous fire last week, members of the St. Paul's Church have definitely decided that the church will be rebuilt. This decision was reached at a congregational meeting held Friday night, although no definite plans as to the kind of structure was proposed.

The vestry of the church will serve as a building committee and no doubt an architect will be employed to aid in reconstruction plans.

A pall of gloom still hangs over Edenton as the result of a disastrous fire. With the bare walls standing many visitors since the fire have silently viewed the ruined important landmark.

The church was 24 years being constructed and it took only 24 minutes to wipe out the shrine and in it thousands have been married, christened, and funeral services held. Construction was begun in 1736 and was used for worship the first time in 1760. The large 24-inch walls show little damage from the blaze except near the top, but other than the walls only charred timbers remain. Estimates of the loss ranged in the neighborhood of \$50,000 and reports have it that insurance on the building amounted to \$30,000. The first church was organized in 1701.

The congregation about a year ago decided to repair and restore the interior of the church, so that several months ago all of the furnishings were removed. At the time of the fire workmen had scaffolds around the building to repair and recover the roof, preparatory to beginning work on the interior, although the roof was only covered with sheeting and not the roofing proper.

The fire department was called to the church a second time Saturday when the debris, fanned by a stiff breeze, threatened to burst into flames.

Commissioners Will Meet On July 15th

Meeting Called to Consider New Budget For Fiscal Year

Chowan County Commissioners will meet in special session Wednesday, June 15 in the Court House, this meeting being called for the purpose of considering the budget for the next fiscal year which begins July 1.

All branches of the county government are requested to have their proposed budgets ready to be considered at the meeting and any other requests for appropriations during the year should be made on or before this June 15 meeting.

Mrs. J. Edwin Bufflap Returns From Hospital

Mrs. J. Edwin Bufflap, who has been a patient in the Norfolk General Hospital for almost three weeks, was brought home in an ambulance Tuesday. While Mrs. Bufflap is getting along as well as can be expected, her condition is not as good as her relatives and friends would like.

She was accompanied home by her daughter, Miss Dorothy Bufflap, who has been at the bedside of her mother ever since she became ill.

Chowan County's Vote On Bonds

	ROAD BONDS		SCHOOL BONDS	
	For	Against	For	Against
East Edenton	102	103	160	51
West Edenton	88	136	160	59
Rocky Hook	16	43	20	37
Center Hill	25	21	25	17
Wardville	23	41	23	38
Yeopim	12	21	21	12
Totals	266	365	415	214

35 Young People Graduate Friday At Local High School

Dean D. B. Bryan Delivers Challenging Address

Friday night in the Edenton High School auditorium 35 young men and women completed their high school careers and were awarded diplomas in testimony that they satisfactorily completed the work and were prepared to enter into a new and larger phase of life.

The graduation speaker was Dean D. B. Bryan of Wake Forest, who delivered an interesting and challenging address on the value of education. He emphasized the importance of the graduates to be prepared for their life's work. He told members of the graduating class that they can be rich without money, pointing out the fact that the things they want most are most valuable and that education will help them to realize those things they want most.

"Education within itself is not enough," said Dean Bryan. "Education can give you a number of things. It can give you an outlook, it can give you an outlet, it can give you a sense of values. It gives you a sense of freedom and it teaches to recognize the rights and privileges of others."

Dean Bryan told his audience that education is a big business. He cited some statistics to prove his point and said the tendency at present in the minds of the country is centered on a greater educational opportunity to more people than at any other time in history. Dean Bryan was introduced by Superintendent John A. Holmes.

The graduating exercises opened with the processional "Pomp and Circumstance," played by Miss Dorothy Williams. Next on the program the audience was delighted with several numbers by the High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Mary L. Browning.

The Rev. E. L. Welles offered the invocation, after which Dean Bryan spoke.

Following the graduation address Superintendent John A. Holmes presented the diplomas.

Members of the graduating class receiving diplomas were Rebecca Swanner, Aubrey Harrell, Thomas Paul Griffin, Louise Bass, Paul Cayton, Carolyn Swindell, Roy Harrell, Margaret Ann Mansfield, Al Habit, Eleanor Harrell, Jimmie Earnhardt, Georgia Lee Volmer, Aubrey Hollowell, Shirley Norris, Frank Habit, Marion Harrell, Bobby Edwards, Clara White, Albert Lassiter, Laura Skinner, John Harney, Beulah Langdale, Oscar Griffin, Ethel White, Hector Lupton Jr., Jack Habit, Calvin Mills, Edna Williams, Rhett Miller, Susan Thigpen, Jane Gray, Robert Oliver, Gene Spruill, and Thomas Ward, former Edenton High School student, who graduated under the GI educational program.

Susan Thigpen was valedictorian of the class with an average 94 per cent for her four years work in high school. Shirley Norris was salutatorian, with a four year average of 93 per cent.

Following presentation of diplomas, Principal Fenton Larson announced the various awards. They went to the following:

The Rotary cup was awarded Marion Harrell. This coveted honor is (Concluded on Page Two)

W. S. C. S. MEETS JUNE 14

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will hold a meeting with Mrs. Edward Speight Tuesday night, June 14, at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Jaycees' Beauty Pageant In Armory On Saturday Night

"Miss Edenton" Will Be Chosen From Among Group of Beauties

Sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, a beauty contest will be held in the Edenton armory Saturday night, June 11, beginning at 9 o'clock. This beauty pageant will be staged by the Edenton Jaycees in order to select a "Miss Edenton" who will compete in the contest at Morehead City in order to determine "Miss North Carolina," who in turn will represent the State at a national beauty contest to be held in Atlantic City when a "Miss America" will be chosen.

Kermit Layton, chairman of the committee staging the pageant, stated that already a number of Edenton beauties have been entered in the contest and that he is anticipating many more, which should result in a very interesting contest.

The pageant to choose "Miss America" was organized back in 1921 by a group of Atlantic City business and civic leaders. In the prosperous twenties the pageant grew by leaps and bounds and became one of the most famous and publicized events in the country. However, in 1929 the depression descended upon the country, so that the pageant lay dormant until 1934, when again it was revived. Then came the war in 1942 and the pageant was again interrupted with all efforts going toward winning the conflict. This year the pageant will benefit by the previous years' experience and is expected to prove more successful than any held before.

Annual Masonic Banquet Tonight In Parish House

Rev. P. Rowland Wagner of Norfolk Principal Speaker

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock, the annual banquet of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held in St. Paul's Parish House.

The principal speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. P. Rowland Wagner, Baptist minister of Norfolk. Mr. Wagner has the reputation of being among the best after dinner speakers in the eastern part of the United States and will, without doubt, add a great deal to the annual affair. He has spoken in Edenton on a number of occasions, and many who have heard him are anxious to hear him again.

Clarence M. Speight is chairman of the committee arranging for the banquet. The seating capacity is limited so that in event tickets have not been secured, there is no guarantee that a plate can be served.

Revival Scheduled At Christian Church

Rev. E. C. Alexander, Will Preach For Services

The Rev. Eather C. Alexander, pastor of the First Christian Church, announced this week that the annual revival of the church will begin Monday night, June 13, at 7:45 o'clock.

Mr. Alexander will preach during the revival, and he announced that special music will feature each service.

The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

Scouter Round Table At Hertford June 12th

Harold V. Pace, Scout Executive of the Tidewater Council, calls attention to a Scouter round table, outdoor session and picnic supper which will be held at Camp Peary near Hertford on Sunday afternoon, June 12, at 3 o'clock.

Wives and children of Scouters are invited to attend and to bring a basket picnic supper, as well as a card table. Although the round table is an East Albemarle affair, Scouters of the West Albemarle District are invited and really urged to attend and enjoy a pleasant and profitable afternoon.

Funds Available For Schools Cause Problem In Chowan

Three Groups Meet In Joint Session Monday Afternoon

Chowan County's Commissioners, the Chowan County Board of Education and trustees of the Edenton administrative school unit met in a joint session Monday afternoon, when the school situation in the county was considered. The meeting was called by West W. Byrum, chairman of the County Commissioners. Mr. Byrum stated that with the amount of money which will be available in Chowan County for school purposes, he thought it advisable to meet with the two school groups in order to determine, if possible, how the school funds should be allocated.

As a result of the meeting it was apparent that to satisfy both boards, not enough money will be available, so that the meeting adjourned in the hope that the school authorities of the county and city units will get together and whittle down their proposals in order to keep within the amount of money which can be used.

It was pointed out that of the recent Chowan County \$400,000 bond issue, \$75,000 has been spent for the erection of a gymnasium and garage at Chowan High School and that the remaining \$325,000 is deposited in the Bank of Edenton. Mr. Byrum stated that if it is not the purpose to use the remainder of the bond issue in the very near future, the Commissioners were of the opinion that the money should be invested in government securities, an authority which was passed at the recent session of the General Assembly.

It was also pointed out that under Governor Scott's "Go Forward" program, the county will receive \$250,000 for school purposes and that due to the passage of the \$25,000,000 school bond election last Saturday, the county can expect about \$80,531 from that source. On the basis of those figures, the county will have \$655,531 at its disposal for school purposes.

However, the city unit presented tentative figures that to build a colored and white school in Edenton, the entire amount would hardly suffice. On the other hand, to build a consolidated colored school in the upper end of the county, one of the projects in the proposed ten-year plan program adopted a year or so ago by the county, W. J. Taylor, superintendent of the county unit, stated that the cost of such a building will be in the neighborhood of \$110,000.

It is obvious that the anticipated amount will be all the money available for school for some time to come, and it is equally obvious that each unit cannot have at its disposal the amount tentatively requested and stay within the \$655,531.

While no agreement was reached at Monday's meeting, it is hoped that the two groups will get together and iron out their differences, so that tentative figures will be available for the County Commissioners at their meeting on June 15, when budgetary matters will be considered.

Commissioners Will Meet On July 6th In Monthly Session

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, which falls on the first Monday next month, the Chowan County Commissioners will not meet as usual on the first Monday, but instead they will meet Wednesday, July 6.

Any matters to be considered by the Commissioners should be presented accordingly.

Band Parents Will Meet On June 14th

W. E. Malone, president of the Edenton Parent Band Association, has called a meeting of the organization for Tuesday night, June 14, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Malone states that very important business is scheduled to be considered, so that every member is especially urged to attend.

Legion Juniors Drop Game To Colerain

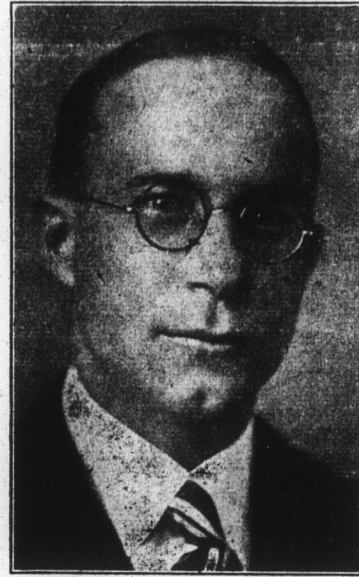
Edenton's Junior Legion baseball team lost its first game of the season Tuesday night when they played the Colerain Juniors on the latter's diamond. The score was 10-9 with the pitchers on both teams contributing materially to the large score due to wildness.

For the Edenton boys John Ward, Richard Hoskins and Gene Taylor pitched, while Castelleo and Baker were on the mound for Colerain.

Richard Hoskins led at bat for the Edenton boys.

Voters Of State Cast Majorities For Huge Road - School Bonds

Masonic Speaker



Above is pictured the Rev. P. Rowland Wagner, Baptist minister of Norfolk, who will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., which will be held in St. Paul's Parish House at 7:30 o'clock tonight (Thursday).

Two Boys Leave Sunday To Attend Session Boys State

Legion Post Sends Billy Gray Leary and Jasper Lee Gray

Billy Gray Leary, a junior at Chowan High School, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Leary, and Jasper Lee Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Gray, a junior at Edenton High School, will leave Sunday for Chapel Hill, where they will attend Boys State. The course will be taught June 12 to 19.

The two boys will be sent to Boys State by Ed Bond Post of the American Legion with all expenses paid by the local post.

Kermit Layton, Americanism officer of Ed Bond Post, released the names of the two boys to represent the post and expressed the opinion that the boys will be greatly benefitted as the result of what they learn in the way of preparing young men to become worthwhile citizens.

BPW Club Joins In Savings Bond Drive

Edenton's Business and Professional Women's Club is cooperating in the U. S. Savings Bond drive which is now under way, sponsored by the National Federation of BPW Clubs. The drive is under the direction of K. Frances Scott, president of the BPW Federation and members of the local club are cooperating by purchasing and promoting sales of these bonds.

Mrs. Corie White, president of the club, hopes that by the end of June when the drive closes, the Edenton Club will have reached its quota of 51 per cent of sales which is being asked by the Federation.

ELECTRIC RATE REDUCED AS RESULT OF ELIMINATING ONE BRACKET IN SCHEDULE

Dr. W. S. Griffin Wins Point After Two Years on Board; Users of Between 100 and 150 KWH Realize 1/2 Cent Saving Per KWH

At a meeting of the Board of Public Works held Wednesday night of last week, Dr. W. S. Griffin attended his last meeting as a member of the Board and at the same time realized, in part at least, an ambition which was the principal reason for announcing his candidacy as a member two years ago. Dr. Griffin has during the past two years been a strong advocate for reducing electric rates in Edenton, but was unable to make much headway until his final meeting as a member of the Board last week.

Due to the persistency on the part of Dr. Griffin, one bracket in the electric rate for residential electricity has been removed from the electric rate schedule.

Heretofore the residential rate was 5 1/2 cents for the first KWH. The price of the next 50 KWH was 4 cents. These two rates remain unchanged. However, in the old schedule there was a bracket for the next 50 KWH at a rate of 3 cents. This bracket has been eliminated, so that all who now use over 100 KWH will be charged 2 1/2 cents instead of being obliged to use 150 KWH before the 2 1/2-cent rate goes into effect.

Chowan Registers Majority Against Road Bonds

LIGHT VOTE

Governor Expects to Get Program Under Way By January 1st

Chowan County voters turned out in comparatively small numbers Saturday to vote on the huge North Carolina bond issue for roads and schools. Only 631 votes were cast in the county, with the majority of votes opposing the \$200,000,000 road bond, and the school bond being favored by almost a two to one vote.

For the road bond, the county registered 266 votes, while votes against the bonds numbered 365. For the school bonds the vote was 415 for and 214 against.

In the State as a whole both bond issues were carried. The road bond had a majority of in the neighborhood of 50,000 votes, while the school bond had far easier sledding, winning by a majority of about 149,000 votes.

Governor W. Kerr Scott, who led the fight for the bonds, was very jubilant with the success of the election and stated that he hopes the rural road program will get in full swing by January 1.

Passage of the road bond includes a one-cent additional tax on gasoline, which will also go into effect January 1.

Edenton Colonials Make Good Start In Opening Of League

Locals Win Four Out of First Five Games Played

Edenton's Colonials got off to a good start in the Albemarle League, which opened last week. The Colonials have won four games and are charged with one loss at the hands of the Hertford Indians.

The Colonials took the long end of the first two games played with Plymouth, and then were humbled by the Hertford Indians 9-7. The Colonials came back strong to defeat Windsor on the home diamond Monday night and edged out over the Bertie County team Tuesday night 6-5.

Up to Wednesday the Colonials, therefore, had four wins to their one defeat and were pushing Hertford for the League lead.

J. Clarence Leary One Of U. N. C. Graduates

Joseph Clarence Leary, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, was among the more than 1,500 students to graduate at the University of North Carolina Monday. Young Leary has attained a number of high honors while a student and was awarded his Bachelor of Arts Degree.

His parents and other relatives attended the graduation exercises.

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