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September Term Of Superior Court Completed Tuesday

Judge Q. K. Nimocks Disposes of Cases In Short Order

Judge Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville opened the September term of Chowan Superior Court on Monday with an eloquent charge to the members of the Grand Jury to live up to their duty in the light of true justice. After little six-year-old Howard Allen Collins, nephew of Sheriff Bunch, pulled the ballots which listed the names of the grand jurors, and T. A. Berryman was selected as foreman of the jury, the Judge in a modulated tone of voice and with careful choice of words, amplified by many examples and illustrations, reviewed fundamental points of law necessary to the proper exercise of their duties. The Superior Court Justice was most concerned with humane treatment of prisoners and the conditions of jail houses. He was most solicitous concerning the welfare of widows and orphans charging the Grand Jury that a thorough review of all qualified executors, and administrators and guardians be made to see that they are executing their duties properly. Reminding them that they had sworn on the Bible to leave no one unpresented out of fear, favor, reward or hope of reward, he stated that it was their bounden duty to make a presentment against anyone known to be violating the law or who violated the law and was not brought to justice. He said that the Grand Jury was one of the most powerful bodies to sit, and he wanted them to do their job most carefully, and with the sworn secrecy demanded of them by law.

The members of the Grand Jury include T. A. Berryman, foreman; W. W. Byrum, Jr., R. W. Leary, Jr., T. Ehrie Haste, Percy Smith, Thomas Brabble, George Davidson, Quinton Bass, Guy C. Hobbs, H. E. Bunch, O. M. Blanchard, Nolan Toppen, Forrest Erwin, Lane, J. F. Harrell, Walter Umphlett, J. I. Hendrix, E. J. Lane, Luther Dail.

A. P. Godwin of Gatesville served as Solicitor while Walter Cohoon of Elizabeth City is away on sick leave.

The docket, both civil and criminal, was cleaned up by Tuesday afternoon. The following judgments were rendered: Roy H. Kimmel, convicted of larceny, 1 year on the roads suspended if requirements of court are met; Dorrence E. Rhoades, larceny, 1 year on roads suspended if conditions of court are met; John M. Jones, burglary, six months on roads to run concurrently with a sentence now being ordered to serve under a revocation of parole in connection with a 7 year sentence from New Hanover County; T. C. Jackson, embezzlement, 6 months on the roads, suspended if certain conditions of court are met; Lawton McDowell, forgery and uttering forged checks, 2 bills of indictment containing two counts in each. Convicted. Sixty days on the roads, for each count in the conviction; Benjamin F. Blankenship, guilty and convicted on the following charges in order, but suspended judgment on the last count: drunken driving, 3 months; resisting arrest, 3 months; assaulting an officer, one month; drunk and disorderly, judgment suspended. The sentence is to be served on the roads. Colored: Tyler Vicks convicted of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury. Two months on the roads; Ruth V. Yates, six months for forgery, suspended upon the meeting of certain requirements of the court.

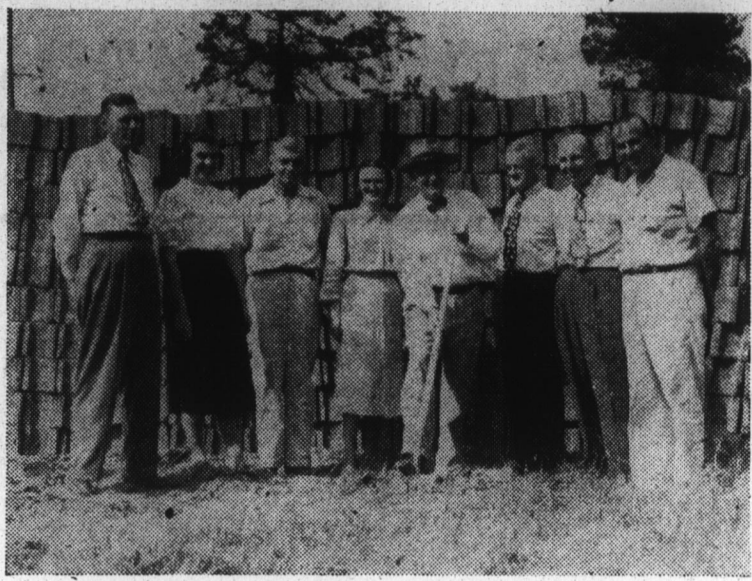
Brief Meeting Of Town Council Held On Tuesday Night

Budget Is Officially Approved; Little Business Is Transacted

Town Councilmen held a brief monthly meeting Tuesday night, the meeting being called at 7 o'clock in order for members of the Board to see at least part of the baseball game between the Edenton Colonials and Colerain. Very few matters were presented for consideration, so that the meeting lasted only a little over an hour.

During the meeting the 1949-50 budget was officially adopted and George I. Dail was officially appointed Chief of Police to succeed Robert L. Pratt. Due to the change in chief of police, Mr. Pratt was appointed captain of the Police Department.

VERY HAPPY GROUP



Possibly no happier group has gathered in Edenton in many years than the above, the occasion being the official breaking ground for the new Chowan Hospital. The group includes directors of the hospital and Miss Frances Tillett, manager of the hospital and Miss Annie Ruth White, supervisor of nurses. Pictured above are, left to right, J. Clarence Leary, Miss Annie Ruth White, West Byrum, Miss Frances Tillett, J. W. Davis, chairman of the directors, who is breaking ground, M. A. Hamm, architect, William P. Jones and Albert Byrum.

873 Enrolled In Edenton's School; 65 Over Last Year

Necessary to Change Schedule of Serving Lunches

Fenton L. Larson, principal of the Edenton school, reported this week that this year's enrollment leads last year by 65. Last year there were 808 children enrolled, while this year the enrollment reached 873.

Increases are noted in practically all grades with the high school enrollment being 212 as against 189 last year. In the elementary grades the enrollment this year is 661 compared with 619 last year. The largest enrollment appears in the first grade with 109 pupils and the smallest enrollment is in the 12th grade with 37 students.

Another interesting fact in connection with the growth of the school appears in the cafeteria department, where 375 lunches were served each of the first two days of school as compared with 290 last year. Due to the increased cafeteria enrollment it has been necessary to change the schedule for serving meals.

Due to this condition primary grades will be excused at 12 o'clock, fourth, fifth and sixth grade at 12:10, seventh and eighth grade at 12:20 and the high school at 12:30.

Mr. Larson also stated that town children will be excused on the same schedule for lunch.

Two Traffic Lights On Broad Street

Warnings Installed But Not Yet Placed In Operation

On Monday of this week two traffic lights were installed by the Electric and Water Departments. The two lights are located at the intersection of Broad and Queen streets and at Broad and Church streets.

While the lights are in place, E. & W. employees experienced some defects in the motor mechanism, so that they will not be operated until the trouble can be remedied.

Six Book Stations Set Up In Chowan

Plans Are Under Way To Serve Other Sec- tions of County

Once a week on Fridays, Miss Harriet Leary, circulation librarian for Chowan County, makes her round of six book stations located at Advance, Beech Fork, Gun Pond, Oak Grove, Cross Roads and Ryland. Around 35 books are kept at each station for readers and they are changed weekly.

Plans are being made to serve other sections of the county as facilities develop, but Miss Leary says interested readers can speed up this service by cooperating and contacting her at the Cupola House.

Dance Scheduled For Local Marines In Armory Sept. 24

Young Ladies of Town Are Urged to Attend Affair

Sponsored by Chaplain Dean W. Kennedy and Captain David Cleeland, special services officer at the Marine Corps Air Station, a dance will be held at the Edenton Armory Saturday night, September 24, starting at 8 o'clock and continuing until midnight. Music for the dance will be furnished by Ronnie Hart and his orchestra.

Marine officials stated that the dance is primarily for enlisted men on the base and an appeal is made for young ladies of the town and community to attend in order for the Marines to enjoy an evening of dancing. Captain Cleeland is very anxious for local women's organizations to prevail upon young ladies to attend in order to make the affair a pleasant evening for both the ladies themselves as well as the Marines. Captain Cleeland also stated that no alcoholic beverages will be allowed, but that soft drinks will be on sale.

White Cane Sale Will Begin September 19

Funds Will Go Toward Helping Blind In County

The White Cane Sale and membership drive for the North Carolina Commission for the Blind will be conducted from September 19 through the 24th, according to Dr. Martin Wisely, chairman for the Sight Conservation Committee of the local Lions Club. Dr. Wisely will announce the names of his committee at the next club meeting on Monday night.

The Edenton Lions Club has for its major project the helping of the blind. Residents of Edenton have been very cooperative and sympathetic for this worthy cause, and it is expected that as in past years, the drive will be most successful.

IS THE MOORE HOUSE ON BROAD STREET THE RESIDENCE OF PENELOPE BARKER?

Keen speculation has arisen concerning the old Moore house on Broad street next to the new Belk-Tyler store.

Based upon the facts which have been recently unearthed by Miss Elizabeth Moore from documents in the Chowan County Courthouse and in Raleigh, there is enough to at least arouse deeper inquiry into the property which still stands and has been in the Moore family for over one hundred and some odd years.

Lovers of facts and history, and certainly lovers of the colonial history of Edenton would lament the fact deeply, if this property were to go the way of many other historic buildings and be sold to be torn down for a business building. If it can be proven that the old relic is in fact the main-

Edenton's "Dollar Days" Help To Boost Business Two Days

Some Merchants Sug- gest Another Event In Spring

In an effort to determine whether or not it was a good idea to continue the idea of "Dollar Days" and "Bargain Days", merchants who had participated were contacted and their opinions polled. The general agreement was that it did bring people to town. One merchant declared that at one period on Friday he didn't have enough clerks to take care of the customers. Another merchant declared that "Dollar Days" should be held for a whole week.

The Merchants Committee inaugurated the recent "Dollar Days" activities as a feeler or tryout. The president of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association in Windsor, himself the head of a large department store, is most enthusiastic about these dollar days. In Elizabeth City, Suffolk, Norfolk, and other towns "Dollar Days" have been used most successfully to stimulate the trade.

The "Dollar Days" in Edenton were approached with an open minded attitude, and it is indicated that they are of value in trade stimulation, the more so when it is considered that very little preparation was given to the event, and that not all of the merchants participated. Whether or not the other places of business benefitted by the increase of people in town during the trade event on Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10, is left up to fair minded people to judge.

A definite boost to the activity was given by the local police department under Chief George I. Dail who had all parking meters covered with paper bags, denoting the "Dollar Days" and allowing free parking. The Police head had the full sanction of Mayor Haskett and the City Council in helping to make this trade event in helping to make this "Bargain Days" trade event possible.

A complete section of the Herald next week will give readers some idea of the merchandise to be found in the new Belk-Tyler store.

New Demonstration Club Organized For Oak Grove Section

Mrs. Sam Nixon Elected President of New Group

A new home demonstration club was organized in the Oak Grove community on September 8 at the home of Mrs. Elbert Peele. This new club was sponsored by the Rocky Hock Club and Mrs. Alvin Byrum visited with the organization meeting.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Sam Nixon; vice-president, Mrs. Elbert Peele; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Percy Nixon. The president will appoint project leaders at the next meeting.

The club decided to sell magazine subscriptions to raise money for the club. Miss Rebecca Colwell explained the duties of each leader and gave a very interesting demonstration on yard improvement.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday night, October 5 at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Dick Byrum.

New Chiropractor



DR. GEORGE BYBA
Moving his equipment from Wilson to Edenton, Dr. Byba, chiropractor, is now associated with Dr. George T. Crawford in operation of the Chiropractic Clinic in their offices in Joseph Hewes Hotel.

Belk-Tyler's Store Opening Postponed To Friday, Sept. 23

Failure to Receive Mer- chandise Main Rea- son For Delay

Although the new and ultra modern Belk-Tyler department store was scheduled to open Friday, A. L. Tyler, secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Belk-Tyler organization, and J. R. DuLaney, manager of the Edenton store, on Monday announced that they will postpone the opening until Friday of next week, September 23.

Postponement of the opening was caused by a large quantity of merchandise being held up in transit, as well as a number of finishing touches to be done to the building. The two officials stated that when the store is opened they want all of the merchandise ordered to be in the store and for the building to be in readiness to present to the people of the community a shopping center of which they may well be proud.

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VFW Post Will Hold Open House Next Tuesday, Sept. 20

Members, Wives and Guests Cordially In- vited to Attend

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars of U. S., will observe open house at the Post's home over the bus station next Tuesday night, September 20, at 8 o'clock.

All members, their wives, girl friends and guests are cordially invited for an evening of good fellowship and fun. Sandwiches and refreshments, all on the house, will be served, with dancing to climax the open house event.

Enrollment In County Unit Leads Last Year

According to W. J. Taylor, superintendent of schools in the county administrative unit, enrollment this year exceeds last year by 30. He reported that the enrollment is 928 in the white and colored schools, as compared with 898 last year.

At Chowan High School 118 were enrolled in the high school and 317 in the elementary grades. The Rocky Hock enrollment was 76. In the various colored schools 422 were enrolled.

Fire Chief R. K. Hall Inspects Fire Hydrants

Fire Chief R. K. Hall reported to Town Council Tuesday night that only one fire occurred during August, which amounted to practically no damage.

Mr. Hall also reported that he had inspected the 90 fire hydrants in Edenton and found only minor defects in one, which was immediately corrected.

Colerain Edge On Series For 1949 Championship

Colonials Playing an Up Hill Battle; Count Now 3-2

In an up-hill fight for the Albarmar League Championship, the Edenton Colonials won over Colerain Tuesday night on Hicks Field by a score of 6-2. The win brought the series to a 3-2 count with the Colerain Trappers holding on the long end.

Colerain won the first two games and then on Saturday night, Stanley Johnson silenced the Trappers bats while his teammates scored 10 runs to win 10-0 on Hicks Field. The game was played before a large crowd of shivering fans, many of whom left before the game was over.

The Colonials scored two in the first inning and one in the third, and the 3-0 score stood until the eighth, when the Colonials went on a rampage to score seven runs.

Colerain won a slugging spree in Colerain Sunday afternoon by a count of 11-8. Pitchers for both teams had hard sledding with the Colonials using Craig, Moore and Stocker. Colerain used Blair and Gysen. The Colonials collected 11 hits, while the trappers made 14. Five home runs featured the game, made by Trot Leary for Edenton and Teague Brooks, Cesky and Gysen for Colerain.

The victory put Colerain out in front by a 3-1 count.

Rain prevented a game being played Monday night, but on Tuesday night Edenton's Stanley Johnson let the Colerain sluggers down with only three hits, while the Colonials tapped Dowdy, ace Colerain hurler for nine hits, two of which were two-run homers by Trot Leary and Gashouse Parker. The score was 6-2, and brought the series to a 3-2 count in favor of Colerain.

The Colonials scored two runs early in the game and held a 2-1 lead until the sixth, when a home run by Dowdy tied the score 2-2. In the seventh Hoch walked and scored on a home run by Trot Leary over the right field fence. Fulghum then walked and Parker homered over the left field fence.

The sixth game was scheduled to be played in Colerain Wednesday night while the Herald was being printed.

Marine Gridders Will Play Norfolk Outfit Sept. 24th

Ladies of Community Will Be Admitted Free

Edenton's Marine Corps football team is scheduled to meet the Marine Barracks outfit of Norfolk on Hicks Field Saturday afternoon, September 24, at 2 o'clock. According to Captain David Cleeland, special service officer, all ladies of the community will be admitted free of charge.

The local Marine eleven has played two practice games thus far with Cherry Point, with the Pointers defeating the Edenton aggregation both times.

A dance will be held at night in the Edenton Armory for enlisted men, which young ladies of the community are urged to attend.

Children Now Ordered To Vacate Playground When Mowing Grass

Due to the recent accident on the Edenton playground, all children hereafter are required to get off the playground when town employees mow the grass.

Neither the Junior Woman's Club nor the Town of Edenton will be responsible for any accidents when the mowing machine is in operation on the playground, so that children should be reminded to get off the field when it is being mowed.

COUNTY DEBT REDUCED

West Byrum, chairman of the County Commissioners was authorized last week to pay \$6,036.30 on the county's indebtedness. The amount represents road, bridge and school bonds due October 1.