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## Site For New White High School Chosen By Officials Friday

### Building 150 Feet From Street Running Along Baseball Diamond NO AUDITORIUM Arrangements Made By County Commissioners To Finance Project

With necessary financial arrangements and a contract awarded, work on the construction of a new white high school on Hicks Field got under way Friday of last week, when the site was selected and a storage house erected by Wrenn-Wilson, Durham contractors who have just recently completed the new Chowan Hospital.

On Friday afternoon members of the Edenton school trustees, school officials and J. Clarence Leary and A. B. Harless, representing Town Council, met at Hicks Field to decide the exact spot where the new school shall be erected. It didn't take very long for the group to be in full accord with the location.

The building will face Broad Street and will be 150 feet east of the road running beside the baseball park. It will also be 75 feet from the fence of the ball park. The new building will be two stories high, 361 feet wide and 209 feet deep. The original plan, with an auditorium called for 407 feet frontage, but due to the cost, the auditorium will be omitted, in the hope that it can be added later.

With the elimination of the auditorium, the amount of money necessary is about \$40,000 short, which has held up awarding of the contract for some time. However, following a recent visit to the Institute of Government, it was learned that the Commissioners had the power to sell \$20,000 worth of short term bonds without calling for an election. This sale of bonds is based upon the amount the county debt has been reduced.

While still short an additional \$20,000, the County Commissioners figured from every angle and discovered that they could appropriate \$20,000 and reduce the levy for the bond fund, so that the tax rate will not be affected so far as the school construction is concerned.

## Big Mass Of Figures Hold Commissioners In Day Long Session

### With Some Budgets Not Complete, Tax Rate Not Determined

With a table filled from end to end with figures of one sort or another, the County Commissioners on Monday took the first step in setting up a budget for the year 1950-51. The entire day was consumed by the Commissioners in transacting the regular business and considering the various budgets for the next fiscal year's operation.

Though some of the budgets were approved, not all of them were on hand, so that no decision could be reached relative to the next year's tax rate.

Demands for funds from practically every angle are increasing, so that the Commissioners are unable to venture a guess at the tax rate, but they are hopeful that it can be maintained as present, \$1.27 on the hundred dollar property valuation.

During the meeting the budget for forest fire control was adopted, which calls for an expenditure on the county's part of \$1,260.

The appropriation for social security was also approved. The budget calls for \$60,000 for old age assistance, of which the county's part is \$9,000. Estimated cost of aid to dependent children is \$15,120, of which the county's part is \$2,160. Blind aid calls for \$1,177.44 from the county and of the administration expenses of \$5,929 the county's part is \$3,112.72.

## Visiting Speaker At Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Al S. Burdette, pastor of the Kirkwood Presbyterian Church of Kannapolis, N. C., will preach at the Edenton Presbyterian Church, Sunday, June 11.

Everybody is cordially invited to hear the visiting speaker.

## Prospects Fade For Aid From County For Fires In Rural Section

### Commissioners Reluctant to Grant Appropriation Asked

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday considered a request for an appropriation to the Edenton Fire Department due to the local firemen answering calls for help outside the corporate limits of the city. The request was made a month ago, but the Commissioners turned thumbs down on Monday in order to give the matter further consideration.

The Commissioners were presented an elaborate statement of expenditures made by the Edenton Fire Department for the 12 months period starting April 1, 1949 and ending March 31, 1949. In this report it was shown that the total number of calls were 70, of which 48 were within the city limits and 22 county calls.

It is figured that the average cost for each call made on the Fire Department is \$160.81, so that the 48 town calls amounted to \$7,718.87, or 68.57 per cent. The 22 calls in the county totals \$3,537.82, or 31.43 per cent. The total expense for the year is figured at \$11,256.69.

It is also pointed out that in the past the volunteer firemen have not been paid for calls made in the county. This would amount to an additional \$176 to the total bill.

The statement, figured down to the minutest detail, showing that for every dollar collected for taxes in the Town of Edenton, 17 cents went to maintain the Fire Department. It was also figured that if the county shared the expense of answering rural calls it would require three cents of the \$1.27 rate.

The Commissioners were unanimous in their opinion that the town's fire apparatus and firemen should not be expected to answer calls for help of fire for nothing, but realized that in making an appropriation, the county as a whole receives no benefit in that many of its citizens live too far away to receive any help in case of a fire.

While not looking favorable on making an appropriation, Monday, the Commissioners did not definitely abandon the request, but refrained from making a final decision until the matter is more thoroughly studied.

## Nelle Perry Chosen As "Miss Edenton"

### Crowned In Armory Saturday Night at Jaycees' Dance

Miss Nelle Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Perry of Edenton, has been selected "Miss Edenton of 1950."

Miss Perry, sponsored by the Jaycees, was crowned Saturday night, June 3, at the Jaycee dance in the Edenton Armory.

"Miss Edenton" will go to Wrightsville Beach July 1, to participate in the "Miss North Carolina" contest. The winner will go to Atlantic City to compete in the "Miss America" pageant.

## 4-H County Council Plans For Picnic

Chowan County's 4-H County Council met on Wednesday night of last week at the Community building, when 24 club members, representing the various clubs in the county attended.

Plans were made for the annual 4-H picnic which will be held in the latter part of June. After the program was over, recreation and refreshments were enjoyed by all the club members present.

## ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. President George Twiddy urges a full attendance.



**RECEIVES 1949 CHENEY AWARD**—The little boy held in the arms of General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force, is William Randolph Blair, son of Captain William E. Blair, USAF, whose heroism in maneuvering his disabled plane saved the lives of seven members of his crew. Captain Blair sacrificed his life in remaining on his plane too late to parachute with safety. General Vandenberg presented the award to Mrs. Elizabeth R. Blair (left), widow of the heroic officer. The Cheney Award, established in memory of World War I flyer, 1st Lieut. William H. Cheney, consists of a certificate, a bronze plaque and a sum of \$500.

## Golf Club Planning Hold Blind Bogey Golf Tournament

### MCAS Course Will Be Presented to Club On June 14

R. F. Elliott, secretary of the Edenton Country Club has informed members that a blind bogey golf tournament will be held on the Edenton course Wednesday afternoon, June 14. Tee-off time will be between 1 and 3 o'clock, the tournament consisting of nine holes.

Each player will choose his own handicap so as to place his probable net score between 35 and 40. Players will choose their own foursomes, and only foursomes will be permitted on the course, which will be restricted to tournament players only after 3 o'clock. There will be no green fee entries and only paid up members with current cards will be permitted to play. Entrance will be 50 cents per player.

First prize will be 12 golf balls, second prize will be six golf balls and third prize will be three golf balls.

At 5 o'clock the entire assets of the golf course will be officially presented to the Edenton Country Club with appropriate ceremony. Free refreshments will be served to all participants in the tournament immediately following the completion of the tournament.

In order to anticipate the required amount of refreshments, it is requested that each member intending to participate notify the steward at the golf club house prior to June 10 if possible.

In order to facilitate closing of books of the golf course, it is requested that all members pay their June dues and all back dues prior to June 10.

## Guest Speaker Today At Auxiliary Meeting

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church will meet in the Parish House this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. The guest speaker will be Miss Constance Moore, a Bible teacher of Elizabeth City, and every member of the Auxiliary is especially urged to be present.

## Petition Presented To Pave Road In Rocky Hock Area

### Claimed to Be Most Frequently Traveled Unpaved Road

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday were presented another petition to request the N. C. Highway and Public Works Commission to hard-surface a road 2.5 miles long beginning at H. R. Peele's store, at Route 32 and continuing to Byrum's at Cross Roads.

The petition pointed out that there are 13 houses on the road and eight houses in forks leading off the main road, a total of 21 houses occupied. The road is used by a mail carrier daily as well as white and colored school buses. It is located in a community in which farmers depend on the road to make their perishable fresh produce available to nearby markets. It is a section where logging is a local industry and the road is traveled by those who attend church and in a community in which telephones are not available and the people have to depend on accessible roads to summon a doctor at the nearest telephone or in case of any emergency.

The petition stated that the road is the most frequently traveled of any unpaved road in the county and that it is impassable during some of the winter months due to freezing and thawing of ground and due to many clay hills on the road.

The petition was signed by 40 people, those who live on the road and those who frequently use the road.

As in all road matters, the Commissioners forwarded the petition to the State highway officials.

## Commissioners Will Meet Again June 14

Chowan County Commissioners will meet in special session Wednesday, June 14, at which time they hope to complete the county budget for the year 1950-51.

Considerable figuring was done at Monday's meeting, but due to one or two budgets not being prepared, the Commissioners could not complete the work this week.

## ALBEMARLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Faced with a number of handicaps at the beginning of the season, the schedule of the Albemarle League could not be arranged, but this week W. J. Daniels, president of the Edenton Colonials, released the schedule as arranged for the season.

Games as scheduled are as follows:  
Week of June 5-10

Monday—Edenton at Windsor; Colerain at Plymouth.

Tuesday—Edenton at Colerain; Windsor at Plymouth.

Wednesday—Colerain at Edenton; Plymouth at Windsor.

Thursday—Windsor at Colerain; Edenton at Plymouth.

Friday—Colerain at Windsor; Plymouth at Edenton.

Saturday—Edenton at Colerain; Windsor at Plymouth.

Week of June 12-17

Monday—Colerain at Edenton; Plymouth at Windsor.

Tuesday—Colerain at Windsor; Plymouth at Edenton.

Wednesday—Windsor at Colerain; Edenton at Plymouth.

Thursday—Edenton at Windsor; Colerain at Plymouth.

Friday—Windsor at Edenton; Plymouth at Colerain.

Saturday—Windsor at Colerain; Edenton at Plymouth.

Week of June 19-24

Monday—Colerain at Windsor; Plymouth at Edenton.

Tuesday—Windsor at Edenton; Plymouth at Colerain.

Wednesday—Edenton at Windsor; Colerain at Plymouth.

Thursday—Edenton at Colerain; Windsor at Plymouth.

Friday—Colerain at Edenton; Plymouth at Windsor.

Saturday—Edenton at Windsor; Colerain at Plymouth.

Week of June 26 - July 1

Monday—Windsor at Edenton; Plymouth at Colerain.

Tuesday—Colerain at Edenton; Plymouth at Windsor.

## Funds Available To Erect Rocky Hock School Auditorium

### Dr. W. H. Plemmons Speaker For Finals At Edenton High School

### 36 Graduates Receive Their Diplomas Friday Night

Edenton school came to a close Friday night when graduating exercises were held in the auditorium and members of the senior class received their diplomas from the hand of Superintendent John A. Holmes. Thirty-six seniors received their diplomas, including Joyce Bass, Nancy Boswell, Frances Brown, Lucy Coffield, Phyllis Comer, Faye Dail, Clara Dixon, Ann Harless, Marjorie Lee Jones, Edith Lane, Madge Lassiter, Margie Miller, Helen Rae Privott, Suzanne Spaight, Mary Dale Spry, Patsy Taylor, Geola Ward, Joyce Ward, Alva Bunch, Keith Emmipizer, Earl Goodwin, Johnny Goodwin, Jasper Gray, Richard Hoskins, Paulett Lane, Muriel Layton, Gary Martin, Larry Knox, Ashton Morgan, Charles Lee Overman, John Owens, Carroll Smith, Billy White and Ernest White.

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. W. H. Plemmons, professor of school education at the University of North Carolina. He spoke on the subject "Bridge or Barrier" with the auditorium filled with friends and relatives of the graduates.

Dr. Plemmons told the young men and women that they are entering a life filled with unexpected opportunities, which carried with it unexpected responsibilities. He urged each senior to be a bridge rather than a barrier. He called attention to the large number of students who enroll in schools, of whom so many fail to cope with the barriers and consequently many fail to continue through school and graduate.

The speaker referred to the undeveloped natural resources of the state and their untold wealth, but said the young people who fail to follow through their education and complete the required 12 grades were far more important to the state than the natural resources.

Charles Lee Overman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Overman, the most outstanding student during the four years of high school, was awarded the Rotary Cup. The presentation was made by George S. Twiddy, president of the Edenton Rotary Club. Joyce Webb was awarded a \$25 gift from the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club for being the most outstanding student in the commercial courses. The gift was presented by Mrs. Corie P. White, president of the club.

Patsy Taylor was awarded a medal as the best girl athlete, while Earl Goodwin won the same honor among the boys. The citizenship plaque went to Paulett Lane. Ann Harless was awarded the activity medal and the Beta Club scholarship of \$50 went to Helen Privott.

Phyllis Comer was recognized as having a perfect school attendance during her 12 years school career. She had not been absent or tardy during the 12 years.

Nancy Boswell was valedictorian of the class and Suzanne Spaight the salutatorian.

During the evening, W. J. Taylor, superintendent of county administrative unit, presented certificates to Morris Small, Carroll Smith and Mrs. Ida Bateman for being the most outstanding bus drivers during the year. Young Smith was also presented a medal. The certificates and medals were given by the Edenton Lions Club.

## Aiken Given Contract To Audit County Books

Chowan County Commissioners on Monday awarded the contract to audit the county's books to R. E. Aiken, Jr., local accountant. A. T. Allen, who for many years audited the books, also submitted a bid for the job, but Mr. Aiken's price was \$50 less. The cost of auditing the books is \$450.

## SECOND PRIMARY

Announcement was made over the radio Wednesday morning that Willis Smith will call for a second primary for U. S. Senator. Mr. Smith trailed Dr. Frank Graham by 53,000 votes in the first primary.

### County Unit Authorized To Spend \$13,580 For Construction

### SELL BONDS Project Included In Ten-Year Improvement Program

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the Chowan County administrative school unit to expend \$13,580.70 for the construction of an auditorium at the Rocky Hock Central School, said sum to be appropriated as part of the capital outlay of the unit's budget for the fiscal year 1950-51.

It was further ordered that the County Treasurer sell two \$5,000 U. S. bonds heretofore purchased for this purpose and transfer same to the capital outlay fund, together with the sum of \$3,580.70 from surplus earnings of the ABC store.

The Rocky Hock auditorium is one of the projects included in a 10-year improvement plan set up a few years ago.

## Colonials On Short End Of Five Games Played During Week

### Drop Three Games and Add Two to Win Column

Edenton's Colonials won two games and lost three during the past week, losing two games to Colerain and one to Windsor. A game was won from both Windsor and Colerain.

In Colerain Tuesday night the Colonials won a hard fought game from the Trappers 1-0. The game developed into a pitchers' duel between Brockwell for Edenton and Rudy Williams for Colerain. Williams allowed six hits, while the Trappers were able to collect only four hits off Brockwell.

The Colonials' only score came in the fourth inning. Clark and Leary singled and Clark scored when Habit's grounder was bobbed by the Colerain shortstop.

Edenton 6, Windsor 10  
After losing a 10-inning battle to the Edenton Colonials on Hicks Field Saturday night, the Windsor Rebels reaped revenge Monday night in Windsor when the Edenton aggregation was defeated a count of 10-6.

The Rebels started off fast by scoring three runs in the opening inning and in a batting spree in the third, coupled with an error and a hit batter scored five runs. One run was added in each of the fourth and seventh innings.

The Colonials scored first in the sixth inning, two in the seventh and three in the ninth when a rally was cut short.

Goodwin and Adams shared mound honors for Edenton, while Seif, a State College freshman pitcher went until the ninth inning, when he was replaced by Eusley.

Trot Leary led at bat for the Colonials with three hits followed by Murphy and Pastris with two each. Floyd, Seif and Castelleo led the Windsor attack with three hits each.

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## New Doctor Is Now Ready To Practice

### Dr. Richard Hardin Has Offices In Red Men Building

Dr. Richard Hardin has opened offices in Edenton and is now ready to practice. His offices are in the Red Men's building on lower Broad Street, which has been attractively and conveniently arranged for the purpose.

Dr. Hardin not only invites patients to visit him, but being a very congenial person, invited Edentonians to call on him in order to become acquainted with the people with whom he has cast his lot.