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## Local Legion Post Asks Town To Swap Piece Of Property

### Portion of Hicks Field Desired to Build Legion Home

#### PLANS READY

### Town Councilmen Decide to Study Matter Before Decision

Headed by a delegation from Ed Bond Post of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary, Town Councilmen at their meeting Tuesday night were asked to swap a section of Hicks Field for the Legion lot at the foot of Broad Street. R. L. Pratt, Commander of the Post, presented John W. Graham as spokesman for the group.

Mr. Graham stated that the Legion Post's property between the Willis warehouse and J. N. Pruden's residence was 173.3 feet long and 65 feet deep, which was purchased by the Legionnaires for the purpose of erecting a Legion home. He further stated that the organization is anxious to erect its home where it will be more easily seen by the traveling public and that the Legion is anxious to trade this piece of property for the portion of Hicks Field between the home of Henry Cuthrell and Peterson Street from Broad to Wiggins Street.

Plans for a Legion home, Mr. Graham stated, call for a building 80x40 which will be adequate for meetings of various kinds and for a banquet will accommodate about 300 people. It will, he said, be available for dances or other gatherings or entertainments by organizations, groups or individuals for any legitimate purpose.

The plan calls for arranging a parking area on the rear of the property in order to prevent traffic congestion on Broad Street.

Mrs. James Bond, president of the Auxiliary, also spoke briefly in behalf of the trade, saying there is a great need for a community building in Edenton.

The request came as more or less of a surprise to the Councilmen, so that the request was tabled in order to give it thought and study.

## VFW Discusses Civilian Defense

Wm. H. Coffield, Jr., Post, VFW, at its meeting Tuesday night voted to cooperate 100 per cent with the State of North Carolina and the Town of Edenton in the organization of civilian defense.

The local post previously offered to organize a means of civilian defense, but after investigation the members decided that it will be much better for the town to organize the movement under the State civilian defense program and call on the VFW for 100 per cent cooperation.

Commander Jack Moore stated that the VFW alone would not be authorized to give orders in case of an emergency, and that the organization could be much more effective by working with town officials, who have authority to give orders to the public.

The local post sees a need for civilian protection and urges the town to get this body organized as soon as possible.

Commander Moore stated that the VFW Post will cooperate in any way possible in this matter.

## Health Officer Has Schedule Of Hours

Announcement is made this week that Dr. B. B. McGuire, district health officer, has arranged a schedule whereby he will be in Edenton every Monday afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock in the Health Department office in the Bank of Edenton building.

Dr. McGuire's schedule is as follows:

Edenton—Monday afternoons from 2 to 3 o'clock.

Hertford—Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 3 o'clock.

Camden—Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3 o'clock.

Practice of medicine by the Health Office is forbidden by the State Board of Health, so no one should expect free medical service from him. The field is purely prevention—not treatment.

## Five Requests For State To Maintain Roads In County

### Petitions Presented to County Commissioners Monday

Requests for the State to take over roads in the county was the order of the day at Monday's meeting of the County Commissioners, when five petitions were presented asking the Commissioners to add their stamp of approval and forward to the State Highway and Public Works Commission for its consideration. The Commissioners approved four of the petitions and referred one to the Chowan County Road Committee.

A petition was presented for the State to maintain almost 1,200 feet of the old road in the Paradise section leading to the home of H. T. Hobbs. This stretch of road was abandoned by the State when a new road was built.

A petition signed by 100 people and representing 30 families requested State maintenance of the Dillard's Mill or River Road, located between N. C. 32 and the Cannon's Ferry road, a distance of 4½ miles. This petition was referred to the Chowan County Road Committee.

Another petition bearing 17 signatures asked the state to take over and maintain the link of road connecting Montrose road and Fishing Lane road, a distance of about half a mile.

Twenty-nine signatures appeared on a petition asking the State to recap and widen the Piney Woods road to 18 or 20 feet. This road is commonly called the Ryland road, beginning at Lizzie Chappell's home, running west to Highway 21 at Byrum's Service Station, a distance of approximately 3½ miles.

The fifth petition had to do with a road from a U. S. Highway 17 to the Bowen road, known as part of the Emperor road and all of the Tip Toe road, a distance of 2.8 miles. The petition asked for the road to be widened and hard-surfaced and was signed by 38 people.

The petition included an agreement by D. Woodrow Lowe and wife, Carrie M. Lowe, granting the privilege of locating the extension of said Tip Toe road on, over and across the land owned by them, and known as the W. E. Sutton tract of land, provided said extension from the point where the Tip Toe road intersects the Bowen road and follow a straight course so as to strike the eastern boundary of the graveyard plot on the adjacent tract of land and continue in the same course to a point where said extension will intersect said hard-surfaced road leading from Bottom's bridge to the Macedonia Church.

## Local Beagle Hound Wins Top Honors

### Holton's "Rocky Hock Shorty" Wins Over 15 Other Dogs

"Rocky Hock Shorty," 3-year-old Beagle hound owned by David Holton, won first place in the Eastern Virginia Beagle Club trials held at Oak Grove, Va., Sunday, August 6. The dog ran against 15 of the best dogs in the North Carolina and Virginia area.

Second place went to Sure Place Clover, owned by Sure Place Kennels, Norfolk.

Motto's Brownie, owned by Gara Motto of Norfolk, came in third and Dusty Jack, also owned by Motto, took fourth place.

The next trial will be held in the early part of September by the Hampton Beagle Club and will take place on Sheriff Thompson's farm in Currituck County.

Mr. Holton is very much interested in organizing a Beagle Club in Chowan County, advancing the fact that there are many good Beagles in the county and that a live club would add another very interesting sport. "Anyone interested in forming a club is asked to contact Mr. Holton."

## Parking Banned On One Side West Eden Street

Due to a traffic problem on West Eden Street between Granville and Moseley streets, Town Councilmen on Tuesday night passed an ordinance prohibiting parking on this portion of the street on the south side. The street will be marked so that parking will be allowed only on the north side.

## District Health Department Rescinds Ordinance Banning Distribution Virginia Milk

### Wm. Selby Harney Dies Suddenly In Norfolk Monday

### Former Edentonian Collapses at Door of His Apartment

Edenton friends were shocked early this week when they learned that William Selby Harney, 64, died suddenly Monday afternoon at his home in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Harney was secretary-manager of the Norfolk Association of Commerce since 1928 and had returned to his home from his office at about 5:45 o'clock. As he reached the door to his fourth floor apartment at 1800 Colonial Avenue he collapsed and did not regain consciousness.

Deceased was a former Edentonian, where the family was very popular. He was a spare-time artist, song writer and sportsman and often he and members of his talented family were called upon to provide programs for various kinds of entertainments.

He headed many promotional campaigns for the city of Norfolk and was instrumental in development of Seashore State Park. He served as a member of the trustees of Leigh Memorial Hospital and the Norfolk Chapter of the American Red Cross.

In 1911 Mr. Harney married Miss Clara Cotton Capehart of Avoca. He was a member of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., also a member of the Consistory of New Bern and the Khedive Shrine Temple of Norfolk. Surviving are his wife, two sons, William Selby Harney, Jr., of Arabia, Netherlands West Indies, and William Capehart Harney of Elizabeth, N. J.; and one sister, Miss Hattie Mathevs Harney of Elizabeth City.

Interment was made at Avoca Wednesday afternoon.

## Chowan Hospital In New Quarters

### Vernon Moore, By Request, Was First Patient

Chowan Hospital is now in its new home on the Suffolk highway next to the Leary Brothers Warehouse, where transfer from the hospital at the Marine Corps Air Station having been made late last week.

While not all of the equipment for the new hospital has arrived, enough has been loaned from the base hospital to operate in the new plant.

The first patient transferred to the new hospital was Vernon Moore. Mr. Moore has been confined to the base hospital for a long time, and it was his request that he be the first patient to enter the new hospital.

The first white baby born in the new hospital was Elizabeth Gertrude Fleetwood on Sunday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Fleetwood. Mrs. Fleetwood, incidentally, was a former very poular nurse at the Chowan Hospital.

## Wiggins Resigns As Chairman Of Local Draft Board

### R. L. Pratt Is Appointed To Fill Vacancy on Board

Captain J. L. Wiggins, Chairman of the Chowan County Draft Board, resigned last week due to the position interfering with his duties of veterans service officer.

Robert L. Pratt was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Wiggins' resignation, so that the Draft Board is now composed of Mr. Pratt, Geddes Potter and Edward Wells. This group will elect a chairman to succeed Mr. Wiggins.

### Discount Allowed For 1950 Taxes If Paid Before Nov. 1

### Pre-payments of Taxes In July Amounts to \$15,247.46

Sheriff J. A. Bunch reported to the County Commissioners Monday that during July he collected \$673.12 for 1949 taxes. This amount brought 1949 taxes collected to \$121,297.37.

During the month Sheriff Bunch collected \$15,247.46 as pre-payments for 1950 taxes, on which there has been a discount.

Sheriff Bunch calls attention to the fact that if 1950 taxes are paid during August a discount of 1 per cent will be allowed. During September and October ½ of 1% will be allowed. After November 1 and on or before February 1 the tax must be paid at face value.

After February 1 a penalty of 1% will be added. On March 1 the penalty will be boosted to 2%. On and after April 2, in addition to the 2%, one-half of one per cent per month or fraction thereof will be added until taxes are paid.

## House To House Solicitors Banned

### Town Council Passes a New Ordinance Tuesday Night

Town Council at its meeting Tuesday night took steps to curb house-to-house solicitors and hawkers by adopting an ordinance which makes it unlawful for any peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants or transient vendors of merchandise to go in or upon private residences or the premises thereof, not having been requested or invited so to do by the owner or occupant for the purpose of disposing of or peddling or hawking merchandise.

The ordinance provides that nothing in the section shall apply to the sale of his own products by a farmer or the sale by an individual of the products of his own labor.

## Revival Services At Center Hill Church

### Guest Preacher Will Be The Rev. H. Wadell Waters

Revival services will commence at the Center Hill Baptist Church, Tynner, next Sunday night, August 13, at 8 o'clock and will continue for one week, ending on Sunday morning, August 20.

The Rev. H. Wadell Waters of South Norfolk, Va., pastor of the Cool Spring and Reynoldson Baptist Churches of Gates County, will be the guest preacher.

Special music furnished each night will include numbers from the Center Hill adult and junior choirs, a girls' trio, a mixed quartet, and a guest soloist. The pastor, the Rev. Paul E. Lemons, will conduct the congregational singing.

## Edenton And Ahoskie Rotary Clubs Hosts To Windsor August 25th

Edenton and Ahoskie Rotary Clubs will be hosts to the Windsor Rotary Club at a banquet to be held in Windsor Friday night, August 25, at 7 o'clock. The banquet is the culmination of an attendance contest recently among the three clubs, in which the Windsor Club was the winner.

The Ahoskie Club will furnish the program for the meeting, which for the Edenton Club will take place of the regular meeting Thursday afternoon, August 24.

### Action Taken at Meeting of Board Friday Afternoon

#### STILL SQUABBLE

### Elizabeth City Dairymen Not Satisfied With Situation

At a meeting of the four-county Health District held in Elizabeth City Friday afternoon the obnoxious milk ordinance passed by the Board in May was rescinded. The ordinance prohibited the sale of milk in the district unless it was processed within the boundaries of the district.

Since the ordinance went into effect and milk from Norfolk was banned, there has been a great amount of complaint in Edenton, so that Mayor Leroy Haskett and West Byrum, Chowan members of the Board of Health, used their efforts to have the ordinance rescinded.

Words were not minced at Friday's meeting and after a lengthy discussion of the situation a motion was made and passed to rescind the action taken by the Board in May.

Since the meeting the Board of Health asked that the milk of local distributors be analyzed and according to the report given to The Herald, some of this milk was found to be far below Grade A. The Herald was given to understand by a member of the Board of Health that the State will send an inspector into the district today (Thursday) and that if some of the dairies are not cleaned up and distribute a better grade of milk they will be forced to close.

Since Friday's meeting, when the May milk ordinance was rescinded, a hurried meeting of the Board of Health was called in Elizabeth City. It is understood that a protest was registered by Elizabeth City milk distributors because as the result of rescinding the ordinance Norfolk milk will be allowed to be sold in Elizabeth City. An executive meeting was called when it was learned that members of the press were on hand. Reporters and milk distributors were asked to leave, with the executive session continuing about three hours, with nothing being accomplished.

Chowan and Perquimans members were not invited to the hurried meeting.

It is understood that some of the Elizabeth City milk distributors were under the impression that when the milk ordinance was rescinded it provided that no Norfolk milk would be permitted to be sold in Elizabeth City. However, the ordinance was clearly stated and there was no reason for such an impression.

Since the ordinance has been rescinded, Norfolk milk will again be sold in Edenton.

## Town Opposes Any Phone Rate Boost

### Resolution Adopted at Town Council Meeting Tuesday

Edenton's Town Council on Tuesday night passed a resolution opposing a proposed increase in telephone rates by the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company.

Embodied in the petition was the opinion that an increase in rates at this time is unjustified in view of the service rendered and its present earnings.

The North Carolina Utilities Commission was, therefore, requested to dissolve any telephone rate increase unless it is established that the company will improve its service and that its present net earnings do not amount to a fair and reasonable return on its invested capital.

## Commissioners Will Meet September 6th

With the first Monday in September being Labor Day, the Chowan County Commissioners will meet Wednesday, September 6, instead of the first Monday, September 4.

Anybody having business to transact with the Commissioners is, therefore, asked to remember the change in meeting date.