

## Green Light Given For Supplying Soft Water For Edenton

Board of Public Works Authorized to Employ Engineer

COST UNKNOWN

Project Has Been Under Consideration For Several Years

With Town Council and the Board of Public Works meeting jointly Friday afternoon, the latter was given authority to employ the services of an engineer to draw plans, specifications and secure bids for a water softening plant for Edenton. While the cost is somewhat of a question mark, it is estimated that the plant will cost somewhere between \$75,000 and \$85,000.

For a long time it has been the desire of the Board of Public Works to construct a water softening plant in Edenton, not only for the convenience it provides, but also as an economy measure. It has been pointed out that with continued use of the present hard water many of the water lines will have to be replaced which will be very costly. It has also been pointed out that the life of private water facilities will also be greatly increased if and when soft water is available.

To install the soft water system it will be necessary to build an addition at the present Electric and Water Department building on West Freemason street to house the plant and to run a line from the pump house near the hospital to the softening plant.

Several engineers have been contacted but it is expected that the contract will be awarded William Freeman Engineers of High Point.

Some few years ago the Board of Public Works requested authority from Town Council to install a water softening plant, but other than making some inquiries, nothing definite was done. However, with the estimated cost of the project now expected to be obtained, this information will be reported back to Town Council and the green light will most likely be given to proceed with the water improvement project.

## PTA Box Supper At School Tonight

Program Arranged In Observance of Founder's Day

The Finance Committee of the Parent Teacher Association has completed plans for the benefit box supper to be held in the Junior-Senior High School gymnasium and cafeteria tonight (Thursday) starting at 6:15 o'clock.

A final plea is made to parents and patrons interested in the work of the PTA movement in the community to prepare a box and come out and enjoy an evening of fun as the boxes are auctioned off. It is hoped all the financial needs of the organization can be met in this one big effort and a substantial contribution made to both schools from the proceeds.

There is need for library books, record players, television and furnishing a teacher's lounge.

H. A. Campen, assisted by Robert Smith, will conduct the auction, and the Edenton Band will give a short concert beginning at 6:15. The usual order of business will be omitted due to a social program in observance of the 56th anniversary of Founder's Day which is being celebrated by PTA's throughout the country.

Boxes will be received at the school from 2 to 5 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon.

## Beta Club Planning Local Talent Show

Plans have been announced by the Beta Club of the Edenton High School to stage a talent show during the month of February.

No definite date had been set early this week, but any local talent desiring to participate should contact Miss Kathleen Ward at once.

The show will include singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, skits or any other act.

## Edenton Boy Scout Troop 156 Divided Into Two Groups

Leon Thomas and Sidney Campen Act as Scoutmasters

Edenton's Boy Scout Troop, No. 156, has been divided into two groups with boys 11 to 13 years included in the troop and boys over 13 composing the Explorer Post. This division was made in the interest of better Scouting and will, of course, necessitate more grown-ups taking part in the Boy Scout work.

This action was announced at last week's Rotary Club meeting by President W. T. Harry. The club sponsors the troop.

Under the new set-up Leon Thomas will be Scoutmaster of the younger group, with the Rev. James MacKenzie as assistant. The Troop Committee from the Rotary Club includes Frank Holmes, R. N. Hines, Thomas Byrum, David Holton, C. W. Overman and J. L. Chestnutt as institutional representative.

Sidney Campen will be Scoutmaster for the Explorer Post with Kermit Layton as his assistant. The Rotary Club's Troop Committee for this group includes Robert Marsh, Marvin Wilson, Gerald James, W. T. Harry, Dr. W. I. Hart and H. A. Campen as institutional representative.

## Getting Tough

Commissioners Want to Get Back Taxes In County Coffers

Chowan County Commissioners on Monday again expressed some concern about the goodly amount of back taxes still on the county books. Some of these unpaid taxes date back as far as 1941 and in several cases even further.

The Commissioners called in County Attorney J. N. Pruden and Sheriff J. A. Bunch in an effort to secure this tax money which is due the county.

Mr. Pruden informed the Commissioners that in the very near future he will begin issuing tax suits and Sheriff Bunch was authorized to serve garnishees on wages and otherwise attach personal property if necessary to collect delinquent taxes.

## Land Will Be Leased For Agricultural Use

Navy Will Lease 134.2 Acres of Unused Base Property

The District Public Works Officer, Fifth Naval District, U. S. Naval Base, Norfolk 11, Virginia, will accept proposals to lease certain lands not required for immediate construction purposes at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Edenton, for agricultural use. These lands comprise approximately 134.2 acres of tillable land and will be outleased until such time as required by the Navy Department for the expansion or other needs of this station.

The land, divided into five plats, is located at the intersection of Route 32 and the road which leaves 32 going to the base, lying on the right of Route 32 and left of the base road.

Upon acceptance of bona fide proposals by the Navy Department for any one or all of the areas proposed for outleasing, a standard agricultural lease will be consummated between the Navy Department and the prospective lessee, granting unto the lessee the use of that plat or plats of land for agricultural use.

Proposals will be considered on a unit price, per-acre per annum basis, and the highest price per acre submitted will be given first consideration, irrespective of the former property ownership.

Any person or persons interested in submitting a proposal for leasing the lands indicated on the accompanying plats may do so by submitting same to the District Public Works Officer, Fifth Naval District, U. S. Naval Base, Norfolk 11, Virginia.

For the convenience of those parties interested in leasing these lands, a standard proposal form will be furnished upon request.

No proposals will be considered after February 15.

Any information desired about leasing this land can be secured by contacting Captain W. J. Hines, legal officer, at the Edenton base.

## Debating Team For 1953 Chosen At EHS

Argue With Elizabeth City and Hertford In Triangular Debate

Teams have been selected at the Edenton High School for the annual triangular debate which will be held in April. As usual the Edenton debaters will compete with Elizabeth City and Hertford.

The affirmative team includes Edna Boswell and Mickey Barrington, while Frankie Privott and Mary Leggett, Edenton, will argue the negative side of the query. This year's query is "Resolved that the North Atlantic Pact should become a Federal Union."

George Gelbach is coaching the debaters.

## Resolution Adopted Declaring Edenton And Chowan County Critical Defense Housing Area

4-H Club Corn Winners Awarded Prizes



Pictured above are the three Chowan County 4-H Club boys who won top prizes in the 4-H Corn Contest sponsored by the Edenton Lions Club. The boys are in the front row, left to right, Vandy Parks, James Monds and Paul Blanchard. In the back row are fathers of the boys, left to right, B. P. Monds, E. G. Blanchard and Earl Parks. At right is County Agent C. W. Overman, who presented the prizes.

Town Councilmen Take Action at Meeting Friday

JOINT MEETING

Advantages Pointed Out By Rent Stabilization Attorney

At a special meeting of Town Council Friday afternoon, a motion was made and unanimously passed declaring Edenton and Chowan County a critical defense area.

Meeting with the Councilmen were members of the Chowan Rent Advisory Board and representatives of the Marine Corps. Also present was J. Frank McInnis of Goldsboro, area attorney for the Office of Rent Stabilization.

Mr. McInnis was the principal speaker at the meeting, going into detail of requirements and conditions to declare a community a critical defense housing area and what benefits might be expected.

He explained that due to the influx of people as the result of defense projects and military installations, communities are shouldered with extra burdens, such as teaching children in school, street paving, housing facilities, water and sewer service, which expense should be shared by the Federal government. Of course, he was unable to predict what might happen to such appropriations under the new administration, bent upon reducing expenditures.

It was also pointed out at the meeting that there is a shortage of living quarters, especially among service men and others who are unable to pay monthly rent running as high as \$100 and \$125.

Though rumors are going around concerning the Edenton Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Fields, the status of the base is a big question mark, so that nobody is in position to say if more personnel will be located at the base.

After quite a lengthy discussion, Town Councilmen felt that there was nothing to lose by declaring Edenton and Chowan County a critical defense housing area, so the resolution was subsequently adopted. In the meantime a thorough investigation will be made as to housing needs and to what extent to FHA will cooperate in constructing new houses.

## Carolyn Biggerstaff Submits Resignation As Assistant Agent

Commissioners Urged to Employ a Full Time Assistant

Mrs. Verona J. Langford, district home agent, attended the meeting and spoke to the Commissioners regarding the county employing a full time assistant agent instead of part time. She pointed out that Chowan and Perquimans is the only part-time set-up remaining in the State and that she doubted if the Extension Service would very much longer approve such a program.

She informed the Commissioners that Chowan has been paying approximately \$500 annually on the salary of a part time agent, and that a full time agent would require a county appropriation of \$1300, which is based on the county's tax valuation.

The Commissioners instructed Chairman West Byrum to confer with the (Continued on Page Twelve)

## White Requested To Introduce Local Bill

With Representative John F. White sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to attend the sessions of the North Carolina General Assembly, he will be asked to introduce at least one local bill.

The Chowan County Commissioners on Monday gave some attention to delinquent taxes and during the discussion decided to ask Mr. White to introduce a bill authorizing delinquent money collected to be placed in the general county fund. At present, this money is apportioned to the various funds making up the county budget.

## Change Is Made In Supervision Of Band

Administration Transferred Under Principal Gerald James

At a recent meeting of the Edenton Band Parents Association it was unanimously voted to transfer the administration of the Edenton High School Band under Principal Gerald James instead of the association. Having a bearing on the decision was the fact that now since the band has a room in the new high school building, as well as a regular period for instruction, and is in effect part of the school curriculum, that it is only proper that the principal should have supervision over the classes.

Ernest Gentile, who has very capably directed the band for three years, will continue in that capacity.

At Mr. James' suggestion the Band Parents Association will continue and act in an advisory capacity. The band will continue to be financed by dues and efforts of the association, but Mr. James will handle the income and disbursements.

The general feeling prevails that with the band directly under the supervision of the principal there will be better coordination and efficiency.

## AUXILIARY MEETS TONIGHT

The Auxiliary of William H. Coffield, Jr., Post, No. 9280 of Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

## Costal Plain Loop Folds Up For Season

Suspension Announced By President Ray Goodman After Three Clubs Balk at Operating Under Proposed Arrangement

Edenton and other members of the Coastal Plain League will be without organized baseball as the result of the long popular Class D Circuit suspending operation for at least a year.

This announcement was made by Ray Goodman, president of the league, after three members advised him that they could not operate under proposed plans set up at a meeting held in Goldsboro last week. The plan proposed a membership of Roanoke Rapids, Wilson, Goldsboro, New Bern, Kinston, Wilmington, Edenton and Elizabeth City. Wilmington and Elizabeth City were scheduled to replace Tarboro and Rocky Mount.

Members were given until noon Monday to advise President Goodman whether they will continue under the plan, and before the deadline three advised him they could not operate in 1953, so the suspension was agreed upon.

Goodman said he would not release the names of the three voting

## Schoolmasters Will Meet In Edenton Next Monday Night

Director Of School Planning Will Be Principal Speaker

The Albemarle Schoolmasters' Club will meet in Edenton on Monday evening, February 9, at the High School cafeteria at 6:30 o'clock. This club is composed of superintendents, principals and key teachers from ten county administrative units and two city units. The county units are: Dare, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates, Chowan, Tyrrell, Washington, and Hyde. The city units are: Elizabeth City and Edenton. Representatives from Bertie County have been invited to attend this meeting.

Tex Lindsay, former Edenton teacher and coach, who is now principal of the Columbia High School, is president of the club and he will preside over the business session. Gerald D. James, principal of the Edenton High School will be in charge of the opening session of the meeting and Superintendent John Holmes will introduce the speaker.

John L. Cameron, Director, Division of School Planning, State Board of Education, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Cameron has done an excellent job in school planning in North Carolina and he is well versed in the needs of schoolhouse construction in the State.

## Edenton Aces Win 41-36 Thriller From R. R. Yellow Jackets

Edenton Girls Defeated In Hard-Fought Game By Score of 42 to 33

In a thrilling basketball game in the school gymnasium Tuesday night the Edenton Aces managed to add a victory over Roanoke Rapids by a score of 41-36. The game was close throughout and although the Aces remained in the lead all the way, they never went ahead over six points. With only two minutes to go Roanoke Rapids closed the gap to a 36-34 score, but in the last few seconds the Aces forged ahead 41-36.

The Aces led at the end of all four periods, the score at the end of the first quarter being 10-6, at half time the Aces led 22-17. At the end of the third quarter the score stood at 33-27.

Owens was high scorer for the night, bagging 15 points. Rogerson followed with 7, Lassiter and Batton with 6 each, Bunch 4 and Gardner 3. Topping led the visitors with 14 points.

The Edenton girls lost to the Roanoke Rapids girls 42-33. This game was also very close until the waning minutes, when the visitors went on a scoring spree to wind up 9 points ahead.

Betsy Duncan led Edenton's scoring with 15 points. Sharon Lupton was next with 10, Ann Hawkins followed with 6 points and Linda Downum 2. Pat Cooper led the visitors with 21 points.

## John Kramer Elected President Of Rotary

Officers Elected at Last Week's Meeting By Edenton Club

At last week's Rotary meeting John Kramer was elected president of the Edenton Club to succeed W. T. Harry. At the same time Gilliam Wood was elected vice president, and the following as directors: Charles H. Wood, Jr., W. B. Rosevear, William Cozart and George Alma Byrum.

These officers, although elected last week, will not be installed until the first meeting in July.

## Rotary Club Postpones Entertaining Boy Scouts

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet as usual today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. At last week's meeting it was announced that the club would entertain the Boy Scouts at a meeting tonight, but due to conflicting with the Parent-Teacher box supper the Rotary Club board of directors agreed to postpone entertaining the Scouts until Thursday night, February 19.

The clubs now have until March (Continued on Page Six)