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Strong Possibility County's Tax Rate Will Remain \$1.53

School Budgets Provide For Public Music Teachers

VALUATION UP

All Day Meeting Monday Devoted Mostly To Figuring

At their June meeting, held Monday, Chowan County Commissioners devoted the major part of the time to considering various budgets for the fiscal year 1953-54. Due to the mass of figures, the Commissioners held an afternoon session and at the close of the meeting they were hopeful that next year's tax rate can be maintained at \$1.53 per \$100 property valuation, the same as at present.

Although some of the budgets are somewhat higher than last year, the two school units turned in a budget somewhat less than last year. County Superintendent W. J. Taylor's budget calls for \$6,000 less than last year, while Superintendent John A. Holmes' budget for the Edenton City Unit is \$2,000 below last year.

Despite this decrease in the school budget for each unit, provision is made for a public music teacher in the Edenton and Chowan High Schools. This addition, according to the school officials, has been virtually demanded by school patrons at various meetings. It is also necessary in order for the schools to be placed on the accredited list. Both Taylor and Holmes explained that the teacher load will not allow doubling up of classes in order to add a music teacher. Mr. Holmes also pointed out that the school must secure a woman to teach physical education to girls and to coach girls' athletic teams.

At first reading of the proposed budgets the public music teacher angle aroused the curiosity of the Commissioners, who appeared concerned that the extra teacher at county expense would cause an increase in the tax rate. However, when it was pointed out that even with the music teacher included in each unit, this year's budget will be less than last year, the Commissioners seemed less concerned and went along with the request.

Another factor in manipulating the same tax rate is an increase in property valuation. This year's tax rate will be figured on a valuation of \$11,000,000 compared with a valuation last year of \$10,500,000.

Officers For Jaycees Installed Thursday

Very Impressive Meeting Held In VFW Home

Officers for the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce were installed at an interesting ceremony held on Thursday night in the VFW home, with Edgar (Red) Gurganus of Williamston in charge.

Scott Harrell, retiring president, presided over the meeting with the invocation by Wesley Chesson.

The principal address was made by Elmo Lamb of Spring Hope, who spoke about the activities of the Jaycees and the important place they fill in any community.

The new officers installed were Thomas Shepard, president; J. M. Boyce, vice president; Al Wall, secretary; Murray Byrum, treasurer; George Alma Byrum, State Director.

The board of directors includes Joe Conger, Jr., Gilliam Wood, Pete Manning, Ralph Outlaw, Luther Parks, J. D. Elliott, Scott Harrell and George Alma Byrum.

The new president, Thomas Shepard, expressed his appreciation for the honor of being elected president and complimented his predecessors for the success and growth of the organization. He pledged his best efforts toward continued success and pleaded for the full help and cooperation of all members.

Two Chowan Students Wake Forest Graduates

Two Chowan County students received the B.A. degree at the 118th annual commencement exercises held at Wake Forest College this week. A graduating class of approximately 905 men and women received diplomas. Among the graduates were William Carey Bunch, Jr., of Edenton and Mrs. Mary Forehand Evans of Tynar.

Wins Second Place

Miss Linda Downum, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Downum, won second place in the contest for Queen of the Albemarle in the Elizabeth City Potato Festival held last week.

The winner of the contest was Miss Betty Ann Barnham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barnham of Plymouth. The queen was crowned Saturday night in ceremonies held on Memorial Field before a huge throng of people. She will reign as queen until next year's queen is named.

Rev. B. L. Raines New Rocky Hock Pastor

Succeeds the Rev. R. E. Gordon Now In the Philippines

The Rev. B. L. Raines has arrived in Chowan County and has taken over the pastorate of the Rocky Hock Church which has been unfilled since the resignation of the Rev. R. E. Gordon, who is now doing missionary work in the Philippines.

Mr. Raines preached his first sermon in the church Sunday and regular services each Sunday will be held from now at 11 o'clock in the morning and 8 o'clock at night.

Mr. Raines is a native of South Carolina and graduated at Furman University later studying at the New Orleans Theological Seminary. He is also taking special courses at Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. Before coming to the Rocky Hock Church he was pastor of the Baptist Church at Aynor, S. C.

With Mr. Raines is his wife and four children, two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Raines is a graduate of Winthrop College at Rock Hill, S. C.

Rotary Ugliest Man Contest In Progress

Winner Will Be Crowned In Taylor Theatre Friday, June 12

Edenton Rotary Club's "ugliest man contest" is now in progress, with boxes placed in various stores where votes can be cast at a penny each. Names of contestants are on the boxes, but as of Wednesday there was no way of knowing who was leading in the race.

The contest got under way Monday of this week and will close Friday, June 12, at which time the winner will be crowned on the Taylor Theatre stage at 9 o'clock.

The affair was put on by the Rotary Club to raise funds for various club activities, and it is hoped many votes will be cast during the contest.

Cancer Clinic Will Be Held Friday

Last One to Be Held In District Until Next September

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will hold its clinic until September on Friday, June 5, in Elizabeth City, at the Health Center with registration beginning at 1:00 o'clock.

A free examination is given of the five areas of the body where cancer is most easily found and cured to anyone who attends. However, there are age requirements—women should be 35 or more; men should be 40 or over unless referred by a doctor or unless one of the "Seven Danger Signals" or "Symptoms" is present. No appointment is necessary. Please bring a robe or housecoat with you.

Free Buffet Supper For Masons Tonight

Members of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be treated to a free buffet supper tonight (Thursday) at 6:45 o'clock in the Albemarle Cafe banquet room.

Following the supper a very important meeting of the lodge will be held in the Court House at 8 o'clock.

Presenting Awards Features Closing Of School Friday Night

Superintendent John A. Holmes Presents 50 Diplomas

With graduation exercises held Friday night, 50 students of the Edenton Junior-Senior High School wound up their high school career and received their diplomas.

In connection with the closing exercises, special awards were made to outstanding students, which was a feature of the graduation finals.

Those receiving these awards were as follows:

Rotary cup, which is annually awarded to the most outstanding student in several school activities, was won by Billy Earle Russell. It was presented by W. T. Harry, president of the Edenton Rotary Club. Her sister, Sarah Russell, won the cup in 1944.

Charlotte Small was winner of the \$25 BPW award, which was presented by Mrs. Evelyn Jackson, president of the club.

Sharon Lupton won the \$25 DAR literary award. Betsy Duncan won second prize of \$15 and Linda Downum third prize of \$10. Barbara Leary won the citizenship award. The awards were presented by Mrs. W. D. Holmes, Jr., regent of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter.

Anne Hawkins won the Beta Club award, which was presented by Gerald James, principal.

Graham Farless, Frank Halsey, Edmond Davenport, Ellis McClenney and Mrs. Ida Baker were named the most outstanding bus drivers of the year, with awards presented by Mayor Leroy Haskett.

Those receiving diplomas, which were presented by Superintendent John A. Holmes, were:

Rosa Juanita Alexander, Vivian Marie Alexander, Madie Marie Bass, Helen Marie Boswell, Joseph Lynn Boswell, Linwood Earl Britton, Mildred Louis Bunch, Robert Lee Bunch, Jr., Frederick Colby Byrum, Kenneth Allen Campbell, Catherine Pruden Campen, Lela Mae Copeland, James Carlyle Dail, Edmond Benjamin Davenport, Lona Gertrude Davenport, John Thomas Dobson, Linda Mozelle Downum, Elizabeth Campbell Duncan, Samuel Graham Farless, John Edward Foxwell, William Badham Gardner, Thomassa Ann Goodman, Marian Jeanette Goodwin, Frank Gray Halsey, Allen Boyd Harless, Jr., Annie May Hawkins, Stephen Francis Hicks, Jr., Barbara Ann Hollowell, Jasper Lewis Holmes, Jr., Lucille Ellen Jordan, Shirley Ann Keeter, Evelyn Clyde Lane, Fred Irvin Lassiter, Ted Arvin Lassiter, Barbara West Leary, Iris Jean Leary, Sharon Lupton, Margaret Sylvia Miller, Alfred Rogerson Owens, Jr., Legion Luennette Owens, Margaret Jane Parrish, Billie Earle Russell, Charlotte Virginia Small, Margery Leon Thigpen, Charles Ray Tokey, Esther Murden Warren, Mary Christine White, Sally Ann White, Essie Marie Wilder and Frances Carolyn Wright.

Dr. W. C. Strickland CHS Finals Speaker

16 Members of Graduating Class Receive Diplomas

Graduation exercises Friday night at Chowan High School brought to an end the school term when 16 members of the graduating class received their diplomas.

Dr. W. C. Strickland of the Southeastern Theological Seminary was the principal speaker for the occasion.

Those receiving diplomas were: Julia Leary, Marjorie Davidson, Norma Jane Harrell, Tommy Hollowell, Melvin Howell, Sherlon Layton, Douglas Leary, Sarah Morris, Daryl Parks, Shirley Parks, Stanford Perry, Rufus Smithson, Jr., Carolyn Wiggins, Clyde Williams, Kermit Williams and Marguerite Wilson.

Jimmy Earnhardt, Jr. Graduates At Duke

Wiley Jacob Fropst Earnhardt, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. F. Earnhardt, of Edenton received the A. B. degree at Duke University's 101st Commencement Exercises Monday morning, June 1, in the University's Indoor Stadium.

The local student is one of approximately 900 members of the Class of 1953 who received one or more of the 19 degrees offered by the University this year.

While a student at Duke, he was a member of the Glee Club and Choir and BOS, leadership fraternity.

Rider's Lane Topic Of Special Meeting Of Town Council

Dr. L. A. Deese Willing To Sell Strip of Land To Widen Road

Another stab at correcting conditions on Rider's Lane, leading from Route 17 to the Blades Lumber Company, was made Thursday morning when Town Council was called into special session. Present at the meeting was Dr. L. A. Deese, who owns the land to the north of the road; Edward Wozelka and Ralph Blades, representing the Blades Lumber Company; John W. Graham and Richard Dixon, Jr., representing the Coastland Oil Company, which two concerns use the road extensively, and Town Attorney J. N. Pruden.

The road the past few years has caused no end of worry and inconvenience on the part of the two concerns, people living along the road, the Edenton Street Department and Electric & Water Department. No little expense and time has been spent on the road by the town in order to make it fit to be used and even then that has been done last for only a short time. Stone has been placed on the narrow road, holes have been filled, dirt hauled and worked with a road machine, ditches cleaned out and repairs made to water lines which are continually broken by the weight of the heavy trucks using the road.

The ditch on the north side of the road represents the city limits, so that to widen the road, the only remedy for the situation, land must be used which is owned by Dr. Deese and is outside the city limits.

At Thursday's meeting Dr. Deese said he was willing to go along with the town in remedying the situation so long as he receives fair compensation for the land used, and his property left in as good condition as before, with no increased hazards. He stated that he would sell 10 feet from U. S. 17 to the Blades property, where a substantial road has been built, for the sum of \$1,000, or that if 15 feet were needed he thought a fair price would be \$2,000.

Some hope was expressed that if 10 feet of Dr. Deese's land is secured the State highway would take over the road as a link through to the old Hertford road.

Mayor Leroy Haskett appointed J. Clarence Leary and J. Edwin Bufflap to contact George K. Mack in an effort to see what the policy of the State might be in the matter.

Civic Calendar

Public meeting in the Court House Friday night, June 5, at 7:30 o'clock to discuss regulations for the 1953-54 hunting season.

Edenton Marines play Weeksville Naval Base on Hicks Field Wednesday night, June 10, at 8 o'clock. Admission free.

Free buffet supper for Masons tonight (Thursday) in the banquet room of the Albemarle Cafe, at 6:45 o'clock.

Ladies' Circle of Presbyterian Church meets Monday at the home of Mrs. Dewey Whitehurst.

Boys' Brigade will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the recreation room of the Presbyterian Church.

Town Council will meet in monthly session in the Municipal Building Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Special meeting of Chowan County Commissioners Wednesday morning, June 10 at 10 o'clock. (Continued on Page Eight)

Error In P & Q Ad

An unfortunate error appears in the P & Q advertisement appearing on page seven, section two of this issue of The Herald.

Pet milk is advertised at 4 tall cans for 53 cents while the price is actually 4 cans for 57 cents.

The error was discovered too late to be corrected before the section carrying the advertisement was printed, which is very much regretted by The Herald.

BONDS ORDERED PAID

W. W. Byrum, chairman of the County Commissioners, was on Monday authorized to pay \$6,163.39 of the county's debt. The amount represents road and bridge bonds, and coupons which are due July 1.

NO LIONS MEETING MONDAY

In accordance with the summer schedule of the Edenton Lions Club, no meeting will be held next Monday night. During the months of June, July and August the club will meet twice a month, the first and third Monday nights.

"Miss Edenton" Will Be Chosen At Dance And Beauty Contest

More Juggling

Although the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday considered most of the various county budgets, Chairman W. W. Byrum called a special meeting of the group to be held Wednesday morning, June 10 at 10 o'clock, when the figures will be reviewed.

The possibility is that figures will be juggled and cuts made here and there to the end that it will not be necessary to increase the present tax rate from \$1.53 per \$100 property valuation.

Mrs. Wales Applies For County Tax Job

Mrs. P. S. McMullan Will Leave Post Next November

Mrs. Charles P. Wales presented an application for the position of tax supervisor of Chowan County to the County Commissioners Monday. Mrs. P. S. McMullan is now serving as tax supervisor and her term will expire next November, after which she does not desire to continue in office.

In her application Mrs. Wales stated she will be glad to attend the school which is conducted at Chapel Hill for instruction in tax matters from time to time.

No action was taken on the application at Monday's meeting.

Parrish Resigns As Civil Defense Head

Tenders Resignation to County Commissioners Monday

In a letter to the County Commissioners Monday Ralph E. Parrish tendered his resignation as director of civil defense for Chowan County. The resignation is to go into effect on or before June 30.

Mr. Parrish stated that he is also sending a similar letter to Mayor Leroy Haskett, in the hope that the town and county might decide on the same person to serve both.

The Commissioners took no action on naming a successor.

Hunting Seasons And Bag Limits Topic Of Meeting

Public Meeting Scheduled to Be Held In Court House

Friday night at 7:30 o'clock a meeting is scheduled to be held in the Court House which will have to do with hunting regulations for the 1953-54 hunting season. During the evening bag limits and seasons for hunting and trapping will be considered, so that every person interested is urged to attend.

Clyde Patton, executive director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, will be in charge of the meeting, which is the last one to be held in the nine districts of the State.

Shirley Parks Wins Edenton Rotary Cup Chowan High School

Miss Shirley Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Parks of the Ryland section and a member of the graduating class of Chowan High School, was presented the Rotary Cup for outstanding accomplishments during the four years of high school. The cup is awarded to a senior each year by the Edenton Rotary Club on the basis of fifty per cent scholastic ability, twenty five per cent citizenship and twenty five per cent for extra curricula.

Miss Parks was presented the cup by George Alma Byrum at the graduation exercises on Friday night, May 29, in the Chowan High School auditorium.

Group of Edenton Beauties Selected to Compete For Honor

JUDGES NAMED

Earle Zirkle and Orchestra Will Furnish Music For Affair

Plans are rapidly being completed for the Junior Chamber of Commerce dance and beauty contest which is scheduled to be held Thursday night, June 11 in the Edenton armory from 8 to 1 o'clock.

The beauty contest will result in Edenton's entry in the State Jaycee beauty contest to be held in Morehead City in July, where "Miss North Carolina" will be chosen "to represent the State in the national beauty contest to select "Miss America."

Up to Wednesday seven Edenton girls were listed as contestants in next Thursday's contest. These are Juanita Bennett, Frances Bennett, Joan Cobb, Margaret Miller, Marietta Perry, Grace Hudson and Carolyn Swindell.

Five judges will take part in selecting "Miss Edenton," these being Fred Pendleton of the Elizabeth City Daily Advance; Bill Manning of the Williamston Enterprise; Max Campbell, editor of The Perquimans Weekly; James Boyce, president of the Plymouth Jaycees, and another prominent judge to be named.

Music for the occasion will be provided by Earle Zirkle and his orchestra, a group of professional musicians, who are in great demand all over the State.

The committee in charge of the affair is composed of J. M. Boyce, Pete Manning, Joe Conger, Jr., and Scott Harrell.

Anybody desiring table reservations are requested to telephone 783-W or 461.

Coach Ben Perry Speaker At Rotary

Tells Rotary Club About Physical Education Program

Coach Ben Perry was the principal speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club, when he spoke about the physical education program in the school.

Mr. Perry emphasized the fact that physical education at times is overshadowed by athletics which results in neglect of the over-all physical education program. "While athletics is a part of the program," he said, "it should not mean that the remainder of the program is neglected." He compared the physical education program to a triangle in which all students participate in various physical education activities. The next step, he said, is intermural activities where skills in various game are more developed and at the top the athletic program for the most highly skilled.

Mr. Perry briefly outlined the physical education program at the Edenton school, saying, "We have a very good foundation for our program. The physical plant is excellent and our program is now underway which we hope will be expanded in the future."

Mr. Perry was introduced by Thomas Byrum, who had charge of the program, and at the close of his remarks a number of questions were answered.

County's General Fund Still In Good Condition

With the problem of working on the county's budget for the fiscal year 1953-54, the County Commissioners on Monday were presented a report of the general fund for the last 11 months.

According to the figures the report was satisfactory in that there was a balance of \$7,186.08.

Only three departments in the budget were in the red, these being the appropriations set up for elections, the county jail and juvenile court. The deficit in three departments amounted to \$2,404.78.

State To Take Over Blades Mill Road

M. L. Bunch, Clerk of the County Commissioners, has been notified that at the April 30th meeting of the State Highway and Public Works Commission approved the addition to the county highway system the road known as Blades Mill road.

The road is 0.4 mile long.