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Town Councilmen, School Board Agree On Hicks Field Title

Lot Leased to Sponsoring Groups For Penelope Barker House FOR 10 YEARS

Board of Public Works Authorized to Purchase Property

With Edenton school trustees meeting with Town Council Tuesday night, the long disputed question of which group holds title to Hicks Field was apparently solved. For many years Town Council took it for granted that the Town held title and at the same time the School Trustees took the opposite view.

According to agreement, the Town will relinquish title to all of Hicks Field except the baseball park, the armory property and that portion of the plot on which the vener mill and Spedic Food Products are located.

The vener mill property was leased in 1919 to J. L. Wiggins and later to B. W. Evans, and in 1936 a portion of the land was allocated for the erection of the armory. Also in 1936 another portion was leased to A. M. Forehand, which since has been leased by the Albemarle Peanut Company and partially used by the Spedic concern.

A committee from Town Council and the School Trustees met Thursday of last week and tentatively agreed to the present arrangement and on Tuesday night both boards were in accord with the proposition. Of course, mention is made that the Scout Cabin and playground will continue as now operated.

Some complications, however, were encountered in that the space agreed upon for the armory does not coincide with the lines drawn when it was (Continued on Page Seven)

Woman's Club Plans Annual Art Exhibit

Affair Scheduled to Be Held Some Time In April

Plans for the annual Art Exhibit sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club are now getting underway, according to an announcement by Mrs. John Kramer, chairman of the fine arts committee.

The art show will be held sometime in April at the Penelope Barker House, and it is hoped that a large number of school children in both the grammar and high schools, as well as adults in the town and county, will participate. The exact date for the affair will be announced later.

The following rules have been set up for the exhibit and work to be shown should be turned in one week in advance of the event.

All work must be original. Copies of other pictures are not acceptable. Any medium may be used (such as pencil, ink, charcoal, oils, crayon, etc.).

Any size paper or canvas may be used.

Ribbons will be awarded in each home room in each individual school.

First, second, third and fourth prizes, in the form of cash awards, will be given for over-all exhibits from individual schools or school groups.

Adult work will be in a separate class and not placed in competition with that of the school children.

A hobby corner will be set up where unclassified entries, such as photographs, ceramics, needlecraft, tinting of photographs, handicrafts, etc., may be exhibited.

For those desiring additional information concerning the art show, they are asked to call Mrs. John Kramer, phone 575-W.

Cub Scout Meeting Is Scheduled For Monday

John Asbell, Cubmaster of the local Cub Scout Pack, announces that a meeting of the Cub Scouts will be held Monday night, February 15, in Presbyterian Church at 7:30 o'clock.

Cubmaster Asbell is appealing to more parents to attend the meeting. Very few were present at previous meetings and Mr. Asbell says their presence is needed in order to function efficiently. Boys from 8 through 10 years of age who are interested in Cub Scouting are also invited to attend.

Meeting Called For Tonight In Effort To Revive Baseball

Palmer Tynch of Opinion Albemarle League Can Be Operated

With a recent baseball meeting rained out, Palmer Tynch, manager of last year's Rocky Hock baseball club, has announced that another meeting has been called to be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. Mr. Tynch says he has talked to baseball enthusiasts in nearby towns and that he was favorably impressed with the interest shown.

At tonight's meeting he expects representatives to be present from Edenton, Plymouth, Windsor, Cole- rain, Hertford and Elizabeth City.

It is Mr. Tynch's idea that the Albemarle League can be revived, using only local players, so that the expense would not prohibit any town entering a team in the league. Many fans recall the keen interest and large attendance at old Albemarle League games, and it is Mr. Tynch's belief that teams of sufficient strength can be fielded in each of the towns to make the games interesting and attract many baseball fans.

All baseball fans are especially urged to attend tonight's meeting.

Mrs. R. H. Goodwin Elected President Of Local Woman's Club

New Club Officers Elected at Meeting Held Last Week

Mrs. Richard Goodwin will head the Edenton Woman's Club as president for the 1954-55 year following election of officers held last week at a luncheon meeting of the organization in the Parish House.

Other officers elected for the new term were: vice president, Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt; recording secretary, Mrs. Ben Perry; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. A. Phillips; treasurer, Miss Kathryn Brown; historian, Mrs. Richard Dixon, Jr.

Mrs. Frank Holmes presided at the meeting and called for reports of all standing committees. The club voted to sponsor the Jiggrimage of Colonial Edenton and County-side, with the event being staged bi-annually beginning in 1955.

After the business session the program committee introduced Mrs. Wm. Swets, wife of the Marine Station Chaplain, who gave an interesting talk on "Building a Beautiful Home." Mrs. Swets discussed the subject from the standpoint of character building and family happiness, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those attending who expressed hope they would hear the speaker again.

ROTARY CLUB MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. President John Kramer urges every Rotarian to be present.

PROPOSAL OF USO CLUB IN EDENTON IS NOW GRADUALLY NEARING REALIZATION

Local Group Very Optimistic That Rent For Quarters In Hotel Joseph Hewes Ball Room Will Be Underwritten

Plans for the establishing of an Edenton USO in the ballroom of the Hotel Joseph Hewes are progressing rapidly with nearly half of the monthly rental pledged by the merchants to date.

Through the generosity and cooperation of the local merchants by each making a small monthly contribution it looks as if the proposed USO may become a reality. With the money pledged Edenton will be able to underwrite the \$75.00 per month rental of the Hotel Joseph Hewes ballroom. This figure includes heat, utilities and panitor service. It is necessary that the physical building be made available on a rent free basis to the National Service Organizations, but future operating cost will be paid by the organization. With the assurance of obtaining the rental figure immediate action can be initiated on the national level toward the establishing of a USO here.

The campaign to complete the solicitation of pledges will end this Saturday. Participating in the soliciting are Parker Helms, Mrs. Arlene Fal-

Carmen Scheduled To Be Presented In Edenton March 4th

Opera Sponsored By the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association

Grass Roots Opera, the North Carolina institution that has developed an international reputation, is to perform in Edenton on Thursday, March 4, in two performances of Carmen, it is announced by Mrs. Roland Vaughan, president of the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association, sponsor of the opera.

This unique traveling group, was formed in 1948 by A. J. Fletcher, Raleigh attorney and business man, to give aspiring singers an opportunity to perfect their art before the footlights and give the public a chance to hear opera in English.

Grass Roots Opera, which is administered by the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina in cooperation with the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, has presented over two hundred performances of opera in this state since the first performance during the 1949-50 season. All performances are sung in English. A plan to integrate the opera movement in the music appreciation courses in the public schools was introduced two years ago with the (Continued on Page Ten)

Contributions For March Of Dimes In Chowan \$2,208.43

Report Still Incomplete For County as a Whole

Although the Chowan County March of Dimes is still incomplete, Bill Perry, co-chairman of the 1954 campaign, reported Tuesday that contributions up to that time amounted to \$2,208.43, thus exceeding the \$2,000 goal set by William H. Coffield Post, No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Chowanoke Council, No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, co-sponsors of this year's drive.

Mr. Perry reported that the Edenton Junior-Senior High School report was not complete and that no report had been received from the county, both white and colored. Just as soon as these reports are received the drive will be ended and reports sent in to State headquarters at Chapel Hill. One-half of the contributions, after expenses for material has been deducted, will be retained in the county to be used in connection with polio victims.

Mr. Perry and Mrs. J. Edwin Buffle, co-chairmen of the 1954 March of Dimes, as well as VFW members, the VFW Auxiliary and Degree of Pocahontas are elated over the success of the drive and the two chairmen express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all who helped in soliciting as well as those who made contributions to the end that Chowan County maintained its reputation for doing its share in the fight to blot out infantile paralysis.

James S. Back At Charge Three R's Not Taught In School

Civic Calendar

Meeting scheduled tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House to consider the possibility of reviving the Albemarle League.

Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Edenton Friday, February 26. Chowan County Republicans will hold a county convention in the Court House Thursday night, February 25, at 8 o'clock.

Chowanoke Council, No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Red Men hall.

Edenton Chapter of the Eastern Star will observe Friendship Night at its meeting in the Court House Monday night, February 15, at 8 o'clock.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Parish House.

Auxiliary of the American Legion meets Tuesday night, February 16, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Jr.

PTA of Chowan High School will observe Founders' Day in the school auditorium Tuesday night, (Continued on Page Ten)

Mrs. Inglis Fletcher Is Now In Scotland

Goes Overseas to Do Research Work on Another Book

Mrs. Inglis Fletcher recently sailed on the steamer "United States", and arrived in London on her way to Scotland last Sunday. She cabled her husband, John G. Fletcher, "Perfect passage."

Mrs. Fletcher is doing background work for a new book in way of research on Scottish immigrants before the Revolution. She expects to be gone about six weeks, returning in time to finish her book for the publishers around the first of May.

For some time Mrs. Fletcher has been corresponding with libraries throughout Scotland and they are all prepared to help her in her research efforts.

Father John Beshel Serving As Rector At Catholic Church

Father F. J. McCourt to Serve In Rockingham County

The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh has appointed the Reverend Father Francis J. McCourt, pastor of St. Joseph of the Hills Parish, which embraces Spray, where his church and rectory are located, Leaksville, Reidsville and all of Rockingham County, effective Friday, February 12.

Father McCourt for almost 13 years has been rector of St. Ann's Catholic Missionary Parish, much of the time Auxiliary Chaplain of the USMC Auxiliary Landing Field, Edenton, and also Diocesan Director of National Organization for Decent Literature, which he is continuing in the last named position.

On Friday the Reverend Father John A. Beshel, now pastor of St. James' Parish, Hamlet, N. C., becomes rector of St. Ann's.

Chowan Republicans Meet February 25th

Republicans of Chowan County will hold their county convention in the Court House here at 8 o'clock on Thursday night, February 25, according to an announcement by Miles S. Elliott, county chairman.

At this meeting, new officers will be elected and plans made for the coming year.

Precinct meetings are to be held in the various precincts prior to the county convention.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

An emergent communication of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F., & A. M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. W. M. Rhoads, master of the lodge, requests a full attendance.

Edenton School Principal Speaker at PTA Meeting

FOUNDERS' DAY

Says A. P. Godwin Made Unfair Attack Upon School System

"To say that the public schools of today are not teaching the three R's; that our children cannot spell, and that a high school diploma means only that a student has spent 12 years in school, is an unfair attack on the public school system," declared Gerald D. James, principal of Edenton's Junior-Senior High School, as he addressed the Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday night.

Speaking on social promotions and school standards, or as he put it, about "some issues that were raised in our October PTA meeting and more recently in several publications," James took issue with remarks made by Senator A. P. Godwin, Jr., of Gatesville, who told the local organization that schools were failing to teach the three R's and that some schools promote every child every year. Said James in referring to Godwin's remarks: "The speaker was so busy degrading the very institution that gave him his start in life, that he never did explain the reasons why we have a teacher shortage."

In speaking of the unfair attack on the public school system, James said, "Every teacher within sound of my voice knows that there are large numbers of students who have not and never will master the three R's nor will they be able to spell correctly. Just because they cannot doesn't mean that teachers in general are doing a poor job." He added that the public asks the schools to set a mental standard and say students shouldn't be promoted until they have mastered the three R's or have met that standard. "The student with the low I. Q. will never be able to attain the standard of the student with the I. Q. of 135. But, if the student is encouraged and does not have stigma attached to him for life, by repeating every grade, he or she will make a good student, and (Continued on Page Six)

Boy Scouts Guests Of Rotary Club

Program By Boys Includes Inducting Four Tenderfoots

Edenton's Boy Scouts were guests of the Rotary Club at a meeting held Thursday in the Parish House at 1 o'clock, when local Scout executives and Raymond Heck, field Scout executive were also guests.

Among the Scout leaders present were Norman Leonard, Robert Powell, the Rev. Earl Edwards and the Rev. James MacKenzie.

The Scouts presented a very interesting program under the direction of Jack Habit, the new Scoutmaster of the troop. He called upon Sidney Campen, who told about activities at Camp Darden and Clifford Overman told about Camp Perry near Elizabeth City.

After the boys and Scout executives were introduced, Scoutmaster Habit had charge of a ceremony on the Parish House stage when four boys were made Tenderfoots. The boys included Gus Hughes, Dickie Pate, Bobby Hall and Willard Hall.

Other Scouts attending the meeting were: Dallas Stallings, Jack Overman, Charles Hollowell, Eddie Hollowell, Billy Harry, Willard Hall, Ray George, David White, Billy Cook Griffin, Robert White, Leon Thomas, Arthur White, Tommy Kehaves, Dickie Pate, Lloyd Mills and Bobby Hall, all of Troop 156; and Robert Earl Edwards, Jerry Downum, Sid Campen, Asa Dail, Lloyd Goodwin, Bobby Pratt, Clifford Overman, Miles Williams and Billy Moore of the Explorer Post.

Mrs. William Swets Speaker For Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. Mrs. William Swets, wife of Chaplain Swets of the Edenton Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field, will be the principal speaker and all members are especially urged to attend.

Founder Of Opera



A. J. FLETCHER

In 1948 A. J. Fletcher of Raleigh founded Grass Roots Opera, which will present Carmen in Edenton Thursday, March 4. The opera is sponsored by the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association.

Presbyterians Plan Revival For Youth

The Rev. Terrill Lytle Will Preach For Services March 1-10

Something new in Edenton, an evangelistic service geared to young people, will be held in the Presbyterian Church March 1-10.

The speaker for these unique services will be the Rev. Terrill Lytle, a graduate of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and an outstanding evangelistic preacher. Though he is pastor of the Manitou Beach Community Church, Manitou Beach, Michigan, Mr. Lytle is much in demand not only as a speaker, but as an accomplished musician, a chalk artist, and a magician who uses his magic to teach Bible truths. He has been active in Youth For Christ work, and in the High School Bible Club movement for many years, and was one of the first men in America to establish a Drive-In Church.

All Christians in Edenton are requested to remember these services in prayer.

Chowan High PTA To Observe Founders' Day

The Chowan High School Parent-Teacher Association will observe Founder's Day at a meeting to be held Tuesday night, February 16. A feature of the meeting will be the playlet presented by Mrs. Rufus Smithson's seventh grade pupils.

The meeting will be held in the school auditorium beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Chandler, pastor of the Center Hill Baptist Church, will lead the devotional. All parents are invited to attend.

Frank Hughes Leaving For Training As Pilot

Frank Hughes, Jr., is scheduled to leave Raleigh Friday, February 12, for Lackland Air Force Base at Waco, Texas, where he will begin 18 months of pilot training as an Air Force cadet.

After this period of pilot training he will receive his wings and be commissioned a second lieutenant.

Democratic Executive Group Meets Monday

E. W. Spires, secretary-treasurer of the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee, announces that a meeting of the committee will be held in his office in the Court House Monday morning, February 15, at 8:50 o'clock.

At this meeting the committee will recommend two Democratic members on the Board of Elections, which will be sent to the State Board for approval. The present members are L. S. Byrum and Philip McMullan, Democrats and M. A. Hughes, Republican.

SUNBEAMS TO MEET

The Sunbeams of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet at the church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Pats Manning, leader of the group, urges every member to attend.