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## Malone's 5 And 10c Store Total Loss In Worst Fire In Years

Considerable Damage Is Also Done In Elliott Company Store

### MARINES HELP

## Malone Plans to Reopen With All New Stock And Fixtures

One of the most disastrous fires in Edenton in recent years occurred shortly after 6 o'clock Friday afternoon when the W. E. Malone 5 and 10-cent store was gutted, with the result that the entire stock of merchandise and fixtures were a total loss. The building, which is owned by John Bond, was also badly damaged.

Great quantities of smoke spread into the Elliott Company store, as well as the Hughes-Parker Hardware store, with considerable damage done to the merchandise in the Elliott store. Very little damage, however, was done in the hardware store.

The fire was discovered about 6:15 o'clock by Mrs. Irma Allsbrook, who passed the store and noticed smoke coming from the front ventilators and then saw the store filled with smoke and flames in the rear. Mr. Malone was at home eating supper at the time.

Origin of the fire is somewhat of a mystery but Mr. Malone is of the opinion that it started under the floor in the rear of the store by electric wires and due to the draft, soon spread to the elevator shaft. His reason is that the joists under the floor where the electric wires go under the building were burned to some extent. While the floor itself was not burned due to the suction of the flames toward the elevator.

The actual loss caused by the fire was not determined early this week, but Mr. Malone informed The Herald that his loss of stock and fixtures will reach nearly \$30,000. Of course, the building was also badly damaged but an estimate of the loss was not made.

Mr. Malone expressed his appreciation for the work done by Edenton, the Edenton Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field for sending men and equipment, as well as others who offered their services during and after the fire, as well as the many expressions of sympathy on the part of many friends.

The entire stock of the store has been sold to a Norfolk salvage concern and was moved Tuesday. Mr. Malone stated that he plans at once to make necessary repairs and renovations to the building and will, as soon as possible, reopen his store with an entire new stock of merchandise and fixtures.

## Revival Begins At Center Hill Aug. 8th

### Preacher For Meetings The Rev. C. R. Pierce Of Greensboro

Revival meetings are scheduled to begin at the Center Hill Baptist Church Sunday, August 8, and continue through Sunday, August 15.

The Rev. C. R. Pierce of Greensboro will be the speaker for the series of meetings which will be held each evening at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. L. C. Chandler, pastor of the church, extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend all or any of the services.

### 4-H Pullet Show And Sale Set For Aug 25th

Chowan 4-H pullets were vaccinated for fowl pox by Assistant County Agent Robert Marsh on Thursday of last week. Most of the pullets are looking very well and the 13 contestants are looking forward to the 4-H pullet show and sale which will be held on Wednesday, August 25, at 1 P. M., at the Edenton armory.

### Edenton Jaycees Hosts For District Meeting

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce was host for the quarterly meeting of the Tenth District which was held in the Edenton armory Wednesday night.

A very interesting meeting was held which included Jaycees from Elizabeth City, Hertford, Windsor, Williamston, Plymouth, Columbia and Ahoskie.

## Civic Calendar

Town Council will meet in the Municipal Building Tuesday night, August 10, at 8 o'clock.

Chowan County Commissioners will hold their September meeting Thursday, September 2, instead of Monday, September 6 due to the observance of Labor Day on the latter date.

A revival meeting will begin at the Center Hill Baptist Church Sunday, August 8 and continue through Sunday, August 15.

Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. G. Willis at Merry Hill.

A revival meeting is scheduled (Continued on Page Eight)

## Lightning Strikes Tobacco Barn On Farm Of A. C. Boyce

### Community Is Target of Electrical Storm on Monday Night

Edenton and Chowan County were the targets for a rather severe electrical storm Monday night but fortunately not much damage was done.

The most costly damage occurred on the Strawberry Hill farm of A. C. Boyce, where a barn filled with tobacco was burned. It is believed that the building was hit by lightning.

Many leaves, limbs and wires were torn down by the strong wind as torrents of rain fell to put a halt to all activities in town.

## Col. Peyton Speaker At Lions Meeting

### Club Directors Vote to Sponsor Highway Safety Program

Although there was no set program arranged for the meeting of the Edenton Lions Club Monday evening, there were several developments which proved of great interest to the members present.

The highlight of the meeting was a brief talk by the new commanding officer of the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station, Colonel Montford K. Peyton. "I have been most favorably impressed with the genuine hospitality, as well as the spirit of friendly cooperation which I have found in this community," said Colonel Peyton. "You have one of the finest towns that I have been privileged to live in and I am certain that Mrs. Peyton and the children have the same feeling," continued the speaker, who was the guest of Major Louis Ferguson, a member of the club.

"During my travels in this and other countries, I have come to have a greater realization of and appreciation for the splendid work which the Lions are doing, especially among the physically handicapped. I note with interest your activity in behalf of the establishment of a swimming pool. I pledge to you and all citizens of your good community my fullest cooperation in your laudable undertakings, both religious and civil," concluded Colonel Peyton.

President Earl Harrell extended a cordial welcome to Colonel Peyton and assured him that the Edenton Lions would be happy to render their full cooperation to him and his command.

Dr. A. M. Stanton, chairman of the Red Cross blood program, urged all Lions who could do so to give blood. "This blood is badly needed. The quart you give may save someone's life," said Dr. Stanton. "Over half of the blood donated the last time came from Marines at the local Air Station and we hope our civilian population (Continued on Page Eight)

### ROTARIANS MEET TONIGHT

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. The program will be in charge of John A. Holmes, who is taking the place of Dr. W. I. Hart. President Gilliam Wood urges a full attendance.

## Jurymen Drawn For Superior Court Term Beginning Sept. 13th

### Judge Q. K. Nimmo Of Fayetteville Scheduled to Preside

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday drew 50 names from the jury box, who will be summoned by Sheriff J. A. Bunch for jury duty at the September term of Chowan County Superior Court. The term will begin Monday morning, September 13, with Judge Q. K. Nimmo, Jr. of Fayetteville presiding.

Those chosen for jury duty include the following:

V. E. Jordan, Robert White Goodwin, M. F. Bass, David Lee Hollowell, Jimmie C. Keeter, J. Lester Griffin, R. D. Dixon, Jr., J. Paul Holoman, Jack Stallings, M. J. Evans, John A. Hobbs, M. F. White, J. Paul Bunch, R. C. Lane, Johnnie Chappell, John M. Elliott, Jr., Elisha B. White, Edward Wozelka, Noah Goodwin, Jr., Mack Hendrix, George H. Privott, Elton Boswell, L. P. Chappell, Thomas H. Shepard, C. C. Nixon, Carlton Privott, Lonnie R. Harrell, Elwood D. Harrell, P. C. Ashley, Jr., J. T. Parrish, Forrest Ervin Lane, J. C. Nixon, O. N. Jordan, Harry A. Perry, Gilbert Harrell, Eugene Jernigan, C. Trotman Leary, K. W. Smith, L. W. Privott, W. D. Elliott, Leon W. Byrum, John Thomas Layton, J. S. Bunch, J. Roy Winslow, Alma Byrum, J. E. Ashley, C. A. Bass, G. O. Chappell, Dallas Jethro, Jr., H. E. Lane.

## New Pastor Is Sent To Catholic Church

### The Rev. Francis Smith Assumes New Duties At St. Ann's

The Reverend Francis M. Smith, recently appointed a director of the Diocese of Raleigh Missionary Apostolate, has taken up his residence at St. Ann's Church in Edenton. As director of the Apostolate, he will serve as pastor of St. Ann's, and he will also have in his care the Catholic missions and churches in Columbia, Plymouth, Williamston, Windsor, and Ahoskie. Assisting him in his work will be the Reverends James Keenan and John Richardson.

Father Smith, Philadelphia born, has been associated with the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh for the last ten years. After he completed his studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md., and after his ordination to the priesthood in Charlotte, N. C., he served as assistant pastor in Whiteville, Wake Forest, Durham and Greensboro. He has also served as chaplain to the Catholic students at William's College of UNC at Greensboro, and at Duke University. He is at the moment also Diocesan chaplain to the various Newman Clubs on the various campuses throughout the State and Moderator of Parish Discussion Groups.

### TAX COLLECTIONS

Sheriff J. A. Bunch reported to the County Commissioners Monday that during July, 1953, taxes collected amounted to \$462.84. This amount brings total 1953 taxes collected to date to \$169,923.54.

The 1953 tax levy is \$184,515.05, so that unpaid 1953 taxes amount to \$14,591.51.

## William Perry Praised For Work As Home Service Chairman For Red Cross Chapter

### Outstanding Service Recognized By Cherry Point Commanding Officer, Who Writes to Home Service Director of American Red Cross

William Perry has been congratulated for his work as home service chairman for the Chowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

In a recent letter from Brig. Gen. A. W. Kreiser, commanding officer of the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, to the Home Service Director of the American Red Cross, General Kreiser had this to say:

"I wish to express my appreciation for the outstanding services rendered by Mr. William Perry, Home Service Chairman, Chowan County Chapter, American Red Cross, State of North Carolina, to the members of Marine Aircraft Group-14, an organization of this command, based at the Auxiliary Landing Field, Edenton, North Carolina.

## 750 Service Men Attend USO Clubs Over Each Week-end

### Clubs Open Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Nights

Edenton USO's are now in operation Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 P. M., to 11 P. M., with active programing, and tentative plans are to have the units open as lounges Friday, Saturday and Sunday providing senior hostesses can be obtained. The change in days of operation became effective August 1. The USO's will be closed Mondays.

The reason for the change is that it was felt by the USO committee after investigating the situation that a greater number of servicemen would make use of the facilities during the middle of the week as many are away on the week-ends.

Since the opening of the clubs July 15th attendance has been good with Mrs. R. P. Badham, staff-aide, reporting an average of 500 boys each week-end at the Hotel USO, and Miss Hattie Jerkin, staff-aide, reporting approximately 150 each week-end at the Brown-Carver Library USO. Both clubs have had dancing, games, television and refreshments for entertainment, as well as a number of junior hostesses present.

## Edenton Woman Held On Charge Of Forgery

### Mrs. Ethel P. Spence Admits Writing Checks For \$145

Mrs. Ethel P. Spence was arrested Friday charged with forging four checks totaling \$145. The checks were drawn on three wives of Marines, Mrs. Jane Wolver, Mrs. Norma Welch and Mrs. Virginia Drivers, with the checks cashed at the Jack and Jill store, Belk-Tyler's and Colonial Store.

The checks were written in June and July and the Edenton police conducted an intensive investigation before the arrest was made. Chief of Police George I. Dail said Mrs. Spence gave as her reason for forging the checks was that she was trying to get money to pay for an operation on the eye of her five-year-old son.

In Recorder's Court Tuesday morning Mrs. Spence entered a plea of guilty and was held for trial in the September term of Chowan Superior Court. Bond was fixed at \$500.

### 126 Receive Old Age Assistance In July

During July 126 persons in Chowan County received old age assistance when \$4,132 was distributed. There were also 12 aid to dependent children cases receiving \$443, together with 12 blind aid cases receiving \$451 and 13 aid to permanently and totally disabled cases receiving \$440. General assistance in the amount of \$52.23 was given in six cases.

Other financial assistance included three hospitalized in the county, \$115 and two hospitalized outside the county, \$37.03.

Service cases included one adult parolee under supervision, one investigation made for the local Draft Board, five child labor certificates issued and 16 children receiving individual service.

## Fire Commission For County Is Completed With Bond Chairman

### Meeting Changed

Due to Labor Day falling on Monday, September 6, the Chowan County Commissioners voted at their meeting Monday to hold the September meeting on Thursday morning, September 2.

Notice should be taken of this stepped up meeting in order to present bills or other important business in time for the meeting.

## No Change Made In Clubs' Standings In Albemarle League

### Only Seven More Games Remain In Regular Schedule

STANDING OF CLUBS		
Colerain	21	10 .678
Elizabeth City	19	12 .613
Hertford	14	17 .452
Rocky Hook	13	19 .407
Edenton	10	19 .345

With only seven more games scheduled in the regular Albemarle League, no change in the standings occurred during the past week. Colerain continues to hold a slight edge over Elizabeth City for the lead, Hertford gaining a slight advantage over Rocky for third position. Edenton remains in the cellar position although a few points in percentage have been added.

Fans were interested to note that Gashouse Parker, former manager of the Edenton Colonials, is now playing with Rocky Hook and that Albert Lassiter has been added to the Colonials' pitching staff.

The final league game is scheduled for Friday, August 13, when Edenton and Rocky Hook will cross bats and Elizabeth City plays at Hertford. (Continued on Page Four)

## Sale Of Stock In Development Corp. Stands At \$35,000

### Report of Stock Salesmen Listed As Still Incomplete

According to reports Wednesday morning in the neighborhood of \$35,000 worth of stock has been purchased in the Edenton Development Corporation, recently incorporated for the purpose of attracting new industry to Edenton and Chowan County.

The report of the stock salesmen is still incomplete, and it is hoped enough people will purchase stock to reach the minimum goal of \$100,000.

In addition to those listed last week the following have purchased stock in the corporation during the week:

Dr. Martin Wisely, Dr. Roland H. Vaughan, T. B. Williford, Dr. Richard Hardin, Dr. Frank Wood, J. L. Chestnutt, Louis E. Francis, Mrs. Louis E. Francis, Johnetta H. White, Jess M. Wilson, Caswell Edmundson, Thelma M. Edmundson, Michael Edmundson, Tom H. Shepard, W. J. P. Earnhardt, Mrs. Carrie M. Earnhardt, J. C. Parks, P. S. McMullan, J. H. Bunch, Chowan Motor Co., O. B. Perry, Nell White Perry, G. M. Belch, Paul L. Partin, W. D. Harris, E. J. Boyce, Belk-Tyler Co., A. L. Hawkins, William S. Elliott, R. P. Baer II, Yates Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Parrish, Raymond Mansfield, L. H. Haskett, H. J. Cuthrell and Mrs. Myrtle P. Cuthrell.

### Albemarle League Schedule For Week

Thursday, August 5—Colerain at Rocky Hook; Edenton at Hertford. Friday, August 6—Elizabeth City at Edenton; Hertford at Colerain. Monday, August 9—Edenton at Elizabeth City; Colerain at Hertford. Tuesday, August 10—Rocky Hook at Colerain; Hertford at Edenton. Wednesday, August 11—Hertford at Rocky Hook; Elizabeth City at Colerain.

## Nine More Are Appointed From All Sections Of County

### 12 MEMBERS

### Chairman Plans to Call Meeting of Group at An Early Date

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday appointed nine more members to serve on the Chowan County Fire Commission which is charged with the responsibility to make a thorough study of fire protection in the county and to subsequently submit recommendations to the County Commissioners to the end that the best possible fire protection is provided at the minimum cost.

The nine appointed Monday represents a cross section of the county and includes Clarence Harrell, John Kramer, Carey Evans, J. I. Boyce, A. M. Forehand, T. A. Berryman, McCoy Spivey, J. A. Webb, Jr., and Ward Hoskins.

Three other members who were previously appointed complete the commission of 12 members. The other three are W. E. Bond, representing the County Commissioners; W. J. Yates, representing the Edenton Fire Department, and J. Edwin Buflap, representing Town Council.

W. E. Bond was named chairman of the Commission by the County Commissioners and he plans to call a meeting at an early date for the purpose of organization and begin a study of the problem of fire protection in the rural section of the county.

The newly formed Fire Commission is the outgrowth of a recent request made by Town Council to the County Commissioners for an appropriation of \$3,020 to cover the approximate cost of Edenton firemen answering calls in the county. This arrangement is now in operation, and may continue to be, but it was the opinion of the County Commissioners that a group representing every section of the county might possibly advance a better program.

## Revival At Anderson Church August 8-13

### Rev. Freeman C. Heath Of Elizabeth City Will Be the Speaker

The Rev. C. H. Beale, pastor of the Anderson Methodist Church of the Chowan Charge, announces that a revival meeting will begin in the church Sunday night, August 8, at 7:45 o'clock and will close Friday, August 13th.

The visiting minister will be the Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Superintendent of the Elizabeth City District of the Methodist Church. Floyd White will be in charge of the singing.

A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend the services.

### Pure Bred Swine Sale Scheduled August 20

Assistant County Agent Robert S. Marsh reports there will be a pure bred swine sale at the Hertford Livestock Market on Friday, August 20 at 1:00 P. M. This is the annual summer sale which is sponsored by the Albemarle Pure Bred Swine Breeders' Association. Farmers of the Albemarle and surrounding area will have an opportunity to purchase pure bred boars, bred gilts, and open gilts at this sale.

A total of 30 hogs will be offered for sale on this day. A weight guessing contest will be held with free prizes offered. 4-H and FFA livestock judging teams will compete for prizes.

### AUXILIARY MEETS TONIGHT

The Ladies' Auxiliary of William H. Coffield Post, No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the VFW home. Mrs. Ellie Mae Parrish, president, urges every member to attend.

### COUPONS ORDERED PAID

West Byrum, chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners, was authorized Monday morning to pay \$127.81 on the county's debt. The amount represents school building coupons which fall due on September 1.