

Wholesale Failures At Edenton School Causing Concern Among Teachers

Too Many Outside Activities Given as One Of the Reasons

Edenton school officials and teachers are no little concerned about the grades made in the Junior-Senior High School during the first semester.

Principal Gerald James early this week released the information that during the semester only 72.7 per cent of the students in grades 9 through 12 passed all courses, while only 65.2 per cent enrolled in the seventh and eighth grades passed all their work. This may not be a record low, but it is the lowest average noted in many years at the Edenton school.

This situation, to say the least, is very discouraging to teachers, so that in the future a letter will be sent to parents when a boy or girl fails in one or more subjects. The parents will be requested to contact the principal's office for the purpose of arranging a conference with teachers concerned in the failures. It is also requested that if a child comes home continuously with no home work, the parents contact Principal James, who will arrange a conference with teachers.

Some of the failures are attributed to too many other activities which conflict with school work. It is pointed out that church groups, clubs and even parents plan parties and other affairs which often cause children to neglect their school studies.

Recent surveys indicate that only 31 per cent of high school graduates enter college. It is the purpose of school trustees and school officials to raise the standard of the school but due to lack of study and cooperation, in gearing for college preparatory students, many drop by the wayside. The opinion is advanced that if two foreign languages are maintained, a teacher above the state allotment should be added to enrich the program for the 69 per cent of students who terminate their education at the end of their high school career. This is no indictment against the school or teacher, but only to point up the fact that the citizens of Edenton should determine just what is to be expected of the high school graduate.

Teachers feel that they are not responsible for the large number of failures and it is pointed out that parents and the average citizen in Edenton should be more interested in the activities and welfare of the school. Lack of interest and cooperation is all too often reflected by the lack of attendance at PTA meetings and attendance of various kinds of school activities.

Heart Association Topic At Meeting Of Woman's Club

Dr. Walter Spaeth and Gene Harris Speak At Meeting

Activities of the American Heart Association was a feature of the program at the Edenton Woman's Club meeting held Wednesday of last week in the Parish House.

Speakers for the occasion were Dr. Walter Spaeth of Elizabeth City, a member of the advisory committee of the Albemarle Sound Heart Committee, and Gene Harris of Tarboro, eastern field director for the North Carolina Heart Association.

Dr. Spaeth requested members of the club to look at the person on either side and then stated: "One of the three of you is due to die of heart disease. Disease of the heart and blood vessels are the biggest killer today."

Continuing, Dr. Spaeth said: "Research needs the heart donor."

Speaks In Edenton



DR. ROBERT B. LAWSON, noted pediatrician from the University of Miami, will be guest lecturer for a postgraduate medical course in Edenton Wednesday, February 15. The meeting will be held in the Chowan Hospital nurses' home with lectures to be given at 4 and 7:30 P. M.

Adult Program Is Scheduled Be Held At School Feb. 15

Mrs. Elizabeth Flynn Will Demonstrate Flowers

Mrs. Elizabeth Flynn of The Bouquet Shop will be the guest demonstrator for the second meeting of adults in Edenton and Chowan County. She will demonstrate how to arrange home grown flowers simply and attractively, at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School Wednesday night, February 15 at 8 o'clock and at Chowan High School Thursday afternoon, February 16, at 3 o'clock.

The attendance was good at the first of this series of meetings last week when Mrs. Sylvia Matthews demonstrated party refreshments. The attending group enjoyed eating those refreshments. It is hoped that an even larger number of women will come to see and hear Mrs. Flynn. PHA girls are taking care of all the children as a service project.

The box of Whitman's candy given by Leggett & Davis as a door prize was a surprise enjoyed by all.

Almost 100%

A. B. Harless, Chowan County volunteer chairman for the sale of U. S. Savings Bonds, reports that sales in Chowan County during 1955 reached \$167,337.50, approximately 96% of the county's quota which was \$175,000.

Sales in the county during December were: \$2,904.35 for E bonds and \$6,590 for H bonds. Forty-one counties exceeded their quota and the people in North Carolina held the greatest accumulated amount of money in savings bonds in history—over 40 billion dollars.

BONDS ORDERED PAID
West Byrum, chairman of the County Commissioners, on Monday was authorized to pay \$3,712.28 on the county's indebtedness. The amount represents school building bonds in history—over 40 billion dollars.

USS Edenton One Of Navy's Patrol Vessels

Names of Cities Will Take Place of Hull Numbers

The Navy's patrol vessels which have been known only by hull numbers will soon be distinguished by the names of cities of the United States.

PC-1077 will become the USS EDENTON, after Edenton, N. C., which is located in the Sixth Naval District.

The names are to be assigned to 141 submarine chasers, escorts, and rescue escorts, and were chosen from cities with a population between 2,500 and 10,000.

The change, which will become effective February 15, is in line with the Navy's policy of assigning names instead of numbers to as many ships as possible.

Of the 141 patrol vessels to be named, 32 are in commission and the remainder are in the inactive fleet.

Officials Of Town Urge Revaluation Of County Property

Two Representatives At Commissioners' Meeting Monday

Mayor Ernest Kehayes and George Alma Byrum appeared at Monday's meeting of the Chowan County Commissioners representing the Town of Edenton. The purpose of the visit was to secure information relative to revaluation of property in Chowan County. Mayor Kehayes informed the Commissioners that the town is very anxious for a revaluation in order to more fairly equalize property values and, of course, to bring in more revenue to meet the ever growing expenses of operating the town.

The town officials were informed that the Commissioners for a long time have been considering revaluation of property, and were only waiting to start the project until funds were in sight to pay for having the work done. Chairman West Byrum stated that a bid had been received several months ago, which was \$25,000, plus \$5,000 for a map to be furnished. Mr. Byrum also stated that efforts are now being made to secure a lower bid for the revaluation project.

Both the town and county boards are in accord that a revaluation should be made, both groups expressing the opinion that quite a lot of property on the tax books is much lower than it should be.

Masons Will Hold Poor Richard Dinner At Temple Tonight

Ernest P. Kehayes, master of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., has announced that the Masons will stage a "Poor Richard" dinner at the Masonic Temple tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 o'clock. Following the dinner, at 7:30 o'clock, an emergent communication of the lodge will be held for the purpose of conferring the third degree upon a candidate.

All Masons are urged to attend and a special invitation is extended to visiting Masons to attend the dinner and initiation.

STEAK DINNER

The Fidelis NCO wives and their husbands will have a steak dinner in the game room of the Staff NCO Club Saturday, February 11, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock.

Town Leases Lower Broad Street Site To Barker House Association For Period Of 20 Years With Option To Renew Lease

Following a joint meeting of Town Council and the Board of Public Works held last week, Town Councilmen agreed to lease the property on which the Penelope Barker house now stands at the foot of Broad Street for a period of 20 years with an option to extend the lease for an additional 20 years.

At the previous meeting of Town Council a request was made by the Barker House Association for a 99-year lease, but at that time the Councilmen were reluctant to execute a lease for so long a period and after further consideration agreed upon the 20-year lease. The

lease, of course, contains a provision that if and when the Barker House Association is dissolved or if the building for any reason is destroyed to such an extent that it is not replaced, the property will revert to the town.

At the last session of the General Assembly an appropriation of \$2,500 was authorized toward the expense of restoring the building, but more complete ownership of the entire property is among the requirements in order to secure the appropriation, so that a longer lease than the present 10-year lease was necessary before the money is released.

Marines Training Hard For Benefit Boxing Show Feb. 25

New Fighters Expected To Add Strength To Edenton Squad

The Edenton Marine boxing team, preparing for its coming match with Cherry Point on February 25 at the Edenton armory, has greatly been strengthened by the addition of several new outstanding prospects. W. Smith, former Golden Gloves and contender in the All-Navy Championship, has also been added to the coaching staff to assist Coaches Bob Randall and John Wiren.

Smith, a resident of Minnesota, was one of the outstanding prospects on the team before injuries sustained in over 40 previous bouts forced his withdrawal from competition.

Tommy Parks, a middleweight prospect from Philadelphia and a veteran of over 45 fights, is working out and shaping up well. Parks, one of the outstanding fighters on the squad, has been working diligently and is expected to be in top form for the rematch.

A stablemate of his, Mel Skinner, a lightweight, also from Philadelphia, is shaping up well also. The hardest worker and the most improved fighter on the squad is Middleweight R. H. Stephens. Though short on experience, Stephens has been working industriously to be in the best of shape for the match.

Johnny Gilpin, a welterweight, has also been working out hard and is one of the most aggressive members of the squad. Ronnie Mead, from Norfolk, another battler long on aggressiveness, is shaping up well also and promises to put up one of the best fights of the evening.

This stable of newcomers is rounded out by Lenn Rolfson, light heavyweight from Bakersfield, California, who also is showing much improvement.

These aggressive new prospects, along with the regular members of the squad, promise to show crowd-pleasing action in the rematch with Cherry Point slated to start at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, February 25th.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Edenton armory Wednesday, February 15. Chowan County's quota is 100 pints of blood.

Edenton Marines will sponsor a benefit boxing show with Cherry Point in the Edenton armory Saturday night, February 25, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

St. Ann's Altar Society will sponsor a bake sale at the P & Q Super Market Friday, February 10. Postgraduate medical course for physicians in the Ahoskie-Edenton area will be held in the Chowan Hospital nurses' home Wednesday, February 15, at 4 and 7:30 P. M.

The Fidelis NCO wives and their husbands will stage a steak dinner in the game room of the Staff NCO Club Saturday, February 11, from 7 to 9 o'clock.

"The Tribes Go Up" will be taught at the Baptist Church Monday night, February 13, at 7:30 o'clock by Mrs. R. N. Carroll and Mrs. W. J. Berryman.

Adult program on "Simple Party Refreshments" at Chowan High School Saturday, February 11, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock.

Must Be Done

At the County Commissioners' meeting Monday it was reported that there has been very good response to listing property for taxes during January, but that some few have failed to list.

Complying with orders, the tax lists will be required to add a penalty of 10% on delinquent lists, and the names of those who fail to list by March 1 will be turned over to the Grand Jury for court action at the April term of Superior Court.

Marine Officers Praise USO Club

Express a Desire For Continued Cooperation In Edenton

Col. Hamilton Lawrence and Lt. Col. R. R. Baker of the Naval Auxiliary Air Station praised the Edenton USO Club in a joint statement here Monday. They also expressed confidence that full cooperation will be given to needs of the club.

Colonel Lawrence is station commander. Colonel Baker, executive officer of Marine Aircraft Group 14, spoke in the absence of Col. L. K. Davis, Group 14 Commander.

Tuesday marked the fifteenth anniversary of the civilian organization for service men. Open house was held at the club room in Hotel Joseph Hewes Tuesday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock with dancing from 9 until 11 o'clock.

"The Edenton USO helps to provide the type of off-duty activity which Marines desire and need," the statement said. "The officials and members of the Edenton USO Club, as well as others who help, are to be complimented for the work which they do."

"On behalf of the personnel of this station," the statement continued, "we wish to express appreciation and congratulations upon the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the USO. We are confident that all concerned will give full cooperation to the continued expansion and service of the club."

2d Lt. John Harney Graduates Jan. 28th At Fort Rucker, Ala.

Second Lieutenant John M. Harney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Wood of Mulberry Hill, Edenton, graduated on January 28 from the Army Aviation Tactics Course, the Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Alabama.

More than 2,000 members of the Army ground forces each year graduate from 15 courses of instruction at the school as aviation pilots and maintenance personnel.

Following his graduation, Lieut. Harney will be assigned to one of the seven branches of the United States Army now using organic aviation.

BAKE SALE FRIDAY
Sponsored by St. Ann's Altar Society, a bake sale will be held Friday, February 10, at the P & Q Super Market.

Easter Seal Sale Is Scheduled For March 10 - April 10

Ernest J. Ward, Jr., Chairman, Notes Time Change

New timing for the 1956 Easter Seal campaign sponsored in Chowan County by the Edenton Lions Club in behalf of crippled children is announced by Ernest J. Ward, Jr., chairman of the Chowan County Easter Seal Society.

Ward said that the annual appeal, which marks 35 years of service, will be conducted March 10 to April 10—extending nine days after Easter to avoid conflict with other fund-raising campaigns also scheduled at that time.

Previous Easter Seal appeals closed on Easter Monday, opening a month before that date.

The year's colorful messenger for crippled children will reach more than 2,000 residents in Chowan County area when mailing begins March 10, Ward said.

Designed jointly by Otis Shepard, art director and Hubert Nelson, assistant art director of Chicago's Wm. Wrigley, Jr. Company, the 1956 Easter Seal is bright blue and red. A white lily, symbol of the Easter Seal Society, and a crippled child, make up the highly stylized modern design for the seal with the words "Easter Seals Help Crippled Children."

Contributions to the campaign will be used in Chowan County to assist all crippled children and adults. Over 90 per cent of the funds remain in the state for direct service, the remainder supporting a nationwide program of education and direct services and a research program conducted by the Easter Seal Research Foundation.

Request Made To Widen Center Hill-Cross Roads Road

Commissioners Send a Petition to Highway Department

At the request of a delegation from the Cross Roads section, the Chowan County Commissioners on Monday agreed to request the State Highway and Public Works Commission to resurface and widen the road from Cross Roads to Center Hill.

This road, 2.7 miles long, is one of the oldest hard surfaced roads in the county and is now in very bad shape. Unless it is resurfaced, it was pointed out, it will not be long before it will be unfit for use.

It was reported that Emmett Winslow, is in favor of the resurfacing and widening, so that the Commissioners promptly made the request.

- Featuring Boy Scout Week which is being observed from February 6 to 12 was the taking over of the city government and the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station.
- On Tuesday Boy Scouts filled all town offices as well as schools and a Boy Scout served as commanding officer of the Edenton base.
- Scouts in official positions were: Mayor—Billy Keeter.
- Judge of Recorder's Court—Alex Kehayes.
- Prosecuting Attorney—Bill Goodwin.
- Chief of Police—Joe Campen.
- Police Captain—Frank Williams.
- Police Sergeant—Leroy Spivey.
- Four Policemen—Fred Britton, Bill Gates, Billy Dail and Brad Whitford.
- Principal of high school—Arthur White.
- Principal of graded school—Jimmy Dail.

Stray County Dogs Cause Big Problem For Commissioners

Penalty Starts

Sheriff J. A. Bunch calls attention to the fact that during February a one per cent penalty will be added to unpaid 1955 taxes. During March the penalty will be 2% and on and after April 1, in percentage the 2%, one-half of one per cent per month will be added until the taxes are paid.

Sheriff Bunch reported to the County Commissioners on Monday that 1955 taxes collected during January amounted to \$40,763.99. This brings total 1955 taxes collected to date to \$133,953.44.

Spires Will Take Applications For Disaster Relief

Very Few In Chowan Apply For Federal Surplus

J. H. Robertson, field representative for Civil Defense was in Edenton Friday, it being his final visit to the county for taking applications for purchase of government surplus property as the result of damage done by last year's hurricanes. Mr. Robertson stated that very few applications have been made in Chowan County and that if any more are desired, they can be handled by Clerk of Superior Court E. W. Spires.

Mr. Robertson pointed out that under the program a farmer can buy any available federal surplus at 10 per cent of what the government paid. He also says this surplus can include items for repairing or replacing outbuildings and other equipment essential to operation of a farm. It even includes such items as tin and nails so long as the repairs and replacements are the direct result of hurricane damage.

Special FBI Agent Speaker Tonight At Meeting Of Legion

Thurman Harrell, Commander of Ed Bond Post No. 40 of the American Legion, calls attention to an important meeting of the post to be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the Legion hut.

A feature of this meeting will be an address by William C. Gibson, a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All Legionnaires are especially urged to attend the meeting and a special invitation is extended non-members to hear the speaker.

Boy Scouts In Edenton Fill Various Offices Tuesday In Celebrating Boy Scout Week

Superintendent of City Schools—R. B. Keeter.

Fire Chief—Billy Harry.

Assistant Fire Chief—Dallas Stallings.

Four Firemen—Phillip Twiddy, Randy Baker, Phyllis Camp and Curtis Twiddy.

Street Commissioner—Ronnie Turner.

Street Superintendent—Dickie Hobowsky.

Complaint Registered By Farmers At Meeting Held Monday

Chowan County Commissioners were faced with a delegation of Chowan County farmers Monday morning, who registered a complaint about stray dogs. Elton Jordan, spokesman for the group, asked the Commissioners if it was within their power to do something to get rid of the increasing nuisance.

It was stated that on numerous occasions dogs have killed hogs as well as other livestock and that it cannot be determined who the owners of the dogs are. The dogs, it was pointed out, apparently have no owners, they are not listed for taxes nor have they been vaccinated against rabies.

The latter aspect of the nuisance also was reason for quite a discussion. It was pointed out that in some counties livestock has been bitten by mad dogs, as well as human beings, so that the dog nuisance is not only costly due to loss of livestock, but an even greater hazard is caused by the danger of an outbreak of rabies.

Some of the farmers reported having killed a number of stray dogs on their farms, but it was pointed out that in most cases it is impossible to get close enough to the dogs to shoot them. One farmer reported having carried a rifle with him since Thanksgiving, but that he has not been very successful in getting rid of the dogs.

During the discussion it was reported that some counties have taken steps to cope with the stray dog nuisance. It was suggested that a dog warden could be appointed and that this expense would probably be offset by the number of additional dogs placed on the tax books. The opinion was advanced that less than 10 per cent of the dogs in the county are listed on the tax books. Another suggestion was that possibly game wardens could be employed to help solve the stray dog nuisance, along with their other duties.

The Commissioners agreed that the situation is a nuisance and a hazard, but finally admitted that they did not know what the solution was. At any rate they requested the county attorney to make an investigation of the statutes to see if and what power the Commissioners have to effect a remedy.

JOHN F. WHITE IN HOSPITAL

John F. White, Chowan County's representative in the General Assembly, was suddenly stricken with a heart ailment Tuesday while he was down town. He was rushed to Chowan Hospital and placed under an oxygen tent and reports Wednesday were to the effect that he was resting comfortably.

Tommy, 15, a sophomore, is the son of Mayor and Mrs. Ernest P. Kehayes. A Marine escort called for Tommy at the high school Tuesday morning and drove him to the office of Col. Lawrence. Young Kehayes took his place behind the commander's desk and signed his "order of the day." He then "inspected" the station, had lunch at the Officers' Club, visited the flight line and learned of the authority and responsibility held by a Marine Corps Commander.

Tommy is vice-president of the Hi-Y, a reporter for the newspaper, and a member of the Science club at school. He is also president of the Young People's Service League at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Edenton.

Likewise all of the other Boy Scout "officials" took their respective offices.

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