

Recognition Given To Eden Motel By Duncan Hines

The Eden Motel has received national recognition in the new 1958 edition of "Duncan Hines Lodging for a Night" just off the press.

It is the only motel in Edenton included among 4,500 selected lodging establishments "Recommended by Duncan Hines" out of nearly 100,000 lodging places in North America.

Roy H. Park, vice president, Duncan Hines Institute, Ithaca, N. Y., said, "We are happy to give deserving recognition to this establishment by including it in a selected group. This establishment is one of 4 out of 100, for our listings of selected lodging places representing only 4 percent of the total in America."

Objections Registered For Assessment Roll

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been assessed for the supply they had but not for fire protection because that supply was inadequate. Why then should we have to pay for a water line we did not need or have any say-so about it and pay fire protection for ourselves as well as for some others? If this is democratic, then we all fail to understand our foundation of government. We do not contend that these property owners in Westover should have to pay again, but that our assessments should be based on the actual value of the property, not on an automatic assumption of the cost of fire protection for the Westover residents. Why doesn't it assume it in all cases?

We feel that the city government of Elizabeth City is definitely fair on this point. As a matter of interest the city manager was contacted to ascertain what municipality handled such situations. It was learned that the city bears the entire expense of water and sewerage lines and then charges a fee of \$100 to tap into the line when and if desired by the property owner. Our city is also charging a tap in fee of \$50 plus this exorbitant amount of this assessment and yet does not provide us with sewerage. Do we have this same undesirable situation to look forward to again when the few members of the E & W Board decides to run a sewerage line?

More than one lawyer has been consulted in this case and there seems to be a definite conclusion that it is unconstitutional. There are also many aspects which have not been brought to the surface, for the lack of time for a thorough investigation. Previous mayors were contacted whose administrations run from 1933 to 1955 when the present administration took office and all agree that this is the first action of this nature of which they are aware and share our convictions that this assessment is unconstitutional. Mr. Roy Leary, who was Town Clerk for many years, told Mrs. McMullan that he was unaware of any such action during his tenure of office.

It is with deepest humility and sincerity that we request your Council to reverse your decision and let the city government take its own responsibility of paying for this water line, and in every similar situation in the future except when a petition is circulated among those involved—then we believe the law is clear on assessing per front footage of property owners which you read to us at your November meeting. However, since no petition was presented to us, we present our petition to you in order to let you know exactly how we feel.

Mr. McMullan's letter addressed to the Mayor and members of Town Council follows:

Recently the Town of Edenton published a list of assessments which it proposed to levy on the property owners abutting the new water main extension on US 17. Practically all of those located on US 17 attended a regular meeting of the Town Council and vigorously protested the said assessments. The writer, because of illness, was unable to attend this meeting, so if you will kindly indulge me, I would like to bring to your attention some of my reasons for opposing these assessments.

It has been said that "the power to tax is the power to destroy." But in democratic America this ruthless power has seldom been exercised—and certainly not in Edenton. The proposed assessments in several instances will do just that.

right to levy these assessments in the manner proposed, which I sincerely and seriously doubt, it should do so in an equitable and just manner, and not in the confiscatory manner proposed. The only theory upon which an abutting property owner is assessed is that his property will receive an exclusive benefit to that extent. The only exclusive benefit the property owners in this instance will receive is in a water connection, and this is the same to all of those involved with possibly two exceptions who might have a few extra lots for sale. The theory of equality in benefits has certainly been violated in the proposed assessments.

An analysis of the proposed assessments reveals the following glaring discrepancies, to wit: One family will be assessed 125 times as much as another. A person owning a modest little home would be assessed as much as another who owns an expensive modern home. Another would be assessed two and one-half times as much as the listed tax value of his property, clearly a case of the "power to destroy." Another would be assessed six times as much as another receiving exactly the same benefits, and the other person in question would be assessed three times as much as his immediate neighbors, all of whom would receive exactly the same benefit. In several instances certain property owners abutting said water line in Westover would be exempted from any assessment at all, and the burden of their assessments would be added to those assessed.

The foregoing glaring inequities are impossible of a fair and just adjustment because of the peculiar nature of the area traversed by this project. So since the only affected persons or interests wanting or needing this water main extension is the Town of Edenton itself, and since the town on its own initiative and in utter disregard of past practices, did not consult the affected persons in this matter; and since practically all of those affected already had good and adequate water facilities of their own, which they had installed at considerable cost and did not want or need this service, the matter is purely a town problem and the town should assume the entire cost of constructing this main water line extension. Under the law then the town in all good conscience could assess the abutting property owners a reasonable charge for tapping in on said main line. In my opinion a fair charge would be what other citizens of the town in the past have been charged for similar service.

I am sorry to have imposed on your patience and valuable time necessary to the reading of this communication, but I think it a citizen's duty to express himself on occasions of public interest and concern. I am sure the town would not want to do an unfair and unjust thing to any of its citizens, and I am equally certain the citizens of the town would not either.

In other business the Councilmen reviewed and approved the applications for taxicab franchises and permits to operate taxicabs for 1959. The franchisees were for operation of eight taxicabs, but provision was made that no taxicab franchise would be transferred during the year. Luther Parks reported on recommendations made by the N. C. Fire, Insurance Rating Bureau one of which was the employment of a full time qualified building inspector Parks was instructed by Mayor Kehayes to continue his study of the proposition.

A report was also made relative to clearance of the waterfront of unsightly and dangerous stakes and piling. The same committee was continued with the request that property owners be contacted relative to removal of these stakes which are on private property.

A report was made relative to consideration of the amount of area to be annexed between the present corporate limits and the industrial site opposite the Colonial Motor Court. It was suggested that 200 feet on both sides of the highway be annexed.

However, property owners will be contacted before a definite decision is made and Representative Albert Byrum requested to introduce a local bill in the General Assembly for the extension.

A proposal was read which will be submitted to the Navy Department asking relinquishment of mobilization rights of the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station and to release the property to the General Services Administration for disposal. The proposal states that Edenton wants the base for industrial, civic, recreational and educational purposes.

A resolution was also adopted asking the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to assist in making application for 13 acres of base property to be used as a site for Edenton's proposed sewage disposal plant.

During the meeting Street Superintendent Frank Hughes was complimented for the excellent job done by the Street Department in removing snow during the recent snow storm.

20 YEARS AGO

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Edenton High School's football team, which was coached by David Holton.

The Bank of Edenton announced that the Christmas Savings Club increased to 700 members, 200 over the previous year.

Dr. J. A. Powell was elected county physician, succeeding Dr. L. P. Williams.

It was reported that William B. Shepard caught a 6½-pound roach, the first one caught for the year.

An intensive drive was inaugurated to secure members for the Chowan County Farm Bureau following a meeting held in the Court House when several speakers emphasized the need for a strong organization.

Paul Wallace arrived from Henderson to assume management of the Rose 5 and 10-cent store.

Mrs. Leon Leary, manager of the Edenton branch of the Carolina Motor Club, reported the largest sale of N. C. automobile license plates since they were sold locally. A total of 2,798 plates were sold.

S. C. Mills, agent for the Norfolk Bus Corporation, requested Town Council to reserve enough parking space in front of the bus station to accommodate one of the company's buses.

J. Craig Haste was installed as sachem of Chowan Tribe of Red Men, succeeding W. C. Hollowell.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Annie M. Nixon, who died at her home at Mulberry Hill.

Roy L. Spry resigned as technical sergeant of the local National Guard unit.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Alderman, former Edenton residents, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Washington Duke Hotel in Durham.

BPW CLUB MEETS TONIGHT
The Edenton Business and Professional Woman's Club will meet at the Edenton Restaurant tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock for a dinner meeting.

Mrs. Laura Ferguson, president, urges all members to be present.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT
Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold a stated communication tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Ernest Ward, the new master of the lodge, urges a large attendance.

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

The Chowan County Fat Stock Show and Sale is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25. It is time for swine growers to start preparing for this event. The event is seventy days away.

During the next 70 days, hogs should gain about 100 to 120 pounds on proper feed. Two weight classes are used—180 to 210 pounds and 211 to 240 pounds. Growers should start now with shots of good conformation weighing 60 to 100 pounds, dependent upon how they are to be fed and the weight desired. This is a market hog show and the animals do not have to be purebred. Good crosses may be more desirable.

Hogs are one of our principal crops in Chowan County. A good show and sale stimulates better hog production and good sportsmanship. Widespread participation is necessary.

Let's go all-out for a big show and sale. This means lots of producers participating and lots of entries in the individual and the three-pen classes.

Purebred Swine Sales are good places to purchase good breeding stock.

Officers Installed For Pocahontas

Officers for Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, were installed at a meeting held Thursday night, with Mrs. Ella Gray Potts, Council Deputy Great Pocahontas, in charge of the installation ceremony.

The officers installed were as follows:
Pocahontas, Mrs. Barbara Farless; prophetess, Mrs. Marina Crumme; Wenonah, Mrs. Essie Perry; Powhatan, Mrs. Myrtle Tynch; keeper of records, Mrs. Edith Bufflap; collector of wampum, Mrs. Virginia Williams; keeper of wampum, Mrs. Myrtle Hollowell; scouts, Mrs. Ella Gray Potts and Mrs. Beatrice Harrell; warriors, Mrs. Virginia Oliver; Mrs. Marie Spruill, Mrs. Beulah Ballenger and Mrs. Grizelle Pruden; runners, Mrs. Dorothy Faircloth and Mrs. Ellie Mae Parrish; counsellors, Mrs. Edith Byrum and Mrs. Virginia Barfield; guard of the tepee, Mrs. Fannie Layton; guard of the forest, J. Edwin Bufflap.

Hostesses were Mesdames Kermit L. Layton, W. H. Copeland, Rodney Harrell, Jr., J. E. Richardson, L. G. Wilkins and W. J. P. Earnhardt.

Luxury may possibly contribute to give bread to the poor; but if there were no luxury, there would be no poor.—Home.

For COLDS take 666

Edenton Teams Split With Scotland Neck
Edenton's Acelets took their second straight Albemarle Conference victory Tuesday night by defeating Scotland Neck 48-43 as the Aces dropped their second by a score of 50-37.

A battling bunch of Acelet guards bottled up the Scots and the forwards quickly built up a lead that was great enough to withstand a late rally by the Fighting Scots. Linda Spencer bagged 29 tallies in her first performance. Sara Relfe Smith had nothing to be ashamed of with 19 points. They were the only Acelets who scored.

The Aces started fast, but a very scrappy and determined

CIVIC CALENDAR

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VFW Auxiliary will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Post home.

Awards programs for the 1958 Community Progress Contest will be held in the Chowan High School auditorium Monday night, January 19, at 7:30 o'clock and for Negro communities at the White Oak School Friday night, January 23, at 7:30 o'clock.

A dedication service will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday morning, January 25, at 11 o'clock as a tribute to the late Dr. Martin Wisely.

A new Home Demonstration Club has been organized in the Yeopim community which will meet the second Monday night of each month.

The Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild will sponsor a chicken salad supper Thursday, January 22.

The Methodist Men's Club will meet Thursday night, January 22, at 6:30 o'clock.

A Christian Workers School for Methodists will be held in the Hertford Methodist Church January 25-27 beginning at 7:30 P. M.

A stated communication of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Monday night, January 19, at 8 o'clock.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday night, January 20, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. Paul Holoman.

John Mitchener and George Nixon, two teenagers, will have charge of the morning service in the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Edenton's BPW Club will meet tonight (Thursday) at the Edenton Restaurant at 7 o'clock.

A dance will be held at the VFW home on the old Hertford road Saturday night from 9 to 12 o'clock.

The Town of Edenton will turn over to the March of Dimes campaign all dimes found in parking meters during the month of January.

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. North Carolina automobile license plates for 1959 are now on

sale at the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club on East Water Street.
Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Edenton Lions Club will meet Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Revival meetings will be held in the Edenton Methodist Church during the week of February 8.

According to present plans, the Edenton Woman's Club will sponsor the 1959 pilgrimage April 17 and 18.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will celebrate its 258th anniversary at the consecration service to be held Monday night, January 26, at 8 o'clock.

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

LIONS MEET MONDAY

Edenton Lions will hold their weekly meeting Monday night, January 19, at 7 o'clock. J. R. DuLaney, president of the club, urges every member to be present.

ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton Rotarians will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. The program will be in charge of Philip McMullan and Dr. Ed Bond, president, urges a 100 percent meeting.

VFW MEETING
William H. Coffield Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night, January 20, at 8 o'clock. Harold Langdale, commander, urges a large attendance.

Without good eating and drinking love grows cold.—Terrence.

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