

## Monument Removal To Be Decided By Voters Of County

### Town Councilmen Studying Sewage Disposal Problem

#### Go On Record as Favoring an Application Asking For an Extension Permit

Town Councilmen at their meeting Tuesday night were furnished the certified result of the recent bond election and passed a resolution to adopt the report which showed defeat of the election by a majority of 53 votes.

Following this report Mayor John Mitchener reported on a trip to Raleigh by himself, Clerk Ernest Ward and Al Phillips. The trio conferred with officials of the State Stream Sanitation Commission and informed the Commission that Town Council is desirous to cooperate in the program and Mayor Mitchener stated he will request Town Council to file an application asking for an extension permit.

Mayor Mitchener reported that if the bond issue had passed, a contract let and work started Edenton would have gained 10 points and moved from 26th place on the list for federal aid to eighth or ninth, thus being eligible for something like \$150,000 in federal aid.

However, now Edenton must start from scratch under the proposed application for time extension, so that with other towns showing progress and applying for aid, there is no way of knowing how much or if any federal aid will be granted to Edenton.

Mayor Mitchener and Clerk Ernest Ward were authorized to execute an application form from the General Services Administration if the town is interested in acquiring the landing facilities at the former U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station. The facilities include runways, hangars, taxi strips and maintenance buildings.

Following a report that B. G. Willis planned to retire and dispose of his property on the waterfront, the Finance Committee, George A. Byrum and Al Phillips, together with Luther Parks, Playgrounds Commissioner, were instructed to contact Mr. Willis relative to the town purchasing the property and present recommendations at the next meeting.

During the meeting the possibility of providing some equipment on the recreational area in Albemarle Court was discussed. Elton Forehand and Luther Parks were instructed to investigate the matter and report at the next meeting.

The Councilmen agreed to make an appropriation of \$100 to the Fatstock Show and Sale sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Councilmen commended Fire Chief W. J. Yates and the Edenton firemen for their efficient work at Mulberry Hill when

### C. Of C. Again Studying Plans To Improve Farm Income In '60

The Agriculture Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor a program to improve farm income in 1960. Chairman George W. Lewis announced following a recent meeting of the committee. Last year the committee inaugurated a plan to increase the yield of eight farm enterprises, but in 1960 will emphasize peanuts and hogs, Chowan County's principal income.

Lewis said the program is based on obtaining higher yields per acre for peanuts and litters saved for pigs. Subcommittees were named to outline the steps to be taken by farmers to produce greater income.

In 1959 the committee prepared posters outlining the benefits to be gained which were distributed throughout the county. These were accompanied by supplementary sheets explaining the steps to be taken to reach

#### Gettin' 'Good'

One of the smallest jail reports in many years was presented to the County Commissioners Monday by Jailer Bertram Byrum. During February only 17 persons were placed in the Chowan County jail, with confinements ranging from one to 22 days. The expense amounted to \$139.31, which included jail and turnkey fees, telephone and soap.

#### Piano Students Get High Rating

Piano students of John A. Holmes High School, accompanied by their instructor, Mrs. C. B. Mooney and Mrs. Kathleen Skiles, participated in a district piano contest at East Carolina College, Greenville on Friday, March 4.

Joanne Leary, Roger Lamb and Bud Skiles played in the senior division with Joanne making an excellent rating, Bud and Roger making ratings of very good.

Ruth Overman and Pat Mooney played in the junior division, Pat Mooney making superior rating and Ruth Overman an excellent rating.

Judges for the piano section were Donald Perry of the Music Department of Saint Mary's Junior College, Raleigh, and James Clyburn of Meredith College. Other schools participating were Roanoke Rapids, Tarboro, Washington and Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Mooney states that the aim of allowing these students to participate in the contest-festival each year is the aid and assistance they receive from their judges in continuing and developing their musical careers which will influence them to strive and work toward a more satisfactory musical experience.

#### Rural Fire Station Almost Completed

Joe Webb, Chairman of the Chowan County Fire Commission, together with a group from the Center Hill-Cross Roads Fire Department appeared before the County Commissioners Monday. Mr. Webb stated that a cinder block building, 28x30 feet, is just about completed in the Cross Roads section and that organization of the rural fire department is also nearing completion.

Mr. Webb informed the Commissioners that a group plans to visit near by rural fire departments to inspect rural fighting and that requirements for the Chowan unit will be presented at the April meeting of the Commissioners.

The goals set. This year the committee will include all information on a single poster for easy reading and better distribution.

R. W. Leary, Jr., was named to head the group preparing material on peanuts. David Bateman was named chairman of the group preparing material on hogs.

The committee also approved cooperation with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District Supervisors in promoting attendance and interest in a "timber field day" which the supervisors will sponsor this spring.

"Agriculture is still our most important industry in the county," Lewis said. "If we can get substantial increases in yields per acre of peanuts and litters saved in pigs, it will not only help the individual farmer but also improve the economy of the area at very little cost."

#### Board Member



JOSEPH CONGER, JR.  
Town Council on Tuesday night appointed Joseph Conger, Jr., a member of the Board of Public Works. Mr. Conger will serve the unexpired term of W. M. Wilkins, who resigned.

#### Eastern Star Elects Officers

Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, elected officers for the new year at its meeting Monday night.

Mrs. Margaret Bell was elected worthy matron to succeed Mrs. Helen Wood and J. Edwin Bufflap was elected worthy patron to succeed C. W. Overman. Other officers elected were: Associate worthy matron, Mrs. Anita Tarkington; associate worthy patron, Raymond Tarkington; secretary, Mrs. Ruth Overman; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Leary; conductress, Mrs. Annie Goodwin, and associate conductress, Mrs. Clara Boswell.

The new worthy matron announced the following appointments: Chaplain, Mrs. Frances Wilkins; marshal, Mrs. Pattie Ross; pianist, Mrs. Carolyn Swindell; Adah, Mrs. Grace Byrum; Ruth, Mrs. Ruth Griffin; Esther, Mrs. Emma Perkins; Martha, Mrs. Pearl Harrell; Electa, Mrs. Ethel Haskett; Warder, Mrs. Edna Reeves and sentinel, Mrs. Lydia Daniels.

All of these officers will be installed at an open meeting on Friday night, March 25, at 8 o'clock, after which a reception will follow.

During Monday night's meeting a very impressive program was presented which honored Mrs. Mary Leary and Mrs. Ruth Overman, treasurer and secretary, respectively of the chapter.

#### Merchants Discuss Promotion Of Sales

A subcommittee of the Chamber of Commerce Merchants Committee has tentatively approved a spring sales promotion scheduled for May 12-14. Chairman J. H. Woolard said that all details have not yet been worked out and the plan must be finally approved by the full Merchants Committee.

Woolard said those present, including J. R. DuLaney, Hector Lupton, H. J. Cuthrell, J. J. Miley, H. G. Quinn and R. W. Schuman, were enthusiastic about the general idea to have a special town-wide promotion. "We need to draw attention of shoppers in the Edenton area to the many values and quality merchandise to be found in local stores," Woolard said. "The proposed sales promotion will emphasize Edenton's shopping advantages."

#### CIVIC CALENDAR

Chowan County Commissioners will meet as a board of equalization and review on the second floor of the Court House Monday, March 14, beginning at 9 A. M.  
Chowanoke Council No. 54 Degree of Pochontas, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Red Men hall.  
Edenton Jaycees will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant.  
The American Legion and Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday night, March 15, at 7 o'clock.  
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#### 50 Jurors Drawn To Serve During April Court Term

#### Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill Is Scheduled to Be Presiding Judge

With the April term of Chowan Superior Court scheduled to be held the week of April 4, Chowan County Commissioners on Monday picked from the jury box the names of 50 men who will be served summons to report for jury duty.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, resident judge of the Eighth Judicial District, is scheduled to preside over the term.

The jurors, 47 white men and three Negroes, selected to report for jury duty are as follows:

James Richard-Morgan, George A. Ward, W. W. Perry, C. T. Griffin, John P. Bass, George Clifton Beamon, Jasper W. Hassell, Roy E. Lane, V. E. Jordan, John L. Goodwin, Jr., J. H. Allsbrook, Fred A. White, Edgar Earl Hollowell, Thomas F. Hopkins, Ralph K. Hollowell, P. W. Nixon, William S. Morris, J. P. Partin, Thomas E. Winslow, Willie G. Joyner, A. D. Ward, John W. Collins, G. W. Lassiter, Maynard H. Chappell, John L. Nixon, Cecil C. Casper, T. C. Cross, Jr., C. F. Boyce, J. H. Jordan, C. C. Webb, William R. Ashley, John Washington White, Clarence Bunch, Walter O. Lane, Glenn Langley, John W. Alexander, Wilbur T. Jordan, John H. White, Samuel S. Ross, Herman F. White, Jr., Thomas W. Leary, Marvin Smith, E. H. Copeland, Earl Jones, J. J. Oliver, L. G. Layton, Frank Robert Jones, James Kermit Layton, Thurrell G. Bunch.

#### Mrs. Georgia Hines Census Crew Leader

Appointment of crew leaders for the 1960 census of population and housing in this area is announced by Supervisor John R. Brinson of the Census Bureau's temporary district office in Washington, N. C.

Each crew leader will supervise about 20 enumerators in the big nationwide census which begins April 1.

Mrs. Georgia Hines has been appointed crew leader for Chowan and Gates counties.

#### Record Microfilming Is Now In Progress

Work of microfilming old records of Chowan County is now in progress in the Court House. However, some of the records are in a bad state of repair, so that the County Commissioners on Monday gave authority to retired Admiral A. W. Patterson to remove some of these old records to be repaired.

Admiral Patterson is public records examiner for the Department of Archives and History.

#### LIONS MEET MONDAY

Edenton Lions will meet Monday night, March 14, at 7 o'clock. President T. B. Williford urges a 100 per cent attendance.

#### Camellia Show At Elizabeth City Two Days, March 12-13

#### Everyone In the Albemarle Area Invited To Enter Blooms In Annual Show

Every one is invited to attend and exhibit their blooms at the third annual Albemarle Camellia Show at Elizabeth City on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13, in the ballroom of the Virginia Dare Hotel. The Men's Horticultural Society of the Albemarle sponsors this accredited show in cooperation with the American and the North Carolina Camellia Societies. It has been accorded nationwide recognition.

An engraved sterling silver bowl is offered as sweepstakes award by the show. Six other sterling silver trays and cups will be given as trophies for best bloom in the show grown in the open, best bloom grown under glass, best arrangement and the runners-up (second-place winners) in each class. Five annual memberships in the American Camellia Society (\$6 each) will go to those who have blooms placed in the Court of Honor.

Gold certificates of the national society will be presented to sweepstakes winners of blooms grown in the open and grown under glass. Runners-up in each case will get Silver Certificates. Highly Commended Certificate for Seedling is also offered. First, second, and third winners in each of the 8 classes of horticultural specimens and the 12 classes of artistic arrangements will be awarded blue, red and white ribbons and show certificates. "Competition is open to all exhibitors from everywhere. A single flower entered has the chance of taking 'best bloom.'"

Nineteen officially accredited judges have accepted invitations to preside in placing awards at the Elizabeth City show. They come from Fayetteville, Burgaw, Salemburg, Rockingham and Raleigh, N. C., Norfolk and Suffolk, Va. Each is a recognized camellia authority and theirs is a labor of love at their own expense.

Program schedule and entry cards will be sent upon request to Raymond Sheely, chairman staging committee. All entries will be welcomed and received from 8 to 11 A. M., Saturday, March 12. Judging will follow immediately and the show will be open to the public from 3 to 9 P. M., on Saturday; from 1 to 6 P. M., on Sunday, March 13. General co-chairman Bill Meekins and Clarence Jones say, "You-all come. You'll love it."

#### Rotarians Elect Officers Today

Edenton Rotarians will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. At this meeting officers for the new Rotary year will be elected, so that President Jimmy Earnhardt urges every Rotarian to be present and take part in this important business.

The Chowan County Fatstock Show and Sale will be held at the American Legion Building Wednesday, March 30.

#### If They'd Only Pay Up!

Sheriff Earl Goodwin reports that total 1959 taxes collected during February amounted to \$19,968.62, bringing the total of 1959 taxes collected to date to \$166,437.87. The levy for the year is \$220,004.60, so that \$53,566.73 remains uncollected. Delinquent real and personal taxes collected by the Sheriff during February amounted to \$1,881.39 representing taxes from 1949 to 1958. The balance of uncollected taxes for this period still remains at \$64,260.72. Pickups collected during the month amounted to \$161.57. Sheriff Goodwin also reports that the amount of delinquent taxes due Chowan County from December 31, 1958 to December 31, 1959 totaled \$81,988.12, and

#### Seeks Re-election



MRS. BERTHA BUNCH  
Another public official announced that she will be a candidate for re-election in the May Democratic primary election. Mrs. Bertha Bunch will seek re-election as register of deeds. Mrs. Bunch, for many years, was assistant to her husband, the late Maurice Bunch and was appointed to fill the unexpired term of her husband following his death.

#### Concert By Band Very Outstanding

Though comparatively few people braved the cold weather to attend the winter concert of the John A. Holmes High School Band Friday night, the band presented a splendid program which highly delighted those who were present. Each member of the band performed an expert fashion under the direction of Derwood Bray. The program reflected a great deal of preparation and hard work, so that those who heard it were high in praise of the program.

Numbers played by the band during the evening were: The National Anthem with the audience singing; Hosts of Freedom by Karl L. King; Hymn of Freedom by Brahms-Tomorrow; Trauersonnie by Richard Wagner; Oasis by Fred Kepner; Hall of Fame by J. Olivadori; An Occasional Suite by G. F. Hammett; Tune for Timpani, by Maurice Gardner; with Bill Bookwright, timpani soloist; Deep Purple by Peter de Rose; Prelude to Act V of King Manfred by Paul Remeecke; and Thunder West by Kenneth Farrell.

The band was also applauded for an encore.

#### Fatstock Show And Sale On March 30

Sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, another fatstock show and sale will be held Wednesday, March 30. The show and sale will be held at the American Legion Building.

Anyone wishing to enter hogs in the show and sale is asked to contact Harry Venters, assistant county agent, or Wallace Goodwin, Jr., chairman of the fatstock show and sale. The committee is working hard on this project and members are hoping for a very good and successful show again this year.

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#### 20 Years Ago

With the idea in mind of benefitting as much as possible by WPA funds, Town Council considered placing sidewalks on every street in town, as well as paving Oakum Street from Church Street to the colored school, on First Street from Oakum to Broad, Reemason from Oakum to Granville and Granville from Carteret Street to the Virginia highway. Mrs. R. P. Budham was elected president of the garden club at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Miles Elliott, at which Mrs. J. A. Mitchener was added as a member. J. H. Conger reported to

### Decision Made In Lengthy Meeting By Commissioners

#### Library Group Elects Officers

The Chowan County Friends of the Library had its second meeting at the Cupola House on Monday afternoon, February 29. The group duly elected the following slate of officers: Nick George, chairman; Mrs. Eugenia Babyion, vice chairman; Mrs. Lois Venters, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Nancy Carson, publicity chairman; Milton Bass, membership chairman. Plans were made to stimulate interest in the local libraries during National Library Week. The plans included radio broadcasts, posters and essay contests in the schools.

The Chowan County Friends of the Library invite the membership of everyone in the county who would like to support their city and county libraries. Contact any of the officers for further information.

#### C. Of C. Considers Store Closing Hours

The Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will survey retail members of the C. of C. for their views on the date to return to all-day operation on Wednesdays and the closing hour for Saturday nights. Chairman George A. Byrum said that a subcommittee will undertake a canvass of retailers on these two questions in the interest of the shopping public. A letter explaining the survey has already been sent to retail members.

Other business discussed at the committee's recent meeting included the 1960 holiday schedule, a spring sale promotion and a fall peanut festival.

Holidays recommended by the committee were Easter Monday, April 18; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, September 5; Thanksgiving Day, November 24; and Christmas, which will be observed this year on Monday, December 26.

The committee also recommended that stores remain open as a group during funerals for private citizens and merchants.

Results of the survey and reports from subcommittees studying sales promotions and the peanut festival will be considered at the next meeting of the committee, Byrum said.

#### Legion Celebrates Its 41st Birthday

The American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will hold a joint meeting Tuesday night, March 15, at 7 o'clock at the Legion building. The occasion is to celebrate the 41st birthday of the American Legion. Each couple attending is requested to bring supper for two.

### Chamber Of Commerce Urges Another Sewer Bond Election

The effects on industrial development of the defeat of the recent \$557,000 bond proposal for sewer improvements was discussed at a special meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday.

Richard S. Atkinson, Jr., chairman of the industrial development committee, said there are currently three excellent industrial prospects for Edenton.

Therefore the committee asked the directors to investigate to see how the failure of the town to install a sewage disposal system would affect these prospects.

The directors voted to request the mayor to appoint a committee to meet with the State Stream Sanitation Commission to discuss the matter at the earliest possible time.

#### Large Crowd Attends Stormy Meeting Held Monday Morning In Court House

One of the largest delegations in many years appeared before the Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning. The large number of citizens were attracted to the meeting in connection with proposed improvements to the Court House Green and the erection of a Confederate parkway at the foot of Broad Street, which is sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club.

The Green improvements call for removal of the Confederate monument to the proposed park, one phase of the improvements which has aroused considerable opposition, so that at the February meeting of the County Commissioners they decided to withhold action on permission to move the monument until the March meeting so that those in favor as well as those opposed to the improvements could be heard.

Both sides were heard at Monday's meeting so that listening to arguments pro and con, together with the length of time the Commissioners used in considering the matter were contributing factors in holding the Commissioners in session from 9 o'clock until after 5 o'clock.

The result of the Commissioners, in split voting, was to allow the people of the county to decide whether or not the Woman's Club will be given authority to move the Confederate monument. The proposal will be voted on in the Democratic primary election on May 23.

Groups represented at the meeting were the Woman's Club, Ruritan Club, DAR, Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, as well as a number of individuals not identified with any organization.

Most outspoken in opposition to moving the monument were Mrs. Raymond Carr, Ernest Leary, Walter Bond and the Rev. James MacKenzie and a resolution from the Ruritan Club.

Mrs. Carr, first speaker, stated that she believes all periods of Chowan County history should be kept together to form the whole history pattern and for that reason objected to the proposed plan to remove the monument and expressed objection to changing the Green as the monument does not need to be moved for it has as much right to remain on the Green as the Hews monument, and certainly not to be moved to the unsuitable site at the foot of Main Street, which she said was too small for such a large monument and the unsuitable surroundings. "The idea which has been stressed that to move the Civil War monument to the foot of Main Street in

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