

Prospects Gloomy For County To Hold To \$1.00 Tax Rate

All Budgets of Various County Departments Call For Higher Appropriations

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday received and pondered briefly over the proposed 1960-61 budgets of the various county departments. In practically every instance the budgets are higher than last year and while no estimate could be made, it is an almost foregone conclusion that it will be necessary to increase the present \$1.00 tax rate.

One thing is certain and that is that the special tax for rural fire protection will be increased from 7 cents to 10 cents.

The major request for increased appropriations appears in the school budgets. The Edenton school budget calls for \$62,542 for current expenses, \$24,260 for capital outlay and \$2,511.65 for debt service, or a total of \$109,313.65. This is \$13,961.27 above last year when the budget called for \$95,352.38.

The county school budget is also \$8,547 above last year. The budget calls for \$28,086 for current expenses, \$12,362 for capital outlay, and \$805 for debt service, or a total of \$41,253. Last year's budget called for \$32,706.

Besides these two major items, Mrs. Evelyn Williams, county accountant, reported that the budget for the county general fund looks like it will be about \$3,000 higher than last year.

Joe Webb, D. H. Berryman, J. G. Perry, members of the Chowan County Fire Commission, together with Fire Chief W. J. Yates, appeared before the Commissioners in connection with the Cross Roads-Center Hill Fire Department. The building at Cross Roads has been completed and an organization effected, so that the department is ready for fire fighting equipment. It was pointed out that when the department at Cross Roads is equipped with recommended fire fighting equipment, insurance rates will stand to be reduced within a radius of four miles. The Commissioners delayed action on the type of equipment to buy until their meeting Monday, June 20, when figures will be presented and budget prepared.

E. W. Mooney of Elizabeth City, district forester, together with Roger Spivey, Chowan County forest ranger, appeared at Monday's meeting to present their budget. Mr. Mooney expressed his pleasure for the cooperation of people in Chowan County in reporting fires and offered his cooperation to the new fire station at Cross Roads. Last year's budget called for \$2,275 on the county's part, while this year's budget calls for \$2,600, which does not include a new truck, which Mr. Mooney stated is needed to provide efficient service.

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20 Years Ago

As Found in the Files of The Chowan Herald

Chowan County Commissioners in a majority vote sanctioned the borrowing of \$4,000 with which to construct a central school in the Rocky Hook section to accommodate children attending schools at Oak Grove, Gum Pond and Beech Fork. A site near the Rocky Hook Baptist Church was considered the most central site.

Congress authorized the Department of Agriculture to put on a cotton mattress project to be made available to farm families whose gross income amounted to \$400 or less.

At the opening of an auction market at Valhalla round beans sold for \$1.20 to \$1.07 1/2 per bushel. Spanish sold for from 50 cents to 75 cents per bushel.

Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Hinton, running up in the race for Governor, announced he would not call for a second primary election after he failed to receive the necessary 100,000 votes in the first primary by 11,000 votes.

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Vexing Meeting

Chowan County Commissioners have a very trying meeting scheduled to be held Monday, June 20. By that time they will have in hand figures for the 1960-61 budget for various county departments, and will, after thorough study, set a tax rate for the fiscal year 1960-61.

With all budgets calling for increased appropriations, the Commissioners will, no doubt, juggle figures, rub their eyes and even scratch their head in an effort to keep the tax rate as low as possible.

L. G. Wilkins Dies From Heart Attack

Stricken While Visiting at Nixon's Beach

The entire community was shocked late Wednesday afternoon of last week when news rapidly spread that Louis George Wilkins died suddenly as the result of a heart attack about 6:30 o'clock. He had not been ailing, so that his sudden death caused no little distress among his relatives and many friends.

Mr. Wilkins and his family had gone to the cottage of Mrs. Wilkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Privott, at Nixon's Beach. Continued on Page 3—Section 1

Mrs. Wesley Chesson, Jr. Voted Edenton Club Woman Of Year

Edenton Woman's Club at its meeting Wednesday night of last week at the Edenton Restaurant, voted Mrs. Wesley Chesson, Jr., club woman of the year.

Mrs. Chesson is immediate past president of the club and will compete for the Carrie Earnhardt award for District 16. Mrs. Chesson's selection by club members was based on her outstanding service to the club during the year.

Plans were made for the coming year and the 1960-61 budget was accepted. Mrs. James P. Rieks, Jr., reported on the promotional film for which funds

Three Contests Held By County 4-H Clubs

Winners Named In Dress Revue, Health Pageant and Talent

The annual county 4-H dress revue, health pageant and talent show were held at the Advance Community Building on Wednesday, June 1. Judy Haste, president of Chowan 4-H Council, acted as mistress of ceremonies for the events.

The first thing on the program was the health pageant, with Leon Evans and Judy Evans crowned King and Queen, with Thomas Peele and Margaret Tynch being the Prince and Princess. The following Blue Ribbon Club winners participated: Margaret Tynch, Glenn Bunch, Jr., Jo Ann Bunch, Thomas Peele, Judy Evans, Leon Evans, Mary Privott, Robbie Boyce, Linda Byrum, Joyce Bass, Lewis Evans, Brenda White, Tommy Robey, Linda Ashley, Cal Goodwin and Mary Louise Perry.

The dress revue honors were taken by Judy Evans, senior winner, and Anne Castelloe, junior winner. Other participants and their placings follow: Sen- Continued on Page 3—Section 1

COOK-OUT AT RYLAND

The Ryland Community will have its monthly community development meeting on Tuesday night, June 14, at 7 o'clock. A cook-out at Jimmie Byrum's barbecue pit will be a feature of the meeting.

Soil Conservation Society Will Meet In Edenton June 15

State Senator Henry G. Shelton of Speed Will Be Speaker For Occasion

Soil Conservation Society members and their wives will meet at a dinner meeting in Edenton Wednesday night, June 15, at 7:30 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant. Members from Bertie, Hertford, Northampton, Gates, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Washington and Tyrrell counties will attend this meeting.

State Senator Henry Gray Shelton of Speed, N. C., will make a short talk. Leslie Rucker of Tarboro, zone chairman, will be master of ceremonies.

Visitors are welcome to this meeting. If interested, contact James H. Griffin, Edenton, phone 2484, for details.

The purpose of the Soil Conservation Society of America is "to advance the science and art of good land use." Membership is open to any person who agrees with this purpose. North Carolina has about 450 members at the present time.

The state meeting of the society will be held at Carolina Beach on June 24-25. Zone meetings are held over the state before the state meeting.

Roger Spivey Now New Forest Ranger

Roger Spivey, new forest ranger for Chowan County, is now on duty, succeeding the late Frank V. White. Mr. Spivey urges all forest fires to be reported to him as soon as possible. His phone number is 3178.

114 Receive Old Age Assistance In May

Mrs. J. H. McMullan, superintendent of public welfare, reported to the County Commissioners Monday that during May 114 persons in Chowan County received old age assistance with \$4,367.72 being distributed. There were 22 cases of aid to dependent children who received \$1,530.68; 27 cases of permanently and totally disabled received \$1,788.44 and six aid to blind cases received \$411.

Two emergency assistance cases required \$23.26. Five cases hospitalized in the county amounted to \$509.78, of which the county's part was \$379.78; one case hospitalized outside the county, \$18, and one burial lot in Vine Oak Cemetery, \$15.

COMMISSIONERS TO MEET WITH HIGHWAY OFFICIALS

Chowan County Commissioners are scheduled to meet with State Highway officials this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Court House. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the budget for Chowan County highway improvements.

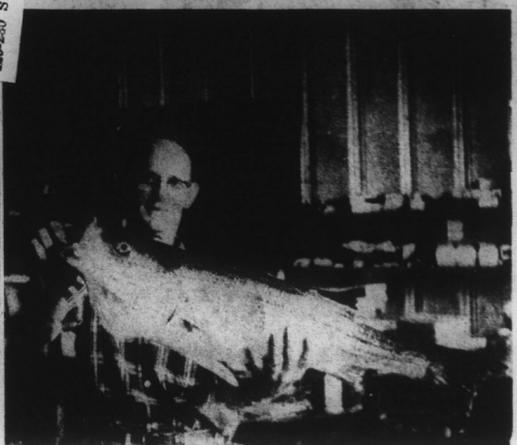
WORKING IN RALEIGH

Bud Parker left Edenton for Raleigh Monday morning, where he has accepted a position as attendant at State Hospital. He plans also to attend a business school.

LEGION MEETS TUESDAY

Ed Bond Post No. 40 of the American Legion will meet Tuesday night, June 14, at 8 o'clock. Commander David White requests a large attendance.

Whopper Entered In Fishing Contest



Above is pictured the largest rock entry thus far in the Edenton Chamber of Commerce fishing contest. Displayed by Rodney Harrell at the Edenton Marina, the rock weighed 11 pounds and 6 ounces. It was entered by R. D. Lowe of Colerain, who landed it in Chowan River above Holley's Island. (Photo by Frank Twiddy).

More Contributions Needed For Promotional Film On Edenton

Despite reports that the full amount necessary to produce a film on Edenton and Chowan County has been raised, The Herald was notified Monday that this is far from being the case.

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More money is needed to meet the cost of the film. In fact, not all business concerns have been solicited, so that any concern or individual who desires to take part in securing this promotional film is requested to send their check immediately to Mrs. John Kramer.

Mrs. Kramer reported that, up to Wednesday morning that about \$600 more was needed to cover the cost of the film and that those who have made contributions were the following:

Campan's Jewelers, Ross Jewelers, The Chowan Herald, The Betty Shoppe, The Jill Shoppe, Sports Specialties, Belk-Tyler's, Cuthrell's Department Store, Elliott Company, Edenton Cotton Mills, Edenton Furniture Company, Colonial Furniture Company, Malone's 5, 10, 25c Store, Rose's 5 and 10c Store, Barrow Bottling Works, Elizabeth City Coca-Cola Co., Edenton Restaurant, Colonial Restaurant, Ralph.

Protest Against Chowan Elections Board Dismissed

At a meeting of the State Board of Elections held in Raleigh Tuesday, State Republican Chairman William E. Cobb withdrew a complaint against members of the Chowan County Board of Elections. Previously Cobb charged L. S. Byrum, chairman of the local Board of Elections, with incompetence and asked for his removal because no Republican ballots were distributed at Chowan voting precincts in the May 28th primary election. Mr. Cobb informed Raymond Maxwell, secretary of the State Board, that he was satisfied the Chowan incident was an oversight and "an innocent error."

Maxwell was informed by Chowan election officials that only 29 Republicans were registered.

Mary Ann Hare And Milly Price Chosen To Attend Girls' State

Miss Mary Ann Hare and Miss Milly Price have been chosen to represent Chowan County at Girls' State, which will be held at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina the week of June 12-18. Both girls are rising seniors at the John A. Holmes High School.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the girls' week of study of government.

Miss Hare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Hare, served as marshal at commencement exercises, was vice president of the FTA, is a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-Hi-Y, Monogram Club, and plays first string on the girls' basketball team. For the coming year she has been elected secretary of the Student Council.

Miss Price, daughter of Mrs. Myda W. Taylor, served as a

marshal, was treasurer of the Tri-Hi-Y, is a member of the National Honor Society, Glee Club, Monogram Club, and was manager of the girls' basketball team. She has been elected to serve as business manager of the annual for next year.

Miss Jean Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde S. Adams, is alternate.

Girls' State is a program in which the girls learn by doing. It is a program of education by active participation and gives youth a proper understanding of American Government and the American way of life before the young people shoulder the adult responsibility of citizenship. Quality, not quantity, is the ideal the American Legion Auxiliary seeks in the Girls' State program.

Mrs. J. L. Chestnut is chairman of Girls' State.

Sheriff Goodwin Requests Roving Deputy For County

Believes Plan Will Aid In Curtailing Some Of The Petty Crimes In The Rural Area

Sheriff Earl Goodwin at Monday's meeting of the County Commissioners, requested the authority to employ a full time deputy sheriff. The purpose of this deputy sheriff would be to patrol the entire county along the same lines as Edenton police patrol all over town during the night.

Sheriff Goodwin reported a number of recent break-ins and petty thievery lately and expressed the opinion that if a roving deputy sheriff were put on duty, it would help to reduce these petty crimes and pay for itself in the course of time.

Addition of a new officer would, of course, call for an added expenditure, so that the Commissioners took the request under advisement to be discussed later when they compile the budget for the new fiscal year.

Cullinher Manager Of Bunch's Garage

Albert Cullinher has sold his interest in the Edenton Motor Company to Gene Perry and has rented Willie Bunch's garage on North Broad Street. Mr. Cullinher will act as manager of the garage and Mr. Bunch will devote his entire time to operation of Bunch's Auto Parts.

Little League, Pony League And Softball League Ready To Play

The Little League began its first day of play on Monday, June 6. This year the league is composed of four teams with approximately 15 members on each team. A great deal of enthusiasm has been shown thus far. This is exemplified by the large number of boys who registered.

In the first game the Varsity Club defeated the Lions Club by a score of 6-1. The winning pitcher was Dave Holton. The losing pitcher was Mike Smith.

Couch Billy Hardison and the Little League players wish to extend a note of thanks to Luther Parks and William Davis for their efforts in getting the Little League field in good playing condition.

1959 Taxes Collected Are 95.08% Of Levy

Sheriff Earl Goodwin reported to the County Commissioners on Monday that 1959 tax collections during May amounted to \$13,198.48. Total 1959 taxes collected to date totals \$199,275.40, leaving a balance of \$20,729.20 uncollected of the 1959 tax levy of \$220,004.60. The May collections of 1959 taxes is 95.08% of the total levy.

Delinquent taxes collected during May amounted to \$977.26, including taxes for the years 1949 through 1958. The balance of uncollected taxes for this period still remains at \$61,378.38. Sheriff Goodwin also collected pick-up taxes in the amount of \$12.13 for the year 1948.

Joint VFW And Auxiliary Meeting

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the VFW Auxiliary will hold a joint meeting in the post home Tuesday night, June 14, at 8 o'clock. Dinner will be served by the Auxiliary members, so that all members of both groups are requested to be present.

CALLING FOR BIDS

Chowan County Commissioners will award a contract for furnishing oil for the county to the lowest bidder. Bids must be presented prior to a scheduled budget meeting on Monday, June 20.

RED MEN MEET MONDAY

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night, June 13, at 8 o'clock. Guy Williams, sachem of the tribe, urges a large attendance.

Meeting Of Pollock Swamp Watershed Called For June 15

Identified

For the first time since it was built, the high school on Hicks Field is now adorned with a name, so that folks who pass by will know the name of the school.

Late last week the name "John A. Holmes High School" was placed on the front of the building so that it can easily be seen from Broad Street. The letters are 18 inches high and made of stainless steel. The work was done by the Edenton Construction Company.

Chowan 4-H Group At Manteo Camp

24 Youngsters Left Monday Morning To Spend Week

Twenty-four 4-H Club members along with Miss Catherine Aman, assistant home economics agent, and Harry Venters, assistant county agricultural agent, and Mrs. Carlton Perry, local 4-H Club leader, left Monday morning to spend the week at Manteo Island 4-H Camp at Manteo.

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Farms Measured For Allotted Crops

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Nine Reporters Now In Field To Help Farmers

H. O. West, local ASC office manager, announces that during the next three weeks reporters will be visiting every farm in the county to measure allotted crops. This year the boys will ask each farmer to assist them in getting the farms measured. This is a new rule, since in the past reporters were allowed to have a boy to help pull the tape, but it has been found to be to the farm operator's advantage to assist the reporter by going to each field of allotted crops and helping him get accurate farm reports from each farm.

Donors Of Blood Go To Plymouth Today

Tom Ridgeway, Red Cross blood program chairman for Chowan County, announces that those who will volunteer to donate a pint of blood in Plymouth today (Thursday) will meet at the Chowan Hospital this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock. Transportation will be provided for those who volunteer.

Last week Mr. Ridgeway issued an appeal for at least 19 pints of blood from Chowan County people in an effort to save the blood program for the county. Chowan is 19 pints short of its quota and this blood must be forthcoming if the blood program in the county is to be continued.

Mr. Ridgeway is hopeful that at least 19 people will show up at the hospital this afternoon to go to Plymouth to donate a pint of blood which will be credited to the county and save the important blood program.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Soil Conservation Society members from 11 eastern counties and their wives will meet at the Edenton Restaurant Wednesday night, June 15, at 7:30 o'clock.

Landowners of the Pollock Swamp watershed will meet in the Court House Wednesday morning, June 15, at 10 o'clock. Chowan County Commissioners will meet in special session Monday, June 20, to compile the county budget for the fiscal year 1960-61.

Ryland community will hold its monthly community development meeting. Continued on Page 3—Section 1

All Landowners In The Area Are Requested To Meet at the Court House at 10 A. M.

J. Wallace Goodwin, chairman of the committee appointed by the landowners in the Pollock Swamp watershed, has called a meeting of all landowners in the watershed for Wednesday morning, June 15, at 10 o'clock at the Chowan County Court House in Edenton.

The purpose of the meeting is to prepare the plan of improvement for the watershed. The committee of J. Wallace Goodwin, B. W. Evans and J. C. Hall met with L. C. Bunch, chairman of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District; C. W. Overman, county agricultural agent; Donald W. Norman, FHA supervisor; Fletcher Lassiter, Negro county agent, and James H. Griffin, SCS technician. Wednesday of last week and prepared a recommended plan of improvements for the watershed to be presented to the mass landowners' meeting Wednesday, June 15, for approval.

The watershed is located about three miles north of Edenton on N. C. 32. Improvements are to begin at N. C. 32 and extend to W. B. White's farm near Mavaton. It includes the communities of Greenhall, Paradise and Enterprise.

Mr. Goodwin urges every landowner to be present at this meeting. He hopes that every landowner will assist in preparing the type of watershed plan needed.

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"So, when the reporter first visits your farm," says Mr. West, "please go with him or have your representative accompany him as soon as possible. If you delay the reporter, that means your measuring and notification of measurements will be delayed."

"At present we have nine reporters in the field. A few photographs have been turned in the county office and the computation of acreage work is progressing."

"Information will not be given out prior to mailing notices concerning the measurements of your farm. Your written notice of measured acreage will be mailed to you immediately upon completion of measurement. Continued on Page 3—Section 1

40 JAILED IN MAY

Jailer Bertram Byrum reports that 40 persons were placed in jail during May with confinements ranging from one to 31 days. The expense amounted to \$344.48, which included jail and turnkey fees, telephone and soap.

JAYCEES MEET TONIGHT

Edenton's Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant. President James Perry urges a 100 per cent meeting.