

Possibility Looms Hotel Joseph Hewes May Be Torn Down

Cost of Remodeling Building For Office Space Runs Into Too Much Money

County Commissioners on Monday struck a snag in their anticipated proposal to remodel Hotel Joseph Hewes for an office building. Present at the meeting was Ed Pugh, Elizabeth City architect, who had prepared plans for the transformation which called for an entire rearrangement of rooms and adding a new central heating plant and air conditioning system.

Mr. Pugh frankly stated that it was his opinion that it would be foolish to spend the amount of money necessary when at the completion it would not be a fire-proof building and would still have some other defects.

The Commissioners went along with Mr. Pugh's opinion and though the idea of selling the property is far fetched, the Commissioners did more or less entertain the idea of tearing down the present hotel building and probably constructing an office building which would more adequately serve the purpose and at the same time be in keeping with Colonial Edenton. So much so were the Commissioners interested in the idea that they instructed Mr. Pugh to secure an estimate from a demolition concern as to the cost of tearing down the building and how much could be realized in salvaging materials now in the hotel.

Commissioners To Review Valuations

Only Time They Can Legally Change Valuations

Chowan County Commissioners will meet in the capacity of a Board of Equalization and Review Monday morning, March 20. The meeting will begin at 9 o'clock in the tax supervisor's office on the first floor of Hotel Joseph Hewes.

The purpose of this meeting is to hear complaints relative to property valuation and equalization of property values.

This is the only time the Commissioners can legally adjust property valuation, so that any complaints must be made at this time to receive any consideration. They will continue in session from day to day until they feel certain all complaints have been registered.

20 Years Ago

As Found In The Files Of
The Chowan Herald

After carrying on Beaver Hill Cemetery for about 25 years, a group of ladies appeared before the County Commissioners expressing their desire for other arrangements to be made for operation of the cemetery. A committee from the County Commissioners, Town Council and

National Girl Scout Week Will Be Observed Week March 12-18

National Girl Scout Week will be observed in Edenton March 12th through the 18th. Brownie and Girl Scouts from the four local troops will commemorate Girl Scout Sunday, March 12, by attending their respective churches in uniform accompanied by troop leaders.

The annual Girl Scout cookie sale will start Monday, March 13, and continue through Friday, March 17. Fifty-two members of the local Brownie and Girl Scout troops will sell cookies house to house for 50 cents a box.

In addition, the Girl Scouts and Brownies will participate in a program to be broadcast on radio station WCDJ March 13

More Property

Mayor John Mitchener on Monday received a telegram from General Services Administration headquarters in Atlanta to the effect that additional property at the former Naval Auxiliary Air Station would be deeded to Edenton.

The additional property includes the hangar, steam plant and the cold storage plant.

Mayor Mitchener was informed that the deed to the property is now being prepared and will soon be ready for execution.

University Of N. C. Band Will Play In Edenton On March 15

The University of North Carolina Concert Band, conducted by Herbert W. Fred, director of bands and Assistant Director Edward L. Kottick will play a concert at John A. Holmes High School auditorium Wednesday afternoon, March 15, at 2:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited and there will be no charge for admission.

This concert is a part of the annual concert tour sponsored by the University of North Carolina Department of Music and the University Student Government. Concerts will be played in Murfreesboro, Edenton, Norfolk,

Winners Named In Elementary School Annual Poster Contest

The Albemarle Conservation Poster Contest was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Edenton Elementary School Library. The judges had a very difficult decision to make in order to choose the winners from the three grades. There were 28 entries from Chowan Elementary School and Edenton Elementary School, from 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

The winners were: 5th grade 1st place, Rosemary Holmes, Edenton School; 2nd place, Sheila Byrum, Chowan School; 5th grade 1st place, Nancy Chappell, Chowan; 2nd place, John DuBois, Chowan; 6th grade 1st

Officers Elected For Eastern Star

Mrs. Anita Tarkington Will Be New Worthy Matron

At a meeting of Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, held Monday night, Mrs. Anita Tarkington was elected worthy matron, succeeding Mrs. Margaret Bell. Her husband, Raymond Tarkington, was elected worthy patron, succeeding J. Edwin Bufflap.

Other officers elected were: Associate worthy matron, Mrs. Annie Mason Goodwin; associate worthy patron, W. P. Goodwin; secretary, Mrs. Ruth Overman; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Leary.

William H. Bunch Soldier Of Month

Private First Class William H. Bunch, Medical Company, US Army Hospital, Fort Gordon, received a Certificate of Accomplishment from Brig. Gen. H. M. Hobson, Post Commander, upon being selected Soldier of the Month for March 1961, in a ceremony held in Post Headquarters on March 1st.

Pfc. Bunch, presently assigned to the Pharmacy at USAH, entered the Army on December 2, 1959.

A native of Edenton, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bunch of 210 Oak Street. He is married to the former Imogene Rogerson, also of Edenton. Bunch and his wife reside at 152 West Hancock Drive, Augusta, Ga.

Jurymen For Spring Of Superior Court

Judge Joseph W. Parker of Windsor Is Scheduled to Be Pre- siding Judge

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning drew from the jury box 50 names, who will be summoned as jurors for the next term of Chowan Superior Court. The term of court will be held the week of April 3 with Judge Joseph W. Parker of Windsor presiding.

Highlighting the term of court will be a capital crime in which Ernest Vaughan, Negro, will face a charge of murder for killing his father.

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Inglis Fletcher To Be Honored



A grateful community will honor Inglis Fletcher, noted historical novelist, Friday, April 14. This will be the first day of the three day Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside, sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club.

When informed of the day in her honor Mrs. Fletcher expressed her delight and said, "I am very touched that the club wants to honor me in this way." She added, "I thought only a Secretary of the Army could have a day."

Mrs. Fletcher has brought world attention through her Carolina series of historical novels to the early history of North Carolina and particularly to

Still Captured In St. John Section

Negro Caught at Still And Sentenced to 12 Months

A liquor still was captured in the St. John section of Chowan County Saturday morning about 1:30 o'clock. Calvin Littlejohn, 38-year-old Negro, was arrested at the site. Assisting in the raid were Troy Toppin, Chowan County ABC officer; Bertram Byrum, deputy sheriff, and Jack Gaskill, ATU agent.

Captured at the still were a 35-gallon copper cooker, copper condenser, 15-gallon doubler, 50-gallon cooling barrel, 75 gallons of fermented mash and three gallons of white whiskey. The still was 300 gallon capacity.

Littlejohn was tried in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning and sentenced to 12 months in prison. The sentence was suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and \$18.50 costs.

EDENTON BELL BATTERY 1861 - 1865

Notes taken from "The Civil War In Chowan County" by Dr. Richard Dillard and "Sketch of the Life of Capt. William Badham, by his granddaughter, Mrs. Bessie Badham Leary. Submitted in the interest of the Chowan Centenary Committee by the Rev. Fred B. Drake.

North Carolina seceded from the Union on May 20, 1861, after vain hopes for the preservation of the Union, by the efforts of the peace commission had failed. Warlike preparations at once began. Company A, 1st N. C. Volunteers under Capt. T. L. Skinner, mentioned in the March 2nd issue of The Chowan Herald, left for training at Warren, N. C., early in June. Another company under Capt. Jas. K. Marshall, called the "Dixie Rebels," was recruited at Edenton for six months service. Capt. Marshall later became Colonel of the 52nd N. C. Regiment, and lost his life at Gettysburg. His first lieutenant was John C. Badham, who later became major, and was killed at Williamsburg May 5, 1862.

Edenton. In paying tribute to the author Edenton recognizes her many contributions to the community and also her part in organizing the first pilgrimage in 1949.

The day will begin with a tribute to Mrs. Fletcher at 10:30 A. M., at the Chowan County Court House. An autograph hour will be held at 2 P. M., at the Cupola House. At 5:30 P. M., the movie, "Ye Towne on Queen Anne's Creek" will be shown at the high school and in the evening a dinner will be given in her honor.

Mrs. Fletcher first came to Edenton in 1940 and stayed at the Hotel Joseph Hewes to

Clean-Up Week Mar. 10 - April 10

In anticipation of the sixth Pilgrimage of Edenton and Countryside, scheduled to be held April 14-15-16, Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., has designated the month of March 10 to April 10 as paint-up, clean-up week.

He has issued a proclamation in which he urgently requests all citizens to clean and tidy up around their premises so that Edenton will be as clean and neat as possible for the large number of visitors expected to attend the tour.

Woman's Club Will Hold Kleenex Sale

Edenton Woman's Club will sponsor a Kleenex sale Monday night, March 13. The sale will be held from 6 to 8 o'clock, when the ladies will make a house-to-house canvass.

Special Radio Show For '61 Pilgrimage Planned March 14

News Releases Sent to Associated Press and Many Radio Stations For Publicity

A special radio show about the Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside will be broadcast on Tuesday morning, March 14, at 11 o'clock by station WCDJ.

Participating on the program will be Frank Roberts of WCDJ; Mrs. R. J. Boyce, general chairman; Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr., vice chairman, and Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, chairman of Inglis Fletcher Day.

Beginning the following week, March 20, a series of interviews with homeowners who are opening their homes for the tour will be broadcast Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 5:30 P. M.

Mrs. Richard Schuman is directing radio publicity. News releases about the pilgrimage have been sent to the Associated Press and 25 radio stations in North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia.

Woman's Club Gets Permission To Landscape At Court House

Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt and Mrs. R. J. Boyce visited the Chowan County Commissioners Monday representing the Edenton Woman's Club. They thanked the Commissioners for the restoration work on the Court House and requested permission to carry out plans for landscaping about the Court House.

It was explained that the area in front of the Court House would be landscaped at a cost of about \$350, which will be paid by the Woman's Club, and the work done by a professional landscaper.

Legion Go-Getters Meet In Edenton

Department Officials Will Attend Banquet March 17

The Go-Getters Club of the First Division of the American Legion, Department of North Carolina, will hold its banquet at the American Legion building Friday night, March 17, at 7 o'clock.

Frank Roberts of the local radio station will have charge of the entertainment. Department Commander S. Marvin Burton of Charlotte, Department Adjutant Nash D. McKee of Raleigh and First Division Commander R. A. Clark of Rocky Mount will be present.

The Auxiliary of the American Legion will have charge of the dinner.

Many Contributions To Memorial Fund At Chowan Hospital

Some 300 people in Chowan County and other places have donated to the memorial gift fund at Chowan Hospital.

The memorial fund money has been used for worthwhile projects at Chowan Hospital, some of which are wheel chairs, an oxygen tent and a crouppette. These gifts help serve as a permanent record of memory.

The Memorial Fund was organized by the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary in September, 1949. Mrs. Granberry Tucker was instrumental in establishing the memorial gifts for the hospital.

CIVIC CALENDAR

The 1961 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside will be held April 14, 15 and 16. National 4-H Club Week is being observed by Chowan County 4-H Clubs this week.

Edenton Parent-Teacher Association will meet in the John A. Holmes High School auditorium Tuesday night, March 21, at 8 o'clock.

The Jaycee sponsored Fa

\$200,735 Election Authorized To Add School Class Rooms

Facing Trouble

Tax Supervisor W. P. Jones reported to the County Commissioners Monday that non-listers of property for taxation is the lowest it has ever been in Chowan County.

However, there are still some who have not yet listed their property so that, in accordance with law, these people will be turned over to the Grand Jury for court action.

Story Hour Friday At Local Library

Mrs. Tom Shepard and Mrs. Jasper Hassell will conduct the Story Hour at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library Friday afternoon, March 10, between 3:30 and 4:30. Mrs. J. D. Elliott will act as hostess. Children between five and ten years of age are welcome.

It was pointed out, however, that the five rooms would be almost immediately filled and that in five years more additions would be necessary. On the other hand, the opinion, based on previous records, the eight rooms would take care of the situation for a period of about 10 years.

Edenton Debaters Argue March 10th

Included in the improvements will also be a vocational and agriculture department at the colored school, dressing rooms at the John A. Holmes High School gymnasium and a covered walkway between the colored high school and the vocational department.

The Commissioners granted permission for the landscaping, which will be completed prior to the April tour of Edenton and Countryside.

The Commissioners were especially invited to attend the opening ceremony of the tour Friday morning at the Court House and Chairman W. E. Bond was requested to extend a welcome to the visitors on behalf of the county. They were also requested to attend a banquet to be held in honor of Inglis Fletcher, one of the highlights of the tour this year.

Mrs. Margaret Bell Is Signally Honored

Appointed Grand Representative For Order of Eastern Star

Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, and Mrs. Margaret Bell in particular, has been signally honored. The local chapter has been notified that Mrs. Bell has been appointed as Grand Representative in North Carolina for the District of Columbia.

The appointment was announced by Ella Mae Stokes of Severn, who is worthy grand matron of the Eastern Star in North Carolina. "We are very proud of this recognition of your worthy matron," said Mrs. Stokes in a letter to Mrs. Ruth Overman, secretary of the Edenton Chapter, "and I congratulate her and Edenton Chapter No. 302 on this honor that has come to you."

Edenton Chapter is also honored in having another Grand Representative. She is Mrs. Maude Reeves, who is Grand Representative of the State of Michigan.

JAYCEES MEET TONIGHT

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant. President James Perry urges every Jaycee to attend the meeting.

Refreshments Principal Topic At HD County Council Meeting

Refreshments for different occasions was the demonstration presented by Miss Helen Marsh-bourne, Virginia Electric Power Company home economist of Elizabeth City at the County Council meeting of Chowan Home Demonstration Clubs. Miss Marshbourne showed various types of refreshments that could be used for each holiday season during the year, special occasions and other events.

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Need Pointed Out to Add Eight Addition- al Class Rooms at Colored School

Following a request for need-ed additions to Edenton schools by the Edenton School Trustees, Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning authorized a bond election in the amount of \$200,735.

The trustees, with J. H. Con-ger, Sr., as spokesmen, appeared at the Commissioners' meeting, pointed out the immediate need for class rooms at the colored school. Two proposed projects were presented, one calling for five class rooms, with an estimated cost of \$158,335. The other was for eight class rooms costing approximately \$200,735.

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One Team Debates In Edenton and Other In Hertford

The John A. Holmes High School Debating Team will debate on Friday morning, March 10, at 10 o'clock. The affirmative team consists of Jimmy Rogerson and Curtis Twiddy, and will debate the Hertford team in the auditorium of the John A. Holmes High School.

The negative team consists of Alex Kehayes and George Nixon, and will debate Hertford at Hertford. The query for this school year is: "Resolved that the United Nations should be significantly strengthened."

Mrs. Margaret Jenkins is the debate coach and expresses hope that both teams will be victorious.

Chowan Farm Bureau Meets Tuesday Night

Chowan County's Farm Bureau will meet Tuesday night, March 14, at 7 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the Center Hill Community Building, where a "dutch" supper will be served. The principal speaker for the occasion will be Alonza Edwards of Hookerton, former executive secretary of the State Farm Bureau.

Mr. Edwards will speak on the legislative policy of the Farm Bureau, both state and national, so that Woodrow Lowe, president of the Chowan Farm Bureau, urges many of the members to be present.

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