

County Commissioners Indignant About Criticism Attributed To Representative B. Warner Evans

Refute Almost Doubling of Tax Rate and Wasting of Money In Using State and Federal Funds

Chowan County Commissioners as a body appeared right much concerned at their meeting Monday morning relative to one of a number of feature stories concerning Eastern North Carolina legislators. The series has been appearing in the Virginian-Pilot and a recent one was written by F. Roy Johnson about B. Warner Evans, Chowan County's new representatives in the House of Representatives.

Some of the statements quoted in the article were very critical of Chowan County Commissioners, and they, as a group, feel that for the most part there is no foundation for this criticism. In the first place the article stated that Chowan County's tax rate has nearly doubled in the past two years. The Commissioners point out that this is far from true in that the 1961-62 rate was \$1.32 with 10 cents added for fire protection. The 1962-63 rate is \$1.58 plus the 10-cent fire protection levy.

In defense of the raise in this year's tax rate, the Commissioners point out that the major reason for this increase was due to a \$289,000 bond issue for schools, which was passed by voters in the county. This money was used for additions to Chowan High School, John A. Holmes High School and D. F. Walker High School.

Of the bond issue \$201,000 went to the two schools in Edenton. It included eight classrooms at D. F. Walker High School, a library, vocational agriculture building and covered walkways. It also was used to add a dressing room to the John A. Holmes High School gymnasium.

In the county \$88,000 was used at Chowan High School for building a new and much needed lunch room, necessary equipment and two class rooms.

In connection with schools, it will be interesting to note a pro-

20 Years Ago As Found In 1.6 Files Of The Chowan Herald

Members of the service men's recreational committee, together with a few other interested persons, discussed whether or not application should be made for a direct government grant to establish a recreation center for U. S. Marines and other service men, or operate a program locally or invite the USO to establish a center in Edenton. It was decided to write the USO, Inc., inviting the establishment of a USO center.

Dr. G. L. Gilchrist, formerly employed by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, arrived in Edenton to begin private practice as a veterinarian.

The Chowan War Price and Ration Board was notified that Conf'd. on Page 2—Section 1

National Boy Scout Week Is Being Observed Feb. 7 To 13

Boy Scout Week will be observed throughout America February 7-13, Sunday the 10th is designated as Boy Scout Sunday. In many towns and cities there will be special church services for the Scouts, who will attend in uniform and as troops. No special service has been arranged here in Edenton, but the Scouts are asked to attend the church they belong to in uniform.

Locally, Scout Week will be observed first by a Parents Night at the Scout Hut on Monday the 11th at 7 P. M. The Area Scout Camping Program will be presented at this time in picture.

On Saturday, the 9th, there will be the annual business meeting and banquet for the Albemarle District of the Tide-

Ed Bond Post, American Legion Exceeds Membership Incentive Goal For '63 With 99 Members

Post No. 40 of the American Legion has exceeded its membership incentive goal for 1963 according to information received from State Headquarters of The American Legion in Raleigh.

Alexander DeBlois, commander of the post, has received a letter from the Legion State Adjutant, Nash McKee, expressing congratulations and thanks to the membership chairman, all post officers, and membership workers for their effort.

Leslie R. Brady, Sr., of Newton, N. C., Department Commander of The American Legion, issued a statement of high praise for the local post.

Commander Brady said, "I am proud to congratulate the officers and members of Post No. 40 upon this notable achievement. All of the programs and ser-

Rev. Michael Malone Speaker At BPW Club Bosses' Banquet

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The banquet will be held Thursday night, February 14, at 7 o'clock at the Masonic Temple.

Hiram A. Weeks Wins High Award From Motor Club

Hiram A. Weeks of Edenton, State Motor Club district manager for Chowan, Tyrrell, Washington and Hyde counties, has won one of the company's top annual awards for outstanding performance during 1962. Thomas B. Watkins, president of the Motor Club, has announced.

Weeks received a plaque and a large cash award for placing first in membership increase in the top category, leading the entire company in sales increase. Watkins and Lewis Scruggs, Rocky Mount division manager, highly commended Weeks for his fine achievement.

Collection Of Taxes Brisk In January

Sheriff Earl Goodwin reports rather brisk tax collections during January, when 1962 taxes collected amounted to \$86,106.75. Taxes collected after Saturday will carry a penalty of one per cent during February.

The 1962 tax levy is \$357,863.61, so that the balance of 1962 taxes uncollected amounts to \$113,061.11.

During January Sheriff Goodwin also collected \$1,620.09 in delinquent taxes for the 10-year period 1962 through 1961. The total of uncollected taxes for this period stands at \$68,861.20.

ices of the Legion are made possible through dues paid for membership, and we appreciate the great part played by Post thanks to every member of the post who had a part in the membership work."

The incentive goal of Post No. 40 is 93, and the membership for 1963 to date is 99. Incentive Goals are assigned each to the membership chairman, all State Headquarters and are based on last year's membership of the post plus 2 percent.

"We do not intend to stop our membership drive now that we have reached our Incentive Goal," Post Commander DeBlois said. "There are many more eligible veterans who have not yet joined our Post, and we invite them all to become members."

February Set As American History Month

Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the DAR is joining the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in sponsoring February as American History Month. It is pointed out that February is an important month in America's history, being the birth month of its two greatest Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and the knowledge of American history is the foundation on which rests the sound activities of the citizens of the future.

Mayor John Mitchener has issued a proclamation declaring February as American History Month in Edenton and calls upon all organizations, including the schools to emphasize the study of American history during the designated month in order that citizens may better appreciate their good fortune in living in a free country based on the dedication of our ancestors to the love of self-government and personal freedom.

During the month American History Month will be called to the attention of school students and appropriate projects will be carried out in observance of the event.

Named Alternate

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

A stated communication of the Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. T. B. Williford, master of the lodge, urges all Masons to attend.

Dr. Bernice Kelly Harris Will Be Speaker For DAR Feb. 13

Dr. Bernice Kelly Harris of Seaboard, Mayflower Cup winner, will be the guest speaker at the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, DAR, luncheon meeting Wednesday afternoon, February 13, at 1 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant.

Mrs. Harris was the first woman author to receive the coveted award and it was for her first book, Purslane. The book, published in 1939, was the first novel printed by the University of North Carolina Press.

Speaker For DAR Meeting



Featuring the meeting of Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the DAR Wednesday afternoon, February 13, will be an address by Dr. Bernice Kelly Harris of Seaboard, N. C. The meeting will be held at the Edenton Restaurant at 1 o'clock. Dr. Harris was president of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Society in 1961. She is an author and holds two doctor's degrees, from Wake Forest and WCUNC. She will also be one of the principal speakers at the annual North Carolina Literary Forum to be held at State College Union Thursday, March 28, where books and writing will be discussed.

Edenton Group Visits Smithfield

The Smithfield Plan" was presented Wednesday of last week to ten business and civic leaders from Edenton. The group, headed by Mayor John A. Mitchener and Chamber President George A. Byrum, arrived at the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce office at 10:30 A. M., where Mayor Hugh C. Talton extended an official welcome.

The details of "The Smithfield Plan" were outlined and the group toured the town viewing the projects completed, in progress, and proposed. After the tour, the group met at Nelson's Restaurant for lunch and a question and answer period.

Members of the Edenton delegation, other than Mitchener and Byrum, were Alton Elmore, Ross Inglis, Hector Lupton, W. E. Malone, M. E. Parker, H. M. Phthisis, Jim Robertson and George Twiddy.

"The Smithfield Plan" is a town-wide improvement program formulated to motivate individuals and organizations to make needed improvements. The story of "The Smithfield Plan" has been presented in recent months at delegations from more than two dozen towns in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and other states.

Tax Listers Given Increase In Salaries

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning agreed to raise the salary of three township tax listers. It was pointed out that these listers had worked for many years without any increase in pay and that their duties had gradually increased.

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It was voted to grant an increase amounting to \$50 for the three listers for the month they list property in their respective townships. The listers involved are Henry Bunch, Ward Hoskins and Tommy Berryman.

National Beauty Salon Week Will Be Held Feb. 10-16

Feature Will Be Beauty Show With Miss Betsy Campen Representing Edenton

National Beauty Salon Week will be observed February 10-16 during which hairdressers and cosmetologists will be dedicated to the magic wrought by beautification everywhere and conceived in a spirit of genuine helpfulness to those in need.

Max Leary is area chairman and says Edenton boasts an excellent number of professional hairdressers and cosmetologists who have contributed not only to the financial well-being and progressive spirit of the community, but also to the personal beautification and grooming of citizens—even to those who are hospitalized. "We see on every hand," said Mr. Leary, "the magic this new look has wrought in the business and residential areas of our city and on its roadways, which in turn inspired our hearts uplifted pride and enthusiasm."

Mr. Leary says a feature of the observance will be a beauty contest and dance to be held in Washington, N. C., Friday night, February 8. The contest will be held at the Country Club at 8 o'clock and will be followed by a dance. Miss Betsy Campen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Campen, has been entered to represent Edenton. Miss Campen's address is 101 S. 1st St., Edenton.

George Alma Byrum Lions Club Speaker

George A. Byrum, president of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, was the principal speaker at the Edenton Lions Club meeting Monday night. He was introduced by Al Phillips, who had charge of the program.

Mr. Byrum presented a very interesting and informative rehearsal of the accomplishments of the Chamber, as well as outlining some of the activities in the future.

Mr. Byrum pointed out that the recent membership drive was somewhat short of its goal and stated that it requires sufficient funds for the Chamber to function properly. He urged any who have not paid for a membership to do so at once.

'63 Christmas Saving Club Closes Feb. 11

Officials of Peoples Bank & Trust Company have announced that next Monday, February 11, will be the final date to join the bank's 1963 Christmas Saving Club.

After February 11 the club will be closed and no more members will be allowed to join.

JAYCETTES MEET TONIGHT

Edenton Jaycettes will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock at Hotel Joseph Hewes. Mrs. Ethel LaVoie, president, requests all members to be present.

Clinic Lecturer



DR. KENNETH WARREN

Diagnostic problems and the necessity of surgical treatment was discussed at the Edenton Postgraduate Medical Courses held Wednesday afternoon and night at the Edenton Restaurant by Dr. Kenneth W. Warren. Dr. Warren is a member of the general surgery staff of Lahey Clinic in Boston, Mass.

Woman's Club Annual Art Show Is Scheduled To Be Held On Tuesday, Feb. 19

BPW Speaker



REV. MICHAEL MALONE

Featuring the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club annual Bosses' Night banquet Thursday night, February 14, will be the Rev. Michael Malone of Ahoskie. Mr. Malone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Malone of Edenton.

Mean People

Edenton police report that a purse was snatched from Mrs. Richard Dixon, Sr. about 6:30 o'clock Tuesday night. Mrs. Dixon was walking on West King Street at the time when a man grabbed her purse. She was pushed against a fence causing her coat to be torn and sustaining several scratches.

The man has not been apprehended but police are making an investigation.

The police also report the arrest Tuesday night of Jeff King, 52-year-old white man, who is charged with attempted rape of a six-year-old girl. He was placed in jail to await a preliminary hearing in Recorder's Court Tuesday.

Trio Reappointed To Hospital Board

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning re-elected three members to the Chowan Hospital board of directors. The trio included Graham White, Benny Bateman and J. G. Perry.

The reappointments were for three year terms.

FIREMEN MEET TONIGHT

Edenton firemen will hold their monthly dinner meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the fire station. Fire Chief W. J. Yates urges every fireman to be present.

RED MEN MEETING

Chowan Tribe No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men, will meet Monday night, February 11, at 7:30 o'clock. Robert Brooks, sachem of the tribe, urges a large attendance.

Ryland Ruritans Request Peace Officer For Upper End County

Two delegations appeared before Chowan County Commissioners Monday, one requesting a full time peace officer in the upper end of Chowan County and the other seeking a stop sign on a Rocky Hock road and calling attention to the blind corner at Cross Roads.

Various Exhibits Will Be Displayed In Conjunction With Meeting of PTA

The annual art show sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club will be held at the Edenton Elementary School auditorium Tuesday night, February 19, at 8 o'clock in conjunction with the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association meeting.

Mrs. Harry Venters, art instructor at John A. Holmes High School, will present the P.T.A. program at that time. She will discuss the art program at the high school.

Art work will be displayed from the Edenton Elementary School, John A. Holmes High School and Chowan Elementary and High Schools.

Any individuals desiring to enter any art work are requested to contact Mrs. Thomas Ward, Mrs. Warren Twiddy or Mrs. J. M. Thorud before Monday, February 11.

Edenton Students Practice Teaching

East Carolina College's student teaching program for the winter quarter includes 207 seniors who are conducting classes in more than thirty public schools in Eastern North Carolina. Sixty-eight are doing work in the primary and grammar grades, 130 in high schools, and nine are teaching either art or music at all grade levels.

Of the total number of students participating in the program 196 are from North Carolina, and eleven are from other states.

Assignments of seniors at the college who are now gaining experience as classroom instructors have been announced by Dr. J. L. Oppelt, director of student teaching at East Carolina.

Students who are teaching from Chowan County, listed with their teaching assignments, are: Jacqueline H. Asbell, Tyner, Wahl-Coates Laboratory School at East Carolina, 5th grade; Carlotta C. Fletcher, Edenton, Rocky Mount Schools, art.

CIVIC CALENDAR

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VFW Auxiliary will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

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