

## Chowan County Tax Rate \$1.58; Adopted Monday By County Commissioners

### Quartet Is Appointed To Represent County On Mental Health Clinic Board

Chowan County Commissioners at their July meeting held Monday morning gave their final glance at the budget for the fiscal year 1963-64 and adopted it as presented at a previous meeting. The tax rate will remain the same as last year, \$1.58 with an added 10-cent levy for rural fire protection outside the Town of Edenton.

The overall budget calls for anticipated expenditures of \$595,926.92 and includes some increases in the various departments of the county government. The Commissioners, however, were able to meet with the various increases without boosting the budget. The tax levy of \$1.58 per \$100 property valuation is based on a property valuation in the county of \$21,500,000.

At Monday's meeting Dr. Ed Bond reported on a meeting of the District Mental Health Clinic in the interest of organization. Each county in the four-county district is called upon to appoint four members on the board of managers. The Commissioners appointed Mrs. Ed Bond, W. E. Bond, the Rev. Thurman W. Allred and Dr. Edward G. Bond to represent Chowan County.

A delegation from upper Chowan County attended the meeting with Wilbur Hare as spokesman. Mr. Hare, on behalf of the delegation, requested a full time ABC officer for that section of the county. The Commissioners, however, took no action.

The Commissioners granted the Chowan Golf and Country Club permission to display fireworks on July 4th with the provision that they be handled under proper supervision.

Sheriff Earl Goodwin was authorized to attend the annual convention of the State Sheriffs' Association. The convention will be held at Carolina Beach July 25-27.

The Commissioners approved the application of a beer license for the Simpson Sinclair Service at the corner of Broad and Queen Streets.

## Rocky Hock Group Will Meet July 8th

The Rocky Hock Community Center will hold an organizational meeting Monday night, July 8, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the Community Center and due to its importance, all members are especially urged to attend.

## Howard Robbins Employed As City Engineer By Town Council

Information was released early this week that Howard C. Robbins has been employed as city engineer for Edenton, a move which has been considered for some time by Edenton's Town Council and which is expected to be a big improvement for work of an engineering nature in Edenton.

### Reappointed

Meeting jointly Monday morning, members of the Chowan County Board of Education and Chowan County Commissioners reappointed J. W. Davis as a member of the Chowan County ABC Board. Mr. Davis' term had expired and he was reappointed for a three-year term.

## Edenton Fire Loss Figured At 50c Per Capita For Year

Rate \$6.50 Per Capita In County; Firemen Respond To 56 Fires During Year

Fire Chief W. J. Yates reports that during the fiscal year ending June 30, Edenton's fire loss amounted to 50 cents per capita. This figure was based on 5,000 population. The per capita loss in the county was \$6.50 based on 3,000 population.

Chief Yates' annual report shows that during the year there were 29 fires in Edenton and 27 out of town. For the Edenton fires 380 volunteers responded and were out 16 hours and 40 minutes. For rural fires 540 volunteers responded and they were out 22 hours and 15 minutes.

The firemen were on the air six minutes and 25 seconds in Edenton and seven minutes and 50 seconds out of town. They traveled 34 miles in Edenton and 229 miles out of town. In Edenton 4,053 feet of hose were laid and 6,100 feet out of town. Ladders were raised 156 feet in Edenton and 94 feet out of town. Property involved in Edenton was estimated at \$348,500 and \$214,000 out of town. Damage in Edenton was estimated at \$2,500 and \$19,500 out of town. Insurance in Edenton was \$147,200 and \$76,850 out of town.

## No Fires Reported In County In June

Fire Chief W. J. Yates reports that no fires occurred in Chowan County during the month of June. The only activity of the Edenton Fire Department for the month included a chemical burning job, two standby calls at the airport, one street washing job and two fire extinguishers refilled.

## Water Skiers In Edenton Rapidly Developing Art

Group Now Planning To Visit Other Areas In Order To Display Their Skill

Local water skiers, who recently displayed skills before an appreciative home town crowd, are now being sought in other places. Plans are being made for the troupe to perform at three places during the next two months.

The skiers next will go to Clarksville, Va., on beautiful Kerr Lake in late July. Scott Harrell of the Edenton Marina was pleased with the recent efforts of the group he sponsored. Tentative plans for the future include the construction of a six-foot water ski jump ramp, which should add considerably to the list of acts and thrills that will be available in future shows. Now that local skiers have the experience of their first show behind them, future efforts will require less time to organize.

Members of the ski troupe are Rita Mayo, Mary Thorud, Scottie Harrell, Wayne Ross, Frank Bunch, Animal Lafavor, Kappy Kirtley, John Graham, Bud Holmes, Jay Ross, Gray Kirtley, Linda Garrett, Scarlet Wheeler, Leslie Phipps, Hiram Mayo, Jr., Remy Spencer, Sam Cox and Scott Harrell.

George Burdick, former professional skier, is directing the group as well as performing in the shows. Acts that have been accomplished include barefoot skiing, the human pyramid, top-side tandem, doubles with a layout, water ballet, backwards swan on shoe skis, wrap-around, wake turns and other stunts. A color film made of the recent show will soon be available for showings.

## Williamston Negro Faces Manslaughter

Charlie Ben Biggs, who was involved in an automobile accident Sunday night, June 23 in which two people were killed and five injured, has been charged with two counts of manslaughter and drunken driving.

## 20 Years Ago

Users of electricity in Edenton were agreeably surprised when they received their June electric bill which was marked "Paid."

Two Edenton boys, William Leary and Gurnie Hobbs, played the role of heroes at Nags Head when they saved two young ladies from drowning. The two ladies were Miss Annie Cooper and Mrs. Roger Hunter, both of Elizabeth City.

Josh Horns, publisher of the Rocky Mount Telegram, in a letter to The Herald, complimented Edenton for employing J. R. (Fats) Tanner as Chief of Police. Mr. Tanner was deputy sheriff for 14 years in Rocky Mount.

Mr. Robbins is married and is the father of two daughters, Kimberly and Joanna. They are presently living on the base road.

## Honored By VFW Auxiliaries



At a meeting of District 1 VFW Auxiliaries of District 1 held in Sunbury Wednesday night, June 19, Mrs. Wilma Dean Bunch of Elizabeth City, president of District 1, presented a set of Samsonite Air Flite luggage to Mrs. Blanche Hudgins of Sunbury on behalf of members of VFW Auxiliaries in the First District.

## Town Council Approves Tentative Budget Calling For Same \$1.00 Tax Rate

### Year's Overall Budget \$246,569, Which Is \$22,119 Higher Than Last Year

Meeting in special session Wednesday night of last week, members of Edenton's Town Council worked at great length on the town's budget for the fiscal year 1963-64.

At the conclusion of the meeting, after figures were juggled to some extent, the Councilmen came up with a tentative tax rate of \$1.00 per \$100 property valuation, the same rate as last year.

The overall budget provides for anticipated expenditures of \$246,569.40, an increase over last year when the overall budget was \$224,449.64.

The budget for the Administrative Department calls for expenditures of \$18,825.04 compared with \$10,794.81 last year.

The Police Department budget estimates expenditures of \$40,800 which compares with \$36,455 last year.

For the Fire Department the anticipated disbursements are \$25,543.02 as compared with \$21,448 last year.

The Street Department, largest of the various department budgets anticipates expenditures of \$128,070. This compares with \$110,000 last year.

Other expenses are calculated to amount to \$33,228.33 this year as compared with \$45,651.83 last year. With estimated revenue calculated to be \$159,465.40, the amount to be raised by taxation is \$87,000, which will be raised by the \$1.00 tax rate.

At the meeting the Councilmen also approved a government grant under the accelerated public works program for \$138,000 for water and sewer extensions. This will include Brown Company subdivision, Jackson Street, U. S. Highway 17 west of Hewes Street, Leigh and Barker Streets, Albemarle Street and Twiddy Avenue, the Industrial Park, Dock Street, Granville Street to the Virginia Road, Church to Oakum, Oakum on Mill Avenue to King Street and Albemarle Street.

During the meeting bids were opened to furnish gas and oil for the town's rolling equipment. The low bidder was Simpson's Sinclair Service, which was awarded the contract for the new fiscal year. Coastland Oil Company was awarded the contract to furnish fuel oil and kerosene.

## VFW Auxiliaries Of First District Meet At Sunbury

### Mrs. Doris Toler, President of Local Auxiliary, Honored During Meeting

A meeting of the Sunbury Ladies' Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was held at the Post Home at Sunbury on Wednesday night, June 19.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Vera Hofer, president of the Sunbury Auxiliary, and minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Mrs. Wilma Dean Bunch of Elizabeth City, president of District No. 1, presented a set of Samsonite Air Flite luggage to Mrs. Blanche Hudgins of Sunbury. Mrs. Hudgins was recently elected president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Department of North Carolina, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the Department Convention in Asheville June 7 through the 9th.

She was president of District No. 1 for a number of years and was first vice president of the Department last year. She has taken a very active interest in the VFW and is one of its best champions. She has a VFW family in fact. Her husband, Bill Hudgins, has held a number of offices in the district and Department and her daughter Sally recently became a member of the Auxiliary in Sunbury.

The luggage was presented to Mrs. Hudgins in behalf of District No. 1, Ladies' Auxiliaries, which includes Edenton, Elizabeth City, Plymouth and Sunbury.

A two year district president pin was presented to Mrs. Doris Toler of Edenton by Mrs. Hudgins. Mrs. Toler is now president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, William H. Coffield Post 9280, Edenton.

Mrs. Hudgins also gave a report on the Department of North Carolina VFW Convention held June 7 through 9th in Asheville. Each auxiliary in District No. 1 was represented at the meeting with Plymouth having three present, Elizabeth City having eight present, and Sunbury having six present.

A social hour was held after the meeting during which Mrs. Maude Fearing of Elizabeth City played the piano. The meeting was then adjourned.

## Fred Keeter New Red Men Sachem

Tribe Elects New Officers For 6-Month Term

Chowan Tribe No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men elected officers for a six months term with Fred Keeter being elected sachem to succeed Robert Brooks.

Other officers elected were: Prophet, Robert Brooks; Thomas Jackson, senior sagamore; Leroy Henninger, junior sagamore, and J. Edwin Buflapp, trustee for 18 months.

Clyde Hollowell, William E. Barrow and William D. Harris were appointed as the tribe's representatives on a committee to work with the state organization on behalf of a retarded children's movement adopted by the Great Council of North Carolina.

## Masons Call For Special Meeting Tuesday, July 9

T. B. Williford, master of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., announces that an emergency communication will be held Tuesday night, July 9, at 7:30 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to examine two candidates and Mr. Williford urges a large attendance.

Immediately following this meeting the Chowan Scottish Rite Club will meet.

## W.J. Taylor Settles School Squabble By Submitting Resignation On Monday

### New President



HIRAM J. MAYO Edenton Rotarians at Tuesday's meeting installed Hiram J. Mayo as new club president. He succeeds Col. W. B. Rosevear.

## George K. Mack In Group Honored For Highway Service

### Edenton Man Among 41 to Receive 40-Year Award Representing 1,640 Years Service

Forty-one highway employees from across North Carolina, representing 1,640 years of service were honored by a special awards program held in Raleigh Thursday.

Gov. Terry Sanford, Highway Commission Chairman Merrill Evans and Director W. F. Babcock were joined by highway officials and personnel to pay special tribute to the group.

Speeches by Chairman Merrill Evans and Governor Sanford preceded a presentation ceremony. Each employee with 40 years of service was presented a framed certificate by the Governor and service pins were awarded by Assistant Chief Engineer Ivan Hardesty.

Among those to receive the 40-year award was George K. Mack of Edenton.

## Schedule Is Released For SS Representative

Icen E. Wilson, district manager of the Greenville Social Security Office, released the schedule of visits to all counties in the district for the month of July.

For Chowan County Mr. Wilson will be at the Court House Thursdays, July 11, 18 and 25 from 9:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

## Baseball Game On Chowan Field July 4

There will be a baseball game Thursday night, July 4th at 8 o'clock at the Chowan High School ball park. The Rocky Hock RA's will play the Ballard's Bridge RA's. All are urged to come out and have an enjoyable 4th of July night.

## Ring of Bells In Edenton To Feature July 4 Celebration

The Chowan Court House bell, along with church bells in Edenton, will ring July 4th at 1 P. M. EST as part of the nationwide observance of "Let Freedom Ring" on Independence Day.

## Paul Stanton Also Resigns After His Appointment as Principal at Chowan High

The situation at Chowan High School has this week become more complicated in that at present the county unit has no superintendent and the high school has no principal.

W. J. Taylor, around whom three members of the Board of Education concentrated their efforts to oust him from the superintendency, tendered his resignation at Monday night's meeting of the board. The resignation was effective as of June 30.

A major school squabble developed at the April meeting of the Chowan County Board of Education when the members split 3-3 in reappointing Mr. Taylor as superintendent. Those opposing Mr. Taylor advanced the opinion that he should retire according to the state retirement system due to reaching the age of 65.

There has been bickering ever since as those favoring Taylor's reappointment sought to have him continue as superintendent for at least another year.

Representative B. Warner Evans introduced two bills in the General Assembly, but neither one was reported by the Senate Committee and, therefore, died. The first bill was to direct the Board of Education to employ Mr. Taylor for another year with the understanding that he would retire after that. When support of this bill was withdrawn and the squabble continued, Mr. Evans introduced another bill which would have permitted Taylor's reappointment despite the policy of the state retirement system for an employee to retire at the age of 65 without being requested to continue longer by an employer.

## Final Winners In Fishing Contest

The fifth annual spring fishing contest sponsored by the Recreation Committee of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce officially ended June 30. Committee Chairman Dr. Ed Bond congratulates the following prize winners, who will receive awards of nationally advertised fishing tackle.

In the senior division Murray P. Bond topped all contestants with an 8½-pound largemouth bass. Runner-up was E. C. Bunch with a seven-pounder. Winner in the white perch division was D. S. Twine with a 1¼ pounder, caught in Albemarle Sound. Runner-up was Benny Twine with a one-pounder.

Noah Goodwin, Jr., took first prize in the bream classification with one weighing 1¼ pounds. Runner-up was Ernest Kehaves, whose entry weighed in at 14 ounces.

Gerald Lassiter was the winner in the speckled perch division with one weighing 1¼ pounds. Runner-up was L. W. Continued on Page 6—Section 1

connection with the observance at 1 P. M. moderated by Mrs. James P. Ricks, Jr., DAR regent. The Chowan Court House bell, which was used to summon court, has not been rung in recent years.

"It is particularly fitting that the Court House bell should ring, Mrs. Ricks said, "because it was in this historic building that citizens of Albemarle Precincts gathered before the Revolution in stormy protest against taxation without representation by Great Britain. Joseph Hewes, who later signed the Declaration of Independence, presided at this meeting."

"It is also fitting that special tribute be paid to Hewes for his part in formulating the Declaration of Independence. Hewes moved to Edenton in 1763, Continued on Page 3—Section 1