

County Takes Split Sales Tax Okayed

Chowan County commissioners, following a public hearing Monday morning, adopted a resolution to re-instate the 1 per cent local option sales tax and divide proceeds with the Town of Edenton on the basis of ad valorem taxes. The sales tax will become effective May 1.

The means of splitting the sales tax was chosen by commissioners over strong opposition from Town Council. The council, while supporting the tax, asked that distribution be on the basis of population.

It has been estimated that the tax will bring in a total of \$138,000 during the next year. Action by commissioners gives the county \$113,321 of the total and Edenton \$24,679. Edenton would have received \$18,000 more of the total had the split been on population.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner spoke for the council at Monday's hearing. He said the county, by budgeting "more realistically" on the total assessed valuation, could make up the \$18,000 difference without a tax increase. He pointed out this will be impossible for the town.

Gardner said the assessed value of property in Chowan County is \$36,250,000 while the budget is based on a levy of \$32,500,000 of the total. "This means \$50,375 is realized above the amount budgeted," he said. "While you cannot budget on the entire amount if the county did budget on \$1.2 million more it would realize more than the \$18,000 we are talking about."

Commissioners N. J. George and
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Groups Will Meet

Two historical groups have arranged meetings to coincide with the biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside this month. They are Edenton Historical Commission and Iredell Association.

The pilgrimage is from 23 through April 25 at Edenton Woman's Club. At 8:30 A. M., on April 23, historical commission will meet at 8:30 A. M. at the Restaurant.

Members of the commission will join others at 11 A. M., at the unveiling of plaques designating Chowan County Courthouse and the Cupola House as National Registered Landmarks. The ceremony will be held in front of the courthouse.

Edenton Historical Commission will host a social hour and dinner at 6:30 P. M., at Chowan Golf & Country Club. Mrs. Cornelia J. Privott, president, James Iredell Association, Inc., has announced that members of this group will join in the activities at the courthouse and dinner on Friday.

The Descendants of James Iredell will meet at 9 A. M., April 24 at the Iredell House. This meeting will be limited to one hour since the house opens for tours at 10 A. M.



J. P. Ricks, Jr.

Ricks Heads Club

J. P. Ricks, Jr., was elected president of the Edenton Rotary Club at their regular Thursday meeting last week. Ricks will succeed Thomas M. Surratt and will take office the first meeting in July.

Others elected included Dr. George Hunnicutt, vice president; C. W. Overman, secretary; Henry Allen Bunch, treasurer; Robert Hutchinson, sergeant-at-arms, and James Blount, James Bond, Allen Harless and Hutchinson, directors.

Jack Harris and Jack Habit were appointed editors of the Edenton Rotary Echoes.

Public Parade



Little Darlings—Enjoying an afternoon tea and rally around the piano are three members of the womanless wedding cast to be premiered on Friday night at 7:30 in Swain Elementary School. Everyone is welcomed to see the production to benefit the Red Cross in Chowan County.

Paint It Red

The Chowan County Chapter, American Red Cross, is in the ditch. Several hands are now on the wheel in an effort, not to put the agency on easy street, but just back on the road.

It is unfortunate that it takes a tragedy or some drastic measures to get community action on a worthwhile project like funds for the Red Cross. That is about what has happened along the Public Parade.

While there has been no active solicitation for funds here in two years, the valuable services of the Red Cross have continued to be enjoyed by our citizens. Last year alone 353 units of blood were used. Any way you figure it that is nearly \$9,000 worth of life saving blood.

Because of frequent visits by the bloodmobile, that phase of the program is best known. However, there are other services which, when applied to the individual case, means just as much as blood for an operation.

Take, for instance, the 137 calls made for military personnel and their families; 432 children in swim classes last summer, and 180 people trained in Red Cross first aid through various co-operative agencies.

Like the \$200 it costs each time the bloodmobile backs up to National Guard Armory, other services take cash as well as volunteer service.

In addition to area solicitation, more than 30 men in the community, prodded by the likes of Judy Earnhardt, Nelle Jones and Martha Britton, have agreed to participate in a Womanless Wedding Friday night at Swain Elementary School. It all starts at 7:30 o'clock and all proceeds go to the funds drive.

Bring along a little extra money, too.

There will probably be a special collection taken to purchase blood for those participants needing a transfusion of whole blood; liniment for the sore feet, and maybe a little oxygen.

Buff again is scheduled to ride a mean baby carriage. Nobody, no nobody wants to miss it!

Political Fast of Life

We see via our least favored morning newspaper of general circulation along the Public Parade where Democrats in neighboring Washington County aren't exactly happy with at least one Senate House redistricting proposal before a General Assembly committee. Naturally it involves their county.

The proposal would place Washington (pop. 14,038) into a two-seat district with Bertie, Hertford and Northampton.

Friend Carl Bailey, Jr., who like W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., of Edenton, and other able young lawmakers, was included out in the original redistricting, has said the proposal to group Washington with three larger counties would
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William W. Foreman
R. L. Hollowell

R. L. Stevenson
George W. Lewis

Bank Supporting College

Peoples Bank & Trust Company has pledged \$5,000 to the building and development fund of the College of the Albemarle. The announcement was made today by J. Gilliam Wood of Edenton and R. L. Hollowell of Hertford, chairman of the bank's advisory board in their respective towns.

The pledge was accepted by William W. Foreman of Elizabeth City, general chairman of an extensive campaign to raise \$500,000 as the local share of a \$2-million project.

Foreman lauded the bank for such a generous contribution. He said the fact that the financial institution's area offices are in Edenton and Hertford demonstrates the widespread interest the college enjoys. He said the college is a valuable asset to the entire Albemarle Area although it happens to be located in Elizabeth City.

"Our campaign for funds for this phase of expansion is going into every county in the area and we are pleased that Peoples Bank has recognized the value of this educational facility," Foreman stated.

Wood is heading the development fund in Chowan County while Hollowell is leading a similar drive in Perquimans County.

George W. Lewis of Edenton and R. L. Stevenson of Hertford, executive vice presidents in the bank, were on hand to witness the announcement.

Holy Week Event

Ecumenical services will be held during Holy Week at Edenton Baptist Church with participation by local Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. The services begin at 12 noon Monday through Friday.

Rev. Robert E. Gray of Edenton Baptist Church will be the speaker Monday with Rev. Robert L. Wilkins of St. Anne's Catholic Church in charge of the Tuesday program.

Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, a retired Methodist minister, will deliver the sermon Wednesday and Rev. Warren Nance of First Presbyterian Church in the parish Thursday. The final service will be conducted by Rev. George P. Holmes of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Special music will be provided by members of the various churches. The public is cordially invited to attend the services which will conclude promptly at 12:30 P. M. each day. Holy Week services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, begin with regular services at 8 A. M., and 11 A. M., Palm Sunday. The blessing of the palms will highlight services at 11 o'clock and the sermon will be by Mr. Holmes.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 A. M., Wednesday before Easter and at 8 P. M., Maundy Thursday.

Easter Day Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 A. M., and 11 A. M. The popular Children's Festival will be at 9:30 A. M., which includes the decoration of a cross with flowers and the presentation of Lenten Missionary Offering Boxes. The offering is designated for Melanesia.

Dickerson Is Low

Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe, is apparently in a bid for a highway project in 11 Northeastern North Carolina counties. The bid, along with others for 32 projects in 50 counties in the state, are being reviewed today (Thursday) in Raleigh.

The firm, with eastern headquarters in Edenton, entered a bid of \$546,457.50 for 66.78 miles of sand asphalt base, surface and bituminous concrete surface for resurfacing nine sections of primary roads and 29 sections of secondary roads on U. S. 17, 64 and 158; and Highways 45 and 343.

The resurfacing work is in Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden, Gates, Bertie, Martin, Tyrrell, Northampton, Chowan, Hertford and Washington counties.

Harrell Heads Jaycee Building Fund

Efforts will be made next week to raise \$10,000 from throughout the business and industrial community to assist Edenton Jaycees in erection of a new community center on Base Road.

J. Scott Harrell, a former Jaycee community leader, has been named chairman of the funds drive.

Harrell announced today that the week of April 5-12 has been designated as Jaycee Building Fund Week in the community. He said business and industrial solicitation will be conducted during the week.

The Exhausted Roosters of the local civic organization, directed by Tom Francis, are expected to support the project and assist in solicitation.

Harrell noted that the local club members have already begun construction of the building on the same site where an earlier structure stood. The old building was completely destroyed by fire several months ago.

The chairman said the good works of Edenton Jaycees in giving unselfishly of their time and talents to almost every community project deserves the support now of this campaign to assist

them in their building program. "This will not be just a Jaycee Building," Harrell stated, "but a true community building for everyone to enjoy."

Harrell said it is anticipated that \$10,000 will be adequate to complete and adequately furnish the new building since materials and labor of an unknown value have already been donated.

Meeting Delayed

The next regular meeting of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education will be held at 8 P. M., April 13, according to Supt. Bill Britt.

Supt. Britt said the board is currently involved in preparation of a budget for fiscal 1971-72 and the meeting Monday night will be another session of the budget committee.

Town Slate For May 4 Election Set

By Patricia M. Arnold

Deadline for filing as a candidate to participate in the May 4 Edenton Municipal Election was noon Friday and the last minute politicians made the pot boil just a little more with a race now for councilman of Second Ward as well as for councilman-at-large.

There is no race for the position of mayor, three positions on the electric and water board, city treasurer, or councilman of First Ward. Incumbents in each position win the election because they were unopposed.

Thomas Byrum chose not to run for his incumbent position on the Electric and Water Board and James E. Darnell filed and is unopposed.

The races are between Councilman Leo Katkaveck and Oscar F. Blair for councilman of Second Ward and Thomas M. Surratt, Roy L. Harrell, D. F. Walker, and Gilbert Johnson, for the seat of councilman-at-large being vacated by J. D. Elliott, who decided not to seek another term.

Persons not already registered interested in voting in the May 4 election are urged to register or get a transfer from one precinct to another before Friday at 5 P. M.

Mrs. Pansy A. Elliott will be at the County Accountant's Office until 1 P. M. and Mrs. Joe Thorud will be at the County Election Board Office until 5 P. M., to register or transfer persons that live within the town limits.

Harrell refiled for councilman-at-large on Thursday afternoon. Friday,
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James M. Bond Oscar F. Blair

Schools Are Costly

Public schools are big business. The total expenditure for North Carolina's public schools during the 1969-70 school year was \$649,647,175.35.

The figure comes from a report, "Current Expenditures by Source of Funds, 1969-70," released recently by A. C. Davis, Controller for the State Board of Education. The statistics show that 69.7 per cent of the funds—\$435,045,161.15—was provided by the state. Some 12.8 per cent came from Federal sources, and the remaining 17.5 per cent was provided by local revenue.

In Edenton-Chowan school system a total of \$1,912,129.93 was spent. Of this amount, 65.4 per cent was provided by the State, while the federal government's share totaled 15.4 per cent, and local sources amounted to 19.2 per cent. The total per pupil expenditure was \$692.05.

The average per pupil expenditure for the state—the average amount spent
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To Hold Clinic — Dr. Allen Hornthal, center, head of Chowan County Unit, American Cancer Society, and two other Edenton dentists will conduct an oral cancer detection clinic at Municipal Building Saturday. Assisting Dr. Hornthal will be Dr. J. H. Horton, left and Dr. R. N. Hines, Jr. The clinic will be open from 10 A. M., to 4 P. M.