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Eight Tires Allowed For Passenger Cars In Chowan County

Owners Feel Pinch of Serious Shortage of Rubber

BOARD CHANGED

Albert Byrum and Dr. W. S. Griffin New Members

A change has been made in Chowan County's automobile tire rationing board as announced last week and which previously included J. H. Conger as chairman, W. W. Byrum and O. B. Perry. Because of a legal aspect of any serving on this board who in any way have to do with the sale or distribution of tires, Conger and Perry will not serve on the board. They have been replaced by Albert Byrum and Dr. W. S. Griffin. The board as now constituted includes Albert Byrum as chairman with Dr. W. S. Griffin and W. W. Byrum as associates.

With the recent announcement of tire rationing, a considerable amount of interest has been aroused and early this week Mr. Byrum was swamped by a large number who sought information relative to purchasing tires and some actually desiring to buy some.

Chowan County, along with every other community in the land, will feel seriously the pinch of rubber shortage, for according to figures released, the county during January may supply only eight tires for passenger cars, motorcycles and light trucks, while only seven inner tubes may be sold.

Truck and bus owners will have a little more generous allowance, 24 truck and bus tires being allowed and 20 inner tubes.

Under the rationing, various phases of priority will be granted for certain necessary work, but in the final analysis the rationing board will have supervision over who may or may not purchase tires during the emergency, and applications must be filed with the board.

The eligibility classification, as established by the Office of Production Management, follows:

(a) certificate shall be issued unless the applicant for the certificate certifies that the tire or tube for which application is made is to be mounted:

(a) On a vehicle which is operated by a physician, surgeon, visiting nurse, or a veterinary, and which is used principally for professional services.

(b) On an ambulance.

(c) On a vehicle used exclusively for one or more of the following purposes:

- 1. To maintain fire fighting services;
2. To maintain necessary public police services;
3. To enforce such laws as relate specifically to the protection of public health and safety;
4. To maintain garbage disposal and other sanitation services;
5. To maintain mail services.

(d) On a vehicle, with a capacity of ten or more passengers, operated exclusively for one or more of the following purposes:

- 1. Transportation of passengers as part of the services rendered to the public by a regular transportation system;
2. Transportation of students and teachers to and from school;
3. Transportation of employees to or from any industrial or mining establishment or construction project except when public transportation facilities are readily available.

(e) On a truck operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes stated in the preceding sections or for one or more of the following purposes:

- 1. Transportation of ice and fuel;
2. Transportation of material and equipment for the building and maintenance of public roads;
3. Transportation of material and equipment for the construction and maintenance of production facilities;
4. Transportation of material and equipment for the construction of defense, health, and military and naval establishments;
5. Transportation essential to repair, roofing, plumbing, heating and electrical repair services;
6. Transportation by any common carrier.

7. Transportation of waste and materials;
8. Transportation of raw materials, manufactured goods, and products, including farm products.

Telephone Ordered In Register Deeds Office

Without a telephone ever since the old Chowan County Court House was built, Register of Deeds M. L. Bunch's office will hereafter have contact with the outside world by telephone. Decision to place a telephone in the office was made by the County Commissioners Monday. Time and again the necessity of a phone has been called to the attention of the Commissioners, but only on Monday was the request granted. Heretofore there has been no little inconvenience caused by reason of only one phone in the building, that being in Clerk of Court E. W. Spire's office.

Deputy Sheriffs Take Oath Office To Protect Bridges

Sheriff J. A. Bunch Administers Oath to 17 Deputies

THREE SPANS EYED

Men Ready For Service In Event Any Emergency Develops

At the request of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, Sheriff J. A. Bunch has sworn into office 12 deputy sheriffs to serve in protecting the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound bridges. These deputies are employees of the highway division and will be subject to call by Sheriff Bunch in event their services are needed in the interest of defense.

Those who were sworn in were: G. D. Asbell, M. E. Copeland, C. L. Lane, J. E. Copeland, W. F. Elliott, Wild Spruiell, H. W. Hurdle, D. C. McGill, Wiley Thorne, J. C. Allen, J. E. Bryant and J. C. Hill.

Sheriff Bunch also administered the oath to five employees of the Norfolk Southern Railroad as deputy sheriffs to act in the protection of the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge across the Albemarle Sound. The appointments were made at the request of the Railroad Company.

Those who will serve are W. L. Jackson, N. H. Davenport, C. C. Riddick, C. H. Lane and C. B. Barnes.

Budget Of County Gets The Once Over By Commissioners

Year's Appropriations Little Over Half Spent For Half Year

With January marking the close of half of the county's fiscal year, the County Commissioners, at their meeting Monday, called in County Auditor E. W. Spire in order to check on how the county's finances are running. According to Mr. Spire's records, several of the funds are slightly more than half spent, but on the whole the budget is working out according to schedule. Appropriations for the year totaled \$32,200, and to date the expenditures have amounted to \$17,058.23, or slightly more than half.

In only one instance were the Commissioners especially concerned, this being the general fund, which is far more than half spent due to attorney fees and advertising expenses in connection with collection of delinquent taxes coming from this fund alone. However, in order to prevent a blitzkrieg on this fund, arrangements have been made to pay some of this extra expense from the bond fund.

Boat Building Begun At Local NYA Shop

According to C. L. McCullers, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the local NYA shop will this week institute instruction in boat building, with a new instructor for this type of work. The new instructor is William A. Cook, of Charlotte, who has been employed on shipbuilding at Tampa, Florida.

The first boat to be built will be a 25-foot cabin cruiser, and when completed will be ready for navigation. Personnel is increasing at the NYA shop and more young men are gradually being added to the roll.

Week's Report Puts Chowan's Red Cross Quota Nearer Goal

Contributions Reported Since Last Week Total \$374.66

STILL \$205.88 SHORT

Due to Lack of Time, Names Will Be Published Next Week

With Chowan County's Red Cross War Emergency Fund \$580.54 short of its goal of \$2,500 last week, this deficit has been reduced to \$205.88. Contributions during the week have been sent to Chairman W. J. Berryman and Treasurer M. F. Bond, as well as several canvassers turning in reports, the aggregate amount during the week totaling \$374.66, a considerable amount of which has come from the rural sections of the county.

The report of the entire county is still incomplete and when these reports are received, if they do not result in reaching the county's quota, the drive will be continued until Chowan County can report the collection of its quota of \$2,500 in full.

In view of the fact that up to Wednesday morning the goal lacked \$205.88, any who have not contributed are urged to do so at once without waiting to be canvassed, or possibly there are those who would not mind increasing their contribution in order to help reach the goal. In either event, contributions will be gladly received by either Mr. Berryman or Mr. Bond, and acknowledgment made in The Herald.

Due to other duties, Mr. Bond was unable to complete the list of names and amounts contributed during the week until Wednesday morning, and because of the time consumed in transferring this list into type, The Herald is unable to publish the names of contributors this week. However, these, together with new ones, will appear in next week's edition.

Rotarians Meet After Missing Two Meetings

After missing the last two meetings due to holidays, the Edenton Rotary Club will resume its regular meetings tonight (Thursday) at 6:15 in the Parish House. President C. L. McCullers is very anxious to have every member of the club present for this, the first meeting of the new year.

Clerk of Court E. W. Spire will be a special guest of the club and will speak upon the subject of defense.

STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY BENEFITTED BY PARENT - TEACHER UNTIRING EFFORTS

Report of Activities Reveals Much Important Work Accomplished During 1941; Nine-month School For Edenton Finally Realized

In a report of their activities for the past year, the Parent-Teacher Association of Edenton High School has worked on projects which have benefited both the students and the community.

The bare facts of the activities of the P. T. A. lists the figures of 22,251 lunches served in the lunchroom from September, 1940, to May, 1941, with 10,082 of that number served free. During the period from September, 1941, to December 19, 1941, there were 12,082 lunches served with 3,590 being served free.

The lunchroom, in operation at the high school for approximately three and a half years, is now operating on a paying basis and is entirely free of debt. This year the P. T. A. has bought 200 sectional plates and a new electric stove.

One reason for the lunchroom being able to operate on a paying basis now is the fact that more lunches are being paid for by the children. The price is a surprise—five cents per meal is all that is paid. Milk is also provided with each meal, and is free with the free plates. If paid for, milk is five cents, thus making a total of only ten cents for a meal with milk.

Miss Sallie Jones is in charge of the lunchroom with Mrs. Marcia Small Nixon, Miss Elizabeth Jethro and Mrs. C. C. Copeland acting as assistants. Six NYA girls assist in the kitchen and the dining room.

In 1941, the P. T. A. also standardized the Grammar Grades library to meet the State requirements in numbers and types of books.

Another project completed was the recommendation of a fence to the

Special Police Force Named For Service In Cases Of Emergency

Fifteen Sworn In Tuesday Night By J. H. McMullan

GET BADGES

Group Appointed By Chief of Police G. A. Helms

As a precautionary measure and to be pressed into service for any emergency, Chief of Police G. A. Helms early this week appointed a special police consisting of 15 men, all of whom were sworn into office Tuesday night in the Municipal Building by Mayor J. H. McMullan.

Those who were appointed and took the oath of office were: W. J. Yates, David Holton, Guy Hobbs, Jimmy Partin, Joe Northcott, Ernest White, Gene Cobb, S. C. Mills, Earl Goodwin, Ralph Parrish, J. P. Robertson, Nip McCleese, W. S. Privott, Hector Lupton and Russell Cobb.

These special policemen have been furnished badges and will be ready to serve in any capacity when called upon by the chief of police. The plan is in line with various defense measures and the men will be called upon only in case of emergency.

Bank Of Edenton's Christmas Saving Club Closes Monday

Members Enrolling In Larger Clubs Than Last Year

With members in the Bank of Edenton's Christmas Saving Club running about on a par with last year at this time, little more time remains for any who contemplate joining the 1942 club. The closing date to enter this popular form of saving will be Monday, January 12.

Though the club to date has about the same number of members as last year at the same time, it is interesting to know that the clubs are running much larger, in fact one-third more money is represented by the denominations taken out by the members.

In the 1941 club there were approximately 1,000 members, who received a total of \$30,000.

Hurry 'Em Along

Defense Bonds are being purchased faster than they can be received, according to a report received from the Bank of Edenton.

W. H. Gardner, cashier, said Wednesday morning that orders and requests for Defense Bonds have jumped on an average of from one to 10 since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The government, he said, is just not printing them fast enough for the demand and that the only bonds at the bank at the present time are a few ones of large denomination.

Although the exact amount of Defense Bond sales was not learned, it was figured in approximate numbers that about \$75,000 worth of bonds has been sold at the Bank of Edenton.

State Declines To Take Over Three Roads In County

Commissioners Informed of Action at Monday's Meeting

Chowan County Commissioners on Monday were informed by the State Highway and Public Works Commission that three short pieces of road in Chowan County had been declined to be added to the State system.

The three roads included one in the Rocky Hook section connecting the White Landing and Rocky Hook Landing roads.

The second to be declined was the Fork Road in the Third Township.

The third is in the upper end of the county near Gliden, running from Route 37 to the Perquimans County line.

In each instance delegations have appeared before the Commissioners asking them to recommend the taking over of these roads by the State, but these recommendations went for naught when information was to the effect that the State would not take over the roads.

Emergency Crop And Feed Loans Again Available

Applications May Be Secured In Citizens Bank Building

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1942 are now available to farmers in Chowan County and applications for these loans are now being received in Room 210, Citizens Bank Building by E. F. Morgan, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section of the Farm Credit Administration.

These loans will be made as in the past to farmers whose cash requirements are relatively small and who are unable to obtain from other sources including production credit associations loans in amounts sufficient to meet their needs.

The loans will be made to meet the applicant's cash needs in preparing for and producing his crops, or in purchasing or producing feed for his livestock. Mr. Morgan pointed out that eligible farmers desiring to do so might apply now for loans to take care of their production needs for the entire 1942 season. Interest at the rate of 4 percent will be charged only during the period the borrower actually has the use of the funds.

Farmers who obtain loans for the production of cash crops are required to give as security a first lien on the crops financed, or, in the case of loans for the purchase or production of feed for livestock, a first lien on the livestock to be fed.

PTA Meets Jan. 13 In First Meeting Of Year

Edenton's Parent-Teacher Association will meet in the library of the Edenton High School Tuesday afternoon, January 13, at 3:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present, as plans for the new year will be discussed. A feature of the meeting will be an address by Mrs. J. N. Pruden, who will tell about home defense through the Red Cross.

MRS. GRIFFIN SICK Mrs. C. N. Griffin has been confined to her home by illness for the past several days.

Auxiliary Members Planning To Take Course In Nursing

Instructor From Red Cross Headquarters Will Be In Charge

30-HOUR COURSE

Instruction Will Be Given to Any Who Are Interested

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held Friday evening at Hotel Joseph Hewes. Attendance was larger than usual and an interesting meeting resulted. The president, Mrs. Edna White, presided over the meeting and one discussion of interest was plans to help in the national defense program.

Members present Friday night signified their intentions of taking the 30-hour first aid course to be given here in the near future. An instructor will be sent from Red Cross headquarters for this work and Mrs. White is anxious that every member of the Auxiliary who can possibly do so, take this course.

Auxiliary members not present at the meeting Friday night who wish to enroll for this course can do so by contacting Miss Lena Jones. The course will not be held exclusively for Auxiliary members, and any who are interested in the course may enroll by letting Miss Jones know, or listing their names at the Municipal Building with Mayor J. H. McMullan or Town Clerk R. E. Leary.

Rubber Situation And Defense Topic At Lions' Meeting

Club Told Only Enough Rubber on Hand to Last Few Weeks

The rubber situation, as well as defense, was the theme at the Lions Club meeting Monday night, when Dr. W. S. Griffin and West Byrum, members of the Chowan County Tire Rationing Board, discussed the rubber situation. Dr. Griffin, during his remarks, said the county's rubber supply was sufficient for only one or two months of normal consumption. Mr. Byrum also commented upon the seriousness of the situation and also explained in part important steps to be taken in event of an air raid.

J. Frank White, Jr., also explained the preparations being made by the Fire Department to take care of the situation in event of an air raid.

Two members of the club, Jimmy Partin and Guy Hobbs, have been appointed as tire inspectors in connection with tire rationing.

Manslaughter Charge Faces Driver Of School Bus In Fatal Accident

A warrant was issued Tuesday afternoon by Patrolman Jack Gaskill for the arrest of Pandolpha Wadsworth, 18-year-old Negro school bus driver, charging him with manslaughter.

A few weeks ago, the school bus, driven by Wadsworth, was involved in an accident with a logging truck on the Albemarle Sound Bridge Road that resulted in the death of Ruth Littlejohn, an occupant of the bus, and the injury of several other students in the bus.

The case is scheduled for hearing here in Recorder's Court on January 16.

Sub Machine Gun Bought For Sheriff

In order to be better equipped to cope with any emergency which may arise during present uncertain conditions, the County Commissioners on Monday agreed to purchase a sub-machine gun for the sheriff's office. Before voting for the purchase of the gun, Chief of Police G. A. Helms was called in to demonstrate a similar gun recently purchased by the Town of Edenton.

While not suffering with a case of the jitters, and hoping the new gun will not have to be put into use, the Commissioners realized that the sheriff's office is inadequately equipped and that a gun is a necessary adjunct for law enforcement in event any serious disorders arise.