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## Town Council Authorizes Fire Department Buy New Hose and Other Equipment

### Firemen Better Equipped to Meet Possible Emergencies

#### 3,000 FEET OF HOSE

#### Gas and Oil Business of Town Will Alternate Every 60 Days

In order to be better equipped to fight fires, especially during the present emergency, Town Council, at its meeting Tuesday night, authorized the purchase of about \$1,100 worth of hose and other fire fighting equipment. Assistant Fire Chief J. H. Conger appeared before the Board and told just what the condition is if a major fire or fires caused by air raids should materialize.

An order was given for 600 feet of 2½-inch hose and 400 feet of 1½-inch hose, which when received will result in the fire department's having 3,000 feet of hose in first-class condition which would be dependable for fighting a fire of any proportion.

Other equipment ordered included soft suction hose for the large pump, nozzles and Siamese couplings. In connection with the recently appointed auxiliary fire department, organized in connection with various defense moves, six hand pumps with a short piece of hose were purchased, one of which will be placed in each of the six fire wards in care of the captain of the ward. These rigs can be used in connection with preventing damage by incendiary bombs and can also be brought into play during ordinary fires when a little water would prevent a fire, or at least act as a buffer in preventing the fire spreading.

One matter also claiming a considerable amount of attention was the system of distributing the town's oil and gasoline business among the various service stations. For many years the business alternated among the stations, remaining at one place six months. This method has been followed for many years and was adopted when bidding for the business resulted in profits being practically eliminated, so that it was very little desired. However, at the outset of the alternating system, there were only two or three stations and now there are six, and as a result it takes two years before the business comes back to any one of the stations.

It was decided Tuesday night to change the length of service from six months to every 60 days, effective as of January 1, and in order to prevent any misunderstanding the business will go to the various stations in the following order: Gulf, Bridge Turn, W. J. Yates, Godwin's, Burton's and the Triangle.

The street commissioner reported receipt of a letter from R. R. Roper, district engineer of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, to the effect that in the near future it is hoped to be able to put curbs and gutters in North Edenton as far as funds set up will allow.

During the meeting Clerk of Court E. W. Spires was authorized to index the Town's back taxes for a three-year period at a cost of \$25.

It was also decided to place in the hands of the Town attorney for collection past due payments for cutting weeds on vacant lots and sidewalk assessments. At the conclusion of the regular business, the Board went into executive session for a brief time during which several matters were discussed.

## Course in Home Nursing Planned

### Mrs. Roland Vaughan Consents to Conduct Classes

An announcement was made early this week by Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Chowan County Red Cross Chapter chairman, that a course in home nursing will be started, and that Mrs. Roland Vaughan, who is a registered nurse, will be in charge of the classes.

D. M. Deaves, Mrs. J. A. and Mrs. J. L. Pettus have been appointed by Mrs. Pruden to be in charge of the registration for the course, and any who are interested in securing this valuable training should contact either of the three as soon as possible.

## Better Pay Now

Tax payers have only a little more than two weeks to pay their 1941 taxes without being penalized for delinquent payment. During the remainder of this month taxes will be collected at par, but acting under orders of the County Commissioners and the State law, Sheriff J. A. Bunch will, beginning on February 1, add a penalty of one per cent. On March 1 another one per cent will be added and after April 1, an additional one-half of one per cent will be added for each month until the taxes are paid.

In order to avoid the penalty, tax payers are urged to make settlement with the Sheriff before January slips away.

## Campaign Under Way For Books To Give Service Men

### Local Library Sponsoring Drive In Chowan County

Under the sponsorship of the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, a campaign will shortly be launched in Edenton to secure books for men in the armed forces of the United States. The campaign is in cooperation with the Victory Book Campaign sponsored by the American Red Cross, American Library Association and United Service organizations, through which it is hoped to secure ten million books for the country's service men.

The campaign officially began on Monday, but the local drive will not get under way until posters and other material is received. Joe Conger, Mrs. J. N. Pruden and Mrs. Edna White have been appointed to conduct the campaign in Chowan County, and members of the Legion Auxiliary have volunteered their services.

## Boy Scouts Guests Rotarians Tonight

### Spires and Benson Present Fine Program Last Week

Edenton's Boy Scouts will be guests of Edenton Rotarians at the weekly meeting of the club held tonight at 6:15 in the Parish House. Each Rotarian has been made responsible for one of the Scouts and will call at his home for him shortly before time of meeting.

The program for the meeting will be in charge of C. H. Wood, and it is hoped every Rotarian will be present to help entertain the boys.

The Boy Scouts are sponsored by the Rotary Club, and this will be the first occasion they have been guests of their sponsors at a meeting.

Only two Rotarians were absent from last week's meeting, when an interesting program was presented by Clerk of Court E. W. Spires and the Rev. W. C. Benson.

Mr. Spires, who is chairman of the Chowan County Defense Council, briefly commented upon progress of the organization and explained how the duties of the several committees dovetailed with other committees, so that with even more committees appointed than is provided by the program, Chowan is rapidly working out a system which should be able to cope with almost any emergency which may arise.

Mr. Benson, one of Edenton's three amateur radio operators, was high in his praise of this group from which the government has drawn many radio men in the present emergency. He admitted that at times their conversations were bothersome to radio listeners, but that through this talking back and forth, they gained valuable experience, which in turn is placed at the service of their country. Mr. Benson has been chosen as an amateur operator through which messages may be sent of a defense nature.

## Red Cross First Aid Course Scheduled To Start Monday, Feb. 2

### Classes Will Be Conducted By National Representative

#### FOR INSTRUCTORS

#### Hoped Training Will Be Extended Into Every Home In County

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Chowan Red Cross Chapter chairman, has been informed that a representative from national Red Cross headquarters will arrive in Edenton in time to begin teaching first aid on the evening of Monday, February 2.

There has been some misunderstanding about this course in that it will be to teach only those who are willing to act as instructors and after completion of the course impart what they have learned to those who are interested in securing this valuable first aid information.

Those taking the course starting February 2, must promise to teach classes and in this way it is hoped first aid training will be extended into every home in the county, as well as in schools, industrial plants and the various clubs.

The instructors will be required to complete a 30-hour course, which will be for three hours every night from Monday through Friday, and during which the rudiments of first aid will be taught so that each instructor will be able to conduct classes for those interested in securing this training.

The first aid course will be a 20-hour course, and will follow the course for instructors.

Already some members of the Legion Auxiliary have signified their intention of taking the training, and any who are interested should contact Mrs. J. N. Pruden as early as possible.

## Defense Chairmen Asked Meet Friday

### Spires Calls Meeting at Municipal Building At 5 P. M.

County National Defense Chairman E. W. Spires has announced a special meeting of all chairmen of the Defense Council to be held Friday afternoon at five o'clock, in the Municipal Building. All chairmen are urged to have their organization memberships completely set up and ready to report by that time.

## Mrs. John Badham Gives Magazines To Library At School

Due to the generosity of Mrs. John C. Badham, the Edenton High School now has issues of the National Geographic Magazine for 18 years, dating from 1923 through 1940.

Superintendent John A. Holmes reported this week that the issues have been sent to Greensboro to the State Bindery and were received at the school on Saturday. After being bound, the issues made a set of 36 volumes with six issues being bound in each volume.

## CHOWAN SCHOOL CONTROVERSY WILL COME TO HEAD IN COURT TRIAL FRIDAY

### J. C. Nixon Called to Answer Charges Lodged Against Him For Not Sending Children To Rocky Hock Central School

A case that will probably create a great deal of interest because of its unusual nature will be heard in Recorder's Court Friday afternoon at four o'clock, when J. C. Nixon is summoned to appear to answer the following charge: "Being father of Murray Leon Nixon and Will Earl Nixon, children between the ages of seven and fourteen years, and having charge and control of said children, did fail to cause them to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school in the district in which said children reside, to wit, the Rocky Hock Central School, was in session and said children not having been excused from attendance."

## Tire Rationing Board Swamped With Auto Owners After Tires

### About 25 Appear at First Meeting of Board Held Monday Night

#### DIFFICULT TASK

#### All Tire Retailers Are Appointed to Serve As Inspectors

Meeting Monday night in the Municipal Building, the tire rationing board, consisting of A. G. Byrum, chairman, W. W. Byrum and Dr. W. S. Griffin, was swamped with requests for information about tires and tubes when approximately 25 citizens appeared before the board.

The board wishes to state that it is anxious to cooperate with the citizens of the town and county and it sincerely wishes that tires could be provided for every applicant. Citizens can readily sense the difficulty, however, from the amount of tires the county can supply each month. During January the county may supply only eight tires for passenger cars, motorcycles and light trucks and only seven inner tubes may be sold. The allowance for trucks and buses is 24 tires and 20 inner tubes.

At Monday night's meeting, it was decided to appoint all tire retailers as tire inspectors. Previously it had been announced that the Bridge-Turn Service Station and the Gulf Service Station would serve as tire inspectors for the county, but now all tire retailers have been called to serve as inspectors. Now, any car owner can have his tires inspected at the inspection point he prefers.

All inspectors, the board stated, should write in the car owner's application either of three tire conditions: "Good, capable of being re-treaded or re-capped, or bad." No inspector is allowed to recommend the issuance of a certificate by the board if the tires can be re-capped or re-treaded.

The names of persons to whom tires have been issued, the size and number of tires will be published in a weekly list.

Farmers and others with trucks who feel that it is absolutely necessary to have a new tire or tube in order to continue their work may secure a blank to fill out from any of the tire inspectors. When properly filled out by both the applicant and the inspector, the blank should be brought by the applicant to a meeting of the tire rationing board which meets, until further notice, every Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Building.

For further information for farmers, part of the regulations on certificates issued in Class E-9 reads as follows:

"No truck equipped with tires or tubes for which a certificate has been issued should be used to deliver milk or other foods to a consumer for personal, family or household use, or to deliver any commodities, whether such deliveries are to be made by a department store, grocery store, or similar sales outlet."

## Bank Closed On Lee's Birthday Next Monday

Because of Robert E. Lee's birthday, which will be observed next Monday, January 18, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day in observance of the holiday. Patrons of the Bank are urged to take due notice and transact their banking business accordingly.

## Chowan County Goes Over Top In Campaign For Red Cross War Emergency Fund

### Best Report

Attention is called to the statement of the Bank of Edenton which appears elsewhere in this issue of The Herald. The report includes condition of the bank at the close of business on December 31, and is by far the best report ever enjoyed by the bank, deposits totaling \$2,094,903.35, while loans and discounts amounted to \$1,266,173.83.

The report, submitted at a meeting of the board of directors, was reason for a feeling of satisfaction on the part of the bank officials, reflecting as it does, continual growth of the local institution.

## Holland Tells Lions About Campaign To Secure Scrap Iron

### Best Speakers Selected At Request of Lions International

R. C. Holland was the principal speaker at the Lions Club meeting Monday night, speaking about the proposal to collect scrap metal, especially on the farms throughout the county to be used in making defense material. He was very anxious that the attention of farmers be called to the important part scrap metal can play in national defense. It was Mr. Holland's belief that thousands of pounds of metal can be gathered from farms which is of no use whatever to the owners, but can be a big factor during the present emergency.

A campaign for the collection of old iron, steel and automobile tires is in the making when farmers will be notified where they can deliver the metal and what price will be paid.

A communication from Lions International requested the names of the best speakers in the Club for use in informing the public regarding national defense problems as they develop. Those submitted to the national organization were the Rev. W. C. Benson, R. C. Holland and William Privott.

## Boy Scouts Gather 5,000 Pounds Paper

### Mayor McMullan Is Informed of Great Need As War Necessity

County Agent C. W. Overman is Scoutmaster of Edenton Boy Scout Troop, No. 156, and reports that the troop, consisting of 16 boys, are collecting scrap paper under the National Defense Program. Approximately 5,000 pounds of paper have been collected to date.

Mayor J. H. McMullan has been advised by Leon Henderson of the Office of Price Administration that since war has been declared, waste paper has risen in importance as an absolutely necessary war material in that all of the supplies turned out by our factories for use on the home front as well as the fighting front must be packed in cartons largely made from waste paper.

Mayor McMullan was urged by the Administrator to leave no stone unturned to make sure that every scrap of waste paper in the community is collected and to get behind the continued collection of this vital war supply, pushing it to the fullest.

Any one having any scrap paper should contact Mayor McMullan, Mrs. J. M. Jones or Scout Master C. W. Overman, who will see to it that it is collected by the Boy Scouts.

## 28 Boys Enrolled In Junior First Aid Class

Under the direction of Donald King, of Elizabeth City, district Scout executive, 28 Boy Scouts and other boys of Scouting age are taking the junior Red Cross first aid training course.

These classes, the first of which was held Wednesday of last week, will continue every Friday night for eight or ten weeks from 7 to 9 o'clock, in the Scout Cabin.

### Treasurer Bond Reports Contributions Totaling \$2,593.41

#### \$93.41 OVER GOAL

#### Names and Amounts of Money Given Published In Herald

With scattered reports reaching M. F. Bond, treasurer of the Chowan Red Cross War Emergency Fund, the county has gone over the top, the contributions totaling \$2,593.41, or \$93.41 above the quota of \$2,500 set for Chowan. Though the drive started off with a bang shortly before Christmas, contributions later began to lag and for a time there was some concern as to whether the county would reach the goal. However, canvassers remained at their posts and with one report after another coming in, the goal was in sight last week when only \$205.88 was lacking.

Both W. J. Berryman, chairman of the campaign, and M. F. Bond are appreciative for the splendid work done by the canvassers and desire to thank every one who contributed and helped to put Chowan on the honor list.

Mr. Bond has kept an accurate record of all money turned over to him and has, so far as he knows, given to The Herald the name of every contributor, together with the amount for publication. In only one instance has he not been able to furnish names, which was for a deposit entered in the Bank of Edenton for \$13.78 for which he could not ascertain the names of contributors. It was the purpose of both Mr. Berryman and Mr. Bond to publish the names of all who aided in the drive and if any were inadvertently left out, The Herald will gladly acknowledge their contributions, if notified.

Though the goal has been reached, it is expected that subsequent calls for funds will be made and if there are any others who desire to contribute, Mr. Bond will gladly receive the contribution and acknowledge it through the columns of The Herald.

The names of those who contributed, as well as the amount, and whose names have not yet been published are as follows:

Enterprise	
Henry Haste	\$ 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrell	2.00
Eleanor Harrell	.50
Mrs. Bristoe Harrell	.25
Mrs. Russell	1.00
Mrs. John Bonner	1.00
Mrs. Joe Ward	1.00
Mrs. David Hare	.50
Miss Mary Nixon	.25
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Harrell	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Small	1.00
Mrs. W. W. Haste	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Perry	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harrell	5.00
Miss Minnie Harrell	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bunch	1.25
Lloyd Morning	.25
Joe Morning	.50

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## Red Cross Asked To Knit Garments For Armed Forces

### Need Great, So That More Volunteers Are Necessary

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter, has received a call for knitted garments for the country's armed forces, which will take precedence over the knitting now in progress for civilian relief. There is a great need for these garments, Mrs. Pruden was informed by national headquarters, and of course, the local chapter will answer the call. Wool for the garments has been ordered and is expected to arrive soon.

Mrs. Mattie Davis and Mrs. E. T. Rawlinson are co-chairmen of the local Red Cross knitting forces and any person wishing to help by knitting should contact either of these two ladies.

Instructions will be given at any time at the Iredell Florist Shop except Friday nights, when Mrs. Davis will instruct a group of colored women from 7 to 9 o'clock.