

In these columns will be found a fair presentation of local and county news of general interest.

THE CHOWAN HERALD

A HOME NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

This newspaper is circulated in the territory where Advertisers will realize good results.

Volume IX—Number 24.

Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, June 11, 1942.

\$1.50 Per Year.

Peanut Growers Seeking To Omit Peanuts From O. P. A. Maximum Price Regulation

Vote 100% to Exempt Peanuts at Suffolk Meeting

PRICES DROP

Peanut Farmers Asked To Write Members Of Congress

Meeting in Suffolk, Va., Monday, a large group of representative peanut farmers and clearers from North Carolina and Virginia discussed the price ceiling as fixed on peanuts and peanut products by the Office of Administration. It was the opinion of those present that the ceiling prices on peanuts and peanut products as fixed by the Office of Price Administration on April 28 did not reflect to the farmer 110 per cent of parity, or about 7% cents per pound as was provided by the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942.

The price of farmers' stock peanuts was above 7% cents until the publication of a maximum price regulation on April 28, and since that time the market on farmers' stock peanuts was declined to below six cents, and even at this price, there is no demand for the farmers' stock peanuts.

It was stated that there are more than a hundred thousand bags of farmers' stock peanuts in the farmers' hands and that the farmers were taking a terrific loss because of the decline in the market.

The meeting went on record by a 100 per cent vote to take action to have the proper governmental authorities exempt peanuts and peanut products from the maximum price regulation as established by the Office of Price Administration.

A committee from the farmers in the Virginia-Carolina area was appointed to take the matter up with the Senators and Congressmen from the peanut producing states and with governmental departments in an effort to correct the existing situation and to have peanuts and peanut products removed from the price regulation.

The committee is composed of the following from North Carolina: W. M. Stevenson, Pendleton; Charles Revell and J. M. Anderson, Murfreesboro; C. B. Griffin, Lewiston; J. R. Vann, Ahoskie; W. B. Howell, Tarboro; D. G. Matthews, Hamilton; H. T. Hobbs, R. C. Holland, J. C. Leary, T. C. Byrum, Edenton; and the following from Virginia: W. T. Parker, Franklin; W. T. Bain, Wakefield; Sidney Byrum and Harvey Holloman, Surry.

A subcommittee was also appointed for the purpose of making a trip to Washington to explain the unfortunate situation to Senators and Congressmen from the peanut producing area, this group composing the following: C. B. Griffin, T. C. Byrum and J. R. Vann from North Carolina, and Sidney Byrum, Tucker Bain and (Continued on Page Six)

Miles Clark Sees Big Advantage In Efforts Of Bands

Says Splendid Means of Developing Friendship Among Towns

That Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McCullers and members of the Edenton High School Band proved to be delightful hosts to the Elizabeth City Band on Friday night is reflected in a letter to Director McCullers from Miles L. Clark, of Elizabeth City.

Said Mr. Clark: "No need to tell you how much the whole crowd enjoyed being in Edenton last night. There was a true spirit of friendship all the way through, and there is no reason why it cannot be a lasting one. You folks sure did it up right."

"I like your idea of several towns getting together and having a big family reunion. They will all have a good time."

"We want you all back over here before long, and are looking toward that now."

"You and Gene Gorman are doing more for friendliness between towns around here than all other organizations ever hoped to do. Keep it up, boy."

New Commander



ROBERT L. PRATT One of the most active members of Ed Bond Post, Mr. Pratt has been chosen to succeed John A. Holmes as commander of the Post.

R. L. Pratt Elected New Commander Of Ed Bond Post

Succeeds John Holmes, Who Served Two-Year Term

Robert L. Pratt has been elected commander of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, succeeding John A. Holmes, who has for the second time completed a two-year term as commander. Mr. Pratt is and has been one of the most active members of the local post since its organization, and has filled most of the offices in the post. He is not only interested in local Legion activities, but has taken an active part in Legion affairs in the state.

Because of his interest in the post, as well as his ability to secure memberships, members of the post look forward to a successful year under Mr. Pratt's administration.

Other officers elected by the post at the meeting last week were as follows:

Vice Commanders—L. E. Griffin, T. L. Ward and Joe Boyce.

Adjutant and Finance Officer—Thomas J. Wood.

Service Officer—C. E. Kramer.

Guardianship Officer—W. H. Gardner.

Sergeant-at-arms—Jesse W. White.

Chaplain—J. L. Chestnutt.

Historian—John A. Holmes.

Athletic Officer—R. E. Leary.

Child Welfare—W. W. Byrum.

Americanism Officer—J. W. Davis.

National Defense—Richard D. Dixon.

Graves Registration—W. J. Yates.

Employment Officer—P. S. McMullan.

Boys' State Officer—S. W. Moore.

Boy Scout Officer—Geddes Potter.

Membership Chairman—T. C. Byrum.

Publicity Officer—O. E. Duncan.

Chairman Sons of Legion—R. F. Elliott.

J. L. Chestnutt, W. W. Byrum and Richard D. Dixon were elected as delegates to the State Legion Convention, with T. C. Byrum, L. E. Griffin and J. A. Bunch chosen as alternates.

Fifth Registration Tuesday, June 30

Preparations are going forward by the Chowan County Draft Board for the fifth registration, which will be held Tuesday, June 30. On that date all men born on or after January 1, 1922, and on or before June 30, 1924, or men 18 to 20 years of age will have to register for possible military duty.

The registration will be held at the local armory and the Community Building at Cross Roads between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

CORPORAL IN MARINES

Emmett Wiggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wiggins, left Edenton on Wednesday for Raleigh, where he will take the oath as a corporal in the U. S. Marine Corps. Mr. Wiggins previously has passed all requirements of the Marine Corps.

Unclaimed Bank Deposits Seen As Aid In War Effort

Ohioan Also Would Aid Education of Students After War Period

\$300,000,000 FUND

Plan Will Be Submitted For Consideration of Congressmen

Hyman Weinstein, a native of Ohio, now an outstanding horticulturist at Bowers Hill, Va., was in Edenton Tuesday. Mr. Weinstein has found time apart from the routine labors of his chosen profession to conceive a plan which he believes will be the greatest boost to the war effort in the matter of dollars yet introduced.

According to Mr. Weinstein, approximately \$300,000,000 of unclaimed deposits are now on hand in the national banks of this country, and according to his plan, trustees of the banks would purchase war bonds with the unclaimed deposits, and following the war period, redeem the war bonds to make government guaranteed loans to worthy youths, especially those in the country's service, to further their education.

The cost to the government would be small, with the government paying only one per cent of the three per cent rate as suggested by Mr. Weinstein. The banks would get a nominal fee for their services and thousands of youths would prosper from the loans, while during the war period the government could receive a substantial boost to its defense in war bond purchases.

In commenting upon his idea, Mr. Weinstein pointed out also that when the war is over and many youths will, as in other post-war periods, seek entry into the nation's many colleges and universities, the loans would be a substantial aid in enabling them to do so.

The originator of the plan in no way benefits financially, his only purpose being to present the idea to congressmen in the hope that during the war the country would benefit from the huge amount of unclaimed deposits and that after the war young men who fought for their country would have an opportunity to further their education. The idea is a hobby of Mr. Weinstein, who has also gained quite a reputation for his hobby of raising freak plants and bulbs.

Auxiliary Changes Its Place Of Meeting

After meeting for some time in the Rose Room at Hotel Joseph Hewes, the American Legion Auxiliary will hereafter have the monthly meetings in the Red Men hall. Permission was granted for this purpose by Members of Chowan Tribe at Monday night's meeting.

The Legion Post also meets in the Red Men's hall.

MERCHANTS SELLING UNFORTIFIED WINE UNDER FIRE AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Growing Nuisance and Menace Reported at Tuesday Night's Meeting; Special Session Will Be Called to Take Definite Action

Edenton merchants who sell unfortified wine were under fire for over a two-hour period Tuesday night at the meeting of Town Council, and based on reports of drunkenness, rowdiness, and general lawlessness, drastic measures are now in the making to curb what was termed an ever-growing nuisance and menace to the community.

At last month's meeting of Town Council thumbs were turned down on a proposition to forbid the sale of beer and wine from 11 o'clock Saturday night until 7 o'clock Monday morning, but complaints were registered at Tuesday night's meeting which, if true, have developed into a nuisance of the first order and unless curbed at once, will very likely develop into very serious proportions.

Former Mayor J. L. Wiggins appeared before the Board to register a vigorous complaint. He said he was interested from three standpoints: the industrial viewpoint at a time when manpower, as the result of the war effort, is at a premium; the humanitarian angle, and in the interest of war defense measures. Mr. Wiggins told the Councilmen that his veneer mill is working on war orders and that frequently his work is held up due to colored em-

Albemarle District Court Of Honor In Hertford On Friday

Edenton Troop Will Play Important Part On Program

EXPECT BIG CROWD

Sixty-one Merit Badges Will Go To Edenton Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts and friends from Edenton, Elizabeth City, Hertford, Maneto, Gatesville, Sunbury and South Mills will meet in the Court House in Hertford Friday evening at 8 o'clock, when the Albemarle District Court of Honor will be held.

Special invitations have been extended to Travis Thompson, Scout executive of Norfolk, Va., and to officials of Tidewater Council to be present at the meeting. Donald King, Scout executive for the Albemarle troops, will be on hand and it is expected many parents of the Scouts and other friends will also attend.

Edenton's Scouts will play an important part in the program, when a total of 61 merit badges will be awarded to first-class Scouts.

Three members of the troop will be promoted to Life Scouts, these being Lester Stewart, Gordon Huffines and Lloyd Griffin.

Three boys, J. Clarence Leary, Jr., Mike Harris and Fletcher Harris, will go up as Star Scouts.

Gurney Hobbs and William Leary will be advanced as First Class Scouts, while John Thigpen and Ernest Stillman will go up as Second Class Scouts. Three boys will be promoted to Tenderfoot Scouts, these being Clifford Batten, Jimmy Cates, Bobby Byrum and George Habit.

West Byrum will be awarded nine merit badges and though he is qualified in that respect, he lacks the required amount of service and therefore will not be advanced to Star Scout until the next Court of Honor.

Henry Gardner, an Eagle Scout, will also be awarded another merit badge to add to his long list of badges.

Draft Board Receives Call For 35 Negroes

Chowan County's Draft Board, this week, received a call for 35 more colored selectees to be sent to Fort Bragg for induction into the U. S. Army. The group is scheduled to leave Edenton Tuesday, July 7.

Up to Wednesday morning no call has been received for white, men during July, but a call is expected.

Rev. D. C. Crawford Speaker For Rotary

At today's meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club the principal speaker will be the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., new pastor of the Presbyterian Church. All members of the club are urgently requested to be present.

Registration June 15 - 16 To Secure Sugar Certificate For Use In Canning Fruit

Paper Licenses

With war conditions having a vital effect on metals, Town Councilmen on Tuesday night decided to adopt paper stickers for use as Town automobile licenses for next year. Town Clerk R. E. Leary was notified by the concern where metal tags have been previously purchased that the same size metal tags could not be furnished and that only a limited size tag could be made to cover the date of the year for which the license is issued.

Mr. Leary was instructed to order paper stickers about two inches square, which will be pasted on the windshield next year instead of a metal tag fastened to the State license. Due to tire and gasoline rationing, fewer automobiles are expected to be rolling and Mr. Leary will order only 450 of the stickers instead of 500 licenses as heretofore.

Sidewalks Assured For Mill Village By Town Councilmen

Cotton Mill and Town Will Share Equally In Expense

After efforts extending over a period of several years and patiently waiting, officials of the Edenton Cotton Mill were successful Tuesday night in getting Town Council to agree to construct cement sidewalks on every street in the cotton mill village. Time and time again, representatives of the cotton mill have appeared before Town Council asking for relief in a section which, they said, compares very unfavorably with other cotton mill villages in the State, and until Tuesday night, only temporary relief has been the outcome.

However, several months ago, a WPA project was made up and sent in which included not only sidewalks, but hard surfacing the streets, but due to present conditions it is uncertain if the appropriation will be approved, and even if it is approved, there is no certainty as to when the work can be done.

J. A. Moore and J. W. Cates were present at the meeting Tuesday night and informed the Board that the cotton mill will pay half of the sidewalk cost provided the Town will pay the other half. The Councilmen readily agreed to the proposition, which is only following out the arrangement for paving sidewalks when a majority of property holders in any certain area present a petition. The Town's share of the expense will be taken from an appropriation set up in the last budget for the WPA project.

The sidewalks will be four feet wide and a depth of four inches, it being estimated that the amount of sidewalks will total something like 2,500 yards.

The work will not be done by the Street Department, and because of that fact, bids by contractors will have to be submitted to Town Clerk R. E. Leary. For that reason, actual work on the paving project will not get under way for 30 days in order to be legally advertised. Advertisements for bids will appear in The Herald next week, the proper form being prepared by Town Attorney William Privott.

Only Half Of Quota Raised In Joint Drive

Contributions to the joint drive to raise \$1,600 for the USO, Navy Relief and Chinese Relief are not coming up to expectations, the report on Wednesday being that only about half of the amount has been raised. Solicitations will continue, however, in the hope that the quota will be reached so that each branch will receive the amount Chowan County has been asked to raise.

J. L. PETTUS HOME

J. L. Pettus, who has been confined in the General Hospital in Norfolk, Va., for the past month, has recovered sufficiently to return to his home. He arrived home Tuesday, and while gradually recuperating, is very weak.

Community House and Edenton School Places To Register

9 A. M. TO 5 P. M.

Group of Volunteers to Be Called Into Service As Registrars

Because of need of sugar for purposes of home canning, it is expected that about 1,100 Chowan people will be obliged to register in order to secure a sugar purchase certificate to buy enough sugar for their needs. The date of the registration will be Monday and Tuesday, June 15 and 16, with the registration being held under the supervision of W. J. Taylor, sugar administrator for Chowan County.

Mr. Taylor has designated two registration centers for both white and colored, one at the Community Building at Cross Roads, the other at the Edenton High School. Applications for sugar must be made on either of the two days between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., War Time.

To register this number of applicants will consume a considerable amount of time and because most of the school teachers, who worked so faithfully in the first sugar registration, are now away other volunteers have been solicited to assist in this work. These volunteers will be called together Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when the application forms will be thoroughly explained.

This registration will be only for those who do home canning and preserving, and does not include sugar for pickling purposes. No sugar will be allowed for pickling, but may be secured at a later date.

Basis for allotment of sugar for canning and preserving will be one pound for each person per year for preserving and one pound per every four quarts of canned fruit.

The head of each family should register for each member of the family unit and he or she must bring the War Rationing Book of each member of the family, since the serial numbers of each book must be listed.

At the registration on June 15 and 16 no certificates for sugar purchases will be issued, the person representing the family unit being obliged to appear before the local War Ration Board on or after June 16, when the certificates will be issued. The registration is for the purpose of assembling all information necessary so as to enable the War Ration Board to more quickly pass upon the applications presented.

Questions which registrants will ask of applicants will include:

1. Number of pounds of sugar for which application is made.
2. Number of pounds now owned by person for whom sugar is requested.
3. Number quarts of fruit canned last year.
4. Number quarts of fruit in possession now.
5. Number quarts of fruit you desire to can between June and October 15.

(Continued on Page Six)

Mrs. Pratt Elected Auxiliary President

Two Girls Will Be Sent To Girls State In Greensboro

At the meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary held Friday night new officers for the year were elected. Mrs. Robert L. Pratt was elected president, succeeding Mrs. Edna White, while Mrs. O. B. Perry was elected vice president; Mrs. J. W. White, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Thomas J. Wood, historian, and Mrs. L. S. Byrum, sergeant-at-arms.

Delegates to the State convention will be Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Edna White and Mrs. D. M. Reaves. Alternates are Mrs. Richard D. Dixon, Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt and Mrs. W. W. Byrum.

During the meeting, which was largely attended, reports for the year's work were presented, which reflected a healthy condition of the organization.

It was also decided to send two Edenton girls to Girls' State in Greensboro, this summer, the two young ladies being Misses Carolyn McMullan and Annie Ruth White.