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Chowan County Scheduled For Second Blackout Test Some Time Monday Night

Alarm to Be Sounded Between 8 P. M. and 1 P. M.

LASTS 30 MINUTES

Spire Calls Meeting of All Defense Workers Friday Afternoon

Chowan County, along with Dare, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans and part of Gates, will experience the second pre-announced blackout next Monday night some time between the hours of 8 p. m. and 1 a. m., and the blackout is scheduled to remain in effect for a period of 30 minutes.

The exact time of the blackout has not been announced, and will, of course, be made known by the fire siren, the signal being two short blasts and after a brief interval will be followed by two more blasts. Upon hearing this signal it will be the duty of pedestrians to get off the street and drivers of cars to immediately park their cars and turn off all lights. In houses, also, all lights must be put out unless arrangements have been made whereby the light cannot be seen from the outside. It is necessary for all persons to remain indoors except those on duty in connection with the blackout. It will be remembered that Town Council passed an ordinance pertaining to blackout, the rules of which will be enforced, so that it is compulsory for everybody to cooperate to the fullest extent. The termination of the blackout will be announced by one long blast of the fire siren.

The entire county is included in the blackout, and it is hoped those living in the rural sections will also cooperate. Of course, the general alarm in Edenton cannot be heard, but arrangements will be made to telephone to various points announcing that the blackout is in progress.

An important phase of the blackout test is that nobody uses the telephone during the practice period. This is necessary in order to keep the lines clear for those who are connected with the defense organization.

E. W. Spire, Chowan County Civilian Defense Chairman, has called a meeting with his key men to be held in his office Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at which time a check-up of the organization will be made so that everything will be in readiness when the alarm is sounded. All the wardens, special police, as well as any other authorized civilian defense worker, is especially requested to attend this meeting.

Chowan County's initial blackout test several months ago was very successful and Mr. Spire feels that with the experience thus gained the forthcoming test will be even more successful.

"CAPTAIN DICK" HALL HONORED BY STATE FIREMEN AT ANNUAL MEETING

Veteran Fire Chief Awarded Gold Medal In Recognition of 60 Years' Service; Claims Made That He Is Oldest Fireman In Nation

Fire Chief R. K. Hall, affectionately known in Edenton and the State over as "Captain Dick," was signally honored last week at the State Firemen's Convention in Greensboro, when he was awarded a gold medal as recognition for his 60 years' service as a volunteer fireman. The State organization adopted a policy of awarding recognition to firemen serving 10, 20, 30, 40 and over 50 years, Edenton's veteran fire chief being the only one to be honored in the latter class. Not only is he the oldest active fireman in point of service in the State, but claims were advanced last week that he holds this honor in the United States.

"Captain Dick" is 76 years old. He is the son of the late William Thomas and Sara Jordan Hall, being born in Hertford on December 25, 1865, the year Grant accepted the surrender of Lee's forces. He moved with his parents to Edenton when he was seven years old.

As a lad of 16 "Captain Dick" joined the Edenton Volunteer Fire Company in the days of the Bucket brigade, and has served continuously since that time. Working up through the ranks, he succeeded Frank Tuttle as fire chief in 1941.

Reminiscing over the many fires

Be On Lookout

Information has reached the Chowan County War Price and Rationing Board that the office of a local ration board in Washington, D. C., was broken into on the night of August 6, and 1,450 gasoline ration books were stolen from the building. The local board has been instructed to be on the lookout and to have picked up any person who may offer the books for sale or attempt to use the same. Filling station operators, oil companies or any other persons are also urged to be on the alert to detect any of the books and report immediately to the local Ration Board.

Books stolen may be identified as follows:

Class B—Nos. 302501 to 303000.

Class S-1—Nos. 691750 to 692,000 and 97501 to 98000.

Class S-2—Nos. 428401 to 428600.

Any information furnished regarding these books will be greatly appreciated by the local Board.

August War Bond Quota In Sight

Campen Reports \$11,891 Of \$15,700 August Quota Sold

Indications point to Chowan County reaching its August quota of War Bond and Stamp purchases, J. G. Campen, county chairman of the War Savings Staff, reporting that up to Saturday of last week purchases amounted to \$11,891.50. The August quota is \$15,700 for Chowan.

Of the amount purchased up to Saturday, \$9,760 was taken in by the Bank of Edenton, while post office sales totaled \$2,141.50, of which \$1,450 were for bonds and \$691.50 for stamps.

Mr. Campen feels certain the quota will be reached this month and even oversold to in some way offset what was lacking in the July quota.

Pender's Meat Manager Dies In Suffolk Hospital

News reached Edenton Wednesday that C. F. Crumpler, manager of the meat department in the local Pender's store, had died early Tuesday morning in Lake View Hospital, Suffolk, Va.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, from Hill's Funeral Home in Suffolk.

Rose's Re-open In Enlarged Quarters Saturday Morning

Remodeling Sale Climaxes Completion of New Store

SPACE DOUBLED

Now One of Most Spacious and Attractive Stores In Edenton

Climaxing the completion of the addition and remodeling of the local Rose's 5-10-25c Store, a Remodeling Sale will be staged Saturday of this week. During the day special bargains will be offered, but as an incentive to attract visitors all day long, extra specials will be sold at specified hours. These sales will be held at 9, 10 and 11 a. m., and at 2, 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The specials include ladies' full-fashioned hose, facial tissue, congo-rug rugs, decorated water sets, ladies' panties and glass mixing bowls, all of which will be sold at money-saving prices.

With the completion of this store, Edenton now has a store of this type comparable to any in this part of the State, both as to appearance and modernness for the shopping needs of the community.

The store formerly occupied the building next to Badham Bros. store, but the adjoining building was recently acquired, the two stores being combined and renovated both inside and out, so that now it presents one of the most spacious and attractive stores in the entire business section.

The Rose concern opened the Edenton store in 1927, since which time a generous patronage has been enjoyed, which has gradually expanded until it was decided to just about double the floor space. Rose's is strictly a Southern concern, operating stores in five Southern States, including North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Tennessee. The main office is in Hendersonville.

Paul M. Wallace, manager for the past several years, is being assisted in Saturday's opening sale by R. E. Neal, of Fayetteville, district superintendent; R. E. Vickers, manager of the Hertford store; M. L. Shands, manager of the Clinton store, and H. B. Barbee, manager of the Ahoskie store.

Much Rain Holds Up Progress On Air Station Work

Mulberry Hill and Sandy Point Eliminated From Area to Be Used

Recent rains have played havoc with progress on the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, much of the work of clearing and erection of temporary buildings being held up due to showers practically every day this week.

During the week, too, original lines of the base have undergone another change, so that a large part of Mulberry Hill and all of the Sandy Point land has been eliminated from the site. This most recent change in the plans will reduce the acreage about 900 acres.

Gates will very shortly be erected on both sides of the tract, after which all employees must carry their identification badges in order to enter. Special passes will also be issued to those people who still live within the boundary of the base, which must be produced before guards will allow them to leave or enter.

As to the employment of labor, it is definitely understood that no help whatever will be employed on the site. The matter of employment will be handled at the contractors' headquarters on Water Street, where employees will receive proper identification badges in order to enter the base.

Rumors were going the rounds this week that the Navy Department had or will take over Hotel Joseph Hewes, but upon investigation Wednesday, The Herald was informed that such rumor is without foundation.

PROMOTED TO CORPORAL
Word has reached Edenton from Fort Knox, Ky., that Ned White, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank White, Sr., who is with the 8th Armored Division, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal.

White And Colored Schools In City Unit Open September 9th

Board of Trustees Decide to Abandon Advance School

GO TO EDENTON

Pleasant Grove School On Air Station Site Also Abandoned

At a meeting of the Edenton school trustees this week, it was decided to open the schools, both white and colored, in the city administrative unit on Wednesday morning, September 9.

In addition to the school in Edenton, the schools at Ryans Grove, Virginia Fork, St. John's, Canaan's Temple, Triangle and Cedar Grove are a part of the City Administrative Unit. The school at Pleasant Grove will be abandoned since this building is on the reservation of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station.

The Board has decided to suspend operation of the Advance school for the year 1942-1943. The average daily attendance in this school has dropped to 36 and the State School Commission will not allow more than one teacher for the school. The school board and the administration have given full and serious consideration to the matter and have decided to transport all children from the Advance community to Edenton for 1942-1943.

The teaching personnel in all colored schools is complete, but Superintendent Holmes has two vacancies not definitely filled. These are a commercial teacher and director of physical education. However, he is (Continued on Page Four)

Habit's Cafe Increases Seating Capacity To 110

In anticipation of many newcomers to locate in Edenton, Joe Habit this week increased the seating capacity of his cafe on Broad Street, as the result of which he can now accommodate 110 customers at one time instead of 60 as heretofore. In the renovation of his establishment new and modern fixtures have been installed which have greatly changed the appearance of the interior, making it very attractive and up-to-date in every respect.

Already many of the newcomers are patronizing the cafe and many more are expected to be served regular meals and short orders.

Mrs. Jimmy Gibbs Busy Finding Homes For Base Workers

Secretary of Merchants Association Places Over 150

That Edenton is doing a job comparable to other sections near defense projects is reflected in the fact that through the Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce at least 150 newcomers have secured houses, apartments and rooms since coming here in connection with the construction of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station.

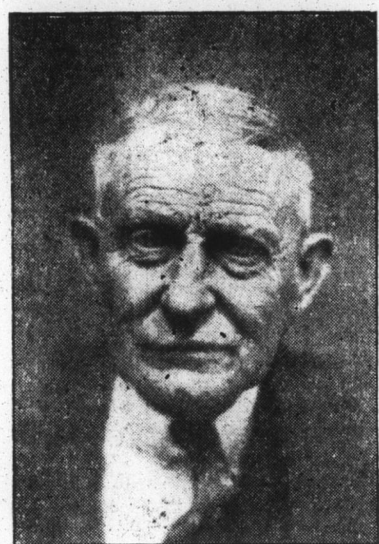
The bulk of this work has been done by Mrs. Jimmy Gibbs, secretary of the Merchants Association, who has also been pinch-hitting as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce pending the consolidation of the two organizations, or until it is definitely decided whether or not the two groups will combine.

Mrs. Gibbs' office in the lobby of Hotel Joseph Hewes has been serving as a clearing house for providing tenants, and much of the time for her past several weeks has been devoted to acquainting home-seekers with those who have rooms, apartments or houses to rent. She goes with those seeking living quarters, introduces them, and all in all, has done a splendid job considering the scarcity of accommodations in Edenton.

Newcomers continue to arrive daily and naturally at once seek living quarters. For that reason any one having available rooms, apartments or houses is requested to convey this information to Mrs. Gibbs, who in turn will find no difficulty in securing tenants, thus rendering a service for landlords, as well as those who locate here during the construction of the air station.

Mayor Of Edenton Irked About Complaints Relative To Unfair Rental Practices

Gets Gold Medal



R. K. HALL
"Captain Dick" Hall, Edenton's veteran fire chief, last week was awarded a gold medal at the State Firemen's Convention in recognition of over 50 years active service.

New Restaurant Planning To Open About September 1

Ernest Kehayes of New York Here as Manager of Concern

About September 1, Edenton will have what is expected to be one of the most modern and up-to-date eating places when the Albemarle Restaurant will be ready for business in the T. W. Jones building on the southwest corner of Broad and Eden Streets, formerly occupied by Cuthrell's Department Store.

The new restaurant will seat about 100 and will be managed by Ernest Kehayes, an experienced restaurant man. He comes to Edenton from New York, where he has been connected with a chain of hotels, including the Taft Hotel, St. George Hotel, as well as other well-known hostleries.

Mr. Kehayes is personally supervising the furnishing of his new restaurant, which when completed, he says, will be a credit to Edenton.

Dr. Whichard Returns From Atlanta Hospital

Friends throughout Chowan County will be pleased to learn that Dr. M. P. Whichard, former popular Edenton physician, has returned to his home in Murphy, N. C., following a stay in the Veterans Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Whichard is much improved, but information received early this week is to the effect that he must observe strict quietude at his home until he regains more strength.

MEETING CALLED TONIGHT TO PERFECT CONSOLIDATION C. OF C. AND MERCHANTS

Plans Agreed Upon at Meeting Tuesday Night Will Be Reviewed and Officers Elected For Combined Group

Continuing in the efforts to consolidate the Edenton Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce, the presidents of the two groups, Ralph E. Parrish and Richard F. Elliott, together with two directors of each group, met in the Municipal Building Tuesday night to further discuss amalgamation plans. With Mr. Parrish were J. G. Campen and W. M. Wilkins, two directors of the Merchants Association, while representing the Chamber of Commerce directors were M. F. Bond and J. Clarence Leary.

The group discussed many angles of the consolidation idea and finally decided to lay their recommendations before the directors of both organizations at a call meeting to be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, in the Municipal Building.

At this time the ideas presented Tuesday night will be reviewed and

Appeals to Landlords to Make Effort to Solve Local Problem

IN MINORITY

Profiteering Disloyal to Nation as Well as Community

Complaint has been registered with Mayor J. H. McMullan relative to a few unscrupulous people in Edenton who apparently are bent upon taking advantage of a housing situation which has developed due to those working on the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station seeking living quarters. These complaints are practically in effect that a few local people are determined to gouge employees of the Government as well as employees of the contractors who are building the base. Several unfair practices have been followed by some property owners with regard to renting rooms, apartments and dwellings.

In general, The Herald has been informed, the citizens of Edenton have been exceedingly cooperative and helpful in obtaining living quarters for the large influx of construction personnel. However, a minority of the property owners apparently have been following the practice of renting their available space by accepting the person who is able to offer the highest rental price. In some cases promises to rent at a certain figure have been made by owners, only to later accept a different renter because of a higher rental offer. This practice naturally makes the renting of homes exceedingly difficult for the workers on the Government project, as well as for those who have rented houses long before the Marine Base was thought of. It has, and rightly so, caused disension on the part of the employees of the Government and contractors.

Naturally those people who are transferred to Edenton, as well as those who elect to accept a position in connection with the construction of the Air Base, expect to be able to find some sort of living quarters, and it is the desire of those in charge that employees be treated fairly by property owners in any rental agreement which is made, thus eliminating unfair rental practices.

Mayor McMullan is no little concerned regarding complaints reaching him and says he is in thorough accord with the victims of property owners who are unfair in their rental practices.

"I believe an overwhelming majority of our citizens think it is an act of disloyalty to the nation as well as to our community to profiteer in the matter of rentals at this time," said the Mayor. "While we have no local authority to control rentals by Town ordinance, still I believe the court of public opinion is strong enough in authority to bring about a solution to this problem. If the few who are disposed to profiteer do not voluntarily place themselves in line, I feel certain that the Government will step in and regulate the matter. I sincerely hope the people of Edenton will solve this problem without Governmental mandate."

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