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11 Polling Places Set Up In Chowan For Farmers To Vote In Cotton Referendum

Places Increased Due to Present Transportation Facilities

VOTE DECEMBER 12

Enough Cotton Now on Hand For Almost Two Years

A total of 11 polling places will be established for Chowan County cotton producers to vote in the referendum on marketing quotas on the 1943 crop on Saturday, December 12, it has been announced by R. C. Holland, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

The number of voting places has been increased this year in view of the current transportation shortage, the chairman said, and the register of eligible voters has been compiled for use by persons who will conduct the election. Polls in Chowan County will remain open from 9 a. m., to 5 p. m., (Eastern War Time). Chairman Holland said that all persons engaged in the production of cotton in 1942, including tenants, land owners, and sharecroppers are eligible to vote.

"An interest in a cotton crop, except in the case of standing rent, will qualify a farmer to vote on December 12," he said. "This is pretty far removed from the situation faced by farmers in other nations of the world. We have a crop control measure put up to us for decision in the democratic manner—by secret ballot—and it is our duty as American farmers to go to the polls and state our preference."

Discussing the referendum, Mr. Holland declared the nation now has on hand enough cotton for almost two years, and it is beneficial to the war effort for acreage devoted to cotton to be shifted to production of (Continued on Page Five)

Roads To Marine Corps Air Station To Be Improved

New Road Will Practically Follow Present Roadway

Chowan County Commissioners, at their meeting Monday, passed a resolution asking for relocation and reconstruction of the road leading to the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station. The resolution affects the road leading to the base from Highway 32 at Neil Hobbs' store, as well as the road leading to the base from the Albemarle Sound bridge highway.

Maps of the roads affected were submitted by R. R. Roper of the Highway Department, which showed that the roads would follow practically the old roadway.

The cost of this work will be borne by the Federal Government, and it is expected that the roads will eventually be hard-surfaced.

PROGRESS ON CHRISTMAS PARTY POINTS TO ONE OF EDENTON'S BIGGEST AFFAIRS

Cash Contributions Already Reach \$500 Mark And Sales Brisk For Dance and War Bond Tickets; All Committees Active

If present indications are any sort of a measuring stick, Edenton's Christmas party on Saturday night, December 19, should be one of the most successful social affairs ever held in Edenton. The affair, sponsored by personnel of the Navy Department and the two contracting concerns at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, and with the cooperation of a large group of Edenton's most prominent citizens, includes a dance, a floor show and the awarding of three war bonds.

George C. Cunney, Navy auditor, is the man behind the gun and though a hard and persistent worker, he has expressed no little satisfaction at the cooperation and offers of help he has received both at the base and in Edenton. At the outset Mr. Cunney offered his services in any way needed and though in Edenton only since construction of the base was started, he agreed to head up the important

Mail 'Em Now

In common with other post-offices, Postmaster C. E. Kramer is experiencing a shortage of labor which will materially affect the dispatch and delivery of mail during the holidays at the Edenton office.

Despite publicity broadcast to mail Christmas mail early, Mr. Kramer sees little response and therefore warns that unless mail for Christmas is mailed earlier than in former years there is little doubt but that much of it will not reach its destination before Christmas.

Mr. Kramer said on Tuesday that at present stamps for mailing postcards should be purchased and such cards mailed to escape blocked mail nearer Christmas which will undoubtedly hold up delivery several days.

In order to secure the best service in mailing parcels, as well as window service, Mr. Kramer urges patrons to attend to these matters from 9 to 11 o'clock in the morning, and from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.

Privott Is Granted Leave Of Absence As County Solicitor

J. N. Pruden Appointed Monday to Serve For Duration

William Privott, who had no opposition in the May Primary election for the office of solicitor of Chowan County's Recorder Court and was subsequently elected in the November general election, left Friday for Jacksonville, Florida, where he was commissioned as lieutenant, junior grade, in the U. S. Aviation Corps.

Before leaving, Mr. Privott qualified for the office, Clerk of Court E. W. Spiers administering the oath of office. Immediately Mr. Privott addressed a request to the County Commissioners for leave of absence during the time he is in the Navy or until his term of office expires.

At Monday's meeting of the County Commissioners, Mr. Privott was granted the leave of absence and J. N. Pruden, a former judge of Recorder's Court, was appointed as temporary solicitor.

Sgt. Herbert Dale Reported Missing

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dale, of near Cross Roads, were notified last week that their son, Herbert Dale, was reported as missing.

Young Dale was a sergeant in the U. S. Air Corps. He enlisted in California in September, 1940, and after a training period was transferred to Alaska.

Plaque In Honor Boys In Service Of Country Is Being Considered

County and City Name Committees to Study Matter

WILL MEET FRIDAY

Idea of Recognition Advanced By Edenton Rotary Club

An idea recently discussed at Edenton's Rotary Club meetings to give some recognition to Chowan County boys now in the nation's armed forces was this week presented to the Chowan County Commissioners and Town Councilmen and with the proposition favorably received, each governing body has appointed a committee to meet jointly and make a thorough study of the idea.

At last week's Rotary meeting R. N. Hines presented an attractive miniature plaque to give the club members some idea as to what was thought to be an appropriate plan to, in some way, make some recognition (Continued on Page Five)

Resolution Passed Asking Widening Of Blount's Bridge

Fatal Accident at Narrow Bridge Arouses Commissioners

Due to a number of wrecks having occurred at Blount's Creek bridge about a mile from town on the Yeopim road, and only last week a man being killed at the same bridge due to an automobile accident, the County Commissioners on Monday passed a resolution asking the State Highway and Public Works Commission to give some attention to widening this bridge.

Present at the meeting at the time was R. R. Roper, who informed the Commissioners that due to priorities on materials, he felt that the Highway Commission could do little about the matter at the present time. Traffic has greatly increased on this road, especially since construction was begun on the Marine Corps Air Station, and the thought was advanced that if the proper pressure was brought to bear, priority on necessary materials might be given, or that possibly the Federal Government would do something about widening the bridge and even eliminating the dangerous curve near the bridge.

War Ration Book Necessary To Get Book Number 2

Deadline to Get First Book Is Set at December 15

According to information from the Chowan War Price and Ration Board every individual must register and obtain War Ration Book I, whether or not he buys sugar or coffee. No one will be allowed to obtain War Ration Book II unless he has War Ration Book No. I. However, no one may obtain more than one book.

The deadline for registration for War Ration Book I is December 15. No consumer may register after that date.

Every consumer must register for War Ration Book I with the local board which serves the area in which he regularly resides. He may register for himself or by an agent, whichever is required or permitted by the sugar rationing regulations.

The following information must be furnished the board: Proof of identity, proof of permanent address, record of previous address, statement why no previous application was made and other evidence which the board may deem necessary.

All babies born within the area of the local board must be registered within 30 days after birth to obtain Ration Books.

Persons who were denied War Ration Books due to excess sugar may now obtain such books with part or all sugar stamps removed, being based upon their excess.

Fatal Automobile Accident On Friday At Narrow Bridge

William Blount, Negro, Crushed Under Load Of Logs

DIES INSTANTLY

Log Truck and Truck From Air Station Collide

Another man lost his life near Edenton Friday afternoon, when William Blount, 18-year-old Edenton Negro, was instantly killed in an automobile wreck at Blount's Bridge on Route 32, about a mile from Edenton, near the curve before reaching the farm of Ed Harrell on the Yeopim road.

The accident occurred when a log truck owned by the M. G. Brown Lumber Company and a dump truck from the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station collided at the north end of the narrow bridge. Blount, a janitor at the air station, was riding in the body of the dump truck and the force of the impact threw him bodily from the truck and under the load of logs which were thrown from the log truck. His head was severed and his entire body badly mashed.

At the scene of the accident James White, white driver of the dump truck, was quoted as saying that upon approaching the bridge and seeing the log truck he applied brakes which caused his truck to swerve into the oncoming log truck, which was said to have just about cleared the bridge. White received only minor cuts and bruises, while John Sawyer, Negro driver of the log truck, had an arm broken.

Highway Patrolmen Downs and Payne were soon at the scene of the accident, and a warrant was issued charging White with reckless driving and involuntary manslaughter.

Streets In Edenton Will Not Be Lighted During Christmas

Town Complies With Request From War Production Board

In compliance with a request made to city officials, civic clubs, chambers of commerce, merchants and citizens by the War Production Board to generally dispense with outdoor decorative lighting this Christmas, Town Council Tuesday night requested the Board of Public Works to abandon the decoration of Edenton streets as has been the custom in recent years.

WPB pointed out that Christmas lighting requires the use of critical materials, electricity and manpower, and is not in line with general conservation programs already under way.

The attitude of WPB toward Christmas lighting was announced because of numerous inquiries that have already been received from city officials, chambers of commerce and civic clubs asking what they should do this Christmas in regard to outdoor decorative lighting.

WPB is not asking that indoor Christmas lighting, whether in the home or in stores, be eliminated, but it believes that outdoor lighting, such as festooned store fronts and decorated streets, must be dispensed with in war time.

Although the electricity saving and the resultant fuel saving may appear small, as compared with the total annual usage, nevertheless the elimination of outdoor Christmas lighting is estimated to save 50,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, enough to meet the lighting and power requirements of a city of 50,000 for a year.

Stores Close Friday And Saturday For Christmas Holiday

Store owners and clerks in Edenton will enjoy a two-day holiday for Christmas, according to an announcement Wednesday by Mrs. Jimmy Gibbs, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association. The stores will close on Christmas Day, Friday, and remain closed Saturday, thus providing a three-day rest over the week-end.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stillman, in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, on Saturday, an 8½-pound son.

Liquor In North Carolina Now Among Rationed List Of Items Caused By War

More Red Tape

When applying for tire or tube rationing certificates it will be necessary for all applicants to rontact the gasoline board having jurisdiction over them and have a member of that board sign a statement giving the class of book, serial number of book and the monthly mileage allowance.

It will be absolutely necessary for this action to be taken before the application can be accepted by the Edenton Board.

Farm Families Will Meet At Chowan High School Friday

District Agent Ferguson Will Be Principal Speaker

The annual Get-together for farmers and farm women of Chowan County will be held at Chowan High School Friday, when B. Troy Ferguson, district farm agent, will be the principal speaker.

The program includes reports from 4-H Clubs, home demonstration clubs and neighborhood leaders' work, and certificates will be given to families who have met requirements in the food and feed program.

Will Harrell, county chairman of the community leaders organization, will preside over the meeting and the speaker will be introduced by E. N. Elliott. County Council officers will be installed during the afternoon.

County Agent C. W. Overman will lead the singing with a special feature being a solo by Adrian Chappell, accompanied by Myra Boyce. Helen Evans will preside at the piano for the community singing.

All white farm families in the county are urged to attend, and each family is requested to bring a picnic lunch. Hot coffee will be served.

S. C. Mills Elected Master Of Masons

Group of Officers Will Be Installed at Meeting December 31

S. C. Mills was elected master of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., for the year 1943 at the election of officers held Thursday night. He succeeds Louis E. Francis, who held the office the past year.

Other officers elected included W. J. Daniels, senior warden; J. E. Jackson, junior warden; C. H. Wood, treasurer, and J. Edwin Bufflap, secretary.

These officers, as well as those appointed by the new master, will be installed at the meeting to be held on December 31.

EDENTON WILL BE CANVASSED TUESDAY BY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS FOR SCRAP METAL

Calls Will Be Made at Every Home In an Effort To Round Up Every Piece of Scrap Metal In Wind-up of Chowan's Drive

Next Tuesday Edenton High School boys will swing into action in not only searching all over Edenton for scrap metal, but will call at every home in an effort to round up all metal possible which may be lying about the premises. The trucks to make these collections will be furnished by some of a list of 130 who several weeks ago agreed to cooperate in the final wind up of Chowan's campaign.

Because of this canvass, R. C. Holland, county salvage chairman and director of the campaign, urges every housewife, so far as possible, to remain at home next Tuesday so that when the boys call any available scrap metal can be hauled away. From now until next Tuesday, Mr. Holland is very anxious that housewives put on an intensive hunt for any metal about their homes which can be added to the county's huge

Local Store Jammed By Applicants For Ration Books

SALES STOPPED

54 Coupons Worth One Pint Each Must Wait 12 Months

Liquor in North Carolina, on Monday of this week, joined the group of other rationed items as the result of war-time conditions, and as a result no liquor was sold Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in order to allow those who desired to continue to purchase liquor to register and secure a sales permit book. This registration was held in the local store, which was a very busy place the first three days of the week.

Relative to the liquor rationing, R. P. Badham, chairman of the Chowan County ABC Board, has this to say:

"We have been requested to inform the public in our community why rationing of whisky in North Carolina is necessary. Two months ago we were informed that a five-year supply of whisky would be available to the nation. Now we are informed that this available supply has been cut to only a three-year supply. We are further informed that under the most favorable circumstances we cannot hope to receive in this State more than 35,000 cases of whisky each month, which incidentally is only 35 per cent of North Carolina's October, 1942, sales of 100,000 cases. At a joint meeting of the North Carolina State Board of Alcoholic Control and the boards from control counties, it was decided that something had to be done to halt the fast dwindling stocks of whisky.

"After extensive study of several systems of rationing, a sales permit book was adopted, which, of course, is not perfect but the best available, and from time to time can be amended (Continued on Page Five)

Christmas Club Members Receive \$40,000 In Savings

1942 Club By Far Largest In History of Popular Saving Plan

Late last week the Bank of Edenton sent out checks amounting to \$40,000, which represents the savings accumulated by the 1942 Christmas Savings Club. Both the amount and the number of depositors this year breaks all previous records, there being approximately 1,000 members enrolled in the club.

The 1943 club is now forming, and bank officials predict that next year's club will be even larger than this year. Members should enroll as early as possible, for payments begin as of November 30, and the deadline to join will be January 1.

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