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Race Riot Averted Saturday Night

Veterinarians Contribute Chowan's Hog Situation To Weather And Decayed Food

90 to 92 Per Cent of Local Trouble Blamed On Cholera

EXPERTS HERE

Say Failure to Vaccinate Has Caused Weakened Condition

Following the recent alarming condition which developed among hogs in Chowan County and Representative John F. White's efforts in Raleigh, three State veterinarians were in the county making exhaustive investigations last week. The three veterinarians were Drs. Fallhaber, Boyd and Gilchrist.

The State men visited a number of farms in the county and after a thorough investigation rendered the opinion that from 90 to 92 percent of the trouble was due to cholera and a complication of swine plague and enteritis, or intestinal ailments.

The principal reason advanced by the veterinarians for the outbreak of cholera is due to many hogs not being immunized in time. Cholera in recent years has been very rare in Chowan County and as a result growers of hogs have not had their hogs vaccinated against the disease, which fact has weakened the hogs and made them more susceptible to the cholera germs.

Another factor playing an important part in the loss of hogs has been weather conditions, according to the experts. Peanuts and soybeans have decayed in the fields, which coupled with cold and damp weather, have been contributing factors.

Though no definite program has been announced, plans are now being arranged to overcome the major portion of the present difficulty, which it is thought can be accomplished principally by vaccination against cholera, if farmers will cooperate.

Dime Society Meets Next Tuesday Evening

The Dime Society of the Baptist Church will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday evening, January 26. This meeting will be held at the home of J. G. Campen, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Representative John White Appointed On 12 House Committees

Representative John Fernando White was named on 12 of the 47 House of Representatives committees appointed in the 1943 session of the General Assembly last week. The committees of which Mr. White is a member are as follows:

Congressional District, Conservation and Development, Constitutional Amendments, Drainage, Federal Relations, Finance, Health, Institutions for the Blind, Journal, Judiciary No. 1, Oyster Industry, and Penal Institutions.

Red Cross Chapter Sends Shipment Of Knitted Garments

Appeal Made For More Knitters as Demand Increases

Chowan County's Chapter of the American Red Cross has sent another shipment of knitted garments to the State arsenal at Seagirt, New Jersey. Included in the shipment were four navy sleeveless sweaters, seven army sleeveless sweaters, 2 pairs army socks, 6 pairs navy socks, 14 army elmetts and 12 pairs of army wristlets.

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman, is making a special appeal for more knitters and especially urges all who have any garments started to complete them at once. There is a great demand for various knitted garments and for that reason more workers are necessary.

Nose For Smoke

Possessed with a nose for smoke, being an ex-fireman of the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department, and being a plumber and therefore acquainted with faucets, W. R. Myrick, who was working on the plumbing at the New Century barber shop, possibly saved a disastrous fire at Hotel Joseph Hewes early Sunday morning.

Myrick had worked until about 1:30 a. m., at the barber shop and while going up in the hotel elevator he smelled smoke when passing the third floor. He asked the elevator boy to stop and upon investigation found a room in which the bed was burning and a man still sleeping on it.

He immediately ran for the fire hose and single-handed extinguished the blaze which might have proved disastrous both to the man in the room and the hotel also.

District Ministers Meet In Edenton

The Rev. W. C. Benson Elected President Of Group

A meeting of the Methodist ministers of the Edenton area of the Elizabeth City District was held in the Edenton Methodist Church Monday morning, the meeting beginning at 10 o'clock, and continuing until 1 o'clock when adjournment was made to have dinner at the Hotel Joseph Hewes.

The meeting was presided over by District Superintendent Dr. W. L. Clegg, while the guest speaker was the Rev. R. W. Bradshaw, of Durham, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board.

During the meeting a discussion of the work of the church was conducted, and a general review of the program for the new year was made. Among the subjects discussed was Race Relations.

The group elected the Rev. W. C. Benson as its president and the Rev. J. D. Cranford of Windsor as secretary. It was decided to meet quarterly. The program to be presented at each meeting. Books will also be reviewed and exchanged by the ministers.

Those in attendance were the following ministers: W. L. Clegg, district superintendent from Elizabeth City; R. C. Reavis, Hertford; J. D. Cranford, Winfall; O. L. Hardwick, Plymouth; G. C. Wood, Roper; H. F. Suratt, Windsor; A. G. L. Stephenson, Center Hill; A. J. McClelland, Columbia; J. A. Cooper, Creswell; Robert W. Bradshaw and W. C. Benson.

Making Of Surgical Dressings Resumed

Mrs. W. H. Coffield Appeals For Many More Volunteers

Following the repair of the furnace at the Parish House, making of surgical dressings has been resumed by the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter. Mrs. W. H. Coffield, in charge of this work, is appealing for more volunteers, saying that more work has accumulated than can possibly be done by the loyal group who have been offering their services.

Making of the dressings has been transferred to the main auditorium of the Parish House, where at least 75 workers can be accommodated with ease, and it is hoped more will volunteer in this very worthy work. Mrs. Coffield is asking that the ladies take this matter seriously and rally at once to the call for help.

E. R. Conger Dies Suddenly Saturday From Heart Attack

Injected New Life In Edenton Upon Arrival In 1895

86 YEARS OLD

Leader In Business, Religious and Civic Affairs For Years

Edmund R. Conger died suddenly about 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning at his home on West Church Street. News of his death was a great shock, for while he had been in declining health for the past few years, his condition was not considered alarming. He succumbed to a heart attack.

Mr. Conger was 86 years old, being born in Mansfield, Ohio, August 13, 1857. He came to Edenton from South Carolina in 1895, and immediately upon his arrival injected new life in the community by taking an active part in business, religious and civic affairs.

He organized the Edenton Ice Company which he operated for about 40 years and was one of the organizers of the Edenton Telephone Company. He was also a former Town Councilman and later served as Mayor. It was during his administration that many outstanding improvements were made in Edenton, among which was street paving, which project was carried out in the face of much criticism on the part of many citizens.

Mr. Conger was especially interested in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where for 17 years he has been senior warden. The work of the church was dear to his heart and no little of his effort has gone to the church's welfare as well as to the diocese as a whole. He was also the oldest member, both in years and membership, of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., and until recent years was very active in the fraternity. He is a past master of the Edenton lodge and several years ago was presented a medal by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in recognition of 50 years of continuous membership in the fraternity. He was made a Mason in South Carolina in 1886.

In 1893 Mr. Conger married Harriet Gillingham of Port Huron, Michigan, who died two years ago. From this union four children were born, all of whom survive and are Edwin C. Conger of Elizabeth City, Charlie Conger of Richmond, Va., Joseph H. Conger and Mrs. R. Elton Forehand of Edenton. Five grandchildren, Elton Forehand, Jr., Edmund Forehand, Joseph H. Conger, Jr., Martha Conger and Harriett Conger, also survive.

Funeral services were largely attended Sunday afternoon at 3:30 (Continued on Page Five)

J. Frank White, Jr. Appointed Captain State Guard Unit

Marvin Wilson and Leslie Morgan Promoted To Lieutenants

J. Frank White, Jr., was notified Wednesday afternoon that he had been promoted from first lieutenant of the local unit of the State Guard to succeed Lloyd E. Griffin, who recently resigned to locate in Raleigh. Captain White's appointment was released by Adjutant General J. Van B. Meets.

In the special order promotions were announced also for Marvin P. Wilson and Leslie Morgan. Wilson has been promoted to first lieutenant and Morgan to second lieutenant.

Physical check of all property and financial assessments will be made of Company 26 and said property and accounts transferred from Captain Griffin to Captain White. Captain White will assume responsibility and accountability for all State and Federal property and accounts as the responsible officer of the outfit.

DR. W. I. HART ILL

Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr., has been confined to his home since Saturday, suffering from an attack of intestinal influenza. He hopes to be able to return to his office by Monday.

Very Threatening Situation Develops Following Serious Cutting Of Walter Adams By Chowan County Negro Soldier

PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY MAYOR J. H. McMULLAN AIMED AT ACTS OF VIOLENCE

Following Saturday night's disturbance in Edenton, Mayor J. H. McMullan on Monday issued the following proclamation, which in effect means that rowdiness and individuals or groups of individuals bent upon taking the law in their own hands will not be tolerated. Enough police protection is available to properly handle any likely emergency, and the instigators and perpetrators of any unlawful and illegal acts will be severely dealt with.

Mayor McMullan's Proclamation follows:

WHEREAS, by virtue of the fact that Edenton's trading population has been more than doubled by the location here of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, and

WHEREAS, as the result of this population increase our sidewalks on Saturday afternoons and nights are greatly congested, and

WHEREAS, because of this congestion there is always danger that some irresponsible person or persons may cause trouble, and irresponsible trouble-makers may lead the uninformed crowd to acts of violence that will do irreparable hurt to innocent people, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Edenton, by virtue of the fact that, in addition to its regular Police Force, is equipped with a well armed deputy force of forty citizens, and a State Guard Unit subject to call in emergency, is well able to handle any situation and see that law and order is maintained and quick justice administered, and

WHEREAS, when crowds assemble it takes but a spark of trouble to quickly become a raging inferno, and

WHEREAS, in times like this there is danger that vicious or

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. H. McMullan, Mayor and Commander of Civilian Defense of the Town of Edenton, do call on all persons to refrain from any attempt to take the law in their own hands. And I do proclaim that Law and Order will be maintained in Edenton by the duly constituted authorities, and any attempt by individuals or groups of individuals to illegally take the law in their own hands will be duly and severely dealt with.

Done at Edenton this 18th day of January, 1943.

Meeting Called To Get Enlistments In Chowan For WAAC

Officers Will Be at Court House Next Wednesday Night

An effort to secure enlistments from Chowan County for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps will be made next week, when a meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, in the Court House. At that time Major E. C. MacDonald, recruiting officer for Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro, will be present, as well as Lieutenant Mary J. Norton, who will be glad to explain the new facilities and enlarged opportunities for training as the WAAC is to be increased six times its original size. They will also take applications for enlistment.

Major MacDonald was in Edenton Monday and was successful in securing Miss Lena Jones as sponsor of the meeting to be held next Wednesday. She will be glad to contact any women who are interested. Lieutenant Norton will also arrive at noon (Continued on Page Five)

Guard Meeting

At the request of State officers, a formation of Company 26, local unit of the State Guard, will be held tonight (Thursday) in the Armory at 7:30 o'clock. At this meeting instructions will be given relative to riot duty and a film will be shown for the benefit of members.

Captain J. Frank White, Jr.'s instructions are that no member of the company will be excused from the formation.

Don't Say It Can't Happen Here, Says Dr. Carl Reynolds

Drive Now In Progress To Raise Infantile Paralysis Funds

North Carolina had 2,248 cases of infantile paralysis from 1918 to 1942, Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, said in a statement urging the people of the State to give generous support to the infantile paralysis drive being sponsored by committees for the President's Birthday celebrations from January 15-30.

"Each new case is a grave threat to the entire community," Dr. Reynolds pointed out, "because infantile paralysis is a dread epidemic disease. No North Carolinian can say 'it can't happen here.'" Dr. Reynolds continued, "Not after the recent epidemic of 1935. A total of 675 cases were reported to the State Board that one year. And the plague fell like a pall over the entire State, not only bringing disease and suffering but indirectly exacting an economic toll which was estimated to run to many million dollars.

"Public meetings were abandoned," Dr. Reynolds recalled. "Travel fell off greatly, and business generally was seriously affected. Tourist and resort business was badly curtailed. And mothers with children fled the afflicted sections of the State by hundreds, seeking to escape the dread malady."

Chowan County's drive to raise funds is now in progress with attractive collection boxes being placed about town. The campaign also includes a house-to-house canvass for contributions, which plan was adopted instead of staging a dance as in previous years.

The canvass is now under way and will continue until January 31, and (Continued on Page Five)

White Man Rushed to Hospital In Unconscious Condition

SHOPS CLOSED

Groups of White Men Proceed to Chase Negroes Off Streets

But for the headwork of Edenton's police officers, a serious situation might have resulted Saturday night when feeling ran high following the stabbing of Walter Adams, young Edenton white man, by Private William Martin, a Chowan County Negro soldier. As it was, an unfortunate and uncalled for situation developed when a group of white South Carolina workers at the Marine Corps Air Station became enraged and, followed principally by a group of young boys, proceeded to abuse and chase every Negro they met off the streets.

Police sensed the attitude of a large number gathered in front of the police station as the officers went in and out during the questioning of the Negro, and after securing a confession, thought it advisable to leave by way of a back window where Sheriff J. A. Bunch was waiting with his automobile and immediately took the prisoner to a neighboring jail for safe keeping.

Because the Negro was whisked away, no doubt increased the feeling of the ring leaders, who thereupon proceeded to attack any Negro they met and as one affair after another occurred, the crowds gradually became larger by attracting many of the younger element of boys.

The police hurriedly went to every pool room and cafe in town, asking the proprietors to close their doors immediately in order to prevent crowds gathering. This every one readily agreed to and no doubt was a big factor in preventing the trouble becoming more serious.

Five State Highway patrolmen were also on the scene in short order to help disperse crowds and prevent threatening disorder. These patrolmen, headed by Sergeant George I. Dail, were Stewart, Payne, Downs and Pentress. They remained on duty until a late hour when matters quieted down and there appeared to be no more trouble brewing.

Upon advice from Mayor J. H. McMullan, J. Frank White, Jr., lieutenant of the State Home Guard, in record-breaking time had the unit mobilized and ready for duty had it been necessary. However, conditions did not get out of control of officers and the Home Guard was not brought into action.

In the fracas, several boys were cut and a number of Negroes received minor injuries. Chester Hawkins, (Continued on Page Five)

Ration Board Meets Friday And Saturday Renew Gas Coupons

Old Book and Car Registration Card Must Be Presented

With supplementary gasoline ration books expiring tomorrow (Friday) members of the Chowan County War Price and Ration Board will be in the local office in the Citizens Bank Building from 7:30 o'clock Friday night and again on Saturday morning to renew gasoline coupons. To secure new ration books, it is absolutely necessary to present the old ration book as well as automobile registration cards.

Persons not going to the office Friday night or Saturday morning will be obliged to have coupons renewed at the convenience of the Ration Board, which meets from 11:30 to 12 o'clock each day except Saturdays.

Miss Willie Love Morgan, secretary to the Board, expressed the opinion that all who are entitled to secure supplementary gas can be accommodated if they will appear at the times designated for the purpose.