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## Town Councilmen Complete Month's Work In One Hour

### Police Ordered to Check Up On Pleasure Drivers

#### WAR ON DOGS

### Concrete Bulkhead to Be Constructed on Water Street

With a price ceiling meeting scheduled to be held at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, Town Council convened in monthly session at 7 o'clock, and within the hour wound up the month's business so that members could attend the OPA meeting in the Court House.

Aside from the payment of bills, there was little other business, though enough time was taken to consider some means to protect Water Street along the waterfront near John G. Small's fish house, providing relief for drainage in North Edenton, the dog nuisance and pleasure driving.

The bank on Water Street is being gradually washed away and in order to protect the street, the street commissioner was instructed to proceed with building a bulkhead.

A complaint from residents in North Edenton was registered by the street commissioner relative to inadequate drainage in front of some of the property. The same matter was previously complained about, and several months ago it was understood that the State Highway Commission would utilize what funds the Town is entitled to for maintaining highways within the city limits to constructing curbs and gutters as far as the funds would permit. So far, however, nothing has been done except temporary relief by the street department. Those who have complained advance the argument that they are tired of buck passing and at they pay city taxes in proportion to any other citizen and are entitled to some consideration on the part of the city. Nothing definite was done, except that the street commissioner agreed to contact highway officials to see just what can be expected in way of relief.

That too many wandering dogs are in town was another complaint registered at the meeting. It was pointed out that far more dogs are on the streets than licenses were sold for and Chief of Police Helms was instructed to check up on dogs and if necessary round up all for which dog licenses have not been purchased.

Councilman Albert Byrum, who is also chairman of the Chowan War Price and Ration Board, stated that he had been urged by OPA to request local police to make a thorough check on pleasure driving. He expressed the opinion that the ban on pleasure driving is being violated in some instances and that a panel consisting of Judge Richard D. Dixon, Judge Marvin Wilson and W. D. Pruden had been appointed to pass on violations. Mayor J. H. McMullan subsequently instructed Chief of Police Helms to inaugurate a check-up system in order to round up suspected violators. It was pointed out that some people are going to the theatre and instead of parking on Broad Street, park their cars on side streets in order to evade suspicion. Police will hereafter stop any driver who is suspected of violating the order.

The Rev. S. N. Griffith also appeared before the Councilmen in the interest of erecting sidewalks on Oakum and Freemason Streets. He was told by Mayor McMullan that under present conditions no new sidewalks are contemplated, but that the matter has not been disposed of.

Fire Chief R. K. Hall extended all members of the Board an invitation to attend the Firemen's oyster roast to be held Friday night.

## RATIONING AT A GLANCE

The valid date for Period 4 coupons was advanced to January 30, and will be good until March 20. The unit value will be nine gallons.

Class 3 Coupon Sheets (25 gallons red value) bearing numbers V-81829A9 to V-281840A9 inclusive, have been reported stolen from Williamsburg, Virginia. Please report any information regarding these coupons to the Washington office.

Coffee Stamp No. 25 valid since February 7 for one pound of coffee.

## Evangelists



The Rev. and Mrs. Robert McIntosh of Ridgley, W. Va., who will begin a series of revival meetings in the Assembly of God Church in North Edenton next Sunday. The revival will continue for two weeks.

## Regional USO Office Recommends Local Recreation Center

### Action Is Forwarded to New York For Final Disposition

The Rev. W. C. Benson, chairman of the service men's recreational committee, was notified Wednesday morning by Ernest H. Edinger, USO associate regional executive, of Richmond, Va., that the Regional Conference meeting in Richmond on Wednesday of last week had recommended that the USO accept the invitation to operate a center in Edenton for service men visiting in the community.

This recommendation has been forwarded to New York with a request that the proposed operation should have Y. M. C. A. as the operating agency. Mr. Benson is, therefore, awaiting further information from action taken in New York, which he expects in a week or two.

## Nine New Auxiliary Police Sworn In

### Replace Group Who Recently Joined State Guard Unit

Due to a number of members of the Edenton auxiliary police being lost because of affiliation with the Chowan County State Guard unit, nine new policemen were sworn in Monday night in the Municipal Building by R. E. Leary, Town Clerk. The auxiliary policemen now number 20, all of whom will within the next few days receive a certificate of membership which will be presented by Clerk of Court E. W. Spires, chairman of county civilian defense.

The new auxiliary police sworn in Monday night were: T. B. Williford, Julian E. Ward, J. W. White, L. M. Johnson, Clyde C. Cobb, Richard P. Bager, W. H. Parker, Paul M. Wallace and John Goodwin.

## Type Of Airplanes Studied At Meeting To Be Held Feb. 19

### Norfolk Officers Will Instruct Legionnaires And Boy Scouts

On Friday night, February 19, a group of officers from the Ground Observers Corps at Norfolk, Va., will be in Edenton to instruct Legionnaires and Boy Scouts in recognition of various types of airplanes. The ability to determine the type of present day planes is very necessary in air warning service, which for a great part will be handled in the county by Boy Scouts and members of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion.

The meeting will be held in the Court House at 8 o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to be present.

## D. M. Warren Elected New Senior Warden Of St. Paul's Church

### Succeeds E. R. Conger Recently Claimed By Death

#### HINES SECRETARY J. A. Moore Replaces Warren as Junior Warden

At the regular meeting of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church Monday night, D. M. Warren was elected Senior Warden of the Parish. This position became vacant upon the recent death of E. R. Conger.

Mr. Warren, prominent in business and county affairs, has served his church faithfully for a number of years in the capacity of secretary of the Vestry and Junior Warden. In addition to his interest in the local church, he has also served his church in diocesan affairs. At the present time he is an associate member of the Department of Finance of the Diocese of East Carolina.

J. A. Moore, manager of the Edenton Cotton Mills, was elected Junior Warden. Since his return to make Edenton his home a number of years ago, Mr. Moore and his family have been very active in the work of St. Paul's Church. Even during the years that he lived away from Edenton he was in close contact with the church here, which is the church of his ancestors. His church interest, too, is widespread. At the present time he is a member of the Executive Council of the Diocese of East Carolina.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Warren as secretary of the Vestry, R. N. Hines was elected to this position. Mr. Hines follows his ancestors in his deep interest in St. Paul's.

Fred P. Wood, who has been treasurer of the church for a number of years, was re-elected to this office the first of the year. Other members of the Vestry are Hon. Richard D. Dixon, E. N. Elliott, W. E. Malone, Marvin P. Wilson, E. A. Swain, J. E. Wood and C. P. Wales.

## Rotarians Celebrate 17th Anniversary On Thursday Next Week

### John A. Holmes Scheduled to Make Principal Address

Thursday night of next week the Edenton Rotary Club will celebrate its 17th anniversary, when Rotary-Annes will be special guests of the Rotarians at a night dinner in the Parish House. Though no visiting speaker will be secured, a committee has been appointed and is now formulating a program which will be appropriate for the occasion. This committee is composed of Dr. W. I. Hart, H. A. Campen, J. E. Wood and J. Edwin Buffal.

The principal speaker for the occasion will be John A. Holmes, superintendent of Edenton schools, while Postmaster C. E. Kramer has been designated to have charge of stunts, or some other feature to inject humor into the meeting. This anniversary, coming at a time when the club is showing no little progress, is reason for a considerable amount of interest and it is expected, that every Rotarian will be present, together with his Rotary-Anne.

## Annual Firemen's Oyster Roast Friday

### City Officials Invited as Special Guests of Fire Fighters

Unless plans miscarry, the Edenton Fire Department will hold its annual oyster roast Friday night. The affair will be supervised by Fire Chief R. K. Hall, assisted by Frank Hughes, and will be held at the Town's power plant, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Special guests of the firemen will be members of Town Council, the Board of Public Works and the Police Department.

## Meeting To Discuss Ceiling Prices Draws Big Crowd Tuesday

### Representatives of OPA Use Plain Language During Discussion

#### LAW HAS TEETH Group of Enforcement Officers Will Follow "Teachers"

Chowan County's Court House was filled to capacity Tuesday night when merchants from Chowan, Gates, Perquimans and Bertie Counties gathered to hear an explanation of the general maximum price regulation by representatives of the office of Price Administration. The meeting was called to order by J. G. Campen, chairman of the community service of the local ration board, who immediately introduced A. A. Chappell, field price officer from the Greenville office.

Mr. Chappell briefly stated the purpose of the meeting and in turn introduced various members of the Chowan price panel, which includes W. W. Byrum, Miles S. Elliott Hector Lupton, Mrs. F. W. Hobbs, J. W. White, Dr. W. I. Hart and Mrs. Geo. C. Hoskins, clerk. He also introduced W. A. Linnehan, L. E. Edwards and Maurice Hill of the OPA offices, who were on hand to speak specifically to various groups.

Mr. Chappell, at the outset, said that despite criticism and complaints, the price ceiling regulation was workable, satisfactory and the best way to cope with present day economic problems.

He referred back to the general price law emergency measure which held prices to the March 1, 1942, level, and at the time it was realized that it could not be an adequate solution, but that subsequent rulings would follow. "These have been followed," he said, "and we are here tonight to enlighten you so that there need be no excuse for any merchant violating the purposes and intent of the ceiling regulations."

He emphasized the importance of making and keeping records of prices in stores, which was provided for in the first measure. He also dwelt upon the necessity of not only recording prices, but said that they must be filed with the local ration board. This is essential for two reasons as it is a protection for the merchant and for the customer, for if any complaint is made, the records can be seen in the ration board office.

"It is important and mandatory that ceiling prices be posted," said Mr. Chappell. "This is not only a certification of good faith, but is a requirement of the regulation."

Mr. Chappell said that full compliance with the regulation is a big job but by no means impossible. He told his audience that the group on hand Tuesday night from the OPA office was there in the capacity of teachers and it was their purpose to be as helpful as possible, but that the

## Infantile Paralysis Drive Nets Total Of Almost \$1,000

### Still Several Reports to Be Received by Chairman F. J. McCourt

With a few more late contributions expected, Father F. J. McCourt, chairman of the Chowan Chapter of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, has announced that almost \$1,000 has been received for the purpose, all of which was secured by individual contributions. Reports compiled by The Herald in Father McCourt's absence from the city, show a total of \$966.05.

Of this amount over half, \$521.44 to be exact, was raised at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station under the direction of H. S. G. Verlander, office manager of North Eastern, Warren, Beckham & Brooks. Mr. Verlander submitted a detailed report which showed that 664 made contributions ranging from 25 cents to \$10.00.

It was Father F. J. McCourt's intention to publish in The Herald the name of every contributor and the amount, but not all of the canvassers returned such a report. For that reason the following is a report as the canvassers turned in to Chairman McCourt:

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## Chamblee Resigns

### Dr. J. S. Chamblee, county health officer, this week tendered his resignation to W. J. Taylor, secretary of the Chowan County Board of Health, asking for it to become effective March 1.

Dr. Chamblee has for several years been health officer for the Bertie-Chowan Health Department and contemplates taking over similar duties in Nash County. A meeting of the Board of Health will soon be held to consider the resignation and decide upon a successor to Dr. Chamblee.

## Miss Lula Mae Smith Notified To Report As Recruit In WAAC

### Seven Prospects Receive Applications From Lena Jones

Miss Lula Mae Smith received orders Wednesday to report to Fort Bragg on Monday, March 1, for service in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Miss Smith, 21, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, who live on Route 2, Edenton. She was a member of the 1941 graduating class of Edenton High School and for two years drove one of the school busses. Transportation has been furnished by the Government and Miss Smith will be the second Chowan County girl to enlist in the WAAC. She has a brother, Sergeant James Smith, who is stationed in Louisiana.

Following the recent appearance in Edenton of Major Ernest C. MacDonald and Lieutenant Mary J. Norton in an effort to stimulate interest on enlistments in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Miss Lena Jones, sponsor of the meeting, Miss issued seven enlistment papers to WAAC recruits, and Miss Smith's application is the first to be heard from. Five of the applications were given to white girls and two to colored girls.

## Federal Income Tax Representative Here February 17 And 18

In order to assist taxpayers in filing their Federal income tax returns, a representative of the Internal Revenue Service of the Treasury Department will be at the Edenton Post Office Wednesday and Thursday, February 17 and 18.

Returns must be filed between February 15 and March 15, and the representative will be glad to be of as much service as possible.

## Revival Services At Assembly Of God

### West Virginia Couple Will Conduct Series Of Meetings

Beginning next Sunday at Assembly of God Church in North Edenton, and continuing for two weeks or more, there will be an old-fashioned revival meeting, conducted by the Rev. Robert McIntosh and wife of Ridgley, West Virginia.

Evangelist McIntosh is an able speaker and has held successful campaigns in various places. He and his wife are gifted musicians, and freely use this talent in the services.

The public is invited to attend these services every night except Saturday at 8 o'clock, and enjoy the soul-inspiring gospel messages, and the hymns of hope and comfort which have meant so much to America in every crisis.

"While we are fighting at the battle front to retain Democracy and Religious Liberty, may we also strive to keep the home fires of prayer and faith and fidelity burning brightly," says the Rev. J. Edward Garns, pastor of the church.

"In this crisis through which we are passing, let us not forget the source of power, which has brought us safely through every other crisis, since we have been a Nation.

"Many of the nations of the world are established on the foundations of intolerance and tyranny, but from the very beginning of the first settlers, in our own America, they came not for money, or fame, but to worship God according to the dictates of their own hearts. May that zeal and ambition that permeated our forefathers always and for ever be the exterior desire of our hearts.

"Let us seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Come to church, we'll be expecting you."

## New System Of Air Raid Signals Go Into Effect February 17th

### Outlined at Meeting of Defense Groups Monday Night

#### COLORS SAME Defense Council Buys Radio Set to Be Used On 24-hour Basis

A very interesting night meeting of the Citizens Defense Corps unit of the Chowan County Civilian Defense Council was held in the Municipal Building Monday at the call of T. C. Byrum, commander of this unit.

County Chairman E. W. Spires and Vice Chairman W. W. Byrum, (Mr. Byrum is also chief air raid warden) led the discussion regarding the new rules which will become effective at 12:01 a. m., February 17th, pertaining to air raid warnings and signals. "The color code will remain as heretofore, i. e., yellow, blue, red and white," explained Mr. Spires. "The yellow will indicate that the key men, only, are to be notified by headquarters so that they may stand by until it can be determined if the suspected danger is really approaching.

"The blue will call for a general blackout alarm by one long continuous blast of the sirens. This means that street lights and buildings are to be blacked out, but traffic may proceed by using low beam, or their parking lights.

"The red will require also a blackout, but this will be a total blackout and no traffic will be permitted to move, except certain cases of an extremely urgent nature, or military traffic; and, of course, the Civilian Defense members, but lights on their vehicles must use the hooded arrangement, or travel without any light, the same as heretofore. The public warning under the red will be given by two short blasts of sirens followed a few seconds later by two more blasts, which is the same signal as we have been using.

"The red color warning, which is almost sure to be followed by another blue (one long blast), which means that the blackout will remain in force, the Defense units remain mobilized, but traffic may again proceed under the restricted low beam lights, or parking lights. This is a precaution against the enemy planes coming back for a second attack.

"All of these signals will be further supplemented by a flashing on and off of the street and also of the house lights," said Mr. Spires, "and no signal will be given on the sirens for the ALL CLEAR. The street lights will again be turned on and announcement made over the radio. Sector wardens will also assist in notifying the citizens when the all clear is given."

Chief Warden W. W. Byrum requested all key men to call meetings of the men and women in their groups and explain these new regulations. "We must be careful not to confuse these with the signals given over the same sirens in calling out the regular fire department, which are six short blasts," said Commander T. C. Byrum.

Chairman Spires reported that the additional high frequency radio set has been received and that applications have been prepared requesting permission for the operation of these sets. These applications are being forwarded to the Federal Communications Commission by the Rev. W. C. Benson, Director of Communications in the Defense Council. One set is to be fixed at headquarters in the Municipal Building and the other will be portable-mobile. By this means, instant communication can be established between headquarters and any point in the county, by sending the mobile set to that point by automobile.

The Council also voted at this meeting to purchase a radio set for use at the Police Department in maintaining constant communication with the Highway Patrol broadcasting station at Williamston on a 24-

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## No Rations Today

The office of the Chowan County War Price and Ration Board will be closed to the public all day today (Thursday). This action is necessary in order to allow the office personnel to attend a meeting to be held in Elizabeth City regarding the joint rationing program for registration and distribution of War Ration Book No. 2.