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Markham Explains Rent Regulations At Lions Meeting

Goes Thoroughly Into Detail of Mechanics Of Order

MISUNDERSTOOD

Prime Purpose Is to Prevent Inflation, Says Rent Director

Thomas J. Markham, area rent director, was the principal speaker at the Lions Club meeting on Monday night and in quite a lengthy discourse explained the purpose and mechanics of rent regulations in defense areas, in which Chowan and Perquimans Counties have recently been placed. Accompanying Mr. Markham was W. C. Twiddy, also connected with the Elizabeth City Defense Rental Area.

"Fixing of rents is a war measure," said Mr. Markham, "and goes as far back as 1915 when Great Britain started the movement. It was first enforced in this country in the District of Columbia in 1919 and followed in a number of states. It was begun in Canada in 1940."

Mr. Markham stated that the prime purpose of rent regulation is to aid in curbing inflation, explaining that incomes of men in service cannot meet high rents, and even if they can pay the rents asked in some instances, it would necessarily lower the standard of living. He argued, too, that with high rents charged workers must necessarily ask for higher wages to meet the bill.

"War production is also affected by unreasonable rents," said Mr. Markham, "by reason of workers moving to defense areas, but will not go where the bulk of income goes for rent. There is a great demand for houses which has caused many landlords and in some instances rents have been increased several hundred percent in the scramble to secure quarters."

Markham cited one case where a house, before the war, rented for \$35 per month, and by taking advantage of the emergency, the same house is bringing in \$297.50 per month. The example, he said, was not in isolated places, but similar cases prevail in many centers of war activity.

"Rent control was adopted as a wartime emergency," said the speaker, "and it is generally fair and equitable. Rents are controlled only in areas designated and only after a thorough investigation has been analyzed and compiled."

He said all of the trouble is caused by competition on the part of incoming workers and service men's families for accommodations.

Mr. Markham said the first step is to register property, which is compulsory. Everyone who rents property must register, regardless as to whether he is the owner or not, so that tenants who sub-rent apartments or rooms must also register. He said the regulation is very much misunderstood and while, as in all war measures, there necessarily will be some hardships experienced. The purpose is to not only protect tenants but those who are landlords as well. He explained the various provisions of the regulation which allows an increase in rent above that charged after March 1, 1942, as well as reasons for ejection of tenants, both of which are very clearly defined.

Concluding his address, Mr. Markham said: "This is an important war measure, and I ask the cooperation of the members of this club, which represents Edenton's leading citizens, to cooperate and help to explain this widely misunderstood program."

Though Mr. Markham spoke beyond the usual hour for adjournment, at the close of his address a round-table discussion developed during which many pertinent questions were asked by the Lions, which were answered by the speaker.

J. R. Byrum was dressed in the cub uniform as the youngest member of the club, and was also given a bottle of milk with a nipple. He wore the outfit, which will be his until a new member joins the club, but absolutely refused to drink the milk.

Rev. D. C. Crawford At Presbyterian Meeting

The Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church and chief observer, of the Edenton air warning service, left Monday for Montreat to attend the Presbyterian Home Mission Conference. He expects to be away a week.

GLOBAL WARFARE



A grim similarity in tactics is evident in these two pictures taken at opposite sides of the world. Left: A bamboo village on the outskirts of Chungking blazes after a bombing. Right: The invasion of Rotterdam. To help the victims of Axis aggression is a principal objective of the relief agencies in the National War Fund.

Want Fuel Oil?

Chowan County's War Price and Ration Board is urging all fuel oil consumers to return to the Board for renewal of the applications sent about two months ago for fuel oil to be consumed in 1943-44.

If these applications are renewed, tanks may be filled now for the coming winter, while on the other hand if not renewed, there may be some difficulty in securing oil.

J. H. Haskett House Buildings Certificate Is Awarded Historic

Honor Bestowed at Request of Judge Richard D. Dixon

Mayor Leroy Haskett has just received an historic American Buildings Survey Certificate for the Haskett homestead on U. S. Route 17, just a short distance from the city limits. The certificate was sent by Thos. C. Vint, chief landscape architect of the U. S. Department of the Interior, at the request of Judge Richard D. Dixon.

The certificate, signed by Mr. Vint and Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the Navy, is as follows:

"This is to certify that the historic building known as the Haskett House in the County of Chowan and the State of North Carolina, has been selected by the Historic American Buildings Survey as possessing exceptional historic, or architectural interest and as being worthy of most careful preservation for the benefit of future generations and that to this end a record of its present appearance and condition has been made and deposited for permanent reference in the Library of Congress."

Mayor Haskett plans to frame the certificate for the benefit of members of the Haskett family, after which it will be placed in the building referred to.

Two Edenton Boys At Great Lakes, Ill.

Two Edenton men have begun their basic training as Bluejackets in Uncle Sam's Navy at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. There they will receive several weeks of training stressing instruction in the fundamentals of seamanship and Naval customs and procedures, and participation in a vigorous physical hardening program.

They will also be given a series of aptitude tests to determine the type of work to which each will be assigned when completing training. Depending upon their respective scores in the tests they will be selected for special training in a Navy service school or sent to duty at sea or at a shore station.

Immediately upon graduation from "boot training," however, and before assuming any other duties, they each will be given a nine-day leave.

The Edenton recruits are Simeon Jackson Phipps, Jr., 17, son of Mrs. S. J. Phipps, 200 East Church Street, and Earl Matthews, 18, son of Mrs. Annie Stokes Matthews, Route 2.

J. H. CONGER APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF CHOWAN'S UNITED WAR FUND DRIVE

Organization Effected at Meeting Held Tuesday Night In Court House; Goal For County Will Be Large, But Not Yet Designated

J. H. Conger has been appointed chairman in Chowan County for the United War Fund, a drive which will be nation-wide in an effort to raise \$125,000,000 for war relief in practically all of its phases. Following his appointment, Mr. Conger called a meeting Tuesday night, at which time an organization was effected to handle the local drive, which will get under way about October 1.

Associated with Mr. Conger in the drive will be P. S. McMullan, secretary; Mrs. W. I. Hart, treasurer; J. A. Moore and the Rev. Lewis F. Schenck heading the initial Gifts Committee; W. W. Byrum, Commerce and Industry Committee; D. M. Warren, Survey and Quota Committee; J. Edwin Buffal, Publicity Committee.

The general canvass committee will be headed by J. Clarence Leary, Committee Chairman, with the following as members: Mayor Leroy H. Haskett, R. N. Hines, Mrs. L. S. Byrum, Mrs. John F. White, Geddes Potter and George C. Cunney.

At Tuesday's meeting, N. E. Wright of Raleigh, field supervisor, was present and thoroughly explained the plan of organization and the purpose for which the national campaign is being waged.

Appeal Made To Entertain Service Men And Women

Young People Will Appreciate Home Atmosphere Over Week-end

Anyone willing to entertain one or more service men or women over a week-end is earnestly requested to call the USO Club, phone No. 330.

J. G. Campen, chairman of the Home and Hospitality Committee, emphasizes the fact that these young men and women will appreciate the home atmosphere, that it would entail little expense and he expressed the hope that an increasing number would join in entertaining in this way.

Community Picnic At Rocky Hock Wednesday

On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, a community picnic was held at the Rocky Hock school. Featuring the affair was a baseball game, speaking, music, recreation and, of course, the picnic dinner for which the Rocky Hock folks have such an enviable reputation.

JOHN M. PRIVOTT AMONG SURVIVORS OF GUNBOAT PLYMOUTH SUNK AUG. 5

Edenton Man Escaped With Multiple Contusions And Is Now a Patient In U. S. Naval Hospital, Norfolk

Daily newspapers Sunday announced the loss of six U. S. warships in the last two months, one of which was the gunboat Plymouth, sent to the bottom of the Atlantic off the North Carolina coast August 4.

It will be of interest to know that John M. Privott, son of Mrs. H. C. Privott, was on the Plymouth as Radioman first class, and was among the survivors. He escaped with multiple

contusions and has been confined since his rescue in the U. S. Naval Hospital in Norfolk.

"It was quite an experience," Privott wrote in a letter to The Herald, "and one of which I do not desire a repeat performance."

Each survivor is granted 30 days leave so that Radioman Privott expects to soon be able to visit relatives and friends in Edenton.

Nation Now Faces Serious Shortage Of Pulpwood For Making Vital War Material

What!

Whether or not the ban on sale of beer and ale from 11:30 o'clock Saturday night until 7 o'clock Monday morning had anything to do with it, the fact remains that over the last week-end Chief J. R. Tanner reports not a single arrest made.

It was the first beerless week-end since the ban went into effect, and Chief Tanner naturally attributes the reason for no arrests to the fact that the beverage was not allowed to be sold.

Third War Loan Drive Will Begin Thursday, Sept. 9

Fifty Million of Nation's Wage Earners Asked To Participate

GOAL 15 BILLION

J. G. Campen Urging All Citizens to Buy Liberally

Fifty million wage earners are expected to participate in the huge third War Loan drive which will be conducted throughout the nation for a three-week period beginning September 9, according to Clarence T. Leinbach, Winston-Salem, State Chairman of the War Finance Committee.

The gigantic drive has two major phases, Leinbach stated. One phase is the big business and industry purchase of bonds and other government securities through personal solicitation, and the other phase is the volume purchase of E, F and G bonds to reach 50,000,000 wage earners.

At the present time there are 32,000,000 workers in the United States on the Payroll Savings Plan, their combined purchases of War Bonds totaling \$400,000,000 per month, during the third War Loan campaign it will be necessary for these 32,000,000 workers to buy War Bonds in addition to those purchased regularly through the Payroll Savings Plan. These extra bonds they may purchase with the extra money they are earning or by setting aside a special budget which will enable them to buy additional bonds.

"I feel confident of the success of the third War Loan drive as the public realizes the urgent need for the \$15,000,000,000 set as goal. When we are winning we cannot afford to let up," he emphasized. "For as long as there are men dying we cannot afford to stop buying. Once this message is gotten across to the wage earning public, that public will not hesitate to do its full share in putting over the third War Loan drive."

Leinbach stated that he expects to complete shortly his state organization for the War Finance Committee. He and W. H. Andrews, Jr., Greensboro, State Vice Chairman, are now in process of holding area meetings in each of the 10 state areas for purpose of completing the organization. He expects very soon to have N. C. quota of the \$15,000,000,000 national quota which will be broken down in to county quotas.

J. G. Campen is chairman of the Chowan County War Finance Committee, and while he has not yet received the County's quota, he is especially anxious that citizens make plans to buy as many bonds as they possibly can during the three-week drive.

Police Pick Up White Man For FBI Agents

Edenton police, on Saturday, picked up David Lafayette Mitchell, a white man, who was sought by the FBI. Mitchell was lodged in jail awaiting arrival of FBI agents, who picked him up on Wednesday.

Fire Chief Urging Cleaning Chimneys

In anticipation of fires being made in homes, Fire Chief R. K. Hall is urging citizens to take advance precaution by thoroughly cleaning out chimneys.

Farmers Asked to Give Three Extra Days Cutting Wood

ACTION NEEDED

N. C. Pulp Company Is Anxious to Assist In Any Way

Production of pulpwood to manufacture products for vital military and civilian war uses must be increased by 13 percent in North Carolina during the second six months of 1943 to meet the War Production Board quota for the State, the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association announced this week.

The quota for North Carolina, an important producer among the major pulpwood states of the Northeast, South and Lake areas, is 739,200 cords for the year. Production to June 30, as computed by the WPB was 347,143 cords, which is 22,457 cords or 6 percent under the quota for the first half of the year. Unless 392,057 cords are produced before the close of the year, therefore, North Carolina will fall short of its goal.

Government requirements for pulpwood, the raw material for making smokeless powder, rayon for parachutes, plastics for airplane parts, weatherproof containers for shipping ammunition, foods, blood plasma and other supplies for our armed forces and allies overseas, as well as for newsprint and other papers, have been computed at 13,000,000 cords for 1943. From this overall figure, quotas were set up by the War Production Board for each of the pulpwood producing states.

Donald M. Nelson, WPB chairman, emphasized the critical nature of the emergency in an appeal to the farmers of all producing states to give three extra days to the cutting of pulpwood in an effort to avert "a threatened 2,500,000-cord shortage" this year. Receipts of domestic pulpwood at the mills, the War Production Board estimates, were 24 percent short of requirements at the half-year, while inventories were 32 percent under those on the corresponding date in 1943.

Five government departments and war agencies are cooperating in the Victory Pulpwood Campaign which was launched early this month. The press campaign is under the direction of the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee, headed by Walter M. Dear, publisher of The Jersey Journal, Jersey City, N. J., and president of A. N. P. A. during the highly successful Newspaper United Scrap Drive last fall.

Daily and weekly newspapers in North Carolina have been asked to assist in the drive to increase supplies for direct war uses, for newsprint and other print papers. In sections where pulpwood is an important crop, the newspaper committee is placing with selected weeklies and small dailies paid advertising, urging greater production to help overcome a growing shortage which threatens the national war effort.

Pulpwood consuming mills are advising farmers, woodland owners and woods operators of the urgent need for pulpwood, what kinds of trees to cut, where to deliver them, and giving specifications and prices. The farm press in pulpwood producing areas is also cooperating in the campaign.

T. W. Earle, manager of the Wood and Land Department of the North Carolina Pulp Company, at Plymouth, has offered his assistance in any way possible in making the drive for pulpwood a success locally. The pulp and paper mill employs approximately 1,100 men and women full time and operates seven days per week. Approximately 60 carloads of pine and hardwood pulpwood per day is used and the output goes directly or indirectly into the war effort. However, the plant's output has been seriously curtailed during the past several months due to the shortage of pulpwood, caused by shortage of woods labor.

For the information of those who cut pulpwood, it should be cut five feet in length, measure four inches at the small end to 18 inches at the large end, and no wood to be quartered or split. No red heart, dead, rotten, charred or pithy wood is taken. The wood must be free of nails, wire or metal of any kind and cutting (Continued on Page Five)