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Clean Up and Paint Up Week, April 13 to 18

Mayor E. W. Spires Issues Proclamation To Cooperate

COUNTY-WIDE

Many Opportunities to Improve Appearance In Town

In adjacent columns Mayor Edward W. Spires issues a clarion call to all citizens to join in a national clean up campaign starting Monday, April 13, and running through to April 18. The stimulation of civic pride, safeguarding of health, the better furthering of fire prevention and better housing are just a few of the results the executive hopes will follow the campaign, but there are many others, also.

And while the campaign starts as a local onslaught against dirt there is no reason at all why it should not be carried into the rural sections, also. Cleanliness is next to Godliness on the farm as well as on the streets of Edenton, so the proposed fight to beautify can well be characterized a Chowan drive at rehabilitation.

The campaign is by no means a new affair. The government has been behind similar weekly drives for years, and this year is making a particular effort to make the movement nation-wide. Edenton has never lagged on matters of this sort and is not supposed to now.

Read the Mayor's proclamation carefully and you have a general idea of what the community hopes to accomplish. Constructive effort, he says, to clean up, paint up, fix up and give jobs, is urged upon every household so that Edenton may be "Clean, healthy, thrifty, safe and beautiful."

There are a hundred ways the campaign can be entered into. Paint is an essential everywhere. It is the great improver and prolonger of structural life. No house is so pretty but what a few cans of paint will make it more so. Paint not only makes the home look right but keeps it weather resistant. It is the modern crusader against unsightliness and dirt. A newly painted home is worth 40 or 50 per cent more than before it was so adorned. Get your paint now and be ready for an early start on the 13th.

But painting is not all there is that can be done. Maybe you are forgetting about the gutters and drains of your house. They may be loose and need refastening, or be battered, bent and leaky with rusty sections to be replaced. Go to that, also, if you are a real citizen.

If you have a stone home, some of the brick work and masonry will undoubtedly be found to need reconditioning. Don't wait. Get at it next week.

Perhaps your bathroom needs to be done over—the children won't object to that—or modern type equipment should be installed. Don't forget that aside from personal convenience a bathroom is judged by your friends and guests. It has been said that better neglect any room in the house than a bathroom.

And, maybe, there is carpentering work to do. You may want a pergola built over which to train wisteria or Lady Banksia roses. Or you may want a sun-porch, or a modern entrance planned for the front door, to say nothing of countless small jobs that are important and which any carpenter can do artistically.

Plastering is another bit of renovation. Experienced mechanics can scrape your walls properly and make those old cracks stay filled, and give you a finished job. Honest now, you know every house in Edenton, almost, has its wall and ceiling cracks that should be plastered in.

And how about leaky roofs? Nothing can be more dangerous to your pocketbook, and leaky roofs are plentiful, it is safe to say.

These are but a few enumerations. Of course there are back yards and front yards and vacant lots to go over with gusto. There are basements to be cleaned out, attics to be swabbed and scoured, porches to be dolled up, garages to be washed and purged of all the dreadful iniquities that makes Ma afraid to enter them; and there is varnishing to be done as well as painting, window screens to be made over, and a raft of other stuff of the same nature.

And if you really want to make your place beautiful do lot of planting next week. Flower boxes, flower gardens, trees and shrubbery will do the job for any place, and the more (Continued on Page Five)

FARMERS MEET IN TAYLOR THEATRE FRIDAY, 10 A. M.

E. W. Gaither of Raleigh Principal Speaker and Will Explain the New Farm Program

N. K. Rowell, Chowan County farm agent, has notified all farmers of the County that a general meeting will be held at the Taylor Theatre Friday morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of hearing more about the new farm program. This is one of a group of meetings being held throughout the State and as the principal speaker, E. W. Gaither, of Raleigh, will be here to explain the program.

As a whole, Mr. Rowell says, if we do not plant more cotton and peanuts than we did last year, we will be in line for the benefit payments and additional payments for other crops as well. Soil needs improvements and soil building payments of around \$1.00 per acre will be made when these crops are turned under. Demonstrations have shown that the yield of corn and peanuts can be increased about 30 percent after a cover crop has been plowed under.

According to Mr. Rowell the payments for the County, on an average, will amount to from \$50,000 to \$70,000 if farmers cooperate in the new program. The last three years have shown the value of the farm program and he sees no difference in the new program, except farmers being asked to improve the soil with additional payments and all crops are included, such as corn and truck crops. Mr. Rowell advises farmers that if they plant sufficient corn to feed the livestock necessary for the farm, have a garden and pasture and live-at-home, they will fall in line with the new program.

Under the new program crops are listed under three classifications: soil-depleting, soil-conserving and soil-improving crops.

To qualify for payments under the program, a farmer must have this year an acreage of soil-conserving crops equal to at least 20 per cent of his base acreage of soil-depleting crops.

Mr. Rowell is very anxious that as many farmers as possible can do so will attend this meeting, when Mr. Gaither will explain every phase of the new program. The meeting will start promptly at 10 o'clock, with the gallery of the theatre being reserved for colored farmers.

LARGE NUMBER AT FEDERATION MEET TUESDAY

Two Norfolk Speakers Claim Interest Of Chowan Home Demonstration Club Members

A large crowd of farm women were in attendance Tuesday afternoon in the Edenton High School when the spring federation of Chowan County Home Demonstration Clubs was held. Following the singing of "It's a Good Time to Get Together" and reciting the Club Collect, Mrs. A. D. Ward, president, extended greetings to those present, expressing her gratification at the interest shown in the work by the large number attending.

Two visiting speakers made addresses, the first being Mrs. J. L. Weller, of Norfolk, Va., who was introduced by Mrs. S. W. Small, vice president of the Federation. Mrs. Weller, who is well versed in flowers, made a particularly interesting address relative to the care and arrangement of flowers, adding interest to her talk by having the stage decorated with a number of vases in which flowers were arranged according to the American method and the Japanese way.

Mrs. E. N. Elliott introduced Richard S. Orr, of Norfolk, Va. Mr. Orr has had 28 years experience in gardening and in connection with his address had a moving picture to demonstrate the value of proper gardening and care of flowers.

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Proclamation
Clean Up and Paint Up
Dear this Ye people. Think! Act!!

Know All Men, Women and Children
By these Presents:

THAT, Whereas the NATIONAL CLEAN UP AND PAINT UP CAMPAIGN has resulted in many advantages of community life throughout the United States;

In safeguarding HEALTH;
In promoting THRIFT;
In furthering FIRE PREVENTION;
In stimulating CIVIC PRIDE; and
In making the "HOME AND CITY BEAUTIFUL"

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it known that plans have been perfected for a thorough Clean Up, Paint Up and Fix Up Campaign in Edenton, beginning Monday, April 13. This date to mark the opening of a real campaign of persistent and constructive effort in cleaning up, fixing up and keeping it up. In this worthy movement of Cleaning, Painting, Planting, Repairing and general rehabilitation and beautification we urge each citizen to do his or her best part to make our community Clean, Healthy, Thrifty, Safe and Beautiful.

E. W. SPIRES
Mayor of Edenton

"Aunt Lizzie" Bunch, 97 Oldest White Lady In Chowan County

The Herald is very appreciative of the following information, which brings to light the oldest white person in Chowan County, "Aunt Lizzie" Bunch, living in the Tyner section.

On December 25th, 1838, there came to the home of Mr. William Hurdle and wife, Martha Riddick Hurdle, a baby girl who was destined to live more than the allotted three score years and ten. This child was Elizabeth J. Hurdle, who spent a normal childhood life in the home of her parents.

She was converted under the ministry of Rev. John E. Edwards, and joined Hickory Cross Methodist Church in 1857.

This church was located in the northeast section of Chowan County, only a few miles from her father's home. She is now a member of Centre Hill Methodist Church, and lives about one and one-half miles from this church at the Harvey Perry homestead.

In 1868 Miss Elizabeth J. Hurdle married Mr. Harvey Perry, who was a widower with the following children: Mary Eliza, who became the first wife of Mr. John Martin Forehand, a well-known financier of Chowan County. Robert Walter Perry, who was the father of Dr. J. R. Parker's wife. Roxanna married Mr. Joe Williams. Julia Perry became Mrs. Joe White, and they made their home in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Emma Perry Billups, who now lives in Chicago, Ill., is Mr. Perry's only living child by his first wife.

Three children were born to Mr. Harvey Perry and wife, Elizabeth

Hurdle Perry—Annie, now Mrs. John Twine; Ida, Mrs. Corp Reed, and Elizabeth, who died several years ago.

Mr. Perry had two brothers, Caleb and Allen Perry. Allen was the paternal grandfather of Mrs. W. O. Speight, of Edenton, N. C.

A striking incident is the fact that Mr. Perry was buried on his wife's birthday, December 25, 1874.

Eight years later Mrs. Elizabeth Perry married Mr. James Bunch. To this union one son was born, Herbert, who with his wife lives with his mother.

Mrs. Bunch, who is familiarly known as "Aunt Lizzie" is now 97 years old, and has a remarkable memory and enjoys having friends visit her. She is very animated in her speech and discusses with zest the Civil War and the conditions existing at that time.

It is with great pride she shows you the hand-woven linen cloths with the beautiful hand-made lace trimmings that were used on the banquet table at her mother's wedding. To some she will exhibit rare pieces of old china and glass goblets. The hand-carved corner cupboard, tables, and old pieces of furniture in her home are heirlooms of the past. Especially interested is she in current events of the day. To be sure her mind and memory are most wonderful.

She is totally blind and for the past three years has been confined to her bed.

She is an outstanding example of patience and Christian fortitude. Long may she live!

Triangular Debate Held Friday Night

After being postponed a week at the request of Perquimans officials, the triangular debate will be held Friday night in the Edenton, Hertford and Elizabeth City triangle.

Misses Margaret Spires and Sarah Elizabeth White, Edenton's affirmative team, will meet Hertford's negative debaters in the local school, while Edenton's negative team, Miss Mary Elizabeth Cates and Junius Davis will match words with the Elizabeth City affirmative debaters in the latter city.

The query to be debated is: "Resolved, that the several states should provide for socialization of medicine."

John Horne's Death Postponed 60 Days

W. D. Pruden, counsel for John Horne, who was convicted for the murder of his wife and sentenced to die in the State's gas chamber on April 3rd, was successful in securing a 60-day reprieve for the condemned man in an endeavor to secure a commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment.

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W. T. Brown Enters Race For Senate

Though it had been generally conceded that W. T. Brown, of Hertford, would seek the nomination for the State Senate from the First Senatorial district, he only this week made formal announcement that he will seek the office. Mr. Brown at present represents Perquimans County in the lower branch of the General Assembly and says he was prompted to enter the senatorial race by numerous requests from voters all over the district.

He has served three terms in the House and in soliciting votes refers to his record in the interest of not only his own county but the State as a whole.

Mr. Brown's announcement brings the number to five who seek the two seats determined by the district's voters.

Location New Armory Staked By Wroten

Though it is expected to take several weeks before actual construction is begun on the new Edenton armory, J. H. Wroten, project foreman for the Town of Edenton, this week was busy staking out the proposed location of the building.

At least two days will be required for grading the plot, after which architects will determine the necessary depth of the foundation as well as other data before actual work is begun.

April Term of Court Attracts Small Crowd

LARGE NUMBER AT ROCKY HOCK CHURCH SUNDAY

One Hundredth Anniversary of Church Attracts Many Visitors; Deacons Ordained

A large crowd, including many visitors, were present at the Rocky Hock Baptist Church Sunday when the 100th anniversary of the Church was observed. The celebration was an all-day affair with a picnic dinner served at noon on the church grounds.

Rev. W. F. Cale, present pastor of the church, presided and expressed delight at the large number present at the celebration, which had been postponed since the fifth Sunday in December due to the very unfavorable weather conditions.

Rev. A. A. Butler of Hertford, presented a history of the church, giving a brief account of the church's activities through the pastorate of all former ministers. This group of preachers included the Revs. Webb, Knapp, Williams, Leary, Jordan, Speight, Dose, Lovejoy, Tatem, Josiah Elliott, Frank Cale, and the present pastor, W. F. Cale.

W. J. Berryman followed Mr. Butler on the program, and gave a very interesting and inspirational address on the New Testament church. Following Mr. Berryman's address, everybody was invited to partake of the sumptuous picnic dinner which was served on the church ground.

After the meeting was resumed Rev. Norman Ashley, of Salemburg, a product of Rocky Hock, was recognized and in a few well chosen words complimented the congregation for the progress made, but informed his hearers that the work of the church will be harder for the next generation it was during the past 100 years.

The program came to a close with an ordination service when Patie Perry, Ellie Bunch and Rodney Harrell were ordained as deacons of the church to replace vacancies in the official church family. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. E. L. Wells, while Rev. Mr. Butler read the Scripture.

RED CROSS NEARS QUOTA FOR RELIEF

Unsolicited Fund For Flood Sufferers Now Stands at \$185.54; Goal For Chowan \$200

Up to Wednesday noon Mrs. J. N. Pruden, County Red Cross chairman, reports a total of \$185.54 received voluntarily for the relief of flood victims. The county chapter has been asked to raise \$200 as its share of this emergency fund, and Mrs. Pruden is confident the goal will be reached in a day or two.

Those who have donated to the cause since the published list last week follow:

W. J. Berryman	5.00
H. G. Wood	5.00
Junius Davis	1.00
J. C. Dail	2.00
Charlie Wood	.25
M. A. Hughes	5.00
Mrs. H. J. Boyce	1.00
Mrs. A. T. Bush	.50
Mrs. John Baitty	1.00
J. A. Moore	5.00
A. B. Griffin	1.00
A. C. Griffin	.50
Miss Mamie Skinner	.50
Mrs. J. H. Holmes	1.00
St. John's P. E. Church (colored), Rev. S. N. Griffith	1.30
St. John's School (colored), Rev. S. N. Griffith, Prin.	1.00
Jacob Asbell	1.00
A Friend	.50
Cash	.75
Mrs. Thomas Wood	1.00
Thomas Wood	1.00
Mrs. H. H. Preston	2.00
Mrs. O. C. Byrum	5.00
Mrs. J. G. Wood	1.00
Miss Sophie Wood	2.00
Gale St. Baptist Church (colored), Rev. E. S. Parker, Pastor	6.00
G. B. Potter	3.00

COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NAMED BY STATE BOARD

The State Board of Elections last week in Raleigh named the following as the County Board of Elections for Chowan County: R. P. Badham, L. C. Burton and M. S. Elliott. The first two named represent Democrats, while Mr. Elliott represents the Republican party.

All Criminal Cases Disposed of By Tuesday At Noon

NO TIME LOST

Abraham Nowell Gets Stiff Sentence for Attack on W. J. Harris

With few cases of especial interest on the docket, the criminal cases of the April term of Superior Court were completed at noon on Tuesday, when a jury returned a verdict of not guilty in favor of Owen Williams, 54, colored, who was charged with assault with intent to kill Lester Welch, 19-year-old colored youth. The entire session was conducted with dispatch by Judge Walter L. Small, of Elizabeth City.

Judge Small was very brief, but pointed in his charge to the grand jury at the opening of court. He particularly stressed the power of the jurors and warned them to keep secret all of their transactions while deliberating on their duties. "No one," said Mr. Small, "has the right to listen to your discussions, not even the solicitor, myself, the governor or even the President of the United States."

But while they were all powerful, the judge informed them that they could not change a bill of indictment. It was their duty, he told them, to report either a true bill or not a true bill, and in this connection he warned them to eliminate all ill-will and prejudice and act regardless of a rich or influential person who may be concerned. Often, said Mr. Small, trouble arises from what is said or done in the grand jury room leaking out and he cited one instance of a murder resulting when jurors violated their oath and told of a certain man's stand taken on a case.

He also ordered the grand jury to make the usual investigations of County affairs, and while he urged economy in getting through as quickly as possible, he did want a thorough and adequate report, and desired everything to be investigated that needs investigation.

Mr. Small expressed pleasure at being able to be in Edenton, but was sorry that his presence here was due to the recent death of Judge Grady's wife resulting in the change. He also in his opening remarks paid tribute to former Sheriff C. A. Boyce to whom he referred as a clean, manly and fearless officer and citizen.

Immediately after the charge the grand jury retired to their room and court was under way in short order. The grand jury included the following: R. C. Hollowell, W. M. Chesson, Clarence Bunch, D. R. Hare, Percy G. Perry, J. A. Boyce, Rudy Parks, E. L. Eure, E. D. Byrum, C. W. Blanchard, S. R. Cobb, W. O. Elliott, Robert Boyce, J. D. Ward, C. A. White, G. R. Nixon, C. Y. Parrish, and Phillip McMullan, foreman.

The first case tried was that of Abraham Nowell, colored, who was charged with highway robbery and assault with intent to kill upon W. J. Harris. Mr. Harris, who is 82 years old, testified that Nowell was in his store several hours before the assault. Nowell, seeing Mr. Harris making change from a small money bag struck him over the head with a stove poker, inflicting 23 wounds. He stole the money which, following a confession, was found in an old tree stump.

Nowell plead guilty and before sentencing him Judge Small told him he was fortunate in not facing a charge of murder. Dr. L. P. Williams, who attended Mr. Harris, testified that considering his age and the nature of the wounds, it was short of miraculous that the aged man had recovered from the attack.

Nowell received a stiff sentence, being given not less than 25 nor more than 30 years in Central prison on the robbery count and five years for assault. The time is to be spent at hard labor and in prison stripes.

Malachai Lowther, charged with breaking into an automobile owned by R. R. Pierson of the Federal Land Bank and stealing a number of brief cases, a typewriter and revolver, drew a sentence of from 18 to 24 months on the roads. Judge Small suspended the charge of stealing the revolver, saying that Pierson had no business having it in the automobile.

Considerable time was consumed in the trial of Malachai Ashley, white man, charged with the theft of 15 chickens from E. B. White. No direct evidence could be offered against Ashley, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty.

The case of R. L. Chesson was (Continued on Page Five)