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Edenton All Ready For Big Clean-Up Campaign

Chowan Fund For Red Cross Now Over \$300

Mrs. Pruden, Chairman, Elated Over Generous Response
MORE NEEDED

Telegram Received Urging Campaign To Aid Unfortunates

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross, is very much elated over the recent response to the call for funds to aid the organization in flood relief. Up to noon Wednesday a total of \$314.97 was turned over to Mrs. Pruden. The fund was considerably boosted by a donation of \$63.78 from the Rocky Hock Baptist Church, and the Center Hill Baptist Church sent in \$13.60.

Though the quota for Chowan was fixed at \$200, Mrs. Pruden early this week received a telegram from Red Cross headquarters, stating that reports coming in indicate that there was great need for tornado sufferers in several southern states, in addition to the one at Greensboro, and that there was a serious need for relief funds over and above those previously requested. She was advised to plan a vigorous campaign for funds in Chowan, the quota now being placed at \$400, over and above the previous flood relief quota.

Mrs. Pruden is very anxious to receive as much as Chowan people can pay and will hold the fund open for contributions indefinitely. Credit for donations will be published in *The Chowan Herald*, at which office contributions will also be received for the convenience of those down town. If anybody has contributed to the fund and their names has not been published, Mrs. Pruden will appreciate letting her know about it so that proper credit can be given.

Those who have contributed since the last issue of *The Herald* are:

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodard	\$10.00
E. I. Warren	2.50
Anonymous	1.00
Mrs. Charlie Conger	1.00
Mrs. S. W. Taylor	1.00
S. W. Taylor	1.00
Miss Marie Reed	1.00
Center Hill M. E. Church,	
Rev. Robert Walston, Pastor	7.30
Evans M. E. Church, Rev.	
Robert Walston, Pastor	8.70
Providence Baptist Church	
(col.), Rev. L. A. Nichols,	
Pastor	6.00
Ballards Bridge Bap. Church	
Rev. J. T. Byrum, Pastor	5.00
E. J. Bunch	1.00
Mrs. E. J. Bunch	1.00
Mrs. Mary J. Jones	1.00
Mrs. A. B. Griffin	1.00
Mrs. Robert Boyce	.50
Rocky Hock Church	63.78
Center Hill Baptist Church	13.60
W. D. Pruden	5.00

New Chowan School Will Be On New Site

Frank Benton, architect for the Chowan County Board of Education, is expected in Edenton the latter part of this week with plans and specifications for the new school building to be erected at Cross Roads. Immediately after the Board inspects the plans, advertisements will be placed for contractors to bid on the job.

It is the purpose of the Board of Education to purchase a site on the other side of the highway on higher ground and Superintendent W. J. Taylor was authorized to advertise for sale the old site, which money will be used to buy the new site.

Commissioners Hope Recover Road Money

Being hopeful of recovering something like \$50,000 which was spent for roads in Chowan County, the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday decided to join with a number of other counties in an effort to be paid back money spent on highways which later became part of the State system.

Ten dollars per month will be appropriated by Chowan County to help cover the cost of investigating the situation as well as pressing the claim at the next session of the General Assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Abell visited with relatives at Behnders Sunday.

Historic Chowan Court House Now Locked At Night

Henceforth the historic Chowan County Court House will be locked at night. Action on this matter was taken by the Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday, when Clerk of Court Richard Dixon, custodian of the building was instructed to purchase a suitable lock for the outside door and to see that it was securely fastened when he left each night.

The Commissioners, following receipt of a letter from the Masonic Lodge offering full cooperation, and suggestions by a number of citizens, sensed a possibility of fire or damage to the interior of the building by irresponsible parties and as a precautionary measure voted unanimously to lock the building at night.

Privileges of the building have been abused on a number of occasions and the value of the building is too great to allow any person to go in and out at any hour of the night. Keys will be in the hands of Mr. Dixon, Register of Deeds Maurice L. Bunch and J. Edwin Buflap, secretary of the Masonic Lodge.

PENALTY MAY 1 FOR 1935 TAXES

Sheriff's Report Shows That Only One-Third of Year's Taxes Have Been Paid

Sheriff J. A. Bunch's report to the County Commissioners on Monday revealed the fact that just about one-third of the County's 1935 taxes had been paid to April 1. During March he collected \$1,514.41, bringing collections to \$27,678.77, out of a total of \$75,997.62 on the tax books. In view of the fact that considerably more of the taxes should have been paid, the Commissioners decided to place a penalty upon taxpayers for non-payment. This penalty will go into effect on May 1, at which time one-half of one per cent will be added for each month, beginning with February, 1936. In other words, all taxes paid during April will not be penalized, but if not paid during that time the penalty during May will be two per cent, with one-half of one per cent being added for each subsequent month that taxes remain unpaid.

The large amount of uncollected taxes has caused the Commissioners no little worry and it is thought that by applying the penalty many who are able will pay up.

Easter Play Sunday Night At Edenton Methodist Church

In celebration of Easter a play, "The Disciple Who Understood," will be presented Sunday night at the Edenton Methodist Church. This service will begin at 7:30 o'clock, and will take the place of the regular preaching service.

Those taking part in the play are: Mrs. W. C. Moore, Miss Kathleen Barrow, Miss Mary Elizabeth Cates, Colon Sawyer, Charles Burr and Paul Spencer.

The program will be given under the supervision of Mrs. G. A. Helms. The choir of the church has also arranged special Easter music for the service Sunday morning.

MANY METHODISTS ATTEND EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

A goodly number of Methodists from all over the district were present Monday when an all-day Christian Education Conference was held in the local Methodist Church.

Prominent speakers in the denomination made very interesting addresses along various phases of the church's activities, while Miss Annie Slaughter made a very interesting report of the recent young people's conference held in Memphis, Tenn.

LABOR MUST REGISTER

Now that work will soon be started on the new armory all skilled and semi-skilled labor desiring work on this project are urged to leave their name and classification at the office of the re-employment office.



BUY AT HOME! DON'T SHOP OUT-OF-TOWN!
Give local industry and labor a chance. They are well equipped to serve you. Make your purchases in local stores—hire local men and women.

FISHERMEN MAY TRY THEIR LUCK EASTER MONDAY

John F. White Succeeds In Efforts To Provide Day's Sport During Spawning Season

Following many requests by local sportsmen, Representative John F. White has been successful in a slight lifting of the ban on hook and line fishing which will permit local anglers to enjoy at least one day's sport during the closed fishing season. Mr. White was hopeful of securing more open days as was the case last year, but was able to secure only one day, that being Easter Monday, April 13.

In answer to a visit to Raleigh and a subsequent telephone conversation, Mr. White early this week received the following letter from J. D. Chalk, Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Development:

"Under the present regulations your people are permitted to take herring with dip or skim nets daily until the close of the commercial fishing season. This should satisfy them and justify them in cooperating fully with us in our efforts to protect the game fish during the spawning season, April 1 to May 10, during which time the season is closed except on Easter Monday, at which time the Board has lifted the ban for the day.

"If your people will cooperate closely with us in our fisheries plan, I can assure you they will see good results in the next few years. We are face to face with the problem of an alarming decrease in the number of game fish and a constant increase in the number of fishermen."

According to Mr. Chalk, however, there will be no objection to those who wish to fish on Easter Sunday, but he is very emphatic that these are the only days that fishing will be allowed during the closed season, and has directed all game wardens to be governed accordingly.

School Shares In Receipts Of Picture

In an effort to raise some money the Edenton High School Athletic Association, in cooperation with the Taylor Theatre management, will share in the receipts of the picture, "Tough Guy" Monday and Tuesday. School students will sell tickets for the show, for which they will receive 25 per cent.

The Athletic Association officials, however, wish it to be understood that they will not receive any credit for box office receipts and hence urge theatre-goers to purchase their tickets from the canvassers.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS ROTARY GUESTS TODAY

The affirmative side of the Edenton High School debating team will be honor guests at the luncheon of the Edenton Rotary Club today. These two debaters are Sarah Elizabeth White and Margaret Spires, and will deliver their side of the recent debate at the Rotary program.

FARMERS SEEM INTERESTED IN NEW PROGRAM

Large Number Present Friday to Hear E. W. Gaither Explain Details of Plan

That Chowan County farmers are vitally interested in the new farm program was apparent on Friday morning when a goodly number of them, including a sprinkling of women, and many colored farmers, gathered in the Taylor Theatre to hear the program explained. The speaker for the occasion was E. W. Gaither, of Raleigh, who went over the new program and in the course of his remarks answered numerous questions asked by those present.

Mr. Gaither stated that there was no compulsion for farmers to join in the program, but only those who cooperate with the government would receive any direct financial aid in the form of payment for limiting their production of soil-depleting crops or for carrying out various soil-building and conserving practices.

From 15 to 20 million dollars will be available for distribution this year in soil-conservation grants to North Carolina farmers. Indirectly, it will aid them financially by preventing the production of price-reducing surpluses, by increasing the efficiency of farming and by stimulating the live-at-home movement.

Mr. Gaither told his hearers that if farmers cooperate wholeheartedly with the new program it would elevate agriculture in this State to a higher plane than ever before. It is much more comprehensive and far-reaching than anything that has gone before. The nature of the program makes it applicable to every farm in the State and all who agree to take part in it can share in its benefits.

Mr. Gaither explained the method by which soil-depleting crops could be replaced with soil-conserving or soil-building crops in order to qualify for grants under the new farm program, which will be based upon the base acreage.

Farmers present appeared to favor the new program, no unfavorable comments being heard and the many questions asked being purely for enlightenment in the matter rather than for cause of argument.

For all who cooperate work sheets will have to be kept, which will in the very near future be in the hands of County Agent N. K. Rowell for distribution.

J. P. Roberson Ready For Dog Vaccination

J. P. Roberson has received a large quantity of vaccine for the purpose of vaccinating dogs against rabies, and is now ready to proceed with this work, according to law. He is preparing his schedule and will post cards throughout the County informing dog owners when and where this work can be done.

Mr. Roberson urges the cooperation of all dog owners to the end that this work will be completed in the shortest possible time and be of the least possible inconvenience to owners.

Everybody Expected To Help During Week

Boys And Girls, Join The Herald's "Tin Can Matinee"

Clean-Up Week would not be complete if the children are not interested, and in order to encourage them to help clean up, *The Herald* will give to every child who brings to *The Herald* office as many as six empty cans found about their homes a free ticket to the Taylor Theatre. These old cans will be accepted between Monday and 12 o'clock noon Saturday of next week. Enjoy a free show, kiddies, and help make Edenton cleaner. Bring us the old tin cans!

ROAD TO COLERAIN IS NOW ASSURED

Julien Wood Informed Contract Will Be Included In Next Letting; Two Roads May Be Paved

Primarily due to the continued efforts of Highway Commissioner Julien Wood, who has been on this particular job for a year now, Colerain will not have to pass another winter of isolation due to mud, snow and ice. Mr. Wood has received assurance from his brother commissioners that two leading connecting roads, both centralizing at Colerain will be hard surfaced.

One such road is known as Highway No. 35, running from the Windsor boulevard eight miles north to Colerain. This thoroughfare was almost knee deep in mud all winter and was absolutely impassable to motor traffic. Last spring a large delegation of Bertie County residents visited Mr. Wood and begged for relief from road conditions they had long found trying. But the publicity given to this winter's road impassability helped Mr. Wood the more in his efforts, and on Monday he was able to announce this piece of road would be included in the next letting.

The other piece of road work to be similarly started will be on Highway No. 350, north and northwest out of Colerain, sixteen miles into Ashokie with Powellsville being one of the towns enroute. This, also, has been a subject of much agitation and Mr. Wood, modest in all things, attributes the prospective resurfacing to this winter's problem more than to his own effort.

While no definite decision has yet been reached, Mr. Wood is hopeful that Highway No. 35 may be continued with a hard surface beyond Colerain into Harrellsville.

Ed Bond Post Has Interesting Meeting

An unusually well attended and most interesting meeting of Ed Bond Post was held on Tuesday night, with Commander John A. Holmes presiding. Legion activities appeared to take on new life, the Post discussing at length a number of important problems.

A joint meeting of the Post and the Auxiliary will be held the latter part of this month, which will be in the form of a fish fry at Avoca. A definite date has not been set, but a canvass will be made of all elopointed to arrange the affair: O. H. Brown, R. E. Leary and Ernest Jackson.

The Legion also is still working on securing a suitable building to be used as a recreational hall for the young people of the community, Geddes Potter, the chairman of the committee, reporting progress being made.

The Post also decided to award a medal at the close of the school year to the most outstanding pupil in the seventh grade, including both the Edenton and County units.

The emergency arising from floods and tornadoes was also discussed and the Post will sponsor a drive to secure funds for the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter.

Local Legionnaires appear optimistic in the membership drive sponsored by the State Department in which a \$50 set of service records of the World War will be given. Many feel that the local Post has an excellent chance to win the award and Court House door in Edenton, N. C. jibe Chowan County men.

"Tin Can Matinee" Arranged For Town's Youngsters

LASTS WEEK

Citizens Asked to Place Trash Convenient For City Truck

Next week's six days of "Clean up, Paint up, Fix up" opportunity for Edenton bids fair to be a period of much stimulation and worth while endeavor. Mayor Edward W. Spires has already received assurance the campaign is very likely to go over with a bang, and he and the rest of the town fathers are much pleased over the prospect.

Hearty cooperation on the part of all the merchants has accentuated this belief, and initial steps taken by the County Commissioner on Monday gave proof of their interest in the campaign also.

The Commissioners centered their efforts on the old Court House. They found it a pretty dirty and hazardous place. Last week's grand jury gave them a few tips and they acted. They decided to paint the Court House inside and out at once, ordered the place locked and directed Custodian R. D. Dixon to have the attic of the ancient hall of jurisprudence cleared of all the clutter of years that has accumulated there. In addition, and some of the Commissioners climbed up to see what the attic really looked like, they found electric wiring scattered about the garret rather indiscriminately and without insulated coverings. Orders have gone forth, too, to remedy this, so that on the whole a good start has been made from that angle.

The Mayor and Fire Chief Hall are particularly anxious the campaign gets the best of all household fire risks. This can best be met by routing out all rubbish and trash about the homes, and this they hope will be done. Such trash, they ask should be boxed along the street gutters for collection by the trash removers. The Mayor will try to have more frequent collections made next week in order to get the rubbish away from the streets as rapidly as possible.

Everyone is expected to lend a hand in the campaign, and this applies to the children of the households, also. Edenton is a great section for the use of canned goods, and it is estimated that each home has now an accumulation of tin cans which if stood end on end would reach skyward ten times higher than Jack's beanstalk—the "dump" over toward the cemetery bears proof of this assertion.

The youngsters have a chance to enter the campaign enthusiastically by this tin can route. Route out the cans, boys and girls, the more the merrier, and bring them to *The Chowan Herald* office. Why? Well listen—Get the cans here and receive pay in the shape of a free ticket to the movies at the Taylor Theatre. This will be part of *The Herald's* gift to the cause of a cleaner and better Edenton, and it is glad to be a party to it. Don't be afraid how many cans you bring.

But trash isn't all there is to cleaning up. Paint improves things wonderfully and enhances property values as well. There are plenty of painters in town. Get them busy.

Cut the grass, trim the shrubs and hedges, beautify in every way you can. It's Easter time, a period of regeneration and a new life. No better season could be suggested for a civic resurrection than right now. Your neighbors will be watching. So will everyone else.

Not often does Edenton ask much of you. It does now when it says "A cleaner Edenton makes for a more worthwhile town."

Easter Services At St. Paul's Church

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Paul's Episcopal Church tonight at 8 o'clock, with Good Friday service at 7:30 A. M. and 11 A. M. The Sunday School celebration will take place at 4 P. M.

E. R. Conger, John W. Graham, D. M. Warren and J. A. Moore were elected as delegates to the Diocesan Convention which meets at St. Paul's Church on May 13.