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Flood Needs Rise, But Red Cross Total Here Does, Also

Local Chapter Contributions Now Nearing \$1,000

GRATIFICATION

Mrs. J. N. Pruden Keeps Interest Alive as Appeals Pour In

Latest reports show, as was expected, that Chowan citizenry has already responded magnificently in the nation-wide appeal for financial help in easing the suffering of the Ohio and Mississippi valley flood sufferers. Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, has expressed herself as greatly gratified by the showing made hereabouts, but warns that the situation remains acute and that the drive must go on.

Up to last night there was every indication that the original quota goal for here, set at first at \$120 and then quintupled, has been exceeded about nine times, with a pretty fair certainty that before the campaign is over it will reach an amount many more times what was asked for when the initial appeal came in.

Mrs. Pruden's books show she has had in hand, either on deposit or forwarded to national headquarters something like \$969.76, as is shown by the list of contributors in an adjoining column. And in addition to this aggregate has been the encouraging response made by the children of the country schools.

County Superintendent W. J. Taylor, who could not be reached yesterday or last night, has stated proudly that such receipts passed on to him will probably be up in the neighborhood of \$100, which would increase Mrs. Pruden's total to more than \$1,070.

Included in the local total credit is the largest single contribution, that of the Edenton Peanut Company, amounting to \$150 and peculiarly sent direct to Red Cross headquarters in Louisville. Mrs. Pruden has had word from Washington, however, that due credit for this remittance has been made to the Chowan chapter.

Comparison with the list of contributors published this week and that printed last week shows, also, that quite a few who made first minute contributions and have since realized the gravity of the great need in the flood zones, have made second contributions, also.

Mrs. Pruden is especially anxious that the continuing urgency of need for a still further enlarged total is made evident in every way.

The Edenton Rotary Club, through its president, N. K. Rowell, has forwarded \$15 direct to Washington to (Continued on Page Five)

Town Leases Tract To J. L. Wiggins

Following two special meetings of Town Council, one held Tuesday afternoon and one Wednesday afternoon, the Board agreed to lease a tract of land 210x340 feet and running parallel with the railroad on the fair grounds tract to J. L. Wiggins to be used in connection with the Wilkes Veneer Mill. Following the meeting Tuesday, members of the Board accompanied Mr. Wiggins to the fair grounds in order that they, as well as Mr. Wiggins, were thoroughly familiar with the tract that he wanted to lease.

At the meeting Wednesday the Board voted to lease the tract for a period of 10 years. Mr. Wiggins desired the extra space primarily as a means of ingress and egress to his mill with logs which has been more or less hampered since the erection of a warehouse by A. M. Forehand.

ASHBYS RETURN

Rev. and Mrs. C. Aylett Ashby returned to Edenton Wednesday morning after spending a short vacation in Jacksonville, Florida.

In Mr. Ashby's absence Tom Boet, Raleigh newspaper man, spoke to the Episcopal congregation Sunday morning with the most complimentary comments heard about his address.

I. LEE PARKER HERE

I. Lee Parker, supervisor of the North Carolina Employment Service, of Raleigh, arrived in Edenton Wednesday afternoon and held a conference with all employees of the district at the Edenton Employment office last night.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO RED CROSS

Previously reported	\$369.75
Edenton Peanut Company (sent direct)	150.00
Edenton Rotary Club (sent direct)	15.00
Mrs. G. R. Lassiter (error in former report)	1.00
Mrs. W. H. Coffield	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Taylor	10.00
Miss Blanche Leary	.50
J. W. Davis	1.00
Miss Louise Coke	1.00
A. C. Boyce	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Haskett	5.00
E. T. Rawlinson	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Willie White	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Day	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bell	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. Hobowsky	2.00
R. D. Dixon	1.00
Miss Mildred Munden	1.00
M. L. Bunch	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Perry	2.00
Mrs. O. C. Byrum	5.00
A. Friend	7.50
Mrs. A. T. Bush	1.00
Mrs. H. G. Skinner	5.00
Miss Bernice Dail	1.00
Mrs. J. M. Turner and family	5.00
Miss Inez Felton	1.00
E. I. Warren	1.00
Mrs. Pattie W. Warren	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones	2.00
R. F. Tuttle	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Miles Elliott	1.00
Mrs. R. F. Tuttle	1.00
Miss Adelaide Tuttle	1.00
Stephen Tynch	1.00
St. John the Evangelist P. E. Church (Colored)	4.25
Rocky Hock Sunday School	40.48
J. S. Davis	5.00
The Assembly of God (North Edenton)	15.25
Miss Katie Sawyer	1.00
Mrs. Evie Umphlett	.50
Mrs. Harry Crummy	.50
Durwood Harrell	.25
Miss Mary Pruden, additional	5.00
Mrs. James Boyce	1.00
W. B. Shepard	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sledge	1.00
Mrs. J. H. McMullan	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Asbell	1.00

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TYPHOID CLINIC HELD IN MARCH

Wildcat and Chinquapin Roads Are Now Impassable

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday voted to again stand the expense of a typhoid and diphtheria clinic to be held in the County during the month of March. The expense to the County of this preventive measure will be 25 cents per head, with the maximum amount fixed at \$1,000.

Inoculations will be free to all children as well as adults, who in former years turned out in great numbers to avail themselves of the opportunity to be inoculated in an effort to make their bodies immune to the ravages of the disease, which can be said to have been greatly diminished since the County sponsored the clinics. The serum holds good for a period of three years which is the last time the clinic was held here. The serum is furnished free by the State, the County paying Dr. Whichard 25 cents for everyone inoculated except, of course, that not over \$1,000 will be paid if the number inoculated exceeds 4,000.

The Commissioners anticipated holding the typhoid clinic when making up their budget and set aside \$1000 for this work, which in the opinion of the Commissioners is the most worthwhile way the County can spend money from a health standpoint.

Dr. Whichard will arrange and announce his schedule later so that as many as possible will find it convenient to take the treatments.

Lively Payment Of Taxes In January

Considerable improvement in collection of county taxes was reflected in the report of Sheriff J. A. Bunch to the County Commissioners Monday. During the month of January \$14,267.95 was collected by the Sheriff, bringing the total collections to date to \$40,008.96.

The Commissioners are of the opinion that the penalty which was advertised to be added after February 2nd, was responsible for the increase in payment of taxes.

SOUND SPAN NOW CERTAINTY WITH CONTRACTS MADE

Awards Out of Way and Work Expected to Start Soon

\$1,595,000 PRICE

Contract For Currituck Short Cut Awarded At Same Time

Construction of the proposed long vehicular bridge across Albemarle Sound, for which Edenton has been earnestly striving for four or five years, is now a foregone conclusion, and possibly within a year will be a matter of reality. Contracts to build the great span were awarded last Friday by the State Highway and Public Works Commission, and those in a position to know declare that nothing short of an "Act of God" can now prevent the job being carried to completion, which is just about the best news the Albemarle has had in the past century.

Word that the bridge contract had been awarded and that construction was, therefore, assured, got here from Raleigh at 1:38 Friday afternoon. Mayor Spires, who was the first to hear, immediately dispatched the following telegram of congratulation on behalf of the Edenton citizenry to Chairman Capus M. Waynick of the State Highway and Public Works Commission:

"Awarding of Albemarle Sound bridge and Camden-Currituck 'Short Cut' contract brings us deep gratification. You and membership of the commission are to be congratulated upon your decision. Kind regards, E. W. Spires, Mayor."

The following day Chairman Waynick acknowledged the Spires' appreciation in the following letter: "Dear Mr. Spires:—Your telegram of January 29, expressing appreciation for the action of the Commission in awarding contracts for the Albemarle Sound bridge and the Short Cut through Camden and Currituck counties has been received and I thank you for this expression. I trust the developments will prove that the Commission has been wise in these commitments. Sincerely yours, Capus M. Waynick, Chairman."

At the same time the State body gave out the contract to construct the so-called Currituck "Short-Cut" to make lessened mileage through to Dare county coast towns.

The Albemarle Sound bridge and approaches will cost around \$1,595,000.00, about a half million dollars more than originally estimated, and the "Short-Cut" expense will be \$290,987.70, a lesser amount than at first talked of. The "Short-Cut" contract went to the low bidder, E. W. Grannis, of Fayetteville.

The Sound bridge contract was split into three awards, two of these having to do with the construction of the span and the other for the road approaches on both sides. The two contractors who will build the bridge proper, both lowest bidders, and the amounts of their bids, were T. A. Loving of Goldsboro, who is building the Chowan High School at Small's Cross Roads, \$587,772.77, and the Tidewater Construction Company, of Norfolk, Va., \$687,458.61. Work on the north and south shore approaches will be done by the Hardaway Construction Company, of Columbus, Ga., with a low bid of (Continued on Page Five)

Sixteen Contagious Diseases In County

Sixteen cases of contagious diseases were reported to the County Commissioners Monday by Dr. M. P. Whichard in his very comprehensive report of his first month's duties as county health officer. All 16 cases have been placarded and quarantined.

Whooping cough and chicken pox lead in the report with six cases of each reported. Scarlet fever is next in line with three cases and one case of measles.

Dr. Whichard also said in his report that in order to keep the jail and court house in a clean and sanitary condition he would suggest employment of a full-time janitor. However, this item had not been provided for in the budget and the Commissioners have instructed R. D. Dixon, custodian of the Court House, and Shelton Moore, jailer, to keep both places as clean as possible under present circumstances. The Court House, especially, is quite a problem to keep in an orderly condition due to being used so frequently by the public in general.

LEGIONNAIRES TO BE ADDRESSED BY PICKENS TUESDAY

Department Commander Here For District Meet at Hotel

3 POSTS TO COME

Afternoon Session At Court House For Disabled Veterans

Much interest is being shown by Legionnaires over the visit here next Tuesday of Department Commander Wiley M. Pickens, of Lincolnton, and other organization officials, and at the regular meeting of the local American Legion Post Tuesday night it was announced that around 75 persons from Elizabeth City and Manteo posts would be here to make Tuesday's program a success.

Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be a disabled veterans conference at the court house at which Jack Lang, State service officer, and Bruce Stubblefield, executive secretary of the national rehabilitation committee of the American Legion headquarters in Washington, D. C., will be on hand to cover any unsettled claims veterans may have, to advise as to the proper procedure in pressing them for settlement, and to offer any additional advice that may be found necessary. The organization is very anxious to be helpful to the veterans in this respect and all those who have any quandary regarding their claims are urged to appear at the meeting.

Tuesday night there will be a Dutch turkey dinner for everyone at the Hotel Joseph Hewes, and afterward Commander Pickens will make the principal address at the meeting in the same place. He will be introduced by Commander Jno A. Holmes, of the local post, and after the visiting posts have made reports, Mr. Lang has outlined the work of his office, and Mr. Stubblefield has discussed rehabilitation from a national viewpoint. Commander Pickens will get going.

The Commander, a pleasing speaker, will discuss the 1937 Legislative program of the Legion as well as other activities of the Legion in the nation, and will suggest a program of activities in which the various posts should engage.

A round-table discussion in which everyone will be urged to participate will wind up the session.

Norfolk Southern R.R. Adds New Train From Edenton To Mackeys

An improvement has been made this week in the freight service by the Norfolk Southern Railroad when an extra train was put on. This train will travel from Edenton Mackeys three times a week, which aside from improving movement of freight will materially improve switching conditions here which will be welcomed by Edenton industries.

Heretofore all the switching in the local yards was done by the Suffolk train which also makes three trips each week. However, under the new system a train will be here every day, thus cutting the switching work in half for the Suffolk train and affording better service for users of the road.

The new train will carry no passengers from Edenton to Mackeys, but at that point meets the two main passenger trains and carries passengers from there into Columbia.

By the addition of the new train the crews will spend four nights of the week in Edenton, counting the Sunday layover. The first run was made on Tuesday.

Sub Clerk-Carrier Position Vacant At Edenton Postoffice

It may be of interest to some of The Herald readers to know that an examination will soon be held in Edenton for a substitute clerk-carrier for the local postoffice. This vacancy occurred when Leon Leary was promoted to city carrier for the east side of town formerly held by Miles Sawyer.

Applications to take this examination can be secured at the Edenton postoffice and must be on file with the manager of the Fourth U. S. Civil Service district in Washington, D. C., not later than February 13.

A number of applications for the examination have already been distributed, the date of which will be announced later.

No FPWA Grant Likely For School Until Congress Acts

LIONS NAME LIST OF COMMITTEES

Membership Looking Forward to Charter Night Which Will Be Held March 1

Registering an almost 100 per cent meeting Monday night, the newly formed Lions Club completed committee set-ups and apparently every member is vitally interested in the work and very shortly will undertake some phases of the program.

Larry Slater, international representative of the Lions, was again present at the meeting and thoroughly explained the functions of the various committees. In his explanation Mr. Slater emphasized the importance of each member discharging his duty rather than just having his name included on a committee.

Considerable interest is manifest over Charter Night which will be held Monday night, March 1, when Lions from Washington, which club sponsors the local organization, as well as from other Eastern Carolina towns will be present. A delegation from the Edenton Club will leave this afternoon for Plymouth to attend charter night of the club in that town. Those in the group includes: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. William Privott, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Lupton, Guy Hobbs, Dr. W. S. Griffin, T. W. Jones, L. H. Haskett and T. C. Byrum.

The committees appointed Monday night were as follows:

Program Committee: W. W. Byrum, G. M. Byrum, R. W. Leary, Jr.
Publicity Committee: Hector Lupton, H. C. Goodwin, W. M. Jones.
Charter Night Committee: W. W. Byrum, Hector Lupton, W. S. Griffin.
Attendance Committee: T. W. Jones, T. C. Byrum, C. E. Byrum, J. Frank White, Jr., W. R. Horton.
Finance Committee: G. B. Potter, L. S. Byrum, G. C. Hobbs.
Constitution and By-Laws Committee: W. S. Griffin, Geo. I. Dail, Ralph Cuhtrill.
Lions Education Committee: W. J. Taylor, W. S. Griffin.
Membership Committee: L. H. Haskett, J. A. Curran, J. C. Leary.

EXCESSIVE RAIN DAMAGES ROADS

Commissioners Give Aid to Much Needed Preventative Measures

That county roads in Chowan are giving away under the strain of excessive rain was evident at the meeting of the County Commissioners Monday when that body was asked to lend its influence in getting the state to take over two roads.

The first request was made by Herbert Small, who presented to the Commissioners the deplorable condition of the stretch of road from the Wildcat road to the Wildcat school house, a colored school. The road passes through Mr. Small's land, but inasmuch that it is used by the public, Mr. Small feels it is an injustice to expect him to keep the road in passable condition. He told the commissioners that he was unable to use his automobile for three weeks and to come to Edenton to complain to the commissioners he was forced to come on horseback.

The other request came from a delegation headed by J. H. Haskett, who urged the commissioners to do what they could to improve the Chinquapin or Short Road from a point beyond North Edenton a distance of about two miles where it connects with Highway 17. The delegation was composed of J. H. Haskett, Paul Bunch, Bonner Small, Robert Harrell and Louis Boswell.

The commissioners made it clear that they had no authority or funds to undertake road work, but that they would pass resolutions requesting the State Highway Commission to take over both roads. Both resolutions were subsequently passed.

GARDEN CLUB MEET AT CUPOLA HOUSE TUESDAY

A meeting of the Edenton Garden Club will be held Tuesday afternoon, February 9, at 4 o'clock, in the Cupola House. A full attendance is desired.

JACK PRUDEN HOME

Jack Pruden, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, arrived home Wednesday to find a few days with his mother, Mrs. J. N. Pruden.

Warren Writes Discouragingly Relative to Federal Aid

\$68,000 NEEDED

Nothing More Can Now Be Done But Watch And Pray

Additional temporary discouragement, certainly an unanticipated long delay, is once more being faced by the Edenton Board of Education in its efforts to prevail upon the Federal PWA to provide financial help in the proposed repairs and improvements found absolutely necessary at the local school building on Court street.

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, who was appealed to by County Counsel W. D. Pruden to lend his assistance in hurrying the project through wrote Mr. Pruden this week that he was in nowise hopeful that federal funds could be secured, that none, anyhow, would be available until after Congress had acted on such appropriations which if it meant anything at all would mean not until after July 1 next—all this Mr. Warren stated, adding "but frankness impels me to say I do not believe it."

A letter similar to the one sent Mr. Pruden was also forwarded by Mr. Warren to John A. Holmes, school principal, who has been fighting so hard and earnestly to get the federal government to join in the project here, but neither Mr. Holmes nor Mr. Pruden view the matter as dismissed, but that it would be kept open and pressed and that a course of "matchful waiting" would be pursued.

In fact, Mr. Pruden explained, there can be no other procedure inasmuch as without financial help from the government in somewhere near the substantial amount asked for, nothing could be done to remedy the situation at the Edenton School.

The work on the local institution will cost around \$68,000, of which \$40,000 is expected to go for the construction of a new school auditorium, and \$28,000 for repairs and improvements. The County Commissioners have approved the renewed appeal, made last December, to the PWA for a government grant of 45 per cent of this total, the 55 per cent balance to be pledged and guaranteed by the county. Much of this proposed 55 per cent is already in the hands of the county as part of the last \$90,000 bonds issue raised to build the new high school at Small's Cross Roads and to help out on the school work in Edenton. This balance, however, would hardly cover the cost of the auditorium alone, and the need (Continued on Page Five)

Edenton Rotarians Go To Windsor On Friday For Big Rotary Affair

Local Rotarians who are withholding their pleasure of association in regular weekly luncheon today are doing so in anticipation of a 100 per cent attendance tomorrow night at Windsor when the Bertie Club, for which Edenton is sponsor, will celebrate Charter Night. District Governor Edmund Harding, accorcion, high baritone voice, little black book of admonitions and advice, and all else, will be on hand to guide affairs, and members from other Rotary clubs all over Eastern North Carolina are expected to be present and give the new club a rip-snorting welcome in the Women's Club.

President N. K. Rowell will present the new club, as is customary from sponsoring organizations, with a brass table bell used to signal the opening of meetings as well as to announce their close, and certainly to signal loudly when it is found necessary to check a speaker if he shows an inclination to fly off at a tangent in his remarks. So far most of the local members have let it be known they will be on hand Friday night and Mr. Rowell is exerting himself to make sure that a full membership appear at the Windsor gathering.

The next-at-home gathering will be next Thursday noon when John W. Graham will have charge of the program and, himself, have a lot to say about ground hogs and why the frisky little animal did or did not see his shadow soon after dawn last Tuesday. Mr. Graham is not saying so but a ground hog does this and that and so do many Edenton Rotarians, so it is possible he may draw some happy parallels.