

In these columns will be found a fair presentation of local and county news of general interest.

THE CHOWAN HERALD

A HOME NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

This newspaper is circulated in the territory where advertisers will realize good results.

Volume VII.—Number 38.

Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, September 19, 1940.

\$1.25 Per Year.

Nation Goes Under First Peace-Time Draft In History

All Males Between 21 And 35 Required To Register

PLAN SIMPLE

Every County Will Operate Under Local Draft Board

Now that the first peace-time conscription draft law in the nation's history has been signed by President Roosevelt, there is naturally much agitation in Chowan, as there must be everywhere, as to who will be and who won't be eligible under its provisions. To ease everyone's mind on this score let it be understood that everybody, in the male line, white and colored, between 21 and 35 years is eligible for one thing, anyhow, registration, and that his eligibility for service depends upon local county draft boards in North Carolina, who will weed out incompetents and others.

In Chowan, with a population around 12,000 something in the neighborhood of between 1,000 and 1,200 men are likely to be drafted. This number is based on the government's announcement that it expects the law to throw into compulsory military service under its provisions around 16,000,000 men out of a total national population of 120,000,000 or about one out of every eight of people.

The entire plan is simple. Soon, probably within a month, anyhow, everyone within the 21-35 age limit, will be required to visit his voting precinct and give his age and name and address, just as if he was voting. Each one doing this will be given a card certifying that he is registered for peacetime military service. This card he must not lose but must carry with him at all times, as it is the government's desire to use that means of checking on draft dodgers.

Next, between registration day and October 15, each county will operate under a draft board. This will be non-political, comprised of three members, one a doctor, who will conduct physical examinations of prospective draftees, a leading county lawyer, who will be on hand for consultation in case of disputes, and a prominent community or county leader—inasmuch as the lawyer and doctor will be picked from Edenton, it is likely the third member may be a county man.

These three in Chowan and other counties will be the official draft board and final authority on all selections. The board will be named soon, probably within a week, by Court Clerk Richard D. Dixon, County School Superintendent Walter J. Taylor, and Chairman of the County Board of Elections, Lloyd C. Burton. These three will meet in secret in Mr. Dixon's office, and will not make known their decisions until the day the law goes into execution.

Those who register will be required to give name, address, permanent mailing address, employer's name, place of business, date of birth, who will always know the registrant's address, relationship of that person to the registrant, and a full physical description of the registrant with any particular disabilities noted.

The War Department will arrange lotteries after the final county drafts, and allotments will be made and numbers drawn. The fact that a registrant's number is drawn does not mean that he will be the first to be sent to camp, as he may never reach camp. His draft board will give him, on the contrary, a questionnaire to fill out which will determine whether he should serve at once or whether his services will be deferred.

Governor Hoey this week named Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts as State administrative head of the military training program for North Carolina, and of much local interest will be the fact that Major Murray P. Whichard, former practicing physician here, is included in General Metts staff which will put the draft into operation in this State.

Now, so that peace will again be occasioned, those who can be classed as ineligible for service are ministers, all of them, there is but one inside the age in Chowan, married men with dependents, meaning children, mothers, fathers or others who look to them for support, conscientious objectors who are against war and war training but who won't be excused from war time work, and the physically incapacitated—and that can mean defective eyesight, flat feet, and goodness knows what else.

New Blinker Light At Church And Oakum

Following instructions of Town Council at its September meeting, a blinker light was this week installed at the corner of Church and Oakum Streets. This intersection, always dangerous, has become more so since increased traffic on Church Street due to the Albemarle Sound Bridge. A number of accidents have occurred at this corner which prompted the Councilmen to have the caution light installed.

H. D. Epting Replaces P. L. Baumgardner As Principal At Chowan

450 Students Enrolled At Chowan High School

BOARD MEETS

Little Change In Number In School In Rocky Hock

Chowan High School opened Tuesday morning, September 10, enrolling 294 in the elementary grades and 156 in the High School. The Oak Grove school opened on the same day with 92 enrolled in the first seven grades. Chowan's enrollment for the first day is 31 more than enrolled at the end of the first two weeks last year. This is probably due to the consolidation of Center Hill this year. The enrollment the first day at Oak Grove was two less than the total number enrolled in the three schools at Gum Pond, Beech Fork and Oak Grove last year at the end of the first two weeks. This indicates that there is practically no difference in enrollment.

C. O. Myers, Jr., of Bowman, S. C., has been approved for the Agriculture instructor. Miss Louise Holcombe, of Spartanburg, S. C., is approved for English and French, taking the place of Mrs. Nellie Balance. H. D. Epting replaces P. L. Baumgardner as principal for the time he is away in military service. Mr. Epting comes highly recommended, having had experience in some of the State's fine schools for a period of 22 years.

The Board of Education met in a short session Monday morning and transacted the routine business for the month.

Dixon Named For Responsible Task

Chosen as First District Member of Advisory Committee

Court Clerk R. D. Dixon, who has had all kinds of political jobs thrown upon him since his successful district management of Gubernatorial Nominee J. M. Broughton's campaign, got another one on Monday, this time a real one. He was one of eleven selected in North Carolina as advisory committeemen for the State Democratic Executive Committee in the forthcoming November election. Mr. Dixon was chosen by J. M. Broughton and E. B. Denny as chairman in the First Congressional District, which means he will be Democratic campaign boss in 14 counties, succeeding Lindsay Warren.

In a sense this is a high new honor conferred on the genial court clerk, but it is going to take a lot of his time canvassing the district. Much of the work can be done by correspondence, of course, but even this will entail extra clerk hire at the Court House. Mr. Dixon is determined, however, to leave no stone unturned, to leave no stone unturned to bring out the largest vote possible in the First District for Broughton, Bonner, and the President.

J. W. Jarvis Accepts Position At Belhaven

J. W. Jarvis, for the past few years a lawyer at the Brown Lumber Company, last week severed his connection with the concern to accept a similar position at Belhaven. Mr. Jarvis, together with his family, left Edenton last Friday. Mr. Jarvis was squire of the local tribe of Red Men, and due to his interest in the fraternity his administration, which began July 1, was headed for one of the most successful in recent years.

New Heating System Again Recommended For Old Court House

Grand Jury Reminds of Recommendation By Former Jury

JUDGE PLEASSED

Drive Against Slot Machines Results In 25 Presentments

Following Judge W. C. Harris' attack on slot machines at the opening of Chowan Superior Court last week, the Grand Jury in sealed envelopes turned over to Prosecutor John W. Graham 25 presentments, which are supposed to be the beginning of that many cases of slot machine violations.

The presentments were remanded to Recorder's Court for trial, and are now awaiting action of Mr. Graham. The drive against illegal slot machines is again attracting State-wide attention and the way of the violators of the Flanagan Act will be no bed of roses from now on for Superior Court judges have decided that the true intent of the law is being violated and have banded themselves together to punish the violators.

Judge Harris, who gave special instructions to the Grand Jury as to making its report, stated that he was well-pleased with it and thanked the members for their cooperation in performing their duties.

Aside from routine duties, the Grand Jury referred to a previous recommendation that the Court House be heated with a safe and up-to-date plant. This same recommendation was again submitted.

The report in full follows:

"The matters brought to our attention were handled to our best judgment.

"Register of Deeds, Sheriff and Clerk of Court offices visited. All are getting along very well with equipment on hand. Nothing new registered.

Reports not filed in Clerk's office: Cherry Capehart Estate, H. W. Mizell Estate, Dr. N. B. Marriner, Administrator.

"All guardians reporting all right. "Jail in fair shape.

"The County Home was abandoned three years ago on account of small number of inmates.

"Welfare Department along with County provide for inmates who in turn board with Mrs. Harrell, who formerly was in charge of the County Home. She gets possession of County Home building for its upkeep. The inmates report satisfactory treatment.

"Report on School Buses was re-

(Continued On Page Five)

Edenton School's Enrollment Under Last Year's Figure

Initial Figures Show 49 Less Students Are Enrolled

With Edenton school opening on Monday morning the enrollment as reported by Superintendent John A. Holmes shows a decrease of 49 compared with last year. First figures released by Mr. Holmes show that in the high school this year there are 263 enrolled as against 289 last year or a decrease of 26 students.

In the elementary school 471 are enrolled this year compared with 494 last year, a drop of 23.

With the faculty finally completed, the year's session got off to a good start. Classes went on regular schedule Tuesday after brief preliminary arrangements Monday, when only half a day of school was held.

Norbert Sawyer New Special Delivery Boy At Edenton Postoffice

Norbert Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sawyer, has been appointed by Postmaster C. E. Kramer as special delivery messenger at the Edenton post office. The vacancy was caused when Ernest Ward, Jr., resigned in order to attend school at the University of North Carolina.

Young Sawyer was chosen from a large list of applicants. For several years he has worked for M. W. Jackson, where he has given entire satisfaction at the Meadow View Dairy.

106 Masons Meet Tuesday Night In Unanimity Lodge

Said to Be Largest Attended Meeting In Lodge's History

ROOM CROWDED

Special Meeting Granted For Witnessing Virginia Work

What was probably the largest gathering of Masons ever to gather in Unanimity Lodge took place Tuesday night when 106, including members of the local lodge and visitors crowded into the large room on the second floor of the Court House. Included in the visitors were delegations from several lodges in Norfolk, Elizabeth City, Hertford, Windsor, Colerain, Harrellsville, and South Norfolk, as well as several more who had memberships in other lodges.

The occasion was conferring of the third degree upon a candidate of Norfolk Lodge No. 1, the work being done by a Norfolk degree team. The meeting was arranged after the Grand Masters of both Virginia and North Carolina issued special dispensations allowing the Virginia ritual to be used in a North Carolina lodge.

Because of the general impression that the Virginia work varies in some respect to that of North Carolina, local Masons anticipated a large gathering, but the number attending far exceeded all local expectations. On this account, it was necessary to delay starting of the meeting for about 30 minutes in order to secure enough chairs to accommodate the large crowd.

C. W. Sawyer, master of Unanimity Lodge, opened the meeting, later turning over affairs to the Norfolk Masons, who conferred the degree much to the delight of North Carolina Masons. S. D. Cohen, a past master of Norfolk lodge, No. 1, officiated as master in the first section, while W. T. Everett, district deputy grand master of District 35 of Virginia, took the master's part in the second section. Mr. Cohen also delivered the lecture which caused favorable comment on the part of those present who heard him for the first time.

Included among the visitors were a number of prominent Masons, but due to the length of the meeting no addresses were made. A thorough inspection of Unanimity's refurnished lodge room was made by the visiting Masons and much favorable comment was expressed regarding the beauty of the old meeting place.

At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served, which was in charge of John Lee Sprull.

Special Charter Service Sunday At Methodist Church

Reorganization of Women's Work of the Church

What the Rev. W. C. Benson, pastor of the Methodist Church, hopes will be a red letter day is a special charter service to be held in the church next Sunday morning. At that time there will be a reorganization of the woman's work of the church which will be in line with the program of the United Methodist Church. The name of this group will be the Woman's Society for Christian Service.

For this service an interesting program has been arranged which will include special music as well as other interesting and impressive features. New officers will be installed and at that time a charter book will be signed by women of the church who will become members of the society.

The program will be in charge of Mrs. W. W. Byrum, retiring president of women's work, assisted by the pastor.

A large crowd is hoped for, the pastor expecting every woman of the congregation and her family to be present, as well as extending a cordial invitation to the community at large.

AT MOTHER'S BEDSIDE

Mrs. C. D. Stewart left Edenton Tuesday for Gloucester, N. C., to be with her mother, Mrs. Jennie Willis, who is critically ill.

Date Uncertain For ABC Appointment

Though tentatively set for last Monday, the joint meeting of the County Commissioners, Board of Education and Board of Health to re-appoint R. P. Badham or elect a successor as chairman of the Chowan County ABC Board failed to materialize.

D. M. Warren, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, was away on a vacation at the time and upon returning Wednesday was unable to say definitely just when this meeting will be called to make the appointment for a three-year term.

New President To Be Elected At Next Meeting Of P. T. A.

Mrs. D. M. Reeves Finds It Necessary to Resign As Group's Head

MEET OCTOBER 1

District Meeting to Be Held In Edenton In November

Adding to the importance of the Edenton Parent-Teachers Association meeting to be held Tuesday, October 1, will be the election of a new president. This is occasioned because Mrs. D. M. Reeves, who had been elected president, found it necessary to resign. Her successor will be elected by nominations from the floor and for that reason it is hoped every member will be on hand.

At the meeting also will be perfected plans of work for the year, as well as specific arrangements discussed for the district meeting to be held in Edenton in November.

Various committees of the Association and the chairmen are: Program, Mrs. Jim Wood; Hospitality, Mrs. Graham Byrum; Lunch Room, Mrs. R. G. White; Welfare, Mrs. J. H. McMullan; Finance, Mrs. Albert Byrum; Publicity, Mrs. Hector Lupton; Clothes, Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Jr.; Standardization Project, Mrs. L. P. Williams; Bus Committee, Mrs. Thos. Wood.

Mrs. W. D. Prude is vice president, Mrs. West Byrum, treasurer, and Mrs. Ernest Stillman, secretary.

Large Cat Family In Edenton Friday

Mark Gupton Collecting Cats For Medical Laboratories

Quite an unusual sight was afforded folks on Broad Street Friday when an ordinary pick-up truck with cages on top displayed more cats assembled at one time than ever before seen by many who looked on.

The truck is owned by Mark Gupton, a World War veteran of Winston-Salem, who received a near fatal chest wound in France, and in order to make a living he travels through the country collecting cats given to him. The cats are in turn sold to medical laboratories for experimental purposes.

"Tell the people I'm not begging, buying or stealing cats," Gupton said, "but if anyone wishes to give a stray cat, I will gladly accept it." Gupton was accompanied by his wife, who said they were not after people's pets and only desired animals that had become a nuisance in the community.

The Guptons will be in Chowan and Bertie counties the first week in October to collect any cats which may be given to them.

Noted Organist At Taylor On October 3

Ted Miller with his Hammond organ will appear on the stage of Taylor Theatre for an afternoon and night performance on October 3. Mr. Miller is one of the most famous organists in the mid-west, having played at such places as the Marboro and Keith Theatres in Chicago and the Strand in Grand Rapids, Mich. He carries his own organ with him on all engagements and many who have heard his broadcasts from Chicago and Detroit will want to see the famous organist in person.

It is Mr. Miller's first appearance in the south for personal appearances.

Edenton's National Guard Unit Is Part Of Regular Army

Out of 45 Men on Roll 21 Are Exempted on Monday

LIVING AT ARMORY

Lieut.-Col. H. R. Melton High In Praise of Outfit

With this week, and for one year on, anyhow, there will be no theoretical National Guard unit in Edenton. Instead, under the new law throwing all National guardsmen into 12 months of camp military training, the local ambulance corps boys, heretofore known as Co. D, 105th Medical Regiment, N. C. National Guard, are now, under this year's compulsory training period to be known as Co. D, 105th Medical Regiment, U. S. Army. Or, as the old Irving Berlin song went, "we're in the army now."

By reason of the new law's exemption allowance the company's complement of 45 men on September 1 has been reduced to 24 members, and until September 28, when the unit will start toward its 12 months' residence at Camp Jackson, near Columbia, S. C., a stiff drive will be made here for new members to make up the deficiency.

Of those who have temporarily left the ranks by taking advantage of the new law, eight were non-commissioned officers which will put Captains Wisely and Baumgardner under much of a handicap in securing temporary appointments, pending approvals by the War Department. During the recruiting period here up to Saturday of next week, new applicants for selection will have the advantage of a number of fine military jobs which are open and will have an equal or better chance than the boys taken into the unit after it reaches Camp Jackson.

In this connection Captain Wisely, the unit commander, has issued a more or less verbal add for new recruits which he has phrased somewhat like this:

"Wanted Recruits for Co. 5, 105th M. R. See at once Captain Martin Wisely at Armory, Edenton, N. C."

The Captain is very anxious that the unit be completed to fighting strength and is hopeful that the ranks be so filled before the unit departs next week for Camp Jackson.

Besides those who took advantage of the Congressional edict permitting those with physical defects, those with dependents and married, those now left in the unit are: Richard B. Davis, E. K. White, John H. Bond, Herbert E. Bass, Raymond Everett, William Gregory, Ward Hoskins, Thomas Wilder, Theo F. Yates, Horace Basnight, William N. Hare, Worth H. Hare, Luther Keeter, Walter E. Mills, Donald A. Miller, Louis L. Nixon, William W. Perry, Joshua A. Sutton, Skinner A. White, Thomas J. Hoskins, Jr., Fred C. Hoskins, Leon Piland, Roy H. Sprull and E. L. Hollowell, Jr.

The weeding out process in accordance with the new law was in charge of three examining officers, First Lieutenant William M. Santaniella and First Lieutenant Ralph A. Camardella, of Fort Bragg, and First Lieutenant Jack Lustgarten, of Buxton. The Board finished its examinations yesterday and went from here to New Bern, Kinston and Greenville on a similar mission.

The local boys, called into this service last Monday will remain at the Armory until the 28th, spending that night in Fort Bragg and going on the next day to Camp Jackson, where they will meet the rest of the 30th Division for the 12 months period. The boys are eating regularly at the local armory but are spending their nights at home with the exception of a few too far away to report the following morning for duty. Next week, it is expected, the entire personnel will spend the entire time, nights and all, at the armory.

This week is being spent in arranging all records for the War Department which consist of physical examinations of each soldier, change of enlistment records from National Guard form to Regular Army form, changing property from State hands to Federal hands, etc., which is quite a job and is expected to consume the entire week for the office personnel.

Monday, Lieutenant Colonel H. R. Melton, U. S. A., instructor for the 105th Medical Regiment, arrived in Edenton to assist the local unit in any way possible. Lieut. Col. Melton left about noon Tuesday for Wilmington. He was high in praise of the local unit and its officers, stating "It is one of the best in the Medical Regiment, and I hope it will

(Continued On Page Eight)