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Chowan County's Draft Registration Handled Smoothly

Efficient Planning For Task Makes Work Pleasure

ON HAND EARLY

Large Corps of Volunteer Registrars Render Assistance

All day yesterday and up to 9 o'clock last night the man power of Chowan between the ages of 21 and 36 years inclusive met its country's desire and command by responding without a quiver to the first peacetime draft in the history of the United States, and the smoothness and speed with which the registrations were met and conducted in the county's two registration places indicated that this initial national compulsory military training draft was showing no "slackers" or hesitant ones in this commonwealth.

It is expected, of course, that Chowan will show a full registration strength quota, and this fact was evident from the very start of the drafting at 7 o'clock yesterday when both registration places, at the Edenton High School here and at the Chowan High School at Cross Roads, were crowded with eager young men anxious to get the job through and to sign themselves up as willing to serve their country in peace or war to the utmost.

In Edenton William S. Privott, former prosecutor, was first registered by Miss Edna Goodwin, one of the school teachers, and over a hundred others stood behind him at 7 o'clock waiting to similarly enroll themselves. At Cross Roads the initial registrant was Josephus Hall, colored, whose blank was filled out by Mrs. J. C. Rogerson. Around 50 other volunteer registrars were on hand there at the opening hour.

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John H. Spruill Chowan's Oldest White Man, Dies

Passes Away at Home Of Son on Wednesday Night

92 YEARS OLD

Often Told of Experiences During Civil War Days

Clinging to a slender thread of life for several weeks, John Harrison Spruill, Chowan County's oldest white citizen, passed away at the home of his son, Lawson Spruill, Wednesday night. Mr. Spruill was 92 years old and had been in good health until several months ago.

He was born in Washington County August 9, 1848, coming to Chowan County 71 years ago to farm. He remained active on the farm until about four years ago, when due to gradually dwindling strength, he retired.

Though figuring in several major accidents, Mr. Spruill each time recovered and was able to continue his work. These accidents included being pulled into a peanut picker, kicked and severely injured by a mule, and the most recent one when he fell down stairs breaking a hip and his pelvis.

His memory was very keen, and he took great delight in reminiscing especially regarding Civil War episodes in Washington County. Of recent years he always looked forward with a great deal of pleasure to the annual birthday party held by his son Harrison, the principal feature of which was story-telling by the deceased.

Surviving are three sons, William, Harrison and Lawson Spruill, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Harris, all of Edenton.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the home of Lawson Spruill, with the Rev. E. L. Wells officiating. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Honorary, J. A. Mitchener, M. A. Hughes, Paul Olson, Harvey Thomas, D. M. Warren and J. Edwin Bufflip; active, John Lee Spruill, John Lane, Joe Williams, J. A. Bunch, R. E. Leary and Willie Boyce.

15 DRAFT BOARDS MEET IN EDENTON TUESDAY, OCT. 22

Draft boards from 15 counties contiguous to Chowan County will meet in the Chowan County Court House Tuesday morning, October 22, at 10:30 o'clock. At that time Captain Jonas, of Raleigh, who is a member of the State Selective Draft Commission, will be present to discuss and instruct draft board members relative to their duties.

The meeting was arranged Wednesday morning when Richard D. Dixon was contacted relative to using the Court House, to which he gladly consented.

Statistics Reveal Much Activity In Health Department

Dr. Chamblee Submits Report For Six Month Period

APPRECIATES HELP

Maternity and Infancy Program Stressed In Edenton Office

Dr. J. S. Chamblee, director of the Bertie-Chowan District Health Department, has released a statistical report for the period from April 1 to October 1, which reflects considerable activity in the department.

The report shows that the maternity and infancy program was stressed most during the past six months with 470 visits by expectant mothers to the various maternity and infancy clinics and 211 visits by the nurses to these women in their homes. There were 243 nursing visits made to these mothers immediately after delivery. One hundred and seven infants were examined by physicians and 500 by nurses. Aid was also given mothers by having classes for the midwives in the District, 41 midwives receiving instruction and physical examinations at these classes.

The venereal disease program ranked second with 5,778 syphilis treatments and 69 treatments for gonorrhea. There were 2 cases of chancroid, 2,004 Wassermann tests were taken with 197 of them showing syphilis present.

The communicable disease program included 3,679 typhoid vaccinations and 767 doses of diphtheria toxoid and 754 smallpox vaccinations. The number of communicable diseases reported were as follows: scarlet fever 3, diphtheria 4, infantile paralysis 3, others including measles, whooping cough and septic sore throat 7.

Seven cases of tuberculosis were reported in the two counties with 80 nursing visits to these patients. There were 189 tuberculin tests made and two patients were sent to the State Sanatorium.

The sanitation program included: 127 inspection of food-handling establishments, 51 inspections of dairies, 75 inspections of schools, 12 inspections of public water supplies, 855 inspections of private premises, 337 new privies installed, 12 new septic tanks installed, 20 new sewer connections, 34 buildings mosquito-proofed, 18 complaints investigated.

The school program was naturally a small one because school was not in session during most of the period. The work done in schools included: 4,985 inspections of school children, 440 pre-school children examined, 3,919 corrections by dentist (for last year), 44 school bus drivers and athletes examined (not complete), 94 teachers examined.

Examinations of food-handlers and domestic servants totaled 140.

The number of visits to the county home in Bertie County were 23.

Laboratory tests performed included: 641 Urinalyses, 22 tests for gonorrhea, 22 water analysis, 18 milk samples tested.

Vital Statistics
Bertie County—Live births, 111 White, 251 Colored; Deaths, 51 White, 74 Colored.

Chowan County—Live births, 64 White, 74 Colored; Deaths, 30 White, 29 Colored.

Number of bulletins, posters, distributed, 4,227.

Total number of miles traveled by personnel, 37,189.

"We wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation given us by the Boards of County Commissioners and the Boards of Health of Bertie and Chowan Counties and also to the many others who have taken interest in helping us put on a health program," says Dr. Chamblee.

Forum For Edenton Will Be Discussed At Meeting Tonight

Presidents of Various Organizations Asked To Meet

AT SCHOOL HOUSE

Edenton Considered an Ideal Community For Having Forums

Tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, a meeting has been called of the presidents of the civic and patriotic organizations of Edenton for the purpose of planning for an open forum for Edenton. The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium and the president of every organization is urged to be present.

The Rotary Club at a recent meeting decided to sponsor an open forum during the next few months in the hope that various organizations will lend their support and unite to bring to Edenton something which should be of interest to many citizens.

Edenton is an ideal community for having a forum and the various organizations will do well to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the University of North Carolina, State Department of Public Instruction and the Federal Bureau of Education to promote forums in North Carolina.

The cost is very small and under the set-up there is a wider range of subjects to be chosen as well as many prominent speakers to lecture and lead in discussion of various phases of the subjects selected.

Zone Meeting Of Women's Society Christian Service

Chowan and Perquimans Groups Will Meet On October 24th

The Chowan-Perquimans Zone of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will meet at Oak Grove Church, Perquimans County, October 24th, at 10:30 o'clock. This meeting will be a re-organizing of all the Woman's work in the United Methodistism, and will hold a unique place in the history of the church.

Plans for the united work will be passed on to the societies in the Zone. It is a challenge to all Methodist women to attend the meeting at Oak Grove.

Concerted Drive To Plant Winter Grass

Strong Committee From Garden Club Calling On Citizens

With the Edenton Garden Club vitally interested in planting of winter grass in Edenton, which it is hoped will get under way at once, Mrs. R. P. Badham, president of the club, has named the following committees to solicit citizens in an effort to secure general cooperation in this beautification movement:

Broad Street—Mrs. L. D. Bond, Mrs. Albert Byrum, Mrs. J. S. Davis, Mrs. C. N. Griffin, Mrs. W. E. Hassell, Mrs. J. L. Pettus, Mrs. W. M. Wilkins, Mrs. Thomas J. Wood, Mrs. M. S. Elliott.

Church Street—Mrs. R. C. Holland, chairman; Mrs. R. G. White, Miss Margaret Pruden.

Queen Street—Mrs. M. G. Brown, chairman; Mrs. John Small, Mrs. C. D. Stewart, Mrs. W. W. Byrum, Mrs. J. W. White, Mrs. J. A. Mitchener, Mrs. Ernest Stillman, Mrs. Clarence Leary.

Eden Street—Mrs. T. C. Byrum, chairman; Mrs. P. T. Owens.

Granville Street—Mrs. J. A. Powell, chairman; Mrs. L. P. Williams, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Mrs. L. E. Griffin, Mrs. H. M. S. Cason.

Blount Street—Mrs. G. P. Byrum, chairman; Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. J. H. McMullan.

Moseley Street—Mrs. W. J. Hart, Jr., chairman.

King Street—Mrs. J. A. Moore, chairman; Mrs. W. A. Graham, Mrs. J. H. Conger, Mrs. R. P. Badham.

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Garden Club Holds Very Enthusiastic Meeting Monday

Many Important Matters Discussed By Members

FLOWER SHOW

Effort on Foot to Plant Winter Grass About Town

One of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held by the Edenton Garden Club took place Monday afternoon at Hotel Joseph Hewes, when many important matters were discussed. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. R. P. Badham.

One of the principal topics to be discussed was the planting of winter grass. The club decided to again purchase grass seed to be planted in front of the Court House and on the Court House Green and an effort will be made to enlist the cooperation of residents generally in planting winter grass about their homes. This, it is believed, will go a long way in making the town more attractive.

Another beautification movement approved by the club is a block project which has to do with cleaning up the colored sections of the town, especially pertaining to that portion of East Church Street between Court and Oakum Streets, where it is hoped property owners will either white-wash or paint their houses and plant attractive flowers and shrubbery. Efforts along this line will be in charge of a committee composed of (Continued On Page Five)

R. L. Pratt Named Chairman Chowan Campaign Fund

Young Democrats Are Asked to Contribute From \$1 Up

Dick Reynolds, chairman of the National Democratic Finance Committee for North Carolina, with headquarters in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, has announced the appointment of Robert L. Pratt as Chowan chairman of the Roosevelt-Wallace Campaign Fund Committee.

Mr. Pratt will be in charge, under the sponsorship of the Young Democratic Club's State President, Ralph Gardner, of distributing pads of receipts for contributions.

The Young Democrats will ask donations ranging from \$1.00 up. It is expected that Mr. Pratt will find much enthusiasm amongst Democrats of Chowan County in raising funds to carry on the work of the National Democratic Committee to re-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Menu Announced For Lunch Room

Series of Meals Arranged For Two Weeks Operation

That parents may know what their children will be served in the lunch room at the Edenton school, the following menu has been released, effective Monday of next week:

First Week
Monday—American chop suey, buttered biscuits, fruit milk.

Tuesday—Vegetable soup, crackers, peaches, milk.

Wednesday—Hamburger, baked tomatoes, buttered biscuits, milk fruit.

Thursday—Wieners, beans, cole slaw, buttered biscuits, milk, fruit.

Friday—Vegetable soup, crackers, apple jacks, milk.

Second Week

Monday—Ham sandwiches, raisin sandwiches, hot chocolate, peaches, milk.

Tuesday—Vegetable soup, crackers, stewed prunes, milk.

Wednesday—Salmon croquettes, Spanish rice, biscuits, peaches, milk.

Thursday—Irish stew, buttered biscuits, fruit, milk.

Friday—Vegetable soup, crackers, ginger bread, milk.

WORKERS URGED TO LINE UP BIG DEMOCRATIC VOTE

Richard Dixon, a member of the advisory committee of the State Democratic Executive Committee, this week was informed by Chairman Emery B. Denny that extra efforts will have to be made to get the Democratic vote on November 5. "This year," says Mr. Denny, "we have but few local officials running for office in this State in comparison with other years, which fact makes it most imperative that our Democratic officials give to their respective county chairmen and precinct organizations their full cooperation and assistance."

"I am confident of victory on November 5, in the State and nation," continued Mr. Denny, "but we will not have the overwhelming majority we ought to have unless we work together and supplement the efforts of our party organizations."

Dixon Plans Real Picnic Dinner For Lindsay Warren Day

Vividly Recalls Many Old Fashioned Community Picnics

OCTOBER 25

Forced to Wipe Mouth While Referring to Affair

With Richard Dixon in charge of the picnic in connection with Lindsay C. Warren Day in Washington, N. C., Friday, October 25, he has sent to every chairman a letter which augurs well for one of the affairs reminiscent of the good old days of picnic dinners.

Says Mr. Dixon in this letter: "Of all the cherished memories of childhood days, none stand out so vividly as the old-fashioned, basket community picnics. Down on the rivers and sounds of Eastern North Carolina this day of days was Easter Monday when we all went to a nearby fishery and watched them bring in the herring and shad; or maybe some of us picnicked in that old oak grove where the protracted meeting was held or maybe on the Fair Grounds after a big political rally."

"Regardless of the reason or place, we can never forget those great heaps of good things to eat that suddenly appeared after the fishing, the preaching or the speaking was over; when everybody untied their boxes or baskets and put the delectable eatables all together and from every box or basket would come some special meat, or bread, or condiment especially prepared by the owner and known the whole countryside round as the best of its kind ever dished up to hungry folks; there were Aunt Lucy's special baking of pound cake, striped with jelly and covered with thick, soft icing; Cousin Susie's special pack of artichoke pickles; Mr. Jones' prized seasoned cold link sausage; fried chicken cooked in the Carolina style and maybe venison, cold squirrel, or duck or goose.

"(Excuse me, I must wipe my mouth. IT IS WATERING.)"

"The above is some idea of what we are looking forward to on Lindsay Warren Day in Washington, North Carolina, October 25, 1940. After a short parade and not much speaking, all of us with our boxes and baskets of good things to eat, will place them on long tables, rank after rank, and then the order will be given: 'CHARGE!'

"The first line of defense, beaten biscuits, fortified with old country ham, will soon crumble before the attack of the 'hungry' invaders and be mowed down; the next line, big biscuits loaded with 12-inch sausages will soon be spiked and silenced; then the next wave, Tom Thumbs as big as trench-mortars are quickly annihilated; enormous breast-works of chicken, turkey and guinea-fowl quickly consumed; next are trenches of barbecue, flanked by emplacements of cornbread which offer little resistance, and finally the mighty ramparts of thick slabs of ham have been reached and scaled. By this time all enemy units have disappeared and the exhausted invaders chanting a song of 'the battle o'er, the victory won,' retire wearily for rest and recuperation.

"So please, tell all your people to come and bring their boxes and baskets of good things to Washington, North Carolina. Remember the day and date, Friday, October 25, 1940."

Coast Guard Air Station Dedicated In E. City Today

Lindsay Warren Scheduled To Make Principal Address

PROGRAM BRIEF

Station Said to Be Finest In Coast Guard Service

Herbert E. Gaston, one-time night editor of the New York World and now Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Department, will formally dedicate the two-million-dollar Coast Guard Air Station at Elizabeth City Thursday morning.

Lindsay C. Warren, appointed by President Roosevelt to become Comptroller General of the United States, will deliver the principal address of the day in one of his final gestures as Congressman from the first district of North Carolina.

Great super airliners, Coast Guard planes of all sizes, visiting Army and Navy Aircraft, and a number of private ships will dive and zoom over the station, erected on the bank of the Pasquotank River within ten minutes ride by air to the sand dunes where the Wright brothers made the first flight.

Rear Admiral E. R. Woesche, commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard, and Rear Admiral L. V. Covell, assistant commandant, will fly to Elizabeth City from Washington to take part in the exercises.

Commander William J. Keester of Norfolk district will be chairman of the dedication ceremony.

Invocation and benediction will be pronounced by Commander William W. Edel of the Chaplain Corps of the U. S. Navy at Norfolk.

Mayor Jerome B. Flora will make a brief address of welcome, and the 65-piece Elizabeth City high school band will furnish the music.

The entire formal dedication is expected to begin promptly at 11 o'clock and to last only one hour.

The formal exercises will climax the completion of the Elizabeth City air station, described by Commander Richard L. Burke as the finest in the Coast Guard service.

Edenton Gridders Tackle Foremost Rival On Friday

Elizabeth City Host to Aces on Hunsucker Field

E. CITY HAS EDGE

Edenton Boys Will Enter Game In Role of Underdog

Despite the fact that Edenton High School's football team lost to Tarboro last Friday night, enthusiasm has not waned in anticipation of Friday's game with the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets, which will be played on the latter's gridiron. This game is without doubt the most important one on the schedule and upon it alone almost entirely depends whether or not the locals' season will be considered a success, for so keen is the rivalry between these two schools that a game would rather be lost by either team to any other outfit on their schedule than to each other.

Edenton, with light and inexperienced players, will enter the game in the role of underdogs, but Coach Jimmy Maus has been emphasizing the importance of a team working together instead of featuring individual stars, which, coupled with the knowledge that Elizabeth City has a good team of veterans might result in any sort of an upset.

Elizabeth City has a decided edge in the game. They have won all four of their games played thus far, besides not being scored upon. They will endeavor to maintain this perfect record Friday, while at the same time Edenton is hoping to shatter the record.

It is generally conceded that Elizabeth City is Edenton's toughest opponent. Out of 12 games played Elizabeth City has won 9 and Edenton 3. Elizabeth City won the first six games and Edenton did not break the win column until 1934. That year the Aces won 20 to 0 and went (Continued on Page Seven)