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Gasoline Consumption Cut For Night Driving Between 7 P.M. and 7 A.M. In Force

Operators Unanimously Support New National Defense Need

TO REMAIN OPEN

Considerable Loss In Business Experienced By Filling Stations

Although entailing a heavy monetary loss as well as causing great annoyance to many of their steady customers and the traveling public, all filling station operators in Chowan County and in Edenton proper are complying with the national defense request to conserve gasoline by refusing to sell the fuel between 7 p. m. and 7 a. m. nightly. This general attitude on the part of operators all over the country went into effect Sunday night, and will continue while the war stress is under way.

Naturally, it is difficult to tell how much of a saving will thus entail throughout the county as some nights sales have been heavy and on other nights light, but the two chief wholesalers in Edenton said it would be fair to say that about one-third of the heretofore daily wholesale purchase would be lessened by reason of the new movement initiated by Secretary of Commerce Ickes.

Nor would any of the retailers nor wholesalers convert this "one-third" cut into a money value owing to the continued fluctuation in the price of the fuel. But it was said by several of the operators "it will be a very substantial item."

But while there has been a general agreement as to compliance with the Ickes edict, it can be said emphatically the dealers have not been unanimous as to a "closed shop" during the night hours, and for that reason all places will remain open as always, but WILL NOT SELL GASOLINE.

Many of the dealers were ready to put up their shutters and lock their doors nightly between 7 and 7, refraining from all sales of any nature, but because of restaurant operation by some filling stations—a greater source of revenue than gas or oil sales—no unanimity of viewpoint could be reached regarding closing. Most stations, too, do car washing, sell soft drinks, cigarettes and other "delicacies," and above all are loafing places at nights for habitues, so

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Nine More Chowan Boys Sent To Fort Bragg Wednesday

Again Large Group of Friends on Hand to See Boys Off

Nine more young men from Chowan County left Edenton Wednesday morning on the 10 o'clock Norfolk Southern bus for Fort Bragg, where they will be inducted into military service, provided they pass the final physical examination. As was the case on July 22, when 11 boys departed for camp, a goodly number of friends of the boys were at the bus station to see them off.

The nine boys to leave Wednesday were Walter Augustus Harrell, Elbert Linwood Bunch, Edwin Lyn Byrum, Edward Lee Dail, Rochelle Blanchard, Earl G. Jackson, John L. Byrum, Curtis Trotman Leary and Leland Glenn Ward. The latter was scheduled to leave with the last group, but due to illness was excused until Wednesday.

AT SUMMER SCHOOL

Durward E. Harrell, of Edenton, is one of 1,598 undergraduate and advanced students enrolled for the first summer session at Syracuse University. Students are registered from 32 states and Canada, England, Puerto Rico and Peru.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William David Townson, II, of Murphy, announce the birth of a son, William David, III, on Saturday, July 26. Mrs. Townson was the former Miss Pearl Elizabeth Whichard, of Edenton and Murphy.

Hurrah For Stork

That Chowan County's birth rate far exceeds the death rate for the first six months of 1941 was revealed in a report to the County Commissioners Monday from Dr. Carl Reynolds, registrar for the State Board of Health.

Dr. Reynolds presented figures showing that Dr. J. S. Chamblee, county health officer, reported 97 births as compared with 24 deaths for the six months period and that there were four still births.

Commissioners Change View To Advertise County

Put Ban on Space In Newspaper Special Editions

APPROPRIATE \$150

Favor Pamphlets Which Will Feature Entire County

Chowan County Commissioners, at their meeting Monday, decided to refrain from placing county advertising in special editions of newspapers and instead to appropriate what has been set aside for advertising for use in securing attractive pamphlets or booklets which will advertise the county as a whole, to be handed out to the large number of visitors who usually desire some sort of literature.

This method of advertising came about Monday when M. F. Bond, Mrs. George C. Wood and C. L. McCullers appeared before the Commissioners in quest of an appropriation for advertising material. Save for some pamphlets printed by the Bank of Edenton, one or two filling stations and Hotel Joseph Hewes, there is no material available to give to tourists, which is reason for no little embarrassment on the part of those showing visitors around and who often are asked for literature of one sort or another.

Mr. Bond presented the matter to the Commissioners, advancing the argument that proper literature would be beneficial to the county and stressing the fact that every progressive county in the state is distributing literature setting forth the advantages of the particular county.

Mrs. Wood, too, expressed the belief that appropriate pamphlets and booklets should be available for distribution and that the entire county should be publicized in the material.

Mr. McCullers, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, assured the Commissioners that the information to appear in the pamphlets would be in accordance with their wishes and promised to submit for their consideration the material before it is turned over to the printers. Mr. McCullers is also very anxious to have printed a revised edition of the town booklet which was published several years ago.

E. N. Elliott, one of the Commissioners, said he was not opposed to making an appropriation for the advertising of the county as a whole, as advertised. He is opposed, however, if the literature plays up Route 17 entirely and ignores Route 32. (Continued on Page Five)

John Darden Named Plymouth Postmaster

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner on Monday was called on by the Post Office Department to name an acting postmaster for Plymouth, North Carolina, to fill the vacancy caused by the sudden death of Postmaster George Hardison, who was appointed in 1933.

Mr. Bonner recommended as acting postmaster, Judge John W. Darden, an outstanding citizen and leader in Plymouth and Washington County.

VISITS IN BROOKLYN

Paul Olsson on Monday left by bus for Brooklyn, N. Y., where he will visit for a couple of weeks with his brother, Andy Olsson, who last week paid a surprise visit to Edenton.

Town's Finances In Good Condition New Audit Shows

Best Condition We Have Ever Seen, Says Auditor

LITTLE DEBT

Final Sewerage Bonded Indebtedness Is Now Wiped Out

A. T. Allen, Raleigh certified public accountant who for many years has audited the town's books, has completed the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, and in concluding his work says, "We believe the Town is in the best financial condition we have ever seen. All funds show a cash balance at the end of the year, with operating surpluses added during the year and the budget not over spent in any fund."

According to the audit, the cash balance in several funds is as follows:

General Fund	\$ 3,167.48
Paving Fund	877.48
E. & W. Department	13,879.84
Sinking Fund	8,709.69

In the general fund, the total revenue collected for the year was \$38,529.81, and expenses paid resulting in revenue collected in excess of expenses paid in the amount of \$6,340.12. By comparing with the budget revenue actually received was \$459.31 in excess of the anticipated amount and expenses were \$2,872.03 less than the budgeted amount.

In the paving fund, total revenue collected was \$2,074.77 and expenses paid were \$1,250, resulting in revenue collected in excess of expenses paid in the amount of \$824.77. Revenue collected was \$640.37 in excess of the anticipated amount in the budget and expenses were exactly the amount provided for in the budget.

In the Electric and Water Department, the income from electric current to customers amounted to \$45,490.44, while income from sale of water was \$11,787.28, which together with \$3,000 charged to the town for current and water and sale of mer-

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'Captain Dick' Hall At Firemen's Convention

Fire Chief R. K. Hall left Sunday for Asheville, where he is attending the State Firemen's Convention in session August 4-7. He was accompanied by Fire Chief Jerome Flora, of Elizabeth City, and expects to return the latter part of this week.

"Captain" Dick claims the proud distinction of being the oldest active volunteer fireman in the state in point of service.

Commissioners Agree To Make Some Improvements To Chowan's Court House

Committee Interested First In Repairing Panel Room at Cost of About \$300; Floor, Walls, Fireplaces and Chimneys Claim Initial Attention

Action has already been noted by a committee recently appointed to recommend to the County Commissioners contemplated improvements to the Chowan County Court House and at their meeting Monday, the Commissioners agreed to spend about \$300 for what the committee terms primary improvements. This committee was appointed several weeks ago and at a meeting Friday night discussed just what should be done as initial steps to preserve and make more attractive the old Court House. Various suggestions were presented at the meeting, and it was decided to concentrate efforts to the panel room on the second floor.

Mrs. C. P. Wales and Mrs. R. P. Badham, who represented the committee, appeared before the County Commissioners Monday and told the Board that their committee recommended repairing the floor in the panel room, washing the paneling, repairing the old fire places and pointing up brick work in the chimneys, repairing the ceiling, placing a lock on the panel room door, and providing janitor service.

Mrs. Wales, as spokesman, also said the committee endorsed a proposition made by G. H. Harding, proprietor of Hotel Joseph Hewes, to furnish heat for the Court House from the hotel's boiler and to replace

Aluminum Starts Rolling Into Town From 17 Counties

First Shipment of 3,010 Pounds Comes From Halifax County

330 LBS. IN CHOWAN

Defense Chairman E. W. Spires Optimistic Over Result

If it takes, as the government says, about 20,000 pounds of discarded aluminum, melted and refined, to complete the necessary aluminum parts of one airplane, which is why the old metal is being collected throughout the nation, Northeastern Carolina seems likely to do more than supply this required quantity. Already Chowan Defense Chairman E. W. Spires is confident that the 17 counties so embraced and concentrating their collections here will total 20,000 or 25,000 pounds of the discarded aluminum.

Chowan's contribution, the smallest of three counties so far turning in their supply, totals 330 pounds, 35 pounds less than the contribution of its neighbor, Perquimans County, which sent its supply here Tuesday. On Tuesday, also, two huge highway trucks arrived from Halifax County with 3,010 pounds of the metal, representing donations from five Halifax towns.

Aggregated this makes 3,705 pounds of aluminum so far in storage at the Hobowsky warehouse at the foot of East King Street, and as there are 14 more counties to report Chairman Spires' optimism is easily apparent.

Most of the Chowan total was Edenton's supply, as County Agent Overman and Home Demonstration Agent Colwell were unable to coax much of the unused stuff from county cupboards.

Objection Fails To Hold Up Upper County Road

Though considerable progress has been made by the State Highway force in re-building the Obid-Piney Woods road, just recently taken over by the State, R. R. Roper, district engineer, appeared before the County Commissioners Monday as the result of objection registered by one of the property owners in the neighborhood. Objection was made when the road as staked out went through some cleared land and the work was temporarily held up.

The Commissioners were not inclined to have the objection of one man hold up the road improvements, and instructed Mr. Roper to proceed according to the property line as surveyed by W. J. Berryman.

Wilson Willing To Go To Bat To Maintain Present Route U. S. 17 Through Edenton

Unpopular

Payment of taxes during July in Chowan County apparently was an unpopular pastime, if Sheriff J. A. Bunch's monthly report to the County Commissioners on Monday is any indication. During the month the Sheriff collected only \$272.24 for 1940 taxes, which brings the total collected of the \$81,615.16 levy for the year to \$69,502.03.

Members Of Band Leave On Monday For Week's Camp

Group Will Spend Vacation at Bay View on Pamlico River

RETURN AUG. 17

Tentative Plans Point To Most Successful Camp

Members of the Edenton High School band will leave Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock for Bay View on the Pamlico River, eight miles below Camp Leach, for a week in camp. The trip will be made in private cars and any of the members who have not made arrangements should see Director or Mrs. C. L. McCullers at once. The group will return Sunday, August 17.

All meals will be served by the Bay View Hotel in the hotel dining room, which will eliminate the necessity of taking provisions and cooks along. The campers will occupy three modernly equipped cottages near the hotel, each cottage being equipped with lights and water, both tub and shower baths, and all are well screened.

Mrs. McCullers will have charge of the girls' quarters and James H. McCallum and Director McCullers will be in charge of the boys' cottages. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Perry will accompany the campers as chaperones. Emmett Wiggins will serve in the capacity of swimming instructor and life guard.

The campers are urged to take the usual belongings, such as towels, soap, tooth brush, sheets and pillow cases, blankets, bathing suits, and various games, if desired. Each member is also required to take his or her band instrument, but no uniforms will be needed.

The cost of the camp will be \$7.50 per person, which includes all actual expenses except spending money. As there are not sufficient beds in the cottages to accommodate all campers, some 15 or 20 army type folding cots will be needed, and if any of these can be furnished Mr. McCullers should be notified.

Mr. McCullers has already arranged a camp schedule running from 8 a. m. to 11 p. m., which includes usual camp activities and three band rehearsals daily.

Holmes Angling For Two Teachers On School Faculty

Edenton School Scheduled to Begin Monday, September 15

With the opening of Edenton's school scheduled for September 15, Superintendent John A. Holmes is still angling for two members of the faculty, both of whom are causing him some concern. To date he has no successors for Ralph Britt, who was teacher of industrial arts, and Jimmy Maus, history teacher and athletic coach.

Mr. Britt will not return to Edenton due to entering military service, while Mr. Maus is expected to accept a position in Mt. Airy.

All other members of last year's faculty are expected to return for duty when classes begin just a little over a month hence.

Highway Commissioner Speaker at C. of C. Meeting

ONLY ONE PROMISE

Frankness and Cold Facts Feature of Address

Although the attendance was lessened somewhat beyond expectations Tuesday night's Chamber of Commerce dinner at the Hotel Joseph Hewes proved an enjoyable affair, and the 43 diners present were treated to a stirring, wholesome, frank address by State Highway Commissioner Carroll L. Wilson, Roanoke Rapids news publisher. Commissioner Wilson was open and above board in saying that he had no promises of construction work to make, that his interests would always be in his district promotion, and that he could give assurance that he would fight to the last for the continuance of Ocean Highway No. 17 on its present route, and for the widening of that thoroughfare from the Perquimans County line into Edenton.

This, and the additional spontaneous statement that he hoped the much-talked of federal highway from north to south would be found traversing the First District, were each provocative of much applause. Incidentally, he remarked that federal highway maintenance may be earmarked for defense projects on coastal North Carolina, and in that case this section would be a beneficiary.

Mr. Wilson proved himself an entertaining talker, particularly because of his honesty and frankness in statements, and the general impression after the dinner seemed to be that the Chamber had chalked up a good mark in having him as its summer speaker. One of Mr. Wilson's most attentive listeners, who smiled and nodded in approval at his comments, was his one-time predecessor in office, Julien Wood. After the meal, the two conversed animatedly for some time.

County Judge John W. Graham presided at the speaking after the guests had enjoyed a well served cold supper and had raised the rafters with "God Bless America," and Parson C. A. Ashby had read a short Episcopalian invocation. Mr. Graham was happy in his welcoming felicitations to all, introducing various out-of-town guests, and turning the formal introduction of Mr. Wilson over to Clerk of Court E. W. Spires. (Continued on Page Five)

Peanut Festival Group Asked To Meet On Friday

Very Important Meeting Called By Chairman Spires

E. W. Spires, general chairman for Edenton's Peanut Festival to be held during October, has called for a meeting of the various committees to be held Friday night, August 8. This meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Building and, according to Mr. Spires, it is so important that every member of the various committees is especially urged to be present.

It will be remembered that the contract to stage an elaborate pageant has been cancelled, and due to this fact definite plans must be discussed as to just what sort of celebration will be staged.

PERFECT FIRE RECORD

Edenton had a perfect fire record during the month of July, Fire Chief R. K. Hall reporting that no fire alarms had been sent in during the entire month.

VESTRY MEETS TONIGHT

An important meeting of St. Paul's vestry has been called for tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Every member is especially urged to be present.

CIRCLE MEETS MONDAY

The Belle Bennett Circle of the Methodist Church will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Alfred Owens, on East King Street. All members of the group are especially urged to attend.