

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 IX.—Number 11.

Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, March 12, 1942.

\$1.25 Per Year.

Blackout In Edenton Monday Night

Application Will Be Made For WPA Project To Make Cotton Mill Improvements

Final Information Presented to Town Council Tuesday Night

LONG STANDING

Hard Surfacing Streets And New Sidewalks Contemplated

Aside from adopting a civil defense ordinance, the full text of which appears on Page 5 of this issue of The Herald, Town Council, at its meeting Tuesday night, again considered street and sidewalk improvements in the cotton mill village, and ordered a WPA project to be made up. For several years these improvements have, at one time or another, bobbed up and when the Town's 1941-42 budget was set up approximately \$4,000 was earmarked for this work, with the understanding that the Edenton Cotton Mills would pay a like amount. Since then the street commissioner, together with mill executives, has been working on the project and on Tuesday had secured the final information enabling a WPA project to be made up.

The improvements include hard-surfacing of the streets and concrete sidewalks on every street in the village, and early next week a WPA project will be sent in. However, at the present time, local WPA labor is employed on defense work in Elizabeth City and it is not certain when work can be begun even after the project has been approved.

J. A. Moore appeared before Town Council on behalf of the improvements and realizing the present situation, said the Cotton Mill was not over-insistent to have work started at once, but that he did feel that some assurance should be given by Town Council that the improvements were contemplated and would be made just as soon as possible, even if WPA went out of existence. He was assured that the city fathers favored the improvements and would carry out their bargain as soon as possible. In the meantime, a WPA project will be made up and sent in for approval. If the work cannot be done with WPA labor, then no doubt an effort will be made to have the improvements done by the town for which a bond issue will have to be voted upon. However, both Mr. Moore and Town Councilmen realize that the present is no time to incur such indebtedness, so that nothing will be done until the WPA project is heard from.

J. H. Conger and E. W. Spires appeared before the Council in the interest of civilian defense, asking the town to make available \$150 to match a similar amount agreed to by the County Commissioners. This money will be used to meet any necessary expense in connection with defense activities. It was explained that a large number of people have volunteered their services and that in carrying out the program, there will be some expense for which no provision has been made. All bills, however, will be presented and approved by Town Council and the Commissioners for payment.

Councilman David Holton reported that the Binghampton and Norfolk baseball clubs will train in Edenton and the baseball park was subsequently offered for use by the two clubs.

A. P. Godwin Speaker At Methodist Laymen's Service Sunday Morning

Laymen's Sunday will be observed in the Edenton Methodist Church next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. For this service John A. Holmes will preside, with the principal address to be made by A. P. Godwin, of Gatesville. Mr. Godwin is an outstanding layman and a prominent worker in the district and is expected to attract a large congregation, a special invitation being extended to all to hear him.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hassell, of the Cowpen Neck section, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a 7½-pound daughter, Lillie Mae, on March 6th. Mother and baby are getting along nicely. Mrs. Hassell is the former Miss Lorna Cayton.

Call Off Meeting

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will not hold its regular meeting next Monday night, due to the black-out scheduled to be held in Edenton. The tribe's meeting hour is 8 o'clock, and in order to cooperate with the black-out, this week's meeting will be abandoned.

D. M. Warren Gives Lions Club Lesson On Chowan County

Pertinent Facts Presented at Meeting Monday Night

RANKS HIGH

More and Better Crops Per Acre Than Any County In State

Members of the Edenton Lions Club became better acquainted with Chowan County when D. M. Warren, chairman of the County Commissioners and executive vice president of the Bank of Edenton, was the principal speaker at the weekly club meeting Monday night. Mr. Warren, undoubtedly the best informed citizen regarding Chowan County affairs, told the Lions that Chowan is the best diversified county in the State, that it is the smallest in the State, yet ranks tenth in population and 20th in valuation. He said there are 1,500 farms in the county, with 40,000 acres planted and 70 per cent of the land cleared.

Mr. Warren also said that crops in Chowan usually yield more per acre and are of a better grade than in any other county in the State. He also referred to diversified manufacturing, which provides a weekly payroll of \$17,000. As to retail sales in Edenton, Mr. Warren said these increased 34 per cent in 1941 and that checks drawn had increased 50 per cent in the same year.

During the meeting Wilmer Malone was inducted into the club by District Deputy Governor Wallace S. Griffin.

The charter night banquet of the club will be held Tuesday night, March 24th.

Spikes Calls Meeting Of Defense Workers For Tuesday Night

Purpose to Check Up And Plan For Salvage Campaign

E. W. Spires, chairman of Chowan Civilian Defense, has called a meeting of all chairmen and members of the various committees throughout the county to be held next Tuesday night. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the Court House, at which time every committeeman is expected to be present.

The purpose of this meeting, said Mr. Spires, is to check up on defense activities from every angle, as well as to initiate definite plans for a county-wide campaign to salvage all available scrap iron, rags and paper. This is a very important meeting, and Mr. Spires urges every person assigned to any particular job to be on hand.

Silver Tea Tuesday At Methodist Church

The Laura Griffith Bond Circle of the Methodist Church will sponsor a Silver Tea Tuesday evening, March 17th, at 8 o'clock, in the Sunday School room of the church. The public is cordially invited.

Public Hearing Called March 26 To Discuss Edenton Zoning Plan

Meeting Will Be Held In Municipal Building At 8 O'clock

CALLED BY PETTUS

Important That All Who Are Interested Be Present

J. L. Pettus, chairman of the Zoning Commission of the Town of Edenton, has called for a public hearing to be held in the Municipal Building Thursday night, March 26, at 8 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to present the matter of adopting zoning in Edenton, and the scheme will be thoroughly explained. An opportunity will be given to any citizen to express his or her views regarding zoning.

After this meeting, a zoning ordinance will be presented to Town Council, when it will most likely be adopted and put into law, depending upon the amount of objection, if any, registered at the public hearing.

This hearing is the first official step in an effort to adopt zoning in Edenton and should attract all those who either favor or are opposed to the plan. For several years zoning has at one time or another cropped up, but nothing was definitely done until several months ago when it was understood that a service station was to be erected on the lot at the corner of Broad and Gale Streets. So much objection developed that pressure was brought to bear on Town Council that a Zoning Commission was appointed with instructions to make a careful study of zoning and subsequently present its findings to Town Council. Members of the Commission gave no little time and thought to the matter and have prepared an ordinance for Town Council's consideration.

According to the proposed ordinance, the town will be laid off in sections, specifying where any business or enterprise may be located, thus preventing any sort of business being set up in a residential section and likewise no manufacturing plant being operated in the business area. All of these boundaries will be on display and explained at the public hearing and for that reason any person who is interested should plan to attend.

Englehard's Glee Club Of 50 Voices In Edenton Friday

Visitors Will Be Taken On Sight-seeing Tour After Concert

The Englehard High School Glee Club of 50 voices will render a concert at the Edenton High School auditorium at 12 o'clock noon, tomorrow (Friday). Virgil F. West, who is director of the widely-known chorus, is also director of the Hyde County School Band and has done splendid work during the present school year while in charge of the local music departments. He, in addition to his connection with the county school system, is first chair solo trumpet player with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra. The concert Friday is sponsored by the Edenton High School Band and lunch will be served to the Hyde County members of the Edenton Band Parents Club.

Immediately following the lunch, which will be served at the high school, the entire party will be escorted on a sight-seeing tour of Edenton's points of historic interest by a committee in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce. C. L. McCullers, secretary, has arranged an interesting stay for the Hyde County visitors and it is expected that quite a large crowd of local citizens as well as the entire school body will turn out for the noon-day event which will include patriotic and popular selections.

Members of the Englehard Rotary Club and school faculty will accompany the Glee Club on their trip to Edenton.

The Glee Club is composed of the

(Continued on Page Six)

Requests For Tires In Chowan County Steadily Mounting

Tire Rationing Board Issues 18 Permits on Monday Night

MONTH'S QUOTA 52

Miss Willie Love Morgan Employed Secretary to Board

As time goes on under tire rationing, the growing need for tires is reflected in the gradually increasing number to appear before the Chowan County Tire Rationing Board each Monday night in the Municipal Building. At Monday night's meeting of the Board, the rear of the building was filled with applicants for tires, which obviously complicates the allocation of a limited number of tires by Board members.

So much have the duties of the Board increased that Miss Willie Love Morgan has been employed as temporary secretary. She has taken a civil service examination to qualify for the position and will very shortly be permanently appointed. Her addition will greatly facilitate work of board members in that practically all of the detail work will have been completed when the board meets.

Chowan County's tire quota for March is 52 tires, which includes 31 truck tires, eight auto tires and 13 re-treaded tires. Of this amount the rationing board tries to distribute permits to buy tires about equally each week in the month. At Monday night's meeting 18 permits were issued, four of which were for obsolete tires, which do not count against the county's quota. These went to E. C. Harrell and L. E. Twine, who received two each. Three re-tread tire permits were issued, Maebelle P. Winslow, C. H. Barber and A. R. Spruill getting one each.

One regular tire permit was issued to each of the following: J. C. Boyce-B. W. Evans, the Rev. J. Edward Gains, Milton C. Copeland, Byrum Hardware Co., M. W. Jackson, Leslie Morgan, C. A. Perry, T. B. Smith, Fulton E. Driggs, George L. Parrish and W. L. Boswell.

All-Star Band Will Play In Creswell Tomorrow Night

Edenton Well Represented; Judge Dixon Will Speak

The sixth performance of the All-Star Band which comprises picked school bandmen from the counties of the Albemarle will get underway at the high school auditorium at Creswell tomorrow (Friday) night, March 13. The school bands of Currituck County, Elizabeth City, Perquimans County, Edenton, Plymouth, Roper, Creswell, Hyde County, Washington, and Edenton will be ably represented at the concert which bids fair to be the best program yet to be presented by the group of First Chair Men. The concert was originally scheduled to take place in Edenton, but due to the probability of the local National Guard Armory being occupied by soldiers, C. L. McCullers saw fit to ask that the change be made.

The program at Creswell, which will begin at 8 o'clock, is as follows: America, by Band and Englehard Chorus.

King Cotton March, by Band.

March of Youth, by Band.

Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes, by chorus.

Can't You Hear Me Calling, Caroline?, by chorus.

Crusaders, Overture, by band.

Speaking, by Judge Richard D. Dixon.

Ringling Brothers Grand Entry, March, by band.

White Cliffs of Dover, by chorus.

God Bless America, by chorus.

American Patrol, by band.

Star Spangled Banner, by band and chorus.

A one-hour rehearsal by the All-Star Band will be held at the Creswell auditorium at 4:30 in the afternoon, immediately after which, buffet dinner will be served to the bandmen and members of the Engle-

(Continued on Page Six)

Blinking of Electric Lights And Blast of Siren Will Be Signal Blackout In Progress

No Tires Monday

Because of the scheduled black-out in Edenton next Monday night, Albert Byrum, chairman of the Chowan County Tire Rationing Board, has called off the usual meeting of the board next Monday night. Instead, the board will meet the following night, Tuesday, to act on applications for new tires.

Citizens Asked To Use Discretion In Calls By Telephone

Service Often Crippled By Calls When Siren Sounds

TEST PLANNED

System Should Be Kept Open For Cases of Emergency

In view of the approaching black-out test set for Monday night, the following statement was issued by County Defense Chairman E. W. Spires:

"It has been a long standing practice for our people to rush to the telephone immediately upon the sounding of the fire sirens. This naturally has the effect of paralyzing the service, for it is realized that the operators cannot answer such a great volume of calls at once.

"We are now faced with a possibility and even a probability that enemy planes may be winging their way over our county almost any time. This, then, makes it all the more imperative that our citizens refrain from using their telephone during an air raid alarm, or a fire alarm, except in case of extreme emergency.

"The Air Raid Wardens and the Fire Wardens, the police and kindred organizations must have the free use of the telephone system in such emergencies and they join me in asking the fullest cooperation of our people to insure that this vital communication system be kept open with a maximum of efficiency.

"An observer will be stationed at the telephone exchange to get a true picture of just how efficiently the system functions during the black-out test and we feel sure that our people will give their fullest cooperation by not attempting to use the telephone except in cases of emergency."

New Ruling For Men Deferred Due To Dependency

Policy Adopted Whereby Commission Can Be Obtained

J. L. Wiggins, chairman of the Chowan County Draft Board, has been notified by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, that in the near future selective service registrants who have been deferred solely because of dependency will be given an opportunity to qualify as officer candidates by volunteering for induction.

This policy will make it possible for registrants who have dependents to obtain commissions, if they can qualify themselves for commissions, and thereby enable them to serve in the armed forces of the nation in this hour of grave emergency, and at the same time take care of their dependents.

Pending the formulation of procedure with respect to this matter, registrants desiring further information regarding their opportunity to volunteer for this purpose are advised by the Director to file their names and addresses with their local boards, where full information will be furnished them as soon as it is available.

Time Scheduled to Be Between 8 and 10 O'clock

PLANS ALL READY

Ordinance Passed With Teeth to Force Full Compliance

Edenton is scheduled to have its first black-out on Monday night, the time for the air raid warning being set to occur sometime between 8 and 10 o'clock and to continue in force for approximately 45 minutes. The word to black-out towns will come from J. Kenyon Wilson, of Elizabeth City, air raid warden, who will send a flash to local headquarters in the Municipal Building, where it will be received by Leroy Haskett, assistant to West Byrum, who is now confined to his home by illness. Mr. Haskett will in turn notify the electric and water plant and immediately all electric lights will be blinked as a signal to put out lights of every description. The fire siren will also sound to warn everybody that a black-out is in progress. Two short blasts at 15-second intervals will usher in the town's first black-out as a practice to cope with actual air raids during the war.

Everything is in readiness for this very important precautionary measure and citizens are urged, as far as practicable, to be in their homes and remain there until the all-clear signal is given.

Six air raid wardens will be at their headquarters during the black-out. These wardens are J. Clarence Leary, Graham Byrum, Geddes Potter, L. S. Byrum, Wood Privott and Clarence Cates, with H. C. Jackson, Arthur Hollowell, Albert Byrum, West Leary and Paul Holoman acting as lieutenants. All of these wardens will be at their homes except L. S. Byrum, who will be at the Triangle Filling Station. Ten men have also been allotted each warden, who will be stationed at various points to see that provisions of the black-out are fully carried out and be ready to act in case of any emergency. There will also be 14 men who will serve as runners, whose duty it will be to notify headquarters in case of a fire or any other emergency.

During the black-out traffic must come to a standstill, and any motorist in an automobile at the time of the signal is requested to drive to the curb, turn out all lights and remain there until the signal is given that the black-out is over. Police will be stationed near the city limits to stop all traffic and officers will be stationed at various intersections to halt traffic and see that no lights are burning.

The county as a whole will be asked to cooperate in the black-out, Mr. Haskett having arranged to call by telephone to at least ten points throughout the county notifying them that the black-out is in progress, and requesting all lights to be put out for the time being.

It is expected that an airplane from Elizabeth City will circle over the area to check on its effectiveness. In anticipation of the black-out every phase has been thoroughly planned, the principal feature being the turning out of all lights, and it is hoped the citizenry as a whole will cooperate and that there will be no rowdiness or any sort of trouble as the result of the black-out.

Town Council, at its meeting on Tuesday night, resolved that the town, its officials and employees cooperate in the black-out in the interest of defense and to prescribe proper authority for observing black-outs passed quite a lengthy ordinance clothing those in charge with full police powers to have full and absolute control and supervision in carrying out black-outs and empowered to make any rules, orders or regulations which may be deemed necessary. The full text of the ordinance, as adopted, appears on Page 5 of this issue of The Herald and its contents should be read and studied by every citizen to the end that there will be no misunderstanding for the black-out on Monday night or any subsequently held.