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Edenton Assured Marine Glider Base

Board Public Works Gives Current Consumed During June To Electricity Users

Customers' Bills Total Something Like \$4,000

IN GOOD SHAPE Increased Consumption Of Current Boosts Revenue

Users of electricity in Edenton will have the very unusual experience of not being obliged to pay their electricity bills for the month of June. This action was taken by the Board of Public Works due to the excellent financial condition of the department, and after serious consideration deciding to cancel the June electric bills as a means of relief due to present conditions. The amount of revenue involved in the cancellation of the month's electric bills amounts to something like \$4,000 to approximately 850 customers.

Instead of each user of electricity receiving the regular bill for current consumed during June, the letter will contain the following information from the Board of Public Works, signed by the three members, W. W. Byrum, J. H. Conger and O. B. Perry. "The E. & W. Department met on June 9th, and made a careful survey of operations, stock of supplies on hand, and the condition of our entire system. Due to the efficient management of our Superintendent and the fine spirit of cooperation of his employees, we take pride in reporting that the Department is in excellent condition. For the past two years our citizens have installed electric stoves and other electrical equipment, thereby increasing the consumption of electricity. Because of these installations, of the efficient management and the sound condition of our finances, we have decided to give the electric current consumed during the month of June to our customers.

"It has been our ambition to render the best service at the lowest possible cost, therefore we feel that you have justified this contribution of relief at this time."

Little Observance Of July 4th Holiday By Edenton Stores

Bank of Edenton Only Business Place to Be Closed

Unless other action is taken, Edenton merchants will not observe the Fourth of July holiday a week from next Saturday. Due to the holiday falling on Saturday, on which day the bulk of business is transacted, the merchants do not feel justified in closing their places of business. In some towns Monday, instead, will be observed as a holiday, but information from the local Merchants Association is to the effect that stores will be open as usual on Monday after the Fourth.

However, the Bank of Edenton will be closed July 4 in observance of the national holiday, while at the Post Office there will be no observance of the holiday except the fact that there will be no rural mail deliveries on that day.

Masons Change Hour Of Regular Meetings

Though the hour of meeting has never before been changed, Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., at Thursday night's meeting decided to change the meeting hour from 8 to 8:30 o'clock every Thursday night. Reason for the change is due to war time, which made it very inconvenient for some of the members to be on time, which obviously had an unfavorable effect on attendance.

The new hour of 8:30, which goes into effect tonight, will continue until such time as it is deemed necessary to change for the convenience of members.

Cotton Blossoms

That Chowan County's cotton crop is far advanced this year is reflected in the fact that blossoms have been in evidence since Sunday. The first to bring a cotton bloom to The Herald office was W. C. Skinner, who on Monday produced a blossom from the Hayes Farm. On Tuesday a blossom was plucked from a field on W. O. Speight's farm and brought to The Herald office.

July 4 has long been considered as satisfactory for appearance of cotton blossoms, which tends to show that Chowan's crop this year will be well ahead of the average.

Cotton blooms were brought in Wednesday morning by the Rev. M. L. Chappell, of Tyner, Zell Ward and Asa Griffin, of near Edenton.

Band Will Collect Scrap Rubber As Climax To Drive

House to House Canvass Planned For Friday Morning

8 TO 10 O'CLOCK

Penny Per Pound Paid Or Accepted as Gift To Band

As a climax to Chowan County's drive to salvage scrap rubber for the Government, members of the Edenton Band will make a house-to-house canvass tomorrow (Friday) morning between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock.

As has been the case with rubber sold to filling stations, one cent per pound will be paid, but the rubber may be contributed to the Band and the proceeds will then be put into the organization's treasury.

In making these calls a request is made for citizens to search their premises thoroughly for all rubber articles, such as worn out garden hose, rubber shoes and boots, water bottles, inner tubes, tires, foot mats, sink stoppers, or anything made of rubber. These articles are asked to be put in front of homes so that as much progress as possible can be made in the collection.

As incentive to the wind-up of the drive the band will stage a booster program tonight (Thursday) when a parade will be held on Broad Street and the scheme of collection of scrap rubber emphasized.

Of course, the cent per pound will be paid for old rubber, but the band's campaign cry is: "The band needs money and Uncle Sam needs rubber."

Price Ceiling List Must Be Filed With War Ration Board By July 1

Edenton merchants are advised by the War Ration Board that their price ceiling list must be filed with the Board before July 1. These prices must be based on OPA requirements and no license will be issued to do business unless this list is furnished.

10,000 Pounds Rubber Collected Up To Today

Though no definite figure was available Wednesday morning relative to the amount of scrap rubber collected in Chowan County, J. H. Conger, in charge of the drive, estimated that approximately 10,000 pounds had been gathered.

Much more than that amount is expected to come in when filling stations turn in their reports and the Edenton Band makes a house-to-house canvass Friday.

Order Is Held Up To Move Employment Office July First

Glider Base May Mean Continuation of Office In Edenton

PROTEST MADE

Local Citizens Argue With Field Supervisor R. A. Wadsworth

Though it appeared certain last Thursday night that the local office of the U. S. Employment Service would be transferred to Washington, N. C., news of the Marine glider station being located here has temporarily, at least, held up the plan.

At a meeting held in the Court House, R. A. Wadsworth, field supervisor of the U. S. Employment Service, in so many words said the office would be moved, basing his argument on reports tending to show that an office here was not necessary and further that because of a defense project scheduled for Beaufort County, the office was needed in Washington.

Present at the meeting were a large number of interested citizens who protested to transferring the office and were not at all backward in presenting reasons for their argument.

However, Mr. Wadsworth apparent-

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Auto Use Stamps Must Be Bought Before July First

Sticker Must Be Secured to Get Gasoline Ration Card

Before July 1 all automobile owners must purchase government use stamps for their automobiles, a plan which was inaugurated last February, when owners were required to pay \$2.09 for the remainder of the fiscal year. The stamp for the year costs \$5.00 and will be good until July 1, 1943. They can now be purchased at all post offices.

That there will be no evasion of buying these stamps, the government has issued orders that a motorist must have the stamp in order to be eligible to secure a gasoline rationing card in the new registration, which has been postponed from July 1 to July 9. Until this order was made, the government had relied upon police officers to see to it that the stamps were attached to all cars.

Stamps are now on sale and car owners are urged to make the purchases as soon as possible in order to avoid a last minute rush.

DRIVE FOR USO, NAVY AND CHINESE RELIEF FUNDS STILL LACK ABOUT \$500 OF QUOTA

Contributions During Volunteer War Relief Week Nets Little More Than \$100 Toward Deficit Still Remaining In County's Quota

Little progress is noted during the week set aside to make volunteer contributions to meet the \$600 deficit of the \$1,600 quota for USO, Navy and Chinese Relief for Chowan County. According to all contributions in the hands of Treasurer W. H. Gardner Tuesday, the total amount was just a little over \$1,100, or something over \$100 contributed during the week. It is hoped, however, that the drive will not bog down, and that those in charge of the drive will not allow any of the three quotas to go lacking.

Canvassers have covered their respective areas, after which there was a shortage of \$600 in the combined quota, and unless some effort is put forth, Chowan may be charged with the first, or at least one of the few times, of failing to meet expectations in any emergency.

Chowan County has been asked for \$600 for USO, and \$500 each for Navy and Chinese Relief, and in order to eliminate overlapping of effort

Over 50 Members War Ration Boards Meet In Edenton

Listen Over Two Hours To Explanation New Gas Ration Plan

ALL MILEAGE CUT

Purpose Also to Conserve Automobiles And Rubber

Over 50 war ration board members, coming from Perquimans, Gates, Bertie, Hertford and Chowan counties, listened for over two hours Tuesday night to an explanation of the new permanent gasoline rationing program which is to go into effect Wednesday, July 22.

The meeting was one of 25 to be held in North Carolina to acquaint the 146 local rationing boards and volunteer workers with the permanent gasoline rationing plan, the discussion being led by Don L. Leach.

During the meeting a telegram was read by Albert Byrum, chairman of the Chowan War Ration Board, to the effect that permanent gasoline rationing registration dates will be July 9, 10 and 11, and that rationing will go into effect July 22. The telegram, coming from the State Office of Price Administration, said the above dates had been officially established by Washington and cannot

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New Bus Service Is Inaugurated For Defense Workers

Three Trips Scheduled Daily From Center Hill to Portsmouth

For the convenience of defense workers now employed in Norfolk and Portsmouth, a bus service has been inaugurated which begins at Center Hill and will serve all points on Highway 32 through Chowan and Gates Counties and Nansmond County in Virginia. The service is provided by the Armstrong Bus Line, which is a government method of conserving rubber and gasoline because of the large number who have been attracted to defense projects.

The bus line has arranged to fully insure all riders, and has scheduled three trips daily from Center Hill to Portsmouth, with schedules effected at Small's Cross Roads, Mintonville, Sunbury and Corapeake.

The bus will leave Center Hill at 4:40 a. m. and 12:55 and 8:55 p. m. At Cross Roads the bus is scheduled to leave at 4:45 a. m., and 1 and 9 p. m. Many of the defense workers are expected to take advantage of this new and convenient service.

Acquisition Of Land For Purpose Is Made Known By Secretary Of The Navy Knox

Away Over Top

Chowan County, on Wednesday morning, had gone far over its June quota of war bond and stamp sales. The month's quota is \$17,500 and on Wednesday morning a total of \$24,788.60 was reported. Of this amount, the Bank of Edenton sold \$22,000 worth of bonds, while at the Post Office bond sales totaled \$1,550. To this amount stamp sales at the Post Office totaled \$1,238.60 up to Wednesday morning.

The county, therefore, has exceeded its quota by \$7,388.60, with five more days remaining in this month.

Victory Day To Be Observed On Green On Fourth Of July

Affair To Honor Parents of Boys In Service of Country

STARTS 11 A. M.

Principal Address Will Be Made By L. E. Griffin

Complying with the wishes of Governor J. M. Broughton for every county in the State to observe "Victory Day" celebrations on July 4 in honor of mothers and fathers of boys in the service of their country, arrangements were made last Thursday afternoon to stage a celebration on the Court House Green. A meeting was called by E. W. Spires, county civilian defense chairman, in the clerk of court office, which was attended by about a dozen members of the county organization.

After thoroughly discussing proposed programs, it was decided to have a brief celebration lasting not more than an hour, and to begin at 11 o'clock on the Green, and in event of unfavorable weather, the exercises will be carried on in the Court House.

The principal address for the occasion will be made by Lloyd E. Griffin, who will speak in honor of the parents of boys called to fight for their country. Clerk of Court E. W. Spires will also make a brief address in order to explain the importance and various phases of civilian defense.

The tentative program will include an invocation by the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., group singing led by C. W. Overman, band numbers under the direction of C. L. McCullers, advancing of colors and oath of allegiance, and the addresses by L. E. Griffin and E. W. Spires.

In order to arrange for the affair a program committee was appointed consisting of E. W. Spires, John A. Holmes, C. L. McCullers and Mayor J. H. McMullan.

The music committee is composed of C. W. Overman and C. L. McCullers. The hour of celebration, from 11 to 12 o'clock, was decided upon as being the most convenient hour for those taking part as well as those expected to attend. It was first planned to have the celebration at night, but it was thought such hour would conflict with business in local stores, so that the night hour was abandoned.

With July 4 being a national holiday, it is hoped that a large crowd will gather for the occasion as a tribute to the men and women furnishing boys for the armed forces as well as a fitting observance of the nation's anniversary of independence.

ATTEND LEGION CONVENTION
A trio of Edentonians represented Ed Bond Post of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary at the State Convention held in Asheville this week. The representatives were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt and Mrs. Robert L. Pratt.

This group returned Wednesday and reported a splendid meeting.

Little Known at Present Relative to Plans For New Project

GENERAL SURPRISE

News Reason For Much Favorable Comment In Edenton

With the arrival of daily newspapers Tuesday morning citizens generally in Edenton were gratified to learn that Secretary of the Navy Knox had announced the acquisition of land here for the construction of a Marine Corps glider station. The announcement came as a distinct surprise, though a small group for several months had been in contact with the War Department and knew that Edenton was favorably considered as the site for the station.

Other than the fact that Secretary Knox approved the acquisition of land for the station, and that a personnel of about 2,000 men will be used at first, little other information was available when The Herald went to press Wednesday, but according to Congressman Bonner, it is understood to be "a pretty big thing."

T. C. Byrum, who managed Congressman Bonner's campaign in Chowan County in last month's primary election, received a telegram from him Tuesday, which was the first direct news relative to the glider station coming to Edenton. Mr. Bonner's telegram was as follows:

"Have been advised by General Ralph L. Mitchell, of the aviation division of the Marine Corps that the selection board has selected a site at Edenton for the Marine glider base. There will be a personnel of about 2,000 men to begin with."

No official information, however, was released by the Marine Corps or Navy concerning the cost of the project or the number of men to be assigned to it.

The purpose of the air station will be to carry out glider training for the Marine Corps, which undoubtedly will be used to a great extent in event a second front is opened in Europe.

The glider is still in its infancy. The nucleus of the Marine glider group was formed about a year ago at the Motorless Flight School at Chicago, after which men were sent to Paris Island, S. C., where they were intensively trained at the Marine barracks. Officials of the Marine Corps claim there have been very few accidents in glider flying, and that young pilots learn easily and quickly to handle the motorless planes.

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Portion Of Cancer Fund Will Remain For Use In County

Mrs. John White Puts Up Stiff Argument With Leaders

Due to the efforts of Mrs. John F. White, chairman of Chowan County's cancer drive, a portion of the county's contribution will remain here for use in local needs. Mrs. White persuaded the national and State commanders to keep in Chowan County all above what was asked in the quota when the drive was made, instead of sending the entire contribution to headquarters as has been the case heretofore.

As the result of Mrs. White's efforts, there is now available \$75.28, which is in the hands of Mrs. J. A. Bunch, treasurer, for charity cases in connection with cancer or its prevention. The county's quota was \$115.72, while contributions amounted to \$191.54, leaving the \$75.82 surplus.

Mrs. White became very enthusiastic about some of this money remaining for home use when she met with some objections to making contributions due to the fact that all of the money was sent to State and national headquarters.