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## County Tax Rate Cut To 80 Cents

### Victory Day Celebration Saturday Morning One Of Best Programs Ever Held

Huge Crowd Turns Out For Affair on Court House Green

#### SERIOUS NOTE

#### Griffin Stresses Need of Faith For Ultimate Victory

What no doubt was one of the most impressive celebrations in recent years took place Saturday morning when Chowan County observed Victory Day as a fitting celebration of the Fourth of July or Independence Day. The affair was held on the Court House Green, where, with favorable weather, a large group assembled to witness and take part in the celebration. The program lasted only about an hour, beginning around 11 o'clock, and winding up shortly after the noon hour. Much favorable comment followed the program, both as to the interest and the appropriate nature.

To begin the program the Edenton High School Band paraded down Broad Street to the Green, and after a few numbers, E. W. Spires called the gathering to order, stating that the purpose of the occasion was to comply with the wishes of Governor J. M. Broughton and quicken the spirit of the people. He then turned the program over to J. L. Wiggins, a former mayor and at present chairman of the Chowan County Draft Board.

Mr. Wiggins called upon the gathering to sing "America," which was led by C. W. Overman. Then followed a skit by the rhythm band of the Baptist Vacation Bible School led by Mrs. George Lassiter. The Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., offered the invocation, which was followed by a band selection.

The address of welcome was made by Mayor J. H. McMullan, who informed his hearers that for over a century and a half Chowan County people had gathered on the same spot to celebrate their independence, but that on this occasion, the meeting was under different circumstances, for instead of a feeling of security about our independence, there was reason to assert our interdependence on our allies to help win this war, thus preserving independence and liberty for liberty-loving nations of the world. Mr. McMullan took occasion to urge contributions to USO, Navy and Chinese relief, which still lacks its \$1,600 quota, referring to the forthcoming glider base as a means of USO providing wholesome entertainment for boys in service. (Continued on Page Two)

### Chowan ABC Store Nets Profit \$23,909

Total Sales During Fiscal Year Amount to \$126,858.40

According to the report of the Chowan ABC Board for the fiscal year ended June 30, released this week by M. F. Bond, secretary and treasurer, total sales in the local ABC store amounted to \$126,858.40, resulting in a net profit of \$23,909.69.

Of this profit, \$10,636.67 went to the State of North Carolina in way of sales tax and \$1,818.21 was spent for law enforcement, leaving a net profit to the county for the year of \$23,909.69.

During the year just closed the ABC Board paid into the county general fund \$18,000, with the explanation that \$24,000 will go into the county coffers during the present year.

The store's inventory on June 30, amounted to \$11,445.90, cash on hand was \$13,289.47, and an operating surplus of \$21,076.32.

Since the ABC store was opened in Chowan County the latter part of 1937, profits paid to the county have amounted to \$63,100.

Lately sales have increased in the store, which is attributed in part to the inability of bootleggers to secure sugar for making illicit liquor.

### Too Bad!

Due to lack of rain, water has dropped considerably in both Dillard's and Bennett's Mill Ponds, which has caused Game Warden J. G. Perry to prohibit all fishing in the ponds. This order will be in effect until the water supply has been replenished, the game warden announced, at which time he will reopen the ponds for fishing.

### Heavy Calls Made On Chowan County For Men In Army

Group of 23 White Men Will Leave July 21; Two More Calls

With a group of colored boys leaving Tuesday morning for Fort Bragg, the Chowan County Draft Board has been ordered to send 35 white men on July 21, another group of 35 white men on August 6, and still 45 more colored men on August 26.

These calls are putting the local Draft Board in somewhat of a strain, and as a result, they are being obliged to "shake the bushes" in order to find every available man to meet the quota.

The group of white men ordered to leave for Fort Bragg on July 21 includes: Kermit Leary Layton, John Speight Skiles, Elmer Clarence Ward, Paul Thomas Byrum, Lawrence Albert George, George Ephraim Morris, George Washington Lassiter, Robert Marvin Hobbs, Hallett David Hobbs, Joseph Carroll Byrum, Melvin Aline Byrum, Clayton McDonald Ward, Jr., Ephraim Elton Forehand, Joseph Taylor Vail, Vernon Mills Sitterson, Howard Bevens Warren, Harvey Lead Cayton, Jarvis Henry Chappell, Elbert Hunter Copeland, William Ernest Sutton, Lester Harrell Ashley Herbert Cleveland Byrum, Joseph Al Herbert Cleveland Byrum and Joseph Albert Ross.

Joseph Albert Ross and Joseph Carroll Byrum were included in the group, but these two have already enlisted in the service.

The boys will return home after being examined and inducted into service to enjoy a 14-day furlough at the expense of the government. There will be no exercises or program when they leave on July 21, this feature being postponed until the boys return to camp after their furlough.

### Nutrition - Canteen Courses Completed

Classes last week were completed in a nutrition and canteen course held at the Edenton High School under the sponsorship of Chowan Chapter of the American Red Cross and taught by Miss Louise Ward, home economics teacher at Elon College High School. Similar classes are expected to be offered in the fall.

Those who completed the nutrition course were: Mrs. G. P. Ashley, Miss Corinne Forehand, Mrs. G. W. Lassiter, Mrs. J. J. Long, Mrs. W. C. Moore, Mrs. P. S. McMullan, Miss Ruth Privott, Mrs. Mary W. Sawyer, Mrs. Wilma Swain, Mrs. Mac Ward. Colored: Eva Cox, Roxanna W. Diggs, Naomi Hicks, Mozella Roberts and Armelda Sharp.

Those completing the canteen course were: Mrs. George P. Byrum, Miss Corinne Forehand, Mrs. G. W. Lassiter, Mrs. J. J. Long, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, Mrs. Mary W. Sawyer, Mrs. Evelyn Waters, Mrs. Jesse W. White. Colored: Eva Cox, Roxanna W. Diggs, Sadie Felton, Naomi Hicks, Effie Muse, Hazel Valentine and Mozella Roberts.

There was splendid cooperation in the classes and Mrs. J. N. Pruden, County Red Cross chairman, is especially appreciative of the services of Miss Ward, who contributed her time to teaching those enrolled.

### Revocation Some Beer Licenses In Edenton Is Likely

Complaints Registered With County Commissioners Monday

#### JOINT MEETING

### Fear Unfair Criticism Toward Chowan ABC Store

That some of Edenton's cafes and filling stations stand to have their beer licenses revoked again cropped up at the meeting of the County Commissioners Monday when complaints were registered that a number of places have developed into considerable nuisances as the result of selling unfortified wine without regard to behavior about the premises. Similar complaints were registered at the June meeting of Town Council, when it was reported that not only some of the places in question had become a nuisance, but that menacing conditions have developed as the result of drunkenness and rowdiness. Conditions as they have developed were discussed pro and con, several of the Commissioners reporting having heard a considerable amount of complaint of late and stating that they are ready to go their legal limit in breaking up the situation.

Similar to previous complaints, the argument is advanced that in about nine out of every 10 cases of drunkenness, unfortified wine is given as the cause, and that not only does the stuff make a person drunk, but has an after effect which more or less stupefies the victim. Because of this condition, many workers, principally among the Negro race, are unable to perform their regular duties especially the first part of the week after a week-end of drinking, thus handicapping employers who face an acute situation so far as labor is concerned.

The Commissioners called in R. P. Badham, chairman of the Chowan ABC Board, in order to inform him of present conditions, saying that while the local ABC store is not responsible, criticism is or will be directed at the local store and might have a tendency to create a desire to close the store when the county has, since the latter part of 1937, received \$63,100 in way of earnings, which sum has had no little to do in maintaining a low tax rate.

It was decided to hold a joint meeting of Town Council and the County Commissioners at a near future date, when the matter will come to a head, and if evidence as strong as that recently presented is produced, it is a foregone conclusion that the places in question will have their beer licenses revoked. Under this license permission is granted to sell beer and unfortified wine, and if revoked, of course, neither may be sold.

### C. Of C. Directors Study Immediate Needs In Edenton

New Officers Will Be Elected at Meeting Monday

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday night in the Municipal Building, at which time recommendations were made to set up a permanent office for the organization, due to anticipated increased activities due to the scheduled Marine glider base to locate here in the near future.

The group also discussed the housing situation in Edenton, the election of new officers and other activities of the Chamber of Commerce. Because the organization will be faced with new problems and the rendering of more service, a much larger budget will be necessary for the next year, and for that reason considerable attention will be focused on membership and dues for the new year.

A membership meeting has been called for Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock, at the Court House, at which time new officers will be elected, the new year for the Chamber of Commerce beginning August 1.

### Users Of Gasoline Required Register For Basic A Card

Three Days, Beginning Today, Devoted to Purpose

9 A. M. TO 5 P. M.

### Permanent Rationing of Gas Goes Into Effect July 22nd

Beginning today (Thursday) and continuing through Friday and Saturday, all automobile owners are required to register in order to secure a permanent ration book if they expect to purchase gasoline. Plans for the registration have been completed, four places being designated for the purpose. In Edenton this registration will be conducted at the Edenton High School for white people and at the colored high school for Negroes. In order to accommodate citizens of the lower end of the county, the St. John's school building will also be used to register colored people.

For Upper Chowan County there will be only one registration center, this being at the Community Building at Cross Roads, where both white and colored will register.

The hours for registration will be from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, with a large number of volunteers offering their services. These volunteers have been given specific instructions relative to the registration by Superintendent W. J. Taylor of the County schools and John A. Holmes, superintendent of the Edenton school unit. Thirty-two volunteers met with Mr. Taylor at the Community House on Wednesday afternoon, and about the same number met with Mr. Holmes at the Edenton school.

Under the permanent rationing plan, every user of gasoline must register during the three-day period in order to secure a basic A card, which will contain 48 coupons and must last for a period of one year. The units will allow in the neighborhood of 250 miles of traveling per month, but supplementary cards will be used to those who for essential reasons and purposes connected with the war require more gasoline. Application for the supplementary cards must be made to the War Ration Board. The only cards issued during the three days will be the basic A cards.

The permanent rationing schedule will go into effect July 22, after which time driving will obviously be reduced, except that directly connected with the war effort.

### Aircraft Warning Officers Will Meet In Edenton July 10

Important Details Aircraft Warning Will Be Discussed

According to C. E. Kramer, district director of the Aircraft Warning Service, officers from the Ground Observation Section of the First Fighter Command, of Norfolk, Va., will hold a meeting at the Court House in Edenton, Friday night, July 10, at 8 o'clock.

The primary purpose of this meeting is to inform the Chief Observers and all volunteers of important details relating to the Aircraft Warning Service. It is, therefore, important that everyone connected with this service be present.

Also, the chairmen and members of the local Civilian Defense Committees are invited to attend this meeting, so that they may learn how this important service affects their Civilian Defense activities.

All citizens who are interested in Civilian Defense, and winning this war, are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

"It is our desire to show the United States armed forces," says Mr. Kramer, "that we are with them for victory. The First Fighter Command wants you to attend this meeting. It will please our enemies if you do not attend."

### County Will Enjoy One Of Lowest Rates In Recent Years; Reduced 22 Points

#### What Have You?

With a Marine glider base scheduled to be constructed near Edenton, the Chamber of Commerce is now making a survey in and near town in order to learn of any vacant houses and rooms suitable for government or civilian use.

There will be a great need for housing facilities and for that reason any person having a vacant house or rooms is requested to contact C. L. McCullers, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, at once. He can be reached at Phone 275-W.

### War Bond Quota In July About Trebled For Chowan County

June's Quota of \$17,400 Has Been Boosted To \$48,100

Though Chowan County over-purchased its war bond quota in May and June, the July quota has been almost trebled and will require far more generous purchases if the County is to maintain its perfect score.

The amount of bonds and stamps Chowan County is asked to purchase during July has been set at \$48,100, which compares with \$11,600 as the May quota and \$17,400 in June.

J. G. Campen, county chairman of the war saving staff, feels that the July quota is a big mark to shoot at, but with sales gradually increasing in the county he is very optimistic that the quota will be reached by the time July 31 rolls around.

### Returns Of Scrap Rubber Lagging

Conger Firm In Belief Much More Available In County

J. H. Conger, chairman of Chowan County's drive to secure scrap rubber, reports quite a let down in the collection of rubber since the drive was extended. Last week he reported about 54,000 pounds gathered in the county to which about 10,000 pounds has been added.

This is no small amount of scrap rubber, but Mr. Conger feels that much more could be secured if the effort was made to gather it together and take it to nearby filling stations.

Only a few more days remain in the drive, so that every loyal citizen of the county is urged to put forth an effort to gather every piece of old rubber available so that it can be turned over to the government toward the prosecution of the war.

### Only Five New Tire Permits Approved By Ration Board Monday

Only five permits to purchase new tires were issued by the Chowan County Ration Board Monday night. The amount of reread permits was also reduced, the Board approving eight applications, but due to having no certificates on hand, these will have to await receipt of certificates.

Those whose applications were approved Monday night were: New Tires—F. M. Ward, logger, tire and tube; L. C. Briggs, trucker, tire and tube; Z. T. Evans, farmer, tire and tube; J. D. Ward, hauling, two tires.

Rereads—H. M. Nixon, farmer, tire and tube; J. L. and E. V. Layton, fishermen, tire; Maebelle P. Winslow, farming, tire and tube; D. G. Welch, farmer, two tires; C. M. Ward, carpenter, two tires; J. T. Byrum, farmer, tire.

### No Levy Necessary For General County Fund

OLD RATE \$1.02

### All Day Monday Devoted to Budgetary Matters

Taxpayers in Chowan County will, during the 1942-43 fiscal year, enjoy what will be the lowest county tax rate in recent years. County Commissioners on Monday, in an all-day meeting devoted principally to budgetary matters, were able to slice here and there so that the rate was finally fixed at 80 cents per \$100 property valuation, which compares with last year's rate of \$1.02, or a reduction of 22 points.

Of course, tax payers in the First and Fourth Townships will not get off quite so easy, for a special school tax of 12 cents must be paid in these two Townships due to adding a ninth month of school in the Edenton City administrative unit, which goes into effect this year. But even at that, with an extra month of school and the advantages which it affords, taxes in these two particular Townships will be 92 cents, or a reduction over last year's rate of 10 cents.

The cost of the extra month of school was estimated at \$6,727.73, which, of course, must be paid from extra taxes in the two Townships affected.

It is interesting to note that again no levy was necessary for the general county fund, where expenditures were estimated to be \$27,800. Reason for this is the fact that there was a cash balance from last year of \$1,500, anticipated income of \$3,000 from licenses and an income of \$24,000 as profits from the County ABC store.

Each individual appropriation for the year was carefully scrutinized by the Commissioners, and wherever possible reductions were made in keeping with the proper function of the county government. The entire budget calls for an expenditure of \$109,614.45, which is divided as follows: General County schools, \$19,092.76; special tax for extra month of school in the First and Fourth (Continued on Page Five)

### Edenton Offers Use Of Armory For U. S. Troops In Transit

Camp Davis and New River Officials Appreciate Invitation

Edenton has offered the use of the local Armory for over-night quarters of United States troops passing through town or, in any other way, for the convenience of the soldiers. This invitation was extended by C. L. McCullers, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce to the commanding general at Camp Davis and the United States Marine Corps at New River.

In reply to the invitation, Mr. McCullers has received the following reply from Brigadier General W. H. Rupertus of the U. S. Marine Corps: "Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 30 with its kind offer of hospitality to troops passing through Edenton.

"We will be glad to notify you of personnel movements in which we might be able to accept your hospitality. However, scheduled times generally makes this impossible. "Please accept my sincere thanks for your very nice offer to be of service."

Colonel Oscar C. Warner, training center executive at Camp Davis, also wrote Mr. McCullers as follows:

"The Commanding General of Camp Davis desires that I write you to thank the Chamber of Commerce for the cordial invitation to our troops to use your local Armory for over-night stops.

"An item is being published in the Daily Bulletin of Camp Davis, and in the future when we are sending troops through Edenton we will bear this in mind."