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## Board Health Passes Five County-Wide Ordinances To Protect Public Health

### Influx of Many People Reason For Precautions TO BE ENFORCED House Shortage Causes Likely Trailer Camp Problem

Considering conditions from a health standpoint as the result of an influx of people to Edenton and adjacent territory due to the construction of the Marine Glider Base, the Board of Health on Tuesday afternoon met and while in session passed five county-wide ordinances relating to precautions to public health.

The first of these ordinances has to do with requiring the use of single service containers in drug stores, lunch rooms, drink stands and other places where drinks are served and where adequate and approved dish washing facilities are not available to thoroughly cleanse original containers.

The second ordinance is directed at taxi cabs and cars for hire in the county. It is known that large numbers of camp followers may be expected in the county during the construction of the glider base and that it has been found that certain undesirable, namely prostitutes, follow concentration of troops. Prostitution presents a definite public health problem not only in the protection of troops but also of the civilian population. For that reason the Board declared that an emergency exists in this county due to the influx of thousands of persons. In order to protect the health, safety and morals of the residents and to prevent conditions which would be inimical to the welfare of all such people, it shall be required of operators of all taxi cabs, cars for hire or cars used for short hauling of persons to obtain a permit from the local county health officer to operate all such vehicles outside the city limits of the city of their franchise. The permit can be revoked at any time by the county health officer if the owner or driver fails to comply with all the laws pertaining to the suppression of prostitution. It will be unlawful for any person to (Continued on Page Five)

## M. F. Bond Succeeds Himself As Member Chowan ABC Board

### Gross Sales Rapidly Increasing In Local Store

Meeting in joint session Monday afternoon, Chowan County Commissioners, the County Board of Education and the Board of Health appointed Millard F. Bond to succeed himself as a member of the Chowan County ABC Board. The appointment is for a three-year term.

Mr. Bond is also secretary of the Board, for which he has been paid \$25 per month. However, with the store's business expanding, Mr. Bond's duties have likewise increased, so that his salary as secretary was doubled, or is now \$50 per month.

At the joint meeting, a motion was defeated to increase the salaries of members of the Board 10 per cent. On the Board with Mr. Bond are R. P. Badham, chairman, and Hector Lupton. The present salaries of the members are \$20 per month, except Mr. Badham, who receives \$35.

An idea of the increase in business in the ABC Store is reflected in a five-year report compiled by Mr. Bond. For the year ending June 30, 1938, gross sales amounted to \$69,303.20. The following year sales amounted to \$81,036, the next year \$83,856.75, increasing to \$87,303.15 the following year, and for the year ending June 30, 1941, sales soared to \$126,858.40. With the Marine Glider Base now under construction and many more people living in and near Edenton, sales are expected to take another boost this year.

Since the beginning of operations, the ABC Board has turned over to the general fund of the county \$63,100, of which amount \$18,000 was turned over the past fiscal year. The County Commissioners figured on receiving \$24,000 in way of liquor profits in establishing the 80-cent tax rate for 1942-43.

## Red Cross Chapter Is Called To Make Surgical Dressings

### Instruction Classes to Be Taught By Corinne Forehand

### NEED GREAT Many Volunteers Needed to Work In Parish House

Due to the request of the Surgeon General for a large quantity of surgical dressings for the U. S. Army, the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter will begin this phase of activity on September 1, when a large corps of volunteers will be necessary to complete this work by January 1. The dressings will be made in the work room of St. Paul's Parish House, and during the month of August Miss Corinne Forehand, who took a special course in the work, will conduct a class for supervisors.

Those who will volunteer in order to meet this emergency are requested to register at Mitchener's Pharmacy, Leggett & Davis Drug Store or at St. Paul's Parish House.

In the past only a limited number of Red Cross chapters carried on this activity, but now the picture has changed. The Red Cross is faced with the responsibility of meeting another important need, as the quantity of dressings is very large, so that Mrs. J. N. Pruden, County Chairman, is very anxious to have a large group volunteer for the class in instruction and subsequently in the actual work of making the dressings.

## War Relief Quota Now Near Goal

### Now Only \$250 Lacking Of \$1,600 Quota For Three Drives

Slow but gradually, Chowan County's drive to raise a quota of \$1,600 for USO, Navy and Chinese Relief is being realized. With a shortage of \$447 last week, this figure was reduced to \$250 as the result of an extra effort to put the County over the top and a determination has developed to collect this amount before abandoning the drive.

T. C. Byrum, chairman of the consolidated drive; J. H. Conger, Navy Relief chairman; Geddes Potter, USO chairman, and Mayor J. H. McMullan, chairman of Chinese Relief, have decided to raise the full quota, and while they have not appointed canvassers, they themselves will solicit contributions during the remainder of this week. Anyone who has not contributed, or if there are those who may want to make another contribution, they should see any of the above quartet, or Henry Gardner at the Bank of Edenton, who is treasurer.

The names of those who have contributed since the last list was published will appear in The Herald next week.

## War Ration Board In New Quarters

### Three Rooms Now Used In Citizens Bank Building

Chowan County's War Price and Ration Board is now in new quarters, having moved from the Council Chamber in the Municipal Building to the mezzanine floor in the Citizens Bank building, where three rooms are being used. The new quarters provide more room for the expanding duties of the Board, and eliminates a great deal of confusion in the Municipal Building.

The offices will continue to be closed to the public Tuesday and Thursday afternoons after 12 o'clock.

## Chowan Fails To Meet July Quota War Bond Sales

### \$29,686 of \$48,100 Quota Reported By Chairman Campen

### \$15,700 NEW QUOTA

### Lacking Goal Attributed Principally to Off Season

Chowan County fell short about \$18,414 in reaching the July quota of war stamps and bond sales, according to J. G. Campen, chairman of the County War Savings staff. Figures at the close of the month showed that sales amounted to \$29,686, compared with the quota of \$48,000, leaving a deficit of \$18,414.

Of the amount sold, the Bank of Edenton reported \$26,675 in bonds, while at the Post Office bond sales amounted to \$2,250 and stamp sales were \$761.

While Mr. Campen regrets that the County, for the first time, failed to reach the quota, he feels certain there is no lack of interest or cooperation, but attributes the fact primarily to present conditions in that this particular time is an off-season when there is little income from farms.

The County's August quota is \$15,700 and Mr. Campen feels certain that there will be little trouble in raising this amount.

## August Tire Quotas Announced By OPA

North Carolina's tire and tube quotas were announced by the Office of War Production, which provides for the State a total of 2,624 new tires, 8,493 recaps and 5,936 new tubes for passenger vehicles. Trucks, busses, farm equipment and such will receive 8,708 new tires, 10,768 recaps, and 10,072 new tubes. As a whole, North Carolina received a larger quota in all classifications for August than in July.

Chowan County's quota for the month includes:

- Passenger cars and motorcycles—New tires, 4; recapped, 27; new tubes, 17.
- Truck, bus, farm tractor, etc.—New tires, 46; recapped, 65; new tubes, 57.

## Commissioners Meet In Special Session Friday

Chowan County Commissioners will meet in special session Friday, despite the fact that their regular monthly meeting was held Monday. The purpose of this meeting is to take legal steps in the removal of churches, schools and cemeteries in the area to be used by the Marine Glider Base.

## Sound Side Road Abandoned Due To Marine Glider Base

### All But 15/8 Miles On North End Closed To Public

One of Chowan County's oldest roads has served its purpose and to make way for progress has been abandoned almost in its entirety. The road in question is the Sound Side road leading from a point opposite Neal Hobbs' store to the Yeopim road to the Albemarle Sound Bridge road, Route 32, at a point about a mile from the Albemarle Sound bridge.

The road is in the area to be occupied by the Marine Glider Base and has been abandoned at the request of the Navy Department. All of the road will be closed except about two miles from Neal Hobbs' store to a point a short distance from the house formerly occupied by C. Y. Parrish.

The road has been maintained by the State Highway and Public Works Commission, but was dropped from the system this week following action of the County Commissioners when they adopted a resolution to abandon the road in connection with construction of the Glider Base.

Of course, at present a few people will still live within the area served by this road, and these will have ingress and egress to their homes only by permits issued by the Navy Department.

## Chowan Salvage Committee Joins In Big Drive For Scrap

### Chairman Holland Calls Meeting Tonight In Court House

### NEEDED AT ONCE

### Plans Will Be Made For Long Range Program To Collect Scrap

R. C. Holland, chairman of the Chowan County Salvage Committee, has been informed by James B. Vogler, executive secretary for North Carolina, that every county, city and town in North Carolina is requested to hold a meeting of salvage committee members, workers and citizens tonight (Thursday) in order to participate in the collection of 392,000,000 pounds of scrap metals in the next six months.

Mr. Holland, therefore, has called a meeting to be held at the Court House tonight at 8 o'clock, when all members of the Chowan County Salvage Committee, as well as any others interested, are requested to be present.

The nation is in great need of scrap metals for use in the war effort and each county is urged to help in every way possible.

In connection with the six-month drive, Governor J. M. Broughton will speak at 8:30 on a hook-up between Charlotte and Raleigh, and possibly other stations.

Though a drive has already been made to accumulate scrap metals, the general impression prevails that much more scrap is available about farms, in basements and attics which is now doing no good, but which is needed at once to help smash the Japs and Nazis. Junk collected and sold to junk dealers is bought by the metals industry at established government contracted prices, so that there is no profiteering on the drive. The production of steel has gone up considerably, and to continue to produce as much as is necessary 6,000,000 additional tons of scrap steel is needed immediately.

Chowan County Salvage Committee is composed of the following:

- Chairman—R. C. Holland.
  - Mayor of City—J. H. McMullan.
  - Chairman Civilian Defense—E. W. Spires.
  - Fire Chief—J. H. Conger.
  - Chief of Police—G. A. Helms.
  - County Farm Agent—C. W. Overman.
  - Representative of Chamber of Commerce—J. W. Davis.
  - Representative of Rotary Club—Frank Holmes.
  - Representative of Masonic Lodge—S. C. Mills.
  - Representative of Lions Club—Ralph E. Parrish.
  - Representative Grocers and Merchants Association—W. M. Wilkins.
  - Representative of Home Demonstration Clubs—Miss Rebecca Colwell.
  - Representative of 4-H Clubs—John Winborne Privott.
  - Representative of Boy Scouts—H. A. Campen.
  - Representative of the American Legion—R. L. Pratt.
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## Term Of Superior Court In Chowan Begins Sept. 14th

### Judge R. Hunt Parker Scheduled To Preside Over Term

Chowan County will have a term of Superior Court the week of September 14, when both civil and criminal cases will be tried. Scheduled to preside over the term is Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids.

Jurors to serve during the court term were drawn from the jury box by the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday. Those who were drawn follow:

- D. M. Reeves, Junius White, M. W. Jackson, Guy Hobbs, R. E. Forehand, C. J. Hollowell, Lonnie Bunch, Thomas Cheers, James S. Lee, L. G. Bateman, C. F. Chappell, H. J. White, E. N. Howell, Herbert Hollowell, W. E. Jordan, G. P. Harrell, H. W. Layton, Allison Campen, Percy W. Nixon, Asa C. Griffin, A. M. Harrell, O. C. Twine, B. T. Boyd, W. H. Coffield, John L. Parrish, C. A. Bass, L. C. Briggs, Lloyd Peele, Jesse W. White, O. J. Forehand, Isaac Byrum, Paul Perry, E. W. Wilson, Andrew A. Parrish, E. A. Bunch, W. E. Bunch.

## Land Now Being Cleared At Glider Base For Erection Of Temporary Buildings

### Edentonians Puzzled By Air Raid Warning Sounded On Saturday

### Undetermined If Warning Was Test or the Real Thing

### UNPREPARED

### Citizenry Generally Failed to Comply With Usual Rules

It has not been definitely decided whether the air raid warning Saturday was a test or the real thing, E. W. Spires, Chowan County Civilian Defense Chairman, being under the impression that tests will be announced in advance. He, therefore, believes that some unidentified plane caused the warning.

Mr. Spires explains that the First Interceptor Command at Norfolk keeps its "finger" on the location of all friendly planes every minute, but there is always a chance that there could be miscalculation notwithstanding that they have reached a peak of virtual perfection.

"If this was a test," says Mr. Spires, "it did not find us at our best. We did have an opportunity, however, to detect the defects which will be beneficial in the future."

Further commenting on the warning, Mr. Spires said: "When an air raid alarm is sounded it is absolutely necessary for all cars to pull to the curb and all pedestrians get off the streets. We must do this, regardless of whether it proves to be only a test, or the real thing. As I said before, advance publicity will be given on tests; therefore, all alarms must be considered in the light of approaching danger. Otherwise, we may be caught unprepared and a disastrous result follow."

"Moreover, our people must understand that they are not to use their telephones during an air raid warning alarm until the "all-clear" signal of one long blast is later sounded. I have been told that the telephone operators were literally swamped with calls from people curious to know where the fire was, or if it was an air raid. No calls should be placed during such times, whether fire or air raid warnings. If this rule is adhered to, the lines will be kept open for emergency calls from the various wardens."

"I am sure the people want to cooperate, but just do not fully understand the necessity of adhering to these rules."

## Merchants And C. Of C. Join Forces

### Concrete Plan Will Be Submitted to Membership

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association met in the Court House Tuesday night, at which time it was decided to consolidate the two organizations, though no definite plan was submitted at the time. In order to work out the consolidation, Richard Elliott, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Ralph E. Parrish, president of the Merchants Association, will name two members of their respective groups and these six will formulate concrete plans to be submitted to the membership of both organizations at an early date.

There seems to be some complications in the amalgamation in that the merchants do not want to lose their identity, and desire to maintain an organization to be identified with the State Merchants Association as well as provide particular services for the merchants themselves. The situation was discussed at some length, when the suggestion was made that the two presidents and two associates from their group iron out the matter.

Tuesday's meeting followed a meeting held Thursday of last week when the matter of consolidating the two organizations was presented in an effort to form one larger and stronger group than at present with two organizations with many belonging to both.

### Size of Base Increased From 2,000 Acres to Approximately 4,000

### HOUSES SCARCE

### Help Will Be Employed As Need Develops At Base

With construction equipment already on the scene and more expected to arrive, actual work on the Marine Glider Base was begun early this week. The first work is confined principally to clearing land for the erection of temporary buildings, which will be erected in short order when the go-ahead signal is given. About 75 laborers have been employed in the clearing process, but when activities fall in full swing over 2,000 men will be employed at the base.

The construction work is in the hands of North Eastern, Warren, Beckham & Brooks, whose temporary headquarters are in the Kramer Garage building on West Water Street. That section of Water Street has been alive with activity all week, for hundreds have trailed there in search of employment at the base.

Though men by the hundreds have applied for jobs, employment will be given only as men are needed, which depends upon the progress of the work. It is necessary, however, that all seeking employment must clear through the employment office in the Kramer building. When employed, proper credentials will be issued so that those in charge at the base will know they are on the payroll and are entitled to work.

That the magnitude of the project has already increased is evident by the number of acres of ground to be used. At the outset it was expected to use from 2,000 to 2,500 acres, but this figure has now jumped to approximately 4,000 acres.

In connection with the Base, the Sound Side Road will be closed to the public in its entirety except for about two miles from Neal Hobbs' store to a point beyond the house (Continued on Page Two)

## Concern Expressed As To Safety Of Old Chowan Court House

### Second Floor Inspected Every Night By Project Manager

Though very desirous of cooperating with the construction of the Marine Glider Base and offering the second floor of the old Chowan County Court House as temporary quarters for Olsen, Dietrick, Carr and J. E. Griener, engineers and architectural contractors for the base, as well as an office for the appraisers, the Chowan County Commissioners on Monday expressed some concern as to proper precautions against fire in the building. With the room crowded with desks, tables and other necessary paraphernalia and many workers busily engaged in various duties, the possibility arose of some one carelessly throwing a lighted cigarette or cigar on the floor which might cause fire.

The Commissioners called in H. G. Stewart, project manager, seeking information as to whether certain types of dust-down or floor covering would reduce the hazard. Mr. Stewart, while realizing the worth of the building, expressed the opinion that any fire would most likely develop after working hours and said that he himself, being the last one out of the building, had been making a thorough investigation to see that there was no possibility of fire developing. He informed the Commissioners that he intended to continue this precaution so long as his concern is quartered in the building, which was satisfactory to the Commissioners.