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Civilian Defense Workers Inject Touch Of Reality In Monday Night's Blackout

Would-be Victims Treated By Red Cross First Aiders

ONE ARREST MADE

Spires and Byrum Well Pleased With Cooperation In Test

"Except for one violation, Chowan County's second black-out test Monday night was practically perfect, and the way it was handled by those in charge and the cooperation on the part of the citizens as a whole was reason for no little satisfaction on the part of E. W. Spires, county civilian defense chairman, and W. W. Byrum, chief county air raid warden, both of whom were free in their expressions of appreciation for the complete success of the black-out.

Of course, practically every person in the county was aware that the black-out test would be called except that the exact hour was not made public. The alarm was made at 9:41 and lasted 26 minutes. It was only a matter of seconds after the siren blasts at the power plant that not a single light could be seen, though the light of the moon helped those taking part to easily discover any irregularity during the test.

So well organized were the air raid wardens and special police, that the last key man to report that everything was well, made his report at 9:43, only two minutes after the black-out had been in effect. These reports were received by Leroy Haskett, assistant to W. W. Byrum, who was stationed in the Town Council Chamber, which was completely blacked-out.

Adding to the reality of the black-out was a quartet of ladies also in the Council Chamber, where they had arranged a first aid depot. The quartet was composed of Mrs. Roland Vaughan, Miss Gladsteyn Hester, Mrs. R. E. Leary and Mrs. D. M. Reaves, all of whom passed the Red Cross first aid and nursing courses. They were given an opportunity to demonstrate the lessons they were taught as would-be victims of the air raid were brought into the rooms.

These supposedly injured persons were Billy Deans and Willis Odum, reported to have broken legs, and Virginia Byrum, with a broken arm. This, however, did not complete the drill, for in each instance the ladies proceeded with the same kind of treatment as if the injuries had been real.

Then, too, R. N. Hines, superintendent of the Electric & Water Department, purposely opened a water main at Freemason and Broad Street and a fire hydrant at Church and Oakum Streets. This was done unknown to the air raid wardens and special police as a test to see just what they would do under the circumstances. Those on duty, however, were on the alert for anything out of the ordinary, in each instance the matter being reported to Mr. Haskett. (Continued from Page One)

Bank Opens Doors Wednesday Nights To Cash Checks

Service Inaugurated as Convenience For Air Station Workers

For the first time in its 48 years of existence, the Bank of Edenton, on Wednesday, began opening its doors at night, and will continue to do so during the construction of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station.

Every Wednesday night hereafter the bank will be open from 6 to 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of cashing checks for base workers, a service inaugurated as a convenience for those who desire to secure cash money for their checks.

Wednesday is pay day for base workers, and while checks are distributed during the greater portion of the day, employees remain on duty until 5 o'clock, at which time the bank is closed, making it very inconvenient to have checks cashed.

This new service, say bank officials, is only for the purpose of cashing base workers' checks and is not to be taken as a time for the public to transact its usual banking business.

"Praise Agent"

Judge Richard D. Dixon Favorably Received At Charlotte

"Our town has changed in the last several months," Paul quotes Judge Dixon as saying. "We had 4,000 people and now we have that many workers—a naval air station going up, you know. It certainly has changed our town. It was peaceful and quiet, but now it's a bustling town like other towns where war industries are thriving."

"Judge Dixon," writes Paul, "doesn't say whether he approves of the change which has come to his beloved Edenton. He just makes a report of the change, just as he collects information about Colonial Edenton. By the time his term expires as judge practically everybody in North Carolina will know a whole lot about Edenton. Judge Dixon will see to that."

That Judge Richard D. Dixon made a favorable impression in Charlotte, where he presided last week for the first time over Mecklenburg County Superior Court, is reflected in quite a lengthy article in the Charlotte News, as well as a large picture of the judge while apparently at ease and telling his hearers about his beloved home—Edenton.

The story was written by C. A. Paul, News staff writer, who referred to the judge as a "praise agent" for Edenton and a prince booster for the aged former capital of the State.

The writer apparently became very much interested in Mr. Dixon's knowledge of the town's history, for interspersed in the story are a number of interesting incidents in which there is nobody better versed than Edenton's contribution to the State Superior Court Bench.

Deserter From Army Returned Camp Lee

Colored Man Plays Skin Game to Get Money From Red Cross

Fred Blackburn, an army deserter from Camp Lee, Va., was on Wednesday taken back to his headquarters by Chief of Police G. A. Helms, having been arrested after it was learned that he worked a skin game to secure money from the local Red Cross.

Late last week Blackburn contacted Mrs. J. N. Pruden, putting up a plea that unless he could secure enough money to return to Camp Lee, he would be charged with AWOL. Mrs. Pruden immediately contacted Geddes Potter, in charge of this phase of Red Cross work, who instructed William Privott, manager of the Norfolk Southern Bus Station, to give him a ticket, for which the Red Cross would be responsible.

However, according to police, the Negro arrived after the bus left and again told Mr. Privott that unless he returned to Camp Lee immediately he would face an AWOL charge, but that he had a friend who would drive him to Norfolk for the bus fare. Mr. Privott then advanced the \$1.52 in cash. Subsequently Blackburn went to Mr. Potter with the story of missing the bus, saying that \$5 would get him back to camp in time. Potter advanced a five spot, but a day or so later discovered that the Negro was still in Edenton.

Chief of Police Helms was notified and Blackburn was placed in jail. Upon communicating with the commanding officer at Camp Lee, Chief Helms was informed that the Negro was a deserter and was wanted in camp. The Chief, therefore, left early Wednesday morning with his prisoner, returning Wednesday night.

Two New Lay Readers At St. Paul's Church

Bishop Thomas C. Darst has appointed two additional lay readers for St. Paul's Church, these being Ernest A. Swain and Marvin Wilson. The appointments bring the number of lay readers to five, the others being John W. Graham, A. Moore and E. R. Conger.

Farmers Cotton & Peanut Co. Newest Concern In Edenton

B. W. Evans, J. E. Davenport, E. J. Broughton Officers

TWO PLANTS Succeeds Evans Mills And Clark Peanut Co. Of Plymouth

Edenton's newest concern came into being last week when the Farmers Cotton and Peanut Company was organized, succeeding Evans Mills, Inc., of Edenton and the Clark Peanut Company of Plymouth. Officials of the new company are B. W. Evans, president; J. E. Davenport of Mackeys, vice president, and E. J. Broughton, formerly of Hertford, as manager.

It was at first the intention to move the Plymouth plant to Edenton, but due to war conditions this idea was abandoned and the plants will be operated separately, with Mr. Broughton as manager of both plants.

Mr. Broughton has had a considerable amount of experience in the cotton peanut and soy bean business. He was for 25 years connected with the Southern Cotton Oil Company in Hertford, after which he was located in Norfolk for 10 years, where he was interested in the cotton seed oil industry. He recently purchased the Plymouth concern, a peanut cleaning and shelling plant, from the Bain Peanut Company of Suffolk, and together with Evans and Davenport, organized the Farmers Cotton and Peanut Company. The new company will, however, have nothing to do with B. W. Evans' business at Tyner, where he will continue his cotton gin and dealing in seed cotton, cotton seed, peanuts, soy beans and corn.

Under the new arrangement the company will buy cotton, cotton seed, bale cotton, peanuts, soy beans and corn, as well as do custom ginning and exchange cotton seed for cotton seed meal.

At the Evans' gin in North Edenton the latest approved type of drying and cleaning equipment has been installed, and W. L. Langdale will continue to be in charge of this phase of the business.

Cash market prices will be paid for materials purchased and the trio of well-known business men solicit the business of a host of friends throughout the section.

Again Over Top

Chowan County again reached its quota in war bond purchases, J. G. Campen, chairman of the War Savings Staff, reporting that up to Wednesday sales had amounted to \$15,967. The quota for August is \$15,700, thus the county passed the quota by \$267, with five more days to go.

Of the sales reported, the Bank of Edenton is given credit for \$12,375, while bond sales at the Post Office amounted to \$2,750 and stamps \$842.

COTTON GINNERS IN CHOWAN PREPARE TO RENDER BETTER SERVICE TO FARMERS

New Equipment Being Added and Gins Put In First Class Condition For Coming Season; Boll Weevil Attacking Late Squares

Chowan County is on its way toward better ginning of cotton this fall, according to County Agent C. W. Overman, who reports that Fred P. Johnson, cotton gin specialist, has checked over the equipment in the gins and made recommendations to operators.

Two gidders are installing cotton dryers, one gin is installing two new gin stands and other gidders are operating in trying to put their ginning equipment in the best of condition for the ginning season.

All gidders have agreed, when requested by a producer, to gin cotton separately so as to prevent the mixture of seed that will be saved for next year's planting. The rolls will be dumped and the gins cleaned for seed before cotton for seed is ginned. This work, however, will be done at a time that is most convenient to the ginner.

Recent rains have stimulated new growth in cotton, tobacco and peanuts, reports County Agent C. W. Overman, who also observes that while in most cases a fair crop of

White Schools In County Unit Open Friday, Sept. 4th

Colored Schools Scheduled to Open Next Monday

TEACHERS MEET Very Little Change Necessary In Routes of School Buses

W. J. Taylor, superintendent of schools in the Chowan County Unit, announced this week that the Chowan High School and the Rocky Hook Central school will begin Friday September 4, while the Negro schools will begin August 31.

The faculty meeting for the white schools will be held Thursday afternoon, September 3rd, at Chowan High School at 3 o'clock. The faculty meeting for the colored schools will be held tomorrow (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock, in the office of the Board of Education in the Citizens Bank Building.

School bus drivers have been notified to meet the superintendent and principal at the Chowan High School at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, September 3rd, when their routes will be outlined and instructions given.

There has been no change of school bus routes to any great extent, and where changes have been made, it was done because of the location of the new drivers. All routes as traveled heretofore will be covered this year. Mr. Taylor announced that the book rental fees and the basis of renting books will be the same as heretofore, while laboratory and instructional supply fees will be announced by the respective schools.

Thus far a teacher for vocational agriculture to replace C. O. Myers, Jr., at Chowan High School, who has entered the U. S. Army, has not been secured, but the following teachers have been employed:

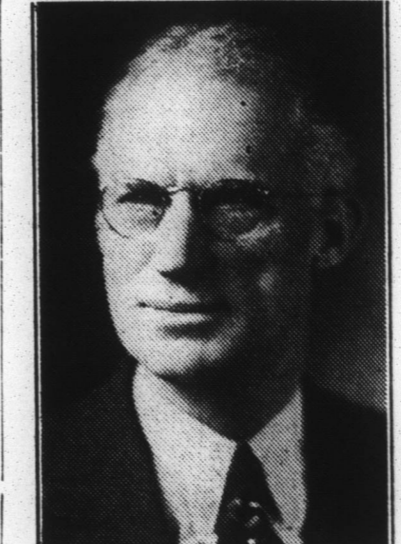
Jean Paul Barnett, principal, with Miss Dolly Myers, Mrs. John Byrum, Mrs. Thomas D. Hollowell, and Mrs. Charles T. Hollowell in the high school. In the elementary school will be Miss Eleanor Kidd, Miss Christine Miller, Miss Mildred Horner, Mrs. Nora Lane Boyce, Mrs. Nina B. Elliott, Miss Myra White Bunch, Mrs. Eunice Hobbs Ward, Miss Louise Wilson, and Miss Marie Anderson for home economics. Mrs. Ralph White has been contacted to continue to give piano lessons.

At the Rocky Hook Central School, Mrs. Mattie Nixon will teach and act as principal, being assisted by Mrs. Percy Parker and Miss Ada Morris. Janitorial services have also been provided.

The following teachers have been employed for the Negro schools: Mrs. J. E. B. Gilliam, Center Hill; Mrs. Thelma Spellman and Rosa Howcott Joyner, Hudson Grove School; William H. Creecy, Mrs. Harriett F. Creecy and Timie Jernigan, White Oak School; Mrs. S. J. V. Etheridge and Mrs. Naomi B. Hicks, Warrens Grove School; Chas. L. Fayton and Delilah Virginia Holley, Green Hall School, and Mary E. Harvey, Britts School.

J.G. Campen New President Of Consolidated Chamber Commerce And Merchants

Back In Harness



After having served as the first president of the Edenton Merchants Association J. G. Campen has been elected president of the Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, which two organizations consolidated last week.

Legion And Auxiliary Drive Nets Over 2,000 Records For Soldiers

Still Opportunity to Contribute Before Shipment Is Made

Though actual canvassing has been completed in the American Legion and Auxiliary drive to secure old phonograph records for the benefit of men in the armed forces, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pratt, commander and president, respectively of Ed Bond Post and the Legion Auxiliary, will this week accept any records which may be contributed for the purpose.

At the conclusion of the canvass over 2,000 records were accumulated, but Chowan's quota was set at 3,000, and it is the hope of both Mr. and Mrs. Pratt that this number will be secured.

The latter part of the week all records on hand will be shipped to national American Legion headquarters, so that any further contributions should be made at once. Not only records of further use are wanted but warped and cracked records as well for these will be melted and made into new records for the entertainment of soldiers in various USO centers throughout the nation.

While the quota has not been realized, both Mr. and Mrs. Pratt are very appreciative for the services of the canvassing committee as well as the cooperation on the part of those who made contributions.

Those who solicited records during the drive were: Mrs. Geddes Potter, Mrs. John A. Holmes, Mrs. Thomas J. Wood, Mrs. Wallace Jones, Mrs. Carroll Kramer, Mrs. Dan Carter, Mrs. D. M. Reaves, Mrs. West Byrum, Mrs. Philip McMullan, Mrs. Lloyd Griffin, Mrs. Ernest Ward and Mrs. Ernest White.

Questionnaire Aid At Armory Three Days

J. N. Pruden, Chairman of the Advisory Board for Chowan County Draft Board No. 1, announces that registrants who need assistance in filling out their occupational questionnaires may receive such assistance at the Armory on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 31, September 1 and 2.

C. L. McCullers Patient In Hospital At Duke

Friends will regret to learn that C. L. McCullers, former Edenton band director and Chamber of Commerce secretary, is a patient in Duke Hospital. According to information received from Mrs. McCullers, her husband in some way fell and crushed several ribs. He is now stationed at Camp Butler and was taken to Duke Hospital following the accident.

Parrish as Vice President Chairman Merchants Bureau

\$5,000 BUDGET Meeting of Membership 8 O'clock Tonight In Court House

Consummation of the consolidation of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association resulted last Thursday night when a meeting of the majority of directors of both organizations met in the Municipal Building, at which time an unanimous vote was recorded to merge the two groups under the name of Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association.

Officers for the new organization are a president, vice president, treasurer and six directors, three each elected from the old Chamber of Commerce and Edenton Merchants Association.

The meeting was presided over by Richard Elliott as temporary chairman, who, after it was voted to consolidate, appointed M. F. Bond, R. P. Badham and W. E. Malone as a nominating committee to retire and recommend a new slate of officers for the new organization. This committee named Richard Elliott as president, but the position was declined, Mr. Elliott saying his duties would not permit proper amount of time to serve. Subsequently, others were suggested and finally J. G. Campen agreed to shoulder the responsibility. Serving with him will be Ralph Parrish as vice president, and W. M. Wilkins as treasurer. Under the plan of organization, Mr. Parrish will act as chairman of the Merchants Bureau, which phase of the organization will provide about the same services for merchants as heretofore. The six directors include J. Clarence Leary, T. C. Byrum and Richard Elliott, coming from the former Chamber of Commerce, and from the Merchants Association are W. E. Malone, John Mitchener and Guy Hobbs.

Mr. Campen immediately appointed a by-laws committee consisting of R. P. Badham, John Mitchener and M. F. Bond. This committee will draw up a constitution and by-laws, which in large measure will correspond with those of the Merchants Association.

Another appointment was the Finance Committee, including W. M. Wilkins, Richard Elliott and T. C. Byrum. This group met immediately after the meeting, when, after a survey of the income of both organizations last year, a tentative budget of \$5,000 was set up for the year. If this amount can be raised, it is the purpose to employ a full-time experienced secretary. In the meantime Mrs. Jimmy Gibbs will be employed as secretary for the consolidated organization.

Both the Finance and By-laws Committees will have their reports ready to be presented to the membership at a meeting called for tonight (Thursday) in the Court House, at 8 o'clock. This will be an important meeting and for that reason President Campen, as well as other officers, urge all who are interested in the organization to attend.

Labor Problem

Not only has progress on the construction of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station been held up due to excessive rains, but a new problem has developed among laborers. Officials report that due to unskilled labor not willing to work continuously, work progress has been retarded and unless there is a change in attitude on the part of such laborers, they will be replaced with imported help.

Specialist To Work On St. Paul's Organ

St. Paul's vestry has authorized James N. Reynolds, Atlanta specialist on old organs, to tune the Eben organ in St. Paul's Church. Mr. Reynolds is expected to arrive within a few weeks to put the organ in first class shape. On a previous visit to Edenton, Mr. Reynolds inspected the old organ, which he termed as a priceless instrument.