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Chief Of Police G. A. Helms Decides To Continue In The Town Of Edenton's Employ

Council Turns Thumbs Down on Leave of Absence

SPECIAL MEETING

Councilmen Deem It Unwise to Set Dangerous Precedent

Failure of Town Council in special session Wednesday night of last week to grant Chief of Police G. A. Helms leave of absence in order that he might accept the offered position as chief of the guards at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, resulted in the Chief deciding not to accept the new position and continuing as Edenton's chief of police.

Present at the meeting were Lieutenant C. G. Pahl, officer in charge of construction of the base, and Chief Morris, second in command of the base guards. Both expressed the opinion that Chief Helms, because of his experience and acquaintance with local people, was admirably fitted for the position, and expressed the hope that the leave of absence would be granted.

Following Mr. Helms' request and remarks by the two above-mentioned, the Councilmen went into executive session and after thoroughly discussing the matter, decided that at this particular time the town itself needs experienced policemen, who are hard to employ, and for that reason it was deemed unfair and unwise to allow any member of the police force to work at the base at a much higher rate of pay until the job peters out and then be able to return to a former position.

Mayor J. H. McMullan, therefore, was instructed to call in Chief Helms and inform him that the Councilmen were unanimous in their rejection of his request for leave of absence and that if he decided to resign, his resignation would be considered. Mr. Helms asked for a few minutes to consider the matter and before the meeting adjourned, he informed the Board that he would decline the job offered him at the base and continue his duties as chief of police.

Because the opinion prevailed that Chief Helms would either be granted a leave of absence or resign, R. L. Pratt had his application before the Councilmen to be appointed chief of Police.

Surgical Dressings Quota Reached By Red Cross Sunday

Material Arrives Wednesday For September Quota of 16,200

With 143 Edenton ladies taking part, the Chowan County Chapter of the Red Cross on Sunday completed the last of 30,000 surgical dressings, which was the quota for August. Work on the dressings was late in starting due to material not arriving on time, but the volunteers went to the task with determination and worked like Trojans, so that the quota was reached in record time.

Material for making 16,200 dressings arrived Wednesday morning and work on this number, which is the September quota, will begin Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock in the Parish House. All supervisors are requested by Miss Corinne Forehand, the instructor, to be on hand 15 minutes ahead of schedule in order to receive final instructions before actually beginning the work.

Those in charge of this work are very well pleased with the cooperation and interest shown and are looking forward with confidence to the early completion of the September quota now that the material has arrived.

Both Mrs. W. H. Coffield, chairman of the surgical dressings service, and Mrs. J. N. Pruden, county chairman, are especially appreciative for having such model workrooms in the Parish House and are very grateful to the Parish for heat and lights, which were also furnished.

Still Calling

Chowan County's Draft Board received two more calls to furnish men for the army, the order being to send 30 white men and 30 Negroes during the month of November.

The white men will be sent to Fort Bragg on November 18, while the colored boys are scheduled to leave on November 2nd for their final physical examinations.

Edenton Gridders Win Opener From Williamston 7 To 0

Clyde Rector Races 70 Yards For Only Score

RAGGED GAME

Aces Face Tough Schedule of Eight More Games

Edenton High School's football team won the opening game of the season Friday night when it defeated Williamston High School on the latter's gridiron 7-0. With the bulk of the squad having little experience, more or less of a ragged game was played, many times drawing penalties for being offside and taking too much time in deciding and calling signals. The same was true of the Williamston team, except that instead of poor signal calling, punts were sent skyward which resulted in a greater part of the game being played in Williamston territory. It was the opening game for both teams.

The teams were about evenly matched with both gaining and losing ground due principally to miscues, very little ground being gained through each of the respective lines. Coach Roy Watson sent his boys into the game with a feeling of uncertainty, and while well pleased with a victory as a starter, he realizes that there is room for a lot of improvement in almost every department of the game. Undoubtedly, the outstanding feature of the game was (Continued on Page Five)

Annual Red Cross Roll Call Postponed

Junior Drive, However, Will Be Held as Usual In November

According to Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter, the 1943 roll call will not begin on Armistice Day as has been the custom the past few years, but instead will be held in connection with the War Fund drive which is scheduled to begin in March, the date of which has not yet been released.

The Junior Red Cross Roll Call will, however, begin on November 1, and will last throughout the entire month of November.

Mrs. Pruden, as well as the entire Chapter, regrets the resignation of Mrs. C. L. McCullers as chairman of the Junior Red Cross. Mrs. McCullers left Edenton when Mr. McCullers joined the army. A new chairman will be appointed before the roll call begins.

Albemarle Restaurant Finally Opens Doors

After being held up by one thing or another for over a month, Ernest Kehayes last week opened the Albemarle Restaurant on Broad Street, serving the first customers last Thursday night. The restaurant is modernly equipped and though still more accessories are awaited, a generous patronage has been enjoyed at the outset.

Mr. Kehayes expects to remain open all night just as soon as he can adjust his business and secure the necessary help.

Ready Response To Equip Kit Bags For Boys Going Abroad

Around 300 Assured According to First Report

QUOTA IS 400

Various Organizations Rally to Appeal of Chairman

With the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter asked to equip 500 kit bags to be given American boys who embark for foreign duty, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, county chairman, feels very optimistic that no trouble will be encountered in meeting the quota. Only last week she appealed to various organizations to furnish the money with which to buy material for these kits and already about 300 have been assured.

Ninety-five kits will be provided by the Home Demonstration Clubs and the Chowan County Service Club. This number will be donated as follows: Chowan Club, 25; Ward's Club, 10; Rocky Hook Club, 4; Ryland Club, 10; Enterprise Club, 13; Center Hill Club, 12; Byrd's Club, 6, and the Service Club, 15.

Twelve members of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church each contributed a kit, these being W. D. Welch, Rudolph Jordan, J. L. Savage, B. M. Hollowell, Miss Lena Asbell, Jimmy Bunch, Eugene Jordan, Winborne Hollowell, W. S. Welch, John Baker, J. C. Leary and C. J. Hollowell.

Fourteen Edenton individuals have contributed \$20 to equip 20 kits, and include: Mrs. L. W. Stallings, Mrs. J. L. Pettus, Mrs. W. H. Coffield, Miss Gladys Hester, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Mrs. O. M. Elliott, Mrs. R. G. White, Miss Edna Goodwin, Miss Lena M. Jones, Miss Paulina Hassell, Miss Mildred Menden, Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Jr., Miss Margaret Pruden and J. N. Pruden.

Aside from this number the Albemarle Peanut Company and the Edenton Peanut Company each agreed to equip 25 kits.

The Rotary and Lions Clubs have agreed to furnish a kit for each (Continued on Page Six)

Lack Quorum For Paralysis Meeting

Father McCourt Calls Another Meeting For Friday Night

Due no doubt to the black-out and several other meetings Tuesday night, a quorum failed to materialize for holding the meeting of the Chowan County Infantile Paralysis Chapter. The chairman, Father F. J. McCourt, therefore, called another meeting to be held Friday night of this week at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Building. This will be the annual meeting of the chapter and for that reason all members, as well as anyone interested in infantile paralysis activities are asked to make a special effort to be present, for several very important matters must be disposed of.

GROUNDWORK LAID FOR WELFARE AND RECREATION OF MARINES IN EDENTON

The Rev. W. C. Benson, as Temporary Chairman, Plans to Call Meeting Shortly to Organize Permanent Local Organization

Following a recent Rotary meeting at which he was guest speaker on the topic of Community Service and as the result of which he was asked to serve as temporary chairman, the Rev. W. C. Benson announced Wednesday that he has progressed to such an extent that he is ready to call a meeting to form a permanent organization in the interest of providing wholesome entertainment and recreation for the contingents of Marines expected to be located at the air station near Edenton when completed.

Mr. Benson delivered a splendid address at the Rotary meeting which so stirred the Rotarians that he was asked to undertake a movement in that direction. He immediately went to work and is now ready to call on the Rotary and Lions Clubs, American Legion, Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, Red Cross, Garden Club and the churches

Tuesday's Blackout Again Proves Very Well Carried Out

Lights Out and Traffic Cleared Four Minutes After Alarm

ONE ARREST

Spires and Byrum Well Pleased With Performance of Workers

Chowan County, on Tuesday night, joined in the first State-wide black-out and again the machinery was well-oiled and the test reported very successful. Those in charge were delighted with the efficiency of the various workers, who went about their duties like veterans, keeping black-out headquarters in the Municipal Building in touch with conditions throughout the town and part of the county.

The alert signal was received at 9:02 and the black-out alarm sounded at 9:15, lasting until 10 o'clock, when the all clear signal was sounded.

Leroy Haskett, assistant chief air raid warden, was stationed at the telephone, where he received reports from the senior wardens, which reports were tabulated by E. W. Spires, chairman of the County Civilian Defense Council. According to the reports it required four minutes to entirely black-out and clear the traffic. Reports from the wardens were made in the following order: Geddes Potter, (Continued on Page Two)

Canvassers Named To Get Members For C. Of C. - Merchants

Membership Committee Meets Prior to Tuesday's Blackout

ACTION NEEDED

Purpose Is to Secure, at Least 100 Members During Drive

T. C. Byrum, chairman of the Membership Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, met with his committee on Tuesday night prior to the black-out and completed arrangements for a swift and thorough canvass for membership in the organization. After discussing with his committee his purpose to complete this important work as soon as possible, eight canvassers were selected, who will be grouped in pairs to make the canvass.

Mr. Byrum reported that his list included 130 potential members and both he and President Campen feel that the organization should enroll at least 100 members without very much trouble.

At a previous meeting, the finance committee went over the list and arranged a tentative schedule of dues (Continued on Page Six)

County Civilian Defense Council Requests Another Year For Rev. W. C. Benson

Lucky

Due to the proper functioning of a sprinkler system a disastrous fire was no doubt averted at the Chowan Storage Company Saturday night. Upon arrival at the warehouse Sunday morning, Lloyd E. Bunch, manager, found the floor flooded and upon investigation discovered a number of bales of cotton smoking. Origin of the fire is a mystery and 10 bales of cotton were damaged by the slow-burning blaze.

John B. Wiggins Dies In Durham After Long Illness

Former Edenton Boy Official Hospital Care Association

POPULAR STUDENT

Funeral Held In Edenton Baptist Church Saturday

John Bowers Wiggins, aged 28, secretary-treasurer of the Hospital Care Association, died Thursday morning at 10:45 o'clock in Duke Hospital following several months of declining health. Born in Edenton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wiggins, he would have been 29 on December 18, 1942.

He was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1935, a member of Phi Beta Kappa scholarship fraternity, and went to Durham in that year. He interned in Business Administration for one year at Duke Hospital, then joined the staff of the Hospital Care Association. For the past three years he had been secretary-treasurer of the Association.

John Bowers was graduated from Edenton High School in the class of 1931. He was a very popular student and was awarded the Rotary Cup for being the student most outstanding in scholarship, citizenship and extra curricular activities. He was also a member of the football team in his senior year.

He was a member of the Lakewood Baptist Church and the Durham Lions Club.

Surviving are his widow, Grace Tillett Wiggins; one daughter, Betsy Wiggins, age 2 years; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wiggins of Edenton; one sister, Mrs. J. L. Hassell of (Continued on Page Six)

Stores Adopt Policy Of Remaining Open On Thursday Nights

Move Made to Accommodate Workers at Air Station

In a brief meeting held Tuesday afternoon after store closing time, a number of Edenton's merchants agreed to remain open Thursday nights hereafter until 9 o'clock.

The meeting to discuss the matter was called by J. G. Campen, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, who said he had had a number of requests that stores remain open at least one night during the week in order to accommodate workers at the Marine Corps Air Station who have no opportunity to shop during the day.

Auxiliary Meeting In Red Men's Hall

Having been granted permission to use the Red Men's Hall, the American Legion Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting in the Red Men's rooms above the Bank of Edenton Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. R. L. Pratt, president of the Auxiliary, is very anxious to have a large attendance and urges every member to be present.

Resolution Passed Monday Asking For Him To Be Returned

HERE FOUR YEARS

First Aid Equipment Ordered For Emergency Purposes

At a meeting of various chairmen of the Chowan County Civilian Defense Council held in the office of Chairman E. W. Spires Monday afternoon, a resolution was unanimously passed asking for the return of the Rev. W. C. Benson to the local Methodist Church for another year. Mr. Benson has served the Edenton Church for four years and aside from taking a prominent part in the religious, civic and fraternal life of the community, is chief of communications in the County Civil Defense organization.

The resolution was presented without Mr. Benson's being informed and in reply, he said that he has thoroughly enjoyed his stay in Edenton and that while here he was impressed and delighted with the cooperation received in any undertaking he had any part in. If he is returned, he promised to work for the welfare and betterment of the community in any way he can be of service.

The resolution, addressed to the Rev. Thomas McM. Grant, presiding elder, follows:

"Whereas, The First Methodist Church of Edenton has been served most ably by the Rev. Walter C. Benson for the past four years; and,

"Whereas, The Christian character, the affable nature and the energetic zeal of the Reverend Mr. Benson has endeared him to all who have had the good fortune of his advice and companionship; and,

"Whereas, We have been informed that the Board of Stewards of his Church has petitioned for his return to the Edenton Church; and

"Whereas, The Reverend Mr. Benson occupies a most vital position as Chief of Communications in our Civilian Defense organization for Chowan County.

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Lions Again Meet In Hotel Joseph Hewes

Interesting Film Scheduled For Next Monday's Meeting

After holding their weekly meetings for several weeks at Colerain and the Community Building at Cross Roads, the Edenton Lions Club on Monday night returned to Hotel Joseph Hewes, where there was a good attendance and a sense of satisfaction prevailing at coming "back home." The Lions were crowded out of their usual meeting place when the Navy Department was obliged to locate temporary quarters in the hotel until a temporary building had been completed at the base site.

A considerable amount of enthusiasm prevailed among the members and President J. Clarence Leary expressed the hope that every Lion would get back into harness after the forced "vacation." He particularly emphasized the importance of regular attendance in order to swing into activities of the fall season. A special appeal was made for a perfect attendance next week.

Charles H. Jenkins was a visitor at the meeting and in a few brief remarks, called attention to the opportunity Edenton and the club has at this particular time to do a splendid job of advertising for the town. With so many visitors here in connection with the Marine Corps Air Station, he said, club members and citizens as a whole should seize the opportunity to treat these visitors in such manner that even after they leave they will have only complimentary remarks regarding their treatment and dealings while living here.

At next week's meeting an interesting and instructive film will be shown from the State Blind Commission and sponsored by the Lions Club of the State. For this meeting special invitations to attend will be extended to the County Commissioners, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, acting superintendent of welfare, Representative John F. White and Senator Herbert Leary.