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Listing Property For Taxation Will Begin Tomorrow

Property Owners Urged To List as Early as Possible

Beginning tomorrow (Friday) and continuing throughout the entire month of January every citizen in Chowan County will be required to list all real estate and personal property for taxation, as well as polls listed by all male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years.

Machinery has been set up for this listing by Tax Supervisor P. S. McMullan which includes tax lists in each of the four townships. For the convenience of listing property, a schedule has been arranged for the tax lists to sit at convenient places on certain days, while they will also be glad to accommodate any property owners on any other day at the tax lists' homes.

The schedule to be carried out follows:

First Township, Mrs. P. S. McMullan, tax lister—At the Court House every week day from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Second Township, T. A. Berryman, tax lister—Henry Bunch's Store, Jan. 12; E. L. Belch's Store, Jan. 14 and 28; Elbert Peele's Store, Jan. 19; W. L. Miller's Store, Jan. 21; Evans' Mill Office, Jan. 26; other days at home from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Third Township, P. L. Smith, tax lister—Spivey's Store, Jan. 7 and 21; G. A. Hollowell's Store, Jan. 14 and 28; L. C. Briggs' Store, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Other days at home from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Fourth Township, C. W. Parker, tax lister—M. C. Hobbs' Store, Jan. 9, 16 and 23; R. E. Coffield's Store, Jan. 30. Other days at home from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

It will again be necessary for farm owners and tenants to furnish facts relative to crop acreage in 1942, as well as other information regarding property. This information should be prepared prior to listing taxes, includes acreage for each crop harvested during 1942; number of horses, mules, cows, sows, ewes and hens on farms in January, 1943; number of people living on farm in January, 1943; number of threshing machines, combines, peanut pickers, farm tractors and farm trucks. While this farm information is not used for tax purposes and will be considered confidential, it is mandatory and must be furnished in order to provide farm data for State and National agencies.

Property must be listed during January and failure to do so will result in a penalty. Tax Supervisor McMullan, as well as the individual tax listers, urge all property owners to attend to this matter as early in the month as possible in order to eliminate a rush and loss of time near the close of the month.

Masons Install Officers Tonight

S. C. Mills New Master Of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7

New officers for 1943 will be installed at tonight's meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., with the Rev. W. C. Benson, a past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, officiating.

The new officers to be installed will be S. C. Mills, who succeeds Louis E. Francis as master; W. J. Daniels, senior warden; J. E. Jackson, junior warden; C. H. Wood, treasurer, and J. Edwin Bufflap, secretary.

At the same time the appointive officers selected by the new master will also be installed. All members of the lodge and visiting Masons are urged to attend.

Registrants Required To Report Births To Local Draft Board

In order to eliminate complications, the Chowan County Draft Board is requesting all men who are registered to have an increase in the family to report the matter at once to the board, giving the name of the baby as well as the date of birth.

This will be to the advantage of those concerned for if necessary classifications can be attended to, instead of men reporting to be sent away and at the last minute informing draft officials that they have become a father since their registration and classification.

Lagging

Despite the fact that city automobile licenses must be displayed not later than January 1, Miss Louise Coke on Tuesday had sold only 51 licenses for 1943. This trails by far last year's sales, when at the same time she had sold 279.

The city's license this year is a paper sticker which must be attached to the windshield. This form was adopted due to the scarcity of metal as used heretofore.

Chowan Boy Cited For Outstanding Performance Duty

Leslie Alexander on a Vessel Attacked By Enemy

In an Associated Press story sent from Washington, D. C., on Monday a Chowan County boy was among 10 seamen receiving a letter of commendation for outstanding performance of duty during enemy attacks.

The Edenton youth was Leslie Carroll Alexander, 17, a second class seaman, who was a member of an armed guard crew on a merchant vessel.

Young Alexander is a son of Joseph Thomas Alexander, whose home is on Route 2.

Cotton Ginning Far Ahead 1941 Figure

1,714 More Bales Ginned From Year's Crop Prior to Dec. 13

Ginning of cotton in Chowan County continues to lead by far last year's figures showing that prior to December 13, there were 1,714 more bales ginned than at the same time last year.

A report of F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census shows that 5,594 bales of cotton were ginned in the county from the 1942 crop prior to December 13. This compares with 3,880 bales ginned at the same time last year from the 1941 crop.

Quinn's Furniture Store Closed New Year's Day

In order to observe New Year's Day as a holiday, Quinn's Furniture Store will be closed all day Friday. Business will be resumed as usual, however, on Saturday morning.

Registration For Liquor Ration Book Reduced To One Day Every Week

With the number of people registering for whiskey ration books greatly reduced, the Chowan County ABC Board on Wednesday abandoned the daily registration plan and hereafter will accept applications only one day each week.

Wednesday will be devoted to this registration hereafter, on which day applicants must apply at the local ABC store to secure their coupons. The registration has been in progress since December 7.

Sale Of Auto Tabs Leading Last Year

Today Deadline to Drive Car Without New License

Sale of 1943 automobile tabs is leading last year's sales at the same time, according to Miss Goldie Layden, branch manager of the Carolina Motor Club, where the licenses are sold. Up to Tuesday Miss Layden had sold 1,990 licenses which compares with 1,950 last year, or an increase of 40. However, Miss Layden expected a rush on Wednesday and Thursday which is usually the case on the final days.

There will be no extension of time to display the new tab, which is to be attached to the 1942 tag, so that all who intend to drive their cars unmolested by officers have only today to purchase and display the 1943 license.

Edenton Postoffice Business Breaks All Records This Year

Volume Reported to Be Largest In History of Local Office

Though all reports had not been completed Tuesday at the Edenton post office, Postmaster C. E. Kramer was not reluctant in estimating that this year's Christmas business was by far the largest ever experienced in the local post office.

During the holiday season 61,400 one and a half-cent stamps were sold while three-cent stamp sales totaled 30,100.

Other branches of the business transacted in the office increased in similar proportions, according to Postmaster Kramer.

Though the office was swamped with mail weeks before Christmas, everything was cleaned up by Christmas Eve, so that it was not necessary to work on Christmas Day as had been thought necessary several times during the height of the rush.

Bank Will Be Closed For New Year Holiday

Tomorrow (Friday) being New Year's Day, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day in observance of the holiday. The bank, however, will not observe a double holiday, the doors being opened Saturday as usual for regular business.

Red Men Install New Officers Next Monday

Officers for the first six months in 1943 will be installed next Monday night by Chowan Tribe of Red Men. The elective officers include William R. Israel, prophet; Jack Mooney, sashem; Eric Haste, senior sagamore; Wesley Chesson, junior sagamore; Raleigh Hollowell, chief of records; Arthur Hollowell, collector of wampum; W. J. Daniels, assistant collector of wampum; J. Edwin Bufflap, keeper of wampum.

At the same time officers appointed by the new sashem will also be installed, the ceremony to be performed by J. Edwin Bufflap, tribal deputy. All present and new officers are especially anxious to have a large number of the members present.

Few Arrests Made During Holidays

Although numerous arrests have been the order in Edenton over recent week-ends, the Christmas week-end proved to be very quiet for members of the police force. Only five arrests were made and all of these were minor offenses, principally for drunkenness.

Rotary Club Calls Off Today's Meeting

As was the case last week, there will be no meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club today. Both last week and this week the regular meetings were abandoned due to the Christmas and New Year holidays. The usual cost of both meals will be sent to Rotary International as a contribution to the relief of Rotarians and their families in the war theatre who have been victims of the war.

The regular meetings will be resumed next week, when it is hoped every member will be on hand.

Western Auto Store Will Close Its Doors About January 15th

Ralph Parrish Takes Job With Boney Construction Company

Ralph Parrish, owner and operator of the Western Auto Store, left Edenton Wednesday for Williamsburg, Va., where he has accepted a position as office manager for the Boney Construction Company. The concern is now building a dam across the Chickahominy River at Walker to provide a water supply for that region.

Mr. Parrish has operated the local Western Auto Store since December 1, 1937, a little over five years, and has enjoyed a profitable business. The store will be operated until about January 15 by Mrs. Parrish, after which the stock on hand will be sold and she will join her husband.

Spires Impressed With Honor Roll In Chowan Herald

Civilian Defense Chairman Says Idea Fitting Recognition

Clerk of Court E. W. Spires, early this week, expressed his pleasure relative to the county and city governing bodies sponsoring publication in The Herald last week of the names of young men and women from Chowan County now in the service of their country. "It was a fitting means of giving public recognition," he said, and advanced an idea that further lists should be made public so that not a single name is omitted.

The list was as accurate as could be obtained, but even so some names were missed due to volunteers as well as some Chowan County boys inducted from other points not being recorded on the books of the local Draft Board.

Mr. Spires is chairman of the Chowan County Civilian Defense Council and his letter to The Herald follows:

"It is with much interest that I read the Roll of Honor in your good publication last week in which was a list of our boys and girls who have answered the high call to duty in our struggle against the tyrants who seek to destroy the institutions that we cherish so dearly.

"Since the fund that is to be raised is to be used for a permanent memorial at the close of the present war, I think this a very fitting means of giving public recognition to our boys and girls now.

"I think it would be an excellent idea if this list were published from time to time so that others who later join the growing ranks may likewise receive this honorable mention."

Christmas Seal Sale Lacking Around \$60 Of Reaching Quota

Mrs. R. C. Holland's Report, However, Still Incomplete

With reports still incomplete Mrs. R. C. Holland, treasurer of the Christmas Seal Sale, reported Tuesday that she lacked about \$60 of meeting the \$600 quota set up for Chowan County this year. Mrs. Holland has not received the report from the Edenton school and there yet remains a few individuals who have not returned the Seals or their contribution, so that she has not given up hope that the quota will be reached.

Mrs. Holland was especially well pleased with the report from the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, where \$70.34 was received through the sale of the Seals.

Contributions received, since the last list was published include the following:

Glen Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. Willie White, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Privott, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Parrish, Mrs. R. P. Cheshire, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Webb, Mrs. H. C. Brinkley, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mitchener, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Byrum, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. White, Kenneth Floors, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conger, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Saunders, Dr. J. W. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. William Corprew, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perry, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Haskett, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hassell, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Long, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones, Sidney W. White, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Byrum, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rea, Vernon Asbell, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Campen, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Reaves, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilkins, Mrs. Thomas W. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Small, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cuthrell; Chowan High School, \$16.10; White Oak School, \$3.75; Warren Grove School, \$2.50; Center Hill Colored School, \$1.00; Greenhill School, \$2.25; Hudson Grove School, \$2.00; Britt's School, \$1.50; Rocky Hook School, \$3.00; Edenton Colored High School, \$26.04; U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, \$70.34.

Are There Others?

Since the appearance in The Herald last week of the list of names of young men and women from Chowan County now in the Nation's armed forces, at least five names have been reported as being omitted. These five were Robert Steele Savage, William Carlton Mason, Otha Whit Wilkins, James Russell Winslow and James Carson Stallings.

There are, no doubt, still others from Chowan County in various branches of the service and The Herald would be very grateful to have such names reported by relatives or friends so that the list will be complete.

Merchants Enjoy Splendid Business For Holiday Buying

Many Shelves and Show Cases Bare In Edenton Stores

Hardly without exception, Edenton merchants this year enjoyed the most generous Christmas business in their careers and, according to comment about the only way to have done more business would have been to be able to secure more merchandise. And even then, in some instances, it would have been problematical if more or larger sales could have been made by the clerks employed for the holiday rush. Many shelves and show cases were bare in some stores long before closing time on Christmas Eve, and in many items merchants could have sold much more had the merchandise been on hand.

Postoffice Observes New Year Holiday

Holiday hours will be observed on Friday, New Year's Day, at the Edenton post office. The stamp and parcel post window will be open only from 11 to 12 o'clock in the morning, while there will be no delivery of mail on either the city or rural routes.

Chowan Asked For 35 More Men For Army

Chowan County's Draft Board has received another call for 35 white men who will be sent to Fort Bragg for their physical examination on February 4. Under the new selective service system this group has been designated for army duty.

21 Negroes Leave For Fort Bragg Saturday

On Saturday morning 21 Chowan County colored boys have been ordered to report to Fort Bragg to undergo their final physical examination before induction into the Army. The group will leave from the Edenton Armory at 8 o'clock and every one is ordered to be on hand at that time.

The boys comprising the group will be: John E. Lowther, James A. Holley, Herman W. Holley, George Thomas Waff, John S. Bembry, Chas. R. Hathaway, Richard Lee White, Joe Spruill, James Blount, George W. Cooper, Daniel A. Bowser, Edward S. Williams, Wesley L. Jordan, Wm. W. Backus, Robert L. Nowell, Joseph C. Edney, Alexander Holley, Wm. E. Holley, John Granby, Joseph W. Vann and Timothy Johnson.

Another Life Lost In Highway Wreck

Norfolk Man Collides With Norfolk Southern Bus

Another fatal accident near Edenton occurred Tuesday night of last week when Paul E. Sealand, of Norfolk, Va., about 50 years of age, was killed about two miles from Edenton on the Windsor highway.

The accident occurred when the car Sealand was driving collided with a Norfolk Southern bus filled with holiday passengers. He was badly mangled in the crash, an investigation showing that he received compound fractures of arms and legs, a fractured skull and back injuries. The car was demolished and the bus came to a halt in an adjoining corn field.

Some passengers on the bus were badly shaken up and the driver, Raymond Haynes, who is said to be one of the company's best drivers, was also slightly injured.

New Rationing Plan Will Go Into Effect Early In February

Appeal to Patriotism Is Made to Prevent Hoarding

Radios in Chowan County as well as the nation at large, were tuned to a broadcast Sunday night when Food Administrator Claude Wickard and Elmer Davis, director of War Information, announced a rationing scheme which will go into effect early in February and will affect all kinds of canned goods, dried and frozen fruits and vegetables. Both Wickard and Davis explained that the purpose of the rationing scheme was to protect the supply of necessary foods for the fighting forces as well as to insure an equitable distribution on the home front.

Both speakers stressed the fact, however, that there is no reason to become alarmed in the belief that there will not be sufficient food for both service men and the civilian population, though they were frank in saying that the latter group will not be able to buy as much of everything they desire or as they would like.

The speeches also warned against black-marketing and hoarding, for which heavy penalties will be imposed for violation of the plan of rationing. Under the plan it will be necessary for consumers to list stocks on hand when registering for War Ration Book No. 2 and according to a point system adopted to the various foods affected, stamps will be torn from the book when issued.

Mr. Wickard said that while there may not be as much pleasure in eating, there will be enough food for an adequate and healthy diet.

Following the broadcast, protests were registered due to the rationing scheme being announced a month ahead of the time it will go into effect, the argument being advanced that no previous announcement should be made, which would have a tendency to curb tipping off trade speculations, pantry hoarders and pocketbook patriots.

Both Wickard and Davis expressed the opinion that the civilian population is entitled to know what the government contemplates doing in connection with the war effort and appealed to the patriotism of the American people to prevent hoarding or securing more than their individual share of the food available.

Lions Distribute 25 Baskets Among Families In Need

Annual Custom Again Carried Out By Edenton Club

In the neighborhood of twenty-five needy families were made happy on Christmas morning when they were presented baskets chock full of groceries and fruits, as the result of the annual custom of the Edenton Lions Club. These baskets were distributed in both the town and rural sections, the work being in charge of the Rev. W. C. Benson.

Every year the Lions Club looks forward with pleasure to the distribution of these baskets among poor families and, as usual, the recipients were very appreciative for being remembered and helped at a time when the things received were needed.

Two New Flags Now Adorn Methodist Pulpit

At last Sunday's service in the Methodist Church the congregations were pleased to see two new and beautiful flags placed near the pulpit. The flags, one the American flag, and the other the Christian flag, were furnished by the various organizations of the church and will be permanent fixtures in the church.

In referring to the flags the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Benson, said, "This church will stand by the Stars and Stripes, backed by the flag of the Cross."

County Offices Closed Two Days To Observe New Year's Holiday

With Governor J. M. Broughton declaring New Year's Day a State holiday, county offices will be closed all day Friday as well as Saturday. Any important matters, therefore, should be attended to before closing time today (Thursday).