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Owners Of Cars Rounded Up For Alleged Violation Of Law On Driving For Pleasure

Unusual Conditions Responsible For Change In Plans

VERY AGREEABLE

Canvass Scheduled to Be Held Latter Part of January

Due to much sickness at the present time among members of the committee for the celebration of the President's Birthday and among the other people of this county, and owing also to recent prohibition of using gas for pleasure, limitations of heating fuels and other abnormal conditions and circumstances, the date that was announced as the climax to the celebration of the President's birthday for the benefit of infantile paralysis victims has been substituted by a house-to-house canvass for funds, stated the Rev. Father F. J. McCourt, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Father McCourt phoned the suggested change to Ralph McDonald, State chairman for the celebration of the President's birthday, and was promptly assured of Mr. McDonald's hearty agreement and approval.

The State chairman said the latter method should raise three or four times as much and, with the elimination of expenses of orchestra, printing, advertising, decoration, heat and lights, Father McCourt feels that the goal will be reached.

The co-chairmen of the campaign, Mrs. W. H. Coffield, Mrs. J. N. Pruden and Mrs. W. H. Bolling, are enthusiastic over the change, readily and kindly agreeing to personally make the house-to-house canvass and within the next few days will meet with Father McCourt to plan their respective routes.

Since a number of infantile paralysis cases have been brought to the chapter's attention and its funds are low, everybody is hereby urged to make as generous a contribution as each one can afford to this praiseworthy cause when called on about the latter part of this month. The supply of paper coin collectors has been exhausted and 50 more telegraphed for should arrive shortly.

Over 200 Present At Town's Oyster Roast Held Monday Night

Both Food and Fellowship Feature Annual Affair

Over 200 men, most of who were members of the administrative personnel at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, went to the power plant on Monday night, ate their fill of steamed oysters, enjoyed a season of fellowship and went away grateful to the Town of Edenton for being guests at the Town's annual oyster roast. The affair was originally planned to be held out doors, but due to the uncertainty of the weather, the street department's equipment was moved from the plant Monday morning and tables were erected which fairly well accommodated the large crowd on hand.

As usual at meal time, quite a few were on hand at the appointed hour of 7:30 and immediately employees of the street department and electric and water department went to work and continued busy until about 10 o'clock, when the last ones gave up and admitted they had enough.

A splendid spirit of fellowship prevailed throughout the evening and before leaving many of the visitors expressed their appreciation for being invited and were very complimentary in their remarks regarding the way the affair was carried out, as well as the style in which the oysters were served.

It was a very informal affair, the groups as they arrived at the power plant immediately finding a table, where they were at once faced with a pile of steaming oysters, which only a few hours before were brought from Beihaven. There was no speech-making and apparently every one attending thoroughly enjoyed the affair.

Walk Or Else

Many inquiries have been received by The Herald relative to lodging automobiles to lodge meetings, which is apparently in the same category as pleasure driving. As the result of an inquiry on the part of this newspaper, the Chowan War Price and Ration Board, on Wednesday, released a ruling on the matter by Norman Shepard, chief attorney for OPA.

The ruling specifically included civic clubs, fraternal groups, Parent-Teacher Associations, book and bridge clubs, sewing circles and all other social organizations.

It is also a violation of the order to drive to an eating place when other means of securing meals are nearer.

Volunteers Asked To Fill Kit Bags For Men Going Abroad

550 Bags Made By Women and Girls Groups In County

SPLENDID JOB

Workers Asked to Meet In Assembly Room at Cupola House

With 550 kit bags completed for service men who leave for overseas duty, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan Chapter of the Red Cross, is calling for volunteers to fill these bags so that they may be immediately forwarded to headquarters. She is asking any who will help in this work to be in the Assembly room of the Cupola House either tomorrow (Friday) afternoon and night or next Monday afternoon and night, during which time it is hoped to have all the kits ready for shipment. The afternoon meeting on both days will be at 2:30 o'clock, while the night meetings will be at 7 o'clock.

The kit bags were made by members of the Chowan County Home Demonstration Clubs and students in the home economic classes at the Edenton and Chowan High Schools, and when filled, Mrs. Pruden says she believes will compare favorably with kit bags sent from any chapter. She is delighted with the work done in making the bags and hopes she will secure the same kind of cooperation in filling them.

More Books Needed For Men In Service

All Discarded Books Requested to Be Sent To Library

Another Victory Campaign for books has been launched to secure reading material for men in the armed forces, which is again sponsored by the American Library Association, the USO and Red Cross.

Last year in Edenton during the campaign a house-to-house canvass was made as the result of which 1000 books were contributed for the purpose. This year, however, no canvass will be made, but just as urgent appeal is made for discarded books, which should be taken to the Shepard-Pruden Library, where they will be forwarded to the proper place.

Joseph Long Promoted To Major In Army

Joseph J. Long, Jr., has been promoted to major in the U. S. Army. Major Long is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

MOVE TO SOUTH CAROLINA
Friends will be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker, formerly of Edenton, have been transferred from Hoffman, N. C., to Orangeburg, S. C.

Special Meeting Of County Merchants Called Friday Night

In Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Citizens Bank Building AT 8 O'CLOCK

Matter of Vital Importance to Every Merchant In County

J. G. Campen has called a meeting for Friday night which is of vital importance to every merchant in Chowan County, and for that reason he is appealing to every merchant, both large and small, in the county to be present.

The meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the Citizens Bank Building at 8 o'clock. So important is this meeting, says Mr. Campen, that unless proper steps are taken immediately there is a strong possibility that some of the county's merchants will be forced to close their doors during the year.

Mr. Campen further emphasized the fact that this is not a Merchants Association meeting and that it is no scheme to secure members in the Association. For that reason he is very anxious to have every merchant present whether he is a member of the Association or not. "A matter of vital importance to all merchants has developed," said Mr. Campen, "and I hope every one will make a special effort to attend."

Chowan County Is Over The Top For Christmas Seal Sale

Mrs. R. C. Holland Reports Contributions Totaling \$601.38

Mrs. R. C. Holland, treasurer of Chowan County's Christmas Seal Sale, was very happy Wednesday morning when she was able to report that the County reached its quota of \$600 in the Christmas Seal sale. Contributions received during the week brought the total to \$601.38, and a few more who received the Seals have not made a return. These Seals are requested to be sent in at once so that the campaign can be entirely closed.

Mrs. J. A. Moore is also very well pleased with this year's drive, when the quota was substantially boosted for the county, and she, together with Mrs. Holland, desires to express their thanks and appreciation to every one who purchased the Seals, as well as to those who assisted in the drive.

Contributions heretofore not acknowledged in The Herald include:

J. B. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Oglesby, Sheriff and Mrs. J. A. Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Waff, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tynch, Mrs. E. S. Norman, Mrs. B. F. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bateman.

Bank Closed Tuesday For Lee's Birthday

Next Tuesday, January 19, is Robert E. Lee's birthday, which holiday will be observed by the Bank of Edenton. The bank will, therefore, be closed all day so that patrons are requested to arrange their banking business accordingly.

Greater Albemarle Calls Off Meeting

A meeting of the Greater Albemarle Association, which was scheduled to be held tonight (Thursday) in Plymouth, has been postponed due to the gasoline situation. Host for the meeting was to have been Floyd Cohoon, who had planned a quail supper.

Directors Of Bank Of Edenton Meet Today

Directors of the Bank of Edenton will hold their annual meeting this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the directors' room and due to the splendid report for the year, every director is especially urged to be present.

Town Councilmen Face Little Business At Meeting Tuesday

Criticism Directed at Filling Station on Broad Street

MAY BE PADLOCKED

Ask Commissioners to Transfer Radio to Police Station

Little business was presented to Town Council at its monthly meeting Tuesday night, one of the most important items being the acquisition of a short wave radio for the police department. E. W. Spires and T. C. Byrum, on behalf of the Civilian Defense organization, urged Town Council to purchase a suitable radio which would not only aid the Civilian Defense program, but would also be of invaluable service to the Police Department.

At present, the police have a small radio, the reception of which is very poor and is altogether inadequate for police duty. The Councilmen agreed that the radio is necessary, but advanced the opinion that possibly the County Commissioners would enter into an agreement to transfer the radio in the Sheriff's Office to the Municipal Building. To substantiate this idea was the argument that the Sheriff's Office is closed at night, whereas the police are on duty 24 hours every day, and that any matters pertaining to the county could very readily be relayed to the Sheriff. Besides, it was pointed out, due to the office set-up and nature of their work much time is spent at police headquarters by Sheriff J. A. Bunch and highway patrolmen. So much merit was seen in the change and the folly of having an identical machine only about 100 yards away, that Albert Byrum and David Holton were appointed to confer with the County Commissioners relative to moving the Sheriff's radio to the police station.

Another matter claiming the attention of the Councilmen was a small filling station on North Broad Street, the scene of a shooting affair Sunday. The place was termed a nuisance of the first order and if some of the Councilmen would have had their way, it would have been padlocked as soon as officers could have arrived on the scene. Following a discussion, during which severe criticism was aimed at the place, Mayor J. H. McMullan was instructed to confer with Town Attorney W. D. Pruden Wednesday relative to the proper legal procedure to padlock the place. Peter De Jesus, operator of the station, is now in jail following the shooting of Edward Boyce Sunday afternoon.

Women Of County Asked For Discarded Silk And Nylon Hose

Collection Centers Will Be Established In Retail Stores

Both the Navy and War Departments have requested large stocks of silk and nylon to be provided through the salvage of silk and nylon stockings. These are essential in the production of certain war materials and the supplies on hand are limited. The public, therefore, is asked to donate all worn and discarded, washed silk and nylon stockings for use of the Government in the war effort.

Miss Rebecca Colwell, chairman of the Women's Division of the County Salvage Committee, says collection centers will be set up in all retail stores having women's and misses' hosiery departments, where women in the county who have silk or nylon hose to donate may take them. Or they may either take or send their contributions to a home demonstration meeting if they are not near a collection center.

Still Opportunity To Buy Trees And Plants

Prior to Christmas, orders for fruit trees, pecan trees, strawberry and dewberry plants throughout the county amounted to about \$250. There is still an opportunity to be included in the order if needs are reported at once to either Miss Rebecca Colwell or C. W. Overman. Cash must accompany the order.

House-To-House Canvass For Funds Will Take Place President's Birthday Ball

Record Breaker

Now a three million dollar institution, the Bank of Edenton's latest report is by far the best in the history of the bank. As of December 31, 1942, deposits amounted to \$2,862,869.05 which compares with \$2,091,903.35 on December 31, 1941.

Gains have been made in practically every department, the Christmas Club going far ahead of previous years both in the number of members and the amount distributed prior to the holidays. Stocks and bonds have increased from \$154,762.49 last December to \$437,642.50, while cash on hand and due from banks is \$1,530,140.90 compared with \$940,088.77 last December.

Red Cross Canteen Course Will Get Under Way Friday

Mrs. Cale and Miss Anderson Will Serve as Instructors

START 3:30 O'CLOCK

Classes Will Be Instructed In Edenton High School

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan Chapter of the Red Cross, has announced that a Red Cross canteen course will be given by the Chowan Chapter, beginning Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the home economics room of the Edenton High School. Mrs. Frank Cale and Miss Marie Anderson will serve as instructors of the course.

All those who have completed the Red Cross nutrition course are eligible for this course, as well as those who have received the Red Cross certificates as canteen aides.

Mrs. Pruden would like it to be generally known that the Office of Civilian Defense and the American National Red Cross have an official agreement that the Red Cross is the agency responsible for furnishing the basic necessities for relief of suffering caused by enemy action or fire, flood or epidemic, and because of this fact in this present period of emergency it is necessary to organize immediately the chapter's canteen corps so as to provide volunteer workers for group feeding if any disaster occurs.

Mrs. Pruden, therefore, requests that all who are qualified for this course be present to enroll in the class when it begins next Monday afternoon.

Edward P. Boyce Shot In Throat

Injury Follows Argument In Filling Station

Edward P. Boyce was rushed to Tayloe Hospital in Washington, N. C., Sunday night as the result of a bullet lodged in his throat following an argument with Peter DeJesus, operator of a small filling station on North Broad Street. DeJesus and Boyce were tussling when the former pulled out a revolver and fired toward Boyce's head, the bullet entering the front of his throat, but not going through his neck.

De Jesus, when arrested, told police officers he shot in order to get Boyce away from him.

Another shooting affair occurred last week when John Henry Alexander, 32-year-old crippled Negro, shot Katie Leary, 15, in the abdomen. Police say Alexander shot the girl when he told her he was going to shoot her and she replied that he would not. The girl was also taken to Tayloe Hospital and Alexander was arrested.

Preliminary hearings for both De Jesus and Alexander will depend upon the progress of the two victims.

Majority of Cars Parked In Vicinity of Taylor Theatre Sunday

VICTIMS CITED

Stern Measures to Enforce Latest Rationing Scheme

Though accurate figures could not be learned, a number of automobile owners on Sunday were cited to appear before the Chowan War Price and Ration Board for alleged violation of the ban upon pleasure driving. Most of the victims were rounded up in the vicinity of the Taylor Theatre, when an OPA agent recorded licenses and tagged the cars with notices summoning the owners to appear before the local Board to show cause why their gasoline rations should not be reduced or cut off completely.

According to OPA instructions the procedure in all cases calls for alleged violators to appear before rationing boards for a hearing. OPA investigators, or State, city or county police have forwarded to the State and district offices the names of violators and these will be sent to the proper boards.

At the hearings alleged offenders will have the opportunity to present reasons why their gasoline rations should not be interfered with, and facts developing at the hearing will direct the action of the boards in reducing or revoking rations.

There are two kinds of actions which the OPA can make in enforcing the rationing program. Philip Welner, regional OPA attorney, explains them as follows:

"1. Revocation order: When a person has abused the rationing privilege, the local rationing board, or the State director may penalize the offender by revoking or modifying the ration privilege. The penalty can touch only the revocation or modification of the particular commodity.

"2. Suspension order: The OPA administrator has the right to suspend a person from receiving the commodity itself, by suspending delivery to and acceptance of the rationed commodity by the offender. The administrator has delegated this authority to various other persons.

"In a suspension action, the person may be prevented from receiving the particular commodity in question as well as any other rationed commodity on the theory that if a person cannot be trusted in handling one commodity he cannot be trusted in handling another. This is a drastic action, and would be taken only in exceptional cases. The action would not be taken, in all probability, in connection with the enforcement of the ban against pleasure driving."

Senator Herbert Leary Named On Eleven Committees

Evans, District's Other Senator, on Fourteen Committees

Getting down to business at once, Lieutenant Governor Harr's named his committee appointments last week on the opening day of the Senate meeting. It is interesting to note that Senator Herbert Leary was named on 11 committees, of which he is chairman of the Consolidated Statutes Committee.

Committees of which Mr. Leary is a member are: Courts and Judicial Districts, Judiciary Committee No. 1, Conservation and Development, Claims, Congressional Districts, Consolidated Statutes, Library, Justices of the Peace, Trustees of the University, and Senate Expenditures.

Merrill Evans, the First District's other Senator, was named on 14 committees, which include: Appropriations, Constitutional Amendments, Agriculture, Education, Public Roads, Distribution of Governor's Message, Journal, Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce, Water Commerce, Rules, Public Welfare, Propositions, and Grievances, Printing and Penal Institutions. Mr. Evans is chairman of the Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce committees.