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Dr. G. L. Gilchrist Is Now In Chowan As Private Veterinarian

erly Worked With C. Department of Agriculture

BEGAN MONDAY

One of Experts to Investigate Hog Situation In County

Chowan County again has the services of a competent veterinarian, Dr. G. L. Gilchrist having arrived in Edenton over the week-end and began private practice Monday morning. At present, the new veterinarian has no office, but expects very soon to secure the building in North Edenton formerly occupied by Dr. L. A. Deese. He can be contacted, however, at the home of John F. White, where he will make his headquarters until permanently located.

Dr. Gilchrist is a graduate of Alabama and after graduation served as a meat inspector in St. Louis. Shortly thereafter, he was employed with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture until Monday when he began private practice. He was one of the three State veterinarians sent into this area to investigate Chowan County's hog situation and in starting private practice he will cater to the problems of farmers, offering the advantage of his knowledge of animals and preventative and corrective measures to keep stock in first class condition.

The county has been without veterinary service since Dr. L. A. Deese entered the U. S. Army several months ago, except what service could be secured from adjoining counties. While the need for a veterinarian has been realized since Dr. Deese's departure, the recent alarming hog situation throughout the county has brought more forcibly to the fore adequate veterinary service is necessary.

Representative John F. White conferred with Governor Broughton while attending the General Assembly, and after explaining the situation, veterinarians were sent here and Dr. Gilchrist decided to locate in the county. He is very anxious to be of as much service as possible and hopes farmers will call upon him to help solve their veterinary problems.

Campen Fighting Against Sales Tax

One of Speakers Last Week at Joint Meeting In Raleigh

J. G. Campen, former representative for Chowan County, who is now president of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, as well as a director of the N. C. Merchants Association, was among those to speak last week at a joint meeting of the Senate and House Finance Committee relative to repealing the three per cent sales tax.

Mr. Campen is very much interested in the removal of this tax, seeing it as an unfair tax as well as contrary to the purposes for which it was first imposed. The tax was inaugurated when there was a deficit in the State's treasury which now has a surplus in excess of \$30,000,000. The tax was imposed with the understanding that when the treasury warranted it would be removed. The tax, however, was later made a law and Mr. Campen, as well as others opposed to the tax, feel that the tax is unnecessary when there is a surplus of over \$30,000,000.

Mr. Campen also is of the opinion that a Federal sales tax of 10 per cent will be imposed to help meet the war debt, in which event North Carolinians would be obliged to pay 13 cents on the dollar in way of sales tax.

PERFECT FIRE RECORD
Edenton has had a perfect fire record for the month of January, Fire Chief R. E. Hall reporting that the Fire Department was not called out a single time during the month.

Riff Bunch Collects \$14,746 In January

During January Sheriff J. A. Bunch collected \$14,746.18 in county taxes, which brought the total collection to date to \$53,197.74 of the 1942 tax levy. The levy for the year is \$74,234.01, leaving \$21,036.27 still to be collected.

Tire Inspections

To clarify inspection of tires, the Chowan War Price and Ration Board has furnished the following information:

For those in Class A, the first inspection must be made before March 31, and subsequent inspections every six months thereafter. The inspections must be made at least 90 days apart or before September 30 and March 31 of each year.

Class B calls for the first tire inspection before February 28, and subsequent inspections every four months, or June 30, October 31, and February 28. These inspections must be at least 60 days apart.

For those in Class C or bulk coupons, the first inspection must be made before February 28th and subsequent inspections every three months thereafter, or before May 31, August 31, November 30 and February 28. These inspections must be at least 45 days apart.

Chowan Buys Five Times Bond Quota During Last Month

Sales Total \$145,456.25 According to J. G. Campen

QUOTA \$29,700

Chairman Urges Continued Buying Share In America

Sale of war stamps and bonds in Chowan County had little respect for the County's quota in January, J. G. Campen, chairman of the county war savings staff, reporting Tuesday that during the month sales soared to \$145,456.25, which is just about five times more than the county's quota for the month.

The month's quota was \$29,700. Of the sales reported to Mr. Campen, \$141,250 was credited to the Bank of Edenton, \$3,850 to the Edenton post office and \$365.25 to the postoffice at Tyner.

Mr. Campen has been informed that the February quota will be \$21,035.75 and expressed the hope that Chowan County people will continue to purchase stamps and bonds as freely as has been the case heretofore. With more encouraging news from the war theatres, he urges everybody to sacrifice, if need be, to buy a share in the United States as an investment in freedom.

Rotary Club Will Observe Birthday Thursday, Feb. 18

Special Program Planned to Celebrate 17th Anniversary

Edenton's Rotary Club will observe its 17th anniversary Thursday, February 18, at which time Rotary-annies will be special guests. A special program for the occasion will be arranged, with the meeting to be held at night, instead of the usual hour of 1 o'clock.

Plans for the anniversary meeting will be discussed at the meeting of the club at 1 o'clock today (Thursday) and for that reason President Frank Holmes urges every member to make a special effort to be present.

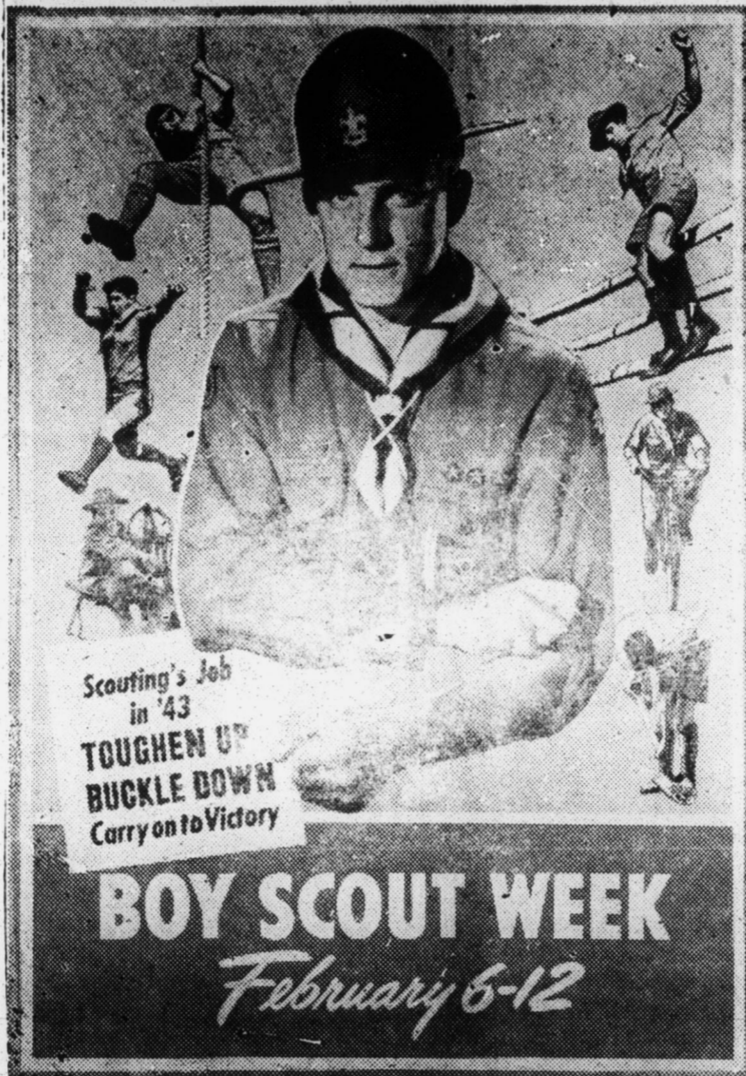
51 Chowan Jail Inmates During Month January

Fifty-one persons were placed in the Chowan County jail during the month of January, according to the report of Jailer Shelton Moore. These inmates were confined for from one to 31 days and entailed an expenditure of \$195.50, which includes jail and turnkey fees.

Money For Back Taxes Continues To Come In

J. N. Pruden, special tax attorney for Chowan County, continues to round up delinquent taxes and on Monday his report to the County Commissioners showed that he had collected \$691.82 in back taxes. These amounts were in the smaller brackets and included taxes for the years 1933 to 1935.

BOY SCOUTS MEAN BUSINESS



"Toughen up, Buckle down, and Carry on to Victory", is the Boy Scout major task this year. Their 1,570,000 members are in the conflict to the hilt on the home front, doing everything boys of Scout age can do to help win the war speedily and a just peace permanently.

Price Regulations Subject Of Meeting Next Tuesday Night

Price Ceilings Will Be Explained at Meeting In Court House

VERY IMPORTANT!

Greenville Field Price Officer Scheduled to Explain Rules

In order to aid in clearing up a lack of understanding of price regulations, a meeting will be held in the Court House next Tuesday, February 9, at 7:30 o'clock, at which time price ceilings will be explained. Scheduled to be present at the meeting is A. A. Chappell, of Greenville, field price officer of the Office of Price Administration.

"On many sides," says Mr. Chappell in a letter to West Byrum, chairman of the price panel of the Chowan War Price and Ration Board, "we have been confronted with the problem of a lack of understanding of the price regulations by the merchants, and if compliance with the price regulation is to be secured, then it seems to me that some educational work must be done."

Following up this suggestion, J. G. Campen, who has recently been appointed chairman of the Community Service Committee, has arranged to have Mr. Chappell in Edenton for the scheduled meeting, which will in its entirety be devoted to a discussion of price ceiling and the problems encountered by merchants in complying with the regulation.

Compliance must be observed by sellers of merchandise and service, and for that reason both Mr. Byrum and Mr. Campen urge every business man to attend this important meeting, which will last until all are satisfied that they understand the price ceiling regulations as they apply to the various businesses.

"The OPA has been called many harsh names," says Mr. Chappell, "but we of the State organization are going to try to earn your approval and support. The price ceiling regulations must be observed, for they are for your protection and your country's protection. They are protection for your future and the future of the boys who are away fighting for their future and yours."

THOMAS DAVIS IN AUSTRALIA
Mrs. Thomas Davis has been notified that her son, Sgt. Thomas Davis, has arrived safely in Australia, is well and likes the country. Sgt. Davis was inducted into the service more than a year ago and has received training at various camps in the United States. He is attached to a bomber squadron.

\$850 Collected In Infantile Paralysis Canvass In Edenton

By Far Largest Amount Ever Raised Locally For Purpose

NOT COMPLETE

Over \$400 Retained For Needs In Chowan County

With a few expected contributions to be heard from, the canvass for contributions in the Infantile Paralysis drive in Chowan County by far exceeded any previous record, a gross total of \$864.85 being turned over to Tuesday by the canvassers to W. H. Gardner, treasurer, and deposited in the Bank of Edenton to the credit of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, according to the Rev. Father F. J. McCourt, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter.

Amounts raised in the county in previous campaigns were as follows: 1934, \$129.10; 1935, \$77.17; 1938, \$176.47; 1939, \$67.58; 1941, \$46.78; 1942, \$167.40. It is to be especially noted that of this year's amount \$495.69 was contributed by the personnel of the Navy Department and employees of the two contracting concerns at the Marine Corps Air Station.

After deducting a few minor necessary expenses, such as coin collectors' cost, etc., which will probably not exceed \$14.85, 50% of the thus far net total of \$850, or \$425, will be retained for the needs of this county in reference to Infantile Paralysis, and the remaining 50%, or \$425, will be forwarded to The National Foundation Headquarters for research work, supplies, etc., in seeking prevention and cure of infantile paralysis.

Chairman McCourt appreciates the efforts of the hard-working canvassers and the generous contributions, and though he submitted the list of canvassers and those who contributed this information was received too late for this week's issue of The Herald. The names will, therefore, appear in next week's Herald.

Surgical Dressings Sent To Army Depots

Mrs. W. H. Coffield, Red Cross surgical dressings chairman, has announced the shipment of five boxes of surgical dressings, completed by local workers, to army medical depots at Richmond, Va., and New Cumberland, Pa. The shipment was made Tuesday and included 55,200 dressings, which represented the August and September quotas.

About Coffee

Users of coffee should take notice that No. 28 coffee stamp will expire February 7, while No. 11 stamp will be valid from February 1 through March 15 for sugar. Each stamp will be good for 3 pounds of sugar.

In this connection, the Chowan War Price and Ration Board has been notified that a person who was 14 years old at the time of registration for War Ration Book One and is now 15 years old is not entitled to use the book for coffee.

Only a person whose age is shown as 15 years or over on War Ration Book One is eligible to use the book to buy coffee.

Committee Asks USO To Establish Recreation Center

Meeting Held Monday Night In Municipal Building

THREE PLANS

Architect Inspects Proposed Location In Hotel

Meeting Monday night in the Municipal Building, members of the service men's recreational committee, together with a few other interested persons, discussed whether or not application should be made for a direct Government grant from the Latham Act funds to establish a recreation center for U. S. Marines and other service men, or operate a program locally, or invite the USO to establish a center in Edenton. Members of the committee present were the Rev. W. C. Benson, chairman, Geddes Potter, J. A. Moore, Mrs. R. E. Leary, Mrs. Junius Davis and W. S. Oliver. Others present were the Rev. Lewis Schenck and Father F. J. McCourt.

The three plans were discussed pro and con and after Chairman Benson submitted facts brought out through correspondence and conversation with representatives of various agencies it was unanimously decided to write to USO, Inc., inviting the establishment of a service men's center. The regional USO office at Richmond has been informed of the action taken and the local committee will, of course, await further action on the part of USO authorities before proceeding further.

Last Friday two USO officials, Ernest H. Edinger, associate regional executive from Richmond, Va., and Vesper C. Smith, associate regional supervisor of Raleigh, spent the afternoon in Edenton conferring with Chairman Benson, during which time the whole situation was discussed from the USO angle.

Mr. Edinger, together with an USO architect, was also in Edenton Monday night looking over the proposed location in Hotel Joseph Hewes for the establishment of an appropriate center for the service men.

Whether or not an outside agency establishes a local center, the service men's recreational committee will continue to function, and to have charge of the total recreational program for the duration. Chairman Benson said there are many duties to perform and many angles to the program which no outside agency could possibly handle.

Course In Nutrition Postponed To Feb. 24

Interested Women Requested to Notify Miss Colwell

The Red Cross nutrition course for home demonstration club members, announced in The Chowan Herald last week, has been postponed until Wednesday, February 24, at 3 o'clock, in the Community House at Cross Roads. It was at first planned to start this course today (Thursday).

Those who will be eligible to enroll for this course includes any club member who has attended meetings in nutrition on foods within the past three years.

Women who are interested in taking this course may notify Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan County home demonstration agent, who will be the instructor for the course.

Observation Tower For Air Warning Service Considered

County Commissioners Agree to Share Part Of Expense

TOWN BE INVITED

Kramer Explains Importance at Meeting Monday

C. E. Kramer, district director of the air warning service, and E. W. Spires, civilian defense chairman of Chowan County, appeared before the County Commissioners Monday in the interest of having erected in Edenton an observation tower which would complete the county's set-up in the air warning service. After Mr. Kramer explained his present set-up and emphasized the importance of the service, the Commissioners agreed to sponsor an observation tower provided Town Council would share half of the expense.

The tower, as explained, need not be such an elaborate and expensive structure, but the Commissioners agreed that if a building is erected it should not be an eyesore and further that it should be constructed so as to be of further use after the war. If Town Council agrees to share half of the expense, the tower will most likely be erected on Town property on North Broad Street. Mr. Kramer furnished pictures of towers constructed in other states, but was unable to say definitely how much one would cost. It was generally agreed, however, that the expense would not exceed \$300.

Mr. Kramer also told the Commissioners that four other observation posts in the county are now being adequately manned and that arrangements have been made to man the one in Edenton. Boy Scouts and members of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion have agreed to cooperate in providing 24-hour service and the Boy Scouts will furnish the tower when it is built.

Chairman D. M. Warren and J. A. Webb were appointed to represent the Commissioners at the Town Council meeting Tuesday night in an effort to secure the cooperation of the town. They were clothed with authority to act.

Mr. Spires explained that while the air warning service is directly under control of the army and is not a part of the civilian defense set-up, the latter is to a great extent dependent upon the air warning service, for his organization would begin to function after the alarm is given of on-coming enemy planes.

Police Checking On City Auto Licenses

Miss Coke's Sales Early This Week Trail Last Year By 192

As the result of police checking up on city automobile licenses, sales have taken an upward spurt this week, but even then the number of licenses sold is trailing by far the number issued last year. Early this week Miss Louise Coke, city tax collector, had sold 286 licenses, while last year the number sold amounted to 478.

Police will continue to check city cars to see that licenses have been purchased and are displayed, and those who fail to comply with the law will subject themselves to arrest.

It was not expected to sell as many licenses as were sold last year, due to a number of cars not being used on account of the gasoline and tire situation, but it is still believed that quite a few have not purchased their licenses who continue to drive their cars.

Edenton Police Nab Prison Camp Escapee

After the police on Friday arrested A. J. Hardison, 32-year-old white man for being drunk, he admitted having escaped from the Warrenton Prison Camp, and was subsequently held for prison officials who came for him Saturday.

Shortly after arresting Hardison, the police proceeded to fingerprint him, and it was then that he told them there was no need and admitted that he escaped from the prison camp on December 15, after serving about half of an 18-month sentence for larceny.