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## Government Saves Loss By County Snap Bean Growers As Price Drops Below Cost

### Appeal Made to Division of Markets in Raleigh

#### TUMBLE TO 75c

#### Growers Assured Floor Price of \$1.35 and \$1.50 Bushel

Picking and marketing of snap beans in Chowan County got under way last week with prices at the Chowan Mutual Exchange Auction Market very good until Friday, until which time beans brought \$1.60 to \$2.60 per bushel. On Friday, however, the prices dropped to 75 cents per bushel. Approximately 1,200 bushels of beans were taken to the market Friday and around 500 bushels of these were not bidden on by the buyers.

The situation became critical when the bottom dropped out of prices offered, so that County Agent C. W. Overman, on Saturday, appealed to the Division of Markets at Raleigh, in an attempt to secure some relief for the marketing of the beans during the heavy marketing season. Mr. Overman let it be known that bean growers were very much disappointed in the marketing of their crops, in that the Government asked them to increase their acreage. The goal has been met, and now that they had produced the food, they were unable to get the cost of production plus a reasonable profit for the crop.

The appeal was headed immediately by the Division of Markets and on Monday an inspector and a Government buyer were on hand at the Valhalla market and began operation on the arrival of the beans to be marketed. As the result of this action, buyers, instead of being forced to pay 75 cents per bushel as was the case on Friday, were assured as much as \$1.35 to \$1.50 per bushel, according to grade, by the Government.

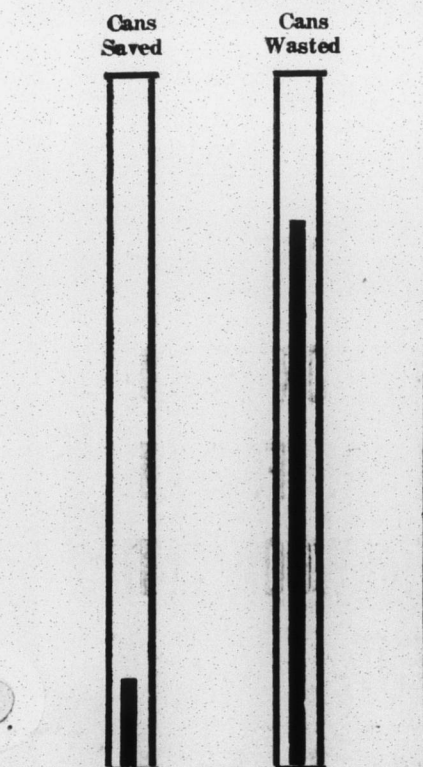
Buyers, however, paid as high as \$2.10 per bushel for No. 1 grade, and (Continued on Page Five)

## Marines And All-Stars Play Sunday Afternoon

Another baseball game is scheduled to be played on the local diamond Sunday afternoon when the Edenton All-Stars and the Marine outfit will cross bats at 3 o'clock. Last Sunday's game was rained out, but the previous Sunday provided a thriller when, in a nip and tuck affair, the "All-Stars" emerged the winners by a one-run margin, 5 to 4.

Muriel Hurdle is slated to be on the mound for the All-Stars, with Barnes on the receiving end. Both teams have shown quite a bit of improvement, so that Sunday's game should furnish baseball fans some real sport.

## TIN CAN THERMOMETER



No change is noted in the number of tin cans deposited at the salvage depot on the Town lot this week. Friday of next week the regular collection will be made, when it is hoped to effect a change in the figure on the left.

## County Remits 1943 Taxes On Land Used For Local Air Station

### Resolution Adopted By County Commissioners on Monday

#### TAKEN OFF BOOKS

#### \$86,100 Will Be Sliced From County's Property Valuation

Though somewhat puzzled as to the status of land taken in by the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station relative to taxation, the County Commissioners, on Monday, definitely remitted county taxes on that portion of land taken over by the Government despite the fact that deeds have not yet been prepared.

Of course, Government property is not taxable, but due to the fact that deeds are still in the hands of private owners, there was some question as to whether the former owners were not liable for the taxes. The Commissioners, however, felt that inasmuch as the owners did not have possession of their land they should not be obliged to pay taxes on property they actually did not possess. A resolution was, therefore, adopted remitting 1943 taxes on the land included in the Air Station area.

The resolution, as adopted, follows: "Whereas, the United States Government took possession for military purposes prior to January 1, 1943, pursuant to contracts executed to said January 1, all lands in Chowan County located within the boundaries of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, as shown by the Government's official maps and surveys thereof, and

"Whereas, subsequent to January 1, 1943, and prior to July 1, 1943, said lands were conveyed to the United States for military purposes.

"Now, therefore, as authorized by the act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, ratified February 17, 1943, and designated as S. B. No. 112, all county taxes on said lands for the year 1943 are hereby remitted."

Value of land used by the Government for the Air Station is \$86,100, which amount will be deducted from the county's property valuation for taxation.

## Kaus Shows Appear Edenton Next Week

### Entertainment Sponsored By Local Lions Club

Sponsored by the Edenton Lions Club, the Kaus Exposition Shows will appear in Edenton for one week, beginning Monday, June 14, and remaining through Saturday night, June 19. The outfit will present a group of rides, shows and a number of other amusements on the midway, for the entertainment of youngsters and adults alike.

Members of the local club will be on duty during the week as ticket takers and to otherwise help in whatever way will be necessary.

## USO HOUSING AND HOME HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE SENSES IMPORTANT NEED FOR ACCOMMODATING MARINE VISITORS

### Movement Also Started at Meeting Held Monday Night to Entertain Service Men in Homes For Sunday Dinner

At a meeting of the USO Housing and Home Hospitality Committee held at the USO Club on Monday night, the need for more adequate provision for men of the Marine Corps who are on leave in Edenton was thoroughly discussed.

It was recognized that in the very near future undoubtedly many friends and relatives of men stationed here will be visiting them and that some provision must be made for sleeping facilities during their stay in Edenton. Since the commercial facilities are already taxed to the limit, it was decided to appeal to all those who have a spare room which could be used for short periods to register with the USO so that when the need arises visitors to Edenton can be taken care of.

It was recognized that wives and

## 400 Boys And Girls Of Victory Farm Corps Ready For Service

### Chowan Youth Prepared To Do Emergency Farm Work

#### 24 GROUPS

#### Leader In Neighborhood Will Answer Calls For Help

Four hundred Chowan County farm boys and girls, 12 years of age and older, are now organized into a Victory Farm Corps. These youths are organized into neighborhood groups for emergency, seasonal farm work such as picking beans, hoe work, peanut digging and cotton picking. Each group has selected one member as its leader and most groups have selected an assistant leader.

When the group leader is called upon for help, he or she will contact group members. The members will meet at the farm if it is within walking distance, otherwise they will meet at a specified place and time where the farmer's truck will pick them up. The farmer will also bring them back when the day's work is over. When a farmer needs additional workers he is expected to contact the group leaders in his community and work out his problem locally as far as possible. If more workers are needed, he will contact the County Agent's office at least one or two days in advance so that arrangements may be made to get workers from other communities.

Victory Farm Corps members will be paid the usual rate for their work. They are ready and willing to do all possible in producing and harvesting the food and fibre so necessary in the war program. For this program to work successfully, it will be necessary for parents, V. F. C. workers (Continued on Page Five)

## Climax Flag Week Next Monday Night

### Program Arranged at 8:15 on Court House Green

With Flag Week being observed this week, the climax to the celebration will take place Monday night at 8:15 o'clock, when a program has been arranged by J. A. Moore, chairman. This program will be held on the Court House Green, when special music will be rendered by the Edenton High School Band, as well as the presentation of colors, which will be carried out jointly by members of the State Guard and the local Legionnaires.

The feature of the program will be an address by Captain H. E. Chace, chaplain of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station.

Mr. Moore is urging the display of the American Flag at business houses and at private dwellings, and a special effort is being made to boost the buying of war bonds during the celebration.

## Town Council Approve Ten Per Cent Salary Boost To Meet Rising Expenses

### Unique Service

Mrs. Hazel Gibbs, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, has announced that Mrs. Virginia Gilliam, retail coordinator in Burlington, will be in Edenton on July 21, to act as an instructor in getting across important information to the store public. Mrs. Gilliam will probably spend two days in organizing and scheduling classes, with the remainder of the two-week period devoted to actual teaching, which will be a convenience for Edenton merchants.

## County's Property Valuation For 1943 Placed At \$7,802,400

### Figures Submitted By Tax Supervisor P. S. McMullan

#### GAIN OVER 1942

#### \$86,010, However, Lost Due to Land Used For Air Station

Tax Supervisor Philip McMullan, on Monday, presented detailed figures to the County Commissioners showing that Chowan County's property valuation for 1943 is \$7,802,400, or a gain of \$230,725 over the 1942 valuation, and a net gain in valuation of \$1,450,295 over a three-year period. However, from this figure must be deducted \$86,010, which represents the value of the land taken by the U. S. Government for the construction of the Marine Corps Air Station.

In arriving at the 1943 valuation, Mr. McMullan's figures show that 112,298 acres of land are included. The value of real estate totals \$3,273,030; value of manufacturing property, \$382,965; value of timber rights, \$3,785; number of town lots, 1,218, and valued at \$2,153,000, or a total of \$5,812,780.

To this figure for taxation is added a valuation of \$1,989,620, as follows: Stock of merchandise and fixtures, \$297,780; manufactured merchandise and fixtures, manufactured articles and machinery not affixed to realty, \$337,810; net above exemption, \$644,520; value of motor vehicles, \$581,275; all other personal property, \$128,235.

## Red Cross Nutrition Course Is Scheduled To Begin On June 11

### Class Under Instruction Of Miss Josephine Grant

#### 20-HOUR COURSE

#### Red Cross Delegated to Feed Victims of Any Disaster

Chowan County's Red Cross Chapter has arranged for another nutrition class, which will be instructed by Miss Josephine Grant, and held in the Edenton Graded School home economics room on the second floor. The course will be a 20-hour affair, and is scheduled to begin on Friday afternoon, June 11, at 4 o'clock. Both Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the chapter, and Miss Grant emphasize the importance of this course and urge as many as possible can to avail themselves of the opportunity offered. There must be at least 10 enrolled for the course, but it is hoped many more will enroll.

This course must be completed before one is eligible to take a canteen course and thereby become a member (Continued on Page Two)

### Busy Session Lasts Until Midnight Hour Tuesday

#### CALL MEETING

#### J. L. Pettus Again Presents Town Zoning Proposition

Confronted with consideration of salaries and employment of town employees, as well as several other matters, Town Councilmen were held in session until midnight Tuesday and even then the business had not been completed, so that a special meeting was called for next Tuesday night. Consuming the major portion of the time was the employment feature, and though some were re-employed, no police were employed, which bears out the opinion that the Police Department is scheduled for a shake-up. The police situation, however, is expected to be straightened out at the special meeting next Tuesday night.

Some little time was also consumed in the matter of salaries, and because of the increased living costs, as well as an almost certain withholding tax, practically a straight 10 per cent increase in salary was given to every employee. Both the salary and employment features were considered in executive session.

Another matter claiming attention of the Councilmen was the proposed zoning law. J. L. Pettus again presented the matter, having a map prepared which plainly identified the various classes of buildings allowed. Mr. Pettus said he wanted to dispose of the matter one way or another, stating that it has been under consideration since September 11, 1941, when a zoning commission was appointed consisting of Mr. Pettus as chairman, Geddes Potter, John W. Graham, Guy Hobbs and L. S. Byrum. Mr. Pettus also reiterated what had been done, which meant much effort and study, and said that he is very anxious to have the matter settled. Because of the volume of business anticipated, the Councilmen decided to table the matter and call a special meeting at an early date for final consideration.

J. G. Campen, chairman of the War Savings Staff, carrying out instructions from headquarters, was present at the meeting to ascertain why town employees are not included in the pay roll saving plan. Mr. Campen was informed that all who are able have been buying bonds, but that for the most part salaries paid do not afford investment of any of the salary in war bonds.

C. J. Wiggins appeared before the Board in the interest of correcting faulty drainage in North Edenton. Mr. Wiggins complained about conditions (Continued on Page Five)

## County Will Invest Part Liquor Profits In Buying Bonds

### Sinking Fund Set Up to Care For Possible Emergency

With a surplus of profits from the Chowan ABC store on hand, Chowan County Commissioners, on Monday, voted to invest \$25,000 of the money on hand in war bonds. This action was taken with the idea in mind of being prepared for an emergency should one develop, or for a nest egg for the purpose of building a new jail, which the Commissioners are convinced will have to be done sooner or later.

## Helping Uncle Sam

At the meeting of Town Council Tuesday night, the Board of Public Works was authorized to invest up to \$15,000 in war bonds from earnings of the department now on deposit in the Bank of Edenton. Members of the Board of Public Works expressed a desire to make the investment, which was subsequently authorized by the Councilmen.