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Edenton Housing Project Approved

Director Thomas Markham Calls Landlords' Attention Of Requirement To Register

Many Failed to Comply With Regulation Held Last Week

REGISTER TODAY

Forms Available at Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court

Following the announcement last week that Chowan and Perquimans Counties were added to the Elizabeth City Defense Rental Area, some landlords have registered according to instructions of Thomas J. Markham, area rent director. Registration of the remainder of landlords is scheduled to be completed this (Thursday) afternoon in the Court House, when registrars will be on hand to offer any assistance necessary.

In connection with the registration, Mr. Markham had the following to say this week:

"I wish to call the attention of the landlords of Chowan and Perquimans Counties to the registration that was held in these two counties on Friday, August 6. At this time a number of the landlords registered their rental property, thereby complying with the requirements of the Federal Rent Regulations, but a large number failed to comply. There will be some of the registration forms placed in the offices of the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court in each of these counties for the convenience of those who wish to register on the 6th, and asking each owner of rental property, that is, a house, apartment, room or group of rooms to call at once at one of these offices in their respective counties and procure these forms and a copy of the instructions for filling them in. Fill them in and mail to the Area Rent Office, Kramer Building, Elizabeth City, N. C., immediately. It is imperative that landlords comply with the regulations by registering.

"A survey of the registrations that have been filed discloses that it is not generally understood that rooms must be registered, which is a serious mistake. Anyone renting a room must register the room as though he were renting an apartment or a house.

"The attention of all landlords to this matter is urged at once."

Surprise Blackout Practically 100% On Tuesday Night

Civilian Defense Officials Delighted With Success

Edenton experienced its most effective blackout test Tuesday evening, in the opinion of the Civilian Defense officials and the town at large.

The "Yellow" alert was received at 9:45 p. m., and all keymen were promptly notified by telephone to stand by for a possible emergency.

The "Blue" warning was received at 10:05 p. m., and all lights were promptly turned out. Headquarters was fully manned by this time and everything was clicking in real shape.

The "Red" blackout order was received at 10:15 p. m., and by this time all sector wardens had reported everything blacked out.

The second "Blue" alert was received at 10:25 p. m., and all sectors were kept on the alert in the event that the "enemy planes" might return for a second "attack."

At 10:37 p. m., the "All Clear" came in and the town resumed normal way of life, glad that it was a practice test.

There were only two lights reported left on, and one of these was quickly extinguished, while the other was left on, but was in the rear of a store and the owner could not be located.

All in all, it was considered practically a perfect test.

Lady Marines

This week a detachment of the Women's Reserves of the U. S. Marine Corps arrived at the local U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, where they will undergo a period of training. Upon completion of their training, they will be transferred to other points, where they will relieve Marines for more strenuous duties.

Bus Drivers Face Charge Of Selling "C" Gas Coupons

Picked Up Following Investigation This Week By OPA Officials

Warrants growing out of an investigation made by OPA agents have been served upon seven white men who drive buses to and from the local Marine Corps Air Station. The seven were picked up early this week by U. S. Deputy Marshal William C. Flora.

Each one of the group is charged with illegally receiving, possessing and selling C gasoline coupons. They were given a hearing in Edenton before U. S. Commissioner J. H. Leggett, of Plymouth, and bound over for the next term of Federal District Court in Elizabeth City on September 27. They were released on \$300 bond each.

The drivers arrested as the result of the OPA investigation are James T. Nichols of Windsor, Henry Jasper Byrd of Tarboro, Jones Miller Flower of Belhaven, Robert Elton Perry of Ahoskie, Thomas Hillary Twine of Tyner, Hallie Ruffin Griffin of Rocky Mount, and John Thomas Bemby of Parmalee.

Methodist Board Of Stewards Called To Meet Tonight

To Discuss Successor to Rev. W. C. Benson, Who Resigned

Though in a new role as director of the USO Club at Hampton, Va., the Rev. W. C. Benson on last Sunday morning returned to Edenton to preach at the 11 o'clock service in the local Methodist Church.

The Rev. W. L. Clegg of Elizabeth City, district superintendent, will meet with the Board of Stewards of the church tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, at which time it is expected that a successor to Mr. Benson will be discussed. Up to Wednesday, no arrangements had been made as to services in the church next Sunday, though Mr. Benson, on last Sunday, said he would preach at the morning hour, if he could possibly manage to leave his duties at Hampton.

"Dry" Week-ends

Joining with many other communities in North Carolina, Town Councilmen on Tuesday night passed an ordinance which will hereafter prohibit the sale of beer and ale from 11:30 o'clock Saturday night until 7 o'clock Monday morning. This action was taken following a recommendation of Chief of Police J. R. Tanner, who believes the ban will contribute to reduce arrests for drunkenness and other charges as the result of drunkenness over the week-ends.

Penalty for violation of this order is provided by the State.

Red Cross Chapter Asked To Furnish 432 More Kit Bags

Proving So Valuable Navy Requests Some For Sailors

NO DRIVE PLANNED

Mrs. J. N. Pruden Asking For Voluntary Contributions

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan Chapter of the Red Cross, has just been asked by William Carl Hunt, manager of the Eastern Area, for 432 kit bags to be furnished by the local chapter. For more than a year the Red Cross, through its chapters, has been supplying kit bags to the armed forces leaving for overseas duty. This service has proved so valuable that, in addition to further requests from the Army, the Navy has also asked for these bags.

Mrs. Pruden has been advised that the twill and tape for the bags will be furnished chapters free of charge but that the cost of the contents is approximately \$1.00 per bag, which the chapter is expected to purchase.

It will be recalled that last year the idea of providing these kit bags met with such generous response that instead of a quota of 250, the local chapter received enough contributions to send 550 of the bags. Because of the generous contributions last year, Mrs. Pruden is rather reluctant to stage another drive, but in order to cooperate with the national organization, is asking any who would like to make a contribution for the purpose to send any amount they desire either to her, Mrs. J. W. Davis, or to The Chowan Herald.

In order to meet the greatly increased demand for these kit bags, it will be necessary for all chapters to participate in the program, so Mrs. Pruden will greatly appreciate it if enough voluntary contributions are forthcoming for Chowan chapter to send the number of kit bags requested.

Supt. John A. Holmes Faces Blitzkrieg As Five Teachers Resign

Resignations Submitted Within Three Days Of Deadline

With Sunday being the deadline for teachers to resign, John A. Holmes, superintendent of the Edenton School, experienced a blitzkrieg, when within three days he received five resignations. Of course, there was some consolation in the fact that two of the teachers agreed to serve, providing successors could not be secured.

The three who resigned outright were Mrs. Ep Debnam, Miss Lora Turnbull and Miss Irene Pitts.

The school is scheduled to open on September 8, and though teachers, as in almost every other profession are limited, Mr. Holmes has contacted a number of prospects and is hopeful of having all vacancies filled by the time school opens. He is also investigating three prospects for a coach for the school.

Surgical Dressing Class Changes Meeting Hour

Mrs. W. H. Coffield, surgical dressings chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter, announced this week that beginning Tuesday night, August 17, the hours for working at the Red Cross surgical dressing rooms in the Parish House will be changed from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock. Workers are asked to note the change.

Band Rehearsal At School Monday Night

R. L. Martin, director of the Edenton High School Band, has called a full band rehearsal at the school house Monday night at 8 o'clock. He requests all members to be on hand, for which occasion refreshments will be served.

Program Provides For Building 60 War Housing Accommodations On Portion Of Blades Brothers Land In North Edenton

Chowan Falls Down On July's Quota Of Stamps And Bonds

\$36,837.50 Sold, While County's Quota Was \$44,794

NO TIME TO LAG

Campen Appointed War Finance Committee Chairman

As was the case during July of last year, Chowan County again this year fell short in sales of war bonds, J. G. Campen reporting sales amounting to \$36,837.50, as against the July quota of \$44,794, or a deficit of \$7,956.50. Mr. Campen has also been informed that the August quota remains unchanged, Chowan being asked to buy \$44,794 worth of stamps and bonds.

In connection with the sale of war bonds, Mr. Campen has announced that the War Saving Staff has been dissolved and in its place a War Finance Committee has been set up. Mr. Campen has, incidentally, been appointed chairman of this committee for Chowan County and, despite recent encouraging reports from the theatres of war, he warns that more than ever purchase of war bonds is necessary in order to save the lives of more American boys. July is a bad month to sell bonds, says Mr. Campen, but he is hoping that the county will rally to the need and again reach the quota during August. Mr. Campen is also directing his attention to the drive which will be staged during September, when the nation will be asked to raise 15 billion dollars in war stamps and bonds. The county's quota in this drive has not yet been made public.

Negroes Rounded Up On Charge Vagrancy

Four of Group Tried In Recorder's Court Tuesday

As the result of continued efforts on the part of police to break up needless loafing, four charges of vagrancy were tried in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning, Judge Marvin Wilson finding two guilty, one not guilty, and the fourth continued until Friday's Court.

The four were included in about a dozen Negroes picked up at pool rooms Monday morning, the remainder being able to show that they were regularly employed, though they were warned that if again found not working, they will be charged with absenteeism.

The two Negroes found guilty were Willie Brown of Manning, S. C., and William A. Richardson, of Wilson. The former was ordered to pay court costs of \$14.50, and the latter \$16, and both were required to appear in Superior Court and be able to show that they have been regularly employed.

William Dennison, of Frankfort, Ky., was found not guilty, while Charlie Ford Holly, of Edenton, will be given a hearing in Friday's court.

Two New Chairmen For Red Cross Work

Chowan County Chapter of the Red Cross, of which Mrs. J. N. Pruden is chairman, has this week appointed two new chairmen in connection with the Chapter's growing activities.

The two new chairmen are Mrs. J. H. Conger, who will have charge of production, canteen and home service. Mrs. Philip McMullan has been appointed chairman of the Junior Red Cross. Both ladies have agreed to accept their appointments.

Schools Of County Begin Session On Monday Morning

Superintendent W. J. Taylor Lacks Two Teachers

ERROR LAST WEEK

Teachers Called to Meet To Secure Final Instructions

It is regretted that in last week's Herald it was stated that schools in the Chowan County Administrative Unit would open Thursday, September 13. This was an error in that Superintendent W. J. Taylor informed this newspaper that the county schools will begin next Monday, August 16.

In view of the fact that only three more days remain before the opening of school, Mr. Taylor is no little concerned that he has two vacancies on the faculty at Chowan High School, an eighth grade teacher and a teacher in the social science and physical education program.

Schools will open as early in the morning as possible, according to Mr. Taylor, in order to close early in the day. It is planned to dismiss around 12:30 or 1 o'clock. No school buses have been replaced, but old buses are in good mechanical condition, said Mr. Taylor.

A meeting for all the colored teachers will be held in the Superintendent's office on Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

A meeting of the white school bus drivers for the County unit will be held Saturday morning at 8 o'clock at Chowan High School. This meeting will be followed by a meeting for all the white teachers at 9 o'clock.

Edenton USO Club Formally Opened

Many Service Men Enjoy Dance Held In Armory

Edenton's USO Club was favorably opened Wednesday night and is now ready to accommodate service men who are stationed here, as well as any who are passing through or are spending some time in the city. The opening was marked by three principal events, exercises and a band concert being held on the Court House Green at 5:30 o'clock, and open house and a reception in the Club rooms from 7:30 to 9 o'clock.

The highlight of the opening was a dance at the Armory when upwards of 300 enjoyed dancing which included only service men and the GSO girls. Music was furnished by the Weeksville Air Station Band.

Coincidence

With six sons in service and a daughter heading up the Red Cross work in Whittakers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank White, Sr., last week, learned of a rather unique coincidence in that three of their sons were promoted to first-class privates on the same day, though stationed in different parts of the country.

The trio who figured in the simultaneous promotions were: Samuel Pearce White, who is in the Transportation Corps and stationed at Camp Kilmer, N. J.; Henry Alexander White, a member of the Air Signal Corps and stationed at Camp Sedalia, Missouri, and William Alban White, also in Air Signal Corps, stationed at Miami Beach, Florida.

Project Approved Saturday by National Housing Agency

10-ACRE SITE

Campen and Haskett Remain on Trail For Local Relief

A program providing 60 war housing accommodations for incoming workers in essential war industries in Edenton has been approved by the National Housing Agency, according to NHA Regional Representative Robert K. Creighton. The plans were approved Saturday by John B. Blandford, National Housing Administrator.

The new program calls for the construction of 50 privately financed units and, in addition, 10 family units will be provided by privately financed conversions of existing buildings.

This is the first war housing program approved for the Edenton area, Creighton advised. The program was approved by the National Housing Agency after analysis of the War Manpower Commission's estimates of the additional workers needed to meet production schedules in war industries here and after allowances for maximum recruiting of local workers, he said.

The National Housing Agency also made a careful check of the housing supply in the area to determine how many of the additional workers needed here can be housed in existing dwellings. Because of wartime scarcity of critical materials, new quarters cannot be built for all incoming war workers and residents of the Edenton vicinity must continue to support the war effort by sharing their homes with workers needed for war jobs, Creighton declared.

Occupancy of the new war housing will be reserved for workers in war industries and essential occupations who move to Edenton from beyond reasonable commuting distance or who have moved here since July 1, 1941, and are now living under conditions impairing their efficiency, said Creighton. War workers who find it necessary to bring their families here from beyond reasonable commuting distance and who are dispossessed from their present quarters will also be eligible.

Applications for preference ratings on the additional privately financed war housing should be filed with the State office of the Federal Housing Administration in Greensboro where loan insurance on approved projects may also be obtained.

Sensing the need for more housing (Continued on Page Five)

Town To Have New Fire Fighting Truck

Secured Through Cooperation of Office of Civilian Defense

Following a suggestion presented by E. W. Spires, Chowan County Civilian Defense chairman, Town Council on Tuesday night passed a resolution for the purchase of a 1½-ton truck and a body which will be equipped as a fire truck for use in civilian defense. When equipped, the trailer pump will be capable of pumping 500 gallons of water per minute, all the equipment to be furnished on the lease-lease plan by the Office of Civilian Defense.

Included in the equipment will be five gas masks, five firemen's helmets, five firemen's coats, five pairs firemen's pants, one trailer pump, skid-mounted pumps, front-mounted pumps and five pairs firemen's boots.

Mayor Leroy Haskett was authorized to execute a contract. Arrangements will be made to house the truck in the fire station and Fire Chief R. K. Hall was named custodian of the new truck. The Board of Public Works agreed to furnish the funds to purchase the truck and body.