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War Fund Drive Begins Oct. 20th

John And Inglis Fletcher Present Portrait Of Duke Of Albemarle To County

Outstanding Affair Held In Court House Monday Morning

MANY PRESENT
Assembly Room In Old Court House More Attractive

Chowan County's old Court House was the scene of much interest and pleasantry Monday morning when a portrait of George Monk, Duke of Albemarle, was unveiled in the Assembly Room on the second floor. The portrait, a beautiful reproduction of an original painting, was presented to the County by John and Inglis Fletcher, the latter being the author of "Raleigh's Eden" and "Men of the Albemarle," two books which have resulted in much publicity for North Carolina and the Albemarle in particular.

The Assembly Room was filled with local people, as well as quite a few visitors, all of which provided a scene more or less reminiscent of the Edenton Tea Party of 1774. The Assembly Room had been cleaned, painted and the floor repaired and specially treated, so that a fitting atmosphere was provided for the occasion.

Agreeably to the County Commissioners, the Assembly Room was recently renovated, the work being in charge of a committee composed of: J. W. Davis, Mrs. E. N. Elliott, S. George C. Wood, Mrs. R. P. Iham, Mrs. S. M. McMullan, Mrs. P. Wales, E. W. Spires, Geddes Potter and G. H. Harding. David Warren, John W. Graham and Judge Richard D. Dixon were originally members of the committee, but the trio resigned due to their duties which keep them out of town.

Mrs. C. P. Wales, secretary of the committee, opened the meeting, stating at the beginning that it was an auspicious occasion because it marks the re-awakening on our part of a real appreciation of our heritage and a desire to preserve for posterity the treasures of our historical past. She informed those present that the portrait is the work of a sister of John Fletcher, Miss Ann Fletcher, a distinguished artist of Virginia, and was copied from an original portrait by Sir Peter Lely and owned by Preston Darie of New York City and which now hangs in the capitol building at Williamsburg, Va.

Mrs. Wales expressed delight at having so many present for the occasion and read a few letters and telegrams of regret from prominent invited guests who were unable to attend.

Included in the number was a letter from Josephus Daniels in which he said he and his wife have a warm place in their hearts for Edenton, but because Mrs. Daniels is not well, they could not attend. Emphasis was also placed on the concluding paragraph of Mr. Daniels' letter which was as follows: "Don't cut down any crepe myrtles. Plant more of them. You ought to have a thousand growing in Edenton. It is about the only thing you need to make it a perfect place."

Other engagements prevented the presence of Hunter D. Farish, director of Research of Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., who has been most cooperative with suggestions as to the Assembly Room and regarding copying the portrait.

Preston Davie, owner of the original portrait, wired Mrs. Wales that he regretted exceedingly his inability (Continued on Page Six)

No Fishing

Due to low water in mill ponds in Chowan County Game Warden J. G. Perry, early this week, closed Bennett's Mill Pond and Willard's Mill Pond for the purpose of fishing. Fishing will, therefore, be prohibited until the water supply is replenished and the ban ordered lifted by Mr. Perry.

Fishermen are warned to observe this order, for violators will be dealt with according to law.

Away Over

According to figures submitted by J. G. Campen, chairman of the Chowan War Savings Staff, the county went over the top in the Third Loan Drive by \$25,600. Bond sales amounted to \$442,600 with the quota being \$417,000.

"We have done a good job," said Mr. Campen joyfully on Tuesday, "and I want to express my appreciation to all who in any way helped to go over the top. We still have a long way to go before this war is won, and it will demand all of our efforts and money to win. We must win, or lose our freedom."

Meeting Of Farm Bureau Scheduled Tuesday, Oct. 19th

Barbecue Dinner Will Be Served In Chowan High School

Members of the Chowan County Farm Bureau will meet Tuesday afternoon, October 19, at 5 o'clock (war time) in the Chowan High School auditorium, at which time a barbecue dinner will be served. Invitations have been mailed, with recipients urged to return them at once to County Agent C. W. Overman so that an approximate number of those who will attend can be estimated.

An interesting program has been arranged for the occasion, which includes two addresses, one by R. Flake Shaw, State Farm Bureau executive secretary, who will discuss "Farmers' Organization and Its Important Place in Our Agricultural Program." The other speaker will be Shields Alexander of Scotland Neck, who will discuss "The Peanut Situation in 1944." Both are able speakers and will present a subject of vital interest to farmers of the county.

Arrangements will be made for only those who send in a reply card, so that any who expect to attend are urged to attend to this matter at once.

Members, as well as prospective members, are also requested to go prepared to pay the 1944 membership fee, which is \$3.00 per member.

Infantile Paralysis Meeting Tonight

Very Important Meeting Called By Father F. J. McCourt

Father F. J. McCourt, chairman of the Chowan County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is very anxious to have a large attendance at the annual meeting of the chapter to be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. "This is a very important meeting," said the chairman, "and I am urging every Chowan County citizen who possibly can to be present."

One of the principal items of business to be transacted is the election of officers for the ensuing year, and making preliminary arrangements for the annual President's Birthday campaign for funds, so that it is necessary to have a representative group of people on hand.

13 Chowan Births During September

Seven white births and six colored were reported in Chowan County for the month of September by the local health department. In the vital statistics report it was also shown that there were four colored deaths and two white deaths. One white still-born was reported and two deaths under one year.

Potter Resigns As Chairman Of Red Cross Home Service

Leaves Post He Has Efficiently Filled For 15 Years

BIG JOB
Miss Mary S. Moore Appointed Successor and Now In Charge

Geddes Potter, early this week, resigned as chairman of Home Service for the Chowan County Red Cross chapter, his resignation also affecting his duties as acting field director for the Red Cross at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station. Mr. Potter has held the chairmanship of home service in the local Red Cross chapter for 15 years, and in his leaving Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the chapter, as well as Chaplain Henry Chace at the Air Station, was high in praise of Mr. Potter's work. He has been very faithful and efficient, and in the discharge of his various duties in connection with the work has contributed no small amount of his time and has made many sacrifices.

Miss Mary S. Moore has been appointed to succeed Mr. Potter as Home Service chairman and she will also serve as acting field director for the Red Cross at the Air Station until the need arises for a permanent director.

All inquiries in connection with Red Cross home service should be sent to Miss Moore's home, 110 West King Street until an office is established. Activities in this phase of Red Cross work have gradually mounted until the need of an office is necessary and efforts are now under way for the establishment of an office to more properly and conveniently handle the work.

Though it is not generally known, this branch of Red Cross work demands a great deal of time on the part of the chairman, as well as tact in handling the various cases. Home service activities are handled for service boys and girls and their families throughout the entire county, and in many instances a great deal of time is spent on one particular case.

Miss Moore has more time at her disposal than had Mr. Potter, and though she realizes her predecessor admirably filled the position, she is interested in her duties and will try to carry on in the same efficient manner as did Mr. Potter. Mrs. Pruden feels very fortunate that the chapter could secure a successor of the calibre of Miss Moore and she, too, feels confident that the new chairman will carry on with credit to the local chapter.

Wm. Vick Escapes State Gas Chamber

Death Sentence Reduced To Life Imprisonment By Governor

William Vick, Chowan County Negro, who was sentenced by Judge Walter Bone in the March Term of Chowan Superior Court to die in the State's gas chamber on May 7 for ravishing his 14-year-old daughter, escaped death on Friday when Governor J. M. Broughton, by an eleven-hour commutation, reduced the death sentence to life imprisonment.

An appeal was noted by Herbert Leary, counsel for Vick, at the time of his sentence, so that his asphyxiation was postponed from the May 7th date set by Judge Bone.

In changing the sentence, Governor Broughton said that after a personal study of the case and talking with trial officers, he had some doubts as to whether the Negro actually committed the crime with which he was charged. The Governor was also influenced in his action by a recommendation of Solicitor Chester Morris and members of the jury trying the case that the sentence be reduced.

VSO MEETS FRIDAY
On Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock, a meeting of the Volunteer Service Organization of the local USO Club will be held in the club's rooms. This will be an important meeting so that all members are especially urged to be present.

PTA Now Appealing For Contributions Of Canned Goods

Canvass of Entire Town Planned To Be Made Friday

HELP NEEDED
State and Federal Assistance for Operation Is Withdrawn

On Friday, October 15, representatives of the Parent-Teacher Association will canvass the town for canned goods for the school lunch room. It was impossible to have a garden this summer and this, added to the fact that the lunch room will be operated this year without State or Federal assistance, makes it very necessary to get help from the community.

If the canvasser misses seeing anyone, he or she is asked to take or send the contribution to the school building. School children will assist in this collection. All people in the county are asked to send their contributions to the children.

Liberal donations of either home-canned goods or those purchased at the store will be greatly appreciated. Following is the list of canvassers: Mrs. Tom Goodman—N. Edenton. Mrs. H. A. Campen—Water Street. Mrs. Al Owens—E. King Street. Mrs. J. H. Conger—West King St. Mrs. T. C. Byrum—West Eden St. Mrs. Paul Wallace and Mrs. Nathan Paul—East Queen Street.

Mrs. James E. Wood—W. Queen St. Mrs. W. H. Gardner, West Church Street.

Mrs. J. P. Partin—Gale Street. Mrs. John B. Harrison—Court St. Mrs. Ernest White—Albemarle St. Mrs. Fred Wood—Mosely Street. Mrs. L. P. Williams—Granville St. from Water to Queen.

Mrs. Jimmy Earnhardt—Granville Street from Queen Street on.

Mrs. R. N. Hines—Broad Street from Queen to Albemarle.

Mrs. Albert Byrum and Mrs. Francis Hicks—Broad Street from Albemarle to the Fair Grounds.

Mrs. Arthur Chappell—East Eden Street.

Mrs. Charlie Morgan—Oakum St.

Mrs. J. M. Jones—Blount Street.

Large Congregations At Baptist Revival

Meetings Will Continue At Least Through Sunday Night

Revival meetings in the Baptist Church got off to a good start with splendid congregations turning out for every service since the revival began on Monday night. The preacher for the occasion is the Rev. Charles Howard, pastor of the Buies Creek Baptist Church and professor of the Bible at Campbell College.

Dr. Howard is an able and interesting speaker and it is expected that the congregations will continue to become larger as the meetings continue. Though it had not been definitely decided early this week when the revival will come to a close, the pastor, the Rev. E. L. Wells, stated that it will continue at least through next Sunday night.

Services are held each morning at 10 o'clock and at 8 o'clock each night, which everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Elliott Calls WAC Recruitment Committee To Meet

Mrs. R. F. Elliott, chairman of the Chowan County Women's Army Corps recruitment committee, has called a meeting of her committee to be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the office of Clerk of Court E. W. Spires. Mrs. Elliott has been appointed chairman of this group in an effort to secure Chowan County girls for service in the WAC, a campaign now in progress throughout the State.

Members of Mrs. Elliott's committee are Mrs. James E. Wood, Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, Mrs. B. Warner Evans, Mrs. James E. Hassell and Miss Lena Jones, all of whom are especially urged to be present.

Final Arrangements Made At Meeting Of Executive Committee Friday Night

Resigns



GEDDES B. POTTER

After serving continuously and efficiently for 15 years, Mr. Potter this week resigned as Red Cross Home Service Chairman and acting field director for the Red Cross at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station.

Part Of Edenton's Streets Scheduled To Be Resurfaced

Few Matters Confront Councilmen at Meeting Tuesday Night

According to action taken by Town Council at the monthly meeting on Tuesday night, some of the most worn streets will be resurfaced. The Street Commissioner was authorized to have the following streets resurfaced: Broad Street from Queen to the County Dock; Water Street from Granville to Oakum; Oakum from Water to King; King from Oakum to Broad, and Court Street from Water to King. The cost of this work will amount to approximately \$4,347, and is necessary in properly maintaining the streets.

Eden Street sidewalk paving, the proposed zoning ordinance and repairing the county and city docks also was considered during the meeting. As to the former, the hope has not been abandoned that a sidewalk can be constructed which will not interfere with the trees. As to the zoning ordinance, the Councilmen were favorably inclined toward the idea, but Clerk R. E. Leary was instructed to have copies of the ordinance copied for each Councilman so that it can be studied and changes made before its adoption.

Mayor L. H. Haskett and J. Edwin Buffal were instructed to investigate the two docks and secure a price for necessary repairs before taking any definite action.

M. M. Nixon Seriously Injured While Working At His Plant In County

Mordecai M. Nixon, manufacturer of peanut diggers, was seriously injured while at work at his plant in the county Monday night. The accident occurred about 9 o'clock, when Mr. Nixon was caught in a machine resulting in a badly mangled hand, a fractured leg and a serious cut on the head.

He was brought to Edenton, where he was given temporary treatment before being taken to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

Licenses For Peanut Pickers Now Ready

As in previous years, all peanut picker operators are required by law to obtain a license. These licenses must be obtained at the Register of Deeds' office and are now ready to be issued.

Plans Calls For "Pep" Meeting Next Tuesday Night

QUOTA \$6,000
Hoped Goal Will Be Realized Within Two Weeks

Following a meeting of the executive committee of the United War Fund drive in Chowan County, held Friday night in the Municipal Building, machinery was set up for the opening of the local campaign Wednesday morning, October 20. Various plans for the drive were discussed, one of which will be a "pep" meeting held the night before the drive opens which will be in the form of a barbecue dinner to be served for all who will participate in the county's effort to meet the quota. Every worker is urged to be present at this meeting which will be held in the Parish House, and at which time final instructions will be given to solicitors who are requested to make a thorough canvass of the entire town and county.

During Friday night's meeting it was decided to compile a list of all who make contributions during the drive, as well as the amount of the contribution. This list will be filed in the clerk of court's office as a permanent record of participation in this particular phase of the war effort.

The drive will be announced in the various churches throughout the county. It is not the purpose to take offerings in the churches, but only to remind members of congregations to contribute as generously as possible in this worthwhile appeal. It is also planned to have the Edenton High School band parade prior to next Tuesday night's meeting in order to stimulate interest in the drive which will begin the following morning.

J. H. Conger is general chairman of Chowan County's drive, during which the quota has been set at \$6,000. Associated with Mr. Conger are Philip McMullan, secretary; J. Edwin Buffal, publicity chairman; W. W. Byrum, chairman of commercial and industrial employee division; J. A. Moore and D. M. Warren, initial gifts division; J. Clarence Leary and L. H. Haskett, general canvassing division in Edenton; the Rev. Frank Cale, county canvassing division; Prof. D. F. Walker, colored division in Edenton; J. B. Small, colored division in the county; Mrs. James L. Hassell and Mrs. Thomas J. Hoskins, Yeopim section; George C. Cunney, Jr., in charge of U. S. Marine Corps Air Station contributions.

This drive is a combination of 18 appeals for funds, 17 brought about by war conditions and the addition of local Boy Scouts' usual drive for funds, so that instead of one appeal and drive after another being made, the National War Fund was formed in order for one contribution to take care of all appeals. For this reason contributions should be generous.

It is the hope of Chairman Conger, as well as his associates, that the local drive will be short-lived in that the amount the county is asked for will be raised within 10 days or at least not over two weeks.

The agencies who will share in the United War Fund are: USO, United Seamen's Service, War Prisoners Aid, Belgian War Relief Society, British War Relief Society, French Relief Fund, Friends of Luxembourg, Greek War Relief Association, Norwegian (Continued on Page Six)

Rooms Needed

With the arrival of many more Marines at the local air station, a new critical housing situation has developed. Relatives of some of these men are seeking rooms, so that there is need for more living quarters.

The USO Club found nine rooms Tuesday and inquiries are continuously coming in with no prospective rooms on file. Any who have one or more rooms will be doing a splendid service by contacting the USO Club.