

Merchants Publish New Ceiling Prices Released By OPA

First Appears as Official Guide When Making Purchases

EFFECTIVE DEC. 1 Housewives Are Urged To Clip and Save For Reference

Attention is called to OPA community ceiling prices in Group 1 and 2 stores, which became effective on December 1, the entire list of which appears on page three of this issue of The Herald.

Publication of the list was made possible by the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, who sponsored and paid to have it published in The Herald. It appears for use of housewives as an official guide to ceiling prices, and the sponsoring organization urges every housewife to clip it from the paper and save it for reference when making purchases.

Theodore S. Johnson, of Raleigh, district director, has announced that practically all food items, even though not listed, have ceiling prices under other maximum price regulations, so that any additional information should be secured at the local War Price and Rationing Board.

Edenton's merchants are eager to comply with ceiling price regulations and they are especially anxious to have housewives fully acquaint themselves with the ceiling prices in order to eliminate any misunderstanding when making purchases.

Seniors Will Present 'Mama's Baby Boy' Title Of Three-act Comedy At School

Members of the Class of 1944 will present the annual Senior play in the High School auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock, the title of this year's production being "Mama's Baby Boy." The play is a three-act comedy and is expected to live up to the reputation of previous senior plays presented at the school.

Miss Lucille Clark has been directing the play, which includes the following cast of characters:

Mrs. Shepard McClean—Sarah Russell.

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Luther Long—Gurney Hobbs.

Juliet Long—Rae Martin.

Mrs. Matilda Blackburn—Josie White.

William Warren—William Leary.

Sylvia Kline—Hazel Cobb.

Mrs. Carlotta Angeline—Virginia Bays.

Cynthia Angeline—Jackie Letcher.

Max Moore—Hurley Ward.

Minnie, colored maid—Mary Eliza White.

Harding Contribution In War Fund Drive Inadvertently Omitted

Attention has been called to a very important omission in the list of United War Fund contributors which appeared recently in The Herald. The names of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harding, who contributed \$200 to the fund, did not appear through an error which is unexplainable.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding were solicited by George C. Cunney, Jr., and were among the first to make a contribution during the drive, so that it is regretted that their names were missing, and The Herald gladly makes this belated correction.

USO Dance Tonight In Local Armory

Another USO dance for service men and women will be held in the Edenton Armory tonight (Thursday) from 9 to 11 o'clock. Hostesses and refreshments will be provided and music for the occasion will be furnished by the Weeksville Naval Air Station orchestra.

BACK TAXES PAID

Continuing his efforts to secure for the county all back taxes, J. N. Pruden, special tax attorney for the county, reported to the County Commissioners Monday that during November he collected \$807.75 in back taxes. The amount represented taxes in small amounts for the years from 1932 to 1940.

Blackout Tonight

Chowan County, along with other counties in the coastal area, is slated for a practice air raid blackout drill tonight (Thursday). The practice drill has been ordered by the Army and follows closely the public announcement of the policy of the headquarters of the Eastern Defense Command concerning blackouts and practice air raid drills.

According to information received, the red signal will be sounded at 9:30 o'clock, followed by the blue signal at 9:45, and the all clear alarm at 10:10 o'clock.

The drill has been called for the primary purpose of testing complete mobilization of civilian protective forces within the shortest period of time and on short notice.

This is the first practice blackout since September 1, and West Byrum, chief air raid warden, requests the same fine cooperation that has been shown in all previous tests.

W. J. Daniels Elected New Master For 1944 Of Unanimity Lodge

Other Elective and Appointive Officers Installed Tonight

At Thursday night's meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., officers for the year 1944 were elected. Those who were chosen were: W. Jim Daniels, who succeeds S. C. Mills as master; T. B. Williford, senior warden; W. P. Goodwin, junior warden; C. H. Wood, treasurer, and J. Edwin Bufflap, secretary.

These officers, together with those appointed by the new master, will be installed at tonight's (Thursday) meeting. All members of the lodge are especially urged to be present for the installation ceremony.

Due to the scheduled blackout test, the meeting has been stepped up to 7:30 instead of 8 o'clock, with the installation ceremony to be performed by H. A. Campen.

Many Attend Plaque Unveiling In Church

J. L. Wiggins and Lloyd Griffin Make Interesting Remarks

Enough people gathered in the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon to fill the entire first floor, when a special service was held in connection with the unveiling of a plaque in honor of over 100 young men now in the armed forces from the church and Sunday School. In referring to the plaque, the preacher, the Rev. E. L. Wells, said some names were unintentionally omitted, but that names will be added as they are reported.

The unveiling was done by Mary Eliza White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank White, Sr., who have five sons now in service. Speakers for the occasion were J. L. Wiggins, a veteran of the Spanish-American War and chairman of the Chowan County Draft Board, and Lloyd E. Griffin, a veteran of World War I and teacher of a Sunday School Class of which many of the young men were members.

Mr. Wiggins read the names on the plaque and told the congregation that the Draft Board is now in its fourth year, during which time 45 calls have been made for draftees, as the result of which 702 have been sent to camp, 290 white and 412 colored. Of this number, 206 white boys were accepted and 210 colored. Aside from these boys, said Mr. Wiggins, there have been 371 volunteers, 346 of whom are white and 25 colored.

Mr. Wiggins said that since the establishment of the U. S. Marine (Continued on Page Six)

Groups Asked To Wrap Packages For Christmas

All members of the G. S. O., the V. S. O. and Service Wives Organization are requested to meet at the Parish House on Monday evening, December 13, at 7:30 o'clock, to wrap presents for the USO Christmas party to be held on Tuesday night, December 21st. If enough come on time, the meeting can be over by 8:30 p. m.

Striking Of Clock On Court House A Mooted Question

One Group Wants Clock To Strike and Another Objects

TWO ARGUMENTS Final Decision Thrown Into Lap of Town Council

Whether or not the clock on top of the Court House should continue to toll the hours both day and night is a mooted question and one which has been thrown in the lap of Town Council. For many years, until a few years ago, the clock went about its business of striking off the hours, but when a complaint was registered some time back by G. H. Harding, proprietor of Hotel Joseph Hewes, that the striking bothered hotel guests, it was stopped at 10 o'clock at night and began to strike at 7 o'clock the next morning.

When the striking was discontinued there was no little objection registered, but the complaints were ignored and each night the striking was stopped until several months ago when the clock struck throughout the night. Objection was again made and once again the clock was stopped, so that, recently Mayor Leroy Haskett has been confronted with a number of queries as to why the striking was discontinued.

Mr. Haskett, therefore, decided to settle the matter one way or another and, together with W. M. Wilkins, Fourth Ward Councilman, appeared before the County Commissioners on Monday primarily to ascertain if the clock was town or county property, in order to determine whether Town Council or the County Commissioners had jurisdiction over the clock's operation. Of course, the clock is on top of the Court House, a county building, but for years Town Council has provided an appropriation for maintaining and repairing the clock.

The County Commissioners frankly admitted that they could not say whether the clock was town or county property, and because all but one of them live in the country, little concern was expressed as to the clock's striking or not. For that reason, the Commissioners referred the matter to Town Council to decide whether or not the clock should or should not strike every hour, day and night. The matter will, no doubt, be subject for discussion at the meeting of Town Council Tuesday night.

One group complains that the night striking greatly interferes with sleeping and rest, while another group advances the argument that due to the inability to buy clocks, striking of the hours aids no little in knowing what time of the day or night it is.

Warren Instructed Order Fluoroscope Machine Will Be Placed In Office of Board of Health

Machine Will Be Placed In Office of Board of Health

That Chowan County will purchase a fluoroscope is practically assured, following a motion passed Monday by the County Commissioners instructing Chairman D. M. Warren to proceed with the purchase of this much-needed machine.

The absolute need of a fluoroscope was brought to the attention of the Commissioners at a previous meeting by Mrs. J. A. Moore and Mrs. R. C. Holland, chairman and treasurer, respectively of the Christmas Seal sale. It was stated at that time that Chowan is led by only 10 other counties in the State in the death rate from tuberculosis, and that the fluoroscope would play an important part in discovering and undoubtedly checking development of the disease.

Mr. Warren told the Commissioners that he had made an investigation of the matter and was convinced that the machine is necessary and practical, but that he desired to contact Dr. R. E. Fox, of the State Board of Health, before placing the order.

When the machine is purchased it will be placed in the local Health Board office as part of the county equipment.

FOLKS PAYING TAXES

Sheriff J. A. Bunch had a good collection of taxes during November, his monthly report to the County Commissioners showing that during the month he collected \$21,777.02 in 1943 taxes.

Canvass Scheduled In Edenton To Find All Available Rooms

Living Quarters Necessary Due to Squadron of Marines

MEETING HELD Appeal to USO Referred To Civilian Defense Council

Following a request received by Abe Martin, director of the local USO Club, from the Federal Security Agency for a report on housing facilities in Edenton, Mr. Martin appealed to E. W. Spires, chairman of the Chowan County Civilian Defense Council, who called a meeting of block leaders for the Edenton Zone Monday afternoon.

The appeal came as the result of a large number of Marines expected to arrive soon at the Edenton base, it being expected that about 700 of them will be accompanied by their wives who will, of course, need living quarters.

The local housing situation was thoroughly discussed, after which it was decided to make a thorough house-to-house canvass in order to learn of every available room, apartment or home which can be made available. Cards have been printed on which the necessary information will be listed and these cards will be kept on file in the USO office.

Mrs. John F. White is chairman of the Edenton block, but due to her health and teaching duties is unable to handle the canvass, so that Mrs. W. D. Pruden was appointed and she agreed to serve as chairman and direct the canvass. Miss Rebecca Colwell is chief block leader for the county and will also assist in furnishing information relative to available living quarters in the county. Gilmer Johnson is director of the Citizens Service Corps under which the block leaders operate.

At the completion of the canvass, the cards are to be turned in to the USO office, and any who rent rooms or apartments are requested to notify Mr. Martin at the USO of the fact in order to prevent duplication of sending prospects when quarters have been rented. It is also requested that the USO be again notified when any rooms are vacated so that others may be accommodated.

It was emphasized at the meeting that the service men expected to arrive shortly will remain only a limited time and that their wives, as well as other relatives, will want to be with them as much as possible before their departure. For that reason, it is urged that when canvassed, every citizen in Edenton will stretch every point possible in making available rooms or apartments.

Local Shore Patrol Has Been Doubled

Four More Men Arrive Thursday From Norfolk For Duty

Effective Thursday of last week, the Shore Patrol in Edenton was doubled, four more men being added to the quartet assigned to duty a few weeks ago.

The newcomers are William J. Fitzgerald, specialist first class; Giacomo C. Longilotti, specialist third class; Edward W. Lonsinger, specialist third class, and Charlie W. Lewis, specialist second class.

The entire group, sent here from the Norfolk Shore Police Headquarters, will be under Chief Petty Officer Lawrence Pierce.

Red Men Nominate Officers Next Monday

At next Monday night's meeting of Chowan Tribe of Red Men nomination of officers for the first six months in 1944 will be held. Eric Haste is sachem of the Tribe for the present term and he urges as many members as possibly can to be on hand to take part in the nomination of the officers.

COUNTY DEBT REDUCED

D. M. Warren, chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners, was, on Monday, authorized to pay \$6,521.78 of the county indebtedness, which will be due January 1. The amount represents road, bridge and culvert bonds and coupons.

New Master



W. JIM DANIELS
At election of officers for Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., Thursday night, Mr. Daniels was elected as master for the year 1944. He succeeds S. C. Mills.

210 Garments For Red Cross Made By Women In County

14 Army Mufflers Also Sent to State Arsenal On Tuesday

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the Red Cross, reported this week that 210 garments have been made by members of the home demonstration clubs of the county. These garments, made under the direction of Miss Rebecca Colwell, Red Cross chairman of production in the county, included women's slips, nightgowns, petticoats and children's nightgowns.

Credit for the garments made goes to the following:

Byrd's Club, 10; Rocky Hock Club, 11; Ryland Club, 27; Center Hill Club, 20; Ward's Club, 30; Chowan Club, 30; Enterprise Club, 20; Gum Pond Club, 17; Beech Fork Club, 12; Hurdle's Club, 19, and Mrs. J. H. Morgan and Mrs. C. P. Harrell of the Advance community.

Mrs. Pruden also reports that 14 army mufflers were sent Tuesday to the State arsenal at Sea Girt, N. J. These mufflers were made under the direction of Mrs. Mattie Davis, knitting chairman of the Chapter.

Plans Under Way For Christmas Tree Court House Green

Idea to Decorate Large Tree and Have Number of Programs

At the suggestion of Abe Martin, director of the USO Club, plans are under foot to erect a large community Christmas tree on the Court House Green during the Christmas holidays. The idea was presented at last Thursday's Rotary meeting, and C. W. Overman was appointed to represent the club at any meeting which may be called regarding the matter.

Mr. Martin expressed the opinion that many service men and women will be unable to spend Christmas at their homes and that a community tree and a number of programs around the tree will help make the holiday more enjoyable for those who cannot be at their homes.

It was suggested that various organizations share in what expense will be involved, as well as help in arranging one or more programs, which will, of course, include singing of Christmas carols.

Up until a year or two ago a large Christmas tree had, for a number of years, been placed on the Court House Green and the idea, especially this year with many service men and women in the community, is meeting with general approval, though up until The Herald went to press, no definite action had been taken.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Cameron Boyce, a son, November 22, at the Medical Center in Elizabeth City. The baby has been named Jacob Cameron Boyce, Jr.

Present Receipts In Christmas

Approaching Goal

Indications Point to Return of at Least \$750 During Drive

STILL INCOMPLETE

Response at Marine Corps Air Station Gratifying

Though the Christmas Seal sale in Chowan County is far from complete, indications early this week pointed to a highly successful drive, giving every reason to expect that the hoped-for quota of \$750 will be realized.

Contributions, according to Mrs. R. C. Holland, treasurer of the sale, are nearing the goal, though quite a number of the letters mailed out have not been heard from. Then, too, the drive throughout schools in the county began only Monday of this week and will not be completed until the latter part of the week.

Those who received the letters containing Seals are requested to return either a contribution or the Seals to Mrs. Holland as soon as possible.

Both Mrs. J. A. Moore, chairman of the Seal sale, and Mrs. Holland are very appreciative for the cooperation at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, where the drive was highly successful. Lieutenant-Colonel Zebulon C. Hopkins very graciously allowed two booths to be operated at the base, where Seals were sold. Mrs. Moore is especially grateful to the ladies who assisted in handling the sale, a wife of an officer and an Edenton lady being on duty throughout last week. Officers' wives who very ably assisted were Mrs. Zebulon C. Hopkins, Mrs. H. L. Patterson, Mrs. M. E. Derryberry, Mrs. C. G. Prah, Mrs. H. M. Gregg and Mrs. A. F. Liles.

Another incident which cheered both Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Holland resulted when Captain H. L. Patterson called by telephone to ask if he could purchase \$16 worth of the Seals. The request was made when a parachute squad, 16 strong, told Captain Patterson that they each wanted to buy one dollar's worth of Seals, not having had an opportunity to make the purchase while the booths were in operation.

Booths for the sale of Seals were put in operation Wednesday at the Post Office and at Hotel Joseph Hewes, where Seals may be purchased each afternoon for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. Holland has also received a number of checks from people who were overlooked in mailing Seals. These contributions are greatly appreciated and if there are others who desire to contribute they may rest assured their checks will be welcome.

Mrs. Moore is very much encouraged in the fight against tuberculosis, due to action of the County Commissioners Monday, when Chairman D. M. Warren was authorized to purchase a fluoroscope for the health office. With more funds on hand and the added service of a fluoroscope, more concrete results will be realized in discovering the presence of tuberculosis as well as in combatting its development and spread.

\$45,000 Distributed By Bank Of Edenton In Christmas Club

Record Established as Over 1,000 Members Participate

Over \$45,000 was distributed last week by the Bank of Edenton, that amount going to over 1,000 members of the bank's 1943 Christmas Club. Both the amount distributed and the number of members is a new record this year, both being larger than any previous year since the plan of Christmas saving has been adopted.

The new club opened Monday and bank officials feel very optimistic that the 1944 club will eclipse last year's figures. Those who desire to join are urged to do so as soon as possible in order to equalize the work entailed, as well as prevent delinquent payments from the outset.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. Helen Jordan underwent an appendectomy in Windsor Hospital Friday. She is reported as making satisfactory progress.