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Easter Seals Now In Hands Of Group For Chowan's Drive

Teachers, School Children and Friends At Work

NEED GREAT

Potter Appeals For Full Support In Behalf of Crippled Children

Full support to the annual sale of Easter seals now being carried on to finance the local program for crippled children is urged upon the citizens of Chowan County by Geddes Potter, president of County Crippled Children's League.

Declaring that the work of the Chowan County League is of vital importance to the home front, Mr. Potter said that the restoration of handicapped youth to earning capacity has relieved many communities of a burden and enriched them by adding to their producing citizens.

Citing numerous instances of crippled young people he knew who had been helped by the Chowan County Crippled Children League to help themselves, Mr. Potter declared that as the war progresses the voluntary agencies will probably be called upon for greater and greater efforts to meet social needs on the home front.

"Their work will have to be expanded, not decreased," he said, "and it is our duty as citizens to see to it that such work is adequately financed. A movement that pays such high social dividends should have the support of everyone. I give the Easter seal sale my hearty endorsement, and I appeal to the people of this community to give the seal sale for crippled children the support it deserves."

Easter seals are by this time in the hands of the teachers and school children, and friends of the crippled children. It is the desire that every friend of the crippled children will make their remittance to the Crippled Children Fund as liberal as possible, because the need is great.

75 Marines Out For Baseball Team

League Organized Including Service Teams In Albemarle

Daily workouts have been in progress at the local air station in anticipation of putting a strong baseball team on the field this summer. Approximately 75 candidates are taking the workouts, including warm-up drills, calisthenics and batting practice. Most of the candidates are former semi-professional and high school players, with Ensign Harry Gains acting as coach.

The team will participate in an Albemarle Service Team League including Harvey Point Naval Station, Elizabeth City Coast Guard Station Auxiliary Patrol Plane Base, Weeksville Lighter-Than-Air Station and the Elizabeth City All Stars.

The Marines are seeking games during the months of May, June and July to finish out their schedule, and service or civilian teams interested in playing the Marines should contact either Lieut. L. E. Cochran, athletic director, or Ensign Harry Gains, the coach, at the air station.

Another Arrest Made In Connection With Series Of Robberies

Another arrest has been made in connection with the frustrated robbery of the Triangle Filling Station Wednesday morning of last week when Officer Joseph Bunch arrested Willie James Rhinehart, Negro, who had a large quantity of stolen merchandise in an automobile which was also stolen in Norfolk, Va.

The second party arrested is Robert Dock Roach, Negro, who was picked up in Norfolk, and police are expecting at any time to round up two other Negroes in connection with a series of robberies by the

A preliminary hearing will be given the defendants in Recorder's Court Friday morning prior to being tried in Superior Court. They will be charged with breaking and entering and having in their possession burglary tools and deadly weapons.

Bear Swamp Drainage Project Is Satisfactory To State Representative

E. B. Garrett of the State Soil Conservation Service, visited Chowan County last week and while here observed the Bear Swamp drainage project. Mr. Garrett appeared well pleased with the success of the work thus far and had conferences with each of the drainage district commissioners in view of determining what needs to be done in order to complete the project.

Program Is Shaping Up For Presentation Of Colors To Base

Post Committee and Captain Gurley Iron Out Details

John A. Holmes, R. L. Pratt, Jesse W. White and Judge Richard Dixon, representing a committee from Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, met with Captain Henry Gurley in Mr. Holmes' office Tuesday night, at which time tentative arrangements were made for the presentation by the Post of a set of colors to the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station on Sunday, April 9.

Color guards will be selected on behalf of the Post and the air station, and these groups will meet prior to the celebration in order to rehearse their part of the program, while Captain Gurley stated that he will have arrangements completed at the base for those taking part, as well as for spectators, which with favorable weather has been estimated to be in the neighborhood of 5,000. Captain Gurley will also have programs presented to guests as they enter the base which will outline the activities as well as specify where various groupings will meet.

Governor J. M. Broughton will make the principal address in connection with the presentation and he will be accompanied by Mrs. Broughton and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McMillan. Mr. McMillan is national vice commander of the American Legion and will present the colors in behalf of Ed Bond Post.

According to plans, the color guards will form in front of the reviewing stand on the runways, where the colors will be exchanged between (Continued on Page Six)

First Vesper Service Will Be Held Sunday

Weekly Meetings Arranged In Methodist Church

Carrying out one of the first actions of the newly organized Chowan Ministerial Association, vesper services will be held for the first time in the Methodist Church next Sunday afternoon at 5:25 o'clock. These regular Sunday afternoon services are planned primarily for men and women in the armed forces, although it is hoped that many others will also attend.

The Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church and president of the Association, will be the speaker Sunday afternoon, and for each subsequent service various ministers in the county will speak. In connection with the service, a portion of the program will be devoted to singing and such other activities in keeping with church work will be planned which should interest service men and women.

The service will be held every Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the local Methodist Church, which has been offered for the purpose by the official board.

Bond Drive At Base Boosts Percentages

Coming to a close Tuesday, the war loan drive at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station proved very successful. The station was divided into six departments, with the percentages tabulated as follows:

Naval personnel officers, 96 per cent.; enlisted men, 97 per cent.; WR squadron, 89 per cent.; headquarters squadron, 85 per cent.; station officers, 100 per cent., and civilians, 75 per cent.

The goal was 90 per cent. and the gain made during the drive was splendid, but bond buying and bond allotments are still encouraged.

'Old Boys' Organize Own Scout Troop At Meeting On Monday

Course In Training Begins at Scout Cabin Tonight

SEVEN LESSONS

For Scout Officials, Parents of Boys and Any Interested In Boys

At a meeting held in the Boy Scout Cabin Monday night plans were set up for holding a Scout master course, which will be held once a week for seven weeks. The first lesson is scheduled to be held tonight (Thursday), according to John A. Holmes, chairman of the leadership training committee. The lessons will be taught in the Scout Cabin, beginning at 8 o'clock, and have been arranged not only for Boy Scout officers, but for parents of the boys as well as anyone interested in the boys.

At the same time, a Scout troop composed of adults was organized with John Holmes as Scoutmaster; J. R. Tanner and C. W. Overman, assistant Scoutmasters; L. Q. Pierce of Sunbury, senior patrol leader; the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., Oscar Duncan and J. P. Johnson of Hobbsville, patrol leaders; R. N. Hines, quartermaster; J. E. Wood, scribe, H. A. Campen, J. Clarence Leary and Geddes Potter, members of the troop committee.

All men who take the training course will be organized into patrols and at the conclusion of the seven weeks, they will be required to prepare and eat their own supper.

Mr. Holmes is very anxious to have a large number take advantage of the series of lessons, therefore every man who is interested in boys and their welfare is urged to attend.

Red Cross Shows No Little Activity During Past Year

Mrs. J. N. Pruden Submits Figures of Local Chapter

While Chowan County is struggling to meet its Red Cross War Fund quota, it will be interesting to know some of the local chapter's activities during the past year, which were furnished by Mrs. J. N. Pruden county chairman.

A list of the activities, therefore follows:

Kits made and filled for services men going overseas, 838; kit bags for hospitals, 200; housewives made an filled for hospitals, 100; women's and children's garments made, 348 knitted garments for service men, 181; surgical dressings made in 11 months, 220,695; first aid certificates issued, 58; canteen certificates issued, 12; home nursing certificate issued, 12; water safety and junior life saving certificates issued, 7 financed instruction of life saving instructor at Brevard, N. C.; furnished refreshments one evening, at USO; filled 25 Christmas boxes for patients at U. S. Marine base; handled 98 emergency cases at the Marine base, as well as many more cases handled through home service in charge of Miss Mary Moore.

During the year \$4,872.81 was sent to the National organization; \$675 used for home service; \$185 for surgical dressings; \$340 for service kits; \$68 for production; \$655 for canteen service; \$10 for fruit and \$67 for water safety, and \$30 for administration, or a total of \$1,930 aside from the amount sent to National headquarters.

Lieut.-Col. C. J. Peters Speaker For Masons

At tonight's (Thursday) meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., Lieut.-Col. Chester Peters, commanding officer of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, will make a brief address.

All members of the lodge are urged to attend and a cordial invitation is extended to all visiting Masons to be present. The meeting will be held in the lodge room in the Court House at 8 o'clock.

\$1,522 Still Needed To Reach Quota In Red Cross War Fund

Contributions Wednesday Morning Amount To \$6,278

QUOTA \$7,800

Berryman and Warren Urge Extra Effort In Final Roundup

Though gradually nearing the Red Cross War Fund quota, Chowan County on Wednesday morning lacked \$1,522 of reaching its quota of \$7,800. Treasurer D. M. Warren has had turned over to him \$6,278, and while the report is still incomplete there will have to be some extra effort put forth to reach the quota before the end of March. It is not expected that canvassers who have not reported have contributions amounting to \$1,500, therefore, both Mr. Berryman, chairman of the drive, and Mr. Warren urge canvassers to contact all they have not seen, as well as solicit another contribution from some who have already contributed.

Both Mr. Berryman and Mr. Warren feel sure the quota of \$7,800 will be reached with the proper amount of effort and cooperation even if the goal of \$10,000 is not realized.

Canvassers are, therefore, urged to make a final round-up today (Thursday) and Friday and turn in their reports at once to Mr. Warren so that the result may be known as soon as possible.

Many Young Men On Farms Facing Likely Army Duty

Computing Data Necessitates Employing Assistant

New regulations made by Selective Service requiring a minimum of 16 farm units for farm registrants has caused a large number of farmers to visit County Agent C. W. Overman's office to get their war units computed.

Due to the diversification of the farming system in Chowan County many farmers are able to show above 16 war production units for this year, but even under the diversified system of farming, it appears that Selective Service will take a large number of young farm workers from the farm.

The War Board, in reviewing record sheets, recommended to the Draft Board that approximately one-third of the registrants considered be taken for service. These recommendations were made on the basis of individual farms, noting which farms these men might be spared from.

This work of computing war production units is placing a tremendous strain on the extension personnel in the county, therefore Herman F. White of the Paradise community has been employed to assist with farm labor work as farm labor assistant.

Square Dance Tonight In Edenton Armory

Sponsored by the USO and VSO, a square dance will be held in the Edenton Armory tonight (Thursday) from 8:30 to 11:30 o'clock. The affair has been planned especially for service men and women, although a special invitation is extended to anyone who enjoy square dancing to attend.

Music for the dance will be in charge of Sid Ward.

PTA Meeting Will Be Held Tuesday

Edenton's Parent-Teachers Association will meet Tuesday afternoon April 4, at 3:45, in the High School Library. Every member is urged to be present. A prize of one dollar will be awarded the room having the largest number of parents present. A special invitation is extended to newcomers in town to attend this meeting and to join the P. T. A.

A feature of the meeting will be a musical program including vocal and instrumental numbers.

Important Meeting Of Cemetery Association Scheduled For Today

This afternoon (Thursday) at 4 o'clock, the annual meeting of the Cemetery Association will be held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Privott. This will be a very important meeting and a request is made that as many lot owners as possible can attend. So imperative is it that a large number of lot owners attend this meeting, it has been arranged, in event of inclement weather today the meeting will be held Friday afternoon instead.

Harding Speaker At Anniversary Of Edenton Lions Club

Outstanding Affair Held In Lions Den Tuesday Night

One of the most outstanding affairs in the history of the Edenton Lions Club was held in the club's den on Tuesday night when Ladies' night was observed in connection with the seventh anniversary banquet. The spacious hall in the Mitchener building was crowded to capacity with local members, their wives and a large group of visiting Lions from neighboring clubs, and during the entire meeting a splendid spirit of fellowship prevailed.

A feature of the meeting was an address by Edmund Harding of Washington, N. C., well known humorist and after dinner entertainer, who was in exceptional form for the occasion, and kept his audience in a splendid mood throughout his performance, which was climaxed by a number of snappy songs with the speaker playing his accordion.

Living up to past reputation, a splendid meal was served, though those present had some difficulty in figuring out the menu, which listed such items as "Just Plain Spud Salsada, Fruit De Plymouthes Rocke, a la go carte de herbs, Navy noise, dental polish, hard tacks, brine starch and heavenly grace."

The program was interspersed with what was classified as straining the vocal cords and relaxation of lungs before and after the serving of vittles.

"Scotch" Mitchener, "De Odo" Campen, "One Fish" Malone and "Puss" Floors composed the committee which arranged the affair.

Close Fishing Season Changed To April 11

Order Takes In Easter And Easter Monday To Fish

Game Warden J. G. Perry has been notified by Commissioner Hinton James of a change in the closed season for inland water fishing, whereby the season has been ordered closed on April 11 to remain applying to all counties east of Alleghany, Wilkes, and Rutherford closed through May 19, the order and east of Highway 18 in Burke and Caldwell counties.

As set forth in regulations of the Board of Conservation and Development, the closed season for warm water fishing was scheduled to go into effect April 6 and open May 20, therefore the new order will allow sportsmen to enjoy fishing through Easter Monday. Heretofore it has been necessary for the Board of Conservation, at the request of sportsmen, to allow fishing on Easter day and Easter Monday during the closed season.

Edenton History Topic Service Wives Meeting

The Service Wives Club held a very interesting meeting on Friday night. After the usual luncheon, the club enjoyed a very informative lecture by Mrs. Charles P. Wales on the History of Edenton.

Inspection Of Business Section Next Week

Fire Chief and Building Inspector R. K. Hall has announced that he will make an inspection of the business section next week. This inspection will be to eliminate fire hazards and merchants are urged to clean up as much as possible before Chief Hall arrives.

Co. 26 Of State Guard After New Recruits To Fill Up Local Unit

Local Outfit Now Lacks 10 Men Lost By Selective Service

NECESSARY GROUP

Armory Open Tonight And Friday to Secure Enlistments

Company 26, Edenton's unit of the North Carolina State Guard, is still in need of recruits as the campaign for new members nears its close. The company lacks 10 men of having its full complement of 50 and officers of the unit say they would like to have twice that many so that they would have men already trained to take the place of the men who will be lost by the Selective Service route. The appeal for recruits is directed especially to men over 38 but under 50, men who have been rejected by the armed services because of some slight physical disability and farmers and others deferred by their occupations.

Training in the State Guard consists of one drill period a week which is held on Tuesday nights. Equipment and training supervision are furnished by the State and Federal governments.

The State Guard is three years old this month and, though the country does not stand in danger of invasion as it did when the guard was organized, its primary duties, that is protection of life and property in the State, still exist.

The National Guard, whose place the State Guard has taken, was considered necessary in time of peace and thinking people know that such a body, trained for emergencies, is even more needed now.

The Armory will be open and members of Company 26 will be on hand Thursday and Friday nights of this week from 7 to 9 o'clock for anyone wishing to enlist or to get more information on the subject.

Holy Week Services At Methodist Church

Rev. H. F. Surratt, Pastor Arranges Special Meetings

Holy Week services in the Methodist Church have been announced by the pastor, the Rev. H. F. Surratt, with characters about the cross being the theme of a series of addresses each night.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, preaching will be held at 11 a. m., when Mr. Surratt's subject will be "Christ as King." Holy communion will be observed at this service and new members will be taken into the church.

Services will be held every evening, except Saturday, at 8 o'clock, with Monday night's subject being "Caiaphas, the High Priest." Tuesday night Judas Iscariot will be discussed, Wednesday night, Simon of Cyrene, the Roman Centurion. At this service Holy Communion will be observed.

The subject for Friday night will be "The Watch at the Cross."

On Easter Sunday, April 9, Mr. Surratt's subject will be "The Living Christ," and during the service Easter anthems will be rendered by the choir.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend all of the services.

Deputy Grand Master At Masonic Meeting

Bill Spivey, of Williamston, deputy grand master of the Second Masonic District, will visit Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, at its meeting tonight. He is very anxious to meet many of Unanimity's members, therefore, W. J. Daniels, master, urges all members to be present.

St. Paul's Auxiliary Will Meet Monday

The regular business meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church will be held at the home of Mrs. Julien Wood on Monday afternoon, April 3, at 4 o'clock. All women of the parish and all visitors in the parish are urged to attend this meeting.