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Chowan County Meets Red Cross 1944 Fund Quota; Amount Totals \$7,851.67

\$25 Above \$7,800 Quota Reported Monday Morning

UP-HILL FIGHT
Berryman and Warren Pleased With Result Of Drive

Though it was an uphill fight, Chowan County reached its quota in the Red Cross War Fund drive Monday morning, when D. M. Warren, treasurer, reported that the quota of \$7,800 has been exceeded by \$25. Since then, contributions have trickled in so that Tuesday at noon contributions totaled \$7,851.67, or \$51.07 above the quota.

Both W. J. Berryman, chairman of the drive, and Mr. Warren, together with other workers, had set a goal of \$10,000 in the drive, but even though that amount has not been realized gratification is expressed over the fact that the county has again lived up to its past reputation in raising the largest amount ever requested of it for Red Cross work.

There are still a few more canvassers to be heard from, but it is not expected that these reports will add substantially to the amount now in hand.

Though the national drive has been in progress during the entire month of March, Chowan's drive did not begin until Monday, March 13, in the hope that it would not drag along over a long period of time. However when first reports reached Treasurer Warren, returns did not come up to expectations, and though both Warren and Berryman refused to believe that the quota would not be reached, they realized that a good deal of extra effort would be necessary, if \$7,800 was raised.

Canvassers, as well as contributors, rallied generously, so that within a few days of the end of the drive there was still lacking something like \$1,000 which, of course, came in to again maintain a perfect record for Chowan County so far as Red Cross quotas are concerned.

Both Berryman and Warren are delighted with the result and though the \$10,000 goal was not realized, they feel that Chowan County has done a splendid job. They desire, too, to publicly thank each and every one who in any way contributed to the success of the drive either by soliciting or making contributions.

Police Ready For Big Party Tonight

Large Group Expected To Attend Affair In Armory

In the neighborhood of 125 are expected to attend the Edenton Police Department's party tonight (Thursday) in the Edenton Armory, when the police will be hosts to the members of Town Council, the Board of Public Works, County Commissioners, firemen, Shore Patrol, members of Division 2 of the State Highway Patrol, Sheriff J. A. Bunch and his deputies, the auxiliary police and a group of prominent visitors including Sheriff C. V. Faulkner of Nash County; Thomas E. Creekmore, director of the SBI; Edward Scheidt, FBI agent in North Carolina; Lieut.-Commander James F. Ingoldsby, in charge of the Fifth Naval District Shore Patrol; Lieut. Lester Jones of the State Highway; Judge C. E. Thompson of Elizabeth City; Solicitor Chester Morris; Col. Karl Day and Lieut.-Col. Chester J. Peters, commanding officers at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, as well as a few others.

The affair will begin at 7 o'clock, and a delightful program has been arranged by Chief of Police J. R. Tanner, father of the idea. Barbecue and all the trimmings will be served, and the police are looking forward to one of the most pleasant occasions ever staged by the department.

Legionnaires Put Finishing Touches To Sunday's Affair

Judge Leo Carr Speaker At Meeting Tuesday Night

Though meetings are customarily held monthly, the third consecutive weekly meeting of Ed Bond Post was held Tuesday night in the Court House, at which time the finishing touches were made to the Legion's part in the celebration next Sunday when Ed Bond Post will present colors to the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station. The Legionnaires, with favorable weather, are expecting a large number of visiting ex-service men, invitations having been extended to all nearby Legion posts.

Jesse White, commander of the Post, appointed Robert L. Pratt to have charge of all Legionnaires who are expected to participate in the parade at the air station, and in order to meet and greet visiting Legionnaires, a welcoming committee was named by White consisting of C. E. Kramer, Philip McMullan, Richard Elliott and Geddes Potter.

Members of the Post are looking forward with much pleasure to the celebration and, unless the weather interferes, they expect the affair not only to be one of the most outstanding ever held by the Post, but in Edenton as a whole. Officers and personnel at the air station are also cooperating in every respect to make the occasion successful and delightful and because of the opening of the base to the public and the program as arranged, a record crowd is expected to be on hand.

The principal speaker at Tuesday night's meeting was Judge Leo Carr. He brought greetings from his Post in Burlington and stressed the responsibility resting upon Legionnaires not only now but after the war as well.

"Legionnaires have an opportunity (Continued on Page Six)

40 Adults Attend Training Course In Scout Cabin

Meeting Friday This Week Instead of Thursday

In the neighborhood of 40 men were on hand in the Boy Scout Cabin Thursday night when the first of a series of lessons in Scout training was held under the leadership of John A. Holmes, chairman of the district leadership training committee. In connection with the lesson, Mr. Holmes spoke on the subject, "The Boy," which proved very interesting to those present, including men interested in Scouting from Edenton, Hertford and Sunbury.

A very delightful evening was enjoyed by the group, which is now organized into troops and proving of great interest to the men.

The training course includes seven lessons to be taught weekly and due to the police party tonight, the meeting will be held Friday night instead of Thursday.

Plymouth Rector At St. Paul's Sunday

An Easter service will be held Sunday morning in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at which time the Rev. William Daniels of Plymouth will preach. The service is scheduled to be held at 9:30 o'clock, and an invitation is extended to the public to attend.

Criminal Docket In Superior Court Ends Tuesday Afternoon

Jury Returns Verdict of Not Guilty In Knife Slaying

CARR PRESIDING

Gambling Target For Lambasting In Charge To Grand Jury

With a charge of knife slaying on the docket, a large crowd of court attendants filled the Court House Monday morning when Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, opened the April term of Superior Court.

The criminal docket was completed Tuesday with civil cases begun Wednesday morning. With several asking to be excused principally due to lack of help, the Grand Jury was finally made up of W. A. Harrell, foreman; Earl Goodwin, W. M. Wilkins, J. H. Conger, C. N. Keeter, C. T. Griffin, R. C. Nixon, Earl Harrell, Henry Smith N. J. Goodwin, S. W. White, C. B. Mooney, Jr., Thomas J. Jackson, W. S. Bass, C. W. Jordan, H. I. Ward, H. V. Bass and Walter Umphlett.

In quite a lengthy address Judge Carr charged the jury, placing special emphasis on gambling and maintaining a wholesome community where service men and women may spend their leisure hours.

"The grand jury is a very important organization functioning with law enforcement machinery," he said. "It is true that some work of grand juries of the present day might be eliminated," he said as he referred to double work in going over cases (Continued on Page Five)

Jury Drawn For May Term Court

Session Will Depend on Number of Cases Docketed

In anticipation of holding the special May term of Superior Court the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday drew 24 names who will be required to serve as jurors of course, if there are not enough cases on the calendar to justify holding the term of court, a request will be made to Governor J. M. Broughton to have the session called off.

Those drawn for jury duty are: B. C. Hare, O. N. Jordan, W. H. Saunders, George C. Wood, T. E. Haste, Graham Byrum, H. Tom Hollowell, E. T. Parks, D. G. Welch, Emmett Dale, Percy M. Harrell, Paul Ober, Lloyd E. Bunch, W. T. Byrum, W. C. Brabble, J. T. Hollowell, John Parrish, O. C. Perry, William S. Morris, C. H. Barber, Raeford Brabble, W. M. Chesson, N. E. Jordan and William Corpew.

TWO LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDED IN RIVER AND HARBOR BILL PASSED IN HOUSE

Congressman Herbert Bonner Successful In Including Pembroke Creek and Chowan River Projects; Senate Now Considering Bill

Congressman Herbert Bonner informed The Herald late last week that he was able to include at least two local projects in the recent River and Harbor bill which passed the House on March 20, and is being considered in the Senate.

One of the projects recommends the improvement of Chowan River to provide for a channel 12 feet deep and 80 feet wide from the mouth to the confluence of the Nottoway and Blackwater Rivers, Va., including a cut-off channel of like dimensions through a sharp bend near Biddicksville, N. C., at an estimated first cost of \$15,000, with annual maintenance of \$500; and modification of the existing project for Blackwater River, Va., to provide for a channel 12 feet deep and generally 80 feet wide from the mouth to a point just down-

Chowan Negro One Prisoner To Return Home On Gripsholm

George Baker Welch Is Listed Among Latest Group Exchanged

ON CATTLE BOAT

Worked Between U. S. And England Prior To Outbreak War

Among the last group of American prisoners exchanged with Germany which recently arrived on the Swedish ship Gripsholm, was one from Chowan County, George Baker Welch, a colored man who formerly lived in the upper part of the county. Welch was listed as George Welch and gave his home as Edenton, for which reason an intelligence agent recently conferred with Mrs. Belle Parker in order to identify the man.

Mrs. Parker recalled a colored family named Welch which was well thought of in the community, having resided near the Welch homeplace in the Tyner section. She remembers very well Aunt Mary Isaac Welch, the mother of Baker, as he was known, who was a high type colored woman having the respect of a large group of white friends.

The repatriated prisoner was a fine type and highly respected colored boy when he left the community before war was declared to work on a cattle boat going to England, and it is thought he was later taken prisoner by the Germans.

Easter Service In Methodist Church

Rev. H. F. Surratt Announces Service at 9 A. M.

Special Easter services will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, instead of the usual 11 o'clock hour. The subject of the pastor, the Rev. H. F. Surratt, will be "The Living Christ," and special Easter anthems will be rendered by the choir, including "Christ Is Risen," and a solo, "An Angel Said Unto Mary," by Miss Helen Willis. A service will also be held Sunday night at 8 o'clock, the subject being "The Afterglow of Easter."

Beginning Monday of this week, the Rev. Mr. Surratt has been holding special Holy Week Services with his subjects centering about the Cross. Tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, the subject will be "Jouginus, the Roman Centurian," and Friday night the subject will be "The Watch at the Cross."

Immediately following the Easter morning service, Church School will be held and the Youth Fellowship meeting will take place Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Public Allowed To Enter Reservation To Witness Outstanding Celebration

Service Men And Women Allowed To Vote In Elections

Must Apply For Absentee Registration And Ballot

Men and women in the armed forces of the United States are granted by the State of North Carolina the special opportunity and right to register and vote in the 1944 primary and general elections, although they may be absent from their home county.

Persons desiring absentee registration and vote must be absent from his or her home county and serving in the military, naval, auxiliary, merchant marine or other armed forces. They must be 21 years old, or will become 21 by November 7, 1944, and must have been a resident of North Carolina for one year and of the voting precinct for four months preceding November 7, 1944. Temporary absence in military service does not interrupt voting residence. Another qualification is that the applicant must be able to read and write any section of the State Constitution.

Applications must be filled out and addressed to the Chairman of the County Board of Elections, which in Chowan County is L. C. Burton. For the benefit of those desiring to apply for absentee registration and ballots, the proper form appears elsewhere in this issue of The Herald.

St. Paul's Vestry Now Plan Another Church Restoration

D. M. Warren Principal Speaker at Meeting Of Auxiliary

Speaking to the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church on Monday afternoon, D. M. Warren, Senior Warden of the parish, called on all women to accept the great responsibilities which are theirs at this time. He said: "If you fail, St. Paul's will fail temporarily. If you do not support the Church School, the Church School will fail temporarily; if you do not support the Young Peoples' Service League, the Service League will fail temporarily; if you do not support the church financially, its plans will fail temporarily; but you will fail permanently. St. Paul's is bigger than the individual, and it will continue to live; but if you fail it, you will fail permanently."

He then stated that the Vestry is planning another restoration of St. Paul's, the last one having been begun in 1806. He called on the women to help support this movement by assisting in raising the necessary funds.

Records show that the women have always been active in this work, and he asked that the present Woman's Auxiliary follow the example set by their ancestors.

Mr. Warren cited an incident in Lloyd Douglas' book, "The Robe," in which religion is likened to a kit of tools to be used to build with, instead of a house in which to live a stationary life. He closed his talk with this remark, "St. Paul's Church is not finished. We cannot afford to put down our kit of tools—our religion."

ROTARIANS MEET TODAY
Edenton's Rotary Club will meet in the Parish House today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock. President R. N. Hines is very anxious to have a good attendance in order to boost the club's average, especially due to the fact that Secretary John A. Holmes is a candidate for district governor.

Gov. Broughton and R. L. McMillan Special Guests

PROGRAM 3 P. M.

Gate Opened 1 P. M. to Allow For Tour of Grounds

With favorable weather, many people are expected to attend and witness the presentation of colors to the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station by Ed Bond Post of the American Legion next Sunday afternoon. With wholehearted cooperation on the part of officials and personnel at the base, many will take advantage of the opportunity to get their first glimpse of the base and gain some idea of the activities there.

The celebration proper will not get under way until 3 o'clock, but the program, as arranged, calls for opening the west gate of the base to the public at 1 o'clock for the purpose of a tour through the operations and synthetic training buildings and witnessing demonstrations of trainers and a movie film. From 3 to 3:20 o'clock, the adjutant will call for a battalion parade, after which colors will be presented by Governor J. M. Broughton and R. L. McMillan, national vice commander of the American Legion.

The parade will march before the reviewing party at 3:40. The reviewing party will be composed of Governor J. M. Broughton, Mayor Leroy Haskett, Judge Richard D. Dixon, R. L. McMillan, Col. Karl S. Day, Lieut.-Col. Chester J. Peters, Lieut.-Col. W. E. Sweetser, Jr., Lieut.-Col. W. J. Huffman and ranking officers from the Cherry Point Air Station.

The troops in review will pass with Capt. Henry Gurley as commanding officer of the troop; Capt. R. L. Tompkins, adjutant; MT Sgt. E. L. Jones, sergeant major, and Corp. Virginia Clawson, field music.

The formation, as planned, will be as follows: Cherry Point Band; headquarters squadron, Capt. W. R. Cunningham, commanding officer; WR Squadron, 1st Lieut. J. K. Roberts, commanding officer; MOTG-81 (Color Company), Capt. F. J. Wade, commanding officer; MOTG-81 Squadron, Capt. J. S. Reed; commanding officer; Navy, with Chief Pharmacist Mate R. L. Hicks, and members of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion and visiting Le- (Continued on Page Six)

Annual Meeting Of C. Of C. Scheduled Wednesday Night

Affair Will Be Held at Ernest Lee's Place At 8 O'clock

Though somewhat belated, the annual meeting of the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association will be held on Wednesday night, April 12. The meeting will take place at Ernest Lee's Place on the Windsor Highway, starting promptly at 8 o'clock.

One of the principal items of business will be the election of officers, though a program has been arranged which will be of interest to all who attend.

Tickets are now on sale for the meeting, which will be a dinner affair, and President J. G. Campen urges all members to make a special effort to be present.

Bank Of Edenton Be Closed Easter Monday

In order for employees to observe Easter Monday as a holiday, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day next Monday. Patrons of the bank are urged to transact their business accordingly.