

Sale Easter Seals Very Satisfactory

Last Year's Sale Already Passed By \$66, Says Potter

Geddes Potter, chairman of the Chowan County Crippled Children League, is very well pleased with the progress shown in the sale of Easter seals, proceeds of which go toward aiding crippled children. Up to Tuesday morning Mr. Potter reported that sales totaled \$186, which already is \$66 ahead of last year's return when \$120 was received.

Tuesday's report lacks a lot of being complete with a number of canvassers not yet making a return and with a few more days remaining during which seals may be purchased.

Mr. Potter stated that no small amount of very worthwhile assistance has already been given crippled children in Chowan County and that half of the Easter seal funds remain in Chowan for local work. Besides, according to Mr. Potter, the State matches any amount used for crippled children work, therefore, what is contributed in way of purchasing Easter seals will do double duty.

Commander Prah Leaves Air Station

Stationed In Edenton Since Early Part of July, 1942

Lieut.-Commander Charles G. Prah, (CEC) U. S. N., who arrived in Edenton early in July, 1942, as officer in charge of construction of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, has been detached from the station and transferred to Williamsburg, Va. In leaving, Commander Prah expressed his appreciation for the many courtesies extended to him and his family since their arrival.

Though Commander Prah has already left, his family will remain and for some time will make their home on the Emmett Elliott farm near Cross Roads.

Engagement Of Lieut. Jess Powell Announced

Edenton friends will be interested in an announcement made by Dr. and Mrs. Emory Clifford Watkins, of Brooklet, Ga., of the engagement of their daughter, Jane Estelle Watkins, to Dr. Jess Averette Powell son of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell. Young Powell is a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps Unit and is at present stationed at Clinton, Iowa.



Their first night in Washington, Paulette Goddard and Fred MacMurray find the only sleeping accommodations under a statute in "Standing Room Only" at Taylor Theatre, Edenton, Monday and Tuesday.

Judge Leo Carr Speaks To Lions

Urges Organizations to Maintain Wholesome Communities

Judge Leo Carr, who is this week presiding over a term of Superior Court, was the principal speaker at the Lions Club meeting Monday night. During his remarks, he rehearsed the origin and mechanics of the courts, the purpose of which is to administer justice, seeing to it that criminals are punished and that, on the other hand, no innocent person should be taken advantage of.

The judge also stressed the importance of maintaining wholesome communities, in which Lions Clubs and similar organizations can play an important part.

Solicitor Chester Morris and Howard Pierce, SBI agent, were also visitors at the meeting. During the meeting West Leary, A. E. Jenkins, J. A. Curran and John Mitchener reported having attended a meeting of the Elizabeth City Lions Club which was a very enjoyable affair.

Lions were especially proud of the fact that in the official district bulletin Secretary W. J. Taylor was included in the secretaries' honor roll for December, January and February.

Criminal Docket Ends Tuesday Afternoon

(Continued from Page One) coming up from Recorder's Court. "However," he went on, "to change the procedure it is necessary to change the Constitution, which does not lie in the province of this court."

"The grand jury is an impartial body, coming from every section of the county, and those who disobey the law are generally in fear of a

grand jury."

He gave instructions on passing on presentments and bills of indictment, asking W. A. Harrell, the foreman, to see to it that oaths are administered with some degree of solemnity. Judge Carr explained the doing away of kissing the Bible while assuming the oath, which was done for purposes of sanitation. He told the jurymen that the General Assembly in 1941 amended the law so that it was no longer required to kiss the Bible. In the summer of 1941, the judges assembled together, agreed to the placing of the left hand on the Bible and raising the right hand while the oath is administered, and at the conclusion each one taking the oath answering "I do."

"You are not to be interested in the guilt of anyone appearing before you," said the judge, "but you should confine your actions to the opinion if you think there is probable cause." He then explained the mechanisms of returning presentments and true bills, placing emphasis in presentments.

"Often it happens," he said, "that criminal offenses have been committed and no arrests made. These crimes could have occurred without the knowledge of the law enforcement officers, so if you have been informed by reliable sources that the law has been disobeyed and have reason to believe there has been a violation, it is your solemn duty to make a thorough investigation and call witnesses before you."

He urged members to be on their guard for violations of the liquor laws, though he admitted it is very often hard to get enough evidence to result in a conviction.

At this point he dwelt on gambling, saying the courts are bothered right much with his form of crime. "Certain forms of gambling have disappeared," he said, "but there is still too much going on. It is particularly hard for officers to secure evidence. Either officers are not as diligent as they should be or guilty parties are often too shrewd to be caught. There is not much differ-

ence between a gambler and a rogue. They have the same motive of getting something for nothing. The gambler is willing to pay to take a chance, while a rogue does not. If the two are not brothers, they are first cousins and create a bad influence in a community."

Because of a military base here, Judge Carr urged the grand jury to be especially on the alert that no place goes unnoticed which is operated in any way offensive to the neighborhood and dangerous for service men and women as well as 'teen-age boys and girls. He charged them with the responsibility of seeing to it that wholesome surroundings are provided for boys and girls in the armed forces. "In war" he said, "we are too prone to forget also about the youngsters just below the military age who need wholesome places of amusement."

Judge Carr also directed some remarks to obeying patriotic rules. "While the State does not formally have any jurisdiction," said he, "there are federal rules and regulations with regard to prosecution of war. There are those who participate in black market practices, which is a Federal court matter, but it is the duty of grand jurors to report any not obeying patriotic rules, and if such cases are referred to this court, they will get into proper channels. I have no patience with those who squirm and complain about inconveniences of rationing which are in no way comparable to the sacrifices of the boys now in the service of their country."

Due to the manpower shortage, the Judge said the inspection of school buses is one of the most important duties of the grand jury, seeing to it that the buses are safe to transport the human cargoes and that qualified drivers are at the wheels.

Telling the jurymen that in the final analysis they are a check-up body for Chowan County, he instructed them to examine the reports of administrators, executors and guardians, records in county offices, the last county audit as well as the last grand jury report to see if any recommendations have not been carried out.

Quite a number of criminal cases were disposed of, which included the following:

Upon motion of State Probation Officer J. Wayland Sledge to revoke the probation judgment of Morgan Hudson, judgment was continued to the term of Perquimans County Superior Court on April 17.

Willie Moore failed to appear to answer to a charge of maiming with intent to kill and assault with a

deadly weapon. Bond was posted by the Atlantic Bonding Company.

Hallett Vernon Wilson was charged with operating an automobile under the influence of liquor and hit and run. The State accepted a plea of guilty on the second count and the defendant was sentenced to three years, suspended by being placed on probation for five years and payment immediately and the balance by the of \$750, of which \$400 is to be paid next term of court.

Most interest in the term centered about the trial of Percy Lawrence, who was charged with the knife slaying of George Allen Spruill, both Negroes. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty Tuesday afternoon. Oscar L. Holley was found guilty of forgery and attempting to cash checks. He was sentenced to 18 months, which was suspended by his being placed on probation for three years.

Shady Dixon was found guilty of theft of peanuts and chickens, but was found not guilty of stealing corn. His sentence was two years on the roads.

Everett Marvin Boyce was found guilty of drunken driving and reckless driving. He was sentenced to 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs and his driver's license revoked for 12 months. He was also ordered to pay Wilbur Privott \$107.20 for car damages.

Robert Sessoms pleaded guilty to drunken driving and was given four

months, suspended upon paying \$50 and costs and revocation of his driver's license for 12 months.

Atlas E. Cleary was found not guilty of drunken driving, and a nonsuit was agreed to in favor of Thomas Twine, who was charged with reckless driving.

W. James Rhinehart and George Boche, two Negroes rounded up in connection with a series of robberies including the Triangle Filling Station, requested trial in Perquimans County term of Superior Court which will be held April 17, which was agreed to. They are charged with breaking and entering, larceny and possession of burglary tools. Some of the robberies occurred in Perquimans.

At various times during the session a divorce was issued to four persons: These included Agnes H. Dowdy, white, from William C. Dowdy, the others were Negroes, Henry A. Jones from Lucy Skinner Jones Margaver W. Watford from Willie Watford and Rosanna Nowell Jordan from Louis Jordan.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold its weekly meeting tonight in the lodge room in the Court House at 8 o'clock. W. J. Daniels, master of the lodge, urges every member to attend and extends a cordial invitation to visiting Masons.



From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

What our fighting men dream of

Bob Newcomb was reading me a letter the other day—from his son in the Marines. Dick Newcomb's somewhere in the South Pacific, thousands of miles from home, yet he writes to ask:

"Tell me, Dad, do they still pitch horseshoes back of Ray's? Is Johnny keeping my tools in shape? Are the trout still biting in Seward's Creek?"

Makes you realize what the men over there are thinking about. Sure, they're fighting for Democracy and Freedom and a Better World Tomorrow.

But the things they dream of coming back to are the little simple pleasures that mean home to all of us—like a home-cooked meal, a glass of beer with friends, a game of horseshoes in the backyard.

From where I sit, one of our most sacred obligations here at home is to keep those little things exactly as they remember them—to keep intact the world they're fighting for.

Joe Marsh

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NOTICE! TO CHOWAN COUNTY TAXPAYERS

By order of the Chowan County Commissioners, I will on Monday, May 1, 1944, advertise property for sale for 1943 delinquent taxes, the sale to be held on Monday, June 5, 1944.

PAY YOUR TAXES NOW AND SAVE THIS EXTRA EXPENSE AND EMBARRASSMENT

J. A. BUNCH

Sheriff of Chowan County

Paas Egg Dye

3 Pkgs 25c

PENDER

- (0) String Beans Standard 19-oz Can 11c
- (6) Tomato Juice Libby's 18-oz Can 10c
- (1) Deviled Ham Libby's 3-oz Can 14c

Now POINT FREE-Standard
PEAS 20-oz can 11c

- (2) Pinto Beans Dried 1-lb Cello 11c
- (0) Blackeye Peas 1-lb Cello 10c
- (6) Apple Butter Old Virginia 28-oz Jar 22c

Northern TISSUE
3 Rolls 15c

Laundry Bleach Clorox
Quart Bot 19c

Laundry Soap Octagon
3 Giant cakes 14c

- EXTRA LARGE SIZE Grapefruit, 46 size... 3 for 27c
- SWEET JUICY Florida Oranges... 10 lbs. 69c
- FLORIDA Green Cabbage... 3 lbs. 12c
- FRESH Carrots, per bunch... 6c
- FRESH Beets... 2 bunches 15c
- U. S. NO. 1 MAINE White Potatoes... 10 lbs. 34c

IN OUR MEAT DEPARTMENT
Fat Back, lb. 18c
Hamburger, lb. 27c
Cottage Cheese, lb. 22c

- Krispy Crackers Sunshine 1-lb Pkg 19c
- Soap Powder Octagon 3 Large Pkgs 14c
- Toilet Soap Palmolive Cake 7c
- Soap Powder Super Suds Medium Pkg 10c
- Laundry Bleach Fleecy White 1/2-Gal 23c
- California Pearl Rice 1-lb Cello 11c 2-lb Cello 22c
- Old Virginia Citrus Marmalade 2-lb Jar 25c
- Armour Peanut BUTTER 2-lb Glass 39c