

In these columns will be found a fair presentation of local and county news of general interest.

THE CHOWAN HERALD

A HOME NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

where Advertisers will realize good results.

Volume XI.—Number 29.

Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, July 20, 1944.

\$1.50 Per Year

Disaster Preparedness And Relief Committee Swings Into Action To Meet Storm

Severe Storm, However, Fails to Put In Its Appearance

SWINGS TO SEA Air Station Planes Ordered West Beyond Mountains

Edentonians were right much concerned Saturday when it was learned from the aerology department at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station that a severe tropical storm was heading toward Edenton and that it was expected to strike about 4 o'clock Sunday morning. It was later reported that the course of the storm had changed somewhat, but that it very likely would reach this section some time Sunday night. The storm again failed to materialize, and on Monday all storm warnings were ordered lowered along the coast as the storm, probably of hurricane proportions, was reported as more or less at a standstill about 250 miles in the Atlantic.

The storm's center on Monday morning was approximately 225 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras and while it extended over a wide area, it began rapid movement to the northeast, thus escaping the North Carolina coast.

Uneasiness was aroused Sunday when Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter, received a wire from Red Cross headquarters to be on the alert and prepare for any eventualities. On the strength of the telegram Mrs. Pruden contacted Mayor Leroy Haskett, chairman of the Red Cross Disaster Preparedness and Relief Committee, who early Sunday afternoon arranged a meeting in the Municipal Building with the chairmen of the various committees.

No time was lost in sensing the possible seriousness of the storm and the committees at once swung into action to cope with any emergency which might arise. With Dr. R. H. Vaughan being out of town, Dr. Williams' office was designated as headquarters to render any likely first aid treatment. Arrangements were also made to move the first aid equipment to Dr. Williams' office.

In event anyone was made homeless, the army was designated as headquarters for such people, and the Edenton school building was designated as alternate headquarters. Chief of Police J. R. Tanner stated that if the storm developed he would call into service his auxiliary police to go on duty in every section of town to report any damage or injuries. Arrangements were also made for transportation of injured or homeless people, as well as plans discussed in event feeding a large group became necessary.

With preparations very thoroughly planned for Edenton, the county was also considered, and Mayor Haskett made contacts by telephone with every section of the county giving instructions to spread the alarm and to make preparations to meet any emergency. A special effort was made to line up all former air raid observers in order to assist in any way possible.

Near midnight Sunday, Mayor Haskett was called by telephone by Miss Jeanette Cox, area supervisor, urging him to be on the alert, but the supervisor was delighted when she was informed that every possible precaution had already been taken to meet any possible emergency.

When it was learned at the Air Station that the storm was brewing and likely to head this way, all of the planes were immediately sent west of the mountains in order to escape any possible damage. Marines who were on leave Saturday night were also rounded up and ordered to report at the base to help in preparations to prevent damage if the storm broke.

The planes began returning to the base Monday, and fortunately were as fit as when they departed Saturday and found everything at the base in as good shape as when they were ordered to leave.

Adrian Chappell Member Of V-12 Unit

William Adrian Chappell, of Tyner, has been assigned to the Navy's V-12 Unit at the University of North Carolina for the term which began July 1. Young Chappell is one of 1,350 apprentice seamen of the Navy and privates of the Marine Corps who will study at Chapel Hill during the next four months as members of the Navy's officer training program.

C. Of C. Secretary



MARVIN P. WILSON
Meeting Friday night, members of the board of directors of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association appointed Marvin P. Wilson as secretary. Mr. Wilson accepted the position with the understanding that it would of necessity be on a temporary and part-time basis.

Rev. Frank Cale Speaks To Lions

Says Hospital Will Materialize When Proper Sacrifice Is Made

Guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting Monday night was the Rev. Frank Cale, who spoke on the subject "Our Ability To Do Things." "We can do anything we wish," he said, "if we are willing to make the necessary sacrifices. We can and will get things done when pressed by their necessity. The people of Chowan County are talking about building a hospital. It is now more or less in the dream stage, but when enough people are willing to make the sacrifice to build it, then it will be done."

The Hertford Lions Club challenged the local club to play a game of soft ball, but action on the challenge was delayed for the time being. It was decided by the club to hold a Ladies' Night at Colerain Beach Tuesday night, July 25, when a barbecue chicken dinner will be served. No meeting, therefore, will be held Monday night.

President W. E. Malone presided over the meeting, during which Tail Twister J. R. Tanner caught about half of the members off-guard when he called for an inspection and all who were not wearing the Lions Club button were fined a dime each.

Graham Byrum, Jr., was presented as a guest of his father and Dick Weeks of St. George, S. C., was a guest of his father-in-law, J. Clarence Leary. C. R. Vann, a member of the Hertford club, was also a visitor.

Harbor Crowded With Boats For Watermelons

After news that a scheduled tropical storm had swerved to sea, five boats loaded with Chowan County watermelons left the Edenton harbor around midnight Monday. With the five boats gone, there were still eight other boats in the harbor Tuesday night waiting to be loaded.

The County Dock is a busy place these days and, according to the prices being paid for watermelons at the boats, farmers who have a fair crop, should realize substantial returns. Prices for watermelons sold at the boats range from 75c to \$1.50.

Ruth Vail Selby Ends Course In Aviation

Miss Ruth Vail Selby has returned from Miami, Florida, where she has finished her courses in Link-Training, Navigation, Meteorology and Radio operations at the Embry-Riddle School of Aviation. While at the school, she was commended for her outstanding work. She expects to spend her summer vacation at home with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Vail.

Death in the Italian Hills



A dead American is being carried to the rear by his buddies from one of the Roman hills. The bearers are Medical Corpsmen. Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's men have done a terrific job in driving the Nazis back toward their Fatherland but we have had our losses, too. Back the Attack and the Invasion with your War Bond purchases. From U. S. Treasury

Deputy Collector Of Internal Revenue In Edenton Each Week

In Post Office Every Monday Morning From 9 to 12

Due to the number and variety of Federal taxes and tax forms currently due, J. N. Robbins, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for Chowan, Bertie and Martin Counties, will observe office hours once each week in the three county seats, Edenton, Windsor and Williamston, until further notice.

Deputy Robbins will be in Edenton each Monday morning from 9 o'clock until 12 noon, in the Edenton Post Office, basement floor.

Deputy Robbins has recently returned from three weeks annual leave at his home near Greensboro, N. C., and can be reached by mail at Windsor, N. C., Post Office Box 112. He can be found in the evening at his living quarters in Windsor at the home of Mrs. W. S. Taylor, opposite the Bertie County Court House.

Major Martin Wisely Awarded Silver Star

Defied Death In Parachuting to Give First Aid to Wounded

A medical officer who parachuted to French soil with his organization near Carentan, France, has been cited by the War Department for defying death or possible injury to administer first aid to wounded members of his unit, it has just been revealed.

Decorated with the Silver Star, the Army's recognition for gallantry in action, was Major Martin R. Wisely, of Edenton. He is a member of the Medical Corps.

Although his organization was pinned down by intense German machine gun and mortar fire, Major Wisely disregarded his own safety and moved into the front lines where he administered first aid and assisted in removing the wounded.

Members Of 4-H Clubs Call Off Camping Trip

Forty members of Chowan County 4-H Clubs were scheduled to attend the 4-H Camp at Camp Kiwanis at Mt. Gould, from July 27 to August 4, but due to the infantile paralysis scare, the camp has been abandoned. The boys and girls were to leave in two groups, one group leaving July 27 and returning July 31, while the other group was scheduled to leave July 31 and return August 4.

Methodist Service Next Sunday Night

Preaching service will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday night at 8 o'clock, when the pastor, the Rev. H. F. Surratt, will speak on the subject "Complete Confidence and Trust In God."

District Assembly Rotary Begins In Goldsboro Today

John A. Holmes as New District Governor Will Preside

Rotarians from the 189th District will gather in Goldsboro today (Thursday) and Friday to attend the district assembly. The various sessions will be presided over by John A. Holmes, governor of the district, and advance information is to the effect that the meeting will be well attended and interesting in all its phases.

Governor Holmes will be ably supported by members of his home club, in the neighborhood of a dozen Edenton Rotarians planning to attend. The group will leave immediately after today's meeting, though Mr. Holmes left Wednesday in order to check on all the arrangements at Goldsboro.

Eleven past district governors will take part on the program, with the highlights being addresses by Wade Marr of Elizabeth City, Edmund Harding of Washington, and Private John Mattem of the U. S. Army Air Corps, who was formerly a captain in the German Army for four years. The subject of Private Mattem's address will be "Four Years Under Nazi Rule."

The Edenton delegation is expected to return Friday night.

Revival Services Begin Sunday In Christian Church

Rev. Thomas Ullom of Wheeling, W. Va., Will Be the Evangelist

Revival services will begin at the Christian Church in the Mill Village next Sunday night at 8 o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited. The evangelist for this series of meetings will be the Rev. Thomas Ullom, of Wheeling, West Virginia. The Rev. Mr. Ullom is a forceful preacher, and members of the congregation are very anxious to have a large number of people hear him during the revival.

Troop 170 Of Boy Scouts Abandon Trip To Camp

Though plans had been made for Troop 170 of Edenton Boy Scouts to spend a week at Darden Reservation, near Franklin, Va., the camping trip has been abandoned. This action was taken due to the prevalence of infantile paralysis, and the danger existing by groups gathering together. Troop 156, however, spent a week at the Reservation a couple of weeks ago.

Scoutmaster J. R. Tanner said that, naturally the boys are disappointed, yet they apparently understand and are taking the disappointment in the true Boy Scout spirit.

Town Of Edenton's New Tax Rate Over \$1.00 For First Time Within Past Nine Years

Marvin P. Wilson Elected Secretary Of Local C. Of C.

Agrees to Handle Position On Temporary Basis

At a meeting of the directors of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association held Friday night, Marvin P. Wilson was elected secretary of the organization and has already entered upon his new duties. The appointment, however, is on a temporary basis, it being thoroughly understood by Mr. Wilson and the directors that if an all-time and more experienced secretary can be secured, he will gladly give up the position, and by the same token, if his other duties multiply to such an extent that he feels he cannot do the job justice, he will resign.

Mr. Wilson is an attorney and at present judge of Chowan County Recorder's Court, and is also captain of Company 26 of the North Carolina State Guard.

The proposition of serving as temporary secretary was presented to Mr. Wilson several days prior to the meeting, at which time he requested a little time to consider the matter. He was present at Friday's meeting and agreed to accept the offer under the above-mentioned terms. He expressed the belief that he will like the work and promised to do his best in the interest of the town and the organization, and accepted only because he felt that it was his duty to do anything he could to further the progress of a Chamber of Commerce in Chowan County.

Mr. Wilson has already gone to work and has written a number of letters, possibly the most important ones going to State officials relative to the idea of securing a hospital in Chowan County. He will be in the Chamber of Commerce office in the Municipal Building several hours every day and has arranged to maintain Mrs. Hazel Gibbs, who will continue her duties as office secretary and his assistant.

Interest in the Chamber of Commerce has been at a high pitch ever since J. Clarence Leary was elected president and a new organization effected. Practically every member of the board of directors has attended all called meetings which of necessity have been quite frequent, and no little satisfaction was apparent Friday night when Mr. Wilson agreed to accept the secretaryship, which has been the source of no little concern ever since Mr. Leary was elected president.

Chowan Leatherneck Celebrating Birthday

This week's issue of The Chowan Leatherneck, weekly newspaper of the Marine Corps Air Station, is the first anniversary edition of the paper, and in observance of the event contains 20 pages brim full of lively news, as well as many pictures at the base. Rather unique is the first page on which is reproduced the front page of the first issue on July 16 a year ago.

Lieut.-Col. Chester Peters, commanding officer of the base, and Lieut.-Col. W. E. Sweetser, commanding officer of MOTG-81, are pictured at their respective desks, and each have a brief message relative to the development of the base. Chaplain George Wheeler, too, is pictured behind a kettle and base drum as he apparently is helping out the station orchestra. Many other interesting pictures help to make the edition of interest, not only to those stationed there, but those outside the base as well.

Henry Goodwin Has Another Accident

Henry Goodwin met with a painful accident at his home Monday afternoon when an unloaded truck was backed against him, throwing him to the ground and running over his left leg. The accident occurred in a field at his farm.

Mr. Goodwin's leg, though not broken, is badly bruised, necessitating the use of a cane to get around. The accident is another of a series of several experienced by Mr. Goodwin within the last several years.

Rate of \$1.15 Necessary To Meet Estimated Expenditures

\$64,599 BUDGET

Figures Now on File In Office of Town Clerk R. E. Leary

For the first time since 1935 Edenton will have a tax rate over one dollar, the rate for the fiscal year 1944-45 being \$1.15. This figure was decided upon at a special meeting held Thursday afternoon when members of Town Council and the Board of Public Works met jointly to consider the town's finances for the new year. In 1935 the rate was also \$1.15, but since that time it has been an even dollar, except for the year 1941, when it was 95 cents.

Estimated expenditures for the fiscal year amount to \$64,599, of which amount \$4,347 is for administrative purposes, \$14,215 for the Police Department, \$7,140 for the Health Department, \$30,387 for the Street Department, and \$7,810 for other expenses.

Estimated revenue, aside from taxation, amounts to \$23,225, therefore, the amount to be raised from taxation is \$41,400, which will require a rate of \$1.15.

It was the hope of Town Councilmen that the dollar rate could be maintained, but several items entered into the expenditures which were not necessary in former years. One of these was the town's part in improving the County Dock, for which an appropriation of \$3,250 was necessary. The town is also required to pay for half of the street paving at the housing project on the old Brown Mill site, which together with sidewalk and street repairs required an estimated expenditure of \$5,200.

The matter of using some of the surplus funds of the Electric and Water Department were considered at the joint meeting, but it developed that certain improvements are now being considered by the Board of Public Works which, if they materialize, will cut deeply into the funds on hand. Then, too, the opinion has gradually developed among Town Councilmen that what money is necessary to operate and maintain the town should be raised by taxation rather than by dipping into the E. and W. funds to effect a lower tax rate. The feeling is more or less prevalent that electric and water profits should be used only in case of emergency and if an unwarranted surplus is amassed in way of profits from the sale of water and electricity, the Board of Public Works should be responsible and be subject to any likely criticism and ways and means of reducing the funds on hand considered.

The rate was based on a property valuation of \$3,600,000.

The proposed budget on which the new rate is calculated is now on file in the Town Clerk's office, where it may be inspected and objections subsequently registered at the next meeting of the Town Council on the second Tuesday in August.

Center Hill Revival Begins On Monday

Week of Services Following Week at Evans Church

Revival services for the Center Hill Methodist Church will begin on Monday night, July 25, at 8:45 o'clock, with the Rev. H. Fred Surratt, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, doing the preaching. Services will be held each night during the week through Friday night. The public is cordially invited to attend all of the services.

Services will be held the following week at Evans Methodist Church with the Rev. B. C. Reavis of Hertford, doing the preaching. Services will be held each night in the week.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

At the meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., tonight (Thursday) the first degree will be conferred. W. J. Daniels, master of the lodge, urges all members to be present.