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## Machinery Put In Motion For Chowan War Fund Drive

As Year's Goal Set at \$7,500; Pep Meeting Is Planned

Machinery is being gradually set in motion for Chowan County's United War Fund drive, several organization meetings already having been held by W. J. Taylor, chairman for Chowan County. The latest of these meetings was held Tuesday afternoon, when preliminary plans for the drive were made.

The campaign will be conducted somewhat along the lines of last year, with various chairmen appointed, who will have groups of canvassers in an effort to canvass every home and business house in the county.

This year's goal has been set at \$7,500, of which amount the Boy Scouts have been allocated 15 per cent of the amount taken in during the drive. A tentative breakdown calls for \$4,500 to be raised in Edenton and \$3,000 in the rural sections of the county.

The drive is headed by W. J. Taylor as chairman, with the following in charge of various phases of the drive:

Advisory Committee—J. G. Campen, W. W. Byrum, J. H. Conger, E. W. Spires, G. B. Potter and John A. Holmes.

C. W. Overman and Miss Rebecca Colwell are in charge of contributions in the rural section.

J. Clarence Leary, white contributions in Edenton.

D. F. Walker, colored contributions in Edenton.

J. B. Small, colored contributions in the rural section.

Captain Melvin Griffin heads up the drive at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station.

D. M. Warren, initial gifts chairman.

P. S. McMullan, secretary.

J. Edwin Bufflap, publicity chairman.

It was agreed at Tuesday's meeting to stage a pep meeting prior to drive in order to stimulate interest and impress the importance of drive upon chairmen and canvassers. The white and colored groups will meet separately and the plan is to have a dinner meeting to be paid for by those attending. W. W. Byrum was appointed to arrange the white meeting and D. F. Walker to have charge of the colored meeting.

The drive is scheduled to get under way Monday, October 9, and it is hoped that it will be completed in one week.

## Firemen Make First Contribution Toward War Fund Quota

Even before the United War Fund drive gets under way Edenton's firemen, at their meeting last week, voted to contribute \$50 toward Chowan County's goal. The Fire Department, with 18 volunteer members, has seven in the armed forces, including John Lee Spruill, Luther Parks, W. N. McCleese, Eugene Cobb, S. A. White, Harry Lee Spruill and Willie Spruill.

## Again On Duty



MILTON BUNCH

After Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bunch were notified early in July that their son, Milton Bunch, was missing, a telegram was received by his wife last week from France stating that he is safe. This week a telegram was received saying he was back on duty as a waist gunner on a Flying Fortress.

## Schools In County Unit Will Open On Monday, Sept. 18th

Superintendent W. J. Taylor Has Two Vacancies to Fill

W. J. Taylor, superintendent of the Chowan County School unit, has announced that county schools will open Monday, September 18, and that a meeting for colored teachers will be held in his office today (Thursday) beginning at 10 a. m., and a meeting for white teachers will be held in Chowan High School Friday, September 15, beginning at 10 a. m.

All teachers have been selected, with the exception of two, namely, the Vocational Agricultural teacher to replace Michener Banks, who resigned to go with the Soil Conservation Department, and an extra teacher recently allotted for the high school, which was not expected so early. Efforts are being made to secure these two teachers. It is the opinion that the extra high school teacher will be secured by the opening date of school, but it is rather doubtful that the Vocational Agriculture vacancy will be filled by then.

Superintendent Taylor was notified last week by Mrs. Charles T. Hollowell that her services in the Rocky Hock Central School will not be available at the opening of school, but this vacancy has the assurance of being filled by a local teacher in the event no other teacher can be secured.

The following is a list of the teachers as of September 7 by schools:

### White Schools

Chowan High School—Miss Hazel Brann, Miss Myrtle Sesoms, Mrs. Marguerite B. Burch, Miss Edna Louise Wilson, Mrs. Nora Lane Boyce, Mrs. Myra B. Stokley, Miss Marguerite Muth, Mrs. Thomas W. Elliott, Miss Annie Louise Perry, Miss Nelle Louise Carter, Mrs. Lenora E. Hollowell, Miss Edna Mae Wilkins, and T. J. Jessup, Principal.

Rocky Hock Central—Miss Ada Morris, Mrs. Willie Morris, replacing Mrs. Charles T. Hollowell, and Mrs. Mattie Nixon, Principal.

### Negro Schools

Hudson Grove—Thelma Spellman Morris and Rosa Howcott Joyner.

Green Hall—Chas. L. Fayton and Delilah V. Holley.

White Oak—Roxanna W. Diggs, Harriet F. Creecy and Tine L. Jernigan.

Warren's Grove—E. S. Parker and Naomi B. Hicks.

Center Hill—Jane Edith Bonner Gilliam.

Britts—Annie Blair.

## Rotarians Hosts To Leathernecks

### Baseball Team Entertained at Barbecue Wednesday

Members of the Marine Corps Air Station baseball team were guests of the Edenton Rotary Club Wednesday night at a barbecue supper served at Richard Baer's barbecue pit at his home on Mosely Street. The Leathernecks, on Wednesday of last week, won the championship of the Albemarle Service League by defeating the strong Harvey Point outfit, and the Rotarians, in recognition of the success of the Marines, planned the barbecue in their honor.

Members of the team who enjoyed the affair were the Fackel twins, Bear, Pollock, Malikowski, Hummel, Kasin, Wetherholt, Steveson, Sams, Longan, Blow, Plott, Whitehead and Wilson.

Accompanying the players were Lieut.-Col. Peters, Lieut.-Col. Sweetser, Captain Griffin, and Lieut. Greedy and, of course, Lieut.-Col. William Huffman, who is a Rotarian and assisted Lieut. Cochran in coaching the team the latter part of the season.

The affair was presided over by H. A. Campen, president of the Rotary Club, who said no program had been arranged, it being the desire of the club to meet and talk with the boys and have a good time together. He asked each one of the Marines to introduce himself and in turn requested each Rotarian to do likewise.

### EDENTON NEGRO KILLED

Redmon Zachary, 26-year-old Edenton Negro, was killed during a fight in Norfolk, Va., Saturday night, the young man being stabbed in the heart. He is the son of Flossie Zachary.

## Loses Life In France



ED HABIT, Jr., Chowan County's latest casualty in the war is Ed Habit, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Habit. The young man was reported killed in France on August 20.

## Church Services Are Planned For V-Day

Time Dependent Upon When News Is Flashed Around the World

Though the time of V-Day, or when Germany succumbs is uncertain, plans have been made to observe the event by services in all churches of the county, and so well has the idea been received that in event it is necessary to hold the services during the day, practically all stores and business houses will close during the service.

It is the belief that practically everybody will want to go to a church for a service of praise and thanksgiving, and make of the event a day of dedication for a just and durable peace for Christians throughout the world.

Of course, no one knows when V-Day will come, but when the news is flashed around the world, it is expected to hold these services very shortly thereafter. The idea was advanced by the Chowan Ministerial Association, and has been approved by Governor J. M. Broughton.

If the end of the European war does not come before next week, it is expected to have more definite information about the services, but if not everyone is urged to go to his or her church for a service as arranged by the pastor.

## Board Of Health Lifts Restrictions

Ban on Children Gathering Will Be Taken Off Monday

Members of the Chowan County Board of Health met Friday afternoon, at which time they voted unanimously to waive restriction on gatherings of children, effective on Monday, September 18.

Due to the outbreak of infantile paralysis, the Board, several weeks ago, discouraged meetings of any sort and took steps to prevent children from congregating in groups. No cases of the disease developed in Chowan County, and with cooler weather at hand, the ban will be lifted next Monday provided, however, State Board of Health does not make any other recommendation.

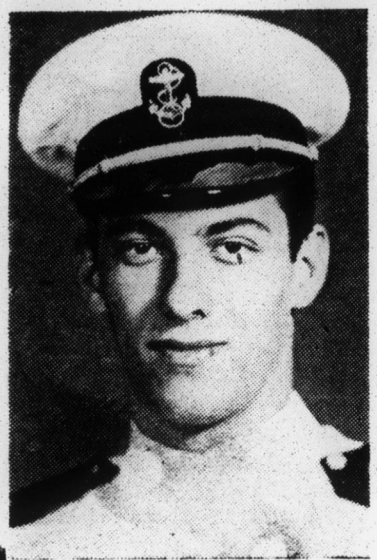
## Two Edenton Boys Meet On Big Plane

Alex White and John Henderson (Monk) Hollowell, two Edenton boys, met on a big plane recently overseas. Alex is stationed on an airplane and was engaged in transporting 42 paratroopers from Italy to Southern France and was no little surprised and delighted when he discovered Hollowell among the group of paratroopers.

## Officers Wives Will Meet Friday At 5:30

A meeting of the Officers' Wives Club will be held Friday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the Officers' Club, when a pot luck supper will be featured. The meeting will be in charge of Mrs. W. R. Cunningham. Mrs. W. E. Sweetser is president of the club and requests each member to bring her husband and a dollar.

## Killed In Plane Crash



ALVIN PARKS, Lacking only a few weeks before receiving his wings, Aviation Cadet Alvin Parks, son of Mrs. Lillie B. Parks, was killed in a training plane crash in Michigan last week.

## Solicitor Morris Speaks To Lions

Juvenile Delinquency Is Subject of Interesting Address

Solicitor Chester Morris was the principal speaker at the Lions Club meeting Monday night, when he spoke about juvenile delinquency. Solicitor Morris, by virtue of his office, comes face to face with many juvenile delinquency problems and he told the Lions that it is impossible for schools to do everything to prevent this problem, but that it is the duty of everybody to help make boys and girls good citizens.

Guests at the meeting were Major Sam Graves, Dr. J. A. Payne, of Sunbury, F. H. Rountree of Sunbury, L. Q. Pierce of Sunbury, Travis Thompson, Scout Executive of the Tidewater Council, Bob Graves, Scout Executive of the Albemarle District, C. P. Morris of Hertford, and P. S. McMullan, R. N. Hines, D. M. Warren and H. A. Campen.

At the conclusion of the meeting those interested in Boy Scouting met to plan a program for raising finances under the leadership of D. M. Warren, chairman.

## John Byrum Is Reported Missing

Edenton Boy Credited With Downing German Plane

Cecil Byrum was notified this week that his son, John Byrum, was reported missing while in action over Austria. Young Byrum was a turret gunner and only on August 28, in a letter to his sister, Mary Gray Byrum, said he had seven missions to his credit, going over Southern Germany, Rumania and Yugoslavia. The latter was the roughest, he said, but he shot down a Fuchs-Wolfe 190 German fighter, which was witnessed by two members of his crew.

## Lieut. Owen Leider Being Transferred

Lieutenant and Mrs. Owen Leider expect to leave Edenton Monday for the West Coast, where Lieut. Leider has been transferred. Lieut. Leider is possibly the oldest man in point of service at the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station, having been here 25 months. He arrived in Edenton August 4, 1942, shortly after Lieut. Com. C. G. Pahl, officer in charge of construction of the local base.

## New Material Arrives For Surgical Dressings

Mrs. W. H. Coffield, chairman of Red Cross surgical dressing, has received a new supply of gauze and is desirous of having a large attendance at the work room in the Parish House, which will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and on Sunday afternoons.

The work schedule is in the morning from 10 to 12 o'clock; afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock, and evenings from 7:30 to 9 o'clock.

## Town Council In Lengthy Session On Tuesday Night

Carnival Question Consumes No Small Part Of Time

Various matters confronted Town Council Tuesday night resulting in another lengthy session. No little time was devoted to a discussion of carnivals, which have become complicated due to the ban on children gathering together on account of the infantile paralysis outbreak.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men had a carnival scheduled when the ban on meetings was ordered by the Board of Health, and which was subsequently cancelled and the date of October 9 accepted. Another carnival was scheduled by Ed Bond Post of the American Legion to appear the week of September 18. However, the outfit has traveled some distance to escape polio restrictions, therefore, it cannot arrive in Edenton until about the middle of next week. The Legion asked permission for the carnival to operate the latter part of next week and the entire following week. This was granted despite the fact that Town Council's ruling calls for not more than one week at a time.

At this point it was brought out that only nine days will elapse from the close of the Legion carnival until the Red Men's carnival is scheduled. There is also a resolution on the books that at least 30 days must elapse between carnivals and after quite a bit of discussion, a vote was called for, which resulted in a tie. Mayor Haskett broke the deadlock, voting not to allow the Red Men carnival to come before November 1. At the time of the vote Councilmen Graham Byrum and Jordan Yates left the meeting, leaving four other members. Councilmen J. Clarence Leary and J. P. Partin voted against the Red Men carnival due to coming too soon after another carnival, while Councilmen W. M. Wilkins and J. Edwin Bufflap voted negatively on the grounds that to allow the rules to be broken in one instance and adhered to in another was discrimination against the Red Men.

Another matter to consume quite a lot of time was a request by W. A. Everett to pipe and fill in his lot at the Wool property over which a ditch runs draining town water. Mr. Everett said he had an offer to sell the lot if it was filled in and claimed it has been damaged by many years of use of the ditch of the town. The Councilmen decided not to comply with Mr. Everett's request on the grounds that a number of similar conditions prevail and that to pipe and fill in one would result in numerous other requests. When informed on Wednesday morning of the Town's action, Mr. Everett said he intended to enter suit for damages.

Town Council decided to join with the County Commissioners in financing office rent and telephone service for a branch office of the N. C. Employment office to be located in Edenton. This entails an expenditure of about \$50 for each Board and is for a period of six months.

The \$500 appropriation for repairs to the Boy Scout cabin was requested by J. Edwin Bufflap, and W. M. Wilkins, representing Town Council, was appointed to confer with Boy Scout officials to have this work done as economically as possible.

## Preston Byrum Killed In Auto Accident

Preston Byrum, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Byrum of Tyner, was killed instantly at about 12:30 o'clock Tuesday morning when a car in which he was riding was involved in an accident on Route 17 near the Perquimans County Home.

According to Patrolman Charles Payne, who investigated the accident, young Byrum was riding in the car being driven by his brother, T. Byrum, and was also accompanied by James Copeland. The youths were driving toward Winfall, when the car suddenly swerved and went into the ditch and turned over.

It is believed that the youth was killed as the car turned over, crushing him to the earth. Neither his brother or the Copeland youth suffered serious injury.

## St. Paul's Auxiliary Will Meet Monday

A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church will be held Monday afternoon, September 18, at 4 o'clock. Mrs. R. P. Badham states this is a very important meeting and for that reason every member is urged to be present.

## Manslaughter Case Transferred To Gates County To Be Tried

Judge Q. K. Nimmock Presiding Over Superior Court

Chowan County's September term of Superior Court convened Monday morning with Judge Q. K. Nimmock, of Fayetteville, presiding. Though a number of requests were made to be excused from jury duty, Judge Nimmock released only four, Ralph Dail, who was scheduled to leave immediately for Alabama, and three others who are excused by law, T. B. Willford, a funeral director, and Robert L. Bunch and C. W. Goodwin, members of the State Guard.

The grand jury, as finally drawn, was composed of T. A. Berryman, foreman, J. C. Williams, C. D. Hollowell, Guy L. Boyce, J. C. Hendrix, J. L. Layton, George E. Privott, Johnnie Bass, J. Clarence Leary, L. E. Barrington, R. C. Privott, Eston Baker, Lloyd Bass, E. J. Ward, A. S. Hollowell, W. S. Perry, Kermit L. Perry and W. Jennings Bunch.

In beginning his charge, Judge Nimmock said that while the grand jury system has been criticized, it has been praised as much as it has been criticized, and that much of the criticism is due to the routine or perfunctory method by which many grand juries go about their business.

"A grand jury is a potent factor in a county if the duties are properly performed," said Judge Nimmock. "You can have a better effect than the work of law enforcement officers, for laws are more frequently broken when officers are not around. In fact, many times spotters are employed to be on the lookout for officers when laws are being violated."

"You jurors come from every section of the county, so that it is almost impossible for law to be continually violated and you know nothing about it. You gentlemen have taken an oath just as binding as the one taken by your sheriff or any other enforcement officer and you are not to be of the opinion that reporting law violators is a duty only for police. Some grand jurors feel that they may be sticking their necks out in reporting law violations, and possibly be criticized after the term court is over." It was at this point that Judge Nimmock went to some length in instructing the jury to keep absolutely secret what may be said or done in the grand jury room.

He then explained the procedure in treating bills of indictment and the matter of presentments. "It is not only your right, but your sworn duty to report any violations of the law not heretofore brought to justice," he said. "This important duty makes you the most powerful body in the county. No action should be taken which is prompted by malice, hatred or ill-will. No person should be too high or too powerful to face violations of the law and at the same time none should be too low or humble to be protected from injustice."

The judge, of course, gave the usual instructions relative to inspecting county buildings and school buses and to the inspection of county offices and records, telling the jury not to hesitate to criticize where criticism is due and to render praise where praise is due. He went to some length to explain his opinion

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## Wounded In France



GEORGE ALTON SHAW

Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw have been notified that their son, George Alton Shaw, was wounded in France on August 4. He was a runner on a tank in the 737th Tank Battalion.