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United War Fund Drive In Chowan County Scheduled Begin Wednesday, Oct. 11

Opening Date Changed At Meeting Tuesday Afternoon

LEADERS LISTED

Pep Meeting Scheduled To Be Held Tuesday Night, Oct. 10

W. J. Taylor, chairman of the Chowan County War Fund drive, on Tuesday afternoon met with a group of his captains, at which time it was decided to open the 1944 campaign on Wednesday morning, October 11. The opening date of the drive had been tentatively set for Monday, October 9, but the change was made principally in order to hold a pep meeting the night before canvassers begin their work.

This pep meeting will, therefore, be held Tuesday night, October 10, when in the neighborhood of 50 captains and members of the executive committee will gather at a "Dutch" dinner in order to put the finishing touches to the campaign and stimulate interest among those who will direct the work. West Byrum is charged with the responsibility of arranging the dinner. It is the purpose to have an outside speaker for this affair, it being thought that either Wade Marr of Elizabeth City, or Solicitor Chester Morris can be secured. Both are taking an active part in the drive. D. M. Warren was appointed by Mr. Taylor to arrange for the speaker.

At Tuesday's meeting it was decided to make an effort to raise the county's quota within a week. The quota is \$7,500 and while this amount exceeds last year's quota, the general opinion prevails that with hard work and the right sort of cooperation the goal can again be realized.

Mr. Taylor and his workers were encouraged Tuesday afternoon when Captain Melvin Griffin reported that the proceeds of the Marine Corps variety show, which will be presented tonight (Thursday) and Saturday night will go into the fund. No charge will be made to service men and women to see the show, but civilians may enjoy the show by paying 50 cents, which in turn will go toward raising the county's quota. J. G. Campen was placed in charge of the sale of tickets and is hoping for a sell-out with the aid of the Boy Scouts.

J. Clarence Leary is again, this year, captain for Edenton and has appointed the following leaders:

Virginia Road Extended—Mrs. L. S. Byrum and Mrs. R. W. Leary, Jr.

North Edenton—Mrs. Jesse Wiggins and Mrs. Russell Cobb.

West side of Broad Street from Hicks to Queen—Mrs. L. H. Haskett and Mrs. Francis Hicks.

East side of Broad Street from Carteret to Queen—Mrs. Wood Privott and Mrs. W. M. Wilkins.

West Albemarle, Gale and Church Streets—Mrs. J. P. Partin and Mrs. M. A. Hughes.

East Church, Queen, Eden and Court Streets—Mrs. T. W. Jones, Mrs. Jack Mooney and Mrs. Dick Goodwin.

Broad Street, Queen Street to Water Street—J. Rodney Byrum and W. E. Malone.

West Queen and Blount Streets—Mrs. West Byrum and Mrs. J. Clarence Leary.

Industry—A. B. Harless, Gordon (Continued on Page Five)

Revival Services At Presbyterian Church Begins On October 8

Preacher Will Be the Rev. Walter Buhler Of Charlotte

Evangelistic services will begin at the Edenton Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, October 8, announced the pastor, the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., early this week. The preacher for this series of meetings will be the Rev. Walter R. Buhler, pastor of Indian Trail Presbyterian Church of Charlotte.

Special services have been arranged for boys and girls every afternoon at 4 o'clock, at which time choir singing practice will be held for the young folks.

The public is invited to attend all of the services.

In France



PVT. HARLAN F. MIZELE. A member of the Field Artillery, Pvt. Harlan Forrest Mizelle is now somewhere in France. He entered the service in January, 1943, and received his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Air Medals Awarded At Edenton Station

Three Officers Honored For Achievements Overseas

Featured by a parade and review, MOTG-81 at the Marine Corps Air Station on Saturday, two officers were presented the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement on a transport plane and cargo dropping missions in the Solomon Islands area August 23 to 25, 1943."

The two officers thus honored were Captain Arthur W. Du Bois, a pilot, and First Lieutenant Stanley Van Otterloo, a crew member. The medals were presented by Lieut.-Col. W. E. Sweetser, commanding officer of the group.

Later in the afternoon, another parade was held by station personnel in connection with presenting an Air Medal and Citation to First Lieutenant Richard P. Kessler, a veteran fighter pilot in the combat zone. This presentation was made by Lieut.-Col. Chester J. Peters, commanding officer of the station.

Legion Post Passes Quota For Members

The Rev. Sidney Mathews Speaker at Meeting Next Tuesday

Ed Bond Post of the American Legion will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock, in the Court House. The principal speaker for the occasion will be Past Department Chaplain Sidney Matthews, Episcopal rector of Washington, North Carolina.

Legion officials are very much elated over the result of the membership drive in that the quota for the Post has been set at 90, while already 95 members have been enrolled with prospects for still others to be added.

First Year School Children Must Prove Have Been Vaccinated

Parents of children who have recently entered school their first year must prove within the next two weeks, by certificate to the teacher, that their children have been protected against diphtheria and smallpox. According to the local Health Department, anyone unable to prove this, must be protected against these diseases immediately either by their family physician or the Health Department.

The hours at the Health Department, when this work will be done, are each Friday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., and Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 o'clock.

Marines' Variety Show Is Ready For Two Day Showing

Advance Reports Indicate First Rate Entertainment

CIVILIANS PAY

Proceeds Will Be Contributed to United War Fund

Everything is in readiness for the presentation tonight (Thursday) and again Saturday night of the Marine Corps variety show, "A Slight Touch of Genius," which will begin at 8 o'clock each night in the Edenton school auditorium. From advance reports, the show will provide entertainment deluxe and the auditorium accommodating 1,000 people is expected to be filled for both performances.

The show was planned primarily for the entertainment of Marines, therefore, there will be no charge for them to see the show. However, a charge of 50 cents will be made to all civilians, the proceeds of which will be given to the United War Fund drive in Chowan County.

The cast for the show includes:

Majors E. V. Mendenhall and R. Thompson, Captain B. W. Jackson, Lieutenants H. R. Graves, R. Lindquist, W. Buhmann, W. G. King, R. Randolph, C. E. Robbins, V. R. Wolff, G. R. W. Graff, J. Lienesch, R. C. Orvis, W. Bell, T. Sgt. J. De Luca, PhM. 3-c Marion Green; Sgts. R. Wenrich, Esther Holcomb, Virginia Taylor; Corps. E. W. Londregan, G. Cottrell, H. D. Porter, C. L. Scarborough, J. P. Mayercin, T. F. Bell, Rosella Kibbe, Maurine Finley; Pfc. and Pvt. D. Fredericks, Helen Artz, G. F. Welch, G. Sicklek, Margaret Biggart, R. S. Sturtz, S. Ferraro, W. Doolan, J. Austin, Margaret McNear, S. Bright, R. Battista, Dorothy Jordan and B. Chadwick.

Captain James R. Dewey is replacing Lieut. H. Stevenson as stage manager.

J. G. Campen is in charge of the sale of tickets among civilians, and has enlisted the aid of Boy Scouts to endeavor to have a sell-out. It is hoped that civilians will turn out en masse, not only to see a good show, but at the same time help in raising Chowan County's United War Fund quota of \$7,500.

Roomer Found Dead In Bed At Colony Inn

Frank Overton Evidently Victim of Heart Attack

Frank Overton, about 55 years old, was found dead in his room at Colony Inn Monday morning, evidently the victim of a heart attack. The discovery was made by Mrs. Henry Powell. Deceased was a bookkeeper at the Marine Corps Air Station, and had been rooming for some time at the Colony Inn.

The body was removed to the Ziegler Funeral Home, from where it was taken later in the afternoon to Elizabeth City at the request of a sister, Mrs. Sallie Cartwright, of Camden, who is the closest survivor as far as could be learned Tuesday.

Mr. Overton, before retiring, was apparently in his usual health and it is presumed that he was stricken with a heart attack during the night.

Methodists To Observe World-wide Communion

World-wide communion will be observed at the 11 o'clock service in the Methodist Church Sunday morning, when the pastor, the Rev. H. F. Surratt, will preach on the subject, "At the Lord's Table." Communion Sunday will be available for all Christians throughout the world. All members are asked to go to church or camp chapel during the day for Holy Communion. A loyalty visitation is being made among the members of the Edenton Methodist Church for this purpose.

At Sunday morning's service there will be a reception of new members, a result of the recent visitation by six teams made up of a minister and a layman. A special solo will be rendered by Miss Helen Willis.

At the Church School hour rally day will be observed and Church School officers and teachers installed. The Youth Fellowship meeting will be held at 7 p. m.

German Prisoners Of War Helping Harvest Chowan Peanut Crop

County's Quota of Prisoners Reduced Monday to 55

FAIR WORKERS

Applications Being Taken at County Agent Overman's Office

Due to shortage of farm labor, German prisoners of war are being used to stack peanuts in Chowan County. A. C. Boyce, C. E. Small and S. F. Small using 40 Friday and Saturday, and A. C. Boyce, J. D. Swindell, W. L. Boswell and S. F. Small using 55 on Monday.

The county's quota is 70 prisoners from the Aloskie camp, but due to the limited number in camp the quota on Monday was reduced by 15.

The cost of prisoner labor is 25 cents per hour, plus the cost of transportation, which is contracted and prisoners placed as near fields as practical. Their work day is eight hours and they are allowed to be out of camp a maximum of 12 hours. Each prisoner receives 80 cents per day for his labor.

Prisoners are stacking around 36 stacks per man per day under favorable conditions and good supervision. The farmer is required to furnish a white man to supervise the work, and he is required to be along with the prisoners while they are working, and naturally good supervision results in more and better work done.

Applications for prisoners to work are being taken at County Agent C. W. Overman's office. Contracts are signed and deposits made in advance. The prisoners are being scheduled on farms on a basis of need for additional labor and men available.

Farmers are urged to cooperate in every way possible with County Agent Overman and Thomas Cheers, farm labor assistant, in using these workers to the best advantage in helping to harvest Chowan's peanut crop.

M. W. Jackson used prisoners three days last week in harvesting ensilage and reports a good job and was satisfied with their work.

J. G. Campen Senses Lack Of Interest In Buying War Bonds

Less Than One-sixth of Quota Bought Up to September 15

J. G. Campen, chairman of the Chowan County War Finance Committee, is somewhat concerned over the apparent lack of interest in buying war bonds since the close of the fifth war loan drive. Chowan County's quota for September is \$36,000, and up to September 15, Mr. Campen reports sales amounting to only \$5,500, or less than one-sixth of the quota.

"We must make our monthly quotas between drives," said Mr. Campen, "as this is just as important as successful periodic drives to accomplish the overall objectives of the war financing program. As we move closer to victory, we must not get the idea that the war is practically over. Nothing could be farther from the truth, for though the end with Germany is in sight, the Japanese war is a tremendous undertaking, and victory will come high. The European War was expensive, but almost everything in the Pacific war will cost more. It will require more transport costs and we will need more of everything to bring the treacherous Japs to their knees."

"Did you ever stop to think how much money it costs to maintain the 11 to 12 million men and women in our Army and Navy? Whether the men are actually fighting or not, they must be fed, housed, transported from one training center or battle area to another, cared for in a hundred and one different ways. That all costs money and will continue to until the last man is back in civilian clothes."

"It isn't hard to find many important reasons why our government must have the financial support of everyone, and have it for many months to come. For that reason, I hope Chowan County people will resume purchasing bonds to the end that the monthly quotas will be reached regularly."

Chowan Farm Bureau Gets Concentrated Drive To Get New Members On October 2

Wins Gold Medal



SGT. JOSEPH SPRUILL. After being in the South Pacific for six months, Sgt. Joe Spruill has been awarded a gold medal, as well as a good conduct medal. He enlisted in the Army January, 11, 1942.

J. E. Baker Heads Campaign To Boost Local Membership

GOAL 500 MEMBERS

Groups Responsible For Increased Peanut Income

Chowan County's Farm Bureau is joining with other bureaus throughout the State in an effort to greatly increase memberships in this important farmers' organization. The local campaign will begin next Monday, October 2, and though the Bureau now has something like 200 members, a goal of at least 500 members has been set.

The Farm Bureau is primarily a farmers' organization, though its influence affects not only farmers, but any business or professional man who serves the farmer. The organization aims to help farmers solve problems of coming peace. Farm prices have been relatively high because of war demands for greater production, but with the coming of peace, there will again come problems of surpluses and low prices. It is then that the Farm Bureau will fight for farmers' interests and the greater the membership, the more weight the organization will have in fighting for the farmer's welfare.

The Chowan County drive will be in charge of J. E. Baker, who urges every former member to enroll, and then contact neighbors and friends to the end that practically every farmer in the county will become a member.

Membership dues in the Farm Bureau are only \$3.00 per year, while associate memberships are \$10 and up to any amount a concern may desire to contribute.

One phase of the accomplishments of the Farm Bureau alone is enough to warrant many memberships in Chowan County, for it was the effort of the State and National Farm Bureaus which resulted in the increased price for peanuts. This one effort alone meant an added income of approximately \$140,000 to Chowan peanut growers.

W. A. Harrell is president of the County Farm Bureau; R. O. Blanchard, vice president, and R. T. Harrell, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee is composed of D. M. Warren, J. B. Webb, R. H. Hollowell, J. H. Morgan and J. C. (Dick) Leary. Any of the above named officers will be more than pleased to explain the advantages of belonging to the Farm Bureau, as well as take any applications for membership.

New Rector Secured For St. Paul's Church

The Rev. Harold Gilmer Will Become Rector On October 1

After being without a rector for almost a year, St. Paul's Church will have a rector beginning Sunday, October 1. Church officials announced early this week that the Rev. Harold L. Gilmer had accepted a temporary rectorship and will conduct his first service on October 1.

The church has had no rector since the resignation of the Rev. Lewis Schenck, who resigned December 1, of last year to accept a call at Burlington, N. C., and though no little effort has been made in the meantime to find a new rector, it was only this week that a man was secured.

The Rev. Mr. Gilmer comes to Edenton highly recommended. He has been professor of church history and philosophy at Du Bois Memorial Church Training School at Montague, Tennessee, where he rendered a great service.

The new rector and Mrs. Gilmer will arrive in Edenton Friday and will make their home in an apartment at the Parish House.

The Rev. Mr. Gilmer will be presented to St. Paul's congregation on Sunday, October 1, by Bishop Thomas C. Darst and, of course, church officials are very anxious to have a large congregation present to meet the newcomers.

Edenton PTA Meets Tuesday, October 3 In First Meeting Of Fall

The first meeting of the new year for Edenton's Parent-Teacher Association will be held Tuesday, October 3, in the high school library, at which time Chaplain George Wheeler will speak. At the close of the meeting refreshments will be served by the home economics department. A large attendance is desired for this meeting and newcomers in Edenton and parents who have children going to school for the first time are extended a special invitation to be present.

Elsbury P. Chappell Is Killed In France

Private Elsbury P. Chappell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chappell, of the Tyner section, was killed in action in France on August 25, according to a telegram received from the War Department by his parents.

Young Chappell entered the Army in February, 1942, and received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He was a member of the field artillery. He was sent overseas in December, 1943.

Surviving, besides the parents, are three sisters, Mrs. Hillard Bunch of Sunbury, Mrs. James Scheer of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Miss Edith Chappell of Norfolk, Va.; one brother, Sgt. Gilbert Chappell, now in service in New Guinea, and a niece, Karen Scheer.

Edenton Boy Wins "Wings Of Gold"

Claude M. Williams Is Commissioned an Ensign

Claude M. Williams, 20, son of Mrs. C. M. Williams of 908 N. Broad Street, won his Navy "Wings of Gold" and was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve recently following completion of the prescribed flight training course at the Naval Air Training Bases, Pensacola, Fla., the "Annapolis of the Air."

Having been designated a Naval Aviator, Ensign Williams will receive operational training before being assigned to a combat zone.

St. Paul's Auxiliary Meets Next Monday

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church will meet on Monday afternoon, October 2, at 4 o'clock, in the Parish House. This will be a business meeting, the first one of the fall, and it is hoped that every woman in the parish will make a special effort to attend. Visitors in the parish will be welcomed at this meeting and all others of the Auxiliary.

Bishop Thos. C. Darst At St. Paul's Sunday

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst of Wilmington, will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in St. Paul's Church. Bishop Darst is very well and favorably known among members of St. Paul's congregation, as well as by many other people in Edenton. Therefore, a large congregation is expected to be present at the service.