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# EUREKA! Local Hospital Now Assured

## COLORED PEOPLE CALL MASS MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CHOWAN HOSPITAL

Important Meeting Scheduled to Be Held In Colored High December 7 With Special Music Arranged As a Feature

A mass meeting for colored people of Edenton and Chowan County has been called by the colored Chowan County Hospital Fund Committee to be held in the Edenton colored high school on Thursday night, December 7, at 8 o'clock.

All of the people of the city and county are urged to be present, so they may be better informed on the importance of the proposed hospital program as to its size, management and how it will be financed.

The Edenton High School choir will render two special musical numbers as a treat for those who attend the meeting.

This important meeting has been called by officers of the colored committee, who are Dr. O. L. Holley, chairman; the Rev. L. G. Nichols, vice chairman; D. F. Walker, secretary, and the Rev. J. E. Tillett, treasurer, who say, "No loyal citizen of Chowan County can afford to miss this very important meeting."

## Edw. Bond Post And Auxiliary Help Cheer Inmates In Hospitals

Both Groups Seeking Items For Christmas Presents

Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40 of the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion are working in cooperation with Eddie Cantor and his "Time to Smile" radio program, in seeing to it that every man and woman confined in a service hospital in the United States will receive a gift box at Christmas time.

Suggested gifts are based on a list of hospital patients and include neckties, olive drab socks, ties and scarfs; toothbrushes, pen and pencil sets, checker and cribbage boards, poker chips, stationery, cigarette lighters and cases, soldiers' buckles and belts, shaving kits, pipes, zipper bags, shoe shining kits, hair brushes and billfolds. It is very important that each package must have a list of contents on the outside, it will have to be opened at the hospital before presentation. Your personal card may be enclosed if desired.

Auxiliary President Mrs. J. W. White and Post Commander J. L. Chestnutt urge that your immediate purchase of a gift box be made and turned over to The American Legion as your contribution to a great Christmas party for 500,000 Yanks Who Cave. All the gift boxes must be received by the local Legion by December 10th in order that delivery be made to the various hospitals for presentation.

Gifts may be left either at Mitchener's or Leggett & Davis.

## Agricultural Census Enumerators Sought

D. W. Lupton of Washington, N. C., census supervisor for the First District, was in Edenton Tuesday in connection with the forthcoming Federal agricultural census. A number of enumerators are needed for taking the census in Chowan County, and any who are interested should write to Mr. Lupton at Washington, for proper forms and information. Enumerators will be required to attend a school for three days shortly after Christmas, during which they will be paid \$3 per day.

The supervisor also stated that he will certify as to the amount of gasoline necessary for taking the census.

## MASONIC DISTRICT MEETING IN WILLIAMSTON ON FRIDAY

Masons of the Second District, which includes the Edenton lodge, will meet in a district meeting in Williamston Friday night at 6:30 o'clock. Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, will be host and a number of Edenton Masons plan to attend.

## SILVER TEA POSTPONED

The Silver Tea, which was to have been given by the Laura Griffith Bond Circle of the Methodist Church on Thursday evening, December 7th, has been postponed until Friday evening, December 8th, at 8 o'clock. The tea will be given in the Sunday School room.

## \$57,000 Mailed To Bank Of Edenton's '44 Christmas Club

Previous Year's Record Topped By Amount And Number

As has been the case during the past several years, the Bank of Edenton's 1944 Christmas Savings Club exceeded the previous year's record, both as to the amount distributed and the number of members. Last week Christmas Savings checks aggregating \$57,000 were sent to approximately 1,100 members. Last year \$45,000 was sent to about 1,000 members of the club.

The 1945 Christmas Club opened Monday of this week and from present indications, this year's record will surpass the 1944 figure, both as to the amount of savings and members.

## Masons Will Elect Officers Tonight

Local Lodge Has Greatest Increase In Membership In Years

New officers for the year 1945 will be elected by Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., at the meeting tonight (Thursday). Because of the importance of this matter, every member of the lodge is requested to be present.

W. Jim Daniels has been master of the lodge during the past year and under his administration the fraternity has experienced the greatest increase in membership in recent years.

## Judson W. Satterfield Dies Of Heart Attack

Judson W. Satterfield, 81, died at his home on West Eden Street at 7:30 Sunday night as the result of a heart attack. Mr. Satterfield had been in failing health for several years, but had been seriously ill only since Tuesday of last week. He was a native of Chowan County, having been born in the Rocky Hock section, where he was a farmer, but due to his health many years ago moved to Edenton. Deceased was the last of a family of six girls and two boys.

His wife, Mrs. Lelia Satterfield, and one son, Percy Satterfield, survive, the latter being in the U. S. Army stationed at Rome, New York. He arrived home Sunday night shortly before his father passed away. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. E. L. Wells, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery. The Baptist Church choir sang favorite hymns at the home and at the grave.

Pallbearers were Arthur Chapell, Raymond Mansfield, John Habit, R. C. Holland, W. W. Byrum and Dr. Wallace Griffin.

## A Statement By The Chowan County Hospital Committee To Those Interested In The Hospital, Both Contributors and Workers

First, this is not a "thank you" letter, that will come later. It is, however, in grateful acknowledgment of the generosity of our people both in giving time and money to the effort. The campaign has been wonderful, the amount received or which we are now certain will be received will possibly make it practical at this time to not only build the hospital planned, but a larger and better equipped institution and in all probability some other additional buildings to be used in connection with the hospital, which buildings we had not planned or hoped to be able to have for several years.

The Hospital Committee, while much pleased with the present status of the campaign, will not consider the drive a complete success until every person or family interested in the hospital has had an opportunity of contributing to the great undertaking. Therefore, we appeal to the duly appointed solicitors to again check their lists and all possible interested parties in their territories and see that every possible contributor is given an opportunity. We are most anxious that every Chowan County family is included in the list of contributors. The shortage of gas may have made a visit to all impossible. If so, we ask that you see your solicitor or a member of the Hospital Committee. Please do not wait for a visit.

The hospital drive will not be an entire success unless your name is on the contributing list.

D. M. WARREN, Chairman Hospital Committee.

## Annual Christmas Seal Sale Is Under Way In Chowan

County Deaths From Tuberculosis 50 Per Cent Above State

The Christmas Seal sale for Chowan County is now going on. Several hundred letters were sent out this week and it is hoped that the response will be generous. The situation in Chowan County deserves the consideration of every thinking man and woman.

In the last 40 years the death rate from tuberculosis has gone down 75 per cent in the United States. And yet 53,000 persons died last year of this disease—one every nine minutes. Between the ages of 15 and 45 it takes the lives of more people than any other disease. It kills 2,500 American children under the age of 15 every year.

In the first 31 months after Pearl Harbor tuberculosis took approximately 145,000 lives in our nation. Deaths among the armed forces for this same period, according to a recent estimate, were about 57,000. One out of every 100 men entering the armed services was disqualified because of tuberculosis in some stage. Thirty out of every 100 men so disqualified had the disease in a clinically active form. In the last four years tuberculosis has killed 10,000 more persons in this country than were killed in action or died from wounds received in action in all the wars combined that this country has engaged in from the Revolutionary War up to December 7, 1941.

It is estimated that more than 500,000 Americans are now suffering from tuberculosis, many of these cases unknown. In the face of all this, can we afford to be indifferent? And yet, the average death rate for Chowan County is more than 50 per cent higher than that of the State, and is also 50 per cent higher than that of the nation.

Many agencies are cooperating for the elimination of tuberculosis in Chowan County. They need funds. They hope you will buy as many Seals as you can and use them on your letters. Don't forget that the very life blood of the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale has been the small contributions of unpretentious and sometimes poor people. They have never failed the work before. They will not fail it now. Older America knows it is a good thing. Young America feels that it is a good thing. Their dollars will bring life and health to those who are sick and suffering. And before very long a better, healthier, happier day will dawn for Chowan County.

## Play December 13 For Benefit Hospital Fund

Wednesday night, December 13, at 8 o'clock, the Tenth Grade of Chowan High School will present a three-act comedy, "Ready Made Family," in the school auditorium. Fifty per cent of the proceeds will be contributed to the Chowan Hospital Fund. The public is cordially invited.

## Rev. Harold Gilmer Accepts Call As Rector St. Paul's

Originally Planned To Serve Only as Temporary Rector

Coming to Edenton October 1, as temporary rector of St. Paul's Church, the Rev. Harold W. Gilmer this week accepted a request on the part of the congregation to become permanent rector. During his brief stay, the Rev. Mr. Gilmer has made an exceptionally favorable impression, not only with St. Paul's congregation, but on Edentonians as a whole, therefore, there is general delight to learn that he has agreed to remain in Edenton.

Mr. Gilmer came to Edenton from Monteagle, Tenn., where he taught history and moral theology at Du Rose Training School. He is a graduate of Monmouth College, Ill., and later studied at the University of Chicago, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Indiana, Pittsburgh, Michigan and at the Academy in Rome, Italy.

He was born in Milan, Ill., 62 years ago. His wife, who attended the University of Indiana, is a native of that state.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer have a son and daughter, Harold, Jr., being professor of history and social studies at Madison Academy in Manson, Miss. The daughter, Mrs. Ralph Warren, is senior weather observer at Monteagle. Her husband is a lieutenant in the Merchant Marine.

## St. Paul's Auxiliary Elects New Officers

At its business meeting on Monday, the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church elected the following officers:

President, Mrs. Carroll Kramer; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Moore; treasurer, Mrs. W. I. Hart. Chairmen of the various departments were also appointed, as follows:

United Thank Offering, Mrs. Henry Gardner; Supply, Mrs. L. P. Williams; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. O. M. Elliott; Christian Education, Mrs. Julien Wood; Promotions, Miss Emily Smithwick.

Mrs. O. M. Elliott and Miss Sally Jones were appointed co-chairmen of a committee to decorate the church for Christmas. Mrs. Elliott and Miss Jones wish to remind those who can furnish evergreens for this purpose, to bring them to the church during the week before Christmas.

## Important Meeting Of VSO On Thursday

Mrs. M. G. Brown, president of the VSO, announces a meeting of the group to be held today (Thursday) at 2:30 o'clock, in the USO Club. This will be a very important meeting in that plans for the Christmas holidays will be discussed, and Mrs. Brown urges every member of the VSO to be present.

## Citizens Reflect Approval By Contributing \$80,000 First Three Days Of Drive

### "Pappy" Of Hospital



D. M. WARREN  
There is no happier man in Chowan County today than D. M. Warren, who has gone all-out for a hospital and, as a result of his efforts, he has been literally swept from his feet by the unanimity of purpose and the generosity of Chowan people, who by their generous contributions have made a hospital a certainty.

## 6th War Loan Drive Lacks \$148,000 Of Quota In Chowan

Campen Stressing Purchases of Series E Bonds

J. G. Campen, chairman of the Chowan County War Finance Committee, early this week reported that the County had purchased bonds totaling about \$200,000, leaving \$148,000 yet to be purchased, if the County's quota of \$348,000 is to be reached.

Purchase of Series E bonds has taken a boost, Mr. Campen reporting that \$60,000 of the overall sales represented Series E bond sales, which leaves \$21,000 more to be purchased to meet the E bond quota.

Mr. Campen is, however, urging more purchases of Series E bonds, for while he confidently expects the overall quota to be reached, he desires to remind our people that it is the hope that individuals will purchase bonds of smaller denominations in order to share in the prosecution of the war.

## Painting Demonstration On Thursday Afternoon

This (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, an unusual painting demonstration will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Harrell, when used cylinder oil will be used to paint out-buildings.

The demonstration will be given by John Harris, extension specialist from Raleigh, and all who are interested are urged to attend.

### 25 JAILED IN NOVEMBER

Jailer Shelton Moore's business fell off somewhat during November, when only 25 persons were placed in jail. Victims were confined for from one to 26 days, resulting in an expenditure of \$61.60, which includes jail and turnkey fees.

### COUNTY DEBT REDUCED

D. M. Warren, chairman of the County Commissioners, was, on Monday, authorized to pay \$6,123.28 of the County's indebtedness. The amount represents road, bridge and culvert bonds and coupons.

## All Workers Literally Swept From Feet at Response

DRIVE STILL ON  
Question Now Is Matter Of Size and Quality Of Hospital

That a hospital in Chowan County is considered a necessity and that Chowan County citizens are willing to back the movement with their money is reflected in the fact that within three days over \$80,000 was either contributed or pledged for the purpose of building and equipping an institution which will not only serve but be a credit to the county and section. A campaign to raise county funds was begun on Thursday of last week and on Saturday night incomplete returns showed that approximately \$80,000 had been received. Since that time more contributions have been coming in and members of the Hospital Committee confidently believe that local contributions will exceed the \$100,000 mark, not taking into consideration the contributions made by some living outside Edenton and the county.

At the outset, a goal of \$75,000 by local contributions was set, to which the town and county governing bodies appropriated \$50,000, making the initial hospital fund \$125,000. However, the idea has so favorably swept the entire county that not only is a hospital assured, but the movement has grown to such proportions that now it is a matter of how large it will be and what further steps can be taken to enlarge original plans. In fact, it appears that some phases of a hospital can be realized at the outset, which it was previously calculated would require several years to acquire.

D. M. Warren, chairman of the Hospital Committee, together with his co-members, J. W. Davis, W. J. Berryman, J. H. Conger and W. W. Byrum, is virtually stunned by the way the movement has been received throughout the county and the many and generous contributions which have been made. Through this group at first were optimistic about raising \$75,000 by public subscription, they, nevertheless, were of the opinion that it was a Herculean task and that it would be little less than a miracle if the amount materialized. Therefore, they are delighted with the response both as to those who have sacrificed their time in making a canvass as well as those who have contributed so splendidly to the appeal.

While the results of the drive are very gratifying, the Hospital Committee will continue the campaign in order to allow every person or family who may be interested to make a contribution. The canvassers will continue to accept contributions or pledges, for about 10 days, after which temporary hospital headquarters will be set up in the Chamber of Commerce office in charge of an office staff who are bonded representatives of the Hospital Committee. Here further contributions will be received. All amounts received will be immediately...

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**ELBERT LAYTON DROWNS**  
Elbert Layton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Layton, was drowned Tuesday while cat-fishing. Mr. Layton is survived by his wife and three small children, in addition to his parents. Funeral arrangements could not be learned.

**CIRCLE MEETS MONDAY**  
Belle Bennett Circle of the Methodist Church will meet on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. L. C. Burton. All members are urged to attend.

**TAX COLLECTIONS**  
Sheriff J. A. Bunch collected \$11,678.75 for 1944 taxes during the month of November. This amount brings total 1944 taxes collected to date to \$30,665.51.