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## Town Council Authorizes W. J. Yates Get Prices On Fire Fighting Equipment

### Need For New Truck Emphasized at Meeting Tuesday

#### REO "SHOT"

### Adopt Resolution Relative to Hospital Contribution

Town Councilmen, at their meeting Tuesday night, adopted the identical resolution adopted by the County Commissioners last week having to do with the town's contribution of \$25,000 toward a hospital. The resolution supercedes an original motion which merely authorizes the matching of a similar amount given by the county for a hospital.

The new resolution is wider in scope, in that it stipulates that the amount should be paid to the Bank of Edenton, treasurer, for the benefit of hospital trustees to be appointed, the manner of appointing said trustees, and giving authority to use the money for the purchase of a site if necessary, building, equipping, maintaining or expanding a hospital or auxiliary buildings.

The resolution also provides that the matter of a site for the hospital will not be vested only in the five trustees, but that this matter must be decided at a joint meeting of the County Commissioners, Town Council, Board of Public Works and the Chowan County Medical Association, each member of the various groups having one vote.

D. M. Warren, chairman of the Hospital Committee, appeared before the Councilmen and expressed a desire that the resolution be adopted in order to clarify matters and prevent possible misunderstanding later on. He again expressed his delight at the splendid response given to the appeal and said that with anticipated help Chowan County should have an institution that will stand for years as a credit and a monument to the generosity and cooperation of its citizens.

During the meeting, W. J. Yates, assistant fire chief, urged upon the members the necessity of a new fire fighting apparatus to replace the old Keo engine, which has long since been practically useless. Mr. Yates said he felt a great responsibility with only one engine which can be depended upon in case of emergency and he presented facts which substantiated his argument for more adequate fire fighting equipment.

Town Councilmen agreed with Mr. Yates' views, and he was instructed to secure prices for a new engine, and when the prices are received a special meeting will be held for the purpose of buying a new engine.

The matter of maintaining a cleaner business section was also discussed and the Street Commissioner was instructed to investigate and to inaugurate a plan whereby merchants are to keep their trash cans inside their stores, where they will be called for by trash collectors. This will mean that a new schedule of trash collections will have to be arranged so that collections in the business district will be somewhat later than at present, in order to make the rounds when all stores are open. By this method it is calculated that paper and trash will not be blown all over the street and will tend to present a cleaner business district.

Before adjourning, the Councilmen voted to give every employee of the town \$5.00 as a Christmas present.

## Christmas Dance For Officers At Air Station Next Saturday Night

A Christmas dance will be held in the Officers' Club at the Air Station next Saturday night, music for which will be furnished by the Station orchestra. All officers are invited to attend a free buffet supper and refreshments which will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock. The Club will be appropriately decorated for the occasion, which promises to be a very enjoyable affair.

## Marines Enjoy Band Concert In Armory

Friday evening the U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve Band from Camp Lejeune rendered a concert in the local Armory which was very much enjoyed by Edenton Marines. After the concert, a basketball game was played between the Varsity team of the Air Station and the Colerain Red Devils.

### Honored In France



CPL. FRANK BYRUM  
Serving with the 376th Infantry in France, Cpl. Byrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Byrum, has seen stiff action and has recently been awarded a wreath around his infantry badge as a good combat soldier.

## 48 Are Examined By Health Officer For Tuberculosis

### Belief That Many Older People Are Infected In County

Chowan County's Health Officer, upon completing 48 chest examinations, believes there is a considerable number of older people in the county infected with tuberculosis who should be examined.

The majority of the known contacts of active cases have been checked in this group. All have been notified and given appointments, however, some were unable to appear. Very few people have of their own accord come for this examination.

Expectant mothers are urged to take advantage of this examination, due to the fact that infected mothers have very little chance of recovery, and their babies, unless taken out of their presence immediately after birth, become infected with tuberculosis.

Findings on these patients that were fluoroscoped are as follows: There were 23 white patients and 16 were negative for active tuberculosis, three were found to have the childhood type of infection, two had healed childhood type infection and one moderately advanced healed tuberculosis. One was advanced to have an X-ray.

There were 25 colored patients and 22 were negative for active tuberculosis. One childhood type infection, to be checked again in six months, 7 prenatals examined, one cavity and density on right side due to a lung abscess. This patient was advised to have an X-ray. Moderately advanced healed fibroid in one patient, one old tubercular patient for a check-up and no evidence of activity was found but was advised to have another check-up in six months, one chronic fibroid tuberculosis throughout both lungs but not active. A neursm on right side probably due to syphilis. Another was found to have a calciferd small cavity, no other activity found. Aneurysm probably syphilitic. Once childhood type infection healed. The two with Aneurysm findings have been placed under treatment for syphilis, one already under treatment.

The place for these examinations is the Chowan County Health Department, Bank of Edenton Building, and the time is from 10:30 to 12 noon every Friday.

### NEW USO AT PLYMOUTH

A new USO Club has been opened at Plymouth and welcomes all service personnel. Friday and Saturday it is open from 2 o'clock to 11, and Sunday from 2 to 7. Junior hostesses will be on hand to entertain service men.

## Helping Hand Society Anxious To Help Those In Need During Christmas Season

In an effort to see to it that no person in Chowan County goes lacking for necessary food, clothing or fuel during the Christmas season, the Helping Hand Society will minister to all those who actually need such assistance.

The Helping Hand Society is a secret group able and desiring to be of service to the unfortunate of the County who for some reason or other may have been overlooked by other agencies, and any information relative to circumstances will be treated in strict confidence.

Those comprising the Helping Hand Society realize that under the system of public welfare there may be some in need who because of rules and regulations as set forth may not be entitled to assistance and yet be obliged to go without some of the necessities of life. It is this group, as well as others whose unfortunate circumstances are not known, that the Helping Hand Society wishes to reach.

To receive aid from the Helping Hand Society is very simple. All that is necessary for the party who needs help is to write, or cause to be written, a letter addressed to the Society in care of The Chowan Herald, stating some of the circumstances, as well as giving name and address. Upon receipt of this information an investigation will be made at once and if there exists any need, aid will be given. There need not be any hesitancy on the part of any person to write, for any information will be held in confidence by the Helping Hand Society, a small group whose identity will also not be revealed.

## Number Places In Edenton Criticized By Mayor Haskett

### Appealing For Town To Be Cleaned Up For Christmas

"Some time ago, said Mayor Leroy Haskett Tuesday morning, "I had an article in The Herald relative to cleanliness of premises about town. People in Edenton have been very cooperative, for which I am very appreciative. However, in a check-up over the week-end, I have come across quite a few instances where, if something was done, would add greatly to the appearance of Edenton."

Mayor Haskett listed the following complaints:

Two old cars parked on street on way to cemetery.

Large amount of trash and debris on new project on Brown property.

Much trash and a number of bottles in front of Griffin's Stables.

Trash and boxes on side of Holmes Wholesale Grocery.

Side of Meiggs Furniture Store, pieces of old furniture which should be removed.

Trash and debris at Sutton and Perry's Tin Shop.

Lots of trash at Earl Jones at Oakum and Church Streets.

Garbage cans and containers on streets in Mill Village.

Empty bottles at Bus Station and Cherry's Sandwich Shop.

Glass and empty bottles in front of Small's Paradise on Oakum Street.

Trash in alley between White's Barber Shop and Leggett & Davis drug store.

Old cars on Broad Street at John Habit's service station.

The above is not a very good example of a clean town," said Mayor Haskett, "but we are all-out for improvements and are endeavoring to have a clean and neat town over the holidays."

## Baptist Youngsters Will Observe White Christmas On Sunday

The Primary Department of the Edenton Baptist Sunday School will observe White Christmas next Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour. The superintendent urges every child, teacher and other officers of the department to carry something worthwhile to be given to persons less fortunate.

## All Edenton Stores Closed On Christmas

Mrs. Hazel Gibbs, assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, announced on Tuesday that all stores in Edenton will be closed on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25. Mrs. Gibbs also stated that an effort has been made to have all stores remain closed Tuesday in celebration of Christmas, but that there is some opposition, so that only the dry goods stores have definitely decided to close for the two days.

## Mrs. Inglis Fletcher Guest Of Honor Of Officers Wives Club

### Christmas Tea Planned At Base Tuesday, December 19

Members of the Officers' Wives Club will stage a Christmas tea in honor of Mrs. Inglis Fletcher on Tuesday afternoon, December 19, at 3 o'clock. The affair will be for officers' wives and their guests and will take place in the west wing of the Officers' Club.

The receiving line will be composed of Mrs. W. E. Sweetser, Mrs. H. Lane, Mrs. John Carter, Mrs. Inglis Fletcher and Mrs. George Wood.

Mrs. Fletcher will speak to the group and Mrs. Roy Delin will sing, accompanied by Miss Mary Moore. After the program, tea will be served, poured by Mrs. T. C. Byrum.

Mrs. Charles P. Wales, Mrs. John Carter and Mrs. H. C. Lane, Special arrangements have been made for admittance of guests at the Base.

Mrs. Eric W. Harslem is chairman of the affair, and she will be assisted by Mrs. L. A. Patterson. Mrs. Conrad Morgan is chairman of the refreshment committee.

## T. B. Williford Is Elected Master Of Unanimity Lodge

### All Officers Will Be Installed at Tonight's Meeting

At last week's meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., officers for the year 1945 were elected. T. B. Williford was elected master to succeed W. J. Daniels. W. P. Goodwin was elected as senior warden; W. O. Elliott, Jr., junior warden; Charles H. Wood, treasurer, and J. Edwin Bufflap, secretary.

The above-named officers, together with the other officers appointed by the new master, will be installed at tonight's meeting of the lodge. H. A. Campen will have charge of the installation ceremony.

## GEORGE C. WARD RECEIVES RATING AS FIRST-CLASS M. M.

George C. Ward, U. S. N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian E. Ward, received his first-class rating as a machinist mate on December 1. He joined the Navy in September, 1942.

## CITY AUTO TAGS ON SALE

City automobile licenses are now on sale by Miss Louise Coke at the Municipal Building. These tags are required to be purchased and displayed on automobiles before January 1, 1945, therefore, owners of automobiles are urged to get their tags as soon as possible.

## Individual Contributions To Chowan County's Hospital Fund Boosted To \$95,000

### Master Of Masons



T. B. WILLIFORD  
Members of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., on last Thursday night elected T. B. Williford as master of the lodge for the year 1945. He succeeds W. J. Daniels and will be installed, along with other officers at tonight's meeting.

## Campen Concerned About Lagging Of Sixth War Loan

### Overall Quota Early This Week \$121,000 Short of Goal

J. G. Campen, chairman of the Chowan County War Finance Committee, is no little concerned about lagging of purchases of war bonds during the Sixth War Loan. Early this week, Mr. Campen reported that Chowan lacked \$121,000 of meeting its \$348,000 over-all quota, and that Series E bonds lacked \$16,000 of the \$81,000 quota. The drive ends next Saturday, and Mr. Campen is urging a brisk pick-up in bond buying.

"Chowan County has not fallen down yet on a war bond drive," said Mr. Campen Tuesday, "and we do not want to do so this time when we hear from across the seas that our men, in some instances, are handicapped due to lack of fighting material when the enemy is on the run. I urge all who have not bought bonds to do so at once, and those who have bought and are able to do so to buy an extra bond."

## Captured Nazi Leads Lost Edenton Soldier Back To Own Lines

Private First Class Richard Morgan, of Edenton, who is with the 26th (Yankee) Infantry Division in France, discovered a new way to get back to his lines after being lost in enemy territory, but he doesn't recommend it as a standard procedure.

Pfc. Morgan was returning with his company after a woods-clearing mission recently when a German sniper opened fire. The men scattered so well that Pfc. Morgan found himself alone and lost. It was growing dark but he kept moving in the hopes of finding his way back. Suddenly he came upon a Nazi tank. It's hatch cover was open and a Jerry sniper was peering in the opposite direction. When Morgan covered the sniper he threw down his rifle and surrendered. The Jerry started off toward the American lines with his hands over his head and Morgan allowed himself to be led. Soon the Jerry proved he knew the way by arriving at a forward Yank position.

## C. J. Wiggins Loses Fingers In Accident

C. J. Wiggins met with an unfortunate accident in Washington, N. C., Friday, as the result of which he lost the first three fingers on his left hand. Mr. Wiggins was attempting to tie a barge to a dock when, in some manner, his hand caught in a rope. The fingers were so badly crushed that it was necessary to amputate them, which was done in a Washington hospital.

## CAPT. EDWARD BASS MARRIES ARMY NURSE IN AUSTRALIA

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bass were informed this week in a letter from their son, Captain Edward Bass, that he and Lieut. Lola Allon were married in the Methodist Church in Brisbane, Australia, on November 22. Capt. and Mrs. Bass spent two weeks honeymooning in Australia before returning to their respective posts of duty. The bride's home is in Willis, Michigan. She is now serving with army nurses in New Guinea.

## Contributions Are Coming In From Former Edentonians

### DRIVE CONTINUES

## Colored People Expect To Raise \$6,000 Toward Fund

Chowan County's Hospital Fund is continuing to grow, early this week D. M. Warren, chairman of the Hospital Committee, reporting that contributions have mounted to \$95,000 with still more in sight. This amount does not include the \$50,000 contributed by the Town and County. The drive will continue, stated Mr. Warren, until a check on contributors can be made and every person in the county is given an opportunity to make a contribution. Interest in the hospital continues, spreading to former residents of the town who still have a warm spot in their hearts for Edenton. Several substantial contributions have already been made by former Edentonians and others are confidently expected. The latest contribution came from a trained nurse, who complimented the town on its effort to secure a hospital and said that she wanted to have some part in it.

The colored people, who began a campaign only last week, are also meeting with general approval and a willingness to help. Their drive is still in progress, too, and those in charge have reported to Mr. Warren that he can expect at least \$6,000 when the final reports are in.

School children are also showing quite a bit of interest, a movement now being on foot in every white and colored school in the county for each grade to raise enough to purchase a \$25 War Bond for the hospital fund. Again, last Saturday, a booth was set up in front of the Bank of Edenton and volunteers worked in shifts in order to take contributions or pledges or explain the hospital program.

At the meeting of Town Council Tuesday night permission was granted to the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the hospital movement, to post the name of every contributor to the fund on the front office window. This will be done in about a week, so that any who have not made a contribution should do so at once in order to be included in this "honor roll."

When the solicitors turn in their final reports, temporary hospital headquarters will be located in the Chamber of Commerce office, where it is expected that contributions will continue to be made for some time.

Mr. Warren and his co-workers are delighted over the success of the drive, contributions already soaring far beyond their fondest hopes at the outset, which means that a larger and better hospital than at first anticipated will be Chowan's reward for the generosity of its citizens.

## Jane Unger Is Elected To Serve As President Servicemen Wives Club

The weekly meeting of the Servicemen Wives Club was held Friday afternoon, December 8, at the USO Club. The election of new officers was held and the following members will resume office as of January 1, 1945: Jane Unger, president; Margaret Shugert, vice president, and Tony Karak will remain secretary and treasurer.

Further plans were made for the Christmas party to be held at the USO on Friday evening, December 22nd, for all enlisted personnel.

The meeting adjourned and the refreshment committee served delicious hot chocolate and cookies.

A drive is now on for new members. Wives of servicemen are asked to go to the USO on Friday afternoon and join the club.