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## 311 Sign In Chowan In Order To Secure Electricity On Farms

Late Comers Have Opportunity to Sign Up Before April 1

TIME SHORT

Indication That Lines Will Cover Entire County

Rural Electric Administration sign-up under the new Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation Cooperative now stands at 311 for Chowan County. The drive officially closes today (Thursday) though it will be possible for other late comers to file applications up to the time the engineer comes into the county, which will be around April 1.

Chowan farm people have displayed considerable interest in getting electric current into their homes. A mapping of the applications thus far indicates that electric lines will spread over the entire county. Practically every road will be served, according to present indications.

Credit for this good work goes to Louis E. Francis, George C. Wood, Joe A. Wiggins, Drew G. Welch, J. G. Perry and many other community workers who took a forward part in putting this program across. Congratulations are due for the good work of the above-named committee men and others who assisted so greatly in helping.

If any others are interested in signing up for current under this plan, applications must be in by April 1. Aside from the above-named gentlemen, any information can be secured by seeing County Agent C. W. Overman or Miss Rebecca Colwell, home demonstration agent.

## USO Volunteers Get Certificates Of Merit

88 Workers Honored Last Week For Meritorious Service

Last week 88 Edenton ladies were honored by the Edenton USO Club when they were awarded very attractive certificates for meritorious service rendered since the USO Club has been in operation. The certificates were awarded in recognition of 100 or more hours of service in the GSO and VSO groups, there being 35 of the former and 53 of the latter.

The GSO group awarded the certificates were:

Jessie Byrum, Katherine Brown, Dorothy Buflap, Essie Coffield, Frances Dail, Catherine Deans, Corinne Forehand, Sara Ellen Goodwin, Freda Habit, Frances Hollowell, Marguerite Hollowell, Eleanor Harrell, Elizabeth Hurdle, Ernestine Jones, Clarine Lane, Maud Miller, Sara Miller, Elizabeth Moore, Virginia Moore, Virginia Overton, Beulah Perry, Emily Howard, Laura Oates, Mary Privott, Celia Spivey, Emma Smith, Jeanne Smith, Louise Smith, Hilda Smith, Emily Smithwick, Nell Skinner, Helen Willis, Edna Wilkins, Catherine White and Mary Lee Copeland.

Members of the VSO receiving the certificates included:

Mrs. L. S. Byrum, Mrs. Maurice L. Bunch, Mrs. Carrol Byrum, Mrs. George Byrum, Mrs. W. W. Byrum, Mrs. M. G. Brown, Mrs. D. M. Carter, Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt, Mrs. J. E. Coffey, Miss Rebecca Colwell, Miss Louise Coke, Mrs. Cassie Cox, Mrs. Harry Crummey, Mrs. T. C. Cross, Mrs. X. E. Copeland, Mrs. J. S. Davis, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. Nathan Dail, Mrs. O. M. Elliott, Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Jr., Miss Inez Felton, Mrs. J. L. Forehand, Mrs. Henry Gardner, Mrs. Leroy Haskett, Miss Paulina Hassell, Mrs. John Holmes, Miss Dorothy Holmes, Miss Lethe Hoskins, Mrs. H. B. Jones, Miss Myrtle Jenkins, Miss Lena Jones, Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, Mrs. P. S. McMullan, Mrs. C. E. Kramer, Mrs. W. E. Malone, Mrs. P. T. Owens, Mrs. O. B. Perry, Miss Margaret Pruden, Mrs. W. D. Pruden, Mrs. N. K. Rowell, Mrs. E. T. Rawlinson, Miss Fannie Sue Sayers, Mrs. Edmund Schwarze, Mrs. W. B. Shepard, Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. T. B. Smith, Mrs. W. M. Wilkins, Mrs. Myrtle Watson, Mrs. E. L. Ward, Mrs. D. M. Warren, Mrs. Charles P. Wales and Mrs. H. S. Ziegler.



MANILA CITY IN FLAMES—Fires destroyed a large part of the downtown section of the capital of the Philippines upon the approach of the American troops. During the night TNT, planted by the Japs, exploded. Buildings were wrecked and fire added to the devastation.

## Sugar Shortage Now Causing Real Job Of Rationing

Little Prospect Seen For Early Improvement In Conditions

With the approach of the 1945 home canning season, information from the local War Price and Rationing Board is to the effect that it becomes necessary to reorganize machinery for the issuance of home canning sugar rations. "We must do a real job of rationing this year," says a statement issued early this week, "because the sugar supply is now lower than it has been since rationing began, and there is no prospect for an early improvement, since the demands of the war are increasing and the total supply is not. Last year the country as a whole issued for home canning nearly 400,000 tons of sugar in excess of the amount allotted for that purpose. This means that the 1945 issuance must be only about two-thirds of last year's issuance.

"No canning sugar will be obtained this year on stamps from the consumers' book.

"We return to the 5-pound maximum allowance for jams, jellies, relishes, preserves, pickles, marmalade, fruit butters, canning vegetables and curing meat. That is, for all of these purposes together the limit is five pounds per person and not more than 40 pounds per family. This five pounds is included in the maximum pounds per family.

"The maximum allowance is one pound per four quarts of finished canned fruit.

"Vegetable canning, like jelly making, is subject to the above five pound rule.

"In addition to conserving sugar, we must think about getting the fruit crop canned. Last year for this purpose we divided the canning season into two periods. This year after careful consideration and consultation with all district offices, the regional administrator has decided against the two period plan, but this does not mean that the family can get its whole year's ration of canning sugar in the spring.

"The applicant for sugar for home canning for sale applies on Form R-315. The board does not act on such application but forwards it to the district office, after first seeing that the application states the information specified."

## Truck Fire Monday Calls Out Firemen

Edenton's Fire Department was called to Light Nixon Fork on the Edenton-Hertford highway in Perquimans County late Monday afternoon, where a gasoline truck of the Texas Company of Edenton caught fire. Much of the front portion of the truck had been burned before the firemen arrived on the scene, but tires and the body was saved.

## MASONS MEET TONIGHT

At tonight's (Thursday) meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., the second degree will be conferred. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock in the lodge room on the second floor of the Court House. T. B. Williford, master of the lodge, urges all members to be present, and extends a cordial invitation to visiting Masons to attend.

## Chowan County Short Of Meeting Its Quota In Red Cross War Fund Campaign

Chairman J. Clarence Leary on Tuesday Reports Contributions of \$5,500; Hoped to Wind up Drive Saturday With Quota In Hand

Chowan County is pressing toward its quota in the Red Cross War Fund drive, but as of Tuesday morning Chairman J. Clarence Leary reported that \$5,500 had been collected, though this report was not complete. The quota is \$6,700, so that on Tuesday the county lacked about \$1,200 of going over the top.

Mr. Leary, however, has not abandoned his hope that the quota would be reached, for the figure Tuesday did not include the contribution from Rocky Hock, the Edenton Cotton Mill and the business houses in Edenton. With these reports still to come in, and a number of back calls to be made by canvassers who have submitted partial reports, Mr. Leary was optimistic that the \$6,700 would be forthcoming.

Chairman Leary is hopeful that all reports will be completed by Saturday of this week, and, therefore, urges canvassers to contact all they have not seen by that time.

In commenting upon the drive, Mr. Leary said the residential section of Edenton contributed splendidly, the amount allocated being oversubscribed. He was somewhat disappointed with the initial gift contributions, not as much being received by this method as was anticipated. However, he was expecting a generous contribution from Rocky Hock, as well as from the Cotton Mill and the business houses.

Because of the incompleteness of the report, Mr. Leary was hesitant in releasing the amounts turned in thus far by the canvassers, but hopes the drive will be completed by Saturday night, so that the amounts collected by each canvasser can be acknowledged in next week's issue of The Herald.

## Lt. Thomas Burns Speaks To Lions

Holds Members Spellbound By Relating Varied Experiences

Edenton's Lions listened intently Monday night to a series of interesting and varied experiences as told by Lieut. Thomas Burns, who was a guest of the club and principal speaker. Lieut. Burns, a native of Louisiana, was among the first to arrive in Edenton in connection with the transfer of the Edenton base from the Marines to the Navy. He is a veteran of the first World War and has been all over the world, for which reason a number of his varied experiences was greatly enjoyed by the Lions.

Lieut. Burns has been delighted with the Edenton Air Station, as well as Edenton and its people, so that he regrets that he has received orders to leave next Sunday. He has been assigned to one of the newest and largest aircraft carriers.

## Victims Of Accident Gradually Improving

Friends of Mrs. J. G. Campen and Mrs. H. B. Jones, who were seriously injured in an automobile wreck on March 5, in which Mr. Campen was killed, will be delighted to know that both are gradually improving. Mrs. Jones, though still very weak, was able to eat at the table Tuesday for the first time since the wreck and is now making satisfactory progress.

Mrs. Campen, who has been at her home since Wednesday following the accident, was taken to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City Saturday. Some difficulty was experienced in ligaments knitting together, so that she was taken to the hospital for treatment, and is reported as doing as well as could be expected.

## Red Cross Prisoner Of War Consultant In E. City April 23

Edentonians Especially Urged to Hear Mrs. Elizabeth Minor

Mrs. Elizabeth Minor, Red Cross prisoner of war consultant from the Atlanta office of the Southeastern Area, will be in Elizabeth City April 23, at which time she will speak up on the prisoner of war situation. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock P. M. in the auditorium of the Agricultural Building.

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter, is urging all members of the chapter who have relatives or friends in prison camps to hear Mrs. Minor, who is a splendid speaker and will present interesting information regarding war prisoners, which may be the means of alleviating a certain amount of anxiety on the part of relatives.

The most persistent effort is being made by the American Red Cross with the thorough backing of our government and of Allied armies in France, to furnish and deliver goods. A prisoner of war supply train, supplied by the Swiss government and carrying 50 carloads of food, medicines and bandages to a distribution point at Moosburg, Germany, was due to leave Switzerland on March 7. The first truck convoy from Switzerland into Germany carrying prisoner of war supplies also left March 7, moving through Constance Meersburg.

More than 60 tons of clothing and emergency supplies have arrived on Luzon, comprising the first shipment of nearly one million garments being sent to the Philippines by the American Red Cross. The supplies were distributed immediately to civil and military casualties in and near Manila through the Army Civil Affairs section under Red Cross supervision.

The first supplies, 10,000 bed shirts, were distributed in military and civilian hospitals. Red Cross representatives also are making direct distribution to liberated civilian internees and prisoners of war, and to civilian non-casualties upon recommendation of the Army. The supplies were unloaded at a West Luzon port and transhipped to Manila by air, several army units assisting. Additional Red Cross supplies for civilians are being shipped from the United States at the request of the military authorities.

## Clifford C. Byrum Is Promoted To Captain

First Lieutenant Clifford C. Byrum, son of the Rev. and Mrs. John T. Byrum, has recently been promoted to Captain in the United States Army. Captain Byrum is connected with the Medical Department of the 46th Armored Infantry Division of the Ninth Army now fighting in Germany. He has been overseas eight months.

## AT MEREDITH

Miss Thomasine Ward of Ryland is among 600 students enrolled at Meredith College, Raleigh, this year which represents 75 North Carolina counties. Preliminary enrollment figures for next year promise an even larger registration for next September. The Meredith summer school session will open this year on June 11.

## G. B. Potter Chairman Of Easter Seal Sale In Chowan County

County Chairman W. J. Taylor Sets Goal At \$300

\$261 LAST YEAR

Drive Will Begin Next Week and Continue Until Easter

Announcement that Geddes B. Potter had accepted the chairmanship of the annual Easter seal sale for Chowan County was made Tuesday by W. J. Taylor, president of the Chowan League for Crippled Children.

The Easter seal sale, which is put on annually to finance the program of the organization, is sponsored nationally by the National Society for Crippled Children every year during the month preceding Easter.

In accepting the chairmanship, Mr. Potter stressed the importance of intensifying the efforts of voluntary organizations in the field of social welfare.

Others on the committee who will aid in the national seal sale are R. C. Holland, Earl Harrell, G. M. Byrum and George C. Hoskins.

"The program of correcting the physical defects of handicapped youth fits admirably well into the over-all plans for improving America's physical fitness," Mr. Potter said. "We can all do our part to support this splendid movement by buying Easter seals and using them on our stationery."

The sale in Chowan County will begin next week and continue until Easter, and it is hoped this year's contributions will exceed last year's, when \$261 was realized. Chairman Taylor is hopeful that Chowan County will this year raise at least \$300 through the sale of seals. Fifty per cent of what is raised in the county will remain in the local treasury for work in Chowan County.

During the past eight years the North Carolina League for Crippled Children and its affiliated county chapters have provided medical care for many children not eligible for help from other agencies. Braces and other appliances, blood transfusions, tonsillectomies and orthodonture treatments have been provided also.

"We invite you to share with us the opportunity for continuing and expanding the above services and adding others which are desperately needed," said Mr. Taylor. "Your contribution will assure the crippled children in our county and State that we consider their heritage and welfare to be equally precious with that of other children. In this way we can help keep democracy and its policy of equal rights—working at home."

## Red Cross Director Speaker At Rotary

S. H. Bennett Explains Unjust Criticism of Organization

S. H. Bennett, district director of Red Cross, was the principal speaker at the Rotary Club's meeting Thursday, during which he explained some of the criticism directed at the Red Cross, as well as invited any criticism on the part of Rotarians which they may have heard, so that it could be investigated and remedied. "The Red Cross is the people's organization," said Mr. Bennett, "and we want it to be operated to the best interest of all."

"The Red Cross is no more perfect than human beings are perfect," continued Mr. Bennett, "so that we are open to suggestions and constructive criticism." The speaker referred to criticism that cigarettes supposed to be given free by the Red Cross were put on sale at some camps. Mr. Bennett said that no Red Cross cigarettes have been sold by the Red Cross, but that upon investigation it was learned a certain brand of cigarettes given by the Red Cross had been exchanged for other brands at post exchanges or other places where cigarettes were sold, giving the impression that the Red Cross cigarettes were being sold instead of given to those in the armed forces. Because of this criticism, Mr. Bennett said trading of brands has been discontinued.

Another criticism was also explained by Mr. Bennett which had to do with selling sweaters or other garments. (Continued on Page Five)