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## Superior Court Criminal Cases Disposed Of In Short Order By Judge Burney

Expected Full Week of Court Lasts Only One Day

EXCELLENT CHARGE

J. Freeland Chappell is Sentenced to 45 Years In Rape Case

What was expected to require a full week for the trial of criminal cases in Chowan Superior Court took just about half a day Monday, when, with lightning-like speed Judge J. J. Burney disposed of every case coming before him for trial, which included rape and second degree murder trials. Judge Burney lost no time at all in hearing excuses for not serving as jurors. Before any chosen had an opportunity to present an excuse, he was charging the Grand Jury, not a few of his remarks tending to belittle any man who asks to be excused from jury duty without a real legitimate excuse, and one not based on being "too busy."

His charge was a masterpiece and many court attendants expressed the opinion that it was the best they have ever heard in the Chowan Court House. Judge Burney at the outset said he was delighted to be back in Chowan County and associate with members of the jury and the people of the county, his next remark being that he was not in favor of excusing jurors, saying that the foreman of the grand jury had the same authority, but that he should not excuse any more than three at one time. In obedience to an ancient custom passed on from the common law in England, Judge Burney said he would instruct the jury, but before proceeding to that phase of the charge, he dwelt upon the all too popular custom of asking to be excused.

"It is a very important duty to be a juror," he said. "The County Commissioners should not allow any names in the jury box unless those persons are qualified. It is an honor, therefore, to have your name in the jury box and to be called as a juror. I am appalled to see the lack of interest on the part of some jurors, for you cannot have law enforcement if these duties are not performed. You come from every part of the several communities of your county and you know what is going on. If you are aware that the law is being violated, you should make presentments."

At this point Judge Burney said that due to the times it is proper to pause and delve into history and consider the great price paid for democracy and liberty. "It has been a hard fight to win and maintain the liberty we now enjoy," he said, citing the various wars in which America has fought.

"Greece was the first nation to have a spark of democracy," he said, "but it became complacent and forgot God and its liberties. It was conquered and passed away. Then Rome became the ruler, giving the first written law and made great progress. Rome also loved good things but forgot the finer things of life and the Roman empire was conquered. Then Germany came into power. It is hard to realize by the atrocities reported in Germany that they were a great nation, and Germany will be destroyed as a world power and will be set back many years."

Judge Burney then told about the trial by jury which was established in 820, before which defendants were punished by fire and water ordeals without trials. The number 12, he said, can be found all through the Bible, so that, he said, the Bible was a basis for the selection of juries. The grand jury was established in 1368, he said, when men, because of their wealth and power were not prosecuted for their law violations.

The Judge told about Columbus coming to America, but that we are only now discovering America and learning what a great country it is. He told of the Pilgrims landing and the hardships they endured to enjoy their liberty, a group of courageous men and women fighting onward.

He dwelt on the statement that all men are created equal, but frowned upon fanatics who go running around the country preaching social equality and mingling of races. "I would not associate with a Jap if it changed the plan of salvation," he said. "Men are equal before the law but not socially." He cited the fact that blackbirds flock together, as do robins, sparrows and other species. The same is true of fish and beasts.

Judge Burney then referred to previous wars, but said this is the first real war we have ever been in. "People do not realize how great this war is," he said. "They do not realize how near we were to losing that for which we have long fought. It gets on me as I go around and hear men say they are too busy to serve as a juror. Many of our boys have given up their businesses to fight

## Oh, Shucks!

Game Warden J. G. Perry desires to call attention of fishermen to the closed season in inland fishing waters. The Game and Inland Fishing Laws provide: "It shall be unlawful to fish or take fish by any means whatsoever in inland fishing waters of North Carolina from April 6 to May 19 of each year, both dates inclusive."

## Outstanding Musical Treat Sunday Night In Methodist Church

Hertford Church Choirs Will Present Easter Music

An outstanding musical program will be presented in the Methodist Church Sunday night by the choir of the churches of Hertford in cooperation with the Edenton USO-YMCA Club. The same program was presented at Harvey Point Naval Auxiliary Air Station Sunday afternoon and again at the Hertford Baptist Church Sunday night and both performances won high praise from the large number present.

Miss Kate Blanchard is the organist and Edgar Hill and Miss Margaret Pearson, Hertford USO directors, both accomplished musicians, will direct the program, which includes a number of selections appropriate for the Easter season.

The program will be a treat and it is hoped the church will be filled to capacity for the occasion.

## Prisoner Of War Display At Rose's

Seven Chowan County Boys Now Known To Be Prisoners

Under the direction of the Rev. H. Freo Surratt, Red Cross prisoner of war representative, an attractive prisoner of war display now appears in one of the windows of the Rose 5-10-25c store. In the display are various items which give some idea of what is sent to American boys in prison camps.

A feature of the display is pictures of Chowan County boys known to be prisoners which include the following: T. Sgt. John L. Byrum, T/5 H. M. Basnight, Pfc. Brice Hollowell, Pvt. Ernest S. White, Pvt. William H. Stokley, Pvt. Lehman R. Ward and S. Sgt. John H. Bond.

If there are other Chowan County boys known to be prisoners of war, the Rev. Mr. Surratt will greatly appreciate being informed so that he might be of some service both to the boy and relatives.

## X-Ray Clinic For Latter Part Of April Planned

Plans have been announced for holding chest X-Ray clinics in Edenton and Chowan County the latter part of April. Mr. Satterwhite, clinician from Sanatorium will conduct the clinics.

Anyone desiring this service must have a tuberculin skin test to determine eligibility. Everyone who has been in direct contact with the disease or having suggestive symptoms should be skin tested. All high school children, white and colored, will be skin tested, as well as industrial workers.

Office hours for skin testing will be as follows:

Health Office, Edenton—Wednesday, 1 to 5 o'clock; Friday, 9 to 5 o'clock, and Saturday from 9 to 12 o'clock.

Cross Roads—Tuesday from 2 to 3 o'clock.

## T. C. Byrum Member Of Hospitals Control Board

T. C. Byrum on Tuesday was appointed as a member of the new State Hospitals Board of Control for a term of one year, the appointment being made by Governor R. Gregg Cherry. Members of the Board will be sworn in next Monday, April 9.

## T. C. Byrum Succeeds J. G. Campen As War Bond Head In Chowan

W. H. Gardner Succeeds D. M. Warren as Vice Chairman

At a regional meeting of county war finance chairmen held last week in Elizabeth City, T. C. Byrum was appointed chairman of the Chowan County War Finance Committee to succeed the late J. G. Campen. The latter had served as chairman of each of the previous six war loan drives and was very proud of the fact that in each instance the county oversubscribed its quota, some of which at the outset seemed almost impossible.

W. H. Gardner was appointed vice chairman to succeed the late D. M. Warren, who had been vitally interested in the various drives and gave strong support to Mr. Campen.

Mrs. E. N. Elliott has been appointed chairman of the Women's Division. Mrs. Elliott has had a great deal of experience in the various drives and will be again counted upon to share a major portion of the work in the Seventh War Loan drive.

The meeting was presided over by W. H. Woolard of Greenville, regional chairman, who stated that the national goal will be fourteen billion dollars, though no individual county quotas were released. Mr. Woolard, however, said that Americans will be asked to purchase the smaller bonds more liberally than ever before. He was high in his praise for the counties in his region for the splendid record of meeting previous quotas and expressed confidence that the forthcoming drive will be equally successful.

## Contributions In War Fund Drive Soar To \$8,960.02

Quota Exceeded Tuesday Afternoon By \$2,260

With still a few more final reports to come in, J. Clarence Leary, chairman of the Red Cross War Fund drive, reported Tuesday afternoon that \$8,960.02 had been contributed thus far in the drive. The quota for the county was \$6,700, so that contributions are \$2,260.02 in excess of the quota.

To say the least, Mr. Leary and Geddes Potter, chairman in Edenton, as well as other co-workers, are delighted with the success of the drive and desire to express their sincere appreciation to all who worked and contributed during the drive.

Mr. Leary has submitted the amounts turned in by each canvasser, but space prevents these from appearing this week. They will appear in next week's issue of The Herald. However, a general idea of contributions throughout the county is reflected in the following report by chairman:

North Edenton	\$ 308.20
West Side	1,334.75
East Side	646.87
Edenton Colored Residents	260.75
Rural Colored Residents	193.00
Advance Community	182.75
Center Hill Community	157.47
Cross Roads Community	397.20
Edenton Community	301.50
Enterprise Community	178.25
Gliden Community	292.65
Rocky Hook Community	606.25
Ryland Community	153.75
Yeopim Community	145.00

## Officers Wives Help In Restoring Library

USO officials are very appreciative to officers' wives of men stationed at the Edenton Naval Air Station for their help and cooperation in the USO library. Mrs. Nancy T. Holland from Haddonville, N. J., volunteer librarian, with the assistance of Mrs. K. C. Huffman, and Mrs. Radford, have done a splendid job in reconditioning books salvaged from the recent fire. Anyone having books—fiction, non-fiction, technical or mechanical, encyclopedia or dictionary—are requested to bring them to Mrs. Nancy Holland at the USO Club.

## Rev. D. C. Crawford PTA Speaker Today

The Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., pastor of the Edenton Presbyterian Church, will speak on "Juvenile Delinquency" at today's (Thursday) meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The talk, which is sponsored by the Christian Social Relations Committee, promises to be very interesting. The meeting will be held in the Parish House at 4 o'clock.

## YWCA Withdraws As One Of Cooperating Agencies USO Club

Mrs. Alma Crymes Barrow New Assistant Director

Edenton's USO Club, which has been operated jointly by the YMCA and the YWCA since February 1, has returned to a single agency operation, beginning April 1. Due to the reduction in the number of service women at the Edenton Naval Air Station, the YWCA has withdrawn as a cooperating USO agency here.

Miss Esther Marion Smith of the YWCA, who has been the assistant director, has been notified that she is to be transferred to the USO Club at Patuxent, Md., where she is to continue as a USO-YWCA worker.

The YWCA has assigned Mrs. Alma Crymes Barrow to Edenton, who will fill the vacancy caused by the former incumbent, Mrs. Sue B. Hall, moving to Richmond. Mrs. Barrow comes from the staff of the USO-YMCA at Sandstone, Va., where she has had complete charge of the recreational program for service people. She was educated at John Marshall High School in Richmond, Va., and Fairfax Hall in Waynesboro, Va. Her husband is in overseas service with the armed forces.

At Edenton she will be the staff assistant with special responsibility for work with women and girls. The complete staff at Edenton will, therefore, consist of A. J. S. Martin, director; Mrs. Alma Crymes Barrow, assistant director, and Miss Judy Cozzens, staff aid.

Mrs. Barrow arrived in Edenton Monday from the Refresher Course at Columbia University, New York City, and is anxious to meet personally the large number of women and girl volunteers who are rendering such valuable service at the Edenton USO Club.

## Rotarians Defeat Sailors At Spelling

Interesting Match Held At USO Club Thursday Night

Seven Edenton Rotarians outspelled a like number of Bluejackets at a spelling match held Thursday night at the local USO Club, with Edmund Schwarze acting as conductor of the affair.

Wood Privott and the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., were the last two Rotarians standing, and these two matched their ability at spelling, with the Rev. Mr. Crawford tripping on the word "keroseene," leaving Mr. Privott the champion of the match.

Those comprising the Rotary team were H. A. Campen, William Holmes, the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., Dr. W. I. Hart, C. E. Kramer, James E. Wood and Wood Privott.

## Girls' Basketball Team Guests Of Lions Club

Members of the Edenton High School girls' basketball squad, together with their coach, Tex Lindsay, were guests of the Edenton Lions Club Monday night, the latter being introduced by W. J. Taylor. Coach Lindsay praised this year's team, which has had a very successful season, each girl being introduced by Helen Mansfield.

A feature of the meeting was a program rendered by the Edenton sextet, composed of Dorothy Lee Chestnut, Beverly Moore, Betsy Goodwin, Joyce Harrell, Nelle Perry and Charlotte Bunch.

Members of the girl's basketball squad who were present included: Margaret Ann Mansfield, Frances Griffin, Emily Russell, Joyce Harrell, Carolyn Elliott, Pat Keeter, Mary McDonald Holmes, Charlotte Bunch, Mary Griffin, Lillian Byrum, Betsy Goodwin, Nelle Perry, Joyce Brunson, Artie Bass, Helen Allen, Helen Mansfield and Ella Mae Crummey.

## Dr. C. B. Howard At Baptist Church Sunday

Dr. C. B. Howard, pastor of Buies Creek Baptist Church and teacher of the Bible at Campbell College, will preach at the Edenton Baptist Church Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Howard will be remembered as having conducted a series of revival meetings at the Edenton church, during which he won many friends, all of whom will welcome the opportunity to hear him preach again. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

## Machinery Arranged For Chowan's Participation In Collection Of Old Clothing

War Bond Chairman



T. C. BYRUM  
A very close friend of the late J. G. Campen, T. C. Byrum has been appointed to succeed Mr. Campen as chairman of the Chowan County War Finance Committee and will direct the forthcoming Seventh War Loan drive.

## A. S. Smith, Jr., Cited For His Outstanding Service In Germany

Through Efforts Armored Unit Enabled To Operate

Tech Third Grade A. S. Smith, Jr., a member of the Ordnance Department of the 129th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, European Theatre of Operations, has been awarded a Certificate of Merit in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty.

The citation accompanying the award follows:

"At a time when deep snow threatened to immobilize the entire battalion T/3 Smith performed the arduous task of welding traction devices on tanks of the 40th Tank Battalion, making it possible for the tanks to travel and maneuver throughout a severe winter. These necessary flotation devices were installed under difficult conditions of blackout, zero temperatures and deep snow. It was largely through the determined and tireless efforts of Smith, in the face of almost impossible working conditions, that this unit was able to perform successfully in its winter operations against the enemy."

The certificate was signed by Maj. Gen. R. W. Hashbrouck, commanding officer of the 7th Armored Division.

It was the second citation awarded Smith, who has also received two bronze stars for outstanding service in France and Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Smith.

## Baptist Choir Presents Easter Music At USO

A special program of Easter music was presented at the USO Club by the Baptist Choir. The following members of the choir participated in this unusually fine program of music: C. W. Overman, J. Clarence Leary, Earl Harrell, T. W. Jones, Charles H. Wood, Gurney Hobbs, Mrs. E. K. White, Miss Corinne Forehand, Mrs. M. A. Hughes, W. J. Daniels, Mrs. T. D. Jones, Mrs. J. E. Coffey, Mrs. J. D. Swindell, Miss Frances Hollowell, Miss Virginia Moore and Miss Agnes Chappell. Miss Agnes Chappell, director of the choir, was in charge of the program.

## Vaccination Of Dogs Begins On April 16th

Dr. L. A. Deese, veterinarian, will begin a regular schedule for vaccinating dogs on Monday, April 16, and continue through April 20, during which he will be stationed at various points throughout the county.

Due to a small paper this week, Dr. Deese's schedule could not be included, but will appear in next week's issue.

Police Department Will Be Headquarters For Collection

COUNTY-WIDE

Lions Plan to Canvass Edenton Homes Sunday About 2:30

Edenton and Chowan County have been thoroughly organized to take part in the national collection of used clothing, the Lions Club sponsoring the drive in Edenton, while in the county members of the various Home Demonstration Clubs will canvass the rural sections.

Clothing collected during the drive will go to peoples in war devastated areas, many of whom are suffering for lack of anything to wear. What is needed is good substantial used clothing for both winter and summer wear, including infants' garments of all kinds, particularly knit goods; men's and boys' garments such as overcoats, topcoats, suits, coats, jackets, shirts, work clothes, overalls, sweaters, underwear, robes, pajamas and knitted gloves; women's and girls' garments, including overcoats, jackets, skirts, sweaters, shawls, dresses, underwear, aprons, jumpers, smocks, robes, nightwear and knitted gloves. Serviceable heavy duty caps and knitted headwear are needed, as well as bedding such as blankets, afghans, sheets, pillow cases and quilts. Either oxfords or high shoes are also needed, as well as usable remnants of piece goods.

The Lions will make a house-to-house collection in Edenton next Sunday afternoon beginning at 2:30 o'clock, when they urge any person who will contribute clothes to have them tied in a bundle and placed on front porches in order to speed up the collection. What clothes are collected will be stored at Police Headquarters to be prepared for shipment.

Lions who will collect the clothing in Edenton will be as follows:

Mill Section—John Goodwin, Kenneth Floars and Graham Byrum.  
Oakum Street—Arthur Hollowell and W. J. Taylor.  
Court Street—Nathan Dail and Dr. Wallace Griffin.  
Broad Street—G. B. Potter, Leroy Haskett, Sidney Campen and Guy Hobbs.  
Granville Street—John Mitchener and Cecil Byrum.  
Mosley Street—George Hoskins and T. C. Byrum.  
Lembroke Circle—J. R. Tanner and Jordan Yates.  
Water Street—A. E. Jenkins and E. B. Schwarze.  
Eden Street—J. Clarence Leary and J. J. Ross.  
West Queen Street—West Byrum and Oscar Duncan.  
East Queen Street—J. A. Curran and Hector Lupton.  
Church Street—Earl Harrell, R. C. Holland and Comdr. Thomas J. Robertson.  
Gale and Albemarle Streets—J. P. Partin, M. A. Hughes and E. D. Babb.  
North Edenton, West Side—Lynn Byrum, West Leary and Dr. L. A. Deese.  
North Edenton, East Side—J. R. Byrum and Troop 170, North Edenton Patrol Boy Scouts.

The collection in the rural section will be made between April 8 and 14 and will be made by the following:

Advance—Mrs. A. C. Griffin, Mrs. W. M. Chesson, Mrs. Hoskins Goodwin and Mrs. Gilbert Harrell.  
Beech Fork—Mrs. L. E. Halsey, Jr., Mrs. Stillman Leary.  
Rocky Hook—Mrs. Henry Bunch and Mrs. Kermit Perry.  
Gum Pond—Mrs. E. C. Bunch and Mrs. Charlie Peele.  
Oak Grove—Mrs. Elbert Peele and Mrs. W. T. Bunch.  
Byrd—Mrs. Evie Umphlett and Mrs. D. M. Reeves.  
Center Hill—Mrs. Rufus Smithson and Mrs. Cameron Boyce.  
Chowan—Mrs. R. C. Nixon, Mrs. W. J. Bunch, Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and Mrs. Drew Welch.  
Enterprise—Mrs. W. H. Hollowell, Mrs. Wallace Goodwin and Mrs. Russell Byrum.  
Hurdles—Miss Irene Copeland and Mrs. J. C. Stallings.  
Ryland—Mrs. Earl White, Mrs. H. Lane, Mrs. J. H. Layden and Mrs. J. E. Perry.  
Ward—Mrs. D. H. Berryman and Mrs. Maybelle Winslow.  
Snow Hill—Mrs. Louis Winslow, Mrs. L. H. Lane and Mrs. A. C. Lane.

GROUP OF EDENTON BOYS MEET WHILE IN HOLLAND

In a letter to his wife this week, Cpl. Archie Layton mentioned a delightful meeting of a few Edenton boys in Holland. In the group were William Perry, Ward Hoskins, Roy Spruill and one or two whose names he could not remember. Cpl. Layton is a member of the 79th Division in the Seventh Army.