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Impressive Program Held Tuesday In Celebration Of End Of War With Germany

President Truman Proclaims Sunday Day Of Prayer

EGAN SPEAKER

Program Transferred to School Due to Uncertain Weather

As was previously planned, two hours after the unconditional surrender of Germany to the United States, Great Britain and Russia was officially announced, V-E Day services were held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. Though the surrender was announced over the radio Monday morning, it was not officially confirmed until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, when the three nations simultaneously informed their people, President Harry Truman speaking for the United States. The President proclaimed Sunday, May 13, as a day of prayer and thanksgiving and urged the people of the nation to attend church on that day to offer thanks to Almighty God for the victory in Europe and to dedicate the day to the memory of those who gave their lives in the conflict, as well as seek guidance in bringing the war to an early end.

When the proclamation was read by President Truman, the strains sounded according to plan and whistles blew, American flags were displayed in the business section, and while people generally reflected joy over the fact that hostilities had ceased in Europe, there was no display of hilarity. Quietly they gathered around radios or in small groups on the street, apparently eager to attend the scheduled celebration. According to a request of Mayor Leroy Haskett, all business houses closed during the hour the celebration was in progress, but shortly thereafter business went on as usual.

The program was scheduled to be held on the Court House Green, but with threatening skies, it was transferred to the auditorium of the school, which was filled so that many were obliged to stand throughout the program.

At the appointed hour, the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., asked the congregation to stand while he offered prayer, which was followed by a salute to the flag and pledge of allegiance led by a group of Boy Scouts. "America" was then sung, led by C. W. Overman.

As a Scripture lesson, the Rev. H. Fred Surratt read the 103rd Psalm and was followed with an address by Chaplain R. A. Egan of the Naval Air Station.

Following the Chaplain's remarks Mrs. E. W. DeLin sang a solo, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," after which a service prayer was read by the entire group and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" sung. Mr. (Continued on Page Six)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FINALLY TAKE DEFINITE STEPS TO BUILD MODERN JAIL

Board Calls In Members of Bar and Law Enforcement Officials For Information; Plan Calls For Tearing Down Old Jail

With something to be done about a jail in Chowan County hanging fire for a period of 10 or 12 years, the County Commissioners on Monday took definite steps to solve the problem and as a result a new jail will most likely be constructed.

Previously various suggestions had been considered which included the purchase of the Citizen Bank Building, joining with the Town in erecting a community building in which a jail would be housed, remodeling the old jail and building a new jail. However, on Monday the Commissioners, accompanied by Frank Benton, architect, inspected the present jail and came to the conclusion that it would be no economy whatever in remodeling the present structure to make it adequate.

For the purpose of being as well informed as possible, the Commissioners met Monday afternoon, calling in members of the bar and law enforcement officers to get an idea as to present and future needs.

It was generally agreed that provision should be made for 12 white and 12 colored men and four white and four colored women, as well as a

Mothers' Day

A very worth-while suggestion has been made that mothers in Edenton celebrate Mother's Day next Sunday by inviting service men and women to their homes for dinner.

Any who will entertain in this manner are urged to call Mrs. Alma Barrow, assistant director of the USO, not later than Friday, stating how many they can accommodate.

Returns For Election Set New Low Record

Total of Only 80 Votes Cast For Group of City Officials

With the celebration of the surrender of Germany taking place and the fact that there was no opposition for any of the city officials, lack of interest in Tuesday's election is reflected in the fact that the vote no doubt set an all-time low record.

The highest vote recorded was a total of 80, going to J. Edwin Bullap for Councilman-at-large, which compares with 92 votes cast back in 1935, when candidates had no contests. Geddes Potter led the vote for Board of Public Works, receiving 79 votes as against 77 for J. A. Conger and 76 for O. B. Perry.

The First Ward polled the largest vote with 27, while in the Second Ward only 20 persons voted. In the Third Ward 18 votes were cast and 15 in the Fourth Ward.

As the result of the election Mayor Leroy Haskett will serve another two-year term as Mayor; Henry Gardner, treasurer; J. Edwin Bullap and W. J. Yates, Councilmen-at-large; J. Clarence Leary, Graham Byrum, J. P. Partin and W. M. Wilkins, Councilmen from the four wards respectively and J. H. Conger, Geddes Potter and O. B. Perry members of the Board of Public Works.

State Refuses To Take Over Rocky Hock Road

Chowan County Commissioners have been notified by the State Highway Commission that the commission at its last meeting could not see its way clear to approve the addition to the highway system of the road leading from Gum Pond school house in Rocky Hock to a point on the River Road at Marvin Smith's home.

The request was made by the County Commissioners following complaint registered by people living on the piece of road as well as Nathan Dail, rural mail carrier.

Merrill Evans In Edenton Monday

Seeks Information Pertaining to Road Needs And Problems

Merrill Evans, recently appointed by Governor R. Gregg Cherry as highway commissioner for the First Division, was a visitor in Edenton Monday and called upon the County Commissioners to ascertain if they had any road problems to present. The new commissioner was informed that at present there are no specific problems other than some apprehension relative to the surveys made in connection with straightening Routes 17 and 32.

Mr. Evans said it was his desire to be acquainted with the needs and problems of the county and to be of service whenever possible. He said he would be an occasional visitor in Edenton and hoped he would be called upon any time he was needed.

Mr. Evans thanked the Commissioners for their support and said it was his purpose to work for the best interest of the county and district.

APRIL TAX COLLECTIONS
Sheriff J. A. Bunch reported 1944 tax collections made in April as follows: \$4,430.66, which brings collections to date to \$61,324.11. The 1944 levy is \$70,765.79, so that \$9,441.68 remains unpaid.

CHOWAN HERALD OBLIGED ABANDON PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE SECTION

Following the announcement last week that The Herald would publish a rotogravure section dedicated to those in the armed forces, it is with regret that this week it must be announced that it has been necessary to abandon the idea. This section was to have been printed by a rotogravure printing establishment in Atlanta, and after making the announcement, but before going too far with the project, The Herald contacted the Georgia concern and was informed that due to inability to secure materials necessary to be used in this sort of printing, no definite assurance could be given as to when the section could be printed.

Under such uncertain conditions, The Herald publishers decided to abandon the plan at present. However, it is hoped that when drafting has ceased and a relatively complete list of those who served in the war is available, a complete edition can be gotten out as a tribute to those who took part in the various branches of the service, as well as in recognition of those who on the home front also helped in the march toward victory. In the meantime, parents and friends of those in service are requested to secure a clear picture of those in service to the end that as many pictures as possible can be secured when the edition is ready to be published.

VOTE IN TUESDAY'S ELECTION

	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward	Fourth Ward	Total
MAYOR:					
L. H. Haskett	25	19	18	15	77
TREASURER:					
W. H. Gardner	25	19	18	15	77
COUNCILMEN-AT-LARGE:					
J. Edwin Bullap	27	20	18	15	80
W. J. Yates	26	19	17	15	77
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:					
Geddes B. Potter	26	19	19	15	79
J. H. Conger	25	19	18	15	77
O. B. Perry	25	18	18	15	76
COUNCILMAN—FIRST WARD:					
J. Clarence Leary					26
COUNCILMAN—SECOND WARD:					
G. M. Byrum					19
COUNCILMAN—THIRD WARD:					
J. P. Partin					19
COUNCILMAN—FOURTH WARD:					
W. M. Wilkins					14

Only Few More Days In Local Cancer Drive Will Remain Intact

Chairman Jesse White Well Pleased With Response

Jesse W. White, chairman of the Chowan County cancer drive, reported early this week that he was very much encouraged with the response to the appeal made for funds in an effort to reach a \$500 goal. While that amount is not yet in hand, Mr. White says he feels confident that it will be realized.

Named too late to form an organization and desiring not to interfere with the Seventh War Loan drive by requesting some of the same people who will work in that drive to make solicitations, Mr. White is for the most part resorting to responses to letters sent out. Of course, not all who desire to make a contribution will receive a letter, so it is hoped if a letter is received or not, a contribution will be sent to either Mr. White or W. H. Gardner, treasurer. The drive will be in effect through next Tuesday, May 15, so that those who want to help in the drive are urged to make their contribution at once before the Seventh War Loan drive gets under way.

Chairman Spires Feels Organization Needed Until War Ends

E. W. Spires, chairman of Civilian Defense for Chowan County, announced that although President Truman is abolishing the State offices of Civilian Defense, the local chairmen have requested to hold their organizations together.

"We are only now entering an all-out endeavor in the second phase of this global war," said Mr. Spires "and the President feels that we should keep our Civilian Defense Corps and our Citizens Service Corps intact as a precaution against any unforeseen emergency which may arise."

"Our local organization has been on a strictly volunteer basis and no one has received any compensation. Every volunteer has paid his own expenses and I should like to publicly express my deep gratitude to them for their patriotic services so freely given and to solicit a continuance of these services whenever required, until this war has been successfully terminated."

Miss Carrie Coke Dies Suddenly As Result Hemorrhage

Prominent Lady Found Unconscious Tuesday Morning

Miss Carrie Wood Coke died at her home on Colonial Square about 12 o'clock Tuesday night. Her death was sudden, she having been found in her room about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning in an unconscious condition as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage. She was 77 years old, the daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. Octavius Coke. Her father was a prominent lawyer in Edenton and was a former Secretary of State for North Carolina. She was a life-long resident of Edenton, and took an active interest in church affairs and was always vitally interested in the welfare of the community.

Aside from a number of cousins, deceased leaves no immediate relatives. Funeral services were expected to be held Thursday morning at St. Paul's Church at the time The Herald went to press Wednesday.

RETURN FROM FLORIDA
Mr. and Mrs. George P. Byrum have returned from Florida, where they spent the winter, and are occupying their home on Blount Street.

Seventh War Loan Drive Will Begin Next Monday With Byrum As Chairman

Doctor Of Theology



WILLIAM GEORGE BOND

In exercises held Friday at the Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., the degree of Doctor of Theology was conferred upon the Rev. William George Bond, son of Mrs. E. W. Bond and the late Mr. Bond. Graduating in the class of 1928 at Edenton High School, Mr. Bond obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1937 at the University of Richmond, and in 1941 he obtained his Master of Theology degree at Louisville. He has held pastorates in and around Richmond, Va., in Kentucky and is now pastor of Erlanger Baptist Church at Erlanger, Ky.

Lions Will Observe Anniversary At Next Monday's Meeting

Neil Hester Principal Speaker For Ladies' Night Affair

Edenton Lions will observe Ladies' Night next Monday night at 8 o'clock when the club will celebrate its eighth anniversary. Neil Hester of Raleigh, former district governor, will deliver the principal address for the occasion.

It was also stated that the annual election of officers would be held at the meeting on June 4. A visitor at the meeting was Archie Lane of Hertford, district zone chairman of 31-C.

A feature of the evening was a program presented by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Russell. Mrs. Russell is a former Indian Princess, who sang a number of Indian songs as well as demonstrated Indian dances. Mr. Russell also sang a few numbers.

BANK CLOSED TODAY

Today (Thursday) being Confederate Memorial Day, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day in observance of the holiday.

FREEZER LOCKER PLANT LIKELY TO BE CONSTRUCTED FOR USE LOCAL PEOPLE

Four Meetings Arranged to Furnish Information Relative to Benefits to Be Derived By Installation of Modern Refrigeration System

With a meeting held in the Court House Wednesday night, considerable interest is being shown in the establishment of a freezer locker plant in Edenton which, if it materializes, will serve Chowan County people, as well as those living in adjoining counties.

Three more meetings are scheduled to be held in order to furnish information relative to the benefits to be derived from a locker freezer plant. Already about 10 such plants are being operated or are in the course of construction in North Carolina. These plants are used for individual family use in preserving meats, vegetables and other foods, and can be used as a meat curing service.

Farmers will have preference in renting the lockers, and for that reason they are especially urged to attend the three scheduled meetings,

Chowan Faces Test In Raising Quota of \$442,147

"E" BONDS \$141,000

Chairman Says Now Is Not Time to Show Any Let-up

Though recent purchases of war bonds will count in the Seventh War Loan drive, Chowan County will start in earnest next Monday, May 14, toward the realization of its overall quota of \$442,147, of which amount \$141,000 is expected to be raised by purchase of Series E bonds.

T. C. Byrum, chairman of the Chowan County War Finance Committee, succeeding the late J. G. Campen, senses the Herculean task confronting the county but, like his predecessor, has faith in the people of Chowan and is, therefore, hopeful that the quota will be realized, thus maintaining the perfect record in all drives. Though this is the largest loan in point of quotas, Mr. Byrum emphasizes the fact that this year only two drives are scheduled, whereas heretofore there were three drives. For that reason he feels that the county's citizens will be more generous in their purchases, and that now with one phase of the war over, there should be an incentive to put all we have into the war effort in order to bring it to a close as speedily as possible and thus help save more precious lives.

"Through the splendid work of our men in the armed forces and those of our Allies, which has been backed by those of us on the home front, Germany was forced to submit to unconditional surrender," said Mr. Byrum. "With total victory only half way over, we cannot afford to let up now, but we should be even more willing and in fact anxious to invest our money in order to speed up the end of war. It is not asking anyone to make a sacrifice when asked to buy bonds. It is the best investment in the world and while standing in good stead later on, it should result in no little satisfaction in the reflection of having had a part in supporting the government in this the greatest of all wars to preserve the American way of life."

Mr. Byrum during the drive will use approximately the same co-chairmen and workers as were used by Mr. Campen, and in so doing desires to emphasize the fact that they will be expected to work even harder than ever before, realizing that they will be without the efforts, guidance and inspiration of the former chairman. Mr. Byrum is acquainted with the work done by the various workers and is appealing to them to increase their efforts in the tremendous job which lies ahead.

Pvt. Charles Baker In N. C. Hospital

Mrs. Joseph Haste has received word from her grandson, Pvt. Charles Baker, that he has arrived at Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, N. C. His ward number is 226 and he would like to hear from his friends. Young Baker was wounded in Lukembour.

Rocky Hock School Tonight (Thursday) at 8:30 o'clock.

Cross Roads, at the Community Building, Friday night at 8:30 o'clock. Gliden, at L. C. Briggs' Store, Monday night at 8:30 o'clock.

Tentative plans call for the erection of the plant on the Lone Pine lot, opposite the Boy Scout Cabin, which will be an attractive building equipped with 500 lockers. Many local people have seen similar freezer locker plants in operation and are very much impressed with the idea. Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent, and C. W. Overman, county agent, also are acquainted with the benefits to be derived and are, therefore, very anxious for many of the rural people to attend the meeting most convenient for them.