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United War Fund Drive Begins Oct. 15

Duke Foundation Makes Grant Of \$30,000 Toward Building Chowan Hospital

Governing Bodies Will Designate Site of Hospital

FUND NOW \$191,188.25

Pledges Urged to Be Paid as Soon as Possible

The Board of Directors of the Hospital Association met Friday night in the Municipal Building at 8 o'clock, with all Directors present.

Henry Gardner, Treasurer, reported that the Association had \$127,500 invested in U. S. Bonds and Certificates, \$2,289.52 in invested cash and \$31,398.75 in pledges. Marvin Wilson reported that he had been officially notified that the Duke Foundation had made a grant of \$30,000 to the Hospital. This, together with the securities, cash and pledges, will make the Hospital Fund \$191,188.25.

President Byrum appointed the secretary to work with a Town Council committee in securing the services of a landscape engineer to lay out Hicks Field so that possible future developments could be taken care of. Although no formal action was taken, it is understood that as soon as a report is received from the landscape engineer, a general meeting will be held of all the people in the County to discuss the site for the hospital and that the matter will then be taken up with Town Council and County Commissioners who will specially decide on a location.

Gardner requested that all who had not finished paying their pledges do so as soon as they are due so that the money can be invested in interest paying securities.

ABC Figures For Year Are Released

\$177,000 Distributed In Chowan Since Store Opened

R. P. Badham, chairman of the Chowan County ABC Board, this week received a report from Carl L. Williamson, State Chairman, giving pertinent facts pertaining to the operation of control counties in North Carolina.

The report shows that distribution in cash to various counties and other participating municipalities since the stores opened through June 30 of this year was \$16,252,261.61. Durham led all of the counties, with Chowan's share being \$177,000.

According to the report for the year July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945, New Hanover County led in gross sales at \$3,201,308.65. Chowan's gross sales amounted to \$330,197.80, plus income from wines of \$3,118.76. Cost of goods sold in the local store amounted to \$248,387.36 and operating expense \$27,452.35. Deducting cost of goods, taxes, operating expenses and reserve for law enforcement, the local store shows a net revenue for the year of \$42,734.13, or a percentage of 12.94.

Pfc. Herbert Byrum Home From Overseas

Pfc. Herbert C. Byrum, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Byrum, returned home Saturday after being honorably discharged at Fort Bragg. Young Byrum was a cannoner in the 602nd Field Artillery Battalion and was overseas 19 months, serving in the European Theater of Operation.

Pfc. Byrum participated in the following campaigns: Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and Aleutian Islands, and the Eamets ribbon with one bronze arrow head, Apr ribbon with one bronze service star and the Good Conduct Medal.

AWAITING TRIP HOME

Mrs. John D. Hanke of Tyler received word last week from her husband, Lieut. John D. Hanke, USMC, that he is in the Philippines awaiting transportation home. Lieut. Hanke has been overseas since February of this year.

Problem

With the war over, Chowan County finds itself in possession of some equipment used for civilian defense and the County Commissioners on Monday discussed proper disposition of it. Among the items mentioned were two observation towers, one on Hicks Field and one at Valhalla, a radio set, and surgical and first aid equipment.

Chowan had an efficient civilian defense organization set up under Chairman E. W. Spires and was trained in many war-time emergencies. This equipment is not needed now, so that the Commissioners desire to properly dispose of it.

Mrs. J. H. McMullan was authorized to inspect the first aid equipment in Dr. R. H. Vaughan's office to see if it can be used in the Welfare Department, but other than that no definite provision was made Monday to dispose of the equipment.

Norfolk Negro Pair Held In Connection With Death Woman

Lula Valentine Dies at Home of Jack Hoggard at Cisco

Hanna Bond and Willie Dillard, colored, of Norfolk, are being held in the Chowan County jail in connection with the death of Lula Valentine, colored, also of Norfolk, who was found dead by Sheriff J. A. Bunch in the home of Jack Hoggard at Cisco Sunday afternoon.

According to Sheriff Bunch the Norfolk party comprised two couples but the other man went to visit in the neighborhood while the other three went to Hoggard's home. They apparently were drinking and subsequently a fight developed, evidently about some money.

When the Sheriff arrived at the scene the Valentine woman was on the floor with a bruise and swelling back of the right ear, and later died, while the other woman was sitting on the floor against the door.

Those taken into custody refuse to shed any light on the death of the Valentine woman, and are still being held until the death is cleared up.

Wiring Meeting At Cross Roads Tonight

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock a meeting will be held at the Community House at Cross Roads for the purpose of discussing adequate electric wiring in farm homes and suggestions on locations, selection of fixtures and other wiring problems.

Both Miss Rebecca Colwell and C. W. Overman are anxious to give every assistance possible and have secured a representative of the Engineering Department of N. C. State College to discuss and give demonstrations on "Planning Electricity In The Home".

A similar meeting was held Monday night at Rocky Hock School, when quite a lot of information was given.

W. J. Daniels Singer In South Carolina Revival

W. J. Daniels will leave Monday for Fair Bluff, N. C., where he will lead the singing in a revival meeting to be held in the Spring Branch Baptist Church just across the line in South Carolina.

The Rev. John Pierce, a Chowan County native, is pastor of the church. Mr. Daniels expects to be away about 10 days.

HUGH ASHLEY HOME

Sgt. Hugh Ashley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ashley, arrived home this week to spend a 90-day furlough. Sgt. Ashley has re-enlisted in the U. S. Army.

E. H. S. Opens Grid Season Friday With Win Over Columbia

Youngsters Show Promise of Developing Into Strong Combination

SCORE 32-7

Face Strong Williamston Team Here Friday At 3:30 O'clock

Sparked by the brilliant playing of Jack Habit, the Edenton High School football team opened its season Friday afternoon by outplaying and easily defeating Columbia High School 32-7 on the Edenton gridiron. Habit, together with R. G. Henderson, Bobby Byrum, Henry Allen Powell and Stencil Davenport, was a source of worry all afternoon for the visitors, the former three by their hard line plunging and elusive end runs, while Powell and Davenport performed well and snagged passes which had no little to do with producing touchdowns.

The entire Edenton team played a good game and in the final quarter Coach Tex Lindsay sent in a group of reserves, and while they were in action the visitors scored their only touchdown near the end of the game.

Coach Lindsay and fans as well were well pleased with the showing made by the youngsters and the boys themselves are greatly enthused over the first game being a victory. Coach Lindsay, however, noticed a number of weak spots during the game and this week he is brushing up in preparation for the next game.

Next Friday afternoon the local outfit will tackle Williamston High School, the game to be played on Hicks Field, starting at 3:30 o'clock. Very little is known in way of comparison of the two teams, but Coach Lindsay says Williamston had a very strong team last year and that practically all of the players are back in uniform this year. He is, therefore, drilling into his boys the fact that they will oppose a tough foe next Friday and they are practicing hard for the contest.

A goodly number of fans were on hand for the opening game which was played under a hot sun, and with the showing made and cooler weather in prospect, it is expected that many more fans will be on hand for next Friday's game.

Edenton kicked off to start Friday's (Continued on Page Five)

Local Negro Missing For Over Two Weeks

Albert Perkins, About 50, Mysteriously Disappears

Chief of Police George I. Dail reports a colored man missing and up to Wednesday no clue as to his whereabouts could be learned.

Albert Perkins, about 50 years old, and living on Carteret street, was last seen Saturday a week ago. He was employed at the Brown Lumber Company and when he failed to report for several days, friends went to his home and finding it was locked, broke open the door. In a room was found some of his money, so that it was not thought that he left on a trip.

Perkins, who was originally from South Carolina, lived by himself. It was thought possibly he went back to South Carolina, but nothing has been seen or heard from him there, according to Chief Dail, who is continuing to try to solve the mystery.

Comdr. Bert Creighton Red Men Speaker At Next Week's Meeting

Comdr. Bert Creighton, commanding officer of the Edenton Naval Air Station, will speak to members of Chowan Tribe of Red Men at next Monday night's meeting. Comdr. Creighton will speak after the lodge transacts the usual business and will be introduced by J. Edwin Buffal. Refreshments will be served following Comdr. Creighton's address, and M. M. Perry, sachem of the tribe, urges all members to be present. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock and Comdr. Creighton will speak at 8 o'clock.

Chowan Red Cross Chapter Elects Set Officers For Year

Mrs. J. N. Pruden Again Heads Chapter as Chairman

ADOPT BY-LAWS

Home Service Chairman Reports Problems Increasing

Meeting in annual session Tuesday afternoon, Chowan Chapter of the American Red Cross elected officers for the year, heard brief reports of the various departments and adopted by-laws for the organization.

In opening the meeting Mrs. J. N. Pruden presented a brief history of the local chapter from the time it was organized until the present, bringing out the growth and the greatly increased duties expected of the chapter. Mrs. Pruden has been local chairman for 25 years and when her name was presented for re-election as chairman she vigorously declined, stating that she was of the opinion that a younger person and possibly a man, could better fill the position. However, those present persuaded her to continue, especially at this time when the chapter has such an important part to perform in connection with the recent war and because she is more conversant with all phases of Red Cross activity than any other person due to her long association with the organization. She was, therefore, unanimously re-elected to serve another year.

W. J. Berryman was elected vice chairman, Mrs. Sidney McMullan secretary and Mrs. J. W. Davis treasurer. The policy of the chapter was also altered relative to the governing body, which heretofore was composed of the executive committee. The chapter's affairs hereafter will be governed by a board of directors, the following being elected at Tuesday's meeting: John A. Holmes, W. J. Taylor, C. W. Overman, the Rev. W. C. Francis, the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., Mrs. C. C. Cox and Mrs. Julia Hines, who represent Edenton, the rural section of the county and the Negro population. Officers and directors were chosen by a nominating committee composed of J. Clarence Leary, Geddes Potter and Miss Rebecca Colwell, the slate being presented by Mr. Potter and meeting with the approval of those attending the meeting.

The Rev. H. F. Surratt, who together with Mrs. J. W. Davis and Mrs. C. P. Wales formed the by-laws committee, read the new by-laws, which were subsequently adopted. Mrs. Pruden stated that originally the chapter had by-laws, but with a change of chairmen during the early years and the fact that Red Cross activities were very limited, resulting in the chairman being more or less a power unto herself, the old by-laws were lost.

Mrs. Sidney McMullan read the minutes of the last meeting held in July and Mrs. J. W. Davis presented a financial statement of the chapter. Miss Elizabeth Moore, home service chairman, whose duties and problems have multiplied many fold of late, reported upon her work. Miss Moore said she is being swamped with discharged service men who seek all kinds of advice, ranging from important matters to the most ridiculous. At present the insurance feature heads the list, and because the Red Cross has no jurisdiction, Miss Moore frankly said she tells those coming to her she cannot advise them. Leroy Haskett and J. W. White agreed to do all they can in advising discharged service men about converting their government insurance and it is the general opinion that any other insurance man will be glad to give advice.

Another problem Miss Moore has to contend with is requests that the Red Cross arrange for boys to come home to help harvest peanuts or for other important farm work. Miss Moore desires it to be known that the Red Cross has no jurisdiction whatever in securing leaves and that requests for releases cannot be handled by the Red Cross.

METHODIST SERVICES

World Wide Communion Day will be observed at the Methodist Church Sunday morning, and at the 11 o'clock service the pastor, the Rev. H. F. Surratt, will preach on the subject, "Draw Near With Faith." Church School will be held at 9:45 Sunday morning and the Youth Fellowship meeting will be held at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

Local Committee Rejects Quota Of \$7,485 Set By State And Adopts \$5,000

Knitters Needed

Mrs. J. H. Conger has in her possession a quantity of wool for making sweaters for the Red Cross and is appealing for volunteers to do this knitting. She emphasizes the fact that there is still a great need for sweaters among members of the armed forces and any who are interested are requested to contact Mrs. Conger at her home on West King street to secure wool and instructions.

Chowan Organizes To Adequately Aid Returning Veterans

John Holmes Will Direct Men to Proper Agency

In an effort to be of most service to discharged service men, the Chowan County Commissioners on Monday called in Mrs. E. K. White, J. L. Wiggins, Mrs. Belle Parker, C. W. Overman, Miss Elizabeth Moore and Mrs. J. H. McMullan, representing the U. S. Employment office, the Draft Board, the Agriculture Department, Red Cross and Welfare Department to determine what arrangement could be made to best aid returning veterans who need advice and help.

Each representative explained his or her duties relative to assisting veterans to determine if there was any overlapping and to better understand what can be done. The Commissioners are concerned that the veterans are fully advised as to their rights under the GI bill and after a general discussion it was decided to appoint John A. Holmes Chowan County chairman. Mr. Holmes is service officer for Ed Bond Post of the American Legion and it will be his duty to refer veterans to the proper agency for aid or information.

Attendance Down In Rural Schools

Attendance Officer Taylor Calls Attention to Attendance Law

W. J. Taylor, compulsory school attendance officer, has begun his duties for the year, which to date has been to mail forms and instructions to teachers pertaining to the compulsory school attendance laws for pupils 7 to 15 years of age.

Under provision of the law, children of these ages are excused if actually needed and are working on the farm. According to the reports submitted by teachers thus far, all absences have been due to farm work and illness. Attendance for the past three weeks among boys of these ages has not been so good, according to Mr. Taylor. He notes that Chowan High School attendance is above 60% with the boys and that holds true with the other rural schools reporting.

Mr. Taylor plans to wait another two weeks before bringing complaints to parents, hoping that most of the work now being done by their children will be approximately finished.

Washington Caravan Plays To Full House

Edenton High School's spacious auditorium was filled to capacity Tuesday night and many were obliged to stand to hear the free program presented by Edmund Harding and his Washington Caravan. The program included various kinds of music and comedy, and near the close many free prizes were distributed. The show was sponsored by the Washington Tobacco Market, which would like Chowan farmers to sell their tobacco in Washington.

Conger Succeeds Warren as Initial Gifts Chairman

SCOUTS SHARE

H. A. Campen Edenton Chairman Instead Of J. C. Leary

Following meetings Friday and Monday afternoon, machinery has been set up for Chowan County's United War Fund Drive which, according to action taken Monday afternoon will begin Monday, October 15.

W. J. Taylor has perfected his organization and is hopeful that the county will again this year meet the quota, thus maintaining a perfect record in Chowan's war-time efforts.

The quota as submitted by the State organization was placed at \$7,485, but after quite a lengthy discussion Monday it was decided not to accept this amount and after reviewing local conditions, the quota was subsequently set at \$5,000. Included in this quota will be an appropriation for the Boy Scouts, both white and colored, the Girl Scouts and the Cub Pack. Interest is very much on the increase among Boy and Girl Scouts and there are now indications that a third troop will soon be organized among the white boys. This fact alone is advanced as a very good reason for Chowan County to meet the quota as set.

Though Mr. Taylor originally planned to use the same organization as last year, when the county exceeded its \$6,000 quota by \$2,831, it was necessary to make a few changes, one of which was replacing the late D. M. Warren as chairman of the initial gifts committee. J. H. Conger was appointed to fill this vacancy. Mr. Conger has been a member of the committee since the drives were inaugurated and it was felt that no other person was better qualified to serve.

Another change made was in the chairmanship for the white people in Edenton, which for the past two drives was handled by J. Clarence Leary. Mr. Leary felt that he would be unable to serve as chairman this year, so that H. A. Campen was appointed in his place.

Miss Rebecca Colwell and C. W. Overman again agreed to supervise contributions among white people in the rural section, while J. B. Small will head up the organization among colored people in the rural section and D. F. Walker will have charge of the drive among colored people in Edenton.

The various chairmen will use the same method of raising funds as last year, by canvassing homes and business firms and practically the same group will be called in to assist in raising the county's quota. They will be ready to begin Monday, October 15, and citizens in town and county are urged to plan to make a generous contribution.

B. B. H. Motor Co. In New Building

Located at Corner U. S. Highway No. 17 and Oakum Street

Early this week the B. B. H. Motor Company, which recently purchased the effects of the Chowan Motor Company and which since has been occupying the former Chowan Motor Company building on East Queen street, moved to its new building in North Edenton, at the corner of U. S. Highway 17 and Oakum street.

The new building is not exactly completed, more work being necessary to the offices and show rooms, but the concern's repair department is advanced far enough to be able to handle any kind of repair job. The repair department is modern in every respect and with capable and experienced mechanics, the concern is very anxious to have an opportunity to serve local motorists and prove their ability.

Members of the B. B. H. Motor Company also invite the general public to visit and inspect their new building.