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Chowan County Facing School Problems

Chowan County Tops Quota In March Of Dimes Drive; Report Still Incomplete

R. L. Pratt Reports Contributions of $1,597.34 Up to Wednesday

QUOTA IS $1,420

Schools and Few Canvassers Still to Be Heard From

Though the report of Chowan County's March of Dimes is still incomplete, the quota of $1,420 was passed Tuesday when a tabulation of contributions showed a total of $1,597.34 in hand. This report does not include anything from the city and county schools, both white and colored, and a few canvassers still have some soliciting to do, so that it appears that the quota will be oversubscribed by more than $200.

Robert L. Pratt, March of Dimes chairman, is elated over the success of the drive, especially because at the outset returns were not very encouraging, the first report showing $123.45 after 13 reports had been returned. However, he has done a splendid piece of work as chairman and has had the backing of a group of very capable canvassers, coupled with generous contributions on the part of many citizens. While some contributions were somewhat disappointing, many of the canvassers turned in liberal amounts. George S. Twiddy, who canvassed the business houses in Edenton, made an exceptionally fine showing, his contributions amounting to $449.13, with possibly a little more to come in.

Another great help in the drive were contributions coming from the county canvassers. Under the supervision of Miss Rebecca Colwell, this group secured $337.14. The Taylor Theater, too, helped considerably by turning in $148.89, representing contributions received from theater patrons.

Mrs. J. A. Hines and Mrs. Eva Cox also returned splendid reports Wednesday morning representing contributions coming from colored citizens. Mrs. Hines received $84.09 from her canvassers and Mrs. Cox $53.74.

Mr. Pratt, as well as the county chairman desire to thank not only the canvassers who did such a nice piece of work, but also those who contributed so freely in order to put the county over the top again this year.

Reports of canvassers up to Wednesday morning were as follows:

Previously reported ------- $	123.45
Mrs. Marvin Wilson -------	9.85
Mrs. Lois White ----------	13.70
L. R. Worrell (Manufacturing plants) --------	42.00
Mrs. Erie Haste ----------	9.25
Mrs. C. M. Speight --------	3.50
Mrs. Joseph Thorud -------	27.00
Mrs. W. A. Elliott --------	11.75
Mrs. Paul Wallace ---------	10.00
Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt -------	13.70
George Twiddy (Business houses) ----------	449.13
Mrs. W. E. Malone --------	27.00
Mrs. D. A. Webb ----------	2.50
Mrs. Hector Lupton --------	5.75
Mrs. J. M. Boyce ----------	1.75
Mrs. N. M. Hobbs ---------	1.45
Mrs. R. E. Leary ----------	10.00

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Metropolitan Singer Feature Of Second Concert In Edenton

Arthur Kent Scheduled To Appear at School Next Monday Night

Chowan County Community Concert Association's second concert will be held in the Edenton High School auditorium Monday night, February 10, at 8:30 o'clock, when Arthur Kent, Metropolitan baritone, will be the attraction. Local members of the association are very enthusiastic about the concert and are of the belief that the auditorium will again be filled to capacity as was the case with the first concert presented before Christmas. Only those presenting membership cards will be admitted, no tickets being on sale for the event.

Mr. Kent traded his maple leaves as a United States Army major for musical laurels in the fall of 1945, and immediately resumed his career with the Metropolitan Opera Company engagement. This, as well as the artist's Canada Opera tour and an appearance in the lead role in "The Song of Norway" was arranged even before Kent was out of uniform, a firm testimony to the singer's sustained popularity.

The artist, American born and American schooled, both academically and musically, has since 1934 been a pupil of Clytie Mundy. In 1939, Kent was a winner of the Metropolitan auditions of the air which was followed by his engagement by the Metropolitan Opera. During this time he continued making concert appearances across the country and in Canada, including a solo performance with the New York Philharmonic-Symphony under John Barbirolli. Kent's return to the professional music world, heralded by his opera and theatre assignments, also brings him once more to recital audiences throughout the country.

C. Of C. Compliments Highway Officials

In appreciation for the efficiency and promptness in repairing the damaged bridge over Roanoke River at Williamston last week, the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association sent telegrams to A. H. Graham, chairman of the N. C. Highway and Public Works Commission and Highway Commissioner Merrill Evans. The local group complimented the authorities for the splendid and quick work done by employees, so that traffic could move normally over U. S. Route 17.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

At tonight's (Thursday) meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., the first degree will be conferred upon two candidates. W. O. Elliott, master of the lodge, requests all members to try to be present.

COMMUNITY CONCERT SINGER

ARTHUR KENT, above, Metropolitan Opera baritone, will present a concert in the Edenton High School auditorium Monday night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. This will be the second of a series of three concerts sponsored by the Community Concert Association, and is expected to fill the spacious auditorium to capacity.

Edenton Net Teams Meet Tarboro Friday Night On Local Court

Coaches of Both Groups Expecting Strong Opposition

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams of Edenton High School will meet the Tarboro teams on the Edenton armory court Friday night, the first game scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock. This will be another conference game and Coach Tex Lindsay is hopeful that his boys will show some improvement over last Friday night when they dropped a game to New Bern.

Coach Ben Askew, too, has been ironing out some weak spots in the girls' team and is looking for a better brand of ball against the Tarboro aggregation. Both teams are in good shape and the coaches are expecting to see a large crowd of fans on hand to see what they believe will be two lively games of basketball.

Athletic Pageant In Armory Tonight

Effort Under Way to Increase Interest In Recreation

Tonight (Thursday) in the Edenton armory an athletic pageant will be presented under the direction of Tex Lindsay, recreation director. Mr. Lindsay says the program was arranged in order to stimulate interest in recreation and athletics and he hopes many will be on hand for the event.

Mr. Lindsay has invited school students from nearby towns to be present in the hope that more interest in recreational activities will materialize throughout the district.

The program is scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock and includes a number of features which should prove very interesting.

Dr. Wm. H. Wallace, Jr. Methodist Hour Speaker

Dr. William H. Wallace, Jr., pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., speaks on the Methodist Hour Sunday February 9th on the subject "Stripped for Action".

Widely known as a speaker to young peoples groups who illustrates his lectures with motion pictures taken by himself Dr. Wallace has a reputation as a challenging speaker and forceful minister.

This program is heard in this area over station WPTF, Raleigh, and WTAR, Norfolk, Va., at 8:30 a. m.

Graham Is Given Green Light To Introduce New Bill

If Passed, Register of Deeds Will Be Allowed To Increase Fees

Representative John W. Graham before departing for Raleigh Monday appeared before the County Commissioners, at which time he was requested to introduce a bill in the General Assembly which will increase the fees of the Register of Deeds of Chowan County. The bill in particular will provide for increasing the fee for cancelling a chattel mortgage. At present the fee is only 10 cents, while for cancelling a real estate mortgage the fee is 25 cents.

Both cancellations require about the same amount of work and the Commissioners desire Chowan County to be in line with adjoining counties.

Mr. Graham also explained to the Commissioners a bill he introduced January 30 which in effect authorizes the town to legally aid in subsidizing a hospital in the County.

Rotarians Begin Attendance Drive

Earl Goodwin and John Kramer Captains of Two Sides

Today's (Thursday) meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club marks the beginning of another attendance contest, which is scheduled to be in progress for three months, at the conclusion of which the losing side is expected to entertain the winners. Earl Goodwin and John Kramer are captains of the two sides, and each predicts his side will come out of the contest the winner. The contest is calculated to greatly boost attendance, so that a number of 100 per cent meetings are expected.

J. A. Moore will be in charge of the program today and is scheduled to speak on International Service. At last week's meeting the club stood in a minute of silence out of respect for Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, who recently died.

Junior Class Play At Chowan High Friday

"Demon In the Dark", a mystery comedy, will be presented in Chowan High School auditorium Friday night at 7:30 o'clock by the Junior class. An added attraction between acts will be a radio and cake given to persons holding lucky numbers.

Necessary Improvements Estimated Cost $420,000 To Fill Needs Five Years

Corrected Schedule Of License Charges For Use Fishing Gear

Shad and Herring Season Open March 1 To May 1

A corrected schedule of license fees as set by law for the use of commercial fishing gear in taking non-game fish from inland waters of North Carolina has been released by the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries. The season for taking non-game fish (exclusive of shad and herring) with commercial gear extends through February 28. The season for shad and herring opens March 1 and closes May 1.

Commercial fishing gear includes all seines (except minnow nets not exceeding six feet in length), all gill nets, whether of the drift or stationary type, all dip or skim nets used in taking shad and herring, and any other special devices authorized by the Board of Conservation and Development.

The schedule of fees, as set by law, applies to the following types of gear which the Board has authorized for use in inland waters:

1—Anchor gill nets, one dollar for each 100 yards or fraction thereof.

2.—Stake gill nets, 50 cents for each 100 yards or fraction thereof; provided that when any person uses more than one such net the tax shall be imposed upon the total length of all nets used and not upon each separately.

3.—Drift gill nets, one dollar for each 100 yards or fraction thereof.

4.—Skim or dip nets, 50 cents each.

5.—Each seine and drag net under 100 yards, one dollar.

6.—Each seine and drag net over 100 yards and under 300 yards, one dollar for each 100 yards or fraction thereof.

7.—For other apparatus used in fishing, the license shall be the same as that for the apparatus or appliance which it most resembles for the purpose used.

Licenses will be issued by district fish and game protectors. The number of licenses issued for seining and netting in any particular body of water or stream can be limited and all fishing will be under the close supervision of protectors. Any game fish taken accidentally in connection with the use of commercial gear must be promptly and carefully returned to the water.

Barn Dance Friday At Edenton School

Sponsored by the Student Council of Edenton High School, the Old Dominion Barn Dance Gang will present a program in the school auditorium Tuesday night, February 11, at 8 o'clock. The program includes a group which recently delighted a capacity house, so that another full house is expected.

Upper Chowan Citizens Ask For Gymnasium At Chowan High

OTHER NEEDS

Commissioners Suggest Program Including Overall Needs

Chowan County Commissioners were in session practically all day Monday with a great deal of the time devoted to consideration of pending school improvements, the cost of which appear to be in the neighborhood of $420,000. Of course, the Commissioners for a long time have sensed a need for school expansion not only in Edenton, but in upper Chowan County, however, no serious consideration was given to the problem until Monday.

To bring the matter to a head, representatives of the Ruritan Club and the Chowan Parent-Teachers Association, with the Rev. W. C. Francis as spokesman, requested the Commissioners to authorize the Board of Education to erect a gymnasium at the Chowan High School. Mr. Francis explained that the upper end of the county had nothing whatever to offer the youth in way of physical education for boys and girls. "Boys and girls", he said, "will seek recreation somewhere and if no proper place is provided the chances are that many will go where the atmosphere is unwholesome."

Mr. Francis said a gymnasium is one of the greatest needs in that section of the county and that it was the wish of the major portion of the citizens to provide adequate recreational facilities for the children.

A sketch of a proposed building was presented which called for a structure about 90x100 feet, which included ample gymnasium room, shower baths for boys and girls and a shop and garage for school busses. The estimated cost of such building is about $65,000.

Then it was pointed out that it is necessary to build a consolidated colored school in the upper end of the county. During the school discussion, the deplorable condition in Edenton was pointed out. The colored high school is so crowded that it is necessary to have children attend school in four buildings scattered about town, some of which are in bad state of repair and nothing less than fire traps. At the white school rooms are so crowded that classes are held in the basement, and so many children are crowded in rooms which makes proper training almost impossible.

Faced with the gymnasium request and general school conditions, the Commissioners took no action regarding the gymnasium, but suggested a proposed program including all necessary projects, at which time the impression was made that a bond issue will be presented to the voters of the county to make the necessary improvements.

J. H. Conger, a member of the hospital trustees, also appeared before the Commissioners relative to the expense in providing heat to the hospital and nurses' quarters. A

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FRANK DISCUSSION MARKS MEETING WITH HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER AND ENGINEER

Lack of Funds and Structural Steel Makes Rebuilding of Chowan River Bridge Not Likely For Matter of Two Years or More

As the result of frank but friendly consideration of permanently repairing Chowan River bridge at a meeting held in the Municipal Building Tuesday night, members of the Chamber of Commerce and other interested parties were informed that the type of repairs desired cannot be expected for at least two years. The meeting was called by the Chamber of Commerce with Highway Commissioner Merrill Evans and Division Engineer T. J. McKim, who were invited and attended.

At the outset Peter Carlton, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, presented the matter of the condition of the bridge and asked if some concrete information was not forthcoming to the effect that repairs of a permanent nature be made at this time instead of an indefinite suggestion that it may take two years or more until proper repairs are made.

Mr. Evans told those present that the Highway Commission was possibly more concerned in providing an adequate bridge than the people of Edenton, but that both structural steel and funds were not available at present and under those conditions temporary repairs are being made which will cost something like $40,000. Mr.

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MANAGEMENT OF HOTEL JOSEPH HEWES CHANGES HANDS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1

C. C. Sanders, With 37 Years of Hotel Experience, New Manager; Lease Purchased From Haywood Duke; Schwarze Remains Until March 10th

Effective February 1, C. C. (Slim) Sanders became the new proprietor of Hotel Joseph Hewes, he and Mrs. Sanders having purchased the hotel lease from Haywood Duke of Greensboro. Edmund Schwarze, who has been manager of the hotel for Mr. Duke since November 28, 1943, will remain to assist Mr. Sanders until March 10, after which he plans to enter Duke Hospital for a period of about three weeks and then go to the King Cotton Hotel at Greensboro to be employed by Mr. Duke.

Mr. Sanders is a hotel man of 37 years' experience, having operated hotels in North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. He has been assistant manager of the King Cotton Hotel and for six years managed Hotel Charlotte at Charlotte. He was with the old Bland Hotel chain, being connected with the Yarborough Hotel in Raleigh and helped open the Sir Walter Hotel in 1924. Before leaving North Carolina, he was manager of the Yadkin Hotel in Salisbury, after which he remained in Georgia two years and then went to Florida. He came to Edenton from Sanford, Florida.

Mr. Sanders plans to make some improvements at the hotel in an effort to give patrons the best service possible.