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Marvin Wilson Now Planning Campaign For March Of Dimes

Collection Will Be Made Between Hours of 1 and 5 O'clock

NEED IS GREAT

All Contributions Asked To Be Left at Convenient Place

The Chowan County Committee of CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program) will conduct its pickup of farm produce on Sunday afternoon, December 12, between the hours of one and five. Farmers and their families who have contributions of farm products to make to the overseas relief program are requested to leave them in front of their homes in the event that the weather permits. If inclement weather prevails, they are asked to leave them on the front porches of their homes.

CROP is fashioned after the idea of the Friendship Train, first organized by the newspaper columnist and radio commentator, Drew Pearson. In North Carolina the program is being sponsored by a wide variety of organizations, including the Grange, the Farm Bureau, the Extension Service, the Cotton Growers Association, FFA, Home Demonstration Clubs, Four-H Clubs, church groups, and many others. An effort is being made to collect from farm families a donation of farm products for shipment to needy peoples of Europe.

Local chairmen are working in the various communities of the County, and under their direction canvassers are soliciting donations which include, primarily, such farm products as peanuts, corn and soybeans. Any shippable item will, however, be accepted and sent to Norfolk for overseas transportation. Items contributed which cannot be shipped overseas will be converted into cash and the proceeds used to pay shipping costs to Norfolk and the remainder used to purchase canned milk. The Chairman of the Chowan County Committee, the Rev. W. L. Freeman, stated yesterday that almost any foodstuff will be a very welcome contribution. Community chairmen throughout the County will arrange for the collection of the contributions from the farms and truck them in to a central shipping point. The collections are to take place only on Sunday afternoon, December 12, and that date will mark the end of the program in Chowan County.

Community Chest Report About Ready

Findings Will Be Presented by Herbert Hollowell

Herbert Hollowell, chairman of the Community Chest Committee of the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, states that he will present the findings of his committee to the board of directors this week at the regular meeting of the organization's officers. Hollowell says that a great deal of study was made of the set-up of a community chest, and contacts were made with Wade Marr of Elizabeth City; Miss Lily Mitchell of the State Department of Public Welfare, and with Community Chest headquarters. Working closely with Mr. Hollowell are John Kramer, William P. Jones, Jesse L. Harrell and Gilliam Wood.

Aubrey Harrell Returns From 4-H Club Congress

Aubrey Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Harrell of the Rocky Hook section, returned home from Chicago Saturday after spending several days at the National 4-H Club Congress.

Young Harrell won the trip by reason of being second high in the State for 4-H Club production of peanuts. He realized 2,406 pounds of peanuts on an acre of ground, but was topped by a 4-H Clubber in Tyrrell County, who was unable to go to Chicago. It is the third year Chowan County had the honor to send a boy to the 4-H Club Congress.

District March Of Dimes Chairmen To Meet Here Jan. 7th

Dinner Meeting Scheduled In Parish House At 7 P. M.

Marvin Wilson, chairman of Chowan County's March of Dimes, announced early this week that a district meeting of local chapters of the National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis will be held in Edenton Friday night, January 7, at 7 o'clock. The dinner meeting will be held in the Parish House with each one attending paying for his or her own meal.

Counties which will be represented include Halifax, Northampton, Bertie, Hertford, Gates, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Tyrrell and Washington.

Also present at the meeting will be Dr. Ralph McDonald State chairman, and Mrs. Phillips Russell, of the Chapel Hill office, both of whom are well informed as to the infantile paralysis situation not only in North Carolina, but the nation as well.

At this meeting the various March of Dimes chairmen will exchange ideas relative to the forthcoming campaign. By this exchange of ideas it is hoped each chairman will be better informed and possibly learn of new methods which will prove advantageous in raising county quotas.

Local Waters Being Stocked With Fish

W. C. Bunch Working In Cooperation With C. Of C. Officials

W. C. Bunch, superintendent of the U. S. Fish Hatchery, has been working in close cooperation with Chamber of Commerce officials in stocking local water with sports fish. In the last two weeks thousands of blue gill bream have been supplied to farm ponds and public creeks. Bennett's Mill Pond, Dillard's Mill Pond and Pembroke Creek are some of the bodies of water so stocked.

Joe Conger, chairman of the Industrial Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, expresses deep concern over the decreasing commercial fishing opportunities. He urges serious consideration of plans to a study as to why the shad industry has practically ceased in this area. He remembers the time when the largest seine operations in the world took place at Avoca, and when 100 boxes of fish per boat was the order of the day. Conger stated that many reasons had been advanced as to why the fish disappeared, among which are: Overfished, possible contamination, some connection with the condition of Oregon Inlet, and the cessation of the practice of taking the spawn and propagating the fish in the U. S. Fish Hatchery. Many expressed the opinion during conversation that at least when the spawn had been taken, there seemed to be more fish prevalent for the fishermen.

R. P. Baer Elected Master By Masons

Officers For 1949 Chosen at Meeting Thursday Night

Officers for the year 1949 were elected at the meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., at the regular meeting held Thursday night. Richard P. Baer II, was elected master of the lodge, succeeding the Rev. W. C. Francis. Other officers elected were: Senior warden, Hubert Williford; junior warden, C. B. Mooney; treasurer, C. H. Wood and secretary, J. Edwin Buffap.

These officers, together with those appointed by the new master, will be installed Thursday night, December 16, when a number of prominent North Carolina Masons are expected to attend.

32 JAILED IN NOVEMBER
According to the monthly report of Jailer Herman White, 32 persons were placed in the Chowan County jail during November. Confinement ranged from one to nine days, with the cost amounting to \$82.11, which includes jail and turnkey fees.

Farm Production Costs For Year 1948 18 Billion Dollars

Record Breaking Sum Necessary to Produce Nation's Crops

The nation's farmers will have spent a record-breaking 18 billion dollars to produce their 1948 crops by the end of the year, according to Charles E. Clark, farm management specialist for the State College Extension Service. Mr. Clark quotes these figures from a recent report by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Eighteen billion is three times the amount farmers spent each year before the war, Mr. Clark explains. It is greater than the gross farm income of the nation in any year before 1942.

Cost rates have been rising more rapidly than prices of farm products, says the specialist. From 1946 to 1947, cost rates advanced 22 per cent while farmers' prices rose only 20 per cent. During the first eight months of 1948, cost rates advanced 14 per cent as compared with an advance of only 17 per cent on prices of farm products.

Further, the rise in production costs has been general, according to the farm management specialist. Taxes have increased. Farm wage rates are 5 to 10 per cent higher than a year ago, and prices of farm machinery, fertilizer, insecticides and building materials have reached new highs. Land rent has increased, and land values are now 2 per cent higher than the previous record set in 1920.

"Despite high cost rates and declining prices for some products," says Mr. Clark, "there will be real opportunity again next year for farmers who manage their enterprises skillfully. Farmers should shift crops and livestock to take advantage of favorable relationships between costs and prices. Abundant feed supplies should encourage livestock production, particularly hogs. Greater efficiency in crop production will be necessary to maintain incomes."

Bonner Speaker At Meeting Of PTA

Answers Questions Relating to Federal Aid For Education

Congressman Herbert Bonner, in Edenton as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Byrum, was the principal speaker at the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association meeting held at the high school Tuesday night. He was introduced to the audience by Superintendent John A. Holmes.

Congressman Bonner directed his remarks to Federal aid to education. At the conclusion of his address the meeting reverted to an open forum, during which a number of questions were asked by those present and answered by the Congressman.

During the meeting special music was provided by the High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Mary L. Browning. Misses Carolyn Swindell and Carolyn Harrell were soloists.

The attendance prize was awarded Miss Mary Morris' room for having the most parents present at the meeting. Fathers of school children were also recognized during the evening.

Many visiting PTA members from the First District were present.

VFW Square Dance In Armory Dec. 11th

Wm. H. Coffield Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will sponsor a square dance which will be held in the Edenton armory Saturday night, December 11. The affair is scheduled to start at 9 o'clock and continue until midnight.

Music will be furnished by the Happy Valley Boys.

Hospital Auxiliary Will Hold Meeting Dec. 15th

Announcement is made this week that the Hospital Auxiliary will meet Wednesday afternoon, December 15, at 3 o'clock at the nurses' home. This will be a very important meeting, when a Christmas program will be presented and new officers of the Auxiliary will be elected.

All members are especially urged to attend.

Chowan CROP Drive Will Be Held Sunday Afternoon, Dec. 18th

EAGLE SCOUT



CHARLES LEE OVERMAN
Another Eagle Scout was added to the Edenton list recently, when this honor was conferred on Charles Lee Overman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Overman, at a Court of Honor held in the Scout Cabin. Young Overman served on the staff at Camp Darden this summer and is a member of the Order of the Arrow, honor Scout fraternity. He has been a Scout for four years, serving in various capacities, including patrol leader and he is now Junior assistant Scoutmaster.

Lions' Christmas Party On Dec. 21

Club Members Plan to Attend District Meeting In E. City

One of the principal items discussed at Monday night's Lions Club meeting was the district meeting which will be held in Elizabeth City Friday night, December 13. About 20 Lions and their wives expect to attend the meeting.

Some discussion was also directed to the Club's annual Christmas party, which will be held in the Lion's hall Tuesday night, December 21. The regular meeting for December 13 was called off.

During the meeting Coach George Thompson was inducted as a new member by W. S. Privott.

Two Requests For State Road Upkeep

Requests Are Referred To State Highway Commission

Petitions were presented at the County Commissioners' meeting Monday requesting the State to take over two pieces of road in Chowan County.

The first petition concerned the road leaving N. C. 37 at Coffield's store, the old Halsey road, a distance of one mile. There are five houses on this piece of road with 17 children attending school. The petition was signed by 12 people.

The other request was made by McCoy Spivey and R. F. Jordan for State maintenance of a short piece of road near their homes in the Ryland section.

Both requests will be referred to the Highway and Public Works Commission.

Jaycees Sponsor Bingo Party December 16th

Sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, a bingo party will be held in the Edenton armory Thursday night, December 16, starting at 8 o'clock.

Six special prizes will be awarded, with the grand prize being B. & B. venetian blinds furnished for any room in any residence.

The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy an evening of entertainment.

Actual Canvassing Will Get Under Way Early In January

QUOTA \$4,400

Financial Emergency Is Reported In National Epidemic Fund

Marvin Wilson, chairman for Chowan County's March of Dimes, is now directing his attention toward organization for the campaign, which will get under way early in January. Though his plans have not been perfected, Mr. Wilson has in mind the idea of enlisting the aid of various organizations throughout the county instead of forming an entirely new organization to raise Chowan's quota. Mr. Wilson says Edenton is already over-organized, and that it is his belief that if he can secure the aid and cooperation of various groups, more interest in the March of Dimes will result and, of course, a greater possibility of meeting the quota.

Last year was the first time in the history of the March of Dimes that Chowan County failed to reach its quota. Mr. Wilson has been informed that this year the quota will be greater than ever with \$4,400 set as the goal, double that of last year. All county quotas in the State have been doubled this year due to the epidemic of the past summer. Chowan County, however, was very fortunate in that no cases of infantile paralysis developed.

For the first time in 11 years of the National Foundation, it is now faced with a financial emergency. The national epidemic fund is actually at the point of exhaustion as a result of high incidence for the past three years and the tremendous increase in costs for medical care and treatment. Due to the epidemic in North Carolina this summer, chapters in this State alone have this year received \$1,191,000, about one-fourth of this fund.

In North Carolina there are still 600 infantile paralysis victims in hospitals and in some counties the chapters are entirely out of funds. In the emergency, other chapters in the State have, on two occasions, been requested to send half of their bank balance. The Chowan County Chapter answered this appeal, sending \$3,000 at one time, and only last week sending \$500 more to help in the State emergency. At present, W. H. Gardner, treasurer, has on hand only about \$1,100, which would mean practically nothing in event an outbreak occurred in Chowan County, even of a mild nature.

In starting preparations for Chowan County's drive, Mr. Wilson said he fully realized that this year's quota is a large amount to raise, but in view of the seriousness of the situation, he expressed the hope that citizens of Chowan will rally to the appeal and again enter the column of counties who raise their quotas. Mr. Wilson pointed out that in event any infantile paralysis funds were necessary in Chowan, an appeal would have to be made from the State organization, and in that event it would be somewhat embarrassing if Chowan County failed to raise the amount asked of it in the 1949 campaign.

Mr. Wilson hopes to have plans perfected for Chowan County's drive so that actual work will begin early in January toward raising the quota. In the meantime, he urges everyone in the county to consider the seriousness of the situation and make their plans to contribute generously when approached by a canvasser. He also emphasizes the fact that contributions toward the infantile paralysis fight are deductible in computing income tax.

Edenton Girl Helps Direct College Play

The Student Dramatics Club at Flora Macdonald College, "Highland Players", will present the first performance of the college year on Saturday night, December 11.

The one-act comedy "The Downstairs Window", which will be presented in the college auditorium, portrays a realistic episode of dormitory life in a girls' school.

Miss Carolyn Elliott of Edenton is one of the student directors.