

County Polio Drive Begins On Saturday Campaign Head Says

Each Man, Woman and Child Has Chance to Participate

At a dinner meeting held in the home of Mrs. John A. Moore in Edenton on January 7, representatives from nine counties heard a stirring and most enlightening talk on the facts of the polio epidemic in North Carolina given by Dr. Ralph McDonald state chairman of the March of Dimes campaign. Judge Marvin Wilson, campaign chairman for Chowan County, stated that complete details will be worked out by Saturday which is the starting date of the drive, and which will last through the following Saturday. The Judge revealed that the state of North Carolina was in the position of having received close to \$3,290,000 since the formation of the National Foundation. This money came from other states, since North Carolina only contributed less than one and a half million dollars. The March of Dimes headquarters is setting no quotas this year, but is asking each county to raise at least double last year's quota due to the imminent need for funds to go back into the epidemic appropriation, depleted by the epidemic in N. C. state this past summer. Over \$1,450,000 were sent into the state during 1948 from the National Foundation to provide funds to combat the dread disease. Every man, woman and child will be given the opportunity to participate in the March of Dimes campaign. "In view of the great good being accomplished, it is inconceivable how anyone could refuse to give," the jurist said. "We shall have the help of many organizations of the town and county to put across this tremendous drive. When the solicitor comes to your door, please think; think hard, and be rather willing to spend material dollars to fight this travesty on mankind, than to have it strike near at home, and in our midst. Each dime that makes a dollar goes towards trying to save the lives of those stricken. It goes towards research in seeking to find the way to overcome the cause of infantile paralysis. Give to a worthy cause."

J. Edwin Bufflap, County Chairman of the March of Dimes expressed his delight over the willingness to help manifested on the parts of many people and organizations. He stated that Judge Wilson has been doing a splendid job with the cooperation of many gracious people such as Mrs. John A. Moore and the good ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and others.

Other outstanding visitors to the meeting included, Mrs. Caro Mae Russell and Philip Randolph from the state office. Counties represented included Chowan, Tyrrell, Bertie, Gates, Pasquotank, Currituck, Dare, Washington and Hertford.

Jr. Chamber Meets First Time at 7 P.M.

According to Frank Holmes, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the members of the organization will meet tonight at 7 o'clock in Boswell's restaurant. "As the first meeting of the year, it will be a most important one which will require the attention of every Jaycee," said Mr. Holmes.

The Board of Directors of the group met on Monday night and adopted certain resolutions which were sent by the State Organization. It is expected that these will be thoroughly discussed by the members tonight. Another item on the agenda is that of reaching a decision on various ideas to be brought forth by the directors which had been previously explored at the Monday meet. President Holmes stressed the fact that the presence of all members is imperative for a successful meeting.

Comics Condemned By Parent, Teachers

At the meeting of the Parent Teachers Association held in the Edenton High School on Tuesday afternoon, the members went on record protesting and condemning the sale of those comic books which set a bad example to youngsters. The topic evoked a lively discussion from parents and teachers.

A. Holmes, superintendent of schools, gave an illuminating talk on teacher loads, teacher salaries and education in the State. Mrs. A. Patterson presided.

Jumbo Peanuts Hit!

The present slated across the board deductions in peanut acreage can have material economic effects on the standing of Virginia and North Carolina as being the largest Jumbo peanut producing center in the world, is the belief of careful observers. This is based on the fact that the reductions will more seriously affect this section than any of the peanut producing areas of the southeast and southwest, inasmuch as over a ten year period this area only increased its production by seven and three tenths per cent. The horizontal twenty-two per cent cut leaves a figure of nine and four tenths per cent less than the average for the ten year increase. In other words, our cut is greater than the increase. In the southeastern states with an increase of twenty-two per cent over a ten year period, the present reduction will actually only be eight tenths of one per cent less than the increase over the years. The southwest with its increase of twenty-six per cent over ten years, will actually suffer no reduction over initial production figures. It is believed that the jumbo peanut market of the world is threatened in a large measure by these inequities.

Chamber Officials At Transport Meet

James Wood, chairman of transportation, and William P. Jones and Peter A. Carlton representing the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association appeared before the Virginia Interstate Commerce Commission this past Friday in the interests of furthering freight transportation facilities in this area. This is in keeping with the continuous project undertaken by the Chamber to remedy conditions in North Carolina and in particular the eastern portion of the state. One project, nursed along by the Chamber of Commerce and by Mr. Jones in particular, is coming to a fulfillment in the establishing of a central shipping point for local merchants and firms by Thurston Motor Lines, in Edenton. The success of its operation with resultant benefits to shippers in Chowan County depends in a large measure on the volume of business flowing outward. Bill Jones of the Carolina Service Station, is the interested citizen who is building the quarters for the terminal.

Legion Committees Head Up Activities

The American Legion building committee met on Tuesday night to discuss final plans received from their architect in Durham, for the new Legion Memorial Home which is to be built at the foot of Broad Street. John Graham is chairman of the committee. On Wednesday night R. L. Pratt, chairman of the membership drive committee called a meeting of his members to plan an immediate membership drive. All veterans possible will be contacted and invited to join. Inasmuch as the project is a memorial it was felt that it was the privilege of all veterans to participate in the planning of its construction and to enjoy the benefits thereof. Commander Kermit Layton emphasized that all vets in the area are cordially invited to become members. The meetings on both nights took place in the conference rooms of the Edenton Police department.

MISS DAY PRESIDES AT GUILD MEETING

Miss Sadie E. Day, manager of the Betty Shoppe and recently elected president of the Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist Church, presided at her first meeting this year on Tuesday, January 4. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Walter Holton.

After an inspirational talk presented by Mrs. W. L. Freeman, secretary of the group, based upon the theme "We Offer Ourselves To Thee" refreshments were served.

Bill Is Introduced By J. H. McMullan to Curb the President

J. H. McMullan introduced a bill last week at one of the initial meetings that the North Carolina General Assembly ratify the proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution, limiting the term of office of the President of the United States to two terms.

Mr. McMullan stated that the members of the General Assembly appeared to be very serious minded, and give the impression of wanting to get things done. He said that his main objective at this gathering of North Carolina lawmakers, was to get action on the Chowan River Bridge, inasmuch as it is an important link in the economy of eastern North Carolina in more ways than one. In bringing tourists through on highway 17, new money is being poured into treasuries all the way from individual counties up to the state. "Not only do tourist home, hotel, gasoline and eating place operators benefit, but the tax money on gas and other items helps build more secondary roads for the farmers of the state, vitally needed to bring produce to the markets," said Mr. McMullan.

Chowan Skeet Club Readies New Plans

According to Manager Percy Perry, membership cards are in the process of being printed at the Chowan Herald office for the Chowan Skeet Club. A meeting of the members and prospective members is expected to be called within a week or two. Among the items to be discussed will be a new skeet shoot location and a new schedule of attractive activities for the membership. Mr. Perry called the attention of skeet shoot lovers to the remarkable record made by J. Smith Ferebee, a Chicago broker, who shot \$200 worth of shells hitting 2,121 out of the 2,525 targets. It took him four hours and 18 minutes to do the shooting and he wore out two automatic shot guns and one score keeper.

Junior Women Hear Freeman

The regular monthly meeting of the Junior Women's Club of Edenton was held in the Joseph Hewes Hotel yesterday. The highlights of the meeting included voting on members to be inducted next month; reports from various committees on the homes and gardens project; and an interesting talk by Reverend W. L. Freeman, who spoke of his experiences in China.

Chestnutt Is Made Chairman Of Scout District For 1949

Complete Slate Officers Elected and Members To Serve Chosen

At a recent meeting of the West Albemarle scouting district, J. L. Chestnutt of Edenton was elected unanimously to chairmanship of scouting of the district which comprises the counties of Chowan, Perquimans and Gates. "Jim" Chestnutt has been an active scout for a number of years and one son, Jim Chestnutt, Jr., now a senior in college, enjoyed its benefits. Other officers elected for the year include Dr. A. B. Bonner of Hertford as vice chairman, George Twiddy as executive board members of the Tidewater Council, and representing the West Albemarle. Among the scouting appointments made by chairman Chestnutt include: Geddes B. Potter, district commissioner; Charlie Vann of Hertford, neighborhood commissioner; Peter A. Carlton, field commissioner of cubbing; Oscar Duncan, chairman, F. Larson and Kermit Layton, members of the advancement committee; J. R. Byrum, chairman, Richard Aiken and George Thompson as members of the camping and activities committee; Dr. Martin Wisely, chairman, Dr. Wallace Griffin and Dr. L. P. Williams as members of the health and safety committee; Francis

Homes and Gardens Tour Plans Given Interest Growing

At a committee meeting last Thursday, final dates and plans for furthering the Edenton Colonial Home and Garden Tour, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, took form, and committees appointed are as follows: Mrs. Jimmie Earnhardt, chairman; Mrs. Frank Holmes, advertising; Mrs. R. N. Hines, hostess; Mrs. Earl Goodwin and Mrs. R. E. Parrish, tickets; Mrs. Joe Conger, Jr., refreshments; Mrs. Roland Vaughan, publicity; Mrs. R. P. Badham, court house; Mrs. S. M. McMullan, cupola house.

The tour which will be mapped and well marked will be held Friday, April 8, through Sunday, April 10. Twenty-two homes and gardens in town and adjacent countryside will be open to the public holding tickets. It is probable that ten additional dwellings will be marked for reason of historical significance, but will not be open for inspection. A listing of the homes and pertinent historical data will be released to the press. The tickets will cost six dollars for the complete tour or fifty cents per home. Open-hours will be announced in the near future. There will be three prizes of \$25-\$15-\$10, awarded as an incentive to property owners, to clean up, plant and otherwise beautify their premises.

The project is under the auspices of the North Carolina Garden Club, which will send a professional photographer to photograph the homes for the N. C. Garden Club magazine. A map of the tour will also appear in the periodical.

Bill Sharpe, manager of the North Carolina Advertising and News Bureau, and a feature writer of wide repute in his own right, says, "the Edenton Junior Woman's Club has launched a movement to open colonial homes to visitors during a specified period next spring, probably during N. C. Garden Week. This is the most encouraging news from that section we have had in a long time. It may mean the start of annual pilgrimages which could spread to other old cities, such as New Bern and Wilmington."

The Virginia Garden Club has also made inquiries about the tour. Other outstanding personages interested are Mrs. Charles Cannon of Concord, and Mrs. Katherine Arrington of Warrenton, North Carolina, who plan to be in Edenton for the three days of the event.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY TO MEET

The Hospital Auxiliary of Chowan Hospital will meet Wednesday afternoon, January 19, at 3 o'clock at the Nurses' Home. The president, Mrs. J. E. Wood, requests a full attendance, as this is the first meeting for the new year.

Woman's Auxiliary Backs Blue Cross Protection Plans

Vet Hospital Out!

From Washington, D. C., comes word that 24 already approved hospital projects, including those at Salisbury and Charlotte and it is assumed that the one intended for eastern North Carolina are out. Tar Heels in Congress are leading a vigorous fight against the seemingly arbitrary move of the Veterans Administration, which was made without consulting any members of the representatives of the people.

The Chowan County Chamber of Commerce through its committee chairman, Joe Conger, Sr., is watching developments and maintaining contact with Congressman Herbert C. Bonner on the matter. There still persists a "never-say-die" attitude in the organization and a continuous effort is being made to bring the "bonanza" to Chowan County or environs.

National Guard At N. C. State Capital

At 6:30 in the morning on January 6, in a drenching rain, twenty-five Edenton National Guardsmen embarked for Raleigh to take part in the inauguration ceremonies of their new Commander-in-Chief, W. Kerr Scott, and to pay tribute to Governor Gregg R. Cherry, retiring Chief of the North Carolina National Guard. However, the men were cheerful despite the earliness of the hour and the heavy precipitation and more so as the sun shed its golden rays on the thrilling spectacle of 3600 men gathered for the event before starting time. The throngs jamming the line of march appeared much impressed.

According to observers, the Edenton contingent made a splendid showing dressed in their natty uniforms and armed with .45 calibre pistols.

J. H. McMullan, representative from Chowan and Emmett Winslow, representative from Perquimans greeted the men, as did Bobby Byrum and Sonny Stillman.

After briefly reviewing the trip to Raleigh, Captain William P. Jones, commanding officer, stated that much equipment is, expected to meet the new requirements in armament due to the change from a cannon to a heavy mortar outfit. He is most enthusiastic over the "esprit de corps" manifested by the men, new and old alike. An innovation to the regular routine at drill meetings, is that of serving doughnuts and coffee at the end of the period each Wednesday night in the armory. Under Sergeant Hoskins Bass, the men will participate in forming a basketball team. The enlisted men as well as the non-

Lights Ordered for Dangerous Streets

The City Council decided to install a stop light at the junction of Queen and Broad Streets and also one at Mosely and Queen. Signs were ordered for Queen and Granville. Thus, the City Council members are making a vigorous effort to do away with the hazardous traffic situation which is prevalent at these junctions. Mayor Leroy H. Haskett stated that this was one of the shortest and snappiest meetings held in many a month. He expressed delight on behalf of the Council and for himself at having a class of Veterans from the Edenton Veterans School observe the workings of the City Fathers.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL MEET HELD JAN. 9

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Episcopal Church was held on January 9, in the parish house, beginning at 8 P. M. Reports of the rector on the state of the church showed an encouraging condition. Other reports from the various church organizations reveal a healthy and strong financial condition. The present vestry was re-elected. They are as follows: J. H. Conger, Sr., John Graham, R. N. Hines, F. P. Wood, E. N. Elliott, J. M. Jones, Jr., D. M. Warren, Oscar Duncan, Graham White, Charles P. Wales, Jr., Dr. W. I. Hart and James E. Wood.

"Drive Beginning Monday," Says Mrs. J. W. Davis, Chairman

Forty-five Edenton and Chowan business firms and 34 large farm owners will receive personal letters this week from Mrs. J. W. Davis, chairman, hospital survey committee of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, asking that serious consideration be given to the enrollment of employees and farm workers in the health-service program of Hospital Saving Association.

The nonprofit Blue Cross—Blue Shield program for protection against expensive hospital and surgical bills will be presented to business and farm heads by a special group of representatives of Hospital Saving, scheduled here throughout next week, beginning Monday, January 17. This is in cooperation with the Auxiliary's project of promoting a health-service program for the protection of the community against expensive hospital and surgical costs.

Blue Cross—Blue Shield Plan is a community health-service program devised by the doctors and hospitals of the State as a means for North Carolina families to budget for hospital and surgical protection.

The Association, under the direct sponsorship of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina and the North Carolina Hospital Association, is not a commercial insurance company, but a nonprofit health-service protection program against expense of hospitalization and surgical care.

Explaining how the Hospital Saving Association operates, E. B. Crawford, executive vice-president, emphasized the fact that the organization works directly with the hospitals and physicians. Advance deposits from Blue Cross—Blue Shield subscribers are unnecessary, and hospitals do not require further financial guarantee for members carrying comprehensive protection. Under this arrangement, Hospital Saving is billed directly for the major portion of the bill and the subscriber is saved the trouble of filing claims.

Experience has taught many people that under a cash indemnity contract, where so much a day is allowed during hospitalization, the sum is quickly used up in paying for the room, drugs, operating facilities, dressings and laboratory fees. The patient usually finds he must foot the major portion of the bill himself. A Blue Cross—Blue Shield subscriber has the assurance that whatever the cost, the Association assumes the major share of the expense.

Four comprehensive plans will be available to the people of Edenton and Chowan County, through Hospital Saving, each providing unlimited coverage against expensive hospital "extras". With the increasing price of drugs, X-rays and other medical necessities, the cost of a hospital room today is only a small part of the total bill. Hospital Saving has developed this program to protect the people of the State and to make it possible for them to meet any hospital or surgical emergency which may arise, according to Crawford.

Numerous health surveys, according to Crawford, have revealed that many people delay seeking medical and hospital service because of the cost. Not only does this seriously affect their general health, but con-

Edenton High School Paper Joins Contest

"The Spotlight", a newspaper published by the students of Edenton High School, has entered the 25th annual contest of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, it was announced today by Shirley Norris, editor and Miss Mary W. Morris, faculty advisor.

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association is a national organization of school publications sponsored by Columbia University. All newspapers and magazines entered in the contest are read and rated by a Board of Judges composed of about thirty men and women of long experience in the student publication field. They are guided and aided in their job of securing critical ratings by an itemized score sheet covering all phases of the publication's work.

The ratings will be announced at the Association's Annual Convention which will be held in New York City in March.