

Plans Being Made To Wage War On Rats And Mice In Chowan

Pests Average \$15 Damage Per Family Per Year In County

LITTLE COST

Success Will Depend on Amount of Cooperation Given

A rat and mouse control campaign will be conducted in Chowan County April 1, says C. W. Overman, County Agent. Every family must cooperate in order to make this campaign a success.

"Warfarin Bait will kill both rats and mice," says Mr. Overman. "It will be mixed dry and will keep for several weeks if kept dry. The bait will be put up in \$1.00 packages. The cooperators will set up feeding stations according to directions given on each package. The bait will be placed in shallow containers and stations will be located where rats and mice run. A small amount of bait must be put out every day as long as the pests take it. It will begin killing the pests in about four or five days after they begin taking it, therefore, the feeding must continue as long as they take it and when they stop taking the bait it will be an indication that they are killed out in that area."

Based upon National surveys, rats and mice eat and destroy approximately \$150,000 worth of feed and other materials each year. In addition to this, they undermine foundations of buildings, they carry disease to both humans and livestock and they also mess up more than they actually eat. On this basis the destruction by rats and mice amounts to approximately an average of \$15.00 per family per year in Chowan County. Many families do not have rats while on some farms there is damage of more than \$100 per year.

It is hoped that every family, both white and colored in Chowan County that has rats and mice on their premises, will participate in this campaign by ordering and putting out bait according to instructions. The pests travel from house to house and from farm to farm unless every family cooperates there will still be some left for seed. "We will not get all of them at the best," says Mr. Overman, "but by conducting a campaign once or twice a year we can hold the population down as low as possible. Watch for next week's article in this paper and you will be informed where to place your order for the bait. We hope to be able to have a house-to-house canvass by community leaders. If this is done the leaders will be on a voluntary basis spending their time without compensation to help you and your neighbors get rid of these destructive rodents. Please give us your full cooperation and let's do a good job."

Rotarians Attend Inter-City Meeting

Almost every member of the Edenton Rotary Club attended the inter-city meeting held in Williamston Friday night, which was more or less "a family affair." The Edenton club is the "father" of the Windsor Club and the Windsor Club is the "father" of the Williamston Club.

A delicious turkey dinner was served in the Woman's Club building and an interesting program planned which included the Rev. R. W. Kicklighter of Elizabeth City as the principal speaker.

AUXILIARY MEETS TONIGHT
The Woman's Auxiliary of the William H. Coffield Post, No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the VFW home. All members are especially urged to be present.

Rooms Needed

Because of the many inquiries being received for information about the forthcoming Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside on April 10 and 11, there is a possibility that Edenton will be taxed to the limit to accommodate visitors.

In order to care for as many people as possible, the Woman's Club is trying to make advance preparations to rent rooms during the two days. Anyone who will be willing to rent rooms for the occasion are requested to call Mrs. R. N. Hines at her home, phone 392.

Wins Scholarship

John Dobson, son of Mrs. C. Delmas Sawyer, was notified Wednesday morning that he had been awarded a \$3,000 scholarship at Duke University. The scholarship was won in regional scholastic competition.

Young Dobson, a member of the senior class at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School, has also been named on the all conference basketball team.

Womanless Wedding Will Be Presented At School Friday Night

Affair Sponsored By the MYF of Methodist Church

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Edenton Methodist Church will present a Womanless Wedding in the Edenton Elementary School auditorium Friday night, March 27, at 8 o'clock. This hilarious comedy is packed with fun and is expected to attract a large crowd.

A small admission fee will be charged, the proceeds of which will go into the church's building fund for the purpose of adding Church School rooms.

The cast of characters will be as follows:

Tiny Oats, the bride—Lloyd Burton.

J. Fliverton Bailey, the bridegroom—Robert Marsh.

First Usher—Chaplain J. L. Swinson.

Mr. Henry Wheathearts—Uncle of the bride—Bill Harry.

Mrs. Wheathearts—Aunt of the bride—George Dail.

Mrs. Nosey Toadvine, a neighbor—Billy Leazer.

Mrs. Ubika Scratchfield—Corporal Stribling.

Sis Eatzer Oats, the baby—Rev. Earl B. Edwards.

Honny Grits, a colored nurse—Norman Leonard.

Pappy Rock'n Rye, grandfather of the bride—Rufus Calloway.

Granny Rye—Jimmy Earnhardt.

Mrs. Oats—John Goodwin.

Mr. Turnipgreen, soloist—Charlie Overman.

Shucky Stringbeans, ring bearer—Walter Holton.

Miss Muddy Ricefield, maid of honor—Ben Perry.

Mr. Percy Birdseed, best man—Hugh Thigpen.

Adam Turnipseed, official spicer—George Thompson.

Mr. Knowzie Oats, father of the bride—John Skiles.

Pete and Re-Pete Cornsmut—Boots Lassiter, Brad Willford.

Flower Girls—Ben Browning, Jerry Downum, Jimmy Ross, Charles Knox, Billy Moore and Robert Earl Edwards.

Bridesmaids—Dr. Richard Hardin, J. R. Dulaney, A. B. Harless, Dr. A. F. Downum, Jesse Harrell and the Rev. James MacKenzie.

Dr. Downum Elected Red Cross Chairman

Other Officers Elected At Meeting Held Friday Night

At a meeting held in the Municipal Building Friday night Dr. A. F. Downum was elected chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross, to succeed Geddes Potter, who recently resigned.

Other officers elected were: Gilliam Wood and Mrs. E. N. Elliott, vice chairmen; Mrs. Lena Leary, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Thorud, treasurer; Bill Perry, home service officer and R. L. Pratt, vice home service officer.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. C. T. Griffin, master of the lodge, urges all members to attend.

Answer The Call + 1953 Red Cross Fund Raising Drive

The other day, I heard a man talking about doctors. To his way of thinking, doctors were all a bunch of fakes. They didn't know what was wrong with a person, but just guessed at it and then charged exorbitant fees.

Another fellow said he had about the same opinion of lawyers; they were all in cahoots with each other, and just took a person's money for nothing. The judges were in cahoots with the lawyers, he said, and helped the lawyers rob their clients.

Another fellow said all the churches nowadays were filled with hypocrites and sinners, and religion just didn't mean anything anymore. Said he had rather not even be a member of a church; that he was better than 99 per cent of the church members and was ashamed to associate with them.

Another fellow said schools weren't what they were supposed to be, either. Said children didn't learn anything now except how to play ball, or sing or do some tomfool things like that. Back in his day, he said, schools really "learned" the kids something.

Another fellow said the Red Cross was just a lot of graft; said all the officials got thousands and thousands of dollars a year out of the funds contributed by individuals throughout the nation, and people in need didn't get anything.

Needless to say, when those guys get sick, get into trouble, see death approaching, or feel the heavy hand of disaster, they will be the first to call the doctor, see the lawyer, send for the preacher or call on the trained young people when they need an employee, and pray for Red Cross relief when disaster strikes.

We try to increase our own importance by covering others with dirt. Then we can say, "Look at Me! See how big I am beside this pile of dirt!"

The American Red Cross has its imperfections, but it still is the greatest agency in the world dedicated to the relief of human suffering and heartache.

LET'S ALL ANSWER THE RED CROSS CALL... WE NEVER KNOW WHEN DISASTER WILL STRIKE AT OUR CITY AND OUR HOMES.

Junior Class Of Chowan High Will Stage Play Tonight

"The Big Blow-up" Expected to Provide Fine Evening of Pleasure

Tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock the Junior Class of Chowan High School, under the direction of Miss Louise Wilson, will present a three-act comedy, "The Big Blow-Up" by Robert St. Clair, in the school auditorium.

An evening of suspense, excitement and laughter is guaranteed.

The entire action of the play takes place in a small town hotel with the following cast of characters:

Ellen Parker, the landlady, Jacquelyn Bunch; "Beans", her high school age son, Roger Spivey; Melinda, the new maid, Zenovah Hugo; Mugsy Morris, a young criminal, Ray Jordan; Cora Johnson, a young school teacher, Peggy Turner; Terry King, a detective, Jack Bunch; Sandra Field, a nervous young lady, Alvis Perry; Margot Richards, a refined young lady, Carolyn Spivey; Katie Lee, "Beans'" girl friend, Ouida Lane; Douglas Blake, Sandra's fiance, Chester Winslow; Mr. Field, Sandra's irate father, Elbert Bunch; Mrs. Field, her anxious mother, Esther Mae Jordan.

Entertainment between acts will be rendered by the "Musical Quintet," of Chowan High School, composed of: Britton Byrum, Leon Privott, Jack Evans, Sammy Byrum and Stuart Hollowell.

The public is cordially invited to attend. A small admission will be charged.

The play is presented by special arrangement of the Art Craft Play Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Hospital Auxiliary Will Meet Friday

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Sr., Will Be Principal Speaker

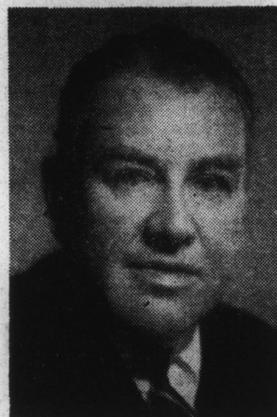
The Chowan Hospital Auxiliary will meet Friday afternoon, March 20, at 3 o'clock in the Nurses' Home. A special program has been arranged for this meeting which includes an address by Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Sr., who will speak on the subject "Early Doctors of the Albemarle."

The nurses' aid program is also on the agenda, so that Mrs. Martin Wisely, president of the Auxiliary, urges all members to make a special effort to be present. A tea will follow the business session.

DIME SOCIETY MEETS TUESDAY
The Dime Society of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night of next week at 8 o'clock with Mrs. L. E. Francis. All members of the society are urged to attend.

11 Homes And Three Public Places Will Be Opened For Tour

Clinic Speaker



DR. WILLIAM STROUD
Speaking at a post graduate course on coronary artery diseases at the Chowan Hospital nurses' home was Dr. William Stroud, heart specialist.

Week Of Study At Baptist Church

Classes Arranged For Church Members of All Ages

March is Study Course Month for Baptist Training Union Members throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. With this in mind, the Training Union Department of the local Baptist Church is conducting a week of study and enlargement beginning this Monday night, March 23, at 7 o'clock. Classes are being arranged for each age group which will provide good and usable instruction for every member of the church.

Since this course is designed primarily for church members, it is hoped that those church members not now enrolled in the Training Union will come out and join the BTU members in this week of helpful study; and, will become members of the training organization. A new union is being organized for those church members of age 17 and up. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who desire to grow in service. So, no matter what age one might be—there is a place for all in this up-building program. A cordial welcome awaits all.

March Of Dimes Now Amounts To \$1,713.26

White and Colored Rural Sections Still to Be Heard From

This week D. F. Walker, principal of the Edenton colored schools, presented a check for 73.57, which represents March of Dimes contributions made in the Edenton colored schools.

This amount brings total contributions to \$1,713.26 as of Wednesday of this week. An error was made in last week's figure, making a difference of \$2.14. The amount reported was \$1,641.83, but when the money was counted in the bank it amounted to \$1,639.69. The figure used last week was taken from reports from canvassers, so that there must have been a slight duplication or else a mistake made in marking contributions on envelopes.

At any rate the contributions now stand at \$1,713.26, with still reports to be received from both white and colored rural sections.

Baptist WMU Will Meet At Sandy Cross

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Chowan Association will convene in an all day session at Sandy Cross Baptist Church in Gates County Wednesday, March 25, beginning at 10 A. M.

All churches in the association are expected to be represented at this meeting.

Added to List Are Ellison House and Greenfield Plantation

MUCH PUBLICITY

Problem Arises to Accommodate Visitors Expected

Edenton Woman's Club which is sponsoring the third Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside to be held April 10th and 11th is happy to announce that two homes, not previously listed as opening for the tour, have been added to the list, making a total of 11 homes and three public places. The two homes are, Greenfield Plantation, home of Mrs. George Collins Wood, and the Ellison house, home of Mrs. Fred P. Wood.

From the tremendous number of inquiries being received concerning the Pilgrimage, it is very possible that the hotel, tourist courts and tourist homes will not be able to accommodate the tourists anticipated, and Mrs. R. N. Hines, chairman of the Pilgrimage, asks that anyone having rooms that they would be willing to rent during these two days to contact her, at her home, phone 392. Anyone desiring folders to be sent friends or relatives, can have them sent by calling Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt at 590.

The Pilgrimage is being given widespread publicity through the folders which have been sent to all tourists who registered for the tour in 1951, and folders have been sent to travel agencies, hotels, motels, the State News Bureau, and other places throughout the State, as well as other states. Information concerning the Pilgrimage will also be given from several radio stations.

In this issue of The Chowan Herald, and in the next two issues, a list of the homes and public buildings to be open for the tour, will be given with a brief history of each.

Today's installment of homes is as follows:

St. Paul's Church—W. Church St. Open 10 A. M., to 9 P. M.

The parish, organized under the first Vestry Act in 1701, has the oldest charter in the State and the second oldest church building. This building, begun in 1736, during the administration of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, was completed some thirty years later. Twenty-five years of neglect after the Revolution necessitated extensive repairs.

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Civic Calendar

Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11.

Degree of Pocahontas Easter dance Saturday night, April 4, in the Edenton Armory.

Spring term of Chowan County Superior Court begins Monday morning, March 30.

Glee Club of Edenton Junior-Senior High School presents "Miss Cherryblossom," a musical comedy, in Elementary School auditorium Friday night, March 20, at 8 o'clock.

Lions Club meets Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Chowan County Negro 4-H Clubs present program at White Oak School Sunday, March 22, at 3:30 P. M.

Red Men meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Lions Club Minstrel Friday night, April 10.

VFW meets in Post's home on old Hertford Highway Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Rotary Club meets this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House.

Junior-Senior play at Chowan High School Thursday night, March 19, at 7:30 o'clock.

Home demonstration club radio program on WGAI Thursday, April 2 at 12:45 P. M.

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., meets tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House.

American Legion Auxiliary cake, pie and candy sale at P & Q Super Market Saturday, April 4.

Twenty-fifth District Federation of home demonstration clubs meeting in the Edenton High School auditorium Wednesday, April 8, at 10:30 A. M.

Dime Society of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. L. E. Francis Tuesday (Continued on Page Twelve)