

Contribute To The March Of Dimes

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Annual Meeting Of Chowan County Red Cross Chapter Feb. 2

New Officers Scheduled To Be Elected For Year

PLAN 1954 DRIVE

Dr. A. F. Downum Reviews Activities For Past Year

Dr. A. F. Downum, chairman of the Chowan Chapter of the American Red Cross, stated early this week that a meeting of the chapter will be held on Tuesday night, February 2, at 7:30 o'clock in the Court House. One of the principal items of business is to elect officers and reorganize for the new year, as well as plan for the forthcoming Red Cross Fund Raising Drive, which will be held in March.

Because of this important business, Dr. Downum urges everybody who is interested in the Red Cross to attend this meeting.

Approximately 40 per cent of Red Cross expenditures last year was made in behalf of servicemen and veterans, according to a year-end report to the Chowan County Red Cross chapter by the organization's national headquarters in Washington.

A financial report released by E. Roland Harriman, national chairman of the Red Cross, revealed that over \$35,000,000 was spent by the national Red Cross and its 3,700 chapters to help the troubled man in uniform and his family back home, and helpless veteran patients.

Expenditures for all Red Cross activities for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1953, Dr. Downum was informed, amounted to \$86,041,583. Other services included a National Blood Program, Disaster Preparedness and Relief operations, health and safety services, Junior Red Cross, and the training of many thousands of volunteers as Gray Ladies, Nurse's Aides, Staff Aides, Motor Service, recreation workers in hospitals, and various other community services.

The Chowan County Chapter had expenditures of \$1,247.92 for the same period, according to Mrs. Corrine Thorud, chapter treasurer. Of this amount \$817.55 went toward support.

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Byrum Family Night At School Auditorium Friday Night At 7:30

Professional Actors Will Provide Outstanding Entertainment

Byrum Implement & Truck Company will present its annual free International Harvester Family Party and New Equipment Show Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Edenton Elementary School auditorium.

As in previous years, the spacious auditorium is expected to be filled to capacity, so that those who want seats are urged to be on hand before the show begins.

For the entertainment of friends of the Byrum concern professional actors will appear on the stage including The Ortons, America's greatest thrill sensation; The Snyder Sisters, who will present music and songs; Reggie Saxe in a musical act that is different, and Grover O'Day, a bicycle and unicycle artist.

Aside from this entertainment full color movies will be presented showing the latest International Harvester equipment and the nationally famous fast-hitch tractor square dance.

Cross Roads Negro Hurt In Accident

Joe Holley, 35-year-old Negro of the Cross Roads community was seriously injured Friday night about 6 o'clock when he was struck by an auto driven by Roland Evans. He received compound fractures of both legs and head injuries when, according to a report of Highway Patrolman Van Pierce, Holley walked into the side of the car about half mile from Cross Roads.

Holley was taken to the Chowan Hospital.

Time Short

With Sunday being the deadline to operate motor vehicles without displaying a 1954 license plate, Saturday will be the last day licenses can be purchased, which applies both to State and city tags.

For those who risk driving a car with 1953 license plates, a penalty will be imposed if they happen to be arrested by State patrolmen or local police.

Miss Goldie Layton, branch manager for the North Carolina Motor Club, where State licenses are sold, says sales have been considerably trailing last year.

Interest Is Mounting In Swimming Pool; Drive To Start Soon

Opinion Now That Pool Will Be In Operation By Hot Weather

A goodly number of representatives from various organizations interested in the building of a swimming pool here were on hand at the meeting of the Hicks Memorial Swimming Pool Corporation, held Monday night in the Municipal Building.

Jesse Harrell, president of the organization, who presided at the meeting called on those attending for presentation of their ideas and views concerning the project. Various phases of the proposed pool were discussed and many more are expected to come under observation for clearing up before the actual "kick-off" fund raising campaign goes into effect. However, optimism was evident among the representatives present and enthusiasm will continue to grow as plans go forward toward erection of the swimming pool.

William P. (Spee) Jones was appointed Ways and Means Chairman and he will work with the schools in promoting interest among the children who can't be beat when it comes to "spreading the news." Their enthusiasm should help the ball rolling for the pool will be to their benefit and pleasure. As an added attraction for the school children a prize will be given to the pupil making the best poster on the swimming pool.

If things work out as it is hoped, opinion is that the pool will be ready for operation by the time hot weather arrives. A list of canvassers are now being made up for both the county and Edenton and as soon as it is completed, the fund drive for \$25,000 will get underway.

Edenton's Finances In Good Condition

First Six Months Consumed About Half of Year's Budget

Figures compiled by Town Clerk Ernest J. Ward, Jr., the town's budget is in satisfactory condition. As of January 1, with half of the fiscal year gone, just about every department had spent approximately half of the year's appropriation.

The total year's budget was set at \$125,071, of which disbursements as of January 1 amounted to \$59,601.11, leaving a balance in the budget of \$65,469.89.

The picture as reflected in the various departments follows:

Administrative — Budget, \$5,734; disbursements, \$2,923.35; balance, \$2,810.65.

Police Department—Budget, \$23,669; disbursements, \$12,579.49; balance, \$11,089.51.

Fire Department—Budget, \$12,189; disbursements, \$5,624.19; balance, \$6,564.81.

Street Department—Budget, \$55,824; disbursements, \$28,685.25; balance, \$27,138.75.

Cemetery—Budget, \$1,850; disbursements, \$924.82; balance, \$925.18.

Other Expenditures—Budget, \$25,805; disbursements, \$8,864.01; balance, \$16,940.99.

Nick George Defends State School System At BPW Club Meeting

Faculty Member Principal Speaker at Meeting Held Thursday Night

Members of the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club heard a very enlightening talk on the North Carolina School System by Nick George of the local high school faculty at a meeting held Thursday night in the Barker Community House.

Mr. George's speech was, more or less, a rebuttal to the recent criticism against the school system in our State. In answer to several questions that have arisen in this community concerning the result of the N. C. educational system, Mr. George brought out five points which were mostly under discussion. They were: "Are School Children Today Able To Read Well?" "Are Our Children Learning To Write Good English?" "Do Modern Schools Teach Our Children To Spell Properly?" "How Well Do Schools Teach The 3 R's Today," and "How Well Are Our Schools Teaching Citizenship?"

Mr. George declared that in no time in the history of public and private education has so much careful thought and study been given to the problem of teaching children to read. "Nationally known experts have devoted their entire careers to it," he said. "Reading tests are given everywhere to determine the reading level of pupils in school and to identify those children who need special help. All the information available about the success of the school 50 years ago points to the conclusion that methods used in teaching reading caused more failure than success. Modern methods of teaching have saved many of our children from illiteracy. The fact that they do not save all is no more a criticism of modern education than the fact that some sick children die is a criticism of modern medicine. The successes far outnumber the failures."

"The writing of good English has always been a very difficult thing to

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College Day Will Be Observed February 9 At Local High School

Representatives From 18 Institutions Expected To Attend

Representatives from at least 18 colleges and nursing schools and from five branches of the military will come to the Edenton Junior-Senior High School on College Day, which will be held Tuesday morning, February 9, from 9 until 11 o'clock.

The College Day program is being sponsored by the Student Council of the Edenton school and the purpose is to give the students first-hand information of the opportunities available at these various schools. The representatives of the colleges and military will discuss their particular institutions, advise of scholarships and loans and discuss career planning with the Edenton students.

A spokesman for the College Day program says the College Day students in the Edenton school. He pointed out that all members of the school would be given the opportunity to discuss college or nursing or military careers with the representatives and that this would certainly help younger students, in particular, in planning a future career. "As it is now," said the spokesman, "students in the lower high school grades don't think of college careers. They wait until they're seniors. The College

Edenton Puts Name In Pot For Locating Air Force Academy

With the announcement of the proposed establishment of an Air Force Academy, the Town of Edenton put its name in the pot last week when Town Clerk Ernest Ward, Jr., was instructed to send telegrams to Senators Hoey, Lennon and Representative Herbert Bonner.

The telegrams stated that Edenton is interested in locating the academy here, but no encouraging news has been received.

Lions Club Entertains 1953 4-H Corn Club Winners And Fathers

Prizes Awarded at Meeting Held Monday Night

Edenton Lions entertained the 1953 Chowan 4-H corn contestants and their dads at a supper Monday night. Prizes were donated to the top winner in each of the three age groups, ten, eleven and twelve, ages 13 and 14, and ages 15 and above.

James Monds, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Monds, of the Center Hill section, who grew 102.2 bushels of corn on his acre, won the prize in the age group of 15 years and above. James grew N. C. 27 corn.

Robert Preston Dail, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Dail, of the Ryland section, won the prize in the age group of 13 and 14. Robert grew 96.5 bushels of Dixie 17 corn on his acre.

Gerald Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Harrell, of the Rocky Hock section, who grew 93.9 bushels of N. C. 27 corn on his acre, won top prize in the youngest age group. Each of these group winners was presented with a \$10.00 check by Jesse Harrell, president of the Edenton Lions Club. A total of 21 4-H contestants and 13 dads were present for the meeting. President Harrell congratulated the boys and their dads for their fine work, and urged them to continue their progress.

Vandy Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parks of the Hobbsville community, who was 1953 State 4-H corn winner, was recognized and congratulated. Although Vandy's yield was not the highest in the county this year, he won the championship on the basis of his corn production during the years of 1952 and 1953.

James Monds showed some color slides of the trip to the National 4-H Club Congress and gave a very vivid description of the slides and told many happy experiences of the trip. James attended the Congress as State 4-H tractor maintenance winner. James and Vandy expressed appreciation to the Lions Club for sponsoring the eighth annual Chowan 4-H Club corn contest.

The 33 contestants averaged 60 bushels per acre. This compares to the State average of not more than 35.0 bushels per acre.

Rev. Ralph Knight Resigns As Pastor At Ballard's Bridge

Accepts Pastorate of the Wilmont Church at Charlotte

The Rev. Ralph W. Knight, pastor of the Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church has tendered his resignation and will leave in about two weeks to accept the pastorate of the Wilmont Baptist Church at Charlotte.

Mr. Knight has been pastor of the Ballard's Bridge Church for two years and eight months and he, as well as members of the congregation, regret that he and his family are leaving Chowan County.

Special Music At Red Men Meeting Monday

Story telling featured the Red Men's meeting Monday night when a goodly number attended after enjoying a steak supper at Ernest Lee's Restaurant.

At next Monday night's meeting special music will be furnished by a colored group, Francis Slade and his Four Aces. Aside from the leader the boys include Clyde Slade, Tom Bembry, James Bembry and Henry Blount.

Walter Bond, squire of Chowan Tribe, urges a full attendance for the meeting.

Over Thirty Masons Enjoy Steak Supper

Masons were guests of Ernest Kehayes at a steak supper served Thursday night at R. P. Baer's barbecue pit. The affair was thoroughly enjoyed and attracted over 30 Masons.

Following the supper the regular Masonic meeting was held in the lodge room, at which time a little over \$2,500 was raised toward completing the new Masonic temple on Water Street.

Bertie's C. W. Spruill Will Be Candidate For Seat In Senate

Civic Calendar

Chowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a meeting Tuesday night, February 2, at 7:30 o'clock in the Court House.

College Day will be observed at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School Tuesday morning, February 9, from 9 to 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Webb will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary (Continued on Page Ten)

Contributions For March Of Dimes Stands At \$1,135

Report Far From Being Complete Early This Week

Bill Perry, co-chairman of the 1954 March of Dimes, reported this week that as of Tuesday morning contributions amounted to \$1,135.24. The report is far from being complete, so that he is very optimistic that when all reports are finally in the goal of at least \$2,000 will be realized.

This year's March of Dimes campaign is sponsored jointly by the William H. Coffield Post, No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the VFW Auxiliary and Chowanoke Council, No. 54, Degree of Poehontas, all three groups joining forces in the drive.

One phase of the drive was but a solar plexus blow Saturday when, due to snow, ice and extremely cold weather, the road block on North Broad Street, had to be abandoned, as well as circulation in the business section with buckets to receive contributions.

Both of these schemes are scheduled to be carried out next Saturday, when VFW members will be stationed at the road block at North Broad Street in the hope that passing motorists will drop in contributions. Women of the VFW Auxiliary and the Degree of Poehontas will be stationed in the business section to receive contributions from those who might not have been contacted otherwise.

Mr. Perry urges all canvassers to complete their work as soon as possible so that their reports can be turned in and the result of the drive determined. Last year, after a late start, Chowan County raised over \$1,900, so that it is hoped this year contributions will go beyond the \$2,000 mark.

Group Edenton Tots Form Organization

Offering Small Prize to Person Submitting Name

Edenton's newest organization came into being this week when a group of little tots six years or less of age met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Al Wall to perfect an organization and their first official act was to contribute a dime each to the March of Dimes. Betty Wall was elected as president and Pamela Ashley, secretary and treasurer.

The next meeting of the group will be held Thursday afternoon, February 25, at the home of Mrs. Thomas Ashley. The youngsters are now concerned about a name for the organization and will give a small prize to the person submitting a name which is selected.

The youngsters are interested in contributing to any worthwhile movement in Edenton and to that end they have agreed to save their pennies and dimes in order to be able to take part when the opportunity presents itself.

Mrs. Al Wall and Mrs. Thomas Ashley are counsellors for the group, which includes the following members:

Betty Wall, Pamela Ashley, Gail Oliver, Jerry Jones, Carolyn Wall, Kay Shaw, Vickie Allsbrook, Sara Frances Edwards, Pat Byrum, Phil Harrell, Johnny Cates, Kenny Wall, Sharon Dunbar and her baby sister, Donna.

'Cousin Wayland' Spruill Takes Stand on 'Secrecy' Issue

VET LEGISLATOR

Introduced Bill Removing 15-Cent Ad Valorem Tax

C. W. ("Cousin Wayland") Spruill last week announced his candidacy for the State Senate from the First District in the May Democratic Primary.

In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Spruill took a stand on the "secrecy" issue which is expected to be a hotly discussed point in state and local political battles this year.

"I am going on record opposing any secret legislation," he said. "I am opposed to using the taxpayers money without the people being informed as to how much is to be spent on each item in the budget."

"I will do what I can to repeal the present law on the statute books which was passed in the last legislature." He was referring to House Bill No. 1071 allowing executive sessions of the Appropriations Committee, passed by the 1953 General Assembly.

In seeking a seat in the State Senate, Mr. Spruill is asking the voters to return him to the body which he represented Bertie and the Northampton counties before the present First District was organized.

He has served in eight sessions of the House of Representatives. While in the House he introduced and passed a bill removing the 15-cent ad valorem tax which counties collected for State governmental expense.

A sponsor for years of State tuberculosis and mental institutions, Mr. Spruill has served as chairman of the House Mental Institutions Committee and introduced a bill to establish the East Carolina Sanatorium at Wilson, a wing of which was named in his honor.

He also is a member of the State Hospital Board of Control. On that Board he is a member of the executive committee, a member of the building committee which is directing the use of \$2,000,000 in bond issue money and chairman of the legislative committee.

In Bertie County he has served as County Commissioner and as a road commissioner. He is a Baptist, Rotarian, a Mason and a Shriner.

Town Proposes To Set Fixed Charge For Housing Project

Agrees to Charge \$325 Per Unit For Water-Sewer Connections

Members of Town Council and the Board of Public Works met jointly in a special meeting Thursday night when the new proposed housing project was considered.

Previously R. B. Cauthen, representing the Richards Building Company of Raleigh, requested the town to extend water, sewer and electric lines to the property line of the proposed 30 housing units, but action on the request at that time was postponed.

At Thursday night's meeting the two boards agreed to extend the lines from the present Albemarle Court to the property line at a flat cost of \$325 for each house, which includes the usual tapping charges of \$90 for water and sewer.

Town Clerk Ernest Ward was instructed to inform Mr. Cauthen of the town's proposition.

PTA Brunswick Stew Supper February 5th

Edenton's Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor a Brunswick stew supper in the Junior-Senior High School Cafeteria Friday night, February 5. The supper will be served from 6 to 7 o'clock preceding the Faculty-Varsity basketball game.

Tickets for the supper are now on sale.