

# The Chowan Herald

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## A LIFE FOR TODAY

Oh, that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways—Psalm 81:13.  
Do we always hear—and obey—what God speaks to us? Stab us with O God, that our hearts may be attuned to hear Thy voice.

## Welcome News

At this time of year both the county and town governing bodies concern themselves with many figures in compiling a budget for the new fiscal year on which, of course, depends the tax rate. While the cost in government operation, like household expenses, continue on the upward trend, it will be comforting to many taxpayers to learn that in all probability they will not be called upon to pay a higher tax rate for the next fiscal year.

Town Council meeting Tuesday night approved a proposed budget which provides for a \$1.30 tax rate, the same as last year.

While the County Commissioners have not gathered together all of the necessary figures, on the face of the various budgets presented, it appears that the tax rate can be held at \$1.33, the same as last year, despite the fact that there are some slight increases in a few of the appropriations.

Both governing bodies are very conservative and interested in holding the tax rate at a minimum, while at the same time not adopting pinch-penny policies which are detrimental to the progress and welfare of the community.

## Give Again!

Either Chowan County will or will not continue the blood program, which depends upon Chowan County citizens donating enough money to make up the Red Cross fund raising drive deficit of \$1,100.

Another drive will be inaugurated next week in an effort to raise this amount in order to continue this very important blood program. If the drive fails, it is altogether possible that somebody, maybe YOU or a member of your immediate family will face the necessity of having somebody round up a person who has matching blood, and will donate some, in an emergency at our local hospital.

The blood program is too important to be abandoned, so that it is hoped Chowan County people will rally to this second appeal for funds to the end that the blood program will be continued and thus make a humane contribution to the relief of suffering and even more important, saving lives.

## Be Fair With Yourself

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the importance of taking advantage of the free chest X-ray now being offered in Chowan County. Some local tax money goes toward making this survey possible, so that every person over 15 years of age should be X-rayed in an effort to detect the presence of tuberculosis. It is a very simple matter, for it is not necessary to change clothing, and it requires only about a minute of your time. Do justice to yourself—be X-rayed!

# HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

Wednesday of last week a mass chest X-ray survey began in Edenton which will be in progress until July 8 every day except Sundays and Mondays. It is no trouble at all to stand before a lens a few seconds and it can be of inestimable value in letting you know if you have any traces of tuberculosis. Considering the little time necessary and the fact that the X-rays are free, every person in Chowan County, 15 years of age or older, should take advantage of this opportunity. To be forewarned about the presence of TB brings into reality the old saying "a stitch in time saves nine." The X-ray unit is located on the lot next to the Police Station. All should take advantage of a good thing.

Edenton friends will be interested to learn that Major General Karl S. Day, formerly stationed at the Edenton Marine base, was recently one of three generals promoted in a ceremony held at Washington, D. C. General Day made many friends during his stay in Edenton.

Scattered all around town are cables across streets which a lot of automobile drivers think are contraptions to check speed. It's good to hold down speed, but the cables are checking the number of automobiles rather than speed.

Bill Goodwin, Jr., is gradually recovering from an operation performed in Chowan Hospital Friday. The youngster is now minus his tonsils, which were removed at the hospital, and says he's glad that thing is over.

Charles Lee Overman graduated at N. C. State College Sunday and while in a barber shop I asked him if he had a job lined up now that he graduated. "Yes, sir," he said, "I'm going to work in Uncle Sam's army, starting in July."

Baseball games this summer will lack something which cannot be replaced. Hardly a game was played on Hicks Field which was not attended by my old friend Henry Goodwin. All the baseball fans will miss him not only for his interest in looking at the game but seeing to it that the admission price was collected. He was a "regular" at the gate.

Jim Daniels placed a dime on my desk the other day with this note: "Buff, here is 10 cents I owe you, with interest." I forgot what the dime or interest is for, but Jim's an honest man.

My youngest brother recently left his home in Pennsylvania to move to California and while gathering up what belongings he and his wife wanted to take with them, he came across a broken cup. "Don't throw that away," the Missus said. "Why not?" he asked. "Well," she said, "that was the first cup I broke after we went to housekeeping." Rather unique souvenir, eh?

It's interesting to note when Cap'n Dick Hall makes his report or reads other material at Town Council meetings. Cap'n Dick, despite his 88 years, reads what he wants to without using glasses. What a man!

Not quite so many fishermen are in the creeks these days. One reason is that Mrs. Martha Crumney has been a patient in Chowan Hospital since last Thursday. While having a hard time at first, she is now on the mend, and here's betting a stogie she'll be in her boat and holding one end of a fishing line the first chance she gets.

Two things you should do: Don't fail to be X-rayed and make another donation to the Red Cross so that the county's blood program can be continued. Then, too, remember more money is needed for a swimming pool.

# Army Finds Too Many Names The Same; Adopts Digits To Duck Guessing Game

Washington—The Army is in the numbers racket.

If you are a civilian without prior service and you receive a greetings from the President, there is a number waiting for you.

If you are a soldier or a former soldier, you already have yours. It is yours along. Many men may have your name, but none your service number.

This numbering spree started February 28, 1918. While initially it was confined to enlisted men, the destiny of the digit was to have no bounds. In 1921 officers were digitalized. After that it seems as though everybody and everything in the Army had to have a number—mules, horses, rifles, pistols, trombones and french horns included.

Although there had been faint and spasmodic rumblings on the subject of numbers as early as 1898, it took General John J. Pershing's recommendation of 1918 to precipitate action. From Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces in France, the general cabled:

"To prevent confusion and errors in reporting the names of officers, soldiers, and civilians, especially in case of casualties, believed necessary adopt system of numbers."

The "civilians" referred to those persons attached to the Army—such as the press—who had no military status.

In the same cable, certain comments were made that were prophetic, among them:

"When numbers are given officers, soldiers, and civilians, they should be immediately stamped on identification tags and entered on all records . . . in case of death, number should not be reissued . . . after an officer, soldier or civilian receives his number, it must always be mentioned whenever his name is used on rolls or returns."

Although the system of issuing numbers as proposed by Pershing's Headquarters was not approved by The Adjutant General, a numerical system for enlisted men did evolve.

In 1921, it was decided that officers of the Regular Army also should be assigned numbers.

Who got the low ones? General John J. Pershing, 01; Major General Leonard Wood, 02; Major General Munter Liggett, 03.

Sometimes Americans find it interesting to delve into what could be

called "trivia curiosa" such as—who has what number?

As a general, President Eisenhower has 03822. Colonel Harry S. Truman has 0129869. General Douglas MacArthur has 057. General Omar N. Bradley has 03807. General George C. Marshall has an easy combination—01616.

However, times have changed. When Joe Doaks enlists in the Army now he gets a big bunch of digits. Changes and modifications to the original serial numbering system have been made throughout the years—but none in the basic principle of identifying the man.

As for the civilian, that was settled a long time ago by the late General Henry P. McCain when he was The Adjutant General. He disposed of the question with . . . "The numbering of civilians is believed to be both impractical and unnecessary."

What a pity, the poor unburdened civilian.

## BACK TAXES COLLECTED

Due to the efforts of Special Tax Attorney J. N. Pruden, Chowan County's coffers has been enriched to the tune of \$910.21 in way of back taxes paid to Clerk of Court E. W. Spires.

The collection represents back taxes as far back as 1932 to 1951 and include payments from \$2.96 to \$61.34. The County Commissioners have instructed Attorney Pruden to carry out the letter of the law in order to collect all back taxes.

## Protect Your Teeth

with regular check-ups by your dentist! For daily care, buy Olag, the tooth paste dentists recommend . . . scientifically superior, wonderfully refreshing . . . makes your mouth feel so clean!

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# TO THE VOTERS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

To each of the 715 voters who expressed their confidence in my ability and integrity in the Democratic Primary of May 29th I extend my personal and sincere appreciation.

I feel that it is my duty to refute and deny the rumor circulated during the closing days of the campaign that I was "kicked out" of the Navy. I hasten to state that it is my conviction that Mr. E. W. Spires is in no manner personally responsible for this report. I consider that his actions and attitude during the campaign were above reproach.

The letter handed me upon my release to inactive duty is reproduced below in order to disprove this false and malicious rumor.

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

REFER TO FILE NO.  
NA113/P15/(10)  
Ser: 185

28 February 1954.

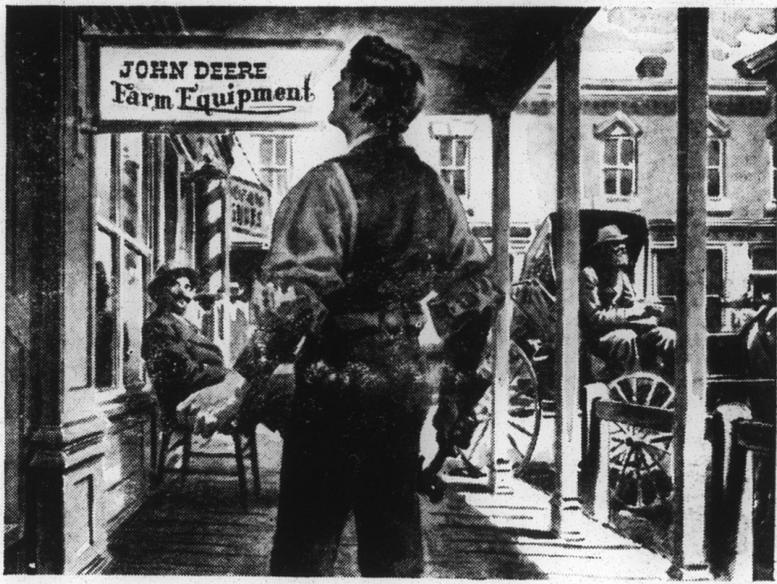
From: Commanding Officer  
To: LCDR William S. Privott, USNR, 212444/1355  
Subj: Letter of Appreciation.

1. The Commanding Officer takes pleasure in expressing the sincere appreciation of the United States Navy to you upon your release to inactive duty for your honorable and faithful naval service.
2. It is noted that you, as a naval reservist, were first called to active duty in October, 1942. You subsequently served with combat units located at Santa Cruz, Brazil, as station Executive Officer, and later as a staff officer attached to Commander Fourth Fleet at that station. You also served at NAS, Daytona Beach, Florida, NAS, Edenton, N. C., and as a member of the staff of Fleet Wing Five based at Norfolk, Virginia, as well as aboard this naval air station.
3. It is further noted that your performance of duties have been of such general outstanding excellence that this has been made the subject of commendatory letters now on record in Navy Department files, one of which dealt with your excellent performance of duty as Judge Advocate of a court of inquiry convened in the case of the collision of the USS VALCOUR and the SS THOMAS TRACY.
4. Your enthusiasm, loyalty and mature good judgment have materially contributed to the furtherance of this command's mission in your performance of legal and administrative duties for which you were responsible while attached to the naval Air Station, Atlantic City, N. J.

(Signed) R. C. YOUNG.

Again I say: "Thanks To You."

Most sincerely,  
WILLIAM S. PRIVOTT.



## When a man hangs out his Shingle . . .

Thousands of them started that way . . . with a hole in the wall and a slab of cedar, hung over the canopied boardwalk.

They were men of every sort, in businesses of every sort. And most of them had some things in common, like vision, initiative, and faith in the future.

But each that lasted had still an extra quality in common with the other—an acute consciousness of the responsibilities he assumed when he went into business.

He knew that the day he "hung out his shingle" he did more than announce a new venture—he announced his willingness to plight his future with his community and

with his neighbors . . . to live with them, to work with them, and to serve them.

Now the signs have changed some. But though neon has supplanted the cedar shingle and the modern store front has replaced the canopied boardwalk, the philosophy of the successful remains the same.

It's the philosophy that admits to the responsibilities assumed when a man "hangs out his shingle"—the responsibilities to his neighbors, to his community, and to his country.

It's the philosophy to which we, as your John Deere dealer, subscribe.

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