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Fire Commission Takes Steps To Pay For Fire Protection

Petition Is Sought to Call Election to Levy 10-cent Tax

Meeting jointly with the Chowan County Commissioners Monday morning, the Chowan County Fire Commission voted unanimously to make an effort to secure at least 15 per cent of the property owners outside the town of Edenton to sign a petition requesting the County Commissioners to call an election to vote on whether or not a 10-cent levy on \$100 property valuation should be made to pay for fire protection in the rural section of the county.

W. E. Bond, chairman of the Fire Commission, presided over the joint meeting and stated that some sort of a start should be made or else drop the matter of fire protection. W. W. Byrum, Chairman of the County Commissioners, said his group was ready and willing to do what the county residents desire in the way of fire protection, but pointed out that this service must be paid for by those affected.

Mr. Byrum also stated that there was absolutely no friction between the town and county regarding fighting rural fires, but that it was not right to expect taxpayers in Edenton to pay the expense of a fire department and to use its men and equipment outside the town limits at no extra expense to those who might be benefited.

After considering the matter it is the opinion of the Fire Commission members that to start a sort of a program, the logical thing to do is, if the election is carried to levy a tax, purchase a fire truck to be operated by Edenton firemen for use in fighting rural fires. It was pointed out that the 10-cent levy will bring in between \$6,000 and \$7,000, which could be used over a period of two years in paying for a fire truck and employing an extra man at the Edenton Fire Station. If after this plan has been tried and some change deemed necessary by way of establishing a fire fighting unit somewhere near the center of the county, it was the opinion that the 10-cent levy might be sufficient after the truck is paid for.

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National Peanut Week Is Observed In Peanut Belt

Local Concerns Urge Increased Use of Peanuts

Nine Edenton concerns who are members of the National Peanut Council are joining this week in the celebration of National Peanut Week, sponsored by the National Council. The member concerns are: The Edenton Peanut Company, The Albemarle Peanut Company, Chowan Storage Company, Specific Food Products, Home Feed & Fertilizer Company, The Bank of Edenton, Leary Bros. Storage Company, Jimbo's Jumbos, Inc., and James E. Wood, peanut broker.

All of these concerns urge more use of peanuts every day in the year, pointing out that peanuts are rich in important values and being a major crop in this area, they affect everyone directly or indirectly. Other facts about peanuts are pointed out as follows:

The energy value of one pound of peanuts is equal to four pounds of beef steak, 21 pounds of cheese, 10 quarts of milk or 33 eggs.

Diamonds imported into the United States each year are worth about 150 million dollars. But American farmers get more than 175 million dollars for their peanuts.

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Group Committees Start Working On Local Pilgrimage

Affair Scheduled Is to Be Held April 15 And 16

With the fourth Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside scheduled to be held Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, committees have been appointed by Mrs. A. F. Downum, general chairman, and are already at work in planning for the affair. The tour will again be sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club.

Eleven historical places will be open for the visitors during the two days and from publicity given the event, it is expected to equal or even surpass the success of previous tours.

The various chairmen are as follows: (Continued on Page 2—Section 1)

Chowan 4-H Clubbers Join Observing National 4-H week

Some Highlights Listed of Achievements In Chowan County

Youth movements and organizations have appealed to teenagers throughout the ages. The Children's Crusade to free the Holy Land of the infidel was a great youth movement. The Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys' Club, Teen-Age Clubs, high school clubs, etc., attract many boys and girls today.

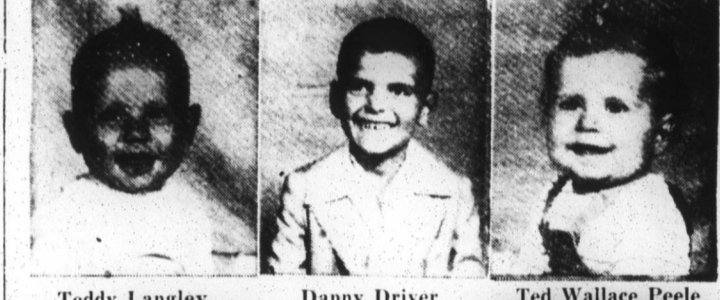
But the world's greatest present youth organization is the 4-H Club. The 4-H Club has 146,803 members enrolled in North Carolina and over a million and a half in the United States, Alaska, Cuba and Puerto Rico. Clubs have recently been founded in Japan, thus making it a truly cosmopolitan organization. Chowan County has 135 boys and 150 girls currently enrolled.

During the week of March 5-12, which has been designated as "Na-

CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



Gwendolyn Ward, Martin Fleetwood, Jewell Karen Small



Teddy Langley, Danny Driver, Ted Wallace Peele



Pamela D. Ashley, Sharon Dunbar, Barbara Dian Adams

Above appears another installment of The Herald's feature, "Citizens of Tomorrow." Pictured are, top row, left to right, Gwendolyn Ward, 10 months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Ward; Charles Martin Fleetwood, 7 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fleetwood, Jr.; Jewell Karen Small, 1 year old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Small; middle row, left to right, Teddy Langley, 11 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Langley; Danny Driver, 6 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Driver; Ted Wallace Peele, 10 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Peele; bottom row, left to right, Pamela D. Ashley, 7 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Ashley; Sharon Dunbar, 3 years old, daughter of Mrs. L. T. Dunbar; Barbara Dian Adams, 6 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Adams.

Group On Zoning Presents Plan To Town Councilmen

Town Council Authorizes New Registration of Voters

Edenton's Zoning Commission presented its recommendations for a zoning ordinance to Town Council at its meeting Tuesday night and after considering some changes suggested at a previous public hearing, some of which were made and others not, Town Councilmen tentatively accepted the report.

Maps were distributed among the Councilmen which specified what sections of the town are proposed for residential, business and industrial purposes and S. Leigh Wilson of the North Carolina League of Municipalities and Geddes Potter, chairman of the Zoning Commission, answered many questions asked by the Councilmen.

While the Councilmen appeared in accord with the proposed zoning plan, no definite action will be taken as to final acceptance or rejection until the next meeting.

The Heart Committee wishes to express its gratitude to Mrs. J. R. Dulaney, Mrs. W. P. Jones and Mrs. J. G. Wood, Jr., who helped (Continued on Page 8—Section 1)

Heart Fund Total Stands At \$711.50

Committee Expresses Appreciation For Cooperation

Dr. A. M. Stanton, chairman of the Chowan County Heart Committee, reports that the citizens of the county have matched the generous gift of the Marines to the 1955 Heart Fund. As of Monday morning, the total amount deposited was \$711.50, \$350 from the Marines, and \$361.50 from 101 contributors. This is particularly gratifying because it represents an increase of 25 per cent in the number of persons who have thus far shown their interest in the work of the Heart Association, both in the state and in the country at large. Dr. Stanton asks that any further contributions be made by Saturday at the latest.

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50 Chosen For Jury Duty In April Term Of Superior Court

Presiding Judge Has Not Yet Been Assigned

With the April term of Chowan County Superior Court scheduled to begin Monday morning, April 4, the Chowan County Commissioners on Monday morning drew from the jury box 50 names, who will be summoned by Sheriff J. A. Bunch to be on hand for jury duty.

Judge John J. Burney was scheduled to preside, but he has retired, so that up until this week Clerk of Court E. W. Spiers had not been informed which judge will be assigned to preside. It will be a mixed term.

Those drawn to serve as jurors are: H. D. Hobbs, Hubert P. Dail, J. Wallace Goodwin, Ralph K. Hollowell, Daniel P. Reeves, Thomas L. Ashley, M. S. Bass, F. M. Castelleo, Emmett E. Dail, Albert G. Byrum, W. R. West, C. H. Davis, Jr., John R. Brabble, John L. Parrish, W. H. Saunders, Ward G. Blanchard, T. L. Evans, Jr., M. L. Flynn, Sherill Boyce, T. C. Bunch, W. O. Elliott, Jr., Eric V. Bass, Ralph Dail, V. D. Hare, R. C. Privott, A. Sidney Smith, Jr., E. J. Hobbs, Jr., I. V. Bunch, Western K. White, Norman C. Hollowell, R. P. Chappell, J. R. Dail, Gilbert R. Hare, Gilbert Byrum, Ralph E. Saunders, John Parrish, J. P. McNider, Thomas O. Harrell, James M. Bond, James E. Cozzens, J. Ep Debnam, Thomas Brabble, David Goodwin, John L. Goodwin, W. V. Byrum, W. E. Jordan, Thomas J. Hoskins, Jr., Thomas Roy Goodwin, George Reid Lane, H. E. Bunch.

Workers Named For '55 Red Cross Drive

Concentrated Effort Is Scheduled From March 10 to 25

Gerald James and Frank Holmes, co-chairmen of the Chowan County Red Cross fund raising drive, this week announced the corps of workers who will make an effort to raise the county's quota of \$2,910.

The chairmen announced that a concentrated drive will begin today (Thursday) and continue through Friday, March 25, and that from March 25 to the end of the month will be devoted to winding up the year's campaign.

Of the money raised in the county, 50.7 per cent will be retained for Red Cross work in the county and the remainder will be sent to the area office.

The drive chairmen believe they have an interested and aggressive group of workers and feel some (Continued on Page 8—Section 1)

Easter Seal Sale Will Begin Today

Drive Is Scheduled to Continue Through Easter

The Chowan County Society for Crippled Children and Adults will begin its annual Easter Seal campaign today (Thursday) and will continue the campaign through Easter Sunday, April 10.

G. B. Potter, chairman of the Society, stated that 55% of the funds raised in Chowan County remain for use in assisting crippled children and adults in Chowan County and 45% goes to State and national aid. Mr. Potter urges all Chowan County residents to participate in the campaign in an effort to assist those who cannot help themselves.

The Chowan County Society operates for the purpose of improving the health, welfare, education, rehabilitation, recreation facilities and opportunities for all crippled children and adults so that they may take their rightful place in society.

Hand Writing Now Points To New Chowan County Jail In Not Too Distant Future

Marines Make Substantial Contributions



Seated in the above picture is Col. M. K. Peyton, commanding officer of the Edenton Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field, who recently called to his office chairmen of four local drives for funds and presented checks in the amount of \$350 to each. Dr. A. M. Stanton, left, represented the Heart Fund, Mrs. J. A. Moore, next, represented the Christmas Seal Sale, Mrs. Daniel P. Reeves, the Cancer Drive and West Byrum, Jr., the Boy Scout drive, Chaplain D. K. Veltman, at right, headed up the drive for contributions from the Marines at the base. (Official Marine Corps Photograph)

Mrs. W. D. Holmes Jr. Elected Vice Regent Of State D.A.R.

Seven Resolutions Are Adopted at Winston-Salem Convention

Mrs. W. D. Holmes was honored at Winston-Salem Wednesday of last week when she was elected Vice Regent of the North Carolina Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution at its 56th annual convention. Mrs. Roy H. Cagle of Asheville was elected regent.

At the meeting the DAR adopted seven resolutions as follows:

Reaffirming support in effort to insure by Constitutional amendment that no treaty can supersede the U. S. Constitution; supporting national society in its opposition to any form of "super or world government" or any change in United Nations charter which might diminish or limit any of the rights or immunities now enjoyed by United States citizens when the scheduled revision of the United Nations charter is considered in 1957; approving congressional investigating committees and urging adequate appropriations for them; approving national policy to strengthen "our fight for Christianity versus communism"; and three resolutions supporting youth guidance by investigation of books, radio and television programs; supporting water conservation and civil defense.

Parodying well-known TV shows, the program opened with the music of the Jolly Happy Hill Folk Band swung into action with its string antics. The band was composed of Lieut. James M. Moriarity, Mrs. Robert N. Smith, Mrs. Dean K. Veltman, Lieut. Col. John R. Stack, Capt. William Weathersbee and Col. Munford K. Peyton, Commanding Officer of MAG-14.

Parodying well-known TV shows, the program opened with the music of the Jolly Happy Hill Folk Band, followed by the Arthur Weathersbee and His Friends Show which (Continued on Page 2—Section 1)

Marvin R. Davenport Named Champ 4-H Peanuts Grower At Rotary Banquet Thursday

Top Winners Are Announced at Rotary Meeting

At the meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club held Thursday night winners in the 1954 Chowan 4-H peanut contest were announced, when the boys and their fathers were guests of the Rotarians.

Marvin Ray Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlin Davenport of the Cross Roads community, was declared the county champion with a yield of 3,492 pounds of peanuts per acre and a total score for carrying out the rules of the contest of 96 points.

Dick Lowe was second with 3,445 pounds per acre and a score of 95 points. Jackie Byrum came in third with 3,220 pounds per acre and a score of 90 and Zackie Harrell came in fourth with 3,276 pounds per acre and a score of 87 (Continued on Page 5—Section 1)

Inspector Hints That Local Jail Will Be Padlocked

That Chowan County will be obliged to build a new and modern jail in the not too distant future is reflected in a recent conference of T. A. Early, inspector of correctional institutions, with West Byrum, chairmen of the Chowan County Commissioners. Mr. Early recently made an inspection of the local jail and was frank in telling Mr. Byrum that unless some definite steps were soon taken to build a new jail, he would padlock the local jail. In this case it would be necessary for Chowan County to carry prisoners to jails wherever room could be found.

In a letter to Mr. Byrum, Mr. Early referred to an inspection he made on February 18 and later conferred with Mr. Byrum to see if there was not some near future prospect for a new jail in the county. "Mr. Byrum's explanation for the delay seems plausible," said Mr. Early, "but at the same time it is evident that too often the jail is the one facility that is put at the bottom of the list. Barring emergencies, it is possible to get along for a while longer."

Mr. Early stated that on the date of his inspection he found four young white boys confined. "They were involved in a wreck following pursuit by local officers and wound up in the Albemarle Sound," he said. "It was necessary to hold these boys and the one who was under 16 years of age was held in the only room you have for women prisoners. If you had had women confined at the time, the boy would have had to be transferred to another county. This incident is of a minor nature in relation to what might occur to cause general embarrassment due to lack of proper facilities.

"There is no adjoining county that has a jail to take care of your overflow. Bertie might be able to do so, but they are usually well filled up. All of those conditions and circumstances were discussed, but for the record I want to set them out in this report so that it may be kept clear in everyone's mind that the need for a new jail is worthy of being placed at the top of the list.

"Mr. White is doing an excellent job with what he has. However, the situation worries him and justly so because of his inability to offer reasonable accommodations for those who come under his responsibility. I have no suggestions regarding improvements to the present building, but I stand ready to cooperate with you in the planning of a new jail."

Mr. Byrum read Mr. Early's letter to the Commissioners and stated that the time is not too far away when the county will be obliged to build a new jail to replace the one in continuous use since about 1767. Realizing the situation the county is in regarding a new jail, the Commissioners have included it as one of its three major and incidentally expensive projects. Aside from a new jail the Commissioners are considering a revaluation of property and remodeling the Byrum building recently purchased to provide office space for the various county agencies.

Mrs. Joe Webb, Jr., Named As Assistant Perquimans Agent

Mrs. Joe Webb, of Chowan County, has been appointed to the position of Assistant Home Agent for Perquimans County, effective March 16. Approval of the appointment was voted last Monday by the Perquimans Board of Commissioners.

Mrs. Webb was selected for the post by the State Extension Office, and she will work in Perquimans County on a full time basis, succeeding Mrs. Clara Boswell, who has been working as assistant agent in both Perquimans and Chowan counties, serving each county on a part-time basis.

CIVIC CALENDAR

National Peanut Week is being observed this week.

Red Cross 1955 fund raising drive is now in progress.

Sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club another pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside will be held Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16.

Chowan Council No. 54, Degree of Pochontas, will sponsor an Easter dance in the Edenton armory Saturday night, April 9, starting at 9 o'clock.

Turkey School will be held this (Thursday) morning at 9 o'clock at the Chowan Community Building.

Edenton Lions Club will meet Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men meets Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

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