

## Edenton USO Club Definitely To Close After February 15

### "Cannot Continue This Service" Says Reg- ional Executive

Hopes for maintaining the Edenton USO Club in Edenton faded late last week when David M. Robinson, Regional Executive, answered a number of letters written by Edenton people asking for reconsidering closing the club as of February 15.

"We regret very much that we cannot continue this service," wrote Mr. Robinson, "but in view of our responsibility to serve the greatest number with the funds that we have available, we feel that we are justified in closing the Edenton operation at this time.

"We will be happy to consider re-establishing services in Edenton if and when there should be an appreciable expansion of military personnel. I agree fully with your point of view in regard to the 1,200 to 1,500 Marines stationed at Edenton and the importance of meeting their needs. I think, however, that you would have to agree that when we have the same conditions existing and 3,000 to 5,000 men with no service, it only means that there are more people who have problems and more needs to be met. Therefore, it is upon this basis that we are being forced to adjust services from time to time in order to meet the needs of the greatest number.

"If the good people of America would ever become fully conscious of the needs of these boys, we would not have any problems in serving them even where the numbers are not so great. But until such time, I'm afraid we are going to have to constantly adjust services as we are doing now along the line of meeting the greatest need for the greatest number.

### New Brown Building Nearing Completion

An attractive building is nearing completion on the M. G. Brown Company property along the Windsor highway almost opposite Boswell's Restaurant. The new brick structure will be the future location of the M. G. Brown Company office and will also serve as a display room for products sold by the concern.

A formal opening of the new addition to the Brown concern is scheduled to be held when the building is completed, which is expected to be in the very near future.

## Heart Diseases Cause Of 66 Per Cent Chowan County's Deaths During Year Of 1956

### Interesting Facts Re- leased By Dr. Ed- ward G. Bond

Heart diseases were the leading cause of death in Chowan County during the past year, accounting for more than all other causes combined.

Based on statistics compiled by the North Carolina State Board of Health, 69 deaths in this area were due to heart and circulatory diseases. With deaths from all causes during the period totaling 104, deaths from cardiovascular diseases amounted to 66 per cent.

These figures, according to Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman of the Edenton 1957 Heart Fund, closely parallel the national pattern for 1956, the latest year for which vital statistics for all of the United States are available. In that year, the heart and blood vessel diseases accounted for 53 per cent of deaths from all causes.

In Chowan County, the leading cause of death, after accounting for the heart and blood vessel diseases, according to Public Health statistics, were: Cancer, 11; accidents, 10; pneumonia, 6; prematurity, 3, and nephritis, 2.

"While great progress has been made in the battle against the heart diseases in the past decade," Dr. Bond said, "the heart and blood

### New Chaplain

Chaplain C. H. Iley has arrived at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station, where he will succeed Chaplain John Mates. Mr. Iley recently returned from a tour of duty in Japan and Okinawa and will live in the officers' quarters at the base.

His home is in Annapolis, Md., where his wife teaches school and his two sons are enrolled in a junior high school.

Chaplain Mates will remain at the Edenton base a few weeks before being transferred.

### Jail Expense Hits New Record High

### 64 Inmates Boost Jan- uary Bill to Total Of \$780.43

What is considered the largest monthly bill for the upkeep of prisoners in Chowan County in at least the last 30 years and probably an all-time record was presented to the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday.

Jailer Herman White reported that 64 persons were placed in jail during January with confinements ranging from one to 31 days, the cost amounting to \$780.43. This figure includes jail and turnkey fees, scouring the jail, telephone bill, soap and washing powder.

What helped boost the bill was the fact that the expense of at least eight of the prisoners amounted to \$40 or more.

### CIVIC CALENDAR

Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Edenton armory Tuesday, February 12, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. The county's quota is 115 pints.

Fund-raising drive for the American Heart Association will be in progress in Chowan County through Thursday, February 28.

Jaycees will sponsor "Points For Polio" in the Junior-Senior High School gymnasium Tuesday night, February 12, starting at 7:30 o'clock with two basketball games scheduled to be played.

Revival services at the Edenton Methodist Church will terminate with the service Friday night, February 8.

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### Rotary President



ROBERT S. MARSH  
Edenton Rotarians at their meeting Thursday elected Robert S. Marsh, assistant county agent, new president of the club. Mr. Marsh will take over the presidency the first meeting in July, succeeding George A. Byrum.

### Two Petitions Ask For Improvement To Chowan Roads

### Sections of Wild Cat Road and Short Lane Involved

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning received two petitions requesting the N. C. Highway and Public Works Commission to provide relief for two roads in the county.

The first was a request to hard-surface the Wildcat road from the Macedonia road to within 1 1/2 miles of N. C. 32. The half mile is already paved. On the road are 20 houses and one church and it was pointed out that this road is traveled much more than some of the already paved roads.

The other request was for the State to take over and maintain Short Road leading from Highway 17 to the REA sub-station, a distance of about half a mile. On the road are four houses and it was reported to be practically impassable at times.

The Commissioners approved the petitions, which will be sent to Raleigh for consideration.

### Schuman Director Of Choral Society

### Idea Is Conceived By Woman's Club as a Civic Project

A non-sectarian adult choral society, representing the Chowan-Albemarle area, came to a reality the last of January when about 30 people met at the Edenton Baptist Educational Building and took the necessary steps to form a permanent organization.

Richard Schuman of the Edenton radio station, a well qualified musician, was chosen as the choir director.

The choir, an idea conceived by the Woman's Club, was organized as a civic project for the purpose of giving the people of Chowan and the surrounding counties an opportunity to receive voice instruction in the fundamentals of choir music in order that they may find happiness and give pleasure to others through the medium of singing. Instruction will be given in both sacred and secular songs. Programs will be presented at various times.

The choir meets each Friday at 7:30 P. M., in the Baptist Church Educational Building on South Granville Street. A cordial invitation to become a member of this choir is extended to men and women of the Chowan-Albemarle section who can sing or wish to learn to sing.

### COUNTY DEBT REDUCED

West Byrum, Chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners, was authorized to pay \$9,259.62 on the county's indebtedness. The amount represents \$2,094.73 school building bonds and coupons due March 1 and \$7,164.89, also school building bonds and coupons which fall due March 15.

## Plans Ordered For Disposal Of Sewage At Chowan School

### County Commissioners Concerned About Money Demands

Looking ahead to the new fiscal year, still about five months in the offing, Chowan County Commissioners on Monday sensed a serious problem in raising money for needs already cropping up and not included in the usual operation of the county government, which will have to be considered in next year's budget.

Spearheading the anticipated expenditures was a visit by members of the County Board of Education. With Chairman Geddes Potter as spokesman for the group, "I'm presenting a 'must' for the Board of Education," said Mr. Potter, "and it is in the form of a compulsory request for funds."

He then went on to say that his board was ordered by the State Sanitation Committee to abandon the present sewage system at Chowan High School which empties into Dillard's Creek and instead construct a sewage disposal system. Mr. Potter stated that the Board of Education must present plans to abandon the present system before March 1 and that the new system is expected to be completed by December 1.

It is estimated that a disposal plant to care for the school's needs will cost approximately \$10,000, of which there is a possible chance of receiving 30 per cent from federal funds. In the meantime the Board of Education remained in the good graces of the Sanitation Committee by applying for a permit to allow use of the present system until a new system can be constructed.

The situation was considered at length and assurance that the Board of Education will comply.

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### Methodist Revival Ends Friday Night

### Dr. Clovis G. Chappell Preaching Twice Each Day

Revival services are in progress in the Edenton Methodist Church, at which Dr. Clovis Chappell of Waverly, Tennessee, is preaching. The series of meetings began Sunday morning and will come to a close at the evening service Friday.

During this week services are held each morning at 10:15 o'clock and each night at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of the remaining services.

## Miss Rachel Wilder Chosen DAR Good Citizen In Edenton

### Paper Will Be Entered In Contest For State Honor

Miss Rachel Wilder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Wilder of Route 3, Edenton, was chosen as the D.A.R. Good Citizen from Edenton Junior-Senior High School by members of the senior class and faculty members.

The girls, who are chosen as D.A.R. Good Citizens, are selected from the senior class of public high schools in the State, and should possess the following qualities to an outstanding degree:

1. Dependability
2. Service
3. Leadership
4. Patriotism

In October a form questionnaire was given Miss Wilder which she was required to fill out, without having seen the questionnaire until she was ready to take the test and without help from any source.

### Give Blood

Next Tuesday, February 12, the Red Cross bloodmobile will again visit Edenton and will be at the armory from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M., for the purpose of receiving blood donations. There is a critical need of blood here in Edenton, so that Joe Swanner, blood bank program chairman, appeals to Chowan County citizens to turn out in goodly numbers in order to reach or exceed the county's quota of 115 pints.

### Commissioners Join Effort To Remedy Tobacco Injustice

### Adopt Resolution as Passed By Lee Com- missioners

At the request of the Commissioners of Lee County, Chowan County Commissioners on Monday approved a resolution to be sent to Congress in a fight what is termed injustice done flue-cured tobacco farmers in the administration of the Soil Bank program.

The resolution points out that the purposes of the acreage reserve phase of the Soil Bank program is to reduce surpluses and further cut production of certain crops and that the extent of participation by farmers in the Soil Bank is determined by the rate of pay per unit and acreage and the limitation of maximum acreage for each commodity.

The resolution states that the additional 20 per cent cut in acreage proposed by the 1957 tobacco crop and the discounting of the heavier producing varieties by USDA, which may cut production still another 10 per cent, will cause undue hardship on flue-cured tobacco farmers and particularly the

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### DAR Good Citizen



MISS RACHEL WILDER  
A member of the senior class at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School, Miss Rachel Wilder has been chosen the D.A.R. Good Citizen from Edenton. She will be entered in a State contest to be held in Charlotte March 25-27.

### Points For Polio Scheduled To Be Held February 12

### Two Games of Basket- ball Planned In School Gym

Sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce "Points For Polio" will be staged in the Edenton Junior-Senior High School gymnasium Tuesday night, February 12. The proceeds of the two games of basketball will go into the March of Dimes fund. Thomas Byrum is chairman of the Points For Polio project.

Edenton's Jaycees will start the Polio for Points at 7:30 o'clock with the main event, Edenton's Aces vs. Washington, scheduled to begin about 8:15.

It is hoped that many will attend the affair in order to enjoy the two games of basketball as well as help to swell the March of Dimes contributions.

### ASC Office Now In New Quarters

### Located In Former J. L. Batton Construc- tion Office

Chowan County Commissioners on Monday approved leasing a building to serve as offices for the Chowan County ASC office, which heretofore were housed in crowded quarters in the basement of the Edenton Post Office.

The ASC office is now located in the building on North Broad Street formerly occupied by the J. L. Batton Construction Company, leased from John Mitchener at a rental of \$60 per month, with the county required to furnish lights, water and sewerage facilities. The lease is for the period between February 1 and January 31, 1958.

The new building will provide more room for the work of the ASC office and will also provide more parking space for farmers who are obliged to visit the office.

### Chowan FFA Chapter Father-Son Banquet Is Scheduled For Feb. 8

Future Farmers of America of Chowan High School will hold their annual Father-Son Banquet Friday night, February 8. The banquet will be held in the school cafeteria beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

A varied program will be presented by the students, which promises to be very interesting for all who attend.

### NO ROTARY MEETING

Due to the Rotary District Conference held in Elizabeth City Sunday and Monday of this week, the Edenton Rotary Club will not meet today (Thursday). Local Rotarians who attended the conference will be given credit for the meeting.

## Dr. Edward G. Bond Is Named Chairman Local Heart Fund

### Nuthin' Doin'

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday turned thumbs down on an inquiry if an extension would be granted to list property for the purpose of 1957 taxation. The deadline to list without a penalty was Saturday, February 2, so that those who failed to list by that time will be penalized 10 per cent.

### Rotarians Elect Marsh President

### Club Elects Officers at Meeting Held Thurs- day Afternoon

Rotarians at their meeting Thursday elected officers for the new Rotary year which will begin the first meeting in July.

Robert S. Marsh, Chowan County's assistant county agent, was elected president and will succeed George Alma Byrum, at present serving as president.

Dr. Ed Bond was elected vice-president, with Jimmy Earnhardt Elton Forehand, Bill Perry and W. B. Rosevear elected as directors of the club.

During the meeting the club voted unanimously to again sponsor Troop 156 of the Edenton Boy Scouts.

### Masons Planning To Observe Ladies' Night Friday, February 22nd

William Adams, master of Unity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., has announced that Masons will observe Ladies' Night at a banquet to be held in the dining room of the Masonic Temple Friday night, February 22, at 7 o'clock.

Any of the members or visiting Masons who plan to attend the affair must notify Louis George Wilkins, secretary, not later than Friday, February 15, so that reservations can be made.

### AUXILIARY MEETING

St. Paul's Auxiliary will meet in the Parish House Tuesday afternoon, February 12, at 1 o'clock, at which time the program will be in charge of Mrs. W. B. Rosevear.

Mrs. L. A. Patterson, president of the Auxiliary, urges all members to be present.

### Drive For Funds Will Be Held February 1 Through 28th

Dr. Edward G. Bond will be chairman of the 1957 Heart Fund campaign in Edenton, it was announced early this week.

The North Carolina Heart Association, which is affiliated with the American Heart Association, will conduct its annual fund-raising drive from February 1 through February 28. The campaign will reach a peak on Heart Sunday, February 24, with a door-to-door collection conducted by scores of local Heart Fund volunteers.

The purpose of the annual drive, Dr. Bond says, is to support the association's research, lay an educational foundation, and community service programs.

"The heart diseases account for more deaths last year than all other causes of death combined. Moreover, one in every 16 persons in the United States suffers from a heart or cardiovascular ailment," Dr. Bond stated. "With the stakes so high, each of us has the responsibility to serve our Heart Association actively as a volunteer, if possible, and certainly as a contributor to the forthcoming drive."

Research is the primary weapon in the attack on the heart problem, Dr. Bond pointed out. An average of 40 per cent of all funds raised by Heart Associations throughout the country last year was allocated to scientists and scientific research, he said.

"More knowledge about the heart and blood vessel diseases has been gained through research in the past 30 years than in the preceding 30 centuries," Dr. Bond continued. "But we still do not know the exact mechanisms that cause hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure and rheumatic fever, the three disorders that are responsible for 90 per cent of all heart disease. Progress in finding answers to these unknowns depends upon research, which, in turn, depends upon your support."

### Altar Society Will Sponsor Card Party

The Ladies' Altar Society of St. Ann's Catholic Church will sponsor a card party at the American Legion hall Friday night, February 15, at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served and table and door prizes will be awarded.

Tickets for the party may be purchased from any of the ladies of the Altar Society, at the door or by phoning Mrs. Calabrese at 3398.

## Freshman Class Campaign For Afflicted Classmate Results In Fund Of \$614.72

### Contributions Still Ac- cepted To Help De- lores Long

Reports up to Tuesday morning show that during the observance of Delores Long Week, which was observed in Edenton last week, \$614.72 had been contributed toward the medical expenses of Delores Long, a member of the freshman class at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School, who is a victim of Hodgkins Disease. The classmates of the girl sponsored a drive to raise funds, all of whom express their appreciation to all those who made contributions during the drive.

Although last week was designated as a week to raise funds, anybody who so desires may make a contribution by mailing it to the Delores Long Fund, in care of the Edenton Postmaster. Mrs. Herbert Hollowell, Jr., home room teacher of the girl, as well as any member of the freshman class, will also be glad to accept any contribution for the fund, which will go to help pay medical expenses.

Friends will regret to know that due to her condition the unfortunate girl was obliged to enter Chowan Hospital Saturday.

### 20 Years Ago

Contracts to build the vehicular bridge across Albemarle Sound were awarded, after dickerling for four or five years, at a cost of \$1,595,000, about half a million dollars more than originally estimated.

Chowan Red Cross Chapter responded magnificently to a nationwide appeal for financial help in easing the suffering of the Ohio and Mississippi flood victims.

At a special meeting Town Council leased a tract of land 210 x 310 feet to J. L. Wiggins in connection with the Wilkes Veneer Mill.

County Commissioners voted to again stand the expense of a typhoid and diphtheria clinic to be held in March.

Norfolk Southern Railroad added an extra freight train three times a week from Edenton to Macksays.

Whooping cough and chicken pox led in an outbreak of contagious diseases in Chowan County.

Dr. M. P. Whichard presented a comprehensive report of his first month's duties as county health officer.

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