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Work On Marine Glider Base Begins Next Week

Special Meeting Chamber Commerce Called Tonight In Court House At 6 O'clock

Plans Will Be Discussed For Activities During New Year

WORK AHEAD
Likely Merchants Association and C. of C. Will Consolidate

Of especial interest to present, former and prospective members of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association is a meeting to be held tonight (Thursday) at 6 o'clock, in the Court House. This meeting has been called by J. W. Davis, president of the Chamber of Commerce, whose term of office expires this week.

One of the principal matters to be discussed at the meeting is the amalgamation of the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association in order to provide a stronger organization both in members and finances to cope with conditions as they are expected to materialize during the year. At present there are quite a few merchants who are members of both organizations, the activities of each in some cases at present overlapping.

Richard Elliott, recently elected to succeed Mr. Davis as president of the Chamber of Commerce, is very much concerned about this meeting. He is scheduled to take over the reins of the organization next week and as president is very anxious to have plans of activities for the year generally discussed. He is especially desirous of having a large attendance at the meeting and urges those who attend to come prepared with suggestions as to what may be expected of the organization in the days just ahead.

Mr. Elliott says that a Chamber of Commerce in Edenton, at this particular time, especially in view of the fact that the Marine Glider Base will be constructed and that a large group of officers and enlisted men will be stationed at the base when completed, will call for more work.

EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY NEEDED TO WIN WAR, CONGRESSMAN HERBERT BONNER SAYS, AT LEGION MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

R. L. Pratt and Mrs. Pratt Installed as Commander of Ed Bond Post and President of Auxiliary; Visiting Legionnaires Attend Meeting

Climaxed by a stirring address by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, one of the most outstanding Legion meetings was held in the Court House Tuesday night, at which time officers of the Ed Bond Post, the Legion Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary were installed. The installation was rather unique, for it was the first time in the history of the Post that a man and his wife headed the two organizations, R. L. Pratt becoming the new commander of the Post, while Mrs. Pratt is now president of the Auxiliary.

Prominent Legionnaires from Elizabeth City and Hertford were present, each group being accompanied by their Post commanders. Dr. H. A. Thorson is commander of the Seth Perry Post of Elizabeth City, and B. C. Berry is commander of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of Hertford. Each of these men, as well as other Legionnaires, conveyed greetings from their respective Posts and assured wholehearted cooperation in any way possible to advance the welfare of the Legion.

Roland Garrett, district commander, was scheduled to install the officers, but after a brief but interesting and encouraging address, he called upon Jesse P. Mercer to officiate.

The newly elected and appointed officers were arranged in a line, where Mr. Mercer informed them of the duties devolving upon them in their new capacities and also appealed to their comrades to assist in every way possible to carry on the Legion's affairs.

Post officers installed were: R. L.

Relief At Last

According to County Agent C. W. Overman, rains last week have greatly helped crops in Chowan County. While the dry weather has damaged corn to a great extent, as well as other crops, the rain came in time to help late corn, peanuts and cotton.

Home gardens have suffered severely from the drought, but gardeners can now start fall vegetables.

War Ration Board In New Quarters

Move From Municipal Building to Citizens Bank

Unless plans miscarry, headquarters of the Chowan County War Price and Ration Board will, after today (Thursday) be located in the Citizens Bank Building. The three rooms on the mezzanine floor, formerly occupied by Lela's Beauty Salon, have been rented for the purpose.

The new quarters will provide more needed room for the War Ration Board which, since it was organized, has been occupying the Town Council Chambers in the Municipal Building. However, since the first rationing went into effect, the work has rapidly expanded so that the Municipal Building could scarcely accommodate the crowds coming before the Board, and at the same time more or less disrupted the entire town government.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT
Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold its regular communication tonight at 8:30 o'clock, in the Court House. All members as well as any visiting Masons, are invited to attend.

Pratt, L. E. Griffin, T. L. Ward, Joe Boyce, Thomas J. Wood, C. E. Kramer, W. H. Gardner, Jesse W. White, J. L. Chestnutt, John A. Holmes, R. E. Leary, W. W. Byrum, J. W. Davis, Richard D. Dixon, W. J. Yates, P. S. McMullan, S. W. Moore, Geddes Potter, T. C. Byrum, O. E. Duncan and R. F. Elliott.

Those installed for the Auxiliary were: Mrs. Robert L. Pratt, Mrs. O. B. Perry, Mrs. Jesse W. White, Mrs. Thomas J. Wood and Mrs. L. S. Byrum.

The Junior Auxiliary officers are: Lillian Byrum, Josie White, Dorothy Lee Chestnutt, Mary MacDonald Holmes, Charlotte Bunch and Mary Griffin.

The Court House was comfortably filled for the occasion and with John A. Holmes, retiring commander, presiding, Mayor J. H. McMullan was asked to make the address of welcome. He was followed by John A. Holmes, who briefly reiterated the purposes of the Legion and the good accomplished since its organization. Then followed greetings from visitors, who were recognized by Commander Pratt as he took over the reins of administration.

Mr. Pratt thanked the Legionnaires for the honor bestowed upon him and while he promised his best efforts in the Legion's behalf, he appealed for the support and cooperation of the membership as a whole.

District Commander Garrett, at this point, interrupted the proceedings to present to John A. Holmes awards for meritorious service of the

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"LAST CALL"

Several weeks ago The Herald sent notices to some 800 subscribers whose subscriptions expired during May, June and July, notifying them that unless the subscriptions had been renewed before July 31, it would be necessary to drop them from the circulation list. Many of these subscribers have either sent or brought in their renewal, but there still remains quite a few who failed to comply.

As stated in the notice, postal regulations prohibit sending papers under second class rates which are not paid in advance, and even without this regulation, supplies and operating expenses in connection with publishing a newspaper have greatly advanced, so that The Herald could not afford to continue sending papers without which the regular subscription price has not been paid.

It is not the desire of The Herald to lose a single subscriber, but unless delinquent subscribers pay up by tomorrow (Friday) it will be necessary to drop them from the list. Attend to this matter today so that you do not miss an issue of the paper!

Pre-School Clinics In Chowan County Will Start Aug. 7

Parents Urged to Take Children Entering School

Dr. John S. Chamblee, health officer of the Bertie-Chowan District, announced this week that pre-school clinics will be held in Chowan County during the month of August.

These clinics are held for the purpose of examining all children who are to enter school for the first time next year so that physical defects may be corrected before they enter. The children are also weighed and measured and vaccinated for smallpox and diphtheria, if this has not been done previously.

All parents who have children of this age are urged to make arrangements for their children to attend a clinic and one parent should be with the child so his or her condition may be discussed with the parent.

The clinics are to be held at the following schools on the dates shown: August 7—Edenton and Advance white schools at Edenton High School from 10 to 12, and August 10, from 1:30 to 3.

August 14—Chowan High School, 10 to 12.

August 17—Rocky Hook Central School, 10 to 12.

August 21—Edenton, Virginia Fork and Ryans Grove colored schools at Edenton Colored High School from 10 to 12.

August 28—St. Johns, Triangle, Cedar Grove, Pleasant Grove and Yeopim colored schools at St. Johns school from 10 to 11.

August 28—White Oak colored school from 11 to 12.

Mrs. McCullers Resigns As Teacher At School

Upon her return from Raleigh to spend several days, Mrs. C. L. McCullers announced that she had resigned as a member of the Edenton school faculty. Reason for her resignation is due to her husband now being in the army and her desire to be nearer her relatives. Mrs. McCullers has accepted a position to teach in the Garner school.

Mr. McCullers is now a private at Fort Bragg, where he is a member of the reception center band. He expects to spend a week-end in Edenton in a week or two.

Charlie Wood Now Wearing Gold Wings

Charles H. Wood, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wood, has successfully completed his advanced aircraft carrier flight training at the Naval Air Station at Miami, Fla., and has been appointed Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Ensign Wood now wears the Navy's coveted Wings of Gold which he was presented by Captain G. F. Bogan, USN, commanding officer.

He was introduced to naval aviation at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base at Atlanta, Ga., and after advanced training at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., was selected for special instruction in take-offs and landings from aircraft carriers.

Bonner Assisting In Investigation Of Higgins Contract

Leaves For New Orleans After Addressing Legionnaires

Following Congressman Herbert C. Bonner's appearance in Edenton Tuesday, when he addressed the Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary, he proceeded to New Orleans. Mr. Bonner is ranking Democratic member of a special committee from the Merchant Marine Committee of the House of Representatives designated to investigate the cancelling of the Higgins boat contract at New Orleans.

Mr. Bonner stated that in all probability the committee will be in New Orleans for at least a week, and that from the outlook, based on the hearings so far conducted in Washington, he will be unable to enjoy a vacation during the recess of Congress, as he intends to give his full time to this responsible duty.

26 More White Men Called From Chowan

Group Will Leave For Fort Bragg August 6 At 8 A. M.

Though Chowan County was asked to send 35 white men to Fort Bragg on August 6, only 26 will be called and will leave at 8 o'clock on the morning of August 6 from the Edenton Armory. This group will receive their final examination and, if passed, will return home for a 14-day furlough, after which they will return and be assigned duties in the Army.

One of the number called, C. L. McCullers, has already joined the army, but the local Draft Board has had no official notification.

The group scheduled to leave, aside from McCullers, follows: Riley Copeland Byrum, Jarvis Henry Chappell, Joseph Calvin Parks, William Edward Barrow, James Norfleet Pruden, Daniel Patrick Reeves, George Wesley Copeland, Lloyd Ephraim Bunch, Ellie Edward Nixon, Ernest A. Swain, Jesse L. Harrell, Colbert Western Byrum, Will Winborne Bunch, Noah Bateman, Wilbur Wheeler, Earl Delbert Outlaw, Joe Webb, Jr., William Clarence Bass, Percy Judson Satterfield, Edgar Lee Sadler, Robert Eugene Cobb, Charlie W. Swanner, Marian Winfred Bunch, C. O. Myers, Jr., and Carroll Dewey Chappell.

Bay View Barber Shop Soon In New Quarters

Ernest White's Bay View barber shop will move from its present location on East King Street to the Dixon Building, just across the street, formerly used by E. C. Alexander as the Singer Sewing Machine headquarters and now used temporarily by the Merchants Association.

The building at present occupied by Mr. White was bought by Thomas B. Wood. Mr. White expects to move in a week or two.

Owners Of Land Informed Wednesday To Prepare To Vacate As Soon As Possible

Total Payroll Town Employees Boosted \$2,583 Coming Year

Councilmen Sit Through Another Lengthy Session

ALL REAPPOINTED

First Steps Taken to Curb Unfortified Wine Nuisance In Town

Members of Town Council sat through another long meeting Thursday night of last week, when they met in special session to set salaries and employ Town employees. At the outset of the meeting, it was generally agreed that due to soaring living costs and the high wages available at the local Marine Glider Base, as well as defense projects in nearby places, it would be necessary to raise salaries if employees were expected to continue in the Town's employ.

Each office was considered separately and, after going over the list, the salary increase for all employees for the year amounts to \$2,583. Of this amount, \$630 goes to the regularly appointed Town employees, while \$2,583 goes to street department employees.

As the offices were considered by the Councilmen, the tax collector's salary of \$65 per month remains the same, except that the 50-cent fee for making out tax certificates for delinquent taxes is to be collected by her instead of being turned into the general fund, as had been decided several months ago. The Town collector also receives \$65 per month from the E. & W. Board.

The Town clerk's salary was raised from \$100 per month to \$110, from which an office assistant is paid. To this is added \$90 per month from the E. & W. Board.

The salary of the Chief of Police was raised from \$162.50 per month to \$165, while the first night police (Continued on Page Six)

66-foot Steel Flag Pole Will Replace Elm Tree On School Grounds

One of the elm trees on the Edenton High School grounds was cut down late last week, the tree having almost completely died. In its place will be erected a high flag pole which will extend skyward 66 feet and from the top of which will wave Old Glory. The pole will be of steel, located on the Court Street side of the school building and will so display the nation's flag that it can be seen from all highways entering Edenton.

The steel pole has already arrived and will be put in place as soon as possible.

BANK OF EDENTON EXPANDING

Building Occupied by Mae Jackson's Beauty Parlor Will Be Added to Present Building For Banking Purposes

Because of gradual increase of business, the Bank of Edenton is now planning an expansion program which will almost double the present space for transacting business, as well as provide a more spacious lobby. The building adjoining the bank and for several years occupied by Mae Jackson's beauty parlor, will be added to the bank and when completed will make the building one of the most attractive banking houses in this section. The most modern and up-to-date fixtures will be installed throughout, with two entrances provided, the present entrance as well as a new entrance to the adjoining building.

The wall will be torn out between the two buildings with large and attractive columns serving as supports. The front of the adjoining building will undergo a complete change, so

Contractors' Equipment Expected to Arrive Monday

TRIPLE-A RATING

All Job-seekers Urged to Register at Employment Office

With tentative lines established for the Marine Glider Base, the "go-ahead" signal has been received by Lieutenant C. G. Prah, officer in charge, and actual construction work is expected to get underway early next week. Equipment of the construction companies, North Eastern Construction Company, Warren Brothers Roads Company and Beckham and Brooks, who will construct the base, was shipped from Augusta, Ga., on Monday and is expected to be unloaded at the site next Monday. Included in the equipment is bulldozers, tractors and various other pieces of equipment necessary for putting the project in shape for the erection of buildings and runways.

According to Lieutenant Prah, the project will take in practically all the land from the Albemarle Sound to Highway 32 on the north. On the east it will extend from Highway 32 to about the middle of the W. D. Pruden farm, exclusive of the Burton tract and most of the Albert Byrum farm at the northeast corner. The western boundary line will run from a point on the railroad track approximately three-quarters of a mile west of bridge through the Pruden farm, crossing the Soundside road approximately one-fourth of a mile east of the home on the Pruden farm occupied by R. O. Bennett. The line runs thence north to a point approximately one-half mile southwest of the C. Y. Parrish house, continuing east and connecting Highway 32 at the bend in the road at a house on the Fred Wood farm occupied by Jack Hendrix.

The project includes the Sandy Point farm west of the highway, all of Athol and Mulberry Hill, most of the A. C. Boyce land in the area, approximately one-half of the Pruden farm, a small part of the east side of the John G. Wood land and also through the Parrish farm, except that portion fronting on Highway 32 and not including his home.

All owners of the land affected, as well as tenants, have been notified of the Government's intention to use their land and given instructions as to the time to vacate, and whether or not they will have time to harvest crops. Some will be obliged to vacate within two or three weeks, while in some instances it may be possible to remain until crops are harvested.

The first operation, which is expected to begin early next week, will be in way of erecting temporary office buildings, storage sheds, shops and the like, as well as improvements to the Soundside road and the Montpelier road. Shortly thereafter, the contractors will start clearing the site for main operations. It is expected (Continued on Page Five)