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Edenton Boy Scouts Climax Scout Week By Having Court Of Honor At Rotary Meeting

27 Merit Badges Awarded to Boys During Meeting

TWO LIFE SCOUTS

Don King, Scout Executive, High In Praise Of District Work

Climaxing Boy Scout Week which was observed February 6-12, the Edenton Boy Scout Troop conducted a Court of Honor at the Rotary Club meeting in the Parish House Thursday. The Scout activities consumed the regular program period and provided no little information so far as most of the Rotarians are concerned as to what the Scouts really are doing.

During the Court of Honor, which was in charge of H. A. Campen, district chairman, 27 merit badges were awarded, two boys were promoted to Life Scouts, one advanced to second class Scout and one to first class Scout. Don King, Scout executive of the Albemarle Council, was also present at the meeting and was high in praise of the accomplishments of the troop and of the entire district, and for the interest recently developed relative to Boy Scouting in Edenton.

The two boys promoted in rank to Life Scouts were Clarence Leary, Jr., and West Byrum, Jr. To be a Life Scout, a boy must have earned 10 merit badges.

Merit badges were awarded by C. E. Kramer to the following:

Clarence Leary for Civics, cooking, public health, personal health, music, firemanship and safety.

Gurnie Hobbs for woodwork, carpentry, painting, machinery, wood-turning, wood carving, civics and life saving.

West Byrum for handcraft, path-finding, athletics, and civics.

Lloyd Griffin for civics.

William Leary for aviation.

Lester Stewart, who being out-of-town, was unable to be present, had qualified for merit badges for interpreting, cooking, civics, handcraft, pathfinding and bird study.

R. N. Hines presented a second class badge to Phillip McMullan, Jr., and J. Edwin Bufflap presented a first class Scout badge to Johnny Thigpen, Walter J. Taylor, Jr., has passed the various tests as a second class Scout, but had not appeared before the board of review in time to receive his badge at the meeting. This will be presented at the regular meeting of the troop.

At the conclusion of the awards, each Scout was asked to tell the Rotarians just what they had to do in order to be entitled to each merit badge, or to be advanced, which feature proved very interesting to the Rotarians.

CAMPAIGN TO COLLECT TIN CANS WILL START IN EDENTON ON FRIDAY MORNING

One of Town's Trucks Will Make Collection Third Friday In Month; Cans Must Be Properly Prepared to Be Taken From Curb

With the drive for scrap iron out of the way, R. C. Holland, Chowan County salvage chairman, has announced a campaign to collect tin cans, from which can be reclaimed vital metal for the war effort. Mr. Holland purposely delayed the drive for tin cans until the scrap iron drive was completed and he is now calling upon citizens to save every tin can possible.

Chairman Holland has arranged with J. Edwin Bufflap, street commissioner of Edenton, to have one of the town trucks make one collection a month, the day designated to make the rounds being the third Friday in each month, thus tomorrow (Friday) is the first collection day.

In connection with the drive a bin will be arranged on the town lot on the northwest corner of Broad and Water Streets, where the cans will be stored until they are disposed of for government purposes. This bin, so, will be constructed by the Edenton Street Department.

Mr. Holland is very anxious for everyone to be thoroughly acquainted with preparation of tin cans for collection for it is absolutely necessary that all paper be removed, that the cans are clean and also flattened. This latter requirement can easily be accomplished by cutting out both

Graduates



Petty Officer third-class Robert M. Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Dale, recently graduated from the Naval Armory Electrical College at Detroit, Michigan. Young Dale enlisted in the Navy May 17, 1942.

550 Red Cross Kits Sent To Charleston

Mrs. J. N. Pruden Delighted With Appearance and Number

Today (Thursday) Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter, shipped 550 Red Cross kits to Charles E. Cozard, field director at Charleston, S. C., port of debarkation. These kit bags are for service men who leave for overseas duty and contain many handy items for the men in uniform.

The bags were made by members of the county home demonstration clubs and home economics classes at Edenton and Chowan High Schools and were filled in the Cupola House by volunteer workers. Mrs. Pruden is well pleased with the appearance of the bags as well as the number sent from the Chapter, which was made possible by generous contributions on the part of various organizations as well as individuals. The number far exceeded expectations, when Mrs. Pruden appealed for contributions with which to make the remembrances for the service men.

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Final Report Shows Infantile Paralysis Drive Nets \$1,006.75

Chowan County Chapter's Share of Contributions \$496.77

EXPENSES \$13.21

State Chairman McDonald Congratulates Local Workers

Father F. J. McCourt, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, submitted a final report Wednesday of the campaign recently concluded, which boosted the total income in the drive to \$1,006.75, which amount is far above expectations when it was decided to conduct a house-to-house canvass instead of celebrating President Roosevelt's birthday by staging a dance.

The expenditures in connection with this year's drive amounted to \$13.21, this leaving \$993.54 to be divided equally between the Chowan Chapter and national headquarters, or \$496.77 each. This amount is by far the largest ever raised in Chowan County in previous campaigns to combat the disease.

Father McCourt desires to thank the canvassers, as well as those who contributed in any way to make the campaign the success that it was. He has also been complimented by Dr. Ralph McDonald, State chairman, who in a letter had this to say:

"Chowan County has broken its record several times this year in raising funds in the drive against infantile paralysis. I want to thank you personally, and congratulate you, for the magnificent job you, and those (Continued on Page Two)

Miss Mildred Owens Passes Examination To Enlist In WAAC

Ordered to Report at Fort Bragg For Duty Next Monday

Miss Mildred Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Owens, has successfully passed the physical examination to enter the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and is to report at Fort Bragg next Monday to enter the WAAC.

Miss Owens went to Fort Bragg Monday to undergo the rigid physical examination, which was completed Tuesday and she returned home on Wednesday. Until going to Fort Bragg she was employed by the Bank of Edenton and is the third Chowan County lady to enter the WAAC.

Miss Lena Jones has also issued applications to two more Chowan girls to enlist in the WAAC, which brings the number of applications issued to 10.

Red Cross Planning For War Fund Drive

Plans were being made Wednesday for the Red Cross War Fund drive, which will take the place of the usual Roll Call, and will be directed by W. J. Berryman.

Details of the drive will appear in The Herald next week.

Draft Board Gets Two Calls In March

40 Colored and 35 White Men Ordered From Chowan

Chowan County's Draft Board has received two more calls to furnish men for army duty during March. The calls are for 40 colored men on March 4 and 35 white men on March 23rd. The selectees have not yet been named, and though there appears to be no shortage in the colored ranks, there is doubt on the part of the Draft Board that the white quota can be met.

J. L. Wiggins, chairman of the Board, also stated that if any student is called who is 18 years, but has not reached 20, he may be deferred if request is made so that he can complete his studies.

Prices Of Peanuts Will Be Supported At Uniform Level

Oil Stock Peanuts on Parity With Edible Peanuts

\$1.29 PER TON

R. C. Holland Says Local Markets May Be Established

Peanut growers of Chowan County who increase production of peanuts this year in response to the government's appeal for more vegetable oil crops are assured of the same support prices for oil peanuts as are paid for edible nuts, according to information received from the U. S. Department of Agriculture by R. C. Holland, Chairman of the County USDA War Board.

A recent announcement by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, he said, provides for support of peanuts grown this year for oil and the edible trade at 85 percent of parity. This price, the chairman said, is an average of about \$129 per ton.

"It must be understood, however, that this is an average price, and is subject to differentials according to types and grades of the peanuts a farmer offers for sale," he said. "Prices at which peanuts will be supported according to types and grades will be announced at an early date."

Chairman Holland said plans are being considered by the Department for establishing local markets in counties that have sufficient peanut production. In all cases he is advised that growers will be paid in cash at time of delivery.

In an effort to assist farmers in meeting acreage goals this year, the Department recently announced that peanuts now stored in designated agency warehouses will be sold for cash for planting purposes. It also has been announced that farmers who have "excess" peanuts on hand may sell them to other growers for seed. Growers offering peanuts for sale must receive a certificate from the County AAA committee authorizing the sale.

New Schedule Hours For Rationing Board

Effective immediately, and until further notice the Chowan County War Price and Rationing Board will be open to the public from 8:30 until 12:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and from 8:30 until 5:30 on Wednesday and Saturday. On Wednesday and Saturday the office will be closed from 1 to 2 for lunch.

Sidney Smith Now Corporal In Army

Albert Sidney Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Smith, has been promoted to a corporal in the U. S. Army. Corporal Smith is a member of an armored division and is located at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

ODT Representative Will Be In Edenton To Solve Problems

William Stewart In C. of C. Office Thursday Of Next Week

For the benefit of any Chowan County people who may be experiencing transportation problems, William Stewart, of the Division of Motor Transport of the Office of Defense Transportation in Raleigh, will be in Edenton Thursday, February 25, to assist people in filling out appeals and in other matters pertaining to the ODT that may be causing confusion.

Mrs. Jimmy Gibbs, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, was advised that Mr. Stewart will be sent to Edenton on the aforementioned date with a request that her office be used for the purpose. This request was complied with, so that any who have any problems to solve should make it a point to see Mr. Stewart next Thursday.

Mr. Stewart's visit was arranged by William E. Butler, district manager of the Division of Motor Transport. Mrs. Gibbs' office is in the Citizens Bank Building.

Production Program Red Cross Surgical Dressings Necessary To Be Speeded Up

Air Raid Signals

For the benefit of Edenton citizens, and in the hope that they will familiarize themselves with the color code and audible signals for air raid warnings which went into effect at 12:01 a. m. Wednesday, T. C. Byrum, commander of the local Civilian Defense Corps, requested The Herald to reprint the new set-up, which follows:

BLUE

One continuous blast for two minutes duration on sirens. This is a mobilization and black-out order, but traffic may continue to move with restricted lights (low beam, or parking lights). Pedestrians may also use streets, but buildings and street lights black-out.

RED

Four short blasts (two shorts, a pause of 10 seconds, and two more blasts). This is an "all-out blackout."

WHITE

No signals to be used. This is an "All-Clear." Public notice will be given by turning on street lights, radio announcement and by the block wardens in each sector.

BLUE

The warning of blue will always follow the red. One long blast for two minutes will be given on sirens. This will continue the mobilization of the defense forces and also the black-out, but will permit traffic to move as heretofore under the restricted lights. Pedestrians also may travel on streets. This warning is a safeguard against the return of the enemy planes. If after 10 minutes, the planes fail to reappear, the "All-Clear" will be given.

Methodists Will Observe Laymen's Day Next Sunday

District Superintendent Will Also Hold Quarterly Conference

At the morning service in the Methodist Church next Sunday, the Rev. W. L. Clegg, district superintendent of Elizabeth City, will preach and at the conclusion of the service conduct the second quarterly conference.

At the service Laymen's Day will also be observed during which three laymen will make brief addresses. Those taking part on this program will be John A. Holmes, David Holton and J. Edwin Bufflap.

Every organization of the church will be expected to have a report to be presented at the quarterly conference.

REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR RATION BOOK NUMBER 2 BEGINS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Consumer Declaration and War Ration Book No. 1 Necessary to Secure New Book; Volunteers Needed to Help In Registration

Chowan County citizens will join the remainder of the nation Monday in a registration in order to secure War Ration Book H, which will be issued to each member of a household and will be necessary in order to purchase many items of food which will be placed in the rationed list. The registration will begin Monday and continue through Saturday, February 27.

While the registration is in progress all retail stocks affected will be frozen and none will be available until the point rationing goes into effect. However, grocery stores will remain open for the sale of those items which do not come under the ration order. In the meantime, storekeepers will be required to put their stocks in shape, so that customers will know the number of points allowed for each item sold.

As in the registration for Book I, the work will again be handled in the

180,000,000 In Nation Will Be Needed By March 15

66,000 LOCALLY

Mrs. W. H. Coffield Appealing For More Volunteers

Mrs. W. H. Coffield, chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter's surgical dressings project, has been informed by Mrs. Cordelia D. Wolf, administrator of the volunteer special service of the Eastern area, that as a result of a conference held with the War Department, it was found that 180,000,000 surgical dressings will be needed in the nation by March 15, in order to meet the requirements of the Surgeon General's office.

This means that the entire production program must be speeded up immediately, which has no little effect upon the local chapter's output.

To date Mrs. Coffield reports that there still remains to be made by the local chapter 18,000 dressings from the November quota of 27,000, which added to 18,000 of the December quota and January's quota of 30,000, makes a total of 66,000 dressings to be completed before March 15.

Mrs. Coffield, together with those volunteers who have been reporting faithfully to make these bandages, cannot possibly complete the number expected on time, and for that reason an urgent appeal is made for more volunteers. At a recent meeting of the supervisors, it was suggested that if every woman in Edenton would volunteer for only one hour a week, the dressings could be completed on schedule.

For the benefit of any who will contribute any time to this worthwhile project, the work is done at the Parish House every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. The week-day hours are from 10 to 12 o'clock in the morning, 3 to 5 in the afternoon and 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock at night. The Sunday hours are from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Coffield is very much interested in this work and will be delighted to have volunteers meet her at any time the classes are in session.

Ed Bond Post And Auxiliary Members To Attend Public Meeting

Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post will meet Friday night in the Court House, when Staff Sergeant John C. Jones of the Norfolk Ground Observer Section, will speak at a public meeting relative to the work of civilian plane spotters and their importance to the Army.

Robert L. Pratt, commander of the Legion post, and his wife, president of the Auxiliary, urge every member of their respective organizations to make a special effort to be present at the meeting, to which the public is also cordially invited to attend.

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