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## Soil Conservation Service Plans Four Miles Drag Line Work On Bear Swamp Canal

### Lengthy Conference In Washington By Congressman Bonner

TOTAL COST \$70,000

### Assistance of Local Interests Necessary to Complete Project

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, in a letter to The Herald, states that he had a lengthy conference late last week with Arnold Davis, executive assistant, and A. E. Jones, chief of operations, of the Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, discussing the Bear Swamp drainage project in Chowan and Perquimans counties. The Soil Conservation Service, according to Mr. Bonner, has definitely agreed to proceed with four miles of drag line work on the main canal in the Bear Swamp area, with an understanding that every possible assistance will be given by local interests in this initial phase of the entire project.

Dr. Hugh H. Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service, is most enthusiastically interested in the project, as well as are other officials in the Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Bonner feels confident that great benefit will be derived from the small part of this work that is now being initiated. He expressed the hope that all in the community will be so interested and appreciative of the assistance they are now receiving as to thoroughly organize the whole area for the purpose of eventually completing the entire project.

Dr. Bennett's office last week contacted contractors, asking for bids on drag line work for four miles of the project, which he stated upon completion. (Continued on Page Five)

## Potter Is Appointed Scout Commissioner At Virginia Meeting

### Five From Albemarle District At Lynchburg Conference

At a Boy Scout executive conference held in Lynchburg, Va., Saturday and Sunday, Geddes Potter was appointed Scout commissioner for the Albemarle District of Tidewater Council. Mr. Potter was present at the meeting, accompanying H. A. Campen, district chairman, and three Elizabeth City Scouters, Don King, Scout executive; Norman Shannonhouse, commissioner, and Holland Webster, a director of the National Council.

The Lynchburg meeting was in the nature of a training course, at which many phases of Scout activities were studied by a large group of Scouters. As a result of the conference, both Campen and Potter have become more imbued with Scouting and what it means to boys, and new ideas as well as a proper application of the fundamentals of Scouting will no doubt permeate future activities of the Edenton troop, as well as other troops in the district.

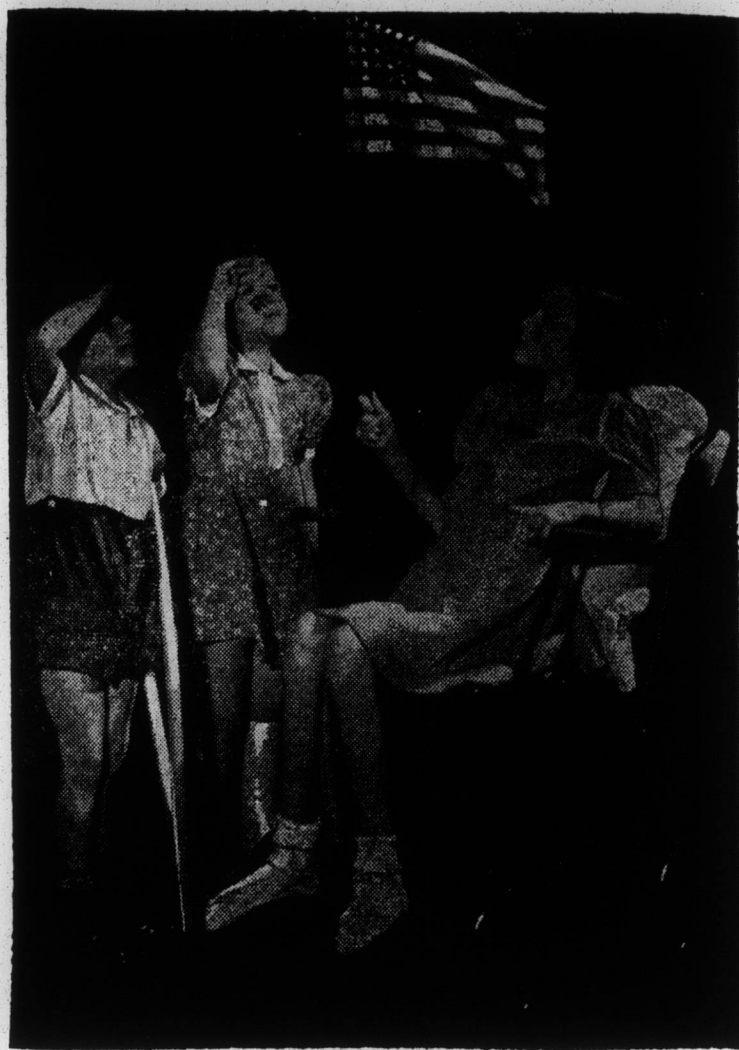
The five from the Albemarle District attending the conference were greatly impressed with the meeting, which was so arranged as to impart a maximum amount of information in a limited time.

## Birthday Present

Pupils in Miss Mary Lee Copeland's sixth grade at the Edenton school celebrated Adolf Hitler's 54th birthday Tuesday by buying on that day \$90.10 worth of stamps and bonds in order to help put the Fuehrer out of business.

There are 31 pupils in Miss Copeland's class, who thus far this year have invested \$842.20 in war savings stamps. The youngsters have set as their goal for the school year \$900, enough to pay for a jeep, and they are determined to reach this goal. Over two-thirds of the pupils in the room are regular buyers of stamps.

## NEXT SUNDAY IS EASTER



Still do the bells of Eastertide Ring hope for all where men are free; Still in the hearts of men abide Kindnesses born of liberty.

Of ringing truths He taught, they speak Deep-throated and with honest tongue— The final triumph of the meek And little folk He walks among.

When Easter dawn comes in again And rifting clouds with light are pearled, They will ring out their glad refrain, The promise of a better world.

BUY EASTER SEALS . . . GIVE NEW LIFE TO CRIPPLED CHILDREN

## Auxiliary Of Legion Hostess To District Members Tuesday

### State Officers Take Prominent Part on Day's Program

On Tuesday Ed Bond Post No. 40 of the American Legion Auxiliary was hostess to members of the First District at a luncheon held in the Baptist Church, when Mrs. D. M. Reeves, District Committeewoman, presided. Those taking part on the program were: Mrs. Victor Johnson of Pittsboro, department president; Mrs. E. C. Hudnell of Chocowinity, area vice president; Mrs. W. C. Alexander of Durham, department auxiliary chairman, and Miss Aurelia Adams of Pittsboro, department secretary.

The Rev. E. L. Wells, pastor of the Baptist Church, conducted the devotional with prayer and reading the 46th Psalm.

The salute to the flag was led by Mrs. Sadler, and the Preamble to the Constitution by Mrs. Roland Garrett, both of the Seth Perry Post, Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Roy Leary, of the hostess unit, welcomed the officers and delegates. Reports of the activities of the units were read by Mrs. D. R. Nixon, president of the Seth Perry Post, Elizabeth City, and by Mrs. R. L. (Continued on Page Six)

## Clara E. King First Chowan Colored Girl Called For WAAC

Clara E. King, Chowan County's first colored girl to be accepted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, on Monday reported at Fort Devens, Mass., Fourth WAAC training center, to undergo her basic training. She has been awaiting a call for about six weeks and left Edenton Friday very enthusiastic over the prospect of serving in the WAAC following completion of the training period.

## Bank Closed All Day On Easter Monday

Next Monday, April 26, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day in observance of Easter Monday. Patrons of the bank are, therefore, requested to transact their banking affairs accordingly.

## Navy Relief Dance Planned Saturday Night In Armory

### Affair Expected Attract Large Crowd From Albemarle Section

Another Navy Relief dance is scheduled to be held in the Edenton Armory Saturday night, April 24, with dancing beginning at 8 o'clock and continuing until midnight. The affair had been contemplated early in April but due to the Lenten season it was postponed until this week-end. With Lent closing on Saturday, it is expected that the dance will attract a large crowd.

Music for the dance will be furnished by the U. S. Naval Air Station Band of Elizabeth City, the same outfit which played for the Christmas party when the financial success of the party outstripped all expectations. That the music will be even superior to that furnished at the Christmas party is assured due to the fact that a number of instruments have been added to the band.

The Christmas affair is well remembered when Edenton made itself outstanding throughout Navy circles for the amount raised by the dance. The same management as handled the previous dance is hoping to have as successful a dance Saturday night, asking for the cooperation of Edenton people and those working at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station.

There will be no donations asked for the dance, the income depending upon straight admission tickets and the sale of chances on War Bonds. Interest is gradually being registered. (Continued on Page Five)

## Two Cases Docketed In Recorder Court Tuesday

Only two cases were tried in Recorder's Court Tuesday, one involving a colored man and the other a white man.

Luther Hagin was taxed \$50 and costs by Judge Marvin Wilson on several counts including damaging tenant property owned by F. W. Hobbs, also personal property owned by W. B. Wilkins and assaulting the latter. A charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor was dismissed.

Orrie Watson, colored, was found not guilty of assaulting Porter Jones and Everett Griffin, also colored.

## Except For Candidate For Mayor, Ticket For Edenton Election May 4 Shaping Up

### Court Day Late

Due to April 26 being Easter Monday, the Civil Term of Superior Court scheduled for the week will not begin until Tuesday morning. Judge Walter Bone will preside over the term, the only case definitely scheduled being that of Robert L. Chesson vs. Kieckhefer Container Company of Plymouth. This case involves a suit of breach of contract brought by Chesson, and attorneys for both sides believe the case can be wound up during the term.

The action has dragged through the courts, going to the Supreme Court and then being referred to a referee. Because of the possibility of error in testimony, the case was sent back to the Chowan Court for re-trial.

## Soil Conservation District Proposed For The Albemarle

### Chowan and Perquimans Farmers Keystone Of Organization

#### NOTHING TO LOSE

### Meetings Arranged to Explain Proposed Program

Chowan and Perquimans Counties have an opportunity to form a new soil conservation district proposedly called "The Albemarle Soil Conservation District," as announced recently by the North Carolina State Soil Conservation Committee at Raleigh. This district will later take in Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck Counties, as they choose to come in.

Farmers of Chowan and Perquimans Counties must decide whether they want the services of such an organization. It appears that farmers have all to gain and nothing to lose.

Farmers and land-owners may have some questions to ask, such as: What benefits can I receive? To whom am I obligated? Is cooperation compulsory? What does it cost me? What do I have to do? and many other questions.

For the purpose of answering these questions, explaining and discussing the program, meetings are called as follows:

Gliden — L. C. Briggs' Store, Thursday night, April 29, at 8:30.

Cross Roads—Chowan High School Auditorium, Friday night, April 30, at 8:30 o'clock.

Edenton—Chowan Court House, on Saturday afternoon, May 1, at 3:00 o'clock.

Rocky Hook—Rocky Hook School, Monday night, May 3, at 8:30 o'clock.

Every farmer in Chowan County is urged to attend one of these meetings. A representative of the State Office will be present to discuss the program.

## Tax Delinquents Be Advertised May 10

Following instructions from Town Council, Miss Louise Coke, town tax collector, will advertise property for sale on which 1942 town taxes have not been paid on Monday, May 10, with the sale scheduled to be held at the Court House door Monday, June 14.

The list of these delinquents will appear in The Herald in the issue of May 13.

## Red Men Change Hour Of Meeting To 8:30

Beginning next Monday night, the hour of meeting of Chowan Tribe of Red Men will be 8:30 o'clock, instead of 8 o'clock. The Tribe, each year, changes the time of meeting half-hour later in order to allow members living in the county a better opportunity to attend the regular meetings.

## Contest Develops For Election of Councilmen-at-large

### THREE IN RACE

### Saturday, April 24, Last Day For Candidates To File

Though up to Wednesday there were no announced candidates for Mayor of Edenton to be voted upon in the May 4th primary election, the ticket is gradually shaping up, and but for Mayor J. H. McMullan and Albert Byrum, councilman from the Third Ward, all members of the official family will make a bid for a berth for the next two years. Mayor McMullan, a few weeks ago, issued a statement that he would not be a candidate and up until Wednesday refused to change his decision. Albert Byrum also decided not to seek re-election, his reason being that too much of his time is taken up with the Chowan War Price and Rationing Board, of which he is chairman. Mr. Byrum was Mayor pro-tem as well as a member of the Finance Committee, one of the most important in the city administration.

Henry Gardner, this week, filed his candidacy for re-election as treasurer, a position he has held for a number of terms and for which there is little likelihood of opposition.

All three members of the Board of Public Works, W. W. Byrum, chairman; J. H. Conger and O. Branning Perry, will seek re-election and up to the time The Herald went to press Wednesday afternoon, there was no intimation of any other candidate seeking the office.

In the First Ward J. Clarence Leary will again be a candidate for Councilman. Mr. Leary is now serving his first term, and apparently will have no opposition for re-election. (Continued on Page Five)

## Lions Celebrate Sixth Anniversary

### Governor Tom Payne of Washington Principal Speaker

Edenton Lions, though handicapped by not having a regular meeting place, enjoyed a splendid meeting on Friday night in the Parish House when the Club observed the sixth anniversary banquet, at which the ladies were special guests. Close to 75 Lions and their wives, including visitors from Elizabeth City, Hertford and Washington, were on hand for the affair, for which a very interesting program was arranged.

President J. Clarence Leary, who presided until he turned the meeting over to W. J. Taylor as toastmaster, was delighted with the splendid turnout and expressed the hope that regular meeting quarters will soon be secured so that the Club's activities and fellowship can be resumed. The address of welcome was made by Dr. Wallace Griffin, while the principal address was made by District Governor Tom Payne, of Washington.

Governor Payne was high in his praise of the record of the Edenton Club and during his remarks expressed his pleasure at the progress and activities of the Clubs in his district.

A feature of the program was a Russian skit put on by C. E. Kramer, which was enjoyed by all present.

## Help! Help!

Mrs. W. H. Coffield, Red Cross surgical dressings chairman, is making an urgent appeal for workers in this important Red Cross work. According to Mrs. Coffield, the January, February, March and April quotas remain uncompleted and there must be more volunteers if this work is expected to be done.

For some reason a number of workers have failed to take part in the work of late, so that those who have continued cannot possibly cope with the task before them. Any and all volunteers will be greatly appreciated.