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FIVE EDENTON BROTHERS IN ARMED FORCES



CARL KEETER
Corporal in the Medical Department, stationed at Great Falls, Montana.



JOHN KEETER
Corporal in the U. S. Air Corps and stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.



JIMMIE KEETER
Sergeant in the Air Corps and now home for the first time in three years.



LUTHER KEETER
First Sergeant in a Medical Battalion, stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.



MELVIN THOMAS KEETER
Fireman Second Class in the United States Navy, stationed on U. S. S. Kearny.

Christmas Program Will Center Around Community Tree On Court House Green

Mayor Leroy Haskett Appointed General Chairman

CAROL SINGING Plans Completed For Affair on Christmas Day

Plans have been completed for a community Christmas tree to be placed on the Court House Green, and around which an appropriate program will be held on Christmas Day. The idea, first suggested by Abe Martin, director of the USO Club, has the support of both branches of the city government, the Rotary and Lions Clubs, Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, Red Men and Masons, each group furnishing members of committees who are arranging the affair.

Two meetings have already been held in the USO Club in connection with the affair, the first of which was held late last week and another on Monday afternoon. All preliminary arrangements have been made so that all that remains to complete the celebration is for details of the program to be worked out. The idea is for singing of Christmas carols around the tree to consume the greater portion of the program, though a brief address will no doubt be made by Chaplain Henry Chace of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, as well as a few feature numbers, possibly a colored quartet, a glee club from the Lions Club or a quartet from the Red Men. It is also planned to include a feature in honor of the boys and girls who will not be able to be at home to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

It is hoped that the tree and the program will attract a large number of local people, and service men and women at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station are especially invited to be present and join in the program. Mayor Leroy H. Haskett has been (Continued on Page Five)

Project Approved For Air Station

Taxiways to Be Constructed at Cost of \$142,861

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, late last week, informed The Herald that an additional project had been approved for new taxiways at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station. Congressman Bonner's letter follows: "Admiral B. Moreel, chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department, advises me that the Secretary of the Navy has approved an additional project for the Marine Corps Air Station at Edenton in the amount of \$142,861 for the purpose of constructing taxiways. "Admiral Moreel stated that construction would begin as soon as proper contracts could be negotiated."

Taste Of Winter

With falling temperature on Tuesday, Edentonians on Wednesday morning experienced the first snow fall of the winter, when early risers were surprised to see a blanket of snow about an inch deep which had fallen during the night. With skies overcast, snow continued to fall during Wednesday morning, reminding those who have lived farther north of a real old-fashioned blizzard.

Schools Close For Holidays On Friday

City Unit Will Be Given Two Weeks' Holiday For Christmas

John A. Holmes, superintendent of schools in the Edenton administrative unit, has announced that schools will close Friday for the Christmas season. The schools will remain closed for two weeks, with classes scheduled to convene again on Monday morning, January 3.

Many of the high school students are now working in various stores after school and will assist in the labor shortage by working full time next week when all stores will be open at night for the benefit of Christmas shoppers.

RECOVERING FROM INJURY
Mrs. Mattie Davis, proprietress of Fredell Florist and chairman of Red Cross knitting, is making satisfactory progress after having the misfortune of breaking one of her arms between the elbow and wrist. The injury resulted when Mrs. Davis tripped and fell on Broad Street.

Mayor Walking

Aside from being Mayor of Edenton, Leroy Haskett is a member of the gasoline panel of the Chowan War Price and Rationing Board, and in order to set an example in the matter of conserving gasoline, Mr. Haskett has, for some time, used the bicycle to get about instead of his automobile.

For convenience sake he parked the bicycle on his front porch, but he left it there once too often, and as a result, the wheel was stolen during last Thursday night's blackout test, causing the only blot on an otherwise very successful test.

Mayor Haskett missed the bicycle when he agreed to loan it to one of the Shore Patrolmen who wanted to ride around to see the Town. Though the police have been on the look-out for the bicycle, it had not been found up until the time The Herald went to press.

Five Keeter Boys Now In Armed Forces Of Nation

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keeter of Edenton

SET OF TWINS One Son Now Home After Three Years In Foreign Service

Though it isn't generally known, Edenton has two couples who have furnished as many as five sons for the nation's armed forces. These couples are Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank White, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keeter, and while Mr. and Mrs. White's contribution has appeared in The Herald before, no mention has previously been made as to Mr. and Mrs. Keeter's record.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeter have nine children, eight sons and a daughter, and five of the sons are now serving their country in the Armed Forces, the pictures of whom appear on this page. In the group are twins, Corporal John Keeter and Sergeant Jimmie Keeter, both in the Air Corps. The latter is now home on a surprise 21-day furlough after three years in foreign service.

Corporal Carl Keeter is connected with the Medical Department at Great Falls, Montana, while First Sergeant Luther Keeter is a member of a Medical Battalion at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He was a member of the former National Guard Unit in Edenton. Only one of the brothers is in the Navy, he being Melvin Thomas Keeter, who is Fireman Second Class on the U. S. S. Kearny.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeter are natives of Bertie County, having located in Edenton 15 years ago.

January Is Month For Listing Taxes

All Tax Payers Urged to File Property as Early As Possible

Listing of all personal and real property by persons, firms and corporations in Chowan County for the purpose of taxation will be required during the month of January, according to P. S. McMullan, Chowan County Tax Supervisor, who also desires to remind tax payers that failure to do so carries a penalty.

Mr. McMullan will be at the Court House in Edenton each Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock, in order to list property, which is in addition to the regular sittings of the tax listers in the four townships. Mr. McMullan also emphasizes the importance of the 1943 crop acreage, which information must be furnished by farm owners and tenants. In fact, the tax list will not be accepted until the farm census survey has been reported.

The four tax listers, each of whom urge listing of property as early as possible in their respective communities are: First Township—Mrs. P. S. McMullan. Second Township—P. L. Smith. Third Township—T. A. Berryman. Fourth Township—C. W. Parker.

Novel Idea At Camp Davis To Stimulate Interest In History

Replicas of Historic Shrines Built as Bird Houses

SPIRES REPLIES

Tea Party House One of Specimen in Ensemble Of Eastern Area

As a means of stimulating interest in North Carolina history among those of the armed forces who have never had the pleasure of visiting these parts, Miss Marguerite Colburn, one of the members of the staff at Camp Davis, is erecting a series of bird houses, constructed as replicas of historic shrines. Last week Colonel A. E. Potts, commanding officer, appealed to Clerk of Court E. W. Spires for a picture of the King house in which the Edenton Tea Party was held in 1774, to be included in the collection.

To date Miss Colburn has the Tryon Palace, Orton Plantation and Lord Cornwallis' home, and she says she needs the King house to complete the ensemble of this area.

Mr. Spires mailed to Colonel Potts a number of booklets and post cards depicting the Tea Party House, which has been dismantled, as well as other historic buildings, which are still in excellent state of repair.

"I desire to congratulate you on this fine work," wrote Mr. Spires. "It is gratifying to know that in the midst of war and its attendant turmoil, we can turn for a moment to review and study the fine things of life."

Mr. Spires also invited Colonel Potts to visit Edenton, in order to be shown the very old structures which abound in Edenton and Chowan County.

Chaplain Chace Rotary Director

D. M. Warren Succeeds Schenck as Club's Vice President

Since the departure of the Rev. Lewis F. Schenck, who is now located in Burlington, N. C., a vacancy has existed on the board of directors of the Edenton Rotary Club. Mr. Schenck was a director of the club, as well as vice president.

Both vacancies were filled at the regular meeting of the club last Thursday when Chaplain Henry Chace, of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, was unanimously elected director. Meeting immediately after the meeting, the directors elected D. M. Warren to fill the presidential vacancy.

Christmas Play In Methodist Church Next Sunday Night

On Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, a Christmas play will be presented in the Methodist Church with members of the Sunday School taking part. The play is being directed by Mrs. W. C. Moore and an invitation is extended to the public to attend.

Open Nights

Beginning next Monday night, Edenton stores will remain open every night until 9 o'clock, according to Mrs. Hazel Gibbs, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association. This will afford shopping on the part of those who are prevented from visiting stores during the day, and merchants urge purchases to be made as soon as possible and as early in the day as is convenient.

Quota Of \$750 In Christmas Seal Sale Drive Now Assured

Sale of Seals Will Continue Until Christmas Day

Up to Tuesday of this week over \$700 has been received by Mrs. R. C. Holland, treasurer of the Christmas Seal Sale. The goal for the county was set at \$750, so Mrs. Holland, as well as Mrs. J. A. Moore, chairman, is very optimistic that the county will again reach another quota.

Sale of the Seals will continue until Christmas, during which time it is expected that more than enough will be realized to reach the \$750 mark. Both Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Holland are delighted with the results of the drive, having met with only the finest spirit of interest and cooperation.

The fact that the goal is in sight is very encouraging to the two ladies, for with more funds available, the fight against tuberculosis in Chowan County can be increased along both curable and preventive lines, thus aiding Chowan County to gradually drop from one of the counties in the State having the largest average death rate from tuberculosis.

While the response has been splendid, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Holland urge any who have not contributed to do so immediately. The sale of Christmas Seals is the only present source of revenue with which to combat tuberculosis so that it is obvious that the more money made available, the harder blow will be dealt tuberculosis in the county.

CHRISTMAS OPERETTA AT CHOWAN HIGH SCHOOL

"Santa's Vacation," a Christmas operetta, will be given by the Primary children in the auditorium at Chowan High School on Friday night, December 17, at 8 o'clock. No admission will be charged, and the public is cordially invited.

Postponed

Though it seldom occurs, the regular meeting of Town Council was postponed from the regular meeting night, the second Tuesday in the month, and will be held Friday night, instead of Tuesday night of this week.

The meeting was postponed by Mayor Leroy Haskett, who left Edenton Tuesday afternoon for Chapel Hill to attend an important meeting of the Institute of Government relative to post-war problems which will face small communities. Mr. Haskett was accompanied by W. J. Taylor, superintendent of the county school unit.

County's Lagging In Salvage Effort Claiming Attention

Three State Officials In Edenton to Study Situation

MATERIAL NEEDED

Assurance Given That Scrap Iron Will Be Moved at Once

That persistent lagging of Chowan County in practically every phase of the salvage program has attracted the attention of State salvage officials was reflected in the fact that on Thursday of last week three prominent officials were in Edenton in order to discover the trouble and put Chowan County on the active list.

The three officials who came in the interest of the salvage campaign were James B. Vogler, executive secretary of the North Carolina Salvage Committee; W. S. McCall, district salvage chairman, and Lucius C. Wilson, field salvage representative. The trio held a conference with J. Edwin Bufflap, chairman of the Chowan County Salvage Committee, and Mayor Leroy Haskett in an effort to begin a program which will bring in waste materials necessary in war production.

Both McCall and Wilson were back in Edenton again Tuesday and assured Haskett and Bufflap that a large quantity of scrap iron which has accumulated in Edenton will definitely be moved at once, which should be an incentive rather than an excuse not to gather scrap metal throughout the county.

Mr. Vogler also emphasized the importance of the need for discarded clothing, waste fats, paper and tin. As a result of the meeting in Edenton, Lieutenant Mitchell, salvage officer at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, was contacted and agreed to cooperate with local salvage officials in the disposition of some of the waste materials which may be gathered.

In the initial scrap iron drive, though getting off to a late start, Chowan County gathered a goodly amount of iron but since then no appreciable progress has been shown along other avenues of the salvage program. Possibly the most successful effort is the collection of waste fats under the chairmanship of Miss Rebecca Colwell, and even she feels that little interest has been shown and that much more waste fats should have been turned in.

For a few months, a monthly collection of tin cans was made, but this collection was abandoned when it was considered that more vital materials, gasoline, rubber and manpower, were being used than were salvaged. As a result of the collections only about a good truck load was gathered and these are now deposited on the Town lot at the corner of Broad and Water Streets.

To date there have been three salvage chairmen in the county, R. C. Holland being the first to be appointed. He was obliged to resign due to other duties and was succeeded by R. N. Hines, but the latter soon resigned when he felt that no progress was being made. Several weeks ago J. Edwin Bufflap was virtually "drafted" into the position and in order to help straighten out matters as well as to familiarize himself with the salvage program, requested Mr. Vogler to come to Edenton, which he did last Thursday, and promised his assistance in any way it may be needed.

The new chairman plans to stage a drive for each waste material needed, though definite plans will have to be worked out, so that the drives will hardly be held until after the Christmas holidays. In the meantime, citizens of the county are reminded that there is a definite need for scrap iron, tin, fats, old clothing and paper, and it is hoped the county as a whole will awake to the need and cooperate in helping Chowan to do what is expected of it.

Degree Work Tonight At Masonic Meeting

Tonight's (Thursday) meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held at 7:30 o'clock, instead of the usual 8 o'clock hour, according to W. Jim Daniels, the master. The meeting has been stepped up half-hour, due to work in the third degree. All members are urged to be present on time so that the meeting can be started promptly at 7:30.