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Chowan Plans Homecoming Day For Veterans of World War II Next Wednesday, August 14th

Mayor Leroy Haskett Calls On Business To Cease For Holiday

Parade, Memorial Service, Baseball Game And Dance

MANY EXPECTED

White Veterans of All Wars Will Be Guests At Dinner

Home-Coming Day or official welcome home of Chowan County veterans of World War II will be observed in Edenton next Wednesday, August 14, plans of which were formulated at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon in the Municipal Building. The celebration is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and will have the support of members of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion.

W. W. Byrum is general chairman for the celebration and at Tuesday's meeting discussed tentative plans and appointed various committees, so that machinery is now functioning in what is expected to be a rather outstanding affair. Similar celebrations will be held at the same time throughout the nation.

Mr. Byrum on Tuesday, after careful consideration appointed the following committee chairman:

Program Committee—Philip McPhan, John Holmes and W. P.

Finance Committee—L. S. Byrum, will be assisted by members of the Legion Auxiliary.

Serving Committee—Ernest Kehayes.

Band Committee—O. B. Perry.

Traffic Committee—Chief of Police George I. Dail.

Holiday Committee—Mayor Leroy Haskett.

Finance Committee—J. H. Conger.

Publicity Committee—J. Edwin Buflap.

The celebration occurring on Wednesday, which is observed as a half-holiday, it was the hope that for this occasion all merchants and business houses would close for the entire day. For that reason, Mayor Haskett has been asked to make a proclamation declaring the day a holiday or contact merchants in an effort to have them close for the day.

The tentative program calls for a parade of war veterans of all wars. This feature is scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock in the morning. A 50-piece army band has been secured to play and will arrive about 9 o'clock and remain in Edenton Wednesday night. The parade will be in charge of the Ed Bond Post of the American Legion.

After the parade a memorial service will be held in the Taylor Theatre, for which the committee will endeavor to secure a visiting speaker.

Following this service lunch will be served to all Chowan County's white veterans of all wars and invited guests. The dinner will be served on the Court House Green, but in case of inclement weather it will be served in the Armory.

The feature of the afternoon will be an exhibition baseball game between Edenton and one of the teams of the Albemarle League.

The climax of the celebration will be a dance which will be held in the Armory, the music for which will be furnished by the new Edenton orchestra composed of returned World War II veterans.

General Chairman Byrum requests all chairmen and members of their committees to meet again Friday night in the Municipal Building in order to check over what has been done to the end that all arrangements for the celebration are attended. "The time is very short," said Byrum, "so that each chairman lose no time in, discharging duties in order to make the celebration a credit to the county and a fitting welcome home of our splendid veterans."

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold its weekly meeting tonight (Thursday) in the lodge room at the Court House. All Masons are invited to attend.

Mayor Haskett's Proclamation

With the Chamber of Commerce sponsoring Homecoming Day Wednesday, August 14, Mayor Leroy Haskett on Tuesday issued the following Proclamation in the hope that the day will be observed as a holiday by Edenton merchants and business men in order to make the occasion more impressive:

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce in Edenton has decided to pay tribute to our returned World War II veterans by observing Wednesday, August 14, as Homecoming Day to officially welcome home Chowan County's group of splendid young men and women, and

Whereas, every citizen of Edenton and Chowan County owes a debt of gratitude to our brave service men and women who placed their service and very lives on the altar of their country in order that we may continue our American way of life,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leroy H. Haskett, Mayor of Edenton, call upon every citizen of Edenton to join in paying honor to our returned veterans, not forgetting those who paid the supreme sacrifice and will never return,

I, THEREFORE, proclaim Wednesday, August 14, a holiday in Edenton, and call upon all places of business to close for the entire day in order to join in a fitting celebration honoring our heroes.

LEROY H. HASKETT,

Mayor of Edenton.

This August 7, 1946.

Commissioners Pick Jurymen To Serve In Term Superior Court

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle Of Snow Hill Will Preside

At Monday morning's meeting of the County Commissioners jurymen were chosen to serve at the September term of Superior Court which will convene Monday September 9. The session will be a mixed term with Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill presiding.

Those chosen for jury duty were as follows:

Ernie Jones, Lloyd Bass, Ervin R. Saunders, W. S. Perry, J. L. Chestnut, W. C. Bunch, W. R. Eason, J. S. Bunch, Luther Bunch, R. C. Hollowell, J. Rodney Byrum, P. L. Smith, J. M. Jones, Willie Bunch, Clarence Bunch, Walter W. Small, E. D. Byrum, R. A. Mansfield, Preston Dail, Hermon Layden, E. M. Howell, W. E. Bond, C. A. Perry, H. T. Hobbs, Walter Humphlett, Robert L. Bunch, Lloyd Overton, Leroy Boyce, M. L. Bateman, J. R. Bass, W. C. Brabble, Julius L. Hardison, J. E. Peele, M. G. Perry, W. C. Hollowell and W. G. Forehand.

Edenton Colonials Closing Gap To Top Albemarle League

Record Crowd on Hand Tuesday Night For Hertford Game

STANDING OF CLUBS (Including Tuesday's Games)

	W	L	Pct.
Hertford	22	12	.647
Windsor	20	11	.645
Edenton	19	14	.576
Colerain	14	16	.467
Elizabeth City	11	17	.393
Camden	9	25	.265

Edenton 4, Hertford 2

Winning four straight games since Wednesday of last week, the Edenton Colonials cut down the gap from first place in the Albemarle League, the leading Hertford Indians being scalped Tuesday night by a score of 4-2 before the largest crowd ever to witness a baseball game in Edenton. The grandstand and bleachers were completely filled at 7:30, half an hour before the game started, so that the overflow spread along left field line and a hundred or more occupied seats on the football bleachers far out along right field. Estimates of the crowd ranged from 2,500 to 3,000.

Hertford is now leading the Windsor Rebels by only two points, while only 71 points separate Edenton and the leading Hertford Indians. Lester Jordan was on the mound for Edenton Friday night and went the entire route. He was opposed by Moe Bauer, Hertford's pitching ace.

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Highway System Takes Over Two More County Roads

Complaint of Conditions Registered With Commissioners Monday

Chowan County Commissioners have been notified by Ina L. Ferrell, secretary of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, that the Commission has approved the addition of two roads to the county highway system.

The first of these roads is known as Paxton Lane and begins on the present State maintained road on what is locally known as the Speight road and extends east and south to a junction with N. C. 32 where the road to the Edenton Naval Air Station leaves Route 32.

The other addition begins at what is locally known as Gum Pond school and extends northerly for a distance of nine-tenths of a mile to an intersection with a present State maintained road.

Despite the information of the State taking over these two roads, complaint was registered with the County Commissioners Monday relative to the deplorable condition of some of the county's roads and the lack of any work done on them. The Commissioners made it clear that they were powerless to have this work done, their responsibility ending when they request the State to take over any particular road. However, Chairman W. W. Byrum stated that he had had several conversations with Highway Commissioner Merrill Evans relative to road improvements and that if it was thought necessary he would call a mass meeting of those who have complaints and make an effort to have Mr. Evans present at the meeting. Mr. Byrum said he would again contact Commissioner Evans in the hope of speeding up repairs on the roads.

175 Enroll In Rocky Hock Bible School

A daily vacation Bible school began in the Rocky Hock Baptist Church Monday morning, when 175 enrolled for the opening session. The school will continue throughout this week and commencement exercises will be held in the church next Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Commissioners Meeting Day Later Next Month

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning agreed to hold next month's meeting on Tuesday, September 3. The change was made due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday, which is a legal holiday.

JOHN HOLMES AT CONVENTION John A. Holmes left Wednesday morning for Chapel Hill, where he will attend a conference of school superintendents. He expects to return Saturday night.

Exercises On Sunday Will Mark Closing Of USO Club In Edenton

Interesting Program Is Arranged at Quarters On Broad Street

PUBLIC INVITED

Thousands Served By Club During Three Years

On Sunday afternoon, August 11, at 5:30 o'clock, the third anniversary date of its opening in Edenton, USO will hold exercises marking the end of its stay in this historic town where, since 1943, it has served thousands of military men, their families and friends, volunteers, and later, hundreds of veterans.

Principal speakers on this occasion will be L. B. Avison, USO-YMCA Associate Regional Supervisor, of Richmond, Va.; Commander B. H. Breighton, commanding officer of the Edenton Naval Air Station; L. H. Haskett, mayor of Edenton; John A. Holmes, chairman of the USO committee of management, and Wade N. Cashion, USO club director. John A. Moore, member of the committee of management, will act as chairman.

The program will open with a song, "America the Beautiful", followed by the invocation. After the speaking, the Doxology, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" will be sung. The benediction will close the program. At the organ will be Mrs. Paul Holoman.

During the exercises a roll of service booklet, containing the names of volunteers who have served USO in Edenton, will be presented to the town. A second roll of service booklet is being sent to the State Historical Society in Raleigh for inclusion in its records.

Those in charge of refreshments Sunday will be Mrs. W. O. Elliott and Mrs. R. N. Hines. Serving at the punch bowl will be GSO members Miss Joyce Moore and Miss Jeanette Edwards. Miss Helen Allen and Miss Laura Oates will usher and distribute the programs.

In April, 1943, USO first set up temporary quarters in the Hotel Joseph Hewes with equipment consisting of one desk and one chair. Later, when service personnel increased and volunteers and junior hostesses had been organized, the USO took over several of the hotel rooms, including the ballroom. The official opening was celebrated on August 11, 1943, with ceremonies held on the Court House Green.

Until February, 1945, the US Marines, stationed a few miles from town, represented the largest contingency served by USO in Edenton. However, when the Navy assumed control of the air station, Navy personnel accounted for the greatest numbers in attendance at the club.

It was early in 1945 that a large home on Broad Street was secured for new USO quarters. Unfortunately, one day before the formal opening, the club was burned. It was not until a few months later, in May, that USO moved into the rebuilt club and it has been here that USO has continued to serve military personnel and others until the official closing date, August 31, will bring an end to USO in Edenton.

Facilities and services that have been offered by USO in Edenton include a snack bar, showers, housing directory, public telephones, checking, wrapping and mailing, stamps, popular and classical record collections, writing rooms, ping pong table, dance lounge, library, informational and travel services, arts and crafts room, sewing machine, shaving equipment, and games of all kinds.

The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

Miss Audrea Rowell Going To Baltimore

Miss Audrea Rowell, USO club staff assistant, will leave Monday, August 12, for Baltimore on relief assignment at the USO club there. Following her temporary duty in Baltimore, Miss Rowell will return to Edenton.

Colored Births In Lead During July In Chowan

According to the vital statistics report of the local Health Department, colored births again led for the month of July. During the month 10 colored births were reported, compared with seven white births.

Three white deaths occurred during the month while two colored deaths were reported.

Jesse L. Harrell Succeeds Clarence Leary President Of Chamber Of Commerce

James E. Wood Sees Best Peanut Prices In Peanut History

Prediction Follows Release of Government Program

"With the United States Department of Agriculture setting parity on July 15, 1946 at 9.55 cents per pound for peanuts of the 1946 crop and the Commodity Credit Corporation offering both a loan and purchase support program guaranteeing 90 percent of this price to farmers, Southern peanut growers will realize more for their 1946 crop than ever before in peanut history," announced James E. Wood, President of the National Peanut Council, following the release of the 1946 government purchase and loan support prices for farmers' stock peanuts.

"Although farmers received nearly 100% of July 15, 1945 parity of 8.52 cents per pound on the 1945 crop and are guaranteed only 90% of the July 15, 1946 parity of 9.55 cents per pound, the average net return to farmers will be greater."

"Premiums for superior peanuts are similar to 1945. Because of the research program of the National Peanut Council aimed at improving quality, many more farmers are now able to benefit from these premiums. Public demand for peanuts and peanut products is being steadily stimulated throughout the country by the Council's advertising and promotion program."

"The Department of Agriculture purchase and loan support prices run as follows: Base grade prices per ton for peanuts containing less than 3 percent damage and less than 6 percent foreign material, \$174 for Spanish and Valencia east of Mississippi; \$172 for Spanish and Valencia west of Mississippi; \$157 for runners; and \$170 for Virginias. These base grade prices are for peanuts having a sound kernel content of 65 percent in case of Virginias and runners and 70 percent for Spanish and Valencia."

All-Star Game On Hicks Field Monday

Southern Portion Out to Avenge Defeat In First Game

Another all-star baseball game is scheduled to be played next Monday night on the Edenton diamond which is calculated to draw a capacity crowd. The teams will be chosen from the northern portion of the league consisting of Hertford, Elizabeth City and Camden, and the southern half consisting of Edenton, Windsor and Colerain.

The first of the all-star games was played a few weeks ago on the Hertford diamond when the northern half easily defeated their opponents by a one-sided score.

For next Monday night's game Hamp Hampton of Hertford will be in charge of the northern team, while Gene Freeman of Colerain will manage the southern half, each team being entitled to use 23 players from their respective teams.

Much interest is being engendered in this game and those in the southern portion will be out to avenge the rout at the hands of the northerners in the first meeting. Proceeds of the game will go toward meeting league expenses, such as paying salaries for umpires and other incidental bills.

Chowan Red Men Call Off Meeting Next Week

Due to an all-star game of baseball scheduled to be played in Edenton next Monday night, Chowan Tribe of Red Men on Monday night voted to cancel next week's meeting so that members have an opportunity to witness the game.

E. C. Alexander, sachem of the tribe, urged the members to attend the game in order to cooperate with Albemarle League officials in providing good baseball during the season.

Officers and Directors Chosen at Meeting Monday Night

18 DIRECTORS

New President Appeals For Cooperation of All Members

At the annual meeting of the Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association held in the Court House Monday night, Jesse L. Harrell, World War II veteran and manager of the Edenton Furniture Company, was elected president, succeeding J. Clarence Leary. Ralph E. Parrish was elected vice president, together with the following board of directors: H. A. Campen, A. L. Roaz, Ralph Parrish, Jesse Harrell, Z. T. Evans, Weldon Hollowell, R. N. Hines, J. Clarence Leary, Richard F. Elliott, J. M. Jones, Jr., A. E. Jenkins, John Kramer, Richard Goodwin, John W. Graham, William S. Elliott and L. S. Byrum, with Mayor Leroy Haskett and West W. Byrum, chairman of the County Commissioners as ex-officio members.

J. Clarence Leary, retiring president, presided over the meeting and called upon Marvin Wilson, secretary, to present a resume of the year's activities, after which the election of directors was in order. Mr. Leary appointed a nominating committee consisting of T. C. Byrum, J. W. Davis and J. H. Conger, who retired and presented the above list of directors with the exception of Haskett and Byrum, who were added later by a vote of those present.

At the conclusion of the membership meeting the directors met to elect officers. H. A. Campen was appointed to serve as temporary chairman. John W. Graham and Ralph Parrish were nominated, but due to Mr. Graham being a member of the General Assembly and of necessity will be out of town for long intervals, his name was withdrawn. Mr. Parrish stated that it would be absolutely impossible for him to devote the time necessary and, therefore, his name was withdrawn. New nominations placed H. A. Campen and Jesse Harrell in the running for the presidency and Mr. Harrell received the majority of votes. Mr. Campen made a motion that the election be unanimous for Mr. Harrell, which was subsequently done.

Mr. Parrish was also unanimously elected vice president, a position he held in 1942.

The office of secretary was not filled due to some suggestions made that to have a successful organization it is necessary to have a full-time secretary, which would involve a greater outlay in way of salary. Marvin Wilson, part-time secretary, stated that he desired to be relieved of the duties and expressed his opinion that, with his experience in office, and the war now over and in the face of a new year, a full-time secretary should be employed.

Retiring President J. Clarence Leary expressed the same opinion, so that the directors will in the near future decide upon a policy as to the secretary's position.

Mr. Harrell, upon his election, presided as president, saying that it was a new kind of job for him and one with which he was little acquainted.

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Football Practice Begins Next Week

Coach Tex Lindsay Expecting In Neighborhood of 60 Candidates

Coach Tex Lindsay announced early this week that High School football practice will begin next Thursday afternoon, August 15. Coach Lindsay expects in the neighborhood of 60 candidates to report during pre-season practice, so that no little competition is expected to develop for various berths on the team.

Interest in football this coming season is expected to reach a new high as is being experienced in baseball at present due to the lighted field which will permit night games.

All boys who want to try to make this year's High School football team are requested to report at Hicks Field next Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.