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Meeting Called To Reach Decision On Community Chest

Public Requested to Attend at Court House Tuesday Night

According to Herbert Hollowell, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Community Chest Committee, plans have been completed for a meeting to be held in the Court House next Tuesday night, February 14, at 8 o'clock.

The principal speaker for the meeting will be R. L. Sheetz, manager of the Norfolk Community Chest, who will outline the plan and answer questions which may not be clear in the minds of interested persons.

With so many drives for funds conducted during the course of a year, there have been many expressions advanced that Edenton and Chowan County organize a Community Chest in order to eliminate so many requests for contributions to worthy causes, as well as the necessity quite frequently to call upon the same people to serve as canvassers in this or that drive. It is thought that by having a Community Chest, one contribution will take care of all requests and it will be less burdensome on those who are in sympathy with various drives and are called upon to make contributions as well as solicitations.

Quite a few people think the community chest should be organized, so that several months ago the Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee of which Mr. Hollowell is chairman, to make a study of the plan. As a result of investigation and study the meeting next Tuesday materialized at which it is hoped definite action will be taken one way or the other. The committee has made no recommendations one way or the other, and it is the hope that many citizens will attend so that the idea can be decided upon.

Various groups have been invited to have a representative attend the meeting and it is the hope that the Court House will be filled to capacity.

Scout Service At Methodist Church Sunday Morning

Service Planned In Celebration of 40th Anniversary of Scouting

On Sunday morning, February 12, at the 11 o'clock service, the Methodist Church of Edenton will join with the Boy Scouts of America in the celebration of their 40th anniversary, according to an announcement by the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Freeman. The local Scouts will attend the services in a body and will occupy seats reserved for them for the occasion.

The feature of the services will be an address by the Field Scout Executive for the East and West Albemarle Districts of the Boy Scouts, William A. Sutherland, who recently assumed his duties in this capacity. Mr. Sutherland is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute and is a veteran of four and one-half years in the Army during the war. Of this time he spent two years in the European Theater of Operations and was returned to inactive duty with the rank of captain. He is a native of Clifton Forge, Virginia, and during his brief tenure as Field Scout Executive has made a large number of friends and acquaintances in this area.

These services are part of the local Scout's celebration of Boy Scout Week which has been proclaimed by the President of the United States, the Governor of North Carolina, and the Mayor of the Town of Edenton. In announcing the services Mr. Freeman said: "The Methodist Church is happy to participate in this celebration of the Boy Scouts of America. With its two and one-half million boys participating in a program designed to strengthen their faith, develop their citizenship, and increase their self-reliance, the Boy Scouts are without parallel as a character-building organization. It is a pleasure for the Church to make common cause with them in this high endeavor."

Peter Carlton New Justice Of The Peace

According to information from Raleigh, Peter Carlton has been appointed a commission as justice of peace by Governor W. Kerr Scott. Up to Wednesday Mr. Carlton had not received his commission.



EXPLAINS UNIFICATION OF ARMED FORCES—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson greeted 26 enlisted men from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps on the first tour of Washington by outstanding servicemen saying "We are simply human souls looking for answers to questions long confused about how we can best attain efficiency in the Armed Forces. We are 'working together' in the right sense of the word. To borrow a Navy phrase, we believe that here we have a 'happy ship.'" Left to right, Secretary Johnson, Sgt. 1st Class Bennie M. Weeks, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Donald J. Sailors, M/Sgt. Maurice O. White, Anderson, Ind.; Cpl. Curtis Duco, Chief Gunner's Mate William L. Stull, Eagle Rock, Va.

Persistent Rumors To Effect Marine Corps Air Station Is To Be Closed As Of March 31

Latest Report Greatly Disturbs Many Edenton People

MARINES LEAVING Up to Wednesday No Official Orders Received at Base

Edentonians on Thursday of last week again became very much disturbed over what is thought to be an authentic report that the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station will be closed. A similar report spread like wild fire about two weeks ago, when a delegation was hurriedly mustered together and traveled to the nation's capital to plead with the powers that be, through Senator Frank Graham and Representative Herbert Bonner, to prevent closing of the base. At that time the delegation was given to understand that the status of the base will remain unchanged, at least until the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

The report brought back from Washington allayed the apprehension of many local people to say the least, and it was the sincere belief that the base would not close for at least several months. It was further hoped that the base would be permanent. Last Thursday's report, however, was to the effect that definite orders went out to cease operations at the base as of March 31 and in that event would most likely be completely inactivated by about June 30.

Despite the reports, however, Col. R. E. Hopper, commanding officer of the base, up to Tuesday night had received no directive from his superiors, so that the closing is based solely on reports, which, however, are said to have gone out from Washington and are expected to be received momentarily.

In the meantime the tactical air group had been scheduled to leave for the Caribbean for maneuvers. Many of the group have already left for the maneuver area and what remains will be gone by Saturday. Which means that only the station group now remains at the base.

Due to lack of official orders from Washington, no little anxiety prevails among Edenton people, and is still hoped that the closing report is an error.

Whether the base is closed or not, there is a noticeable exodus of families of Marines, so that quite a few rooms, apartments and houses are for rent or for sale.

1949 Tax Collections Leading Last Year

According to the monthly report of Sheriff J. A. Bunch, tax collections during January of this year are ahead of the collections for January, 1949. Total 1949 taxes collected as of January 31 amounted to \$95,757.25 which compares with \$90,078.14 collected January 31 of last year for 1948 taxes.

Rotary Club Will Entertain Boys In 4-H Peanut Contest

Banquet Will Be Held Tonight In Parish House at 6:45

Tonight (Thursday) the Edenton Rotary Club will entertain the Chowan County 4-H Club peanut contestants and their dads at a banquet. This banquet will be held at the Parish House at 6:45 o'clock.

At the meeting winners for the 1949 peanut growing contest will be announced and prizes awarded. The prizes have been donated by the Edenton Peanut Company and the Albemarle Peanut Company.

This is the fourth year that the contest has been sponsored by the Edenton Rotary Club in cooperation with the two peanut companies. All boys who participated in the contest are urged to attend the banquet and bring some adult member of the family, such as their dad, uncle, or older brother-with them.

"Chowan County boys are very fortunate in having the local firms and a civic organization sponsor this contest," says Assistant County Agent Robert S. Marsh who checks the results. "We express appreciation to the Edenton Peanut Company, the Albemarle Peanut Company and the Edenton Rotary Club on behalf of the club boys and the Extension Service."

Lions Club Holds Very Lively Meeting

Motion Killed to Award Certificate to Fatherless Lions

In a ceremony, described by members of the Edenton Lions Club as one of the most impressive they had ever witnessed, W. W. Byrum, Jr., was inducted into the club as the youngest "Cub Lion" by his father, West Byrum, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners.

Explaining to the inductee the principles of Lionism, Byrum stated "the honor you can confer upon yourself depends entirely on the manner in which you conduct your daily life before your fellow man. You must be ever mindful of the cardinal principles of life as well as Lionism."

"You will be judged by your zeal for patriotism, civic pride, morality and the operation of our governmental functions. I can think of no organization which is striving more to promote the principles of good government and civic development than this in which you are becoming a part." Commenting upon the ceremony, (Continued on Page Twelve)

Plans Are Complete For Valentine Dance On Saturday Night

Affair Is Sponsored By Chowanoke Council Of Pocahontas

Plans are complete for the Valentine dance in the Edenton armory Saturday night, the affair being sponsored by the Chowanoke Council, Degree of Pocahontas. Music for the dance will be furnished by Eddie Sample and his orchestra of Elizabeth City.

Special features of the evening will be a program by Miss Mary E. Upton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Upton of Norfolk. Miss Upton is a student of the Mollie Lang Shoemaker's Baton and Dance School in Norfolk and aside from appearing on various kinds of programs in Virginia and North Carolina, has appeared on radio and television programs. During intermission several numbers will also be sung by the Albemarle Four Quartet, local colored group.

The armory will be attractively decorated in the Valentine motif, and the ladies have been working like Trojans to make the dance attractive and successful.

Tickets for the dance have been on sale under the direction of Mrs. Hoskins Bass, who should also be contacted for table reservations. Her telephone number is 153-J. Mrs. Horace White will also take table reservations. Her phone number is 402. The tables will not be held later than 10 o'clock Saturday night.

Mrs. Horace White, Pocahontas of the Council, is general chairman of the dance, the first major project of the organization, and hopes the affair will be successful. The dance was sponsored in the hope of raising funds for the new lodge.

Refreshments and home-made sandwiches will be sold during the dance.

Day Of Prayer Will Be Observed Feb. 24

Miss Mamie Hogg, chairman for the observance of World Day of Prayer in the Methodist Church, announced this week that an appropriate program will be presented in the Methodist Church Friday night, February 24, at 8 o'clock.

"We feel that the town as a whole has a definite part in this program," said Miss Hogg, "and hope that many will attend."

Miss Hogg has requested every organization in town to be represented and says she has had almost 100 percent cooperation. The program will be announced in next week's Herald.

IN DUKE HOSPITAL
Herman White, Chowan County jailer, left Tuesday for Duke Hospital, where he will undergo treatment.

Edenton Boy Scouts Will Occupy Offices In Edenton Friday

NOT TOO LATE!

Though some of the Christmas seals sent out before the holidays have not been returned, Mrs. James Mitchener, treasurer of the Christmas Seal sale, says it's not too late to send in either a contribution or the seals.

However, Mrs. Mitchener urges a return to be made at once, so that the drive can be completed. She urges anyone returning the seals or contribution to be sure to write their name on the envelope so that proper credit can be given.

Over 200 Present At Scouts' Celebration In Armory Tuesday

Scouts Give Demonstrations; 1950 Officers Installed

In the neighborhood of 200 Boy Scouts, their parents and Scouters gathered in the Edenton armory Tuesday night to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Scouting. The celebration was a decided success from every standpoint and was thoroughly enjoyed by the boys and the adults.

Designated as Parents' night, H. A. Campen, Silver Beaver, acted as toastmaster. Invocation was offered by the Rev. W. L. Freeman, after which the group was served a delicious meal consisting of all kinds of sandwiches, cookies and soft drinks. A group of ladies served the dinner under the direction of J. R. Byrum.

At the conclusion of the dinner troop committeemen were recognized from Troop 155 of Hertford, Troop 126 of Edenton, other visiting troops, Cub Packs, leaders and den mothers. J. L. Chestnutt, district chairman, made the address of welcome and Cub Scouts had charge of the opening ceremony. Troop 156 then conducted investiture and charter presentation of Troop 169.

Scoutcraft demonstrations were then conducted, which included a demonstration by Cub Scouts, first aid demonstrations by Troop 155 of Hertford and knot tying and uses by Troop 156 of Edenton.

Next on the program was a district Court of Honor conducted by Oscar Duncan, district advance chairman. Officers for 1950 of the West Albemarle District were then installed by William Sutherland, District Scout Executive.

Before the Scoutmasters' Benediction, led by Troop 156, which closed the meeting, appreciation was voiced for all who helped to make the celebration such a successful and enjoyable affair.

Two Speakers For Auxiliary Meeting

Marvin Wilson and Marion Hamm on Program Feb. 15

Mrs. M. F. Bond, Jr., chairman of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, calls attention to a meeting of the organization which will be held in the nurses' home Wednesday, February 15, at 8 o'clock.

Marvin P. Wilson, a member of the hospital board of directors and Marion Hamm, architect for the new hospital, will speak at the meeting. They will discuss the progress made on construction of the hospital, and it is hoped a large number of the members will attend.

Bible School Convention Scheduled For Feb. 12

The Washington-Tyrell County Bible School convention will meet Sunday, February 12, at Saints Delight Church of Christ. The theme of the convention will be "The Place the Bible Holds in the Bible School."

The Rev. Preston Cayton will be the principal speaker and there will be several other interesting features. The public is cordially invited.

Feature of 40th Anniversary Celebration Of Scouting

BEGIN AT 9 A. M.

Belief That Brief Training Will Help Make Better Citizens

Boy Scouts will fill city offices Friday as a part of the observance of the 40th anniversary of Boy Scouting being celebrated this week. The Scouts are required to report at the Municipal Building Friday morning at 9 o'clock and take over the reins of government.

The Scouts are very much enthused over the idea and will no doubt do their best to perform the duties of various offices, some of whom, however, will have the regular officials at their side to offer what assistance may be needed.

Rupert Williams will serve as Mayor, substituting for Mayor Leroy Haskett.

Councilmen will be as follows: Charles Lee Overman, Larry Brown, Clifford Overman, Jimmie Harrison and Bobby Whiteman. The collector will be Ben Browning while Sid Campen will serve as Town Clerk, Miles Williams as treasurer and Douglas Spruill as assistant clerk.

In the Fire Department Sonny Boy Wright and Douglas Holland will be on duty as chief and assistant chief respectively, while Jesse Owens, Lloyd Goodwin and George Harris will be firemen.

In the Police Department Ted Wright will be chief, Osa Dail, Captain, and Wayne Keeter, sergeant, with Albert Ward, Mack Cayton and Carroll Jones listed as patrolmen.

Billy Moore will be Street Commissioner and Eddie Stallings superintendent.

For the Electric and Water Department Pat Cayton, Aubrey Twiddy and Ray Rogerson will be on duty.

The plan to allow the scouts to fill city offices has the approval of Mayor Leroy Haskett and all other town officials in the belief that the brief incumbency will be good training for the boys and permit them to become better acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of officials which go toward making better citizens.

19,592 Chest X-rays Made In Mass Survey For Health District

Follow Up Unit Making Large Films at Hertford and E. City

A grand total of 19,592 X-rays were made in the four county health unit in the recent survey. Pasquotank county had 10,097; Chowan, 4,037; Perquimans, 4,326, and Camden county, 1,132. While Camden county total appeared low and Pasquotank high in proportion to population, it is true that many Camden county people were X-rayed in Elizabeth City.

Final results of the survey are not complete, since many persons in all four counties who were requested to have a large film made have not done so. It is of special importance that all persons come at once for this large film. This request for a large film by no means indicates that the person has active tuberculosis, but instead, it is necessary to rule out active pulmonary tuberculosis. These films are made each week day 9 to 4:30 except Friday P. M., and Saturday P. M., at the Health Center.

A follow up unit making large films is at the Health Office in Hertford. Films will be made from 9 A. M., to 1 P. M., each day from February 9 through February 17, Sundays and Mondays excepted. Letters from the Health Department are requested to be taken to Hertford or Elizabeth City for a large film without delay.

Second Degree Tonight At Masonic Meeting

At the meeting tonight (Thursday) of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., the second degree will be conferred upon a candidate. Hubert Williford, master of the lodge, urges a good attendance.