

## Edenton C. Of C. Sponsoring Tri-County Conference Study Economic Situation

Herbert Bonner, State  
And Local Officials  
Invited to Attend a  
Meeting February 24

Sponsored by the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, an informal tri-county conference is planned to be held Monday, February 24. The conference will begin with a luncheon at noon at Hotel Joseph Hewes. William P. Jones is general chairman, assisted by J. H. Conger, Sr., J. W. Davis, J. Clarence Leary, Sr., J. Edwin Bufflap, Bill Cozart and President Gilliam Wood.

Mr. Wood announced that the conference is being held to discuss the economic effects of the proposed closing of the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station here and to explore ways and means to ease the situation by increased industrial activity for the tri-county area.

Mr. Wood stated in his invitation that "despite official pronouncements, we are not accepting the decision without exploring every possibility of keeping it in operation, especially in view of the new defense appropriation and public thinking on the defense program."

"However, we cannot afford to wait until the closing date to weigh the seriousness of the situation and to take appropriate action to fill the gap. The base has made a major contribution to the general economy of the entire tri-county area. At the present time the annual military payroll is \$4.5 millions and \$353,000 for civilians. In addition there are purchases and contracts made with business establishments amounting to many thousands of dollars. If the base closes as scheduled, the people in our entire area will be affected, directly or indirectly."

"The Chamber of Commerce is, therefore, calling this informal conference to discuss the problems involved and to investigate industrial activity for the tri-county area which may ease the situation."

Congressman Herbert Bonner is among the federal, state and local officials and business leaders who will attend the conference.

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### CIVIC CALENDAR

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The Chowan County Farm Bureau will meet Friday night, February 21, at 7:30 o'clock at the Chowan Community Building.

A professional photographer will be at Hotel Joseph Hewes today (Thursday) from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. to take pictures of children free of charge which will appear later in The Herald. Appointments may be made by contacting Mrs. Bill Goodwin, phone 2462.

Another story hour for children will be held at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library this Thursday, February 20, at 3:45 o'clock.

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### James Boswell Wins In School's World Peace Speaking Contest

The annual "World Peace" speaking contest was held at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School Wednesday of last week when James Boswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boswell, was declared winner among three other contestants, who were Linda Leary, Carol Jethro and Patricia Bunch. The speaker's theme was "The United Nations in the Search For World Peace."

Young Boswell was presented a "World Peace" gold key and his speech drew very favorable comment from all who heard it. He

### Contest Winner



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### C. Of C. Directors Will Meet Today

Harry Smith, Jr., executive vice president of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, announces that the regular meeting of the directors will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 5 o'clock. The meeting will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes and all directors are urged to attend.

### Order Eastern Star School Of Instruction Scheduled For Friday

Mrs. Maude Reaves, district deputy worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, has announced that she will conduct a school of instruction in the Edenton Masonic Temple Friday night, February 21, at 8 o'clock. This school is especially for officers of the various chapters and will have to do with instruction on installation, but a cordial invitation is extended to all Eastern Star members to attend.

## Charles Chappell, James Parks And H. Ivey Ward Winners In Annual Corn Growing Contest

Charles Chappell, James Parks and H. Ivey Ward were declared winners of the 1957 Chowan 4-H corn growing contest at the Edenton Lions Club annual banquet held Monday night.

Prizes of \$10 were awarded to each of these 4-H Club members who were winners of their respective age groups. The contest was divided into the age groups as follows: 10, 11 and 12 years old, 13 and 14 years, and 15 years and above.

Charles Chappell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Chappell of the Gliden community, was top winner of the 13 and 14 year group. He raised a total of 110.0 bushels of Funk's 0-704 corn on his 4-H acre project. Charles, who was also winner of his age group in 1956, broadcast a ton and a half of turkey manure on his land before preparing the seedbed. He used 400 pounds of 5-10-10 fertilizer and 400 pounds of A-N-L top

dressings. His corn was planted seven inches in the drill on forty inch rows. Apparently the turkey manure paid off, as Charles made the highest 4-H yield in Chowan County in 1957.

James Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Parks, also of the Gliden community, also planted Funk's G-704 corn. His corn was spaced twelve inches apart in rows forty inches wide. A total of 500 pounds of 6-8-6 fertilizer was used at planting time and the corn was top dressed with 400 pounds of ammonium nitrate. James grew 92.6 bushels of corn on his acre.

H. Ivey Ward, son of Mrs. Hattress Ward of Ryland produced 74.0 bushels of Pioneer 307 corn on his 4-H acre project. His corn was fertilized with 500 pounds of 6-6-12 at planting and top dressed with 250 pounds of ammonium nitrate.

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### Farm Bureau Meets Friday

Ellsworth Blanchard, secretary of the Chowan County Farm Bureau, announces that a meeting of the organization will be held Friday night, February 21, at 7:30 o'clock at the Chowan Community Building. W. W. Byrum, president, says the meeting will start promptly at 7:30 and will be over not later than 9 o'clock.

A special program has been arranged and refreshments will be served. "It is very important that every Farm Bureau member be present," says Mr. Byrum.

### BANK CLOSED FEB. 22

The Peoples Bank and Trust Company will be closed Saturday, February 22 in observance of Washington's birthday. Important banking business should, therefore, be transacted accordingly.

### Day Of Prayer Friday, Feb. 21

With the Methodist and Episcopal Churches cooperating, a day of prayer will be observed at the Methodist Church Friday afternoon, February 21, at 4 o'clock. The service will be in charge of the Rev. Earl Richardson, pastor of the Methodist Church, and the Rev. George Holmes, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service. The purpose of the day of prayer is to unite all Christians in an hour of prayer and to make an offering for Christian missionaries at home and abroad. The service this year has come from a group of women in Australia. Each year it comes from a different country.

### 20 Years Ago

As Found In The Files Of  
The Chowan Herald

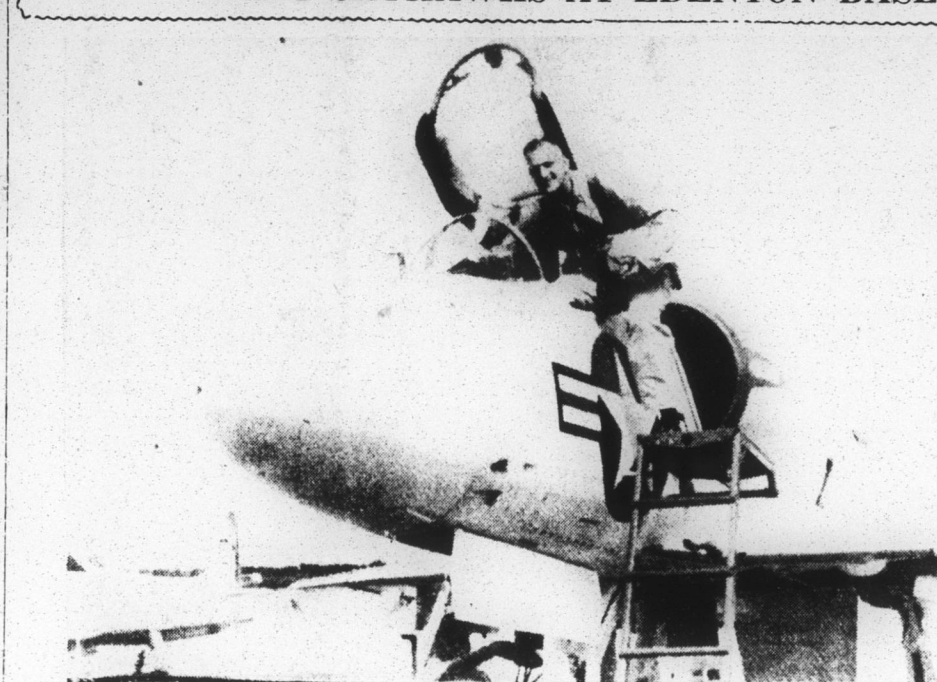
C. E. Kramer was notified that he had been appointed postmaster for Edenton for a second term of four years.

Edenton's hopes for establishing a yacht basin opposite the Fish Hatchery were set back due to a letter from the War Department saying that a report was partially unfavorable acted upon.

Practically all tickets were sold for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes, at which Governor Clyde R. Hoey was to be the principal speaker.

Coming as a distinct disappointment in Edenton was information from the Post Office Department

### A4D-2 SKYHAWKS AT EDENTON BASE



Lieutenant Colonel H. A. Eisele, commanding officer of Marine Attack Squadron 211 at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station, is shown entering the first of the A4D-2 Skyhawks received by the squadron. Although the squadron received its first Skyhawk on December 1, 1957, about 1,800 hours of flight time have already been logged. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo).

## Pictures Of Local Youngsters Taken For Herald Today

### There Is No Obliga- tion on Part of Par- ents of Children

Today (Thursday) is the big day for the picture taking of youngsters in Chowan County. The Herald is having pictures taken of all children who are brought by their parents or other guardian to Hotel Joseph Hewes between 10 A. M. and 5 P. M. absolutely free of charge. Appointments may be made by calling Mrs. Bill Goodwin, phone 2462.

The Herald wants a picture of your child to print in its forthcoming feature, "Citizens of Tomorrow," a series of photographic studies of local children. The more we get the better the feature will be, so the cooperation of the mothers and fathers is urged.

It often seems to parents that children are little one minute and are grown up the next, so fast does a child's growing stage pass. Here is a splendid opportunity to catch a likeness of your child or children at the

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## Cecil B. deMille Writes Letter In Answer To James MacKenzie's Ten Commandments Criticism

Cecil B. deMille, producer of "The Ten Commandments," recently shown at the Taylor Theatre, this week wrote a letter to W. J. P. Earnhardt, manager of the theatre, in reply to an article written by the Rev. James MacKenzie in his column Weekly Devotional Column which appears in The Herald.

Mr. deMille's letter follows: "Dear Mr. Earnhardt: Your recent letter and the clipping from The Chowan Herald of January 9, 1958 are in my possession. The kind of criticism the good reverend James MacKenzie has written for his 'Weekly Devotional Column' in The Chowan Herald disturbs me somewhat because leaders of his own church have publicly recommended 'The Ten Commandments' for all to see. Dr. Louis H. Evans, minister at large of the Presbyterian Church, after viewing the film with some of his colleagues, wrote me: '... We appreciate more than we can say your enormous contribution to the inspiration and instruction of this generation and, I am sure, of many to come.' Dr. Raymond I. Lindquist, president, National Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church, stated: 'It sets a new standard of universal excellence, far out-distancing anything else that has been done in that medium... I had the feeling of participating in the actual event.' From Davenport, Iowa, Dr. Lloyd Stephenson Hindman of the First Presbyterian Church wrote: 'Mrs.

Hindman and I took out our Bibles last night and again reviewed the thrilling story of Moses and his place in God's plan for the deliverance of the children of Israel. We were greatly impressed by the care with which you adhere to the basic scriptural story of Moses and the Ten Commandments.' " "I could go on quoting Presbyterian ministers, among others, who have written me in terms which make me humbly grateful for having been able to produce and direct 'THE TEN COMMANDMENTS'." "It is quite likely that Mr. MacKenzie, who must have many cares and concerns for the welfare of his congregation, has perhaps not had the time to devote himself specifically to a careful and detailed study concerning the Ten Commandments and Moses. The reason for my replying to the remarks written by the good minister is to the effect of presenting him with facts.

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## Plans Completed For Heart Sunday In Chowan County

### 16 Treated At New Mental Health Clinic

Dr. Dietrich W. Heyder of the Mental Health Clinic in Elizabeth City, reports that in the first three weeks of the clinic a total of 45 hours has been utilized, with 16 patients, of which two have been terminated. One failed to keep an appointment and the other is waiting for admission to the VA Hospital. The remaining 14 patients were seen for a total of 40 hours.

Of the 16 patients eight were children and eight adults. Whenever children are seen by the psychiatrist one of the parents must be present.

An operating policy and fee schedule have been formulated and are in the process of being adopted. The counties served so far have been Chowan, Pasquotank and Camden.

The majority of the patients have been referred by their own physician. "We would like to express our appreciation to the public for the toys they donated which are being used for play evaluation and play therapy," says Dr. Heyder, "and to Dr. W. A. Hoggard for the dictaphone which he made available to the clinic."

### Marines Getting Accustomed To Douglas A4D-2 Skyhawk Jets

Marine Attack Squadron 211, based at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station, has completed familiarization with the new Douglas A4D-2 Skyhawk jet. Since the commanding officer, Lieut. Col. H. A. Eisele, flew the first A4D hop on September 23, 1957, the squadron has flown about 1,800 hours in the Skyhawks. Captain Charles C. Newmark was the last of the 33 pilots to check out in the Skyhawk.

The only "hairy" experience with the Skyhawk is told by First Lieutenant Richard L. Dennis, the flight line officer. He experienced a flameout at high altitude on December 16. While gliding toward the field, he was able to communicate with the other pilots in the ready room. After several tense minutes, he reported that he had a "light-off" and subsequently made an uneventful landing.

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### Average Number Of Unemployed In Area 160 In 1957

Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the Employment Security Commission for North Carolina, has announced that a final tally of benefit disbursements by the state agency indicated that unemployment insurance benefits totaled \$33,445,860 for 1957 and covered 1,865,800 payments. In 1956 the ESC made 1,488,400 payments totaling \$25,118,200. Only in the calendar year 1954 when \$37,537,653 was disbursed have benefit outlays been higher than during the calendar year just ended.

Kendall said that among the 2,641 insured workers employed in the Edenton Employment Security office area, the average number of unemployed in the average week during 1957 was 160, representing 0.41% of the State total.

### Study Course Today At Methodist Church

Sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service, a study course will be held at the Methodist Church this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. The topic of the course will be Missions U.S.A., with Mrs. Eddie Harrell of Hertford teaching the course.

All women of the church, as well as others, are cordially invited to attend.

### Door-to-Door Collect- ors Will Call From 2 to 4 P. M.

Sunday is the day you can personally help your Heart Fund help your heart. That day is Sunday.

Between 2 and 4 P. M., the Heart Sunday army, composed of residents of Chowan County who have volunteered their services, will visit homes in every corner of Chowan County to collect contributions for the 1958 Heart Fund. Each volunteer will be identified by a circular lapel badge and will carry official printed envelopes in which contributors may seal their checks, bills or coins. The amount of the contribution need not be revealed.

Where the volunteer finds no one at home, he or she will leave a pre-addressed mail-in envelope in which a contribution may be readily sent to Heart Fund headquarters during the next few days.

"The volunteer army this year, as in previous years, is made up of men and women who have determined that the battle against the heart diseases merits their fullest cooperation," Dr. Ed Bond, the chairman, announced.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce will form a road block on Highway 17 on Sunday afternoon, and the following volunteer captains and solicitors will visit homes of Chowan County:

County (white)—Miss Mildred Morris; (colored)—Mrs. Onnie S. Charlton.

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### Members Named To Board Of Elections

Chowan County's Democratic Executive Committee met in the Court House Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, at which time two Democrats were elected to serve as members of the Chowan County Board of Elections.

The two named were L. S. Byrum and Philip S. McMullan, both of whom have served as members for a number of years.

Members of the Executive Committee attending the meeting were Lloyd E. Griffin, chairman; E. W. Spires, secretary-treasurer; A. B. Harless, W. H. Pearce, T. L. Ward, Mrs. E. N. Elliott, vice chairman, and Mrs. John Leo Spruill.

### Another Story Hour At Library

Another story hour for children will be held at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library this (Thursday) afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. It will last for one hour and is for children between the ages of 4 and 12.

Mrs. Ed Bond, Mrs. Selby Harney, Mrs. James E. Wood and Mrs. Eugenia Babylon will read and tell stories. The next story hour will be March 6.

## National Library Week Will Be Observed Week Of March 16 22

March 16-22 has been proclaimed as National Library Week by the American Library Association and the American Book Council.

This is the first year that Library Week has been proclaimed. This year it is more vital than ever before that people realize the importance of the written word and also that they increase their knowledge and stimulate their minds by reading. Books and other related materials are the storehouse of the past, the records of the present, and one of the hopes of the future.

The slogan for National Library Week, "Wake Up and Read", means just that. A well-informed, interested public would be the strongest force for the "free world" that could be assembled by any means. This "cold war" is a war for men's minds the world over. Educated

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