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District Legionnaires Hear Pickens At Lively Session

Thirty-eight Veterans Helped In Speeding Up Claims

HOTEL BANQUET

E. City, Manteo and Edenton Posts Learn Of 1937 Program

Resultant effects of the World War eighteen years ago, insofar as they have had a bearing upon the debilitation of veterans in this section, brought American Legion celebrities and nearly 75 Legionnaires from three Albemarle posts into Edenton Tuesday at a dual rehabilitation service session that culminated with a lively banquet gathering at the Hotel Joseph Hewes, at which Department Commander Wiley M. Pickens, of Lenoir, was the principal speaker.

Thirty-eight service dependents, who have had or are having difficulty in pressing their claims with the government, were tutored in the afternoon as to how their efforts might be better facilitated. Jack Lang, State service representative of Charlotte, and Bruce Stubblefield, executive secretary of the national rehabilitation committee of the American Legion, with office in Washington, D. C., and Richard D. Dixon, local service agent for the Legion, sat in with them at the Court House all the afternoon, offering advice, giving encouragement, and cheering the applicants on their way.

Most of the callers, some coming from Dare and Hyde counties, came directly under Mr. Lang's supervision, but ten of them seeking some method of hospitalization or rehabilitation help, were directly handled by Major Stubblefield. Needless to say the interviews were encouraging to all and it is thought considerable accentuation was made in shooting the claims along the way to quick adjudication.

But it was at the night banquet, a "Dutch Treat" sort of affair with turkey and all the fixins as the piece de resistance, that the "show" developed into a great reunion of the war buddies and their State commanding officials. They came from Elizabeth City and Manteo posts, through the heavy early evening rain, to join with almost a 100 per cent attendance crowd from the Edward G. Bond Post here. Everybody knew everybody else apparently, and this was especially so with Jack Lang. It was "Hi, Jack" this and "Hi, Jack" that on all sides, in fact the salutations and revival of memories got so "high" Lang expressed himself mumbly just before he went into the dinner—

"God, old man, it's been the most wonderful time I've ever had in Legion work, and I'm just afraid I can't pull off the speech I'm scheduled for."

But he did, and nobly, too, so much so that he came pretty near stealing the oratorical show, at least did until Commander Pickens was introduced. Then the little crowd went wild in their enthusiasm. They had received a "boss" of whom they could be well proud and who spoke to them in a calm, thoughtful, well modulated way that brought a quickening response to everything he said.

Happy, indeed, were the several tributes paid by the speakers to their late compatriot and popular Chowan sheriff, Carroll A. Boyce. Pickens and Lang were especially earnest in their remarks as to the kindness of nature, warm congeniality, broad spirit of national service in time of emergency, and whole-souled loveliness of Sheriff Boyce, and quite a few hands brushed eyes and foreheads while the simple eulogies were being delivered.

One such was the sheriff's wife, Mrs. Ethel Boyce, who sat in the rear and flushed with pride and tearful recollections at the tributes. After the banquet she went to the front and expressed her gratitude to the speakers for all they had been kind enough to say about her husband.

And there was another point of lasting interest at the banquet. Two men, father and son, both war veterans, one well on the way to three scores and ten, Ike Davis, the younger, and B. H. Davis, the sire, residents of Wanchese but officially tied with the Legion post at Manteo, had motored in their little old car all the way from their home through the late afternoon pouring rain in their eagerness to be on hand at a gathering "we wouldn't have missed for all the fish of Wanchese," said Ike

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RED CROSS FUND ALMOST TO \$1,200

County Schools Respond Generously to Flood Appeal

With the newspapers reporting the flood situation in the Mississippi as somewhat under control and the suffering less intense than it has been, Chowan County, has nevertheless, continued its interest and sympathy and raised Red Cross receipts here to well on to the \$1,200 mark. Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the local chapter, has had \$992.35 of this aggregate in hand and is very anxious through belated contributions in jars and from other sources to swell this sum to \$1,000 or more.

In the first mentioned total, of course, were the \$150 contribution by the Edenton Peanut Company, sent direct to Louisville, Ky., and the Rotary Club donation of \$15 cleared through its national organization, both of which gifts, however, have been credited to the Edenton chapter. The \$992.35 sum represents direct collections by Mrs. Pruden's chapter, and it is this which she is anxious to enlarge beyond the \$1,000 mark, and which she is confident of seeing realized.

The largest contribution this week came from the county schools. It totaled \$74.47 and was turned over to Mrs. Pruden by Superintendent W. J. Taylor. It represents gifts

Senior Class Looking To Commencement

That the senior class of Edenton High School realizes their public school sojourn is just in the offing, is evident by the fact that their eyes have already turned toward commencement. The class on Tuesday elected those who will take part in the exercises as follows: Historian, William White; prophet, Marguerite Hollowell; giftingian, Pearl Whichard; testator, Frances Dail; poet, Hattie Williams; statistician, Edward Bass.

23 COUSINS OUT WITH CLAIMS ON MIZZELLE ESTATE

\$35,000 Valuation Develops Lively List Of Heirs

\$5,613 CASH

Many Securities Listed In Inventory Filed By Administrator

One first cousin and twenty-two second cousins of the late H. W. Mizelle, former Edenton jeweler who died in the State Hospital in Raleigh last November, are the only living descendants of the deceased and will come in for an apportionment of their relative's estate, estimated as of a value around \$35,000 or \$40,000.

An inventory of the estate listing all of the holdings of the deceased at the time of his death as well as subsequent investments, has been filed with Court Clerk Richard D. Dixon, by Dr. N. B. Marriner, of Washington, N. C., the administrator and the nearest of kin to the dead man.

The inventory gives the names of all the descendants, who are residents on the other side of Albemarle Sound from which section Mizelle came to Edenton. No individual claims have as yet been filed by these descendants but each, it is expected, will carry the matter before the Superior Court, probably at the next term, for an apportionment.

In addition to much available cash and negotiable securities the inventory also lists the former home of Mizelle, now occupied by the J. N. Oglesbys, as part of the estate, and legal notices appear this week offering the residence, located on North Broad street between Gale and Albemarle streets, for sale at public auction on March 8.

Probably the largest single item listed in the filed inventory is Dr. Marriner's statement he has \$5,613.78 on hand in bank, immediately available, if necessary, for court expenses and quick temporary allotment to the heirs.

Mizzelle's wife died a few years before her husband and her personal estate went to enlarge the one he had already established. No children or brothers or sisters survived, and Dr. Marriner, a first cousin, was held the closest kin and was named administrator. There were six other first cousins, all of whom died, and the 22 other claimants besides the Washington physician, are children of these or second cousins of the deceased.

Dr. Marriner's careful and shrewd handling of the estate during Mr. Mizelle's sojourn in the Raleigh hospital, has greatly enhanced it in value, it is understood, until today, according to Mr. Dixon, it has a minimum valuation of around \$35,000.

Some of the items catalogued in the inventory as part of the estate are:

34 shares of stock in the Hamp-

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ROTARY BIRTH AT WINDSOR USHERS LIVELY INFANT

Wrapped In New Charter Panties, Child Starts Lustily

LARGE MEETING

Edenton Sponsor, Harding Charters, While 135 Give Help

With Judge Francis D. Winston watching eagerly and nervously in case a Caesarian operation might prove necessary, Edenton Rotarians brought another club baby into the world last Friday night when they performed a clever feat of Rotary obstetrics in Windsor, wielding the "spreaders" with abandon, and delivering a lusty, squealing, well developed and very much alive infant, later wrapping the cherub in charter diapers fresh from the hope-chest of District Governor Edmund C. Harding of Washington, N. C., and which he fastened with a vocal safety pin that presaged a brilliant future for the new child.

And so that all the glory should not go to the folks from here, adept as they are in such accouchements, brother Rotary surgeons were on hand from ten other clubs, every one armed with words of cheer and very much satisfaction over the official arrival of still another bunch of fine and lively Rotarians. It was a dandy occasion and the ladies of the Womans' Club where the gathering was inaugurated, spread themselves in adding gustatory eclat which other clubs in the District may have difficulty in beating.

Visiting delegations were on hand from Edenton, Elizabeth City, Raleigh, Hertford, Rocky Mount, Belhaven, Bethel, Robersonville, Englehard and Greenville, and besides Mr. Harding, who did the formal charter presentation, outlining the purposes of Rotary and the great opportunities for service it offers, Algernon Blair, of Montgomery, Ala., came all the way from there into the little Bertie county seat to carry his blessings oratorically, which Charlie Lancaster, the new club president, responded to. Ted Johnson, of Raleigh, a past district governor, and Maynard Fletcher, of Washington, and Wade Marr, of Elizabeth City, also brought comforting words, and I. T. Smith, pinch-hitting as a song leader for Louis Anderson, of Hertford, who couldn't make the occasion, helped show Windsor how 150 or so Rotarians can tear into music when they make up their minds. Mrs. Mary Coffield, official Edenton pianist, did the honors on that instrument.

The Edenton delegation comprised President N. K. Rowell, past president Carroll E. Kramer who officiated at the Windsor charter night as toastmaster, C. H. Wood, J. H. Holmes, Secretary John A. Holmes, Earl Goodwin, Dr. W. I. Hart, J. Edwin Bufflap, Oscar H. Brown,

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John White Plans Radical Changes In County System

MAYOR SPIRES LION SPEAKER

Tells Local Club About Opportunities In Connection With New Albemarle Sound Bridge

Lacking only two members of having a 100 per cent attendance Edenton Lions held a very enthusiastic meeting Monday night in Hotel Joseph Hewes. A number of visitors were present including Mayor E. W. Spires, who made a short address relative to the forthcoming bridge over the Albemarle Sound.

Mr. Spires rehearsed the considerable amount of discouragement which prevailed when agitation for a bridge was first begun and was frank to say that there are some who even now are so pessimistic as to say the bridge will never be built. However, he is sure the last obstacle was passed when the contract was awarded for the bridge and expressed his belief that there is nothing that could be of more importance to Edenton at the present time. The span, he said, would permit an intermingling of people on both sides of the Sound and will mean not only an opportunity for more business for Edenton merchants but will permit Edenton concerns to purchase products from folks on the south side, such as peanuts, lumber and other products.

Mr. Spires stressed the importance of being cordial not only to those living in the territory which will be opened up by the new bridge, but to those who are already using the Chowan River Bridge and coming to Edenton to trade, as well as from other nearby sections. And in view of this fact the speaker told the Lions there was plenty of opportunity for them to be of inestimable service. He did, however, warn the Lions that too much should not be undertaken at once, but rather for them to sponsor one project and push it to a successful conclusion. He pointed out that possibly the Lions Club could be instrumental in securing industries for Edenton, mentioning

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CLINIC PROGRAM STARTS MARCH 1

Whichard Sets Date For Inoculations at County Schools

Immediately following the decision of the County Commissioners last week to finance a typhoid and diphtheria clinic in the county, Dr. M. P. Whichard, county health officer has already arranged a schedule whereby all school children in the county will have an opportunity to be inoculated as a preventative measure.

In announcing his schedule Dr. Whichard has written to the principals in the various schools informing them that while the inoculations are not compulsory, he hopes each one would insist that all pupils in their schools take the treatment. According to Dr. Whichard, as well as the County Commissioners, who have agreed to spend as much as \$1,000 for the campaign, the inoculations are certainly for the best interest of all concerned. The campaigns have been put on in Chowan County for the past 20 years and the results of this work is self-evident. During 1936 there were only four cases of typhoid fever reported, and the diphtheria rate has also been markedly decreased.

When the campaign is completed among school children, Dr. Whichard will announce a schedule for adults and children of pre-school age.

The schedule as announced for schools follows:

- March 1, 9, 17—Pleasant Grove, 9 to 9:30 a. m.; Triangle, 1:30 to 2 p. m.; Yeopim, 2 to 3 p. m.; Cedar Grove, 3 to 4 p. m.
- March 2, 10, 18—Edenton High School, 9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.
- March 3, 11, 19—Edenton colored school, 9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.
- March 4, 12, 22—Virginia Fork, 9 to 9:30 a. m.; Ryan's Grove, 9:45 to 10:30 a. m.; Advance, 11 to 12 m.; Warren's Grove, 1 to 2 p. m.; Green Hall, 2:30 to 3:30 p. m.
- March 5, 15, 23—Beech Fork, 9 to 9:30 a. m.; Gum Pond, 10 to 10:30 a. m.; White Oak, 1 to 2 p. m.; Oak Grove, 10:45 to 11:45 a. m.; Hudson Grove, 2:30 to 3:15 p. m.; Britts, 3:45 p. m.
- March 8, 16, 24—Chowan at Cross Roads, 9 to 10:30 a. m.; Chowan at Center Hill, 10:45 to 12 m.; Center Hill, colored, 1 to 1:30 p. m.; Elmo, 1:45 to 2 p. m.; Ryland, 2:15 p. m.

Would Merge Town and County School Bodies Into One

NAMES BOARD

W. D. Pruden Promptly Wires Refusal to Be Member

What apparently is a bomb of discomfort and anticipation among school authorities is the news rapidly going the rounds that John F. White, Chowan County's representative in the General Assembly, will play havoc with the present county school set-up. Mr. White, home over the week-end, told The Herald that he would introduce a bill abolishing the two school boards in Chowan and in their stead have only one board of education which would have jurisdiction of all the schools in the county. At present there is a county administrative unit, of which W. J. Taylor is superintendent, and the Edenton city administrative unit of which John A. Holmes is superintendent.

Mr. White was free to advance his reasons for his proposed change, saying that due to the size of the county one school board was amply sufficient to carry on school affairs and that the new set-up would eliminate overhead expense as well as what he termed friction between the two school groups.

By Mr. White's bill the perpetual board of trustees of the Edenton city administrative unit would go out of existence and the new board be a county board of education in fact.

By the change, Mr. White said, it would become necessary to remodel or revamp the County Board of Education. In so doing he has selected a list of five members to compose the board and presented their names on Tuesday to the Education Committee of the House, hoping that they will in turn be approved by the General Assembly.

The five whom Mr. White has selected to be on the Board are T. L. Ward, Z. T. Evans, W. D. Pruden, W. W. Byrum and J. B. Webb. Mr. Pruden, however, learning that he was named on the new board on Wednesday stated that he could not accept and accordingly sent the following telegram to Mr. White:

"Understand you have named me on proposed new County Board of Education. Appreciate honor but will not accept especially on account of position as County attorney."

Mr. White was frank to say he was not interested in who would be elected superintendent, and in naming the prospective members he had not consulted them as to whether or not they would serve.

In introducing the bill affecting the present school set-up, Mr. White said he will be receptive to hearing any dissatisfaction and that any one could send their complaints to him at Raleigh or if a hearing is desired before the committee he would gladly arrange for that.

When questioned about the request made by the County Commissioners that he introduce a bill repealing the increase in salaries of County officers granted by the last General Assembly, Mr. White said he would do nothing about it, and sent word back to the Commissioners to that effect.

Good Attendance At Garden Club Meeting

The Garden Club had an exceptionally interesting meeting in the Cupola House Tuesday afternoon, when a program of town beautification was discussed. The association publicly expressed its gratification for the interest taken in Christmas decorations during the holidays and was very appreciative for Town Council's action in planting the beautiful permanent tree for Christmas decoration at the foot of Broad Street.

Plans were also discussed for the March meeting of the club when a visiting guest speaker will be in attendance.

Those who were present at Tuesday's meeting were:

- Mrs. J. A. Moore, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, Miss Mary Pruden, Mrs. W. I. Hart, Miss Margaret Pruden, Mrs. J. G. Wood, Mrs. J. A. Powell, Mrs. H. M. S. Cason, Mrs. George P. Byrum, Mrs. W. A. Graham, Mrs. J. H. Conger, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. R. P. Badham, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. R. Graham White, Mrs. L. P. Williams and Mrs. Sidney McMullan.

"TO MY VALENTINE"

Love will always find a way, so the story goes, and the little town museum in the Cupola House bore testimony to it this week through the happy receipt of a romantic valentine, yellowed and aged by 143 years, that originally had borne its message of devotion half way around the earth, all the way from Shanghai, China, to a sweetheart here in 1794. He cherished it close to his heart, no doubt, later secreted it in his father's vault in the local bank from where it was removed during the War of 1812 and dumped with a lot of other papers on an attic floor in Hillsboro. There fifty or so years afterward children of another generation and age found it, and it got into another home in Raleigh, where still other youthful lovers saw it and from their mother it came back on its way to Edenton to find a refuge for all time.

A William Bond was the Edenton boy who loved and got the Valentine originally, from his adored one, Elizabeth Snoad Bonner, living at the time with her parents, the Henry Bonners, in Shanghai—Elizabeth got her middle name from Col. John Snoad, of Beaufort County, who apparently encouraged her in her affections with young Bond. Anyhow, Betty, in the far away land of pillage and opium, worked painstakingly and well, and fixed up a Valentine, heart-shaped, of course, and laced and befringed beautifully, on

which she had penned in delicate, still perfectly readable handwriting, these touching words:

"Mr. William Bond, the 14th day of February,

It was my lot to be merry. Lots were cast and you I drew. Kind fortune said it must be you. Sure as the grass grows 'round the vine

I drew you for my Valentine. And if these lines you do refuse. Pray burn the paper and me excuse."

Mrs. Augustus Tucker, nee Miss Annie Cheshire, of Raleigh, sent the Valentine to Miss Mary Pruden, and with it the following note:

"At the time of the War of 1812 lots of papers from the Bank of Edenton were sent to the bank at Hillsboro for safe-keeping. My great-grandfather was president of the bank at Hillsboro, and a lot of unclaimed papers were thrown out and dumped in my grandfather's attic. When we were children, I, with my brothers and sisters, spent many happy hours reading these old letters and found this valentine. I had forgotten all about it until last week when my little girls were making valentines. They thought this so attractive they copied it on red paper."

Naturally, Miss Pruden rushed her gift to the museum for posterity to enjoy and solve the age-old riddle—what of the sweethearts? Did they marry or die forgotten?