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Merchants Lined Up To Increase Trading Next Few Months

Start of Campaign Now Awaiting Receipt of Coupons

START NEXT WEEK

Practically Every Merchant Cooperating In Movement

Practically every merchant in Edenton has signed up to cooperate in a campaign to boost trading in Edenton during the next few months, during which over \$1,000 will be distributed to those who come here to trade. It was expected to begin the drive this week, but inability to secure in time an adequate amount of coupons which will be given with each purchase, the event will hardly get under way until early next week.

The event will be widely advertised, the story going into every home in Edenton's trading area as the result of 10,000 copies of next week's Herald being sent to box-holders in Chowan, Gates, Bertie, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington Counties in an effort to attract shoppers during the event.

During the drive Edenton merchants will put forth their best front, displaying reasonable and attractive merchandise, and many of them will offer special prices for merchandise which cannot be duplicated elsewhere.

Merchants are much enthused over the idea of increasing business, some of which is now going to neighboring towns, and if courtesy, fair dealing, quality merchandise and fair prices mean anything, many new traders will be attracted to Edenton as a result of the campaign.

Wade Marr Speaker At Rotary Today

President "Spec" Jones Requests Every Member to Attend

Rotarians will have an opportunity to hear an address by Wade Marr, of Elizabeth City, at the meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock. Mr. Marr, prominent not only in the Elizabeth City Rotary Club, is recognized as an outstanding Rotarian nationally and even internationally, and is a speaker well worth hearing.

Mr. Marr on Tuesday agreed to come over to this week's meeting, and of course President "Spec" Jones is very anxious that every member of the Club will be on hand to hear Mr. Marr.

Last week's Rotary meeting was called off due to the Rotarians being invited to the turkey supper staged by farmers of upper Chowan County.

Imperial Hawaiians At Taylor Monday

Manager Jimmy Earnhardt of the Taylor Theatre has announced that a treat is in store for theatre-goers next Monday afternoon and night when the Imperial Hawaiians will appear on the stage of the theatre, coming direct from the famous Steel Pier in Atlantic City.

The Imperial Hawaiians, in their latest creation, "A Trip to the Hawaiian Islands," is composed of a troupe of talented artists, singers, dancers and musicians which include the only and Original Electro Orchestra. The Hula Dancing girls execute the Hawaiian dances as only Hawaiian girls can.

Each member of the troupe is an artist in his own right, and Manager Earnhardt says the show will be one of the best to appear on the theatre stage.

Juniors Present Play At School Tonight

"Aunt Tillie Goes to Town," a three-act comedy, will be presented tonight (Thursday) in the High School auditorium. The entertainment is sponsored by the Junior Class and will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

The play is packed with humor and promises to be a very enjoyable affair. Those taking part are Frances Hollowell, Margaret Bunch, Sam Cates, Alvin Parks, Annie Macon Byrum, Juanita Hayman, Luther Parks, Carolyn Oglesby, Jimmy Chestnut, Doris Brown and Lula Mae Smith.

Initial Report In Red Cross Roll Call Shows \$184 Return

Not All of the Canvassers, However, Have Turned In Report

GOAL \$400

Mrs. Pruden, County Chairman Is Much Encouraged

Incomplete reports for the first week of the Chowan Chapter Red Cross membership campaign are very satisfying. Mrs. J. N. Pruden, local Chapter chairman, says many of her canvassers have failed to contact her with their figures so far which will greatly enlarge the amounts so far turned in.

To date \$184 has been handed over to Mrs. Pruden in Edenton alone, and she is certain the sums collected in the County and by those who haven't reported yet will send this sum far above \$200, maybe \$250, which shows the canvassers have been on their toes for sure and have missed few.

The Chowan quota, while not officially received from Washington, is figured by Mrs. Pruden as around \$400, and she is very confident this goal will be reached before the campaign closes Thanksgiving Day.

Canvassers who have reported to Mrs. Pruden and those from whom they have secured memberships, are: Mrs. Timothy White, Canvasser—Chowan Woman's Club.

Mrs. M. F. Mond, Jr., Canvasser—Mrs. J. L. Wiggins, Mrs. W. B. Shepard, Mrs. M. F. Bond, Jr.

Mrs. L. S. Byrum, Canvasser—M. L. Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Morris, Triangle Filling Station, L. S. Byrum, R. W. Leary, Jr., Miss Inez Felton.

Mrs. Lloyd Griffin and Mrs. J. H. Conger, Canvassers—Edenton Peanut (Continued On Page Five)

Chowan Court House Will Be Illuminated During The Holidays

Flood Lights to Play on Old Building From Green

DIXON'S IDEA

Four Organizations Decide to Loan Lights For Purpose

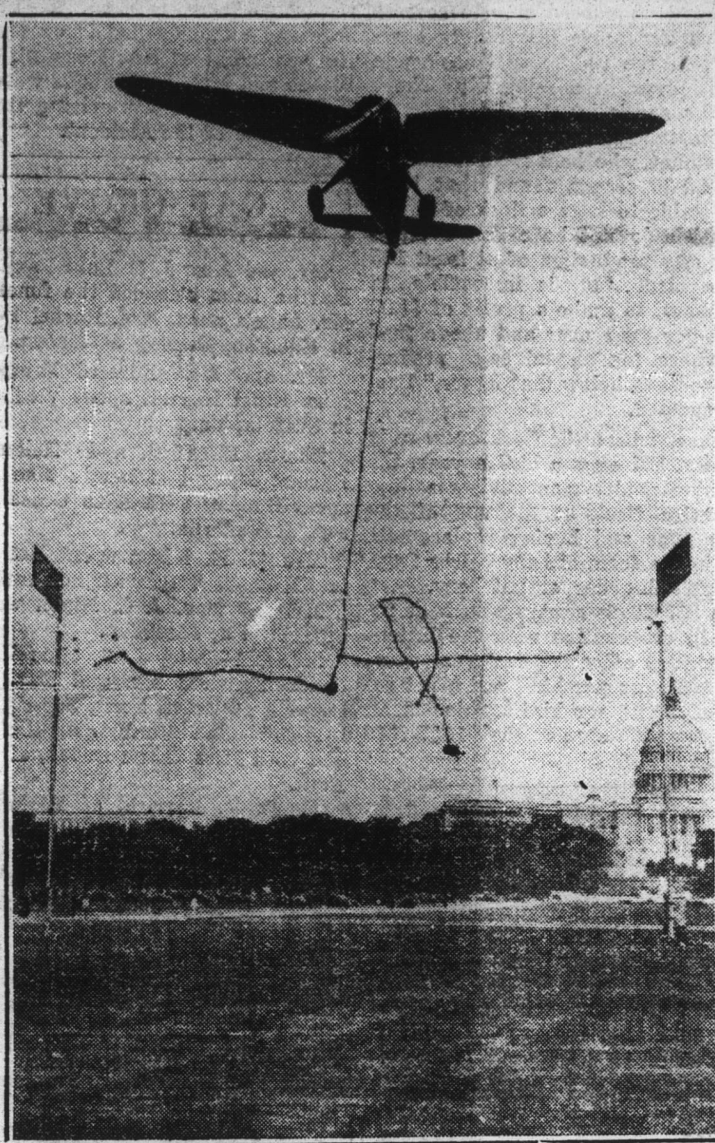
After 172 years the grand old court house here is about slated to come into its own for the Christmas season and will be the center of much attraction through flood light electrical illumination of its facade and roof. The first clear day will see electricians at work making this possible, and by the middle of next week it is hoped the lights will be thrown on and the stately, magnificent edifice dating back to 1767 and in continual use since that date, will shine forth like a beacon of hope for the oppressed, and a thing of great beauty for the town.

The County Commissioners have given consent to the idea, originating as it did in the mind of Court Clerk Richard D. Dixon, the four local fraternal and civic organizations, the Rotary, the Lions, the Red Men and the Masons, who provided the flood lighting equipment at the town soft ball diamond, will transfer these lights to the town green from which they will be focused and flared against the Court House, and the Town of Edenton, which provides free lighting for the soft ballers, is expected to offer the same gratuity during the holidays at the Court House.

At this moment any plans for ceremonies attendant upon the inauguration of the flood lighting are more or less necessarily in the air, but there is talk of having the high school band on hand, opening night, with the school glee club present, also, to make the welkin ring with pre-Christmas carols. It is possible, likewise, that some local speaker of prominence will be present to extoll the beauty of the building and dwell upon its historical past.

Originally, the Dixon plan provided for special lighting of the steeple, but this has been temporarily abandoned for the holidays, though it may come later with a more or less permanent (Continued On Page Eight)

May Soon Be Common Occurrence In Edenton



In above picture a plane is shown making a pick-up and delivery of mail in front of the United States Capitol in Washington in demonstration of new service at the recent national convention of postmasters. Edenton is included as a station on a proposed schedule between Greensboro and Norfolk, and ere long may witness this performance from the top of the Edenton post office.

Judges Trade For December Session Of Superior Court

Judge Zebulon Vance Nettles Will Preside At Term

With the December term of Superior Court scheduled to convene Monday, December 11, Clerk of Court Richard D. Dixon was on Wednesday notified that there would be a change in the judge presiding. Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., was scheduled to conduct this term of court, but he has traded with Judge Zebulon Vance Nettles of Asheville, who was scheduled to appear in Rockingham County.

Mr. Dixon has not as yet been advised if the term will be held with the grand jury dispensed with, which is being attempted in view of no criminal cases for the grand jury to consider. Elimination of the grand jury will effect a saving to the county of about \$250.

Dixon Advances Fine Suggestion

Sees Splendid Opportunity For Christmas Program

With a one day's interim between the rush of last minute Christmas shopping and the observance of Christmas Day, a splendid idea has been advanced by Richard D. Dixon, which should attract the attention of some group in Edenton and result in an outstanding celebration of the holiday.

Due to Christmas eve coming on Sunday, after the rush of preparation is over, the idea of Mr. Dixon is to stage a celebration on the Court House Green which could include community singing of patriotic and religious numbers appropriate to the occasion, music by the Edenton band and glee club and even several religious tableaux which would provide a fitting observance of the season and attract many folks who are waiting for Christmas to arrive on the following day.

This idea is presented, not that anything definite has been done about it, but in the hope that some organization or group grasps the idea and formulates a program which would add to the significance of the day of days, and provide extra pleasure for many who would welcome such a program on Sunday when there is little going on to attract them.

Find Your Name And Receive Free Carton R-C Cola

New Feature In Advertising Schedule of Royal Crown Cola

Of interest to readers of The Herald will be a "Find Your Name" feature of Royal Crown Cola advertising appearing in this newspaper for the next several weeks. Today and in subsequent issues will be carried an advertisement of Royal Crown Cola in which will appear four names, picked promiscuously from The Herald's mailing list. The persons whose names appear in these advertisements will be entitled to a handy carton of six bottles of this favorite drink, providing they clip the advertisement and present it to the Royal Crown truck driver or bring it to The Herald office.

The first four names appear this week and the cartons are in The Herald office to be given to those whose names appear and who bring in the advertisement containing their names. There are no strings to this offer and a number of people will receive six free bottles of Royal Crown Cola if they discover their names in the advertising and present the advertisement before the following issue of The Herald.

Library Has 150 New Books For Children

Sent to Edenton During Children's Book Week

In connection with Children's Book Week which is being observed this week, Mrs. Sidney McMullan, librarian at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, has received 150 books including books for the pre-school child, the middle-sized child and for older boys and girls.

Receipt of this collection of books was made possible by cooperation of publishers and Mrs. McMullan urges children as well as parents to visit the library to inspect the splendid collection of appropriate reading material.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. B. W. Evans' condition continues to show improvement.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wiggins, of Cross Roads, announce the birth of a son on Monday, November 20. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Company F Leaves Sunday Morning To Camp At Henderson

Local Outfit Will Spend Seven Days In Special Training

OBSTACLES

Lieut. Wisely Says 75 Per Cent of Company Must Go

Company F, Edenton's contribution to the North Carolina National Guard, this week received orders to leave Edenton next Sunday morning, November 26, for Henderson, where they will spend seven days in special training in conjunction with President Roosevelt's preparedness program. Members of the outfit realized for several weeks that they would be obliged to go into special training, but the date and place was not made known until early this week.

Lieutenant Martin Wisely and Captain Pearly Baumgardner will accompany the company to Henderson, which Lieutenant Wisely says must comprise 75 per cent of the enlisted men. All of the company's equipment will be transferred to Henderson for use in the maneuvers and the men will make the trip on the ambulances.

Some obstacles are being encountered by the local officers due to the fact that some members of the company fear that the necessity to leave their regular work will jeopardize their jobs after the special training is completed. Lieutenant Wisely and Captain Baumgardner are hopeful that employers of members of the company will realize the importance of the orders and cooperate to the fullest extent in holding jobs for the men who will be forced to go to camp.

There are at present 43 men in the company and two officers.

Kramer Enthused Over Idea Air Mail Pick Up Service

Edenton Chosen as One of Stations In Proposed Plan

FEASIBLE

Mail Would Be Taken From Roof of Post Office Building

Following last week's announcement in The Chowan Herald that Edenton was included as one of the pick-up stations on the proposed national air mail service plan, came the report that the plan would necessitate a pick-up service from the top of the local post office, which was altogether feasible and would quite probably be employed, if the service went into effect.

This so-called pick-up method is in common usage throughout the country. Big cities like New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, with their federal buildings miles from landing fields, suspend their outgoing mail sacks from high pylons atop their post office buildings, and mail carrying airships swoop down upon these, catch the sacks with anchor-like contraptions, drop their incoming mail bags and are off in a jiffy without stopping.

Postmaster C. E. Kramer, long an air mail enthusiast, feels that this plan will work easily and satisfactorily in Edenton if the proposed national air mail extension is carried out.

The Herald last week showed a map of the proposed air mail route throughout North Carolina. Such service here would put Edenton on a direct route south and north from New York, through Norfolk, and on west through Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro.

It is expected the air mail will be more generally used locally when such service is put in execution.

Mrs. W. S. Summerell Is Slightly Improved

Though still very ill, Mrs. W. S. Summerell, who is a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk, Va., was reported Wednesday to be slightly improved. Mrs. Summerell was taken to the hospital Monday of last week after becoming suddenly ill while teaching her fifth grade class.

Haskett Outlines What He Expects From Policemen

First Official Act as Police Commissioner Monday

HARMONIOUS

Stresses Courtesy and Economy In Police Department

Leroy Haskett, who has been appointed police commissioner, made his first official step Monday when he met with Edenton's police and inaugurated a program which he believes will augur well for more efficiency in the police department. In meeting with the officers Haskett informed them that he numbered them among his best friends and that what he had outlined was not intended to create any hardship or unpleasantness upon any particular one, but rather that their salaries were paid by taxpayers' money and that as far as possible he intended to eliminate any criticism.

Mr. Haskett presented a program of 18 points including what the officers should and should not do, prefacing his remarks by pledging his full cooperation to each officer, urging harmony among the members of the department and asking that any criticism be made to him in person.

He stressed courtesy and politeness on the part of officers and urged that visitors be made welcome to the town. A new schedule of hours was also put into effect which provides for at least one officer on duty every hour of the day and night.

Adopting an economy angle, Mr. Haskett instructed the officers not to use the police car for use unless on duty and ordered the business section to be patrolled on foot regularly at nights, the car to be used only for the residential section by only one of the officers. He also told the officers that he expected the arresting officer to make returns on warrants served in town and to accept fees from no one. They were also instructed to give a receipt for any bonds posted with a notation placed on the warrant.

The remainder of the program deals with proper parking, cooperating with the ABC board, cooperation with the Sheriff and his deputies and the State Highway Patrol. Haskett especially stressed fast driving, ordering the police to arrest every person for this offense, be it white, black, rich or poor.

The meeting was very harmonious and both officers and Mr. Haskett believe that by a better understanding a more efficient force will result.

Legion Banquet Tonight At Hotel

Commander T. J. Wood Plans Two Meetings Monthly

Legionnaires will meet tonight (Thursday) at Hotel Joseph Hewes, accompanied by their wives when a banquet will be served. The meeting was planned by Thomas J. Wood, new commander of Ed Bond Post, in an effort to stimulate interest in the Post and as a forerunner of his program to have two meetings a month instead of one. The banquet will be a "Dutch" affair, and Mr. Wood hopes a large proportion of the membership will attend.

While a prominent speaker was being sought, Mr. Wood early this week had not completed definite arrangements. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

J. J. Savage Very Ill At Cross Roads Home

Many friends throughout Chowan County will regret to learn of the serious illness of John L. Savage, prominent farmer of the Cross Roads section. Mr. Savage was stricken with a heart attack while in Edenton Saturday morning and remained in the Powell Clinic until late Saturday afternoon when he was taken to his home.

On Tuesday morning, he was reported continuing very ill but slowly improving. His two daughters, Mrs. George Ballard, of Harrison, Tenn., and Miss Lois Savage, a teacher in the Knoxville, Tenn., schools, are at the bedside of their father.