

## W. C. Benson's Amateur Radio Station Selected To Handle Trunk Line Traffic

Edenton and Raleigh Only Towns In State Included In Net

FOR EMERGENCY  
Greatest Radio Practice Drill Ever Undertaken on Friday

Edenton and Raleigh are the two towns selected by the American Radio Relay League as member stations in trunk line "O" now being formed for emergency and defense communications work. This amateur radio hook-up starts at Newington, Conn., and will pass through North Carolina on its way south and west. There will be two stations in each state through which it passes. The net will operate on 160 meter phone at 1806 kilocycles. Amateur station W4ATC at State College, and station W4GQB operated by the Rev. W. C. Benson in Edenton are the two North Carolina stations that will handle traffic in this net. This trunk line will have connections in and will arrange to handle messages to all Army posts in the Carolinas and Georgia. Personal and social messages will also be handled. This service is free of charge. Amateur radio operators will participate next Friday in what is described by the Amateur Radio Relay League as probably the greatest radio practice drill ever undertaken—the origination and relaying of 3,700 separate radio messages between as many local chapters of the American Red Cross and the latter's headquarters offices in Washington, St. Louis and San Francisco.

The test, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League is dedicated to perfecting the ability of the institution of amateur radio to serve the Red Cross at any time, in the event of flood, earthquake, hurricane, fire or defense emergency which might face part or all of the United States.

Members of the league's emergency corps, a group of several thousand licensed amateur stations will transmit the messages to be originated by chapter chairmen in the 3,700 communities.

Amateurs throughout the nation will participate, answering radio calls of "CQ Washington," "CQ St. Louis," and "CQ San Francisco" to take the message traffic and relay it to its destination.

Elaborate receiving set-ups organized by radio clubs in the three cities of destination will provide a corps of operators, working in shifts and assigned to comb various sectors of the ether, to listen for messages coming their way.

The amateur 3500 and 7000 kilocycle bands, which offer reliable domestic communication day and night, are expected to carry most of the traffic. Messages will have 15-word texts, and will be addressed to one of the three destination cities. Each operator handling a message will be required to receipt by radio to the station from which he receives it—in the same manner as the handling of regular amateur message traffic.

## J. G. Campen Again To Speak At Rotary

Because several matters were obliged to be considered at last week's Rotary meeting, Representative J. G. Campen's program time was encroached upon and he was unable to complete his resume of the recent session of the General Assembly. Mr. Campen briefly enumerated various bills considered, but could not go into details. For this reason, Wood Privott, who has charge of today's program, has arranged with Mr. Campen to complete the program, going into details and furnishing information which will be of interest to the Rotarians.

## Dean Furniture Burns Moving To Edenton

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dean, who planned to occupy the M. F. Bond home on North Broad Street, had the misfortune to lose their furniture by fire on Monday. The furniture was being moved by truck from Canton, and near Tarboro it was discovered ablaze. The Tarboro fire department was called out but very little of the furniture was saved.

Mrs. Dean will be remembered as Miss Loretta Chappell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chappell.

## Grand Jury Report

Reopening of County Home Only Recommendation Made

Grand jurymen for the spring term of Chowan County Superior Court completed their work in record time, submitting their report for the term Monday afternoon. As was the case with criminal cases, the report was brief, including only one recommendation, that being the reopening of the county home.

The full report follows:  
"We, the Grand Jury serving at this Term of Court, beg to report that we have attended to all matters brought before us.

"We have inspected the offices of the Clerk Superior Court, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Welfare and County Superintendent and find that they are equipped with the necessary supplies to do their work properly and so far as we could learn from an examination they are performing their duties in a satisfactory manner.

"We inspected the County Jail and find two colored male inmates therein. We find the jail clean and recently painted inside.

"We recommend a new rug for the Sheriff's office.

"We inspected the school buses and find as follows:

"Buses are in good condition except those at the Edenton High School. The floors of some of these were covered with trash.

"We also recommend that the County Home be reopened."

Members of the Grand Jury were: H. C. Jackson, foreman; N. E. Jordan, Lindsay Evans, Carey A. Privott, L. E. Sutton, Vandy Nixon, Louis Goodwin, J. E. Ward, W. H. Dail, W. S. Elliott, J. N. Smith, Elbert Layden, A. S. Smith, T. B. Williford, W. J. Privott, G. T. Peele, C. W. Ward and R. C. Hollowell.

## Easter Seal Sale Now In Progress

Drive to Be Made In Schools on Monday, April 7

With Easter just a little over a week away, a strenuous drive is now in progress to sell Easter Seals for the benefit of crippled children. The seals are now on sale in Edenton and, according to W. J. Taylor, chairman of the seal sale in Chowan County, a drive will be made on April 7, to dispose of as many seals as possible in the schools. Mr. Taylor is very anxious that a large number of the seals are purchased, for half of the proceeds remain in the county for aid of crippled children whom otherwise would not get the attention which is so necessary.

Mrs. J. Melville Broughton, who is vice president of the N. C. League for Crippled Children, expresses her purpose to exert all the influence possible for the success of the Easter seal sale, for this source of revenue is the league's sole reliance for funds which are so tragically needed.

In an appeal to the citizens of the State, Mrs. Broughton asks for generous support of the campaign, thereby enabling the league during the approaching twelve months to broaden the type of work carried on.

Mr. Taylor says there is room in this State as well as in Chowan County for much work among crippled children. The State Orthopedic Hospital is not able to take all the most serious cases which need treatment. There is now a long waiting list at the institution and for that reason it is mandatory to encourage the establishment of county clinics to take care of those less seriously afflicted. There are already 40 or more of these clinics in operation, and in one of them recently 41 crippled children received examination and treatment during a single week.

## FIREMEN MEET TONIGHT

Tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, the monthly meeting of the Edenton Fire Department will be held at the fire station. Fire Chief R. K. Hall has called for a fire drill and for that reason every fireman is requested to be on hand.

## Speed Feature Of Chowan Superior Court This Week

W. T. Satterfield Ordered to Pay \$600 and Court Costs

ON PROBATION

Joe Habit Evokes Wrath Of Judge Henry L. Stevens

Expressing elation at the opportunity to conduct court in the ancient Chowan County Court House Judge Henry L. Stevens, at the opening of the spring term of Superior Court Monday, said every judge looks forward with pleasure to holding court in what he termed a jewel of antiquity. Referring to the tablet overhead, he said it was a thrill to him and a real pleasure to follow in the footsteps of those whose names are recorded on the tablet.

Judge Stevens, working under somewhat of a handicap due to recent confinement to his home at Warsaw by an attack of the flu, was very brief in his charge to the grand jury. He congratulated the county upon having only six cases on the criminal docket, all of which had to do with larceny. Because of that (Continued on Page Five)

## Parent Teachers Plan Recreational Project In Edenton

Leaders Met Friday at Home of Mrs. W. D. Pruden

Representatives of the Parent-Teacher Association and several civic clubs met at the home of Mrs. W. D. Pruden, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, on Friday evening for discussion of a youth recreational project.

Allan P. Olmstead, district WPA recreational director, explained the project, its requirements and methods by which it is operated. He mentioned various types of recreations introduced by WPA in other towns.

The idea of this project was suggested by Mrs. J. H. McMullan, chairman of the child welfare committee, for the development as well as the entertainment of the children of Edenton.

Representatives were appointed from each organization to meet in the near future with Mr. Olmstead for further discussion.

The P. T. A. asks and hopes for the cooperation of all these organizations to make possible this movement.

## Pruden Renamed On Welfare Board For 3-Year Term

Several Changes Made In Law Affecting Appointments

W. D. Pruden was on Monday appointed to a three-year term on the Chowan County Welfare Board by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. Similar appointments were made at the same time for each of the 100 counties in the State.

The County Commissioners, at their meeting Monday, will choose a member of the board, whom to select together with Mr. Pruden, will select the third member. At present the board is composed of Mr. Pruden, W. J. Berryman and W. W. Byrum. Previously the County Commissioners were not allowed to name one of their body to the welfare board, but according to the present set-up they may do so if they desire.

Another change in the law has to do with naming the welfare superintendent. Heretofore, the welfare board met in joint session with the County Commissioners to select the superintendent, whereas after the expiration of the present two-year term this appointment will be the responsibility of the county welfare board.

## Nearly Hundred Attend Masonic Banquet At Hotel

Rev. W. C. Benson Pinch Hits as Principal Speaker

TRACES MASONRY

Says Christianity, Democracy and Masonry Now on Defensive

Nearly 100 Masons, their wives and a number of especially invited guests gathered at Hotel Joseph Hewes Tuesday night to attend the annual banquet of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7. The affair was very enjoyable and was said to be one of the most pleasant banquets held by the local lodgemen in recent years.

G. A. Helms, master of the lodge, presided until he turned the gavel over to Dr. Wallace S. Griffin, who acted as toastmaster. The invocation was offered by W. C. Bunch, lodge chaplain, while E. W. Spires, past Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge, introduced the speaker of the evening.

The committee in charge of the banquet experienced no little difficulty in securing a speaker. Several weeks ago Judge Henry L. Stevens, (Continued On Page Four)

## Spring Federation Meeting Tuesday At Chowan School

Miss Sallie Brooks Will Be Principal Speaker For Occasion

In the auditorium of Chowan High School on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Spring Federation meeting of Chowan County home demonstration clubs will be held. For the occasion the principal speaker will be Miss Sallie Brooks, assistant extension nutritionist of Raleigh, and her subject will be "Afternoon Tea."

The meeting will be presided over by Mrs. M. L. Hoffer, president. The speaker will be introduced by Mrs. T. L. Ward. Special music has been arranged for the meeting, which will be furnished by County Agent C. W. Overman, with Mrs. Gordon Blow pianist.

At the meeting, Miss Rebecca Colwell, home demonstration agent, will announce the winner in the county mail box improvement contest which has been in progress several months, as well as the winner in the yard improvement contest which was sponsored by Mrs. P. P. Gregory of Shawboro, president of the 16th district. County winners will be eligible to participate in a contest for district honors.

## Red Cross Sends More Garments For Aid British

Local Sewing Room Will Be Closed Until After Easter

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross chapter, reports that on Wednesday another shipment of locally made garments was shipped to the Red Cross export warehouse at Jersey City to be forwarded to England.

Included in this shipment were 50 layettes of 25 garments each, totaling 1,250 garments, seven dresses six sweaters, one shawl and two operating gowns.

Mrs. Pruden also announced that the local sewing room at the Cupola House will be closed for two weeks, but will be re-opened after Easter. This was done because many of those participating are unusually busy due to the Easter holidays and also because Mrs. Pruden will be out of town for some time.

## ON DEAN'S LIST

Major L. H. Baer, dean of Marion Institute at Marion, Ala., has announced the names of 35 students who made the highest academic averages for the month of February. Included on the dean's list is Billy Shepard, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shepard.

## Election For Town Officers To Be Held Tuesday, May 6; Interest Gradually Mounts



25 School Children Go To Washington Friday Afternoon

About 25 Edenton school children, together with Mrs. C. L. McCullers and Miss Edna Goodwin as chaperones, and Miss Margaret Harrell will leave Edenton at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon on a trip to Washington, D. C. The group will motor to Norfolk, where they will board a boat scheduled to reach the national capital at 7 o'clock Saturday morning. They will be met by a bus which will make a tour of Washington, as well as taking in Alexandria and Mount Vernon.

An entire day will be spent in Washington, which incidentally will be one of the days the cherry blossom festival will be in progress.

The party is expected to return home about noon Sunday.

## Five Fire Alarms During Past Month

According to Fire Chief R. K. Hall, the fire department was called out five times during the month of March. In each instance, however, the damage was less than five dollars, which means a clean slate for the month.

## Lions Anniversary Banquet Tuesday

Many Visiting Lions Expected to Attend Banquet

At Monday night's meeting of the Lions Club final arrangements were made for the observance of the fourth anniversary of the club which will be in the form of ladies' night on next Tuesday night. The affair will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Walter Cohoon, prosecuting attorney, of Elizabeth City, will be the principal speaker for the occasion, and visiting Lions and their wives are expected from Hertford, Elizabeth City, Williamston and Plymouth.

Following the hotel meeting, a dance will be held at the Armory.

## United States C. Of C. Official Will Attend Meeting On May 6

Another meeting of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce which should be of interest is scheduled to be held Tuesday night, May 6, which will be attended by L. P. Dickie, of Atlanta, Ga., southeastern division manager of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. This meeting will be a dinner meeting at Hotel Joseph Hewes, and Mr. Dickie will be the principal speaker.

Mr. Dickie is on a tour and Edenton is included in the only three stops to be made in North Carolina, the other two cities being Wilson and Goldsboro.

Members of the board of directors of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce will be specially invited guests.

## Fire Inspection Will Begin Next Monday

Fire Chief R. K. Hall will on Monday start his usual spring fire inspection, beginning in the business section. In view of this fact, he has asked occupants in the business section to clean up their yards and premises prior to his arrival for inspection.

Gossip Has It There Will Be Plenty Opposition For Offices

NONE FILE

Deadline For Filing Is Now 10 Days Before Election

With election of town officials to be held Tuesday, May 6, just a little more than a month away, no candidate had filed up to Wednesday afternoon, according to Town Clerk R. E. Leary, with whom the filing must be made.

For some two or three weeks, however, the town election has been the source of conversation at several quarters, with several names advanced as possible candidates for mayor as well as councilmanic positions. It had been generally understood that Mayor J. H. McMullan will not be a candidate for re-election, which no doubt had its effect in the advancing of names as his successor. Mr. McMullan, however, on Tuesday said that while he will make no bid for the position, he will accept and serve if the public desires to have him in office.

Of course, at this early date, no definite statement has been made by any one as to his intention to file for mayor, but heard in the gossip have been mentioned, aside from Mayor McMullan, the names of Richard Elliott, Joe Conger, Leroy Haskett, J. L. Wiggins and Dr. P. W. Tedder.

As to the councilmen, no definite statement has been made by any one of the present incumbents as to whether they will again seek re-election or not. It is supposed, however, that they will be candidates, but none have filed as yet, nor made any definite statement one way or the other.

Gossip has it, too, that there will be opposition to present councilmen, though names of prospective candidates are not as numerous as those for mayor. It is occasionally talked that there will be opposition in every ward as well as for councilman-at-large, but just who will comprise this opposition isn't known at the present time. In only one instance has The Herald learned of a likely candidate, it being thought that T. Wallace Jones, a former member of the Board, will announce for councilman-at-large.

Likewise, it has been heard that the Board of Public Works will have some opposition, but as in the case of the councilmen, if there are any prospective candidates they have not let it be generally known. Members of this board also have made no statement as to whether or not they will seek re-election.

As to the treasurer, there has been no mention of any opposition to Henry Gardner, incumbent.

According to a bill passed at the recent session of the General Assembly a deadline has been established for candidates to file for office. Heretofore candidates were allowed to enter the race until midnight of the day before election. Under the law now all candidates for town offices are required to file notice of their candidacy at least 10 days before the date of holding the election, which will be Friday, April 25.

At the next meeting of Town Council the registration books will be ordered open for registration of voters as well as registrars and judges of election will be appointed.

## Recruiting Officer In Edenton On April 17

L. D. Miller, chief machinist mate of the U. S. Navy, who has been transferred to the recruiting service, will be in Edenton Thursday, April 17, to secure enlistments in the Navy. Chief Miller and his assistant will be at the Municipal Building, where young men may enlist or secure any information relative to the service.

## Edenton Band To Play In Gallopade Parade

C. L. McCullers, director of the Edenton High School Band, on Wednesday morning received an invitation to play in the parade in connection with the Gallopade celebration in Rocky Mount on Thursday, May 1. The invitation has been accepted and the youngsters are again expected to make a favorable showing.