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Democrats In 15 Counties Meet In Edenton Feb. 21 For Washington Day Dinner

Initial Plans Arranged At Meeting Monday Afternoon

WILL BE AT HOTEL

E. W. Spires Named as Chairman For North-eastern Division

Edenton has been selected as one of seven towns in the State where Washington Day dinners will be held, and initial plans for the affair were arranged at a meeting held Monday afternoon in the office of Clerk of Court E. W. Spires. Mr. Spires has been named chairman for the North-eastern Division, which takes in the counties of Bertie, Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Hertford, Halifax, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

The purpose of these dinners is to raise \$20,000 in North Carolina as the State's quota in liquidating the debt remaining from the last national Democratic campaign. Chowan's quota of this amount is \$125, which was set by the State Committee, based on population of the various counties. It is hoped, however, that the State's quota is exceeded by at least 10 per cent.

Committee chairmen have been appointed in the 15 counties in the division, whose duty it will be to solicit each county's quota, and then send representatives to the dinner at Edenton on the basis of \$25 per plate.

The chairmen in the various counties are:

Bertie—J. B. Davenport.
Camden—J. B. Williams.
Currituck—A. H. Scales.
Chowan—B. W. Evans.
Dare—Monie L. Daniels.
Gates—Miss Ethel Parker.
Hyde—C. L. Bell.
Hertford—D. Collin Barnes.
Halifax—Dr. B. M. Nicholson.
Martin—Elbert L. Peele.
Northampton—W. J. Long.
Pasquotank—John H. Hall.
Perquimans—C. P. Morris.
Tyrrell—W. J. White.

Washington—W. Ronald Gaylord.
The dinner will be held Saturday, February 21, at Hotel Joseph Hewes and, together with Mr. Spires as chairman, the following committees were appointed Monday to complete arrangements:

Program Committee—John F. White, John Graham, Judge Richard D. Dixon and Hector Lupton.
Publicity Committee—J. Edwin Buffal.

Finance Committee—J. G. Campen.
An outstanding speaker will be secured for the dinner, but just who this will be could not be decided at this time. The dinner will bring together prominent Democrats in the division and those in charge feel honored that Edenton was selected for the affair and are very much enthused at the prospect of a successful get together of party leaders.

Boy Scouts Show Increased Activity

Three Recent Affairs Boost Interest In Edenton Troop

Edenton's Boy Scouts were active this week and interest in the troop is gradually increasing. On Sunday about 15 of the boys, accompanied by Scout Master C. W. Overman, J. Clarence Leary, W. W. Byrum, John Graham, Frank Elliott, Assistant Scout Master W. E. Bowman and Junior Assistant Scout Master Henry Gardner, Jr., journeyed to Portsmouth, Va., where they attended a court of honor held in the high school building. This trip in itself created interest among the boys and was very much enjoyed.

On Friday night the Scouts enjoyed another affair when a party was held in their honor at the Scout Cabin by Mrs. J. M. Jones. Scout Master C. W. Overman and H. A. Campen, chairman of the troop committee, were special guests.

Tonight (Thursday) a group of the boys will attend a banquet in Elizabeth City, to which parents as well as any others interested in Scout work are invited to attend. Tickets for the banquet are being sold by H. A. Campen, with a reduced price offered for the Scouts. Any one interested in attending this affair should see Mr. Campen at once.

Mrs. C. T. Hollowell Elected President Of Garden Club

Local Group Decides to Withdraw From State Federation

WAR IS REASON

Members Bestirred Relative to Need For Cleaner Town

Officers for the new fiscal year of the Garden Club, to begin in the fall, were elected at Monday's meeting of the club in the Hotel Joseph Hewes, and those named were: Mrs. Charles T. Hollowell, president; Mrs. Jesse Davis, vice president, and Mrs. J. S. Davis, treasurer. Since the present secretary, Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, declined to serve again, the nomination of a new secretary will be left in the hands of the nominating committee of which Mrs. J. A. Moore is chairman.

Named as members of the program committee by Mrs. R. P. Badham, president, were: Mrs. W. I. Hart, chairman, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. C. T. Hollowell and Mrs. Jesse White. Mrs. George P. Byrum was again selected to serve as publicity chairman with Mrs. J. M. Jones serving with her. Mrs. T. C. Byrum will be hostess chairman.

As program chairman, Mrs. Charles T. Hollowell gave a very interesting talk on the subject of "Azaleas." The points most stressed by Mrs. Hollowell were: "Azaleas need acid in the soil... make the bed two inches lower than the surface of the garden... they must not dry out... they need moisture... like air and some sun... fertilize between April 1 and July 1... should be planted in blooming season, although can be planted in either spring or fall."

After a pro and con discussion, it was unanimously voted to withdraw from the State Federation of Garden Clubs at the end of the present fiscal year. It was felt that especially during the war emergency, the fees usually appropriated by the State Federation could be used to greater benefit at home.

One matter creating a great deal of interest, the matter of a cleaner, neater public green and cleaner streets was brought to the attention of the members.

Members present during Monday's meeting were: Mrs. Charles T. Hollowell, Mrs. Lynn Byrum, Mrs. M. S. Elliott, Mrs. W. I. Hart, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Mrs. A. G. Byrum, Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. Julien Wood, Mrs. R. F. Tuttle, Mrs. T. C. Byrum, Mrs. Jesse White, Mrs. J. S. Davis, Mrs. W. Jim Daniels, Mrs. West Leary, Mrs. L. P. Williams, Mrs. J. Clarence Leary and Mrs. R. P. Badham.

District War Time Conference Held At Greenville Feb. 13

Edenton and Chowan County Will Be Represented

Both Chowan County and the Town of Edenton will be represented at a district war-time emergency training program for public officials to be held at Greenville on Friday, February 13. Albert Coates, director of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, has announced that Robert H. Martins, chief of the materials section of the governmental requirements branch, Office for Emergency Management, will be the principal speaker.

Clerk of Court E. W. Spires, and possibly one or two of the County Commissioners will represent the county government at the meeting, while J. Edwin Buffal will represent the Town of Edenton.

War-time emergency problems of counties, cities and towns, with special emphasis on priorities, public purchasing and related defense problems, will be taken up at the conferences, which is one of a series of district meetings for city and county governing boards and purchasing agents being sponsored by the Institute throughout the State.

Other topics for discussion will include procedures for local defense councils and civilian protection committees and the relationship of their activities to the governmental functions of counties, cities and towns; and war-time emergency training programs for officials and employees of counties, cities and towns, and local defense chairmen and their deputies.

Edenton Zoning Commission Authorized By Town Council To Proceed According To Law In Putting Scheme Into Effect

Lowly 'Goober' Ready For Prominent Part In War Emergency

The peanut has enlisted for the duration. Once it served chiefly as an aid to the circus-going, but now it is a many-purpose vegetable. It promises oil for soap, ointments and butter substitute, glycerine for explosives, protein for the diet. If palm oil from overseas is cut off and meat runs short, the peanut will stand by.

American farmers raise 750,000 tons of peanuts a year, and the government, with a war on its hands, asks them to double that production. The peanut is as much at home in China, India and Senegal as in Edenton. Its name in Africa is "uguba," hence its down-south nickname is "goober."

Farmers' Meetings Planned To Discuss Vital Farm Matters

Schedule Sent Out By County Agent C. W. Overman

The farmers' part to help win the war and protect the cotton crop with insurance in 1942 are two vital questions to be considered in county-wide meetings announced by County Agent C. W. Overman. These meetings will be for white and colored farmers, and tenants, too, are urged to attend.

Not only these two questions will be discussed, but other matters as well pertaining to what can be done on the farm to aid in national defense.

The schedule of meetings follows:

Monday night, February 16, 8:00 o'clock—Yeppim Church.
Monday night, February 16, 8:00 o'clock—St. John's Colored School.
Tuesday night, February 17, 8:00 o'clock—County Court House.
Tuesday night, February 17, 8:00 o'clock—Rocky Hook School.
Wednesday night, February 18, 8:00 o'clock—Hollowell and Evans' Store.
Wednesday night, February 18, 8:00 o'clock—L. C. Briggs' Store.
Wednesday night, February 18, 8:00 o'clock—Green Hall Colored School.

12-Year Program Principal Theme Of Schoolmasters

A. B. Combs Speaker at Meeting Held Monday Night

Meeting in the Edenton High School Monday night, members of the Schoolmasters Club devoted practically all of the time to a discussion of the 12-year program. Adding to the interest of the meeting was an address on the subject by A. B. Combs, connected with the division of instruction of the Department of Education.

Present for the meeting were about 35 members of the club, representing 10 counties in the district, all of whom were keenly interested in Mr. Combs' remarks.

In connection with the meeting a delightful dinner was served by the school's home economic class, in charge of the teacher, Miss Josephine Grant.

Churches Observing War Time Hours

Edenton's churches will cooperate with the war time and services will be held according to the new time. However, at the Methodist and Baptist churches, where the hour is set back half an hour during the summer for night services, the change will go in effect next Sunday night in order to eliminate a change just a short time away. The meeting time, therefore, beginning next Sunday night, will be 8 o'clock.



Rotarians Celebrate 16th Anniversary At Meeting Next Week

Special Program Now Being Arranged For Occasion

VISITORS EXPECTED C. E. Kramer Hangs Up Envious Record at Which to Shoot

Next Thursday, February 19, the Edenton Rotary Club will celebrate its 16th anniversary, with a special program arranged for the occasion. As a feature of the meeting an effort will be made to have as special guests every charter member of the club, as well as a visiting speaker. District Governor H. L. Jones, in Edenton on Tuesday, expressed his intention of being present for the meeting and also expressed the hope that Gene Newsome, who was district governor when the club was organized, may accompany him.

At present there are only four charter members still affiliated with the club, these being John A. Holmes, C. E. Kramer, C. H. Wood and J. G. Campen. Of this quartet Mr. Kramer has hung up an enviable Rotary record, for he has a perfect attendance during the 16 years and besides has in that time attended 1,039 Rotary meetings and has visited 37 Rotary Clubs.

The club will meet as usual tonight (Thursday) at 6:15, when the program is in charge of John W. Graham, who last week succeeded C. E. Kramer as program chairman.

At last week's meeting J. A. Moore presented a very interesting program when he rehearsed present conditions in the national textile industry as affected by the present war.

President's Birthday Dances Netted \$26.62

Returns from the President's Birthday dance held January 29, were slightly less than was reported in The Herald last week, which gave the amount as \$30.40. Since that time several bills were paid by William Privott, chairman of the celebration, which brought the amount down to \$26.62.

To this amount was added \$85.58 taken in at the Taylor Theatre by the March of Dimes campaign, which brings the county's return to \$112.20. Half of this amount remains in the county for use in connection with infantile paralysis, while the other half goes to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Easy Month For Cops In Edenton

Chief of Police G. A. Helms presented to Town Council on Tuesday night the smallest police report since he has been in office. According to the report, only 10 arrests were made during January, all of which resulted in convictions. Of this number, three were arrested for drunkenness and two for drunken driving.

During the month the police furnished lodging for two transients, reported 42 street lights out, and attended two funerals. Stolen goods recovered amounted to \$30. Expense of the police car amounted to \$37.74 and officers' fees received by the collector amounted to \$11.00.

Preliminary Report Submitted at Tuesday Night's Meeting

MUCH WORK

Public Hearing Will Be Called to Discuss Matter

Though practically no business aside from paying the monthly bills confronted Town Council at the meeting Tuesday night, quite a lengthy session developed when zoning was again discussed. Appearing before the Board were J. L. Pettus, John Graham and Geddes Potter, who presented a preliminary report as to what has been done to date. After the idea of zoning had frequently bobbed up, at the September meeting of Town Council considerable pressure was brought to bear in favor of zoning and as the result a zoning commission was appointed to study the matter and submit a report. This group is composed of J. L. Pettus, chairman, John W. Graham, Geddes Potter, L. S. Byrum and Guy Hobbs.

The trio at Tuesday night's meeting reported that the commission had given a great deal of thought and study to the matter of zoning and had reached the point that they did not wish to devote any more time to it unless they knew whether or not Town Council favored or was outright opposed to zoning. Members of the commission have put much time and thought to the idea, the initial step being a meeting with the Edenton Garden Club in order to get tentative ideas about zoning. A survey of the town was subsequently made to decide the boundaries included in the zoning program, and after about a dozen meetings, arrangements were made to have Pat Healy, secretary of the League of Municipalities, speak on the subject at a joint meeting of the Rotary and Lions Clubs.

In presenting the work sheet showing the entire town zoned, as well as a proposed ordinance to put the scheme into law, it was explained that under the program zoning will be no handicap to growth of the town. The principal argument in favor of zoning is the fact that it will stabilize property values, prevent intrusion into residential sections by business enterprises and as well prevent intrusion into business areas by manufacturing plants.

The plan, it was said, was flexible enough to provide for any legitimate expansion in town and at the same time prevent any particular area from losing its value by reason of intrusion of any undesirable building or business being set up almost overnight. It will have no effect upon present businesses.

After quite a lengthy discussion, the Councilmen voted to authorize the zoning commission to proceed according to law relative to zoning ordinances. This provides for a public hearing which must be advertised at least 15 days prior to the meeting and at which time a large map will be on display with the zoning boundaries clearly outlined. At that meeting any citizen who objects to the idea may register his objections.

According to the tentative plan, the town will be divided into five classes which includes Residence A and Residence B districts, Business A and Business B districts and an industrial district. Each of these districts is defined, and stipulations made as to what may or may not be placed in the respective areas, all of which will be clearly defined at the public meeting.

The trio appearing on behalf of zoning stated that interpretation and application of the proposed ordinance, if adopted, will promote public health, safety, morals, comfort, prosperity and general welfare, and were emphatic in the statement that it would not repeal, abrogate, annul or in any way impair or interfere with any existing provision of law or ordinance, or any rules, regulations or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to law relating to the use or construction of buildings or premises. In fact, it was stated, that although there is some objection to zoning, the belief prevails that when it is thoroughly understood, most of this objection will vanish.

The public hearing will most likely be decided on during this week and announced in next week's issue of The Herald.