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Congressman Bonner Will Be Principal Speaker At Legion Meeting Tuesday

Joint Installation of Officers of Post and Auxiliary

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Large Group of Visiting Legionnaires Expected to Attend

What is expected to be one of the most outstanding American Legion meetings held in Edenton in recent years will take place Tuesday night in the Court House when new officers of Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, and of the Legion Auxiliary will be installed at a public meeting beginning at 8 o'clock. This ceremony will be rather significant in that for the first time in the history of Ed Bond Post a man and wife will be installed as presiding officers of the two organizations. R. L. Pratt will be installed as commander of the Post, and his wife as president of the Legion Auxiliary.

The highlight of the meeting will be an address by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, himself an active Legionnaire, who very generously accepted an invitation to speak for the occasion. Mr. Bonner will, no doubt, attract a large group of Legionnaires from nearby Posts, delegations being assured from the Elizabeth City and Hertford Posts, and invitations having been extended to Posts at Columbia, Plymouth, Windsor, Gatesville and Williamston to send representatives.

It was at first planned to have a joint installation of the officers of the Elizabeth City and Edenton Posts and Auxiliaries, but this idea was abandoned due to the gasoline and rubber situation. However, many of the Elizabeth City Legionnaires expect to attend the meeting. The installation ceremony will be in charge of Roland Garrett, of Elizabeth City, district commander, who will be assisted by Congressman Bonner. The meeting will be open to the public.

Officers to be installed follow:
Ed Bond Post
Commander—Robert L. Pratt.
Vice Commanders—L. E. Griffin, T. L. Ward and Joe Boyce.
Adjutant and Finance Officer—Thomas J. Wood.
Service Officer—C. E. Kramer.
Guardianship Officer—W. H. Gardner.
Sergeant-at-arms—Jesse W. White.
Chaplain—J. L. Chestnutt.
Historian—John A. Holmes.
Athletic Officer—R. E. Leary.
Child Welfare—W. W. Byrum.
Americanism Officer—J. W. Davis.
National Defense—Richard D. Dixon.
Graves Registration—W. J. Yates.
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Final Round-up On Monday To Raise \$1600 War Relief

County Still Lacks \$447 Of Reaching Quota For Three Funds

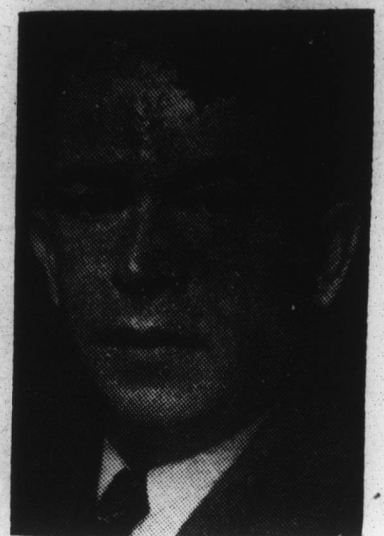
\$1153 IN HAND

Executive Committee to Have Charge of Final Solicitation

With Chowan County's quota for USO, Navy and Chinese relief for \$1,600 and W. H. Gardner, treasurer of the joint drive, reporting \$1,153 on hand a round-up canvass is scheduled to be made Monday in an effort to collect the remaining \$447 to put the county over the top.

This canvass will be conducted by the executive committee of the consolidated drive, consisting of T. C. Byrum, chairman, J. H. Conger, Geddes Potter and Mayor J. H. McMullan, who will no doubt enlist the services of a few assistants. These men see no reason why the county as a whole, has not raised the \$1,600 asked for these three worthy causes, and intend to stage the final round-up Monday before admitting that Chowan has defaulted when it is amply able to raise this amount.
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Legion Speaker



HERBERT C. BONNER
Congressman Bonner will be in Edenton next Tuesday, when he will make the principal address at the joint installation of Ed Bond Post and Auxiliary officers at a public meeting in the Court House at 8 p. m.

No Help For Base Hired Until July 27

Contractors Will Set Up Employment Office In Kramer Garage

With seekers of employment at the Marine Glider Base already arriving in Edenton, officials of Northeastern-Warren-Beckham & Brooks, general contractors of the base, announced Wednesday that no help will be hired until next Monday, July 27. At that time an employment office will be established in the Kramer Garage Building on Water Street and they will be glad to meet and confer with anyone seeking employment.

The contractors expect to begin work on construction of the base on Monday, August 3rd.

J. H. Conger Speaker At Rotary Meeting

Service Flag With Five Stars to Be Presented Today

Today (Thursday) at the Rotary meeting a service flag will be presented to the Club bearing five stars which represents five members of the Club now in the armed forces. The flag will be displayed in the Parish House as a reminder of the members in service.

The five Rotarians represented by the five stars are Charles Wales, George Capehart, William Jones, Charles Cacey and William Perkins. Several more Rotarians are scheduled to enter the service and will, at the proper time, be recognized by additional stars added to the flag.

At today's meeting the guest speaker will be J. H. Conger and a report will be submitted by President Holmes of the Rotary Assembly at Frank Holmes and Secretary John A. tended by them at Wilson last week.

Unique Idea To Buy War Savings Bonds

tourist from Bowers Hill, Va., who for some time has been interested in a plan whereby unclaimed money in national banks be used as loans to students, was an Edenton visitor on Tuesday. Mr. Weinstein came to Edenton in an effort to secure a location to plant thousands of gladioli bulbs, and while here advanced a rather unique method for purchasing war stamps and bonds. His idea is that before each meal every person lay aside five cents toward the purchase of stamps and bonds, which if done the nation over, would raise over seven billion dollars in a year.

Mr. Weinstein is very enthusiastic over the plan, advancing the idea that it would cause no hardship for anyone and that the success of Christmas Savings Clubs proves that Americans prefer laying a little away at a time rather than in lump sums. He is endeavoring to find a sponsor for his plan and have it presented nationally.

Patriotism, Too

With about 40 families now in Edenton without homes and more arriving every day seeking living quarters, an acute housing proposition has developed which, apparently, some citizens do not realize or else are so unconcerned, or to bluntly state it, so unpatriotic, that little or no cooperation is offered in the ever-growing emergency.

A survey of the town has been made, and while many families have thrown open their homes and are willing to somewhat inconvenience themselves in order to provide living quarters for newcomers, it has been learned that quite a few houses with many rooms and but few occupants will not be offered for use to the many families who have already arrived and still more sure to follow.

According to J. W. Davis, who has been handling data since C. L. McCullers, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has left Edenton, single rooms have been freely offered, but there is a serious shortage of small apartments. He desires to emphasize the fact that these are not normal times and that the town as a whole will have to cooperate, be inconvenienced and even sacrifice to the end that every possible aid be offered in completion and operation of the Marine Glider Base.

VEPCO To Furnish Electric Current At Marine Glider Base

Matter Puzzles Town Officials Tuesday Morning

QUICK ACTION

33,000-Volt Line Necessary to Handle Needs At Base

Edenton officials on Tuesday faced one of what may be many nuts to crack in connection with the Marine Glider Base. What proved to be a very perplexing problem was to decide on very short notice whether the Town would furnish electric current to the new base or whether electricity should be furnished direct by the Virginia Electric & Power Company, from which concern the Town buys current and resells it at a neat profit to consumers.

Several conferences were held with Government officials, representatives of the power company and town officials in an effort to bring the matter to a head at once so that as little delay as possible would result due to lack of current at the base.

Representing the Government were H. G. Stewart, project manager, and E. A. Garlock, electrical and mechanical engineer, who made it understood that arrangements to have current on the site must get under way at once.

G. G. Hollingshead, district manager, and W. E. Shafer, superintendent of distribution, representing the Virginia Electric and Power Company, told Town officials that it was immaterial with their company whether Edenton furnished the current or not, and were frank in presenting some of the difficulties to be encountered if the Town undertook to sell current for use at the base.
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July's Bond Quota Looking Doubtful

Chairman J. G. Campen Optimistic Goal Will Be Reached

Though Chowan County's purchase of war stamps and bonds toward the July quota is far from the mark, J. G. Campen, county chairman of the war savings staff, feels optimistic that the quota will again be reached. Up until Tuesday afternoon, sales of stamps and bonds amounted to \$25,086, of which amount \$23,950 represented bond sales, and \$1,136 represented stamp sales. The July quota is \$48,100, leaving \$23,950 more to be sold during the nine remaining days.

Mr. Campen realizes that the July quota is no easy task to reach, but was right much encouraged when he learned that sales at the Bank of Edenton this week had doubled last week's sales. He would like to see Chowan County maintain its record and, therefore, urges everybody to invest in stamps and bonds as liberally as they can during the few days remaining in July.

Legion Post Starts Drive To Collect Victrola Records

37½ Million Is Goal In Campaign Throughout Nation

STARTS AT ONCE

Committees Appointed To Thoroughly Canvass County

Ed Bond Post of the American Legion will join with other posts throughout the nation in a drive to collect 37½ million old Victrola records. This drive starts immediately and will continue until August 7, during which time an effort will be made to collect as many records as possible.

J. H. Conger has been chosen as general chairman of the drive, and he desires it to be known that any kind of records are wanted. They may be broken, cracked or warped, or even good records which are no longer desired. Good records will be turned over to USO centers, while the old and broken ones will be melted and made into new records for use at USO centers for the benefit of boys in the armed forces.

In order to thoroughly canvass Chowan County to secure records, R. L. Pratt and John A. Holmes, incoming and out-going commanders respectively of Ed Bond Post, have appointed the following committees to canvass every house in their neighborhoods:

West Edenton—J. W. White and Jordan Yates.
East Edenton—J. W. Davis, S. W. Moore, Howard Bennett and W. C. Owens.
Rocky Hock—Clyde Privott, George Privott and Percy Perry.
Center Hill—Warner B. Evans, Ne.
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15-Year-Old Negro Burned To Death In Truck Accident

Vehicle Catches Fire After Overtaking In Ditch

Samuel Perkins, 15-year-old colored boy, was burned to death, and a Negro companion, Ambrose White, 19 years old, was seriously burned about the feet and legs Thursday afternoon when a truck in which they were riding left the highway and overturned in a ditch. The truck immediately caught fire and was entirely consumed by flames before Perkins could be removed. His body was burned beyond recognition.

The boys were hauling watermelons from the Rocky Hock section to the County Dock to be loaded on boats when the accident happened on the Suffolk Highway between Hancock Station and Valhalla.

The truck, an International, was in good condition and evidently the driver lost control of the vehicle when the accident happened. It was owned by Robert Bunch and Thurston Stallings.

Exact Location Of Marine Glider Base Not Definitely Decided Says Lieut. Prahl

File Or Else—

W. W. Byrum, who as a member of the Chowan County Ration Board, has been delegated to the phase of the law pertaining to price ceilings, this week issued a warning to those merchants who have not filed lists of cost of living commodities with the local War Price and Rationing Board to do so at once.

These lists should have been filed with the Board by July 1, and in order to avoid embarrassment, he suggests that this matter be given immediate attention.

When the Ration Board is called upon to furnish a list of the merchants who have not filed, Mr. Byrum feels reasonably sure that an investigation by Federal authorities will follow and licenses of those who failed to comply with the law will be revoked.

Native Of Chowan Dies At Nags Head

Military Funeral Held At Elizabeth City For Mrs. Bessie Stewart

Many of Edenton's older residents were grieved to learn Thursday that Mrs. Bessie W. Stewart had passed away at her cottage at Nags Head. Mrs. Stewart was a native of Chowan County and was a sister of Mrs. Geo. P. Folk, who is also spending the summer at Nags Head. Deceased had lived in Elizabeth City for about 35 years, and took an active part in religious and civic affairs there. She served overseas in the first World War as a Y. M. C. A. worker and was a leading worker in the USO center in Elizabeth City at the time of her death.

Aside from her sister, Mrs. George P. Folk, of Edenton, she is survived by a niece, Mrs. John Campbell, Jr., of Charlotte, and a nephew, Edward Wood.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in Elizabeth City, where she was honored by a military funeral in the Episcopal Cemetery. She was a member of Christ Church, and will be remembered for her unselfish devotion in spreading happiness wherever she went.

Cement Sidewalks Finally Secured For Cotton Mill Village

About Mile of Sidewalks Included In Project Under Way

After dicker with Town Council for several years, during which time complaints were registered, promises made and a policy of patiently waiting adopted by officials of the Edenton Cotton Mill, some improvements in the mill village are finally being realized.

These improvements provide for laying concrete sidewalks on every street in the mill village, work on which is now under way. The project calls for something like a mile of sidewalks four feet in width and should go no little way in improving the appearance of the mill village to say nothing of the convenience which will result.

The contract to lay the sidewalks was awarded to C. B. Mooney, who has already finished a portion on Office Street, and who plans to complete the work as early as possible.

Following many complaints on the part of Cotton Mill officials relative to street, sidewalk and drainage conditions in the mill village, Town Council during the past fiscal year made an application for a WPA project to construct sidewalks and hard surface streets in the mill village, as well as some other streets in town. This project, however, has not been heard from and several weeks ago cotton mill officials agreed to pay half the cost of sidewalks, to which Town Council agreed. The project is estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$3,500.

Established Lines Will Be Known In Day Or Two

MAY BE CHANGED

Some Affected May Get Time to Harvest Crops

Though extensive work has been going on during the past week in the vicinity of the proposed Marine Glider Base, the exact location of the base was still undetermined Wednesday. However, Lieutenant C. G. Prahl, officer in charge, stated that within a few days definite lines will be established, after which more progress on the project will result.

Up to the present, work on the base has been confined primarily to engineering problems, very much care being exercised so that the base will be built to the best advantage, and for that reason it is altogether possible that there will be a change in the original lines of the base.

There has been a considerable amount of comment as to the exact location of the base, but until Lieutenant Prahl secures approval of any contemplated change, this is only conjecture. He says, however, that when final approval is secured from the Navy Department, ample notice will be given any persons affected on the site to vacate. In some cases, it is his belief that enough time will be allowed to harvest crops. But just as soon as he receives the "go ahead" signal all land owners and tenants will be notified as to how soon the premises must be vacated.

The base will require from 2,000 to 2,500 acres and because of this amount of land to be used for the purpose, a considerable amount of interest has been aroused as to who will be affected.

Up until Wednesday only skeleton crews were on hand in Lieutenant Prahl's office in the Rose Room at Hotel Joseph Hewes, as well as in the Court House, where the engineering and architectural contractors, Olsen, Deitrich, Carr and J. E. Greiner, are
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Group Of Deputies Sworn In To Help War Ration Board

Three Original Members Unable to Do Work Required

In view of the ever-increasing demands made on the three principal members of the Chowan County Rationing Board, consisting of A. G. Byrum, chairman, W. W. Byrum and Dr. W. S. Griffin, the Board felt compelled to call on D. M. Warren, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and Clerk of Court E. W. Spires to assist them in securing eight additional members to act as permanent deputies with them.

Warren and Spires, who, by reason of their official positions, were required under the rationing laws to recommend the three original board members to Governor Broughton, who made the appointments, secured the following men to act with the board: G. B. Potter, Leroy H. Haskett, W. J. Berryman, Marvin P. Wilson, W. J. Taylor, John A. Holmes, Ralph E. Parrish and Hector Lupton.

At present Mr. Wilson will handle wholesale and retail sugar, Mr. Taylor, war ration books, and Mr. Holmes the institutional and individual users. The later will be ready to review applicants beginning Monday from 4 to 5 p. m., at the Ration Board office.

The first three will act with Albert G. Byrum in the gasoline division, the next three with Dr. W. S. Griffin in foods, and the last two with W. W. Byrum in the price ceiling work.

All of these men were officially sworn in at the Ration Board offices Tuesday morning and this move is expected to prove of great help to the Board members who have worked many weary months at great sacrifice to themselves. They are all perfectly willing to make these sacrifices, but there is just too much work for the three men to do.