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Air Warning Observation Post Completed And Soon Ready For 24-Hour Service

Sheriff J. A. Bunch Is Chief Observer of Edenton Post

FINEST IN AREA Schedule For Group of Observers Soon to Be Arranged

Edenton's aircraft observation post, which has created quite a lot of attention, is now completed and will within a few days be ready for operation on a 24-hour basis. The tower, located back of the Boy Scout cabin, is very attractive and when the interior is fitted up and lights are installed, will be one of the most attractive towers in this section. It was built with town and county funds, while the furnishings will be provided by the Boy Scouts and members of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion. When put into operation it will complete Chowan County's air warning system, which is regarded as one of the most important arms of civilian defense. There are about one million people on the two seaboard who are volunteering their services as observers.

Staff Sergeant Levitsky and Corporal Calcutt, of the Army Observation Corps, with regional headquarters in Norfolk, were in Edenton early this week and said the post is one of the finest in this area. It will be operated 24 hours per day with Boy Scouts, Legion and Legion Auxiliary members, volunteers from the Lions and Rotary Clubs, as well as other citizens, offering their services as observers. Sheriff J. A. Bunch is chief observer of the post and within a few days a schedule will be worked out so that no one observer will be required to be on duty longer than from four to six hours every other week. A meeting will be called of all volunteers in order to arrange the schedule, so that the post is expected to be in full operation in about a week. Sergeant Levitsky and Corporal Calcutt, on (Continued on Page Five)

Stores Begin Half Holiday In June

Edenton merchants will, for the most part, begin closing each Wednesday afternoon on June 2. At a recent meeting there was a division of opinion as to whether to begin in May or June, and while one or two, including Quinn's Furniture Store and Julian Ward's Shoe Shop, will begin the half holiday next Wednesday, most all of the stores will begin the first Wednesday in June and continue throughout July and August.

Navy Relief Dance Nets About \$1500

Winners of Ten \$25 War Bonds Announced By Verlander

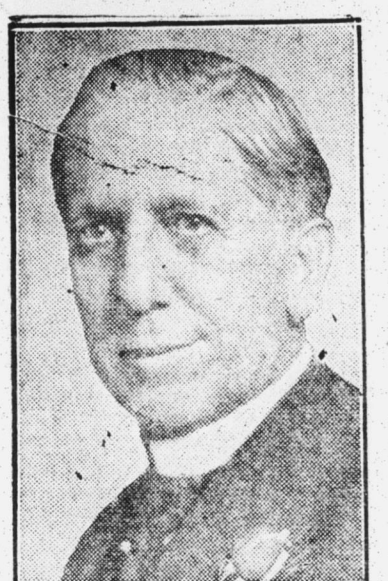
Though the Navy Relief dance on Saturday night was held less than a week after it was decided to have the affair, profits netted approximately \$1,500, according to George C. Cunney, Jr., and H. S. G. Verlander, who had charge. The dance was held in the Edenton Armory and attracted a large crowd of dancers from the surrounding territory. Music for the affair was furnished by the U. S. Naval Air Station Band of Elizabeth City.

A feature in helping to raise funds for Navy Relief was the sale of chances on ten \$25 War Bonds. Many tickets were sold and the drawing took place during the evening. Under the arrangement, it was not necessary for the winners to be present, so Mr. Verlander, in charge of this phase of the affair, furnished the names of those winning bonds to The Herald this week.

The winners, all but two of whom are citizens of Edenton, follow: E. T. Winslow, J. P. Perry, Harriett Conner, Mrs. C. P. Wales, Leroy Skinner, Herbert Hollowell, W. L. Langdale, R. K. Ritchie and Louis Stansberry of Williamston, and Rupert Cox, Route 4, Hertford.

Mr. Verlander today (Thursday) will secure the necessary information from the winners and subsequently purchase and mail the bonds.

Hat In Ring



CLYDE R. HOEY
Upon the heels of O. Max Gardner's withdrawal as a candidate for Congress, former Governor Clyde Hoey this week announced he will be a candidate to oppose Senator Robert Reynolds in the 1944 Democratic primary election.

Not Candidate



O. MAX GARDNER
Due to advice on the part of his physician and family that a strenuous campaign will endanger his health, former Governor Gardner has announced his final decision not to be a candidate for the U. S. Senate in 1944.

35 Pre-School Children Treated Friday At Clinic

The second pre-school clinic was held at the Edenton school on Friday, when 35 children who will enter school for the first time next September, were examined and treated by Dr. J. M. Jackson and Miss Gladys Hester of the local health office. This is the same number of children as were treated at the first clinic. The youngsters were vaccinated to prevent diphtheria and smallpox, and both Dr. Jackson and Miss Hester were well pleased with the cooperation of parents.

There still remains 20 children who have not been examined and treated and parents of these children are requested to take them to the health unit's office any Tuesday or Friday for that purpose.

Again Over Top

Chowan County has gone beyond its quota in the Second War Loan drive, J. G. Campen, Chowan County's chairman, reporting sales amounting to \$308,818.75 up to Saturday. The County's quota is \$231,900, thus Chowan has gone over the top by \$76,918.75.

Mr. Campen is delighted at the result of the drive, but stated that of the amount of bonds purchased, the majority was by far of the larger denominations. He is convinced that on the whole individual wage earners have not bought bonds as liberally as they could and is appealing to individuals to purchase bonds of smaller denominations to help swell the total sales for the month. He also urges those who have signed applications for bonds to purchase the bonds as soon as possible.

Edenton Lions Club Has New Home In Mitchener Building

Rooms Renovated to Provide Attractive Meeting Place

MEET WEEKLY

Committees Appointed To Install Modern Kitchen

Edenton's Lions Club met on Monday night for the first time in what will be its future home on the second floor of the Mitchener Building on the corner of Broad and Queen Streets. The meetings will be held each Monday night and at Monday night's meeting plans were made for remodeling the rooms which, when completed, will be an attractive and convenient home. Arrangements provide for a modern kitchen, where meals for the weekly meetings or special occasions can be prepared.

Members at Monday night's meeting were very enthusiastic over the prospect of again having a permanent home, and President J. Clarence Leary appointed the following committees to proceed with the arrangements:

Table Committee—W. W. Byrum, Oscar Duncan and Hector Lupton.
Chair Committee—Leroy Haskett and J. Frank White, Jr.
Silver, China and Cooking Ware—Nathan Dail, West Leary and W. E. Malone.

Decorating Committee—W. J. Taylor, Kenneth Floars, Oscar Duncan, Sidney Campen, J. P. Partin, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. J. P. Partin and Mrs. Sidney Campen.

Scout Executive Leaving Albemarle

Don King Accepts Position In Sharon, Pennsylvania

Edenton friends, and more especially those associated with him in his Boy Scout work, will regret to learn that Don King, Albemarle field Boy Scout executive, plans to leave the Albemarle in a few weeks to accept a similar position in Scouting in Sharon, Pennsylvania. Mr. King came to the Albemarle section about two years ago when Scouting was at a low ebb and through his untiring efforts has stimulated interest which has resulted in the addition of many Boy Scouts, as well as the organization of new troops.

Mr. King has made himself very popular with the boys and adults with whom he has been associated, all of whom regret to see him leave the section.

PTA Operating Hot Dog Stand At Carnival

In an effort to help raise funds for the school lunchroom, the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association is operating a hot dog stand at the carnival on the Fair Grounds this week. The ladies are enjoying a generous patronage, for which they are very grateful.

FINAL FIGURES IN RED CROSS WAR FUND DRIVE BOOSTS COUNTY TOTAL TO \$6,060.52

Those In Charge Express Appreciation of Splendid Cooperation; Remainder of Contributions Listed In This Issue of The Herald

With late contributions trickling in to Millard F. Bond, treasurer of the Chowan County Red Cross War Fund drive, total contributions amount to \$6,060.52, or \$1,860.52 in excess of the \$4,200 quota for the county. These figures were released by Mr. Bond on Tuesday, and so far as he knows, winds up the drive.

The drive exceeded by far all expectations, for at the outset the quota appeared to be an unusually large amount to raise, being far above any previous sum asked by the Red Cross. Though the task seemed great, however, W. J. Berryman, chairman of the drive, set a goal of \$5,000, so that he is more than pleased with the final outcome. Mr. Bond, too, early in the drive expressed the hope that the county would raise \$5,000. He also is delighted with the response being far above what he expected.

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of

Modern Abattoir Being Erected To Aid Meat Dealers

J. A. Davenport Building Up-to-date Plant Near His Home

EASES SITUATION

Facilities Provides For Butchering For Other Meat Dealers

With the Government's strict requirements relative to slaughtering cattle, which has caused some concern among the Chowan County butchers even to the advancement of a suggestion that the County Commissioners consider the erection of an abattoir, relief is in sight with the decision of J. A. Davenport to erect a slaughter house and cold storage plant.

The building will be 40x50 feet, erected near Mr. Davenport's home on the Edenton-Hertford highway a short distance from the city limits. It will be modern and up-to-date in every respect and when completed will meet any of the rigid specifications required by the State.

Mr. Davenport expects the abattoir to be completed in about two weeks and when put in readiness for operation, he will not only use it for his own needs, but plans to butcher for any other dealer, charging, of course, for the service. This arrangement solved a problem which faced all dealers in meat, who otherwise could not afford to build a plant to meet requirements.

Final PTA Meeting Scheduled Tuesday

Dramatization of Edenton Tea Party Feature of Meeting

Edenton Parent-Teacher Association will hold its last meeting of the school year next Tuesday afternoon in the school auditorium. An interesting program has been arranged and for that reason the meeting will start promptly at 3:30 o'clock. A feature of the meeting will be a dramatization of the Edenton Tea Party, which will be enacted by members of Mrs. Lloyd Griffin's class.

Following the program, the business meeting will be held in the school library in order to wind up the year's affairs, after which the new officers will take charge. At the conclusion of the meeting tea will be served by Miss Josephine Grant's home economics class. All members of the Association are especially urged to be present.

Auxiliary Of St. Paul's Meets Next Monday

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church will meet Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the Parish House. This is the monthly business meeting, and all women of the parish are urged to be present. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all visitors and strangers in Edenton.

Leroy Haskett Unopposed As Candidate For Mayor Of Edenton In May 4 Election

Next Mayor



LEROY H. HASKETT
Being the only candidate to file for the office of Mayor in the May 4 election, Mr. Haskett will be Edenton's next Mayor, going into that office without opposition.

Chesson-Kieckhefer Container Company Suit Again Argued

Only Case to Be Considered During Entire Term

Getting off to a day late start due to the observance of Easter Monday as a holiday, the April term of Chowan Superior Court will most likely be devoted in its entirety to a retrial of the suit brought by Robert L. Chesson against the Kieckhefer Container Company of Plymouth. Judge Walter Bone, of Nashville, is presiding over the term.

Another holdup of the trial occurred Tuesday when a jury was selected. Aside from the 24 jurors summoned, it was necessary for Sheriff J. A. Bunch to call 16 talismen before the jury satisfied both plaintiff and defendant attorneys. In the neighborhood of four hours was consumed in selecting the jury, which is composed of D. G. Welch, Junius White, J. D. Bunch, J. L. Chestnutt, R. C. Hollowell, U. G. Humphlett, Louis Goodwin, Leslie Nixon, W. A. Barrow, L. S. Byrum, J. O. Perry and R. L. Ward.

This is the third time the suit has been tried in the Chowan Court. It was sent to the State Supreme Court on two occasions and was once before a referee, the latter sending it back to the county for re-trial on the grounds of error in testimony.

Aside from court officials, a mere handful of spectators have been attending court, which will most likely drag along until late Thursday afternoon or Friday morning before it goes to the jury. Much time is being consumed in reading the testimony presented at former trials, though no new witnesses have been introduced.

In the suit Robert L. Chesson charges breach of contract by the pulp mill and in previous trials was awarded damages to which the defendant appealed. Attorneys for Chesson are J. Henry Leroy and John Hall of Elizabeth City, while the pulp mill is represented by Z. Vance Norman of Plymouth and W. D. Pruden.

Going Up!

An interesting display in the Bank of Edenton is a high stack of paper arranged in thermometer style along one of the columns and representing the number of war bonds sold by the institution. A sign on the table reads: \$955,000 war bonds sold by this Bank since Pearl Harbor. At the top of the display is another sign reading: "Help Make a Million."

Officials of the bank are confident that the million dollar mark will be reached and it is the belief that the display will hasten the accomplishment.

Two Contests Develop As Deadline For Filing Passes

LITTLE INTEREST

Election of Officials Will Be Held Tuesday, May 4

With the recent announcement by Mayor J. B. McMullan that he would not be a candidate for re-election and the filing for the office late Saturday afternoon by Leroy Haskett, the latter has no opposition in the city election to be held next Tuesday, May 4. Haskett was known to have aspirations to be Mayor, but until Saturday he had not definitely stated whether he would run for Mayor or Councilman from the Third Ward. He was a candidate for Mayor in the 1941 election, when he trailed Mayor McMullan by 58 votes in a three-cornered contest. He is a former Councilman, having served one term as Councilman from his Ward. It was during his tenure of office that he was appointed Police Commissioner, but because the charter does not make provision for such an appointment, the end for which the appointment was made met with very little success.

In announcing his candidacy for Mayor, Mr. Haskett said he has no axe to grind, that it is not his purpose to take advantage of any person, but that his decision was prompted solely because he has a great deal of interest in the town and its affairs in every respect. He says he will devote his efforts to having a clean town morally as well as from a cleanliness standpoint, to see to it that every citizen gets a square deal with no partiality shown, to which end he appeals for the full cooperation of the general public.

With last Saturday being the deadline for candidates to file for the election, only two contests have developed, which forecasts very little interest in the election of town officials next Tuesday. The two contests will be for Third Ward Councilman and for the two Councilmen-at-large.

In the Third Ward Jimmy Partin and J. L. Pettus are candidates for Councilman to succeed Albert Byrum, who decided not to seek re-election because of so much of his time being required with the Chowan War Price and Ration Board, of which he is chairman. Partin filed last week, while Pettus filed Saturday. Mr. Pettus was a candidate for Councilman-at-large in the 1941 election. It is Partin's first bid for public office. (Continued on Page Six)

Dillard Dixon's Band Planning To Stage An Amateur Show Soon

Plans are progressing rapidly for an Amateur Night, featuring "Dillard" Dixon and his orchestra for the benefit of the High School Band, to be presented sometime in May. All amateurs having any talent and desiring to participate in the contest, are asked to see R. L. Martin, local band director, as soon as possible.

Methodist Revival Begins On May 10

Rev. B. C. Reavis of Hertford Will Do Preaching

On Sunday, the Rev. W. C. Benson, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, announced that a series of revival meetings will be held in his church, beginning Monday, May 10, and continuing for a week or 10 days. He urged his congregation to be much in prayer to the end that the revival will be a success.

The preacher for this series of meetings will be the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church. Mr. Reavis is an outstanding preacher in the conference. He preached five years at Park Place Methodist Church at Greensboro, which is the church for Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. He is serving his first assignment on the Hertford Charge, where he is very popular and is meeting with no little success in his work.