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Lawrence Pierce, Chief Of Shore Patrol And Former West Virginia State Trooper Related Next To Bergen As Ventriloquist

Fact Leaks Out After Being In Edenton Three Months

WIDELY KNOWN

Offered Contract to Appear In Western Picture

Though it isn't generally known, Edenton has in its midst a professional ventriloquist in the person of Lawrence Pierce, chief of the Shore Patrol, stationed in Edenton since November 16. Mr. Pierce, before entering the Shore Patrol, was a State trooper in West Virginia, though he practiced ventriloquism since he was 16 years old. Prior to joining the West Virginia State Police, Pierce had many successful years of service in the art of ventriloquism, having appeared on the radio, vaudeville, lyceum and chautauqua circuits in many of the Central States. He has gained country-wide recognition and now holds a place in the stage spotlight second only to Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy.

Ventriloquist Pierce's principal partner is Rudy McGregor, though he uses another dummy, Oscar Glunt, an exact replica of Edgar Bergen's Mortimer Snerd, permission having been given to Pierce to use the second dummy by Bergen.

Rudy McGregor is 47 inches high, red-headed Irishman of the McGregor clan. He was constructed in Chicago, according to specifications of Mr. Pierce only after he had developed what is known as the "vent" voice, so that Rudy fits the voice which Mr. Pierce was able to produce. Rudy is phenomenal in many ways, for he can move his eyes, shake hands and give arm signals as a motorist. He has a complete naval uniform, a regulation State Police uniform, hundreds of civilian outfits all suitable for a five-year-old boy. However, when he appears in his happiest mood is when he is dressed in a regulation Boy Scout uniform, for Rudy is an official member of Troop 71 of Charleston, West Virginia Boy Scouts, and is registered on the national Boy Scout rolls as a tenderfoot. He is the second ventriloquist's dummy to be an officially registered Scout. His contemporary, Charlie McCarthy, was the first.

Pierce and Rudy have appeared on many programs in connection with Boy Scout entertainment features at which great crowds of Boy Scouts and prominent executives have attended. They have also performed in the interest of teaching safety on highways to large gatherings in West Virginia while Pierce was still a State trooper. Rudy is the "wise-cracker" of the team, while Oscar Glunt is the goofy partner with the same vein of conversation as Mortimer Snerd with the Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy combination.

The only inkling of Chief Pierce's ability recently leaked out when an official at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station was informed by the Chief of

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Bank Of Edenton Will Be Closed February 22

Next Tuesday, February 22, will be observed as a holiday by the Bank of Edenton, the bank being closed all day. Patrons of the institution are urged to arrange their banking business accordingly.

On The Beam

When canvassers met last week with J. G. Campen and D. M. Warren, chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, of the County War Finance Committee, the tentative report showed that purchases of E bonds were lagging and that the E bond quota might fall short.

Chief of Police Tanner was among those present and thought he was sticking his neck out when he proposed that his troop of Boy Scouts would secure pledges for \$5,000 worth of the bonds. He called the boys together and told them he was on the spot and wanted them to help him out. They immediately went to work and as a result of their efforts last reports on Monday night showed that the boys had secured pledges for \$24,975 worth of the bonds.

Meet Lawrence Pierce and Rudy McGregor



Above appears a picture of Lawrence Pierce, chief of the Shore Patrol in Edenton, and his partner, Rudy McGregor, while broadcasting. They have appeared on the radio, vaudeville, lyceum and chautauqua circuits in many states, and are rated next to Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy. Though Chief Pierce has been in Edenton three months, his ability as a ventriloquist has just leaked out.

STATE CHAIRMAN DR. RALPH McDONALD HIGH IN PRAISE OF CHOWAN COUNTY'S RECORD IN INFANTILE PARALYSIS DRIVE

Matter of Expense Referred to as Phenomenal And Which Could Be Possible Model For Other Counties In Future Drives

Dr. Ralph McDonald, State chairman of the annual fund-raising appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is high in his praise of Chowan County's record in the recent drive when the county's contributions totaled \$1,251.05 to more than double its quota of \$592. In a letter to J. Edwin Bufflap, Chowan County chairman, Dr. McDonald had this to say:

"I cannot tell you how delighted I am that you have achieved such record-breaking results in the Infantile Paralysis Campaign in Chowan County this year."

"You exceeded your quota by \$659.05 and even went beyond the

fine record Chowan chalked up last year. Your expenses of only \$5.00 is truly phenomenal, and could serve as a model for other counties. You and those who worked with you, have every reason to feel very proud of the fine work you have done."

"It has been an inspiring experience to me to work with you and the other unselfish, public-spirited men and women who have directed this campaign in the counties."

"With the utmost warmth and sincerity I want to thank you and through you every one of your co-workers for your devotion, your self-sacrifice, and your capable leadership in this worthy cause."

VSO Planning Series Interesting Affairs

Anxious Provide Meals Over Week-ends For Those In Service

At a meeting of the VSO of the Edenton USO Club Friday night, one of the principal matters discussed was an effort to entertain service men and women at meals over the week-end. Mrs. John G. Wood was appointed to have charge of this feature and any who will volunteer to have any of the service men or women for a meal are asked to contact her by telephoning 22. At the meeting it was also planned to arrange a checker tournament with service men being opposed by local checker players. Also discussed was a series of tours during the spring of the various local historical points.

Presbyterians Resume Two Sunday Services

Beginning next Sunday, the Presbyterians will hold services at both the morning and evening hour in their temporary quarters at 220 East Queen Street. At the morning service the pastor, the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., will preach on the subject, "The Fourth Commandment," while the subject for the night service will be "Joseph—The Progress of Experience." The morning service will be held at 11 o'clock, and the night service at 8 o'clock.

The pastor extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend all of the services and stated that a special song service will be held Sunday night.

Edenton's Police In New Quarters

Mayor Haskett Moves Into Office Vacated Wednesday

Wednesday afternoon Edenton's Police Department moved from the Municipal Building lock, stock and barrel into its new headquarters in the W. I. Cozzens' building on the corner of Broad and King Streets. The police have used the cramped quarters in the Municipal Building since it was acquired by the town in 1930, and only recently the Cozzens' building was rented by Town Council in order to more adequately house the department, which has for a long time outgrown its quarters.

The new building has been renovated, so that part of the building has offices provided for the local police department, one for the State Highway Patrol and one for the Shore Patrol. In the L part of the building a good-sized private office has been

New Tuberculosis Chest Examinations Available

According to the local Health Department, tuberculosis chest examinations are now available, and anyone who has not been exposed to an active case of tuberculosis is eligible to receive this examination free. Appointments must be made through the local Health Department and the examinations will be made in the Health Department office in Windsor only on Tuesday afternoons between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock. Dr. J. M. Jackson, the district health officer, will make these examinations.

Post War Planning Reason For Special Meeting Feb. 23rd

Mayor Haskett Asks All Organizations to Be Represented

5 O'CLOCK P. M.

Representative of Federal Security Agency Will Speak

Mayor Leroy Haskett has called a very important meeting which will be held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday afternoon, February 23, at 5 o'clock. This meeting is for the purpose of discussing post-war planning, which should be of vital importance to everyone in the community, and more especially to those holding responsible positions.

H. M. Wallott, regional representative of the Federal Security Agency, will attend the meeting and will be the principal speaker. Naturally he is very desirous of meeting with the leaders in the town to consider community planning, and for that reason Mayor Haskett has written to the various organizations urging that a committee from the respective groups be appointed to attend the meeting.

The organizations who have been asked to be represented by a committee include the Lions Club, Rotary Club, American Legion, Parent-Teacher Association, Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, Garden Club, Town Council, Board of Public Works, County Commissioners, superintendents of the county and city school administrative units and the director of the USO Club.

Mayor Haskett desires to emphasize the importance of this meeting and urges every grouping to be represented. An opportunity will be afforded for questions to be asked and suggestions made, so that representatives are requested to give the matter of post war planning in the community some thought before going to the meeting.

Police Dance And Floor Show Will Be Held February 22

Proceeds From Affair Will Purchase Necessary Equipment

Arrangements have been completed for the Police benefit dance and floor show, which is scheduled to be held next Tuesday night, February 22, from 8:30 to 12:30 o'clock. While tickets have been on sale for a week or more, their sale will be pushed from now until the night of the ball, and present indications are that a record crowd will turn out at the Armory, where the affair will be held.

The primary purpose of the entertainment is to raise funds for the local Police Department with which to purchase extra necessary equipment, such as an inhalator, fingerprinting supplies and other items.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by Hal Thurston and his orchestra from Rocky Mount. This outfit is well known among Edenton's dancing enthusiasts, having played for a number of dances before.

The floor show will feature Buddy Robinson, who will give an exhibition of tap dancing.

Every member of the Police Department feels that an evening of genuine entertainment is in store for those who attend and for that reason are hopeful that the first of such an occasion sponsored by the department will meet with success.

Even if there are those who do not intend to go to the Armory, purchase of a ticket will help the police to purchase some equipment to make the department more efficient in law enforcement.

Visiting Rector Will Preach At St. Paul's Church Next Sunday

Episcopalians will have an opportunity to hear the Rev. Sidney E. Matthews preach in St. Paul's Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Matthews is rector of the Church of the Holy Cross at Aurora. The public is cordially invited to hear the visiting rector.

Chowan County Meets Both Overall And E Bond Quota In Fourth War Loan Drive

In Honolulu



Billy Brunson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brunson, a member of the U. S. Marine Corps, only recently arrived at Honolulu, in the Hawaiian Islands. Young Brunson is private first class and has not been home since entering the Marine Corps in California.

Presentation Charter To Troop 170 Climax Of Boy Scout Week

Affair Feature of Lions Club Meeting Monday Night

TANNER PROUD

Prominent Guests From Tidewater Council at Meeting

Boy Scout Week in Edenton was climaxed by Troop No. 170 being presented its charter, which was a feature of Monday night's meeting of the Lions Club, sponsors of the new troop. That the club is vitally interested in the troop was reflected in the fact that every member of the organization was present, thus chalking up a 100 per cent meeting.

Members of the new troop, which has 32 Scouts registered and a mascot, John Dobson, Jr., were guests of the club and were so arranged at the table that they were seated between two Lions.

The charter was presented by Geddes Potter, district commissioner, to Oscar Duncan, president of the club, who in turn presented it to J. Clarence Leary, chairman of the troop committee. Each was charged with specific obligations and duties to perform, as well as the Scoutmaster, Chief of Police J. R. Tanner, and the two assistant Scoutmasters, Nathan Dail and Oscar Duncan.

During the evening the Scouts took a brief part in the program, which was led by singing the Scout song, "Trail of the Eagle." This was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Jimmy Cates. Burton Jones

Methodists Observe School Of Missions Nights Of Feb. 24-25

A school of missions will be held in the Methodist Church on the nights of February 24 and 25, with the sessions beginning at 8 o'clock each night. During this course the book "The Church After the War," will be studied, with the pastor, the Rev. H. F. Surratt, serving in the capacity of teacher. Members of the congregation, men and women, are urged to take advantage of the school and an invitation is extended to those not belonging to the Methodist Church.

County Offices Will Be Closed Tuesday

All Chowan County offices will be closed next Tuesday, February 22, in observance of George Washington's birthday. Any important business to be transacted should therefore, be attended to accordingly.

Total Amount of Bonds Sold Up to Wednesday, \$371,000

CHAIRMEN PLEASED Series E Bond Quota of \$99,000 Exceeded By \$4,000

As was predicted by J. G. Campen, chairman of the Chowan County War Finance Committee, and his assistant, D. M. Warren, Chowan County not only reached its over-all quota in the Fourth War Loan drive, but the quota of E bonds was also over-sold by \$4,000.

Up to Wednesday morning, figures at the Bank of Edenton showed that over-all sales amounted to \$371,000. The quota for the county was \$363,000, so that the entire quota was exceeded by \$8,000, with prospects of this figure being further increased.

What is reason for a great deal of satisfaction on the part of the two chairmen is the fact that the E bond quota was reached. The quota set for the county in this series was \$99,000, while the bank's figures showed that sales amounted to \$103,000, which exceeded the quota by \$4,000. The E bond quota was reason for some concern on the part of Campen and Warren, for both nationally and in the State it appears that the quota might not be reached. However, within the last two weeks, canvassers were urged to emphasize the importance of buying E bonds, so that reaching the quota is very gratifying to the two chairmen, as well as to the canvassers, most of whom worked hard and faithfully to see the goal realized.

Both Mr. Campen and Mr. Warren desire to thank their corps of canvassers for their interest and sacrifices made in contacting folks in their various communities, for they feel that without this splendid cooperation the drive would have been far from being as successful as it was. They also desire to thank those who purchased bonds of any description, thus helping to again place Chowan County in the rank of those who are doing all they possibly can on the home-front to support the boys who are fighting and preparing to fight in order to hasten the end of the war.

Mass Meeting On Monday Night To Plan For War Fund

Chairman W. J. Berryman Anxious to Have Large Gathering

W. J. Berryman has called a mass meeting to be held in the Court House Monday night, at 8 o'clock, at which time preliminary plans will be discussed for raising Chowan County's quota in the Red Cross War Fund drive. Chowan's quota is larger than ever before, \$7,800 being asked to be raised this year as against a quota of \$4,200 last year, when contributions amounted to \$6,000.

The drive will be held during March, and naturally Mr. Berryman, who is chairman of the drive, would be delighted to have every person interested to be present so that no time will be lost in formulating an organization as well as making necessary arrangements for the mammoth job of reaching the quota.

Last Call

Attention is called today in an advertisement to the fact that there is still a small group of automobile owners in Edenton who have not yet purchased and displayed their city license tags. The law requires these licenses to be displayed and because the deadline has been passed, those who neglect to attend to this matter may suddenly find themselves embarrassed by being arrested.

The licenses are on sale by Miss Louise Coke in the Municipal Building and the parting with a dollar bill at once may save a larger outlay by those who apparently desire to flout the Town's ordinance.