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## J. Clarence Leary Elected President Commerce Group

### Members of Board of Directors Boosted to Twelve

#### MUCH INTEREST

### R. N. Hines, Vice President; E. W. Spires, Treasurer

Following three organization meetings, J. Clarence Leary was, on Friday afternoon, elected president of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, succeeding J. G. Campen. Mr. Leary was elected by the Board of Directors, who were chosen at a meeting held Wednesday night of last week. The directors also elected Richard N. Hines as vice president, and E. W. Spires as treasurer.

The directors were chosen from a list of names presented by the nominating committee, composed of W. M. Wilkins, J. H. Conger and W. E. Malone. Those chosen as directors were J. W. Davis, John Mitchener, E. W. Spires, J. Clarence Leary, Geddes Potter, J. G. Campen, James E. Wood, Philip McMullan, D. M. Warren, O. B. Perry, Fred Wood and J. H. Conger.

One of the first official acts of President Leary was the appointment of a committee to review the constitution and by-laws of the organization and recommend any changes which might seem necessary. This committee is composed of D. M. Warren, Geddes Potter and Philip McMullan.

Much interest in the organization was manifested at the meetings and while no definite action was taken, one of the major projects suggested by some of the members of the Board of Directors is a systematic program for the erection of a hospital, which is a much needed service in Edenton.

The directors in a lively meeting held Tuesday night discussed the organization's finances, after which J. H. Conger and J. W. Davis were appointed as a finance committee to plan a budget and membership drive.

Every member of the board of directors was present Tuesday night except two, and these reported to President Leary earlier that other engagements prevented their being present. Interest is at a high pitch and the directors are of one accord in supporting the organization. The need for an aggressive organization is realized and an effort will be made to secure enough funds to allow proper functioning.

## H. A. Campen Elected President Of Rotary

### D. M. Warren Chosen Vice President; New Directors Elected

H. A. Campen was elected as president of the Edenton Rotary Club at last week's meeting to succeed R. N. Hines. At the same time the club elected five directors, D. M. Warren receiving the largest number of votes by virtue of which he will be the club's vice president. Others elected as directors were Marvin Wilson, David Holton, C. W. Overman and James E. Wood.

At the close of the meeting the newly-elected directors met and re-elected John A. Holmes as secretary and chose David Holton as sergeant-at-arms. Mr. Campen and other officers and directors will be installed the first meeting in July.

At last week's meeting the Rotarians were favored with a number of solos by Sgt. Esther Mae Holcomb, stationed at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, and several piano selections by Mrs. Wood Privott.

The local club is especially interested in the candidacy of John A. Holmes as governor of the 189th district and an effort is being made to have the entire membership present at the district convention to be held at Pinehurst early in May.

## Three More Chowan Boys Enlist In Navy

Three more Chowan County boys enlisted in the Navy last week, including Frank Vernon White, Ralph Weldon Ward and James William Cates. White and Ward are corpsmen 2-c, while Cates is a member of the Air Corps.

## Some Cooperated

Mayor Leroy Haskett reports quite a success as the result of the observance of a clean-up campaign in Edenton last week. "Though a few people failed to cooperate," said Mayor Haskett, "many, on the other hand, cleaned up their premises so that no little improvement has been noticeable."

In cooperating with the clean-up campaign, the Street Department trucks carried much more trash than usual to the trash piles, thus making it necessary to abandon some of the other usual work of the department.

Mayor Haskett desires to thank all who cooperated in the drive and urges those who have not cleaned up to do so as soon as possible.

## Mrs. Alonza Gray Gets Purple Heart From Navy Dept.

### Son, Herbert Gray, First Chowan Casualty In Present War

Mrs. Alonza Gray, last week, received from the Navy Department the distinguished Purple Heart in recognition of her son, Herbert Gray, who was reported missing after the ship on which he was serving as an apprentice seaman was sunk by enemy submarines on May 19, 1943.

Young Gray, 23-years-old, was the first Chowan County boy to lose his life in the present conflict, and he had been in the service only about three months when sent into enemy-infested waters.

The citation which accompanied the Purple Heart award to Mrs. Gray, who is an invalid, reads: "For heroism and military merit resulting in his death while participating in combat against the enemy."

## W. C. Kaus Shows Here Next Week

### Damage By Storm Necessitated Cancellation Previous Booking

After having been obliged to abandon its appearance in Edenton two weeks ago, due to damage caused by a storm in Morehead City, the W. C. Kaus Shows are scheduled to show on Hicks Field next week, May 1-6. The outfit will provide a group of riding devices and other amusements, with free acts daily featuring the Great Albanis, a breath-taking aerialist act.

The show is sponsored by the Edenton Lions Club, with the proceeds going toward blind work.

## Dr. Parker Preaches At Baptist Church Sunday

Dr. C. E. Parker, chaplain at the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, will preach at the 11 o'clock service in the Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Dr. Parker is well known among Baptists throughout North Carolina, and the pastor of the church, the Rev. E. L. Wells, is very anxious for a large congregation to greet the visiting preacher. The public is cordially invited.

## War Bond Quota At Base Boosted 50 Pct.

That no little interest is being taken in the purchase of war bonds at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station is reflected in the fact that as of March 1 civilians working at the base started with 25 per cent buying bonds and at the present, the percentage has jumped to 95 per cent.

The entire quota of the base has been increased 55 per cent, therefore, there will be no let-up in the drive to sell bonds, both to civilians and service men and women.

## Vesper Service Sunday At Methodist Church

Vesper services will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock, at which time a message will be delivered by the Rev. Frank Cale, pastor of the Rocky Hook Baptist Church.

These services have been arranged primarily for the benefit of service men and women, but a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

## Nation Faced With Greatest Drive For Money In History

### Chowan, Too, Will Be Called Upon For Huge Amount

Faced with the most gigantic war financing program the world has ever known, Americans will be asked to raise sixteen billion dollars during the Fifth War Loan drive, which will be launched June 12, and will extend through July 8. Of the total quota, six billion dollars is to be raised from individuals.

As is the case in the nation, so will Chowan County face the largest quota ever to be asked and though figures have not yet been received, J. G. Campen, chairman of the County War Finance Committee, expects the county's quota to be somewhere between \$450,000 and \$500,000.

Aside from the fact that the quota will be an enormous figure, Mr. Campen and his assistant, D. M. Warren, are no little concerned because the drive will come at a time when less money will be in circulation, especially in the rural section. However, both Campen and Warren decide to emphasize the necessity of reaching the quota, for it is not only of supreme importance in financing the war, but it is also most essential in the nation's fight against inflation.

"The nation needs your help more for the coming Fifth War Loan drive than ever before," says Mr. Campen, "and I hope Chowan County will again be able to be among the counties in the State which will measure up and contribute to the success of this, the greatest of all financing efforts."

Both Campen and Warren will again depend, to a large extent, upon the corps of canvassers who have worked so faithfully and hard during the previous drives.

## Lt. Doris Ann Neely Editor Leatherneck

### Succeeds Chaplain H. A. Chace on Staff of Air Station Paper

Second Lieutenant Doris Ann Neely, formerly associate editor of The Chowan Leatherneck, the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station weekly newspaper, has been promoted to editor, succeeding Chaplain Henry E. Chace. This week's issue is the first to be printed under the editorship of Lieut. Neely and but for the masthead, readers would very likely notice a change in both the appearance and contents of the paper.

Associated with Editor Neely in getting the paper out are Lieut. D. L. Ford, multitalent; Cpl. Robert Erpenbeck, illustrator; Pfc. Helen Loux, manager editor, and Pfc. Ruth E. Webb, reporter.

## Finals At Chowan High Begin Sunday

### Revs. Arthur Stephenson and E. H. Potts Speakers

Finals at Chowan High School will begin next Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock, when the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. Arthur Stephenson, pastor of the Chowan Circuit of the Methodist Church.

Class night will be observed on Thursday night, May 4, at 8:30 o'clock, when the feature of the program will be a play, "Gypsies For a Day."

Graduation exercises will be held the following night, May 5, at 8:30, when the address will be made by the Rev. E. H. Potts, of Elizabeth City. The invocation will be offered by B. T. Boyd, Jr., president of the class, and the benediction will be offered by Gerald Blanchard. Special music will be rendered by the Chowan High School Glee Club.

Evelyn White is valedictorian of the class, while Ruth Evans is salutatorian.

**FIRST ON MARSHALLS**  
Mrs. J. Frank Miller was delighted this week when she received a letter from her son, Sgt. Reuben Miller. Sgt. Miller was among the first American soldiers to land on the Marshall Islands, and he says, all the Japs are dead on the island.

## Leathernecks Open Baseball Season In Edenton Saturday

### Doubleheader Scheduled Sunday Afternoon With Sunbury

Saturday, April 29th, will be opening day for the Edenton Marines baseball team at the Edenton ball park, against the strong Merry Hill All Stars. On Sunday, April 30th, the Marines will play a civilian team from Sunbury in a double-header. Game time for both games will be 1:30 p. m.

The starting pitchers for these games will be Wurtz against the Merry Hill All Stars. Stevenson and Blow will do the chucking for the Marines Sunday against Sunbury. Kniser and Longnehan will be behind the plate.

So far this season, the Marines have been unable to get their eye on the ball to register hits in the hit department, but Coach Gaines is confident that they will pound into form by Saturday.

The infield has finally come around and is showing brilliant defensive ability. The weak sister of the team is the outfield. So far, Coach Gaines has been unable to decide on his first team outfield, but expects to fill the vacant spot before Saturday game time. There is a possibility they will round into playing form between now and Saturday.

Other games which are scheduled by Coach Gaines for his team before they make their league debut, are Patrol Plane Base on Wednesday, May 3rd; Harvey Point Naval Base on Saturday, May 6th. These games will be played at the Edenton ball park. The only game scheduled away is with Sunbury, on Sunday, May 7th.

No admission will be charged for any of the games the Marines participate in.

## Orchestra Formed At Air Station

### New Outfit Is Proving Very Popular Among Service People

One of the latest additions to the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station is an orchestra, which has already played to the satisfaction of the Marines and members of the Women Reserves. The first appearance was made at a banquet held in honor of Col. Karl Day, who has been detached from the base for combat duty.

A few of the members of the orchestra are professionals, while the remainder are very good musicians. The orchestra's next appearance is scheduled for a dance at the Officers' Club in the very near future.

Members of the orchestra are Lt. H. R. Graves, Lt. C. A. Rice, Lt. L. Nicolas, Cpl. V. R. Clawson, Cpl. R. S. Wenrick, Pfc. D. Fredericks, Pvt. S. J. Circola, Pfc. R. Browning, Pfc. S. C. Brechtel and Pfc. W. B. Albens, while Cpl. C. L. Rebaudo adds a finishing touch by singing favorite bits.

## Miss Sarah Russell 1944 Valedictorian

### Young Lady Holds Commanding Lead In Average

Miss Sarah Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Russell, was, on Monday, informed that she had won the honor of being valedictorian of the 1944 graduating class at Edenton High School. Miss Russell held a commanding lead over all other students for the honor.

Miss Russell also led her class upon entering high school when she was valedictorian of the seventh grade. Her half-sister, Jennie Ruth McAlilly, was also valedictorian of the class of 1938.

## Musical Playlet At Chowan High Tonight

The piano pupils of Mrs. R. R. White will present a musical playlet, entitled, "Musical Playland," in the Chowan High School auditorium tonight (Thursday) at 8:30 o'clock. A vocal quartet from Belvidere will be an added feature. The public is invited to attend.

## Better Pay Up

According to instructions from the Chowan County Commissioners, Sheriff J. A. Bunch will, on next Monday, display at the Court House door a list of taxpayers who have not paid their 1943 taxes. This list will appear in next week's Herald, therefore any who desire to avoid embarrassment and added expense should pay their taxes immediately.

Miss Louise D. Coke, Town Tax Collector, has been instructed to advertise delinquents in Edenton one week later.

## Another Session Of Scout Training Class Will Be Held Tonight

### Interesting Program Is Arranged For Adults Interested In Boys

The fifth session of the Scoutmasters' Training Course for the West Albemarle District will be held at the Scout Cabin tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. All men interested in Scouting and all fathers of Scouts are cordially invited to attend this course.

An interesting program has been arranged for Thursday night. Oscar Duncan, Lions Club president, will have charge of the opening exercises. Scoutmasters C. W. Overman and J. R. Tanner will take charge of the games and will assist with the patrol activities.

P. S. McMullan, chairman of the Advancement Committee for the district, will talk on the Advancement Program. J. E. Wood, chairman of Troop Committee for Troop No. 156, will discuss the Troop Budget Plan and Troop records. Dr. Dan Hackett, of Elizabeth City, will discuss Health and Safety.

Scoutmaster L. Q. Pierce, of Sunbury, will have charge of the closing exercises.

John A. Holmes, chairman of the Leadership Training Committee for the West Albemarle District, reports that the first four sessions have been well-attended. The men have derived both pleasure and profit from these meetings, and it is hoped that an even larger number will be present Thursday to enjoy the program that has been arranged.

## More Land Approved For Local Air Station

### Secretary of Navy Approves Expenditure of \$13,000

The Herald received a telegram from Congressman Herbert Bonner Monday to the effect that the Secretary of the Navy has approved acquisition of more land at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station in the amount of \$13,000.

At the same time, a project was approved for 12,000 square yards of additional concrete parking area at the land-lease modification center at Elizabeth City, costing \$42,150.

## Piano Recital At School On Monday

On Monday, May 1, at 8 o'clock, the following pupils of Mrs. Leon Lewis' class will be presented in a piano recital in the Edenton school auditorium: Lois Harrell, Grace Hudson, Mearplene Hudson, Juanita Bennett, Harriet Conger, Marietta Perry, Jane Spry, Robert White, Hazel Bunch, Mildred Small, Carolyn White, Virginia Downing, Lillian Leary, Betty Byrum, Flora Mae Hare, Phyllis Comer, Mary Dale Spry, Audrey Lee Jones, Betsy Wood, Nancy Boswell, Ethel Gray White, Barbara Chappell, Suzanne Speight, Clara White, Charlotte Leary, Marian Harrell, Rebecca Swanner, Susan Thigpen and Patsy Taylor.

## Cars Leaving Base Ordered Be Searched

Hereafter, all motor vehicles leaving the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, except official staff cars and those privately owned by officers, will be thoroughly searched by the guards. Passes issued government vehicles leaving the station will specifically state whether the vehicle is loaded or empty and if loaded, the nature of the cargo will be specified.

## Ripple In Chowan Political Waters As Candidates Appear

### Jenkins and Culpepper Lining Up Friends In State Senate Race

#### FOUR ASPIRANTS

### Cherry and McDonald Supporters Working In Governor Race

The Chowan County Board of Elections, this week appointed registrars and judges of elections for the Primary election to be held on May 27. Books for registration of voters will be open April 29, May 6 and 13, though a voter may register at any other time by contacting the registrar in his or her precinct. May 20 has been designated as Challenge Day.

Registrars and judges of election appointed are as follows:

East Edenton Precinct—Miss Sarah Jones, registrar; C. C. Cates and M. A. Hughes, judges of election.

West Edenton Precinct—Mrs. Annie W. McMullan, registrar; J. J. Long and T. B. Smith, judges of election.

Yeopim Precinct—Gus Beasley, registrar; Tom Hoskins and Frank Ward, judges of election.

Rocky Hook Precinct—W. H. Pearce, registrar; J. N. Smith and Tom Tynch, judges of election.

Center Hill Precinct—R. H. Goodwin, registrar; R. R. Goodwin and E. D. Byrum, judges of election.

Wardville Precinct—G. A. Hollowell, registrar; C. J. Hollowell and T. A. Berryman, judges of election.

A number of candidates appearing in Edenton within the last few days has caused a ripple in what has been otherwise very calm political waters in Chowan County.

Dr. Ralph McDonald, one of the candidates for Governor, was in Edenton Wednesday morning conferring with a group of local supporters, while late last week Olla Ray Boyd, another gubernatorial candidate, was in Edenton laying plans for his campaign. Gregg Cherry, the third of the candidates for Governor, has a well-oiled organization at work in Chowan and he, too, is expected to visit Edenton before the election.

W. T. (Bill) Culpepper and Charles H. Jenkins, two of the four candidates for State Senate seats, were in town the latter part of last week making the rounds in an effort to line up support in the coming primary. The other two candidates are J. J. Hughes of Elizabeth City, and J. B. Fearling of Windsor.

In the race for United States Senator, Clyde R. Hoey, Cameron Morrison, Marvin Lee Ritch, Arthur Simmons and Giles Yeoman Newton are candidates.

In the Lieutenant-Governor race are three candidates, W. I. Halstead, L. Y. Ballentine and Jamie T. Lyda.

Thad Eure has an opposition for Secretary of State W. N. Crawford. For State Auditor there are two candidates, George Ross Pou incumbent, and Fred S. Hunter.

Charles M. Johnson, at present State Treasurer, has as his opponent, L. G. Phipps.

In Chowan County there is no contest for local offices, therefore, interest in the election will center about the State and District contests.

## Interest Increasing In Salvage Program

### R. L. Meiggs Reports More Scrap Paper Collected

R. L. Meiggs, who is handling the collection of waste paper in Edenton and at the same time collects tin cans each Wednesday afternoon, reports increased response in the salvage program. He has disposed of one shipment of paper and already has on hand more than was sent to the pulp mill at Plymouth. He also has several hundred pounds of tin cans which will be turned over to the salvage officer at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, when the quantity warrants sending a truck to carry them away.

Mr. Meiggs makes a round in Edenton every Wednesday and will be glad to pick up any paper or tin cans which are placed so that he can see them, or he will call for any paper which may be too bulky to place on a front porch or along the sidewalk. He is very much interested in the salvage program and urges more people to cooperate.