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## Whirlwind Drive Planned To Complete Membership In Chamber Of Commerce

Canvassers Will Make Solicitation Friday Morning

### SIX CAPTAINS

All Asked to Be Ready So That No Time Is Lost

Following the recent re-organization of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, plans have been perfected to conduct a whirlwind membership drive which will begin at 10:30 Friday (tomorrow) morning, and which is expected to be completed within a few hours. This announcement was made early this week by J. W. Davis and J. H. Conger, who were appointed as members of the finance committee of the organization.

Machinery has been set up to conduct the canvass, which includes six captains, who will be given four assistants, so that there will be six groups of five persons who will contact every business person in town. The sections to be canvassed have been carefully planned, so that there should be practically no overlapping of solicitations.

The six captains who will direct the work of the respective teams are J. H. Conger, J. W. Davis, John Mitchener, T. C. Byrum, J. E. Wood and David Holton. This group met Wednesday to perfect their plans and select their helpers. The helpers have been notified and will again be reminded early Friday morning of their duties, therefore the campaign will get under way at the same time.

Those who will make the canvass urge every business person to be thinking about their membership and be ready to respond when called upon, for time is precious with those who will make the canvass, and they desire to lose no more time than necessary in completing the drive.

## Disadvantages In Edenton Stressed By D. M. Warren

Principal Speaker Monday Night at Lions Club Meeting

D. M. Warren, speaking at the Lions Club meeting Monday night refrained from pulling out his little red book in which he has listed statistics that show the disadvantages of Chowan County, and instead, the theme of his remarks were some of the disadvantages of the community. At the outset, he emphasized the opportunities of an energetic Chamber of Commerce and told the Lions it was the duty of the club and as individual members to support the organization.

Mr. Warren pointed out that one of the greatest disadvantages at present is inadequate bus and train schedules. Because of poor connections, he said, it is impossible now to go to a number of places and return the same day, which, with better connections, could very easily be done. Another great disadvantage, according to Mr. Warren, is lack of hospital facilities. Edenton, he said, is one of the largest towns in the State not having hospital facilities of any kind, which he pointed out, are very much needed.

Mr. Warren also stressed the need of an up-to-date building in which should be housed all of the various county agencies now scattered about town. He also said that apparently little interest is taken in recreational facilities, pointing out that more should be provided for the benefit of visitors and men and women in the service.

These, and many other activities, said Mr. Warren, are direct responsibilities of a Chamber of Commerce in making Edenton a better place in which to live, and for that reason warrant the support and cooperation of every civic-minded person in the town and county.

During the meeting the observance of Ladies' Night on May 12 was announced and a number of Lions and their wives expressed their intention to attend.

## Girl Scout Regional Director To Speak To PTA On Monday

All Interested In Welfare of Youth Urged To Attend

Following a definite decision by the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association to organize a troop of Girl Scouts and the election of Miss Edna Goodwin as leader, a very important meeting will be held next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the school library, when Miss Lucy Russell Holibird, regional director of Girl Scouts, will be present and speak. At this meeting parents, girls from 10 to 14 years of age and any others interested in Girl Scouts are especially urged to be present.

Miss Holibird's headquarters are in Atlanta, and she will be delighted to furnish any information relative to Girl Scouting and the organization of a troop. She has worked with Girl Scouts in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, therefore, she is thoroughly familiar and very much interested in the work of youth organizations. She has traveled extensively throughout the United States and in Europe and Latin America. She is a charming speaker, and officers and members of the P. T. A. are hoping a large number of those interested in the welfare of young people will be present to hear and meet the visitor.

## Chowan Red Cross Chapter Awarded Honor Certificate

Berryman Receives Citation For Success of War Fund Drive

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter, early this week, received a delightful letter from Allen J. Carter, regional director for the Southeastern Area, in which he said national headquarters has awarded the local chapter the Honor Certificate in recognition of the splendid achievement in the 1944 War Fund Campaign. "I am indeed proud of your record," wrote Mr. Carter, "and again I want to extend to you and your faithful fellow workers my heartfelt congratulations."

With the Honor Certificate for the Chapter, Mr. Carter also sent the 1944 War Fund Citation for W. J. Berryman, who was chairman of the local War Fund drive. "Please congratulate Mr. Berryman for me," said Carter, "and express our sincere appreciation for his magnificent leadership in guiding the campaign to the goal."

Both the Honor Certificate and the citation are beautifully printed, the former being signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt and Norman H. Davis, president and chairman, respectively, of the American National Red Cross. The citation conspicuously displays the name of W. J. Berryman and is signed by Chairman Davis.

In announcing receipt of the awards, Mrs. Pruden said she is again proud of the honor bestowed upon the local chapter, which has never failed to meet its quota. She is especially proud of the result in the recent drive, when the largest quota ever asked was reached. She stated early this week that she again wishes to thank all who in any way contributed to the success of the drive, especially Chairman Berryman; D. M. Warren, treasurer; J. Edwin Bufflap, publicity chairman, and Chaplain Henry Chace, who so ably handled the drive at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station.

## Boost In Payment Of County Taxes In April

Faced with the possibility of being advertised on Monday of this week for not paying 1943 county taxes, Sheriff J. A. Bunch, during April, collected \$4,542.42 in way of taxes. This amount brought the total of 1943 taxes collected to May 1 to \$61,212.26.

## Churches Plan To Open For Prayers On Day Of Invasion

Ministerial Association Adopts Idea at Meeting Monday

### SOLEMN MOMENT

Gov. Broughton Urges State's Citizens to Turn to Prayer

According to action taken at a meeting of the Chowan County Ministerial Association Monday morning, it was decided to open all churches in Edenton and Chowan County on the day the announcement is made of the Allied invasion of Europe. The meeting of the Association, with all pastors present except one, was held in the office of the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., president, in the Citizens Bank Building.

On the day of invasion, the churches will open for prayer and meditation, so that at any time members of the congregation and relatives and friends of those in service may enter for the purpose of prayer and devotion. The various pastors of the churches will also be present to assist in leading devotional exercises to the end that all of the boys and girls in the armed forces are sustained by the prayers of a Christian people.

Definite plans for the observance of the invasion or D Day will be announced by the various ministers at next Sunday's services.

Governor J. M. Broughton has commended the idea, which has been adopted by many civic and religious groups. "According to all indications," said the Governor, "we are approaching one of the most momentous events in all history—an all-out effort of the armed forces representing the cause of democracy, decency, freedom and righteousness. Inevitably the casualties will be heavy and represents one of the solemn moments of our State and national history. I earnestly hope that every church in North Carolina will make arrangements to be open all day on the day of invasion and that the people be invited to turn aside from their duties and spend at least a few moments in prayer in these places of worship."

## Yeopim Polling Place At Coffield's Store

Voters in the coming primary and general elections in Yeopim Township will vote at R. E. Coffield's store, instead of Gus Beasley's store. The change in polling place is announced by the Chowan County Board of Elections.

### AUXILIARY MEETS MONDAY

A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church will be held in the Parish House next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This will be an important meeting and every member is urged to be present.

## ED BOND POST ENDORSES R. L. McMILLAN FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER OF LEGION

Care of Boys Returning From War and a Legion Hut Principal Theme of Meeting Held In Court House Tuesday Night

At a meeting of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion held Tuesday night in the Court House, the Legionnaires, by motion of Judge Richard Dixon, endorsed R. L. McMillan, of Raleigh, as a candidate for national commander of the American Legion. Mr. McMillan is now vice commander. Members of the Post were very enthusiastic over the endorsement, which received an unanimous vote.

During the meeting new officers were elected, which are as follows: Commander, J. L. Chestnut; first vice commander, T. C. Byrum; second vice commander, Shelton Moore; adjutant and finance officer, A. E. Jenkins; Chaplain, W. C. Bunch; sergeant-at-arms, John A. Holmes; graves registration officer, W. W. Byrum; service officer, C. E. Kramer.

Captain Henry Gurley and Sergeant C. W. Heard were visiting speakers, whose remarks principally dealt with the urgency of the Legion in making preparations now to take care of the boys who will return from the war. In fact this and the idea of constructing a Legion hut was the principal vein of thought during the entire meeting. A number of others were called upon for

## Town And County Governing Bodies Discuss Problems

County Commissioners And Town Council Meet Jointly

### ACTION TAKEN

Repairing of Dock and Public Toilet Facilities Considered

Aside from routine business, few items were brought before the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday, but it was necessary to extend the session into the afternoon, due to a joint meeting with Town Council. At the morning meeting, two committees appointed at the last Town Council meeting appeared before the Commissioners, one with respect to making immediate necessary repairs to the County Dock. The other committee was the outgrowth of the recent Grand Jury report in which it was recommended that the County Commissioners and Town Council take steps to provide public toilet facilities in order to eliminate unsanitary conditions along the water front and back of stores in the business section.

The Town Council committee regarding dock repairs comprised J. Clarence Leary and J. Edwin Bufflap. The urgent need of immediate repairs, if boats are expected to use the dock was presented by Mr. Leary. The matter of ownership of the dock was again raised and upon consulting W. D. Pruden, who is both Town and County attorney, the two groups were informed that, according to an old map, the property is definitely owned by the Town. However, it was pointed out that the dock is used to a greater extent by people living in the County, on the strength of which the Commissioners agreed that while there is not a legal obligation they felt morally obligated to share in the expense of necessary repairs at present.

J. P. Partin and Graham Byrum appeared on behalf of the public toilet problem, which has been discussed a number of times at Town Council deliberations, and was renewed following the Grand Jury report. While they are interested in the welfare of the town, as well as the county as a whole, the Commissioners decided that the problem was solely a town matter and for that reason (Continued on Page Five)

## Methodist Service On Sunday Morning

Services will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at which time the pastor, the Rev. H. F. Surratt, will preach on the subject, "The Meaning of Religion Is Love."

Church school will be held at 9:45 a. m., and the Youth Fellowship meeting at 7 p. m. Prayer service will be held Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock.

## Gov. Broughton Endorsed By Chowan Democrats As Vice President Candidate

Geo. Elliott Elected - President Alabama Cotton Mill Group

Chosen at Convention of Cotton Manufacturers Association

Friends in Edenton will be interested to learn that George S. Elliott was elected to a full term as president of the Alabama Cotton Manufacturing Association at the annual convention held recently at Birmingham. He had been serving the unexpired term of the late G. Hamp Morris.

Mr. Elliott, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Elliott, is connected in an official capacity with the Dallas Manufacturing Company at Huntsville, Alabama.

## Marine Corps Air Station Booster In Sale Of War Bonds

Lieut.-Col. Peters Gunning For 100 Per Cent Mark

With no let-up in interest in war bond buying on the part of Lieut.-Col. Chester Peters, commanding officer of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, the local base has increased from a percentage of 38 per cent on March 4 to 93 per cent, or an increase of 55 per cent. Broken down, the report shows that officers of the Marine Corps and Navy boast 100 per cent participation in war bond buying, while enlisted members of the Navy claim 97 per cent, civilians 95 per cent and enlisted personnel in the Marine Corps, 90 per cent.

In a recent letter to Lieut.-Col. Peters, Rear Admiral A. C. McFall had this to say:

"On this month's war bond report I noticed that as a result of your campaign your percentage of military personnel on the bond allotment program has increased from 49 per cent to 91.7 per cent, and your percentage of civilian participation from 25 to 73 per cent.

"It is gratifying to me to see this improvement. . . . Of course, Rear Admiral McFall's letter referred to an earlier report, therefore, the percentage is now nearer the 100 per cent goal of Lieut.-Col. Peters.

## Miss Edna Goodwin Girl Scout Leader

Will Attend Group Leadership Course June 22 To July 6

Though the organization of a Girl Scout troop has been considered for some time by the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association, definite steps were taken at a meeting Tuesday afternoon when Miss Edna Goodwin was chosen leader. Impetus to the Girl Scout movement was given by Mrs. S. W. Trachta, a former Girl Scout worker, who because of the uncertainty of her residence here thought it unwise to act as leader, but very willingly offered her services. She contacted Girl Scout headquarters, and so encouraging was her report that the biggest step in organizing a troop was taken by the P. T. A. Tuesday.

Miss Goodwin will be sent to a two weeks Group Leadership Course to be held at Chattanooga, Tenn., June 22 to July 6, at which she will receive training which should qualify her to lead and direct a group of Girl Scouts.

### IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Mrs. J. N. Pruden has been informed by her son, Captain Jack Pruden, that he has arrived somewhere in the South Pacific. Captain Pruden is a member of the staff of the 106th Engineers.

County Convention Held In Court House Saturday Afternoon

### PASS RESOLUTION

Ten Delegates Selected For State Convention In Raleigh Today

At a well-attended and enthusiastic Democratic County Convention held in the Court House Saturday afternoon, the highlight was the unanimous passing of a resolution endorsing Governor J. M. Broughton for the office of Vice President of the United States as a running mate for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The convention was called to order by Lloyd Griffin, County chairman, who asked Secretary E. W. Spires to read letters from Congressman Herbert Bonner and State Chairman Monroe M. Redden. The former extended his best wishes for a successful convention and expressed regret that he could not be present. He also predicted a great Democratic victory. Chairman Redden's letter was in way of an appeal for a special effort to get out a vote to assure victory in the general election.

Following the roll call of delegates to the County convention, Chairman Griffin instructed the nominating committee to retire and submit nominations for new officers. This committee was composed of precinct chairmen, who recommended the reelection of all officers, which are: Lloyd Griffin, chairman; Mrs. E. N. Elliott, vice chairman, and E. W. Spires, secretary. These officers were subsequently elected unanimously.

Delegate to the State convention, which is being held in Raleigh today (Thursday) were named and include L. E. Griffin, R. L. Pratt, E. W. Spires, T. C. Byrum, R. C. Holland, J. G. Campen, R. A. Beasley, T. L. Ward, Marvin Wilson and John F. White. The county is entitled to 10 votes in the State Convention, and it was agreed that any other Democrat attending today's convention will be entitled to a proportionate part of the vote.

Chairman Griffin appointed a committee to write resolutions of respect for faithful Democrats in the county who have passed away since the last meeting, and these include Julien Wood, C. N. Griffin, J. R. Wheeler and Millard F. Bond, Jr. This committee is composed of B. W. Evans, R. C. Holland and Mrs. W. D. Pruden.

The resolution endorsing Governor Broughton for Vice President was presented by P. S. McMullan and follows:

"Whereas, the name of the Honorable J. Melville Broughton has been frequently and prominently mentioned in the press and over the radio throughout the length and breadth (Continued on Page Two)

## Marines Will Play Two Games Sunday

Sunbury and Consolidated Aircraft Tackle Local Outfit

Baseball fans have another double-header in store next Sunday afternoon, when the Edenton Marines are scheduled to meet the Sunbury aggregation on the Hicks Field diamond at 1:30 o'clock, and follow with another meeting with the Consolidated Aircraft outfit of Elizabeth City, which was defeated last Sunday afternoon.

Ensign Harry Gaines, coach of the Marines, is very much encouraged over the improvement noted in the hitting department of his team, which was somewhat disappointing during the early practice sessions, so he is expecting his boys to give a good account of themselves both in the offensive and defensive departments.

Little is known of the strength of the Sunbury team, but the Consolidated outfit is expected to be materially strengthened, which should result in a harder fought game than the one last Sunday.

There is no charge made to see the games and Coach Gaines, as well as recreation officials at the base, is very anxious to have a large crowd on hand to witness the games.