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Edenton USO Club Plans To Move In New Quarters On Broad Street By Feb. 1

Esther Marion Smith Will Be Assistant Director

MRS. HALL LEAVING

Miss Janet Grant Secured as New Staff Assistant

Edenton's USO Club will be established in its new quarters at 300 North Broad Street, by February 1, it was announced today by Abe Martin, director of the club. The new quarters will include two social lounges, a recreation room, a snack bar, men's shower and a large check room on the first floor, said Director Martin.

On the second floor are service women's lounge and powder room, a quiet room for reading and writing and the staff offices.

Director Martin also states that an additional staff worker will be supplied by the YWCA, and the club will be known as a joint operation, the two agencies cooperating in providing facilities and activities for service people.

Miss Esther Marion Smith of the YWCA, has arrived in Edenton and will be the assistant director. She is a native of Pennsylvania and received her B. S. and M. S. degrees from Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York. She has been a teacher in the schools of Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. Miss Smith is especially skilled in organizing and directing groups in music, dramatics and is skilled in planning activities programs. For five years she furnished recreation for a Federal Housing community near Cincinnati, Ohio.

Director Martin also announced the appointment of Miss Janet Grant as the staff assistant, who will succeed Mrs. Sue B. Hall, who has held that position for more than a year. Mrs. Hall is leaving February 1 to be with her husband who was wounded in action in France and is now in the Army General Hospital in Walla-Walla, Washington.

Miss Grant comes from the staff of the USO at Blackstone, Virginia, where she has an excellent record as a worker with women and girls. In Edenton she will associate herself with the GSO and VSO. She is a graduate of Columbia University, a member of the Presbyterian Church and has a wide and successful business and USO experience.

Building And Loan Meeting January 29

Rate of Interest Slightly Less Than Last Year

Stockholders of the Edenton Building and Loan Association will meet in annual session in the Court House on Monday night, January 29, at 8 o'clock, when every stockholder is urged to be present to transact Association business.

Secretary R. E. Leary has prepared the annual report, which shows that the affairs of the Association are in splendid shape. The net rate of interest earned during the year was .064604, which is slightly less than last year, the decrease being attributed to falling off of building, due to war conditions.

W. H. Gardner and James E. Wood New Directors Of Bank

Stockholders of the Bank of Edenton met Thursday of last week, at which time W. H. Gardner was elected a director to succeed D. M. Warren, deceased, and James E. Wood was elected a new director.

Other directors re-elected were R. D. Dixon, W. D. Welch, W. A. Leggett, W. D. Pruden, J. H. Conger, John G. Wood, George C. Wood and John W. Graham. W. A. Leggett was elected as chairman of the Board of Directors.

Too Late!

If there are those who have put off joining the Bank of Edenton's 1945 Christmas Club, they will be minus a check just before next Christmas, for this year's club is sold out and has been for about two weeks. W. H. Gardner, executive vice president, informed The Herald this week that it is now too late to enroll, for all books have been utilized, and that this year's membership is about 100 more than last year.

Ministers Forward Congratulations To The Rev. E. L. Wells

Baptist Minister Completes 34th Year as Pastor

In recognition of 34 years of faithful service as pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church, five ministers in Edenton and Chowan County recently sent a congratulatory message to the Rev. E. L. Wells.

The message was signed by the Revs. D. C. Crawford, Jr., J. T. Byrum, H. F. Surratt, Arthur L. G. Stephenson and Harold W. Gilmer, and reads as follows:

"We, your fellow ministers, desire to extend to you our heartiest and most sincere congratulations, upon the completion of your thirty-fourth year as pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church.

"In these days when men are restless and driven by diverse impulses to frequent changes, it is a source of great satisfaction when men remain steadily at their appointed places and tasks through a long succession of years. This you have done.

"Your long pastorate has been a long witness to the church and the community of the 'unsearchable riches of the Truth in Christ Jesus our Lord.'"

"It is our prayer and hope that our loving Heavenly Father will vouchsafe to you many more years of service for Him in His Holy Church."

Richard Baer Urges Further Cooperation In Scouting

Lieut. John Peese was the principal speaker at the Lions Club meeting Monday night and during his remarks ably explained the classification of military personnel, telling the Lions about the care exercised in placing men where they are best fitted to be of the utmost service.

Richard Baer, vice chairman of the West Albemarle Boy Scout District, was a visitor and spoke briefly on handling a Scout Troop, urging the Club to cooperate further in building up Scouting in the district. A fourth member for the Scout Troop Committee was elected at the request of Geddes Potter, Scout Commissioner, George Hoskins being chosen for the job.

President W. E. Malone called attention of the Club to the lack of attendance on the part of some members and requested absentees to be contacted. He also called for committee reports for February.

Bank Of Edenton Closed On Friday

The Bank of Edenton will be closed all day Friday, January 19, in order to observe the birthday of Robert E. Lee. Patrons of the bank are urged to arrange their banking accordingly.

Miss Mary Moore Resigns As Home Service Chairman

Accepted For Service In National Red Cross Work

SECOND ONE

Miss Nelson Powell Now Awaiting Orders For Overseas Duty

Miss Mary Moore, who for over a year has very capably served as Home Service Chairman for the Chowan Chapter of the Red Cross, has resigned to accept a position with the National Red Cross. She will go to Washington, D. C., for a period of special training, after which she will be assigned to either an Army or Navy base as an assistant field director.

Her sister, Miss Elizabeth Moore, will succeed her as local Home Service Chairman, and will maintain an office at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore, on West King Street.

Miss Moore is the second Edenton girl to enter the National Red Cross service, Miss Nelson Powell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell, recently completing a special course in recreational work and now being located in Washington, D. C., awaiting orders for overseas duty.

Threatening Fire In S. C. Mills Building Monday Afternoon

Mrs. Claude Rogerson And Children Have Narrow Escape

The apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rogerson on the second floor of the S. C. Mills building, corner of Broad and King Streets, was badly damaged by fire and water Monday shortly after noon. Cause of the fire is undetermined, one belief being that an oil stove was the cause, but Fire Chief R. K. Hall leans toward the opinion that it was caused by faulty wiring. Practically all of the clothing and furniture of Mr. and Mrs. Rogerson were ruined by fire, smoke and water, as was the case of a Marine and his wife, who shared the apartment.

Mrs. Rogerson and two of the three children were in the apartment at the time the fire broke out, but when it was discovered that the only exit was rapidly being blocked by flames, she managed to escape with the two children unharmed, though badly frightened.

Firemen managed to check the flames, but in doing so, the Sandwich Shop below, operated by Cherry Boyce, was badly damaged by water and some damage was done to the rear of the Century Barber Shop. A brick wall separates the Norfolk Southern Bus Station, so no damage was done there.

J. J. (Slim) Sawyer, an official of the bus company, was painfully burned on one hand. He was of the opinion that one of the Rogerson children was still in the burning apartment. He rushed in and in searching the rooms, his hand came in contact with some hot metal, presumably a bed. He managed to escape just before flames would have prevented an exit.

The Rogersons' loss was estimated by Fire Chief Hall at about \$200, but he has not placed an estimate on the entire damage.

Seniors Present Play Friday At School

Friday night at 8 o'clock, in the Edenton school auditorium, the senior class will present a three-act dramatization of Jane Austen's famous novel, "Pride and Prejudice," the locale being England in the early 1800.

The cast of characters include J. Clarence Leary, Mary Griffin, Joyce Harrell, Emily Russell, Joyce Brunson, Lois Reich, Herman White, Scott Harrell, Rosa Asbell, Roy Cayton, Carolyn Elliott, Lillian Byrum, Magdalene Downing, W. J. Taylor, Jr., and Artie Bass.

AAA Committeemen Plan To Obtain Vital Data On Production

Meetings Will Be Held Relative To 1945 Farm Plans

WILL BE NOTIFIED

Production Figures Important Due To Change In Status Of War

Immediately following the goals and production meeting on January 19, of the county and community committeemen, county agent and other agricultural representatives, the community committeemen will hold meetings with farm operators for the purpose of advising, informing and guiding them in preparing their individual 1945 farm plans which will contribute to the all-important crop, livestock and poultry goals have been assigned to this State, R. C. Holland, chairman Chowan County AAA Committee, has announced.

"Community committeemen will also assist farm operators in planning to build and conserve the fertility of their soil, by advising them of the approved conservation practices that they will carry out and receive payments for during the 1945 program year," Mr. Holland declared.

Mr. Holland pointed out that the intended production figures are of vital importance at this time as changing conditions in the war picture and domestic picture might make it necessary to adjust production goals before planting time; and the figures furnished at these meetings will present a true picture of just how we stand in comparison with the goals that have been set.

Mr. Holland further pointed out that each farm operator will be notified of the exact time and place of the meeting in his community, and it is sincerely hoped that every effort will be made to attend on the date set.

Bonner Anxious To Help Relatives Of First War Veterans

Recent Act Provides Pension For Widows And Children

In a letter to The Herald, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner calls attention to the act passed by Congress in December granting pension to widows and minor children of deceased veterans of World War I. Being a veteran himself, he is interested in the widows and children of his comrades and is desirous to assist those who may be eligible for compensation under the act.

The law provides payment to a widow with no children in the amount of \$35 per month; widow and one child, \$45 (with \$5 for each additional child); no widow but one child, \$18; no widow but two children \$27 (equally divided); no widow but three children, \$36 (equally divided) with \$4 for each additional child (the total amount to be equally divided).

Congressman Bonner will be glad to furnish widows or guardians the proper form on which to make application and when the application is completed, if returned to him, he will file the claim and see that it is properly considered by the Veterans Administration. Mr. Bonner says claims should be filed as early as possible, as they are not retroactive to date of the act, but effective the date of filing. He will be delighted to lend such aid as he can if any who desire assistance will write to him.

Officers' Wives Club Will Meet Friday

A meeting of the Officers' Wives Club will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the west wing of the Officers' Club. A covered dish luncheon will be served, so that each one attending is requested to bring a covered dish.

Miss Emily Smithwick New Women's Group Chairman In Charge Edenton Canvass

Better List Now!

Listing of property for taxation is lagging considerably in Chowan County, according to Tax Supervisor P. S. McMullan, who says that though over half of the month of January is gone, only about one-third of the property in the First Township has been listed. The same condition exists in the other townships of the county.

Mr. McMullan also states that a penalty of \$1.00 is provided for failure to list during January, and that the penalty will be added for failure to list within the allotted time.

Parker Helms In Outfit Praised By Brig. Gen. Landon

Edenton Boy Participating In Bombing Jap Islands

Because of the terrific pounding they gave the Jap-held Volcano Islands on the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Staff Sergeant Parker Helms, of Edenton, radio operator and aerial gunner, and other members of this 7th AAF heavy bombardment group, were praised by Brigadier General Truman H. Landon, Commanding General of the Seventh Bomber Command.

So successful was the combined Liberator Bomber-B-29 Superfortress attack, that General Landon telegraphed his congratulations.

"For a fine mission to Iwo Jima which makes the Nips' three-year headache worse."

Taking off from their Marianas base, wave after wave of 7th AAF B-24's swept over the heavily fortified stronghold. Each Liberator dropped three tons of bombs on enemy installations below.

Navy reconnaissance photos taken immediately after the raid showed direct hits on supply and ammunition dumps, oil and gas storage tanks, communication centers, shops and airstrips.

Sergeant Helms' parents are Mr. and Mrs. George A. Helms. He attended University of North Carolina, prior to entering the AAF in March, 1943.

Sgt. Helms has been promoted to Technical Sergeant, according to de-lagated information from his base in the Marianas. He joined the 7th AAF in the Pacific last May, has participated in many of the recent aerial attacks on the Volcano and Bonin Islands, less than 600 miles from Tokyo.

Bank Of Edenton Assets Over Million Dollars More Than During 1943

In this issue of The Herald appears a statement of the condition of the Bank of Edenton, which is by far the best report in the history of the local institution, in all departments.

Deposits as of December 30, amount to \$4,800,000 and total assets \$5,100,000, which is an increase in assets of about one million dollars over 1943.

Two Marines Awarded Purple Heart Medal

Wednesday of last week, two Marines now stationed at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station were awarded the Purple Heart, the presentation being made by Lieut.-Col. John S. Carter, commanding officer of MOTG-81, in his office.

The two receiving the awards were Sgt. Stephen E. Walters and Pfc. Herbert H. Argabright.

The citation reads as follows: "In the name of the President, and by direction of the Secretary of the Navy, you are hereby awarded the Purple Heart Medal for injuries received on 12 February, 1944, as a result of action against an enemy of the United States."

Chowan County's Quota This Year Boosted To \$1,637

WORKERS LISTED

Citizens Urged to Be Liberal In View of Recent Epidemic

Chowan County will again participate in the annual fund-raising appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, with a house-to-house canvass, scheduled to begin next Monday, January 22. This plan has again been adopted as the principal means of raising Chowan County's quota in the nation-wide campaign to raise funds with which to fight infantile paralysis. Of course, many other plans have been adopted elsewhere to raise funds, but J. Edwin Bufflap, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter, is of the opinion that here in Chowan solicitation for contributions is as simple and as successful as any other arrangement.

Mr. Bufflap very reluctantly accepted the chairmanship this year, due to the pressure of so many other duties, but following an appeal from Dr. Ralph McDonald, and Mrs. Phillips Russell, State chairman and secretary, respectively, to continue, he agreed to serve.

The local chairman was ably assisted in last year's drive by Miss Lucille Clark, who has since married and left Edenton. It was, therefore, no easy task at the outset to secure a chairman of the Women's Division. Early this week, however, Miss Emily Smithwick, a member of the Edenton school faculty, consented to serve and immediately began to perfect an organization by appointing canvassers to make the solicitation, which will begin next Monday.

Miss Smithwick has contacted enough people to make a thorough canvass in Edenton, and all have agreed to serve. She, for the most part, appointed one person to be in charge of a street, or portion of a street, and that person may secure any assistants desired.

The canvassers named by Miss Smithwick, as well as their streets, follow:

Virginia Road—Mrs. Lyn Byrum.

North Edenton—Mrs. L. W. Stallings.

Broad Street, Triangle to Queen Street—Mrs. R. L. Pratt.

West King Street—Mrs. Richard D. Dixon.

East King Street—Mrs. Frank Hughes.

Colonial Square—Miss Ruby Felts.

Blount Street—Mrs. Richard Baer.

Water Street—Mrs. Thomas B. Wood.

West Eden Street—Mrs. P. T. Owens.

East Eden Street—Mrs. T. B. Williford.

West Queen Street—Mrs. J. Clarence Leary.

East Queen Street—Mrs. Wallace Jones.

West Church Street—Miss Margaret Pruden.

East Church and Court Streets—Mrs. W. C. Brunson.

West Gale Street—Miss Judy Cozzens.

West Albemarle Street—Mrs. Gus Hughes.

Oakum Street—Mrs. Raleigh B. Hollowell.

Granville Street, King to Church—Mrs. O. B. Perry.

Granville Street, Church to Albemarle—Miss Jessie McMullan.

Mosely Street—Mrs. Leon Leary.

Pembroke Village—Mrs. R. C. Jordan.

Morris Circle—Mrs. F. C. Morris.

Business Houses—Mrs. J. H. Conger and Mrs. R. Graham White.

Edenton School

High School—Miss Louise Morgan.

Grammar Grades—Miss Bettie Fleming.

Primary Grades—Miss Emily Smithwick.

Aside from Miss Smithwick's appointments, the County Chairman has requested others throughout the county to help in raising the quota. This group did a splendid job last year and it is hoped they will again lend their efforts in the campaign.

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