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NAVY TAKES OVER EDENTON BASE

Organization Effected For Red Cross War Fund Drive Which Will Get Under Way In Chowan County Monday, March 5

Canvassers Named to Make Solicitation In Edenton

READY TO START Chairman and Workers Hope For Quick Realization of Quota

J. Clarence Leary, chairman of the Red Cross War Fund drive, stated early this week that an organization has been effected and that workers are in readiness to begin canvassing for funds next Monday, March 5th. Canvassers for every section of the town and county have been named, and it is hoped that the entire county will be solicited. County canvassers were listed last week.

Geddes Potter, chairman of solicitations in the residential section, has appointed Mrs. W. H. Coffield to be in charge of the canvassers on the west side of town, while Mrs. Wallace Jones will head up the canvass on the east side. Mrs. John Lee Spruill will be in charge of the canvass in North Edenton.

Mrs. Jones has named the following canvassers for the East side:

Water St.—Mrs. Richard Goodwin. East side of Oakum St.—Mrs. W. J. Daniels.

West side of Oakum St.—Mrs. Jack Mooney. South side of Queen St.—Mrs. Wallace Jones.

North side of Queen St.—Mrs. C. E. Kramer. Court St.—Mrs. Marvin Wilson.

Broad St.—Mrs. Wood Privott and Mrs. Guy Hobbs. Eden St.—Mrs. W. P. Goodwin.

Church St.—Mrs. W. C. Brunson. King St.—Mrs. Al Owens and Miss Mary Arrington Burton.

Mrs. Coffield, for the West side, has named the following:

Broad St., Hicks to Freemason—Mrs. Albert Byrum; Freemason to Queen, Mrs. J. L. Pettus.

Water St., Broad to Granville, and King St., Broad to Granville—Mrs. J. H. Conger.

Eden St., Broad to Granville—Mrs. J. Frank White.

Eden St., Granville to Moseley—Mrs. Jim Wood.

Queen St., Broad to Granville, north side, Miss Margaret Hines; south side, Miss Jessie McMullan.

Queen St., Granville to Moseley and on railroad tracks—Mrs. West Byrum.

Church St., Broad to Granville, South side, Mrs. Elton Forehand; North side, Mrs. R. C. Holland.

Church St., Granville to Moseley—Miss Jessie McMullan.

Gale St., Broad to Granville—Mrs. W. J. Berryman.

Gale St., Moseley to Railroad—Mrs. John Oliver.

Albemarle St., Broad to Railroad—Mrs. W. H. Coffield.

First Contribution

Having read in last week's Herald that Mrs. W. H. Coffield had been named to direct the canvass for the Red Cross War Fund drive on the West side of Edenton, Mrs. L. V. Marshall has made the first contribution in the drive. Mrs. Marshall, a former Edenton resident, but now living in Suffolk, Va., sent a \$100 bill to Mrs. Coffield Monday, requesting it to be placed among her contributions and, in her letter, said, "One of the nicest gifts I have had for Christmas was a year's subscription to The Chowan Herald. We have enjoyed it from the very first issue so, of course, I am able to keep up with all of your activities."

Mrs. Marshall will be remembered by many Edentonians, having won many friends while making Edenton her home.

Hospital Trustees Meeting Architects

Trustees of the proposed hospital for Chowan County met Friday night with John J. Rowland, architect, from Kinston. This was the first of a series of meetings to be held with various architects.

Mr. Rowland, who is supervising the building of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital at Ahoskie, showed the plans for that hospital and went into detail about the various features of a modern hospital building, and the cost of erecting one. Much interest was shown by the trustees in Mr. Rowland's plans and remarks.

W. B. Rudolph, of the firm of Rudolph, Cooke and Van Leeuwen, of Norfolk, Va., will meet with the board of trustees on Friday of this week. It is hoped that through these meetings the trustees will be able to select an architect who will put the building of a hospital into effect as soon as possible.

OPA Director At Rotary Club Today

Theodore S. Johnson to Make Principal Address Today

Theodore Johnson, OPA District Director, will be the principal speaker at the Edenton Rotary Club meeting today (Thursday) in the Parish House at 1 o'clock. J. G. Campen is in charge of the program and is delighted to have Mr. Johnson speak to the Rotarians.

Mr. Johnson, a splendid speaker, is well-known to some of the members of the local club, being a former District Governor. He will, no doubt, speak upon some phase of OPA activities, and President H. A. Campen urges a 100 per cent attendance.

Baptists Will Observe Week Of Prayer

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet at the church on Monday afternoon, March 5th, at 3:30 o'clock. The young people will have charge of the program, under the direction of Mrs. Mabel Ruth Senterfitt.

Beginning Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and continuing through Friday afternoon, there will be a program each afternoon on Home Missions, observing the March Week of Prayer. Everyone is urged to attend all of these meetings.

Leaders Of Girl Scouts Appeal To Lions For Quarters

Comdr. Thos. J. Robertson Guest of Club on Monday Night

Misses Katherine Deans and Judy Cozzens, who recently volunteered to serve as Girl Scout leaders, were special guests of the Edenton Lions Club at its meeting Monday night. Both young ladies spoke briefly during which they asked the help and cooperation of the Lions in securing a room or small building to be used as Girl Scout headquarters. The appeal was referred to the Boys' and Girls' Committee, of which J. Clarence Leary is chairman.

T. G. Sheffield and Commander Thomas J. Robertson were guests of the club, the latter being commanding officer of the Naval Air Station, which up until today was the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station. Commander Robertson said he was delighted to be stationed in Edenton, and that the Navy had a big order in meeting the standards set by the Marines insofar as pleasant relations between the base and Edenton is concerned. However, he said, there should be no reason for a change in this pleasant and cooperative spirit and that he will work to the end that the same friendliness and pleasant relations should continue.

White Introduces Several Local Bills In General Assembly

Edenton Limits Extended Taking In Housing Project

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Bill Also Providing For Levying For Hospital If Necessary

Several local bills have been introduced in the State Legislature now in session by Chowan County's Representative, John F. White, one of which has already been passed and which extends the corporate limits of Edenton. The extension takes in the new housing project on the S. E. Morris tract along the Suffolk highway, a portion of which was already within the city limits. There are 35 houses in the development, and George Jordan, who had charge of the project, expressed a desire that it be incorporated long before the houses were completed. On the strength of his request, water and sewerage service were provided by the town, as well as other services.

Another bill prefaced by Mr. White will be introduced today (Thursday), after coming from a committee hearing which calls for the increase in salaries of Town Councilmen, the Mayor and members of the Board of Public Works. The mayor's salary, if the bill passes, will be \$200 annually instead of \$100, while the Councilmen and Board of Public Works members will receive \$5 per meeting, instead of \$24 per year.

Representative White has also introduced a bill, which has already been passed, empowering the County Commissioners to levy not more than 10 cents on the \$100 property valuation for operation and maintenance of the Chowan County Hospital, if the need develops.

Methodists Change Church School Hour

At a meeting Monday night of the Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Church, various phases of church work were discussed and plans were adopted to increase interest and activity in the work. As a result of the discussion, the hour of the Church School was changed from 10 o'clock to 9:45 Sunday in order to allow for worship programs, which will be arranged with the assistance of Mrs. G. A. Helms.

The various classes will also organize with officers elected, so that any business of the class can be transacted before the lesson is taught. Various other phases of church work were also discussed, the meeting being in charge of John A. Holmes, chairman of the Board.

AUXILIARY MEETS FRIDAY

A meeting of the Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. R. E. Leary, on Blount Street. All members are urged to attend.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED IN EDENTON ARMORY MARCH 1, 2 AND 3

Teams Competing Include Edenton, Columbia, Creswell, Roper, Chowan, Hobbsville, Sunbury and Windsor

Beginning today (Thursday) and continuing through Saturday, a basketball tournament will be held in the Edenton Armory, the tournament being announced early this week by Tex Lindsay, coach at Edenton High School. Teams participating in the tournament will be Edenton, Columbia, Creswell, Roper, Chowan, Sunbury, Hobbsville and Windsor.

Coach Lindsay reports that no little interest has been aroused in the various towns, since these teams are more or less on an equal basis, therefore, the tournament should be very interesting. The first game of the series will begin this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock, when the Edenton girls will meet the Columbia girls. At 2 o'clock Chowan and Roper girls will meet, and at 3

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Mr. White also named members of the Chowan County Board of Education which includes a new member, E. G. Blanchard from the Third Township. Lloyd Briggs, a member of the Board, is in the armed forces and though still a member of the Board, Mr. White added Mr. Blanchard. Other members renamed are T. W. Jones, Clyde Privott, Stillman Leary, R. H. Hollowell, Lloyd Briggs and E. G. Blanchard.

Edenton PTA Meets Tuesday Afternoon

The Edenton Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon, March 6, at 3:30 o'clock, in the High School Library. All members are urged to attend.

HEAR FROM SONS

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Jordan of Tyner have received word that their oldest son, Sgt. Lester Jordan, had taken part in the invasion of the Philippine Islands and that their youngest son, Pvt. Ralph Jordan, is with the Seventh Army in France.

Lt.-Col. Henry Lane Turns Over Air Station To Comdr. Thos. J. Robertson Today

One Way Street

Edenton's Police Department has erected a one-way traffic sign at the corner of Granville and Eden Streets, which means that traffic on West Eden Street, from Broad to Granville, must enter from Broad Street and that parking will be allowed only on the north side of the street.

Town Council, at a recent meeting, declared only one-way traffic on this portion of Eden Street in order to eliminate a crowded and serious traffic condition caused by a very narrow thoroughfare, coupled with parking and traffic allowed both ways. Under the old system, it was not possible for two cars to pass at any point where cars were parked.

The ordinance provides for \$1.00 for any violation.

Comdr. Robertson Speaker For Legion

Meeting Scheduled to Be Held In Court House March 6

Members of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion will have an opportunity to hear Comdr. Thomas J. Robertson, new commanding officer of the Naval Air Station at Edenton, when he will be the principal speaker at a meeting to be held in the Court House on Tuesday night, March 6, at 8 o'clock. Comdr. Robertson is himself a Legionnaire, having served in the Navy during the first World War. He will be introduced by Chief Lawrence Pierce of the Shore Patrol.

J. L. Chestnut, commander of the Post, urges every member to be present and extends a cordial invitation to visitors to attend.

Murray Byrum Is Injured In Action

Edenton Boy Member of Patton's Third Army In Germany

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Byrum have been notified by the War Department that one of their sons, Pvt. Murray Byrum, has been wounded while fighting in Germany, the casualty occurring on February 17, though the extent of the injury was not given.

Pvt. Byrum is a member of the 318th Infantry of General Patton's Third Army which has been in the thick of the fighting in Germany. Young Byrum landed in Germany on January 29th and has taken part in many tough engagements with the enemy.

Pvt. Melvin Griffin Injured In Germany

Mrs. Melvin Griffin has been notified by the War Department that her husband, Pvt. Melvin E. Griffin has been wounded in Germany, where he was a member of General Patton's Third Army.

Pvt. Griffin is now a patient in a hospital in France.

St. Paul's Auxiliary Will Meet March 8th

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church will meet on Thursday afternoon, March 8th, at 4 o'clock, in the Parish House. Members will please take notice that the meeting is to be held on Thursday instead of on Monday.

Marines Have Occupied Base Since Early Portion of 1943

REGRET LEAVING New Commanding Officer Desires Continued Friendly Relations

What has been known as the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, located a few miles from Edenton, is now the Naval Air Station, Edenton, N. C., the change taking place today (Thursday), when the last contingent of Marines left after officially turning the base over to Uncle Sam's Bluejackets. The last Marine to leave the base was Lieut. Col. Henry C. Lane, who was commanding officer, and who transferred authority as commanding officer to Commander Thomas J. Robertson, who will be commanding officer of the station.

For some time Marines have been gradually departing, and on Wednesday Col. Lane went to Cherry Point to report in with his command. He returned to the local base today to officially turn the base over to Commander Robertson, after which he returned to Cherry Point.

Work was begun on the Edenton base early in August, 1942, at which time it was scheduled to be a glider base. However, before it was complete, plans were changed so that it was designated as a Marine Corps Air Station. Early in 1943 Marines began arriving and in June of the same year Edentonians got their first glimpse of a Marine Woman Reserve, when the young ladies began arriving at the base in order to release Marines for combat or more strenuous duties.

Colonel Zebulon Hopkins was the first commanding officer of the base, and when he was transferred to the West Coast and subsequently to the Pacific, Lieut.-Col. Chester J. Peters became the commanding officer. Following Col. Peters' tragic death in a plane accident on the night of October 4, 1944, Lieut.-Col. Henry C. Lane became the commanding officer until today.

During the Marines' stay in Edenton a very friendly and cooperative spirit has prevailed, therefore, the Marines as well as Edenton as a whole regret that they must leave.

Commander Robertson, USNR, the new commanding officer, is a native of Columbia, South Carolina. He is a veteran of the last World War, when he enlisted in the Navy while a student at Yale University. After the war, he resumed his college career at Yale. Before his present enlistment in the Naval Reserve, he was president of the First National Bank at Columbia, S. C., a position he still holds.

The new commanding officer received his flight training at Key West and Pensacola, Florida. He is married and has two children, a son now a student at West Point, and a daughter, who is a student at Chatham Hall, Virginia.

Comdr. Robertson has been informed of the splendid relations existing between Edenton people and the Marines and expressed the hope that the same conditions will continue. He told The Herald that, according to what he has observed and learned while in Edenton, the Marines have set a high mark to shoot at, but that he saw no reason why the Navy could not follow in the same footsteps and that he would direct his efforts toward that end.

Of course, Comdr. Robertson has his own ideas as to the kind of training which will be carried on at the air station and as to the number of men who will be stationed here, but this information could not be released by him.

Asked about the housing situation, Comdr. Robertson said that most of the men realize the situation, which is practically the same near all military projects. However, he expressed the hope that homes will become available for those already here and those to come later. For families to be with service men, he said, materially helps the morale and the men are better behaved.

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