

# Scoutin' Around

By PETER CARLTON

School children are showing a lively interest in Edenton and Chowan County, the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association reports. Close to 20 requests have come in this past week for descriptive literature from such places as Winston-Salem, Grifton, Charlotte, Statesville and Clemmons. We received an interesting request from Carroll Swearingen, president of the Two Rivers Teachers' Association in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Mr. Swearingen asks us if we know where he can secure wooden money which may have been issued in North Carolina or in Edenton. He says he's an ardent collector of wooden money, having one of the largest collections there is, numbering over 1,100 pieces, representing 245 different cities and 43 different states. If any of you readers know where there is any for sale or otherwise obtainable give the Chamber office a buzz.

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farms in North Carolina. Arthur L. Winslow of Yarmouth, Maine, wants a dairy farm or a job on one. He says his wife can work, too. He's a 38-year-old veteran. Ernest Wancened of Avoca, Minnesota, has a farm there and capital of \$20,000. He wants to purchase a farm in North Carolina. J. H. Resco of Clifton, Kansas, says he can come in February to look the country over. He wants a dairy with about 20 cows. We have many more requests. Those of you who have land to sell or are interested in any of these requests, contact the Edenton Chowan Chamber of

Commerce and Merchants Association office.

Edenton's Great White Way was the scene of many shoppers and visitors this past week-end. Many merchants expressed satisfaction over the amount of business that came in. Jimmie Earnhardt's corn popper certainly was busy. Many folks are commenting on the fact that the town's main stem looks much better and more inviting since a goodly number of merchants are leaving their window lights on a little longer. Among those whose lights were seen on this week are: Joe Vail, John Habit's grocery, Ralph Parrish's Electrical Appliances, Iredell Florist, The Betty Shoppe, Quinn Furniture Store, Tank Gas Company, Edenton Furniture Company, Pender's, and those whose lights are on by nature of their business include The Albarle Restaurant, Mitchener's Pharmacy, Leggett & Davis, Ed Habit, Dixie Grill and Cherry's Restaurant.

You should have seen the get-up on Ernest Kehayes when he went hunting this week. That red chapeau is something to write home about—maybe the quail could spot him miles away—he only shot two. One spectator suggested that instead of asking how many quail he shot, one should ask how many shots he fired. But then we know it can't be his fault—for didn't we read recently in the papers that all the birds are down on Pea Island? Charlie Overman is still looking for his pet bird dog who went off on his own while they were hunting. Maybe he's down on Pea Island, Charlie, flushing the birds. They say there are upwards of 18,000 or so on the refuge. Isn't science wonderful—to enable someone to count that many birds?

Fish ponds are stirring up much interest around these parts. County Farm Agent Charles Overman reports that an agricultural engineer spent some time in the county with Cyril Winslow and Percy Chappell of Tyner going over the possibilities of planning fish ponds on their farms. It seems that the soil is too porous for maintaining uniform water level during extremely dry seasons. Charlie suggested digging holes two, four and six feet deep to be checked periodically throughout the next summer, thus making an inexpensive way of testing the water holding capacity of the soil.

We hear that the American Legion is going to organize a junior baseball league. To play, a boy must be under 18, but his father need not be a member of the Legion. It is expected that Edenton, Hertford, Windsor, Elizabeth City, Ahoskie and Williamston will be invited to participate. Walter Holton is State Director and Ray Everett is Post Representative, we are told.

Speaking of recreational activities, Coach Lindsey tells us that the armory is a popular place for the kids. Boys and girls roller skate, and all can make use of the various games and facilities. Among those activities listed are: Badminton, volley ball, ping-pong, shuffleboard and a punching bag. Ben Askew and Coach Lindsey supervise. About 15 or 20 youngsters come in from the county to avail themselves of the benefits of the program. They plan to inaugurate what will be called "midweek intramurals", from among youngsters in the fourth grade and up. The schedule calls for eight teams. Recently Coach Lindsey gave out some awards to deserving groups and individuals. The sixth grade girls were awarded a new basketball for faithful attendance. The eighth and ninth grade boys also received a new basketball. Bubber Dobson received an individual award of a football because he took part in all recreational programs and gave assistance. Baseballs were given to R. Hassell, Wallace Goodwin, Haywood Rogerson, Jack Habit, Morris Hassell and Fred Keeter. Al Habit received a slugger baseball bat for perfect attendance at sports during the last three years. A new training program is contemplated by Coach Lindsey wherein he plans to teach the younger boys how to officiate, keep time, act as scorekeepers and learn the rules of the game of basketball and other sports (This looks like a good thing and

can only result in creating greater interest in sports and possibly develop better players).

Bob Simmons, band director of the Elizabeth City High School band, informs us that the Suffolk Merchants Association has inquired as to how they, too, can start a band. Bob tells us that during February, the Elizabeth City Band will be hosts of the Lenoir High School Band over a week-end of concert playing. They say that the Lenoir High School band is one of the oldest in the State, having been in operation continuously since 1927. They've won during this time District, State and National honors.

Dave Holton, Walter Holton, Jimmie Partin, Henry Cuthrell, Graham Byrum, Jay Coffee, engineer, have been making plans, laying out the ball park, placing stakes (which incidentally were pulled up by someone), and getting ready to haul the necessary dirt. Others who have shown interest are Joe Conger, Mayor Haskett and Ed Bull'ap. The ball team is coming in March as most of us know. The City is really trying to get things ready for them.

The Men's Shop has an interesting sign in their window pertaining to the rainfall here in Chowan County for last year. They say it rained at least 100 days. They urge readers and those passing by to buy raincoats. The most interesting thing is that since the sign has been up we've been having pretty weather.

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