

# Scoutin' Around

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SO WE SPENT the last week in the nation's capital. Actually speaking, we brought back with us a good armful of speeches and other pieces of literature obtained while at the convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Some of the talks were good and carried good points to them. Others were just "lip service." A talk that seemed to impress the listeners who jammed the Hall of Flags from every State in the Union and from foreign countries was one given by Dr. Clark Kuebler, president of Ripon College in Wisconsin. He mentioned a poll taken of people asking if they would want their sons to engage in politics as a profession. There was an overwhelming percentage of parents who said "No." He pointed out also that even from among the college students themselves, somewhere near 80 per cent said "No." The good doctor pointed out the heritage we received from the ancient Greeks and the Hebrews—the heritage which considered the dignity of the individual. He showed that all action sprang from ideas. He pointed out that the ancient Greeks considered a man dangerous if a man made no stand at all on an issue—because he could be the prey of the unscrupulous who could coerce him to their side. It was pointed out that in these days of momentous decisions, of world-wide significance, that each and every person eligible to vote should be interested in his government. Youth should be encouraged to study more of their government's problems. They should be ready to step in and carry on the ideals upon which this country, the greatest in the world, barring none, is founded.

We hear lots of conversations. People who look upon political office holding as something tinged or tainted; those who believe it unworthy to give their efforts in trying to win an election to serve their fellow citizens. How encouraging it is to observe the awakening that is taking place among the majority. How thrilling it is to witness courageous citizens "stick" their necks out in an effort to serve their neighbors. Win or lose, our neighbors will agree with us, there is no condemnation in losing an election. In referring to an election in a small town such as Edenton, where there is no pay involved to make it a grab-bag election, the election of one neighbor over another is just like a father making a selection from among his sons. One might have the qualities which make for better service. Therefore, father appear. Win or lose, they're all our good neighbors. Each of us points him to the task. The same might have a personal preference for a candidate. But our preference does not mean that the other candidate is dishonorable. We go on record as congratulating all candidates who have exposed themselves to the hurly-burly of public election, with its wear and tear on one's private life and nervous system. If you have won—congratulations. We expect a hang-up job from each of you. If you have lost—it sometimes is glorious to lose a good, clean fight. If you have what it takes, and if you're still convinced that you'd make a good public servant, then you'll try again the next time.

While in Washington, D. C., we represented the people of Edenton and Chowan County at the offices of Senator Clyde Hoey, Senator Bill Um-

Carolina, where you can sit at the same banquet table with the Governor, shake hands with him, have him listen to your "little" talk (only to him it isn't so, because he knows its the "little" folks who make up the backbone of the country). Viva again, President Aleman of Mexico. We're deeply sorry that we small folks couldn't get a chance to exchange ideas. We couldn't get past the sentry lines, despite the fact that we had Senators and Congressmen trying to explain the good it would do to bring back these first-hand impressions to the folks on the farms. Mexico got its loan from the United States, but we didn't get a chance to even talk to the representative of the country who came here on a "neighborly" visit. That's what comes of being "small fry."

At one of the dinners given in honor of the American Chambers of Commerce in foreign countries, there were representatives from England, France, Spain, Mexico and South America, as well as many from all over the United States. The Secretary of Commerce of the United States, Averill Harriman, gave an off-the-record talk and answered questions on conditions in who was Ambassador to Russia, and various foreign countries. This man, has had extensive experience as this country's representative in foreign affairs, scarcely looks the part of a statesman. Yet, while not an orator by any means, he spoke in the direct, sincere, and convincing manner of a man who "knew" whereof he spoke.

Your Executive Vice President of the United States Chamber of Commerce gave an inspirational talk titled "The Wagon and the Star." He recently made an extensive tour all over South America in the interests of good neighbor policies between business men of this area and the United States. He said it was most interesting to see how business men, no matter what the mother tongue, gathered together in these Trade Associations, go through the same deliberative process as those in Chamber and Merchants' groups in the U. S., and out of various opinions, arrive at workable conclusions to the benefit of the greatest number.

The Canadian President of the Chamber of Commerce spoke in a most simple, direct and captivating way. He briefly outlined Canada's stand on economic problems and for the Canadian business men, expressed their desire to cooperate with the United States. The President, C. Gordon Cockshutt, spoke on "Our Common Destiny."

The motto of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, of which Edenton is a member, is "Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its institutions, promote

all its great interests, and see whether we also, in our day and generation, may not perform something worthy to be remembered." (Taken from the words of Daniel Webster). Resolved down to our problems here in Edenton, Chowan County, this takes a lot of territory, and as a "coordinator and not a supplanter" the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association stands ready to work together with all groups for a better community—for a better and most outstanding county.

## Navy Recruiter In Edenton On May 7

Robert E. Baker, Chief Commissary Steward, USN, traveling recruiter for the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, Room 405 Post Office Building, Norfolk, Va., announces that he will be at the Post Office Building in Edenton from 12:30 P. M. until 2 P. M. on May 7th for the purpose of taking applications for enlistment in the regular Navy and the new V-6 Naval Reserve (for inactive duty). Chief Baker states that the Navy is currently accepting men from the age of 17 to 30, and that the Navy is still in great need of electronic trainees.

## MOTHER'S DAY MASSES AT COLUMBIA AND EDENTON

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Mother's Day, May 11, Sunday, at 8:20 A. M. in Columbia Theater, Columbia, and at 11 A. M. in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, each including sermon on "Artificial Birth-Control Always Immoral," Holy Communion, concluding in 45 minutes, followed at once by May devotions, Sunday School, with confessions starting in Columbia at 8 and in St. Ann's at 10:30 A. M., stated Father F. J. McCourt, rector, who invites everybody to all services.

Ascension Thursday, May 15, a Holy Day of Obligation, masses only in St. Ann's at 7 and 9 A. M., each preceded by confessions for 30 minutes and concluding in half hour, followed by May devotions.

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## 105 IN CHOWAN RECEIVE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE IN APRIL

According to the monthly report of Mrs. J. H. McMullan, superintendent of public welfare, 105 people in Chowan County received old age assistance during April, the amount distributed being \$1,925. There were 18 aid to dependent children cases who received \$648 and \$164 going to seven blind aid cases.

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