

Mass Meeting Tonight At Court House

St Louis Sinfonietta
Presents Concert In
Edenton January 21st

Popular Group of Artists Expected to Draw Capacity House

Music lovers of this section are in for a treat next Wednesday night, when the St. Louis Sinfonietta will present a concert in the high school auditorium, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The concert is the second of a series sponsored by the Community Concert Association, and is expected to attract music lovers from a wide area.

Regarded as one of the finest playing groups of its kind in the Middle West, the St. Louis Sinfonietta was founded less than a decade ago by Paul Schreiber, American conductor. The Sinfonietta is made up of young and enthusiastic artists, some of whom were members of the great St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

The repertoire of the ensemble includes many of the precious writings of the elder masters—Bach, Haydn, Mozart and Vivaldi and almost limitless examples from the recent and contemporary composers—Debussy, Ravel, Stravinsky, Hindemith and Shostakovich, to name only a few.

Its distinguished conductor, Paul Schreiber, a native of St. Louis, received his training from world renowned musicians. A brilliant and extremely musical interpreter of his programs, he conducts with a delicate sense of balance and a constant consideration for the true meaning of the composer.

Since their introduction to the audiences of the South and West in 1937, the St. Louis Sinfonietta has received such enthusiastic acclaim that it is now scheduled for as many as ninety concerts in one season before audiences all over the nation.

Edenton Lions Back School Bond Issue

Matter Presented Monday By Dr. Griffin And R. C. Holland

At Monday night's meeting of the Edenton Lions Club, those members present voted to support the forthcoming bond election on January 20. The entire program was devoted to a discussion of the bond issue, with Dr. Wallace Griffin and R. C. Holland taking the most prominent parts in the discussion.

Both speakers stated that they had made investigations of school conditions and were no little surprised at the deplorable conditions they found. Both stressed the importance of doing something now to relieve conditions rather than delaying action until the county is forced to do something. They also explained the effect on the tax rate, pointing out that if the bond issue is carried, the tax increase for bonds will be something like 13 cents. It was also pointed out that if the issue is defeated, the tax rate will unquestionably be increased more than 13 cents, in that the County Commissioners will undoubtedly have to do something as a temporary measure which will take from the budget all funds not coming from taxes, which includes ABC earnings. This money at present is used for the general fund, so that no levy has been made for that purpose.

During the meeting Percy Smith was inducted as a new member, and it was decided to call off the meeting next Monday night due to the zone meeting to be held in Hertford Friday night, which will be attended by many local Lions.

New Bern Romps Over Edenton Court Teams

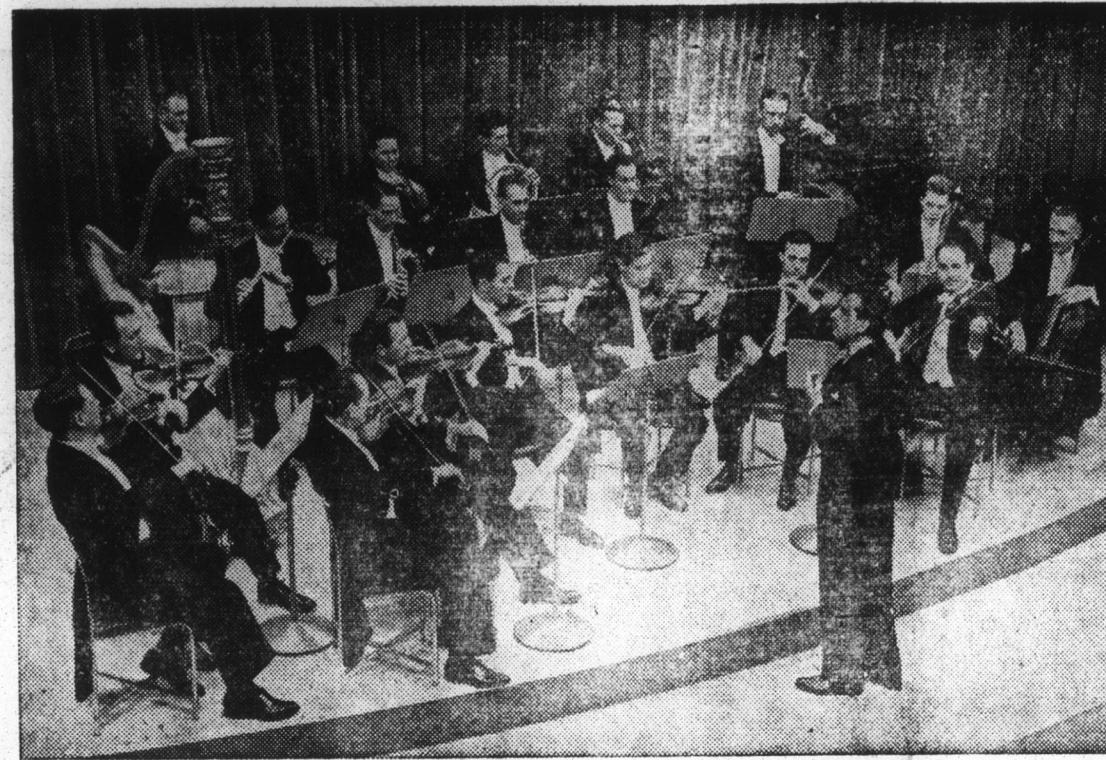
Edenton's Aces suffered their third conference defeat Tuesday night in the armory when they fell prey to the New Bern Bears 43-27. The Edenton girls also were defeated by the New Bern girls 40-23.

Jack Habit was high scorer for the Aces with 9 points, while John Connolly led the visitors with 18 and Brown 12.

For the girls Margaret Ann Mansfield led the scoring with 13 points, while Sater and Patterson paced New Bern with 12 points each.

Both teams will meet the Kinston outfit in another conference game Friday night.

APPEAR IN EDENTON JANUARY 21



Pictured above is the St. Louis Sinfonietta, under the direction of Paul Schreiber, which is scheduled to present a program in the High School auditorium Wednesday night, January 21, at 8:30 o'clock. The Sinfonietta is the second of a series of three concerts arranged by the Community Concert Association. The St. Louis musicians have won an enviable reputation, so that the local auditorium is expected to be filled to capacity. Only membership cards will be recognized to gain admission.

REV. W. L. FREEMAN WILL BE SPEAKER AT MEETING OF MARCH OF DIMES WORKERS TO BE HELD IN COURT HOUSE FRIDAY NIGHT

Drive to Raise \$2,200 Quota Begins Monday Of Next Week

Chief of Police Robert L. Pratt, chairman of the March of Dimes campaign in Chowan County, has perfected his organization and will begin the drive Monday of next week. He expresses the desire that all reports will be completed by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday anniversary on January 30.

As an incentive for the drive, Mr. Pratt has called a meeting of all workers and those interested in the movement to meet in the Court House Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, at which time final plans for the drive will be discussed. A feature of the meeting will be an address by the Rev. W. L. Freeman, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Chowan County's quota has been increased, along with the State as a whole and individual chapters, so that this year citizens will have to be even more generous if the county is to maintain its reputation in meeting quotas. Chowan is asked to raise \$2,200, which is considerably more than the \$1,420 quota last year.

"The quota is rather large," stated J. Edwin Bufflap, chairman of the Chowan Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, "but the county has been extremely fortunate in escaping the ravages of

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Joe Conger, Jr., New Head Of Varsity Club

Group of Officers Elected at Meeting Held Friday Night

At a meeting of the Varsity Club held Friday night Joseph Conger, Jr., was elected president for the year 1948, succeeding Nick George, first president of the new organization.

Other officers elected include J. M. Boyce, vice president; Wendell Copeland, secretary; James Bond, treasurer and Bill Cozart and J. D. Elliott new members of the board of directors.

Very encouraging reports were submitted concerning the past year's activities of the club.

Watson Bell Buys A. L. Boaz Business

Watson Bell this week purchased the Boaz Tire Sales & Service, located on Broad Street. The concern has been in business several years with A. L. Boaz as proprietor.

Mr. Bell has been a cigar distributor for about 15 years and moved back to Edenton from Cherry Point in July. He is a son of Mrs. J. H. Bell and is making his home at 209 West Queen Street.

ED HABIT RETURNS

Ed Habit returned Thursday of

last week from Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., where he has been a patient several weeks. Mr. Habit is getting along as well as can be expected and will be glad to have his friends pay him a visit.

First Vice Commander Kermit Layton will fill the vacancy caused by Holton's resignation.

Overseas Relief Drive Will Begin In Chowan Jan. 26

Workers Will Call at Homes to Receive Packages

Cooperating in North Carolina's drive to "Fill a Ship with Friendship", Chowan County will begin its appeal for overseas relief materials on January 26, C. W. Overman, chairman, has announced.

North Carolina was a leader in the field of overseas giving during 1946 and 1947, and the state-wide campaign scheduled for January 26-31 will be its primary effort toward maintaining that reputation in 1948.

In Chowan County the drive is being sponsored by all the churches, with the assistance of all civic clubs. The Rev. Henry G. Ruark of Chapel Hill is state chairman of the project, which was instigated by the North Carolina Council of Churches, the Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, executive secretary.

The plan of action is as follows: A worker will call at every home in town and the County on a designated day to pick up the package of clothing. Each community or church group will deliver the clothing to a designated point in Edenton, where it will be assembled for shipment.

It is expected that the materials received from the entire state will be enough to form a complete ship's cargo. The goods will be sent to the Church World Service Center at New Windsor, Maryland, to be packed for shipment.

All kinds of clothing and household articles and supplies are needed—anything of a practical nature such as is used in American homes.

Holton Resigns As Legion Commander

Unexpired Term Will Be Filled By Kermit Layton

Walter Holton late last week tendered his resignation as commander of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion. Though vitally interested in Legion affairs, Mr. Holton said his business demanded so much of his time that he could not devote the necessary attention to the office.

Aside from his business, Mr. Holton is president of the Albemarle Baseball League and is connected with a number of organizations, all of which claim some of his time.

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BANK CLOSED TUESDAY

The Bank of Edenton will be closed all day next Monday, January 19, in observance of Robert E. Lee's birthday, a legal holiday. Patrons of the bank are urged to transact their banking business accordingly.

Chowan's \$400,000 Bond Election Will Be Subject of Round Table Discussion

Town Starts Suit Against J. T. Gibbs For Truck Damage

Brief Session of Town Council Held Tuesday Night

In one of the briefest meetings held in recent months, Town Council on Tuesday night completed its business in two hours, adjourning about 10 o'clock. With no delegations appearing at the meeting or any special requests presented, the most important item of business transacted was instructing Town Attorney J. N. Pruden to institute a suit against James T. Gibbs for damages to one of the fire trucks amounting to something like \$2,000.

The suit is the outgrowth of a wreck on Thanksgiving morning involving the fire truck and a station wagon driven by Mr. Gibbs. In the accident B. Henry Smith was killed, Al Owens seriously injured and the fire truck badly damaged. In the meantime Mr. Gibbs has been cleared of charges in a trial in Recorder's Court.

The Councilmen also discussed the possibility of employing an automobile mechanic to service the town's rolling equipment, and J. E. Bufflap was appointed to investigate the housing of such a department. W. J. Yates was also appointed to investigate the idea of building a partition in the balcony of the armory to provide locker space for those who participate in recreational activities there.

The Street Commissioner also presented a request from T. W. Jones to hard surface West Hicks Street from Broad Street to the railroad. After considering the condition of the budget, the matter was deferred until the next budget is prepared.

H. G. Quinn Elected VFW Commander

Efforts Made to Assist Any Veteran Needing Help

At a meeting of William H. Coffield, Jr., Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, held Friday night, Henry G. Quinn was elected commander, succeeding James T. Gibbs. Other officers elected were: Willie Spruill, senior vice commander; Elwood Nixon, adjutant; James Bond, quartermaster; Thomas Edward Parker, Jr., service officer; T. W. Cartwright, chaplain, and William M. Rhoades, officer of the day.

According to T. E. Parker, service officer, the veterans assistance committee operating in Edenton and Chowan County on behalf of veterans and their dependents or survivors, has made 25 applications for dental work, placed two veterans of World War II and one of World War I in veterans' hospitals for treatment and observation, made numerous applications for reinstatement of national service life insurance and performed many other services to and for veterans.

According to Commander Quinn, any honorably discharged veteran who wishes to use this service may do so without cost or obligation on his part. Whether the veteran served overseas or within the Continental United States, whether he is a member of VFW or any other veterans' organization, he may obtain further information by telephoning the following numbers: 378, 479-W, 50-J, 99-W, 395-J or contact Service Officer Parker at the post office or his home, 208 East King Street.

Commander Quinn says this is not a membership drive or a drive for funds, but is offered at the request of the Veterans Administration since removal of the VA office in Edenton.

Small Crowd on Hand For Meeting Monday At Rocky Hock

ALL INVITED
Election Scheduled to Be Held Tuesday of Next Week

In the interest of the Chowan County election on a \$400,000 bond issue which will be held Tuesday, January 20, a mass meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) in the Court House, starting at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be in the form of a round table discussion, so that anyone will have an opportunity to express his or her views, as well as ask any questions relating to the election.

The purpose of the meeting is to enlighten voters as to the pressing need to provide class rooms, as well as the method of payment and the effect it will have on the county's tax rate.

While there is some opposition to issuing the bonds, the principal reason, so far as The Herald can learn, is that it will raise taxes.

This phase was explained at the mass meeting held at Rocky Hock Central School Monday night when it was explained that if the election is carried, the rate for liquidating bonds will be only 13 cents higher than the present rate. The new rate will be approximately 61 cents per hundred dollar property valuation and will gradually decrease over a period of 20 years, when all present bonded indebtedness will have been wiped out.

The principal speakers at Monday night's meeting were W. H. Bevryman, who presided over the meeting, John A. Holmes, West Byrum, W. J. Taylor, Thomas Chears and the Rev. W. C. Francis. The latter appealed for cooperation throughout the county to the end that eventually the needs of every section will be met.

It was pointed out that the average tax rate for bonds for the past ten years was 66 cents, while if the bond issue is successful, the average tax rate for bonds for the next 20 years will be 45 cents, so that the tax load will not be as heavy as some voters believe.

The belief was also advanced that, strange as it may appear on the surface, Chowan County's tax rate will be higher if the bond issue is defeated. This was explained by the fact that more or less of an emergency exists so far as schools are concerned, and that if the bonds are not sold to make necessary improvements, then the County Commissioners will, next to being compelled, make some temporary improvements. Without funds from the sale of bonds, the Commissioners will be obliged to gather together all non-tax money, which includes ABC store earnings. The ABC profits go into the general fund for the operation of the county, and with this money going for school purposes, it is obvious that at least 45 cents will be levied for general purposes. This can be even greater also, for in the present general fund are some items for which the Commissioners have a legal right to make a levy, which will add to the overall levy to meet the budget.

A slight undercurrent of feeling in opposition to the physical education building at Chowan High School was apparent at Monday night's meeting. (Continued on Page Five)

Chas. H. Jenkins Named National Group Officer

Friends of Senator Charles H. Jenkins will be interested to know that he was elected first vice president and chairman of the board of the Council of State Governments at meeting held in Washington, D. C., Saturday.

Governor Horace Hildreth of Maine was elected president of the group.

ON SOUTHERN TRIP
The Rev. Harold W. Gilmer, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, his daughter, Mrs. Ralph T. Warren and her daughter, Sandra, left Wednesday for Orlando, Fla., and Tifton, Ga., where they will visit relatives and friends.

The trio expects to be away about three weeks, but during Mr. Gilmer's absence regular services will be held at St. Paul's Church.