

## Chamber Commerce Considers Housing Shortage In Edenton

Estimated Base Reactivation Will Need 1,100 Living Quarters

### BOTTLENECK

Group Anxious to Cooperate With Garden Club Tour

The most acute problem facing the membership of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association is that of meeting the terrific housing shortage in Edenton and surrounding territory in order to satisfy the increasing demands for same as operations at the Edenton Naval Air Station slowly gather momentum.

Marine officials informed the directors of the Chamber of Commerce that it is anticipated that housing will be required for at least 1,100, and this is based upon a 50 per cent estimate. Mayor Leroy Haskett appeared by invitation at the meeting on Monday in the Municipal Building and furnished information on the situation from the standpoint of the town, none of which could be considered on the bright side of the picture. Directors Joe Conger and John Graham presented the activities they had participated in on the matter during the past week, including that of contacting Congressman Herbert Bonner and certain large insurance companies.

The crux of the matter hinges upon the reluctance or flat refusal of lending institutions to advance the money for building due to the feeling that no assurance is given as to the permanency of the base. The Marine officials want some kind of definite figures as to estimated housing to be cared for the personnel. Local objectors feel that private capital or source of capital, has a right to be based upon which to guarantee investments, and that if the community which involves huge outlays of money, then they should be in a position to give some indication to justify the expenditures.

At the request of Vice President Philip McMillan, a group is being taken of experienced real estate operators and observers of this area to ascertain an average demand for housing apart from Marine base requirements. It was felt that this estimate would perhaps encourage more local capital to go ahead and build, based upon local needs. It was also thought that this would be the means, perhaps, of unloosing the bottled-up over-cautiousness on the part of some contractors who have the desire to build if things look right.

Another director brought out the fact that one particular contractor was ready to go ahead and build but that land had advanced so much in price as to become prohibitive. It was the general impression that local citizens had a stake, a big stake, in the opening of the base, and that no unnecessary obstacles should be placed in the way. Said one observer, "monetary values are relative, and land located somewhere out in the Sahara Desert would be of no particular value as part of a desert. But place a live community around it and

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## Partial Report For Christmas Seal Sale

Colored Contributions Gratifying Says Mrs. Holland

While Mrs. R. C. Holland, treasurer of the Chowan County Christmas Seal sale, has not heard from all letters sent out, she is very much gratified with the result of the drive, and is especially appreciative for the response in colored churches and the schools.

Colored contributions in the drive were reported as follows: Kadesh A. M. E. Zion Church, \$6.55; Welch's Chapel, \$8.00; Church of God in Christ, \$7.00; Warren's Grove Church, \$8.00; St. John's School, \$5.00; Pleasant Grove Church, \$8.00; Cansan's Temple, \$2.00; Providence Baptist Church, \$27.00; St. John's Episcopal Church, \$14.00; Gale Street Baptist Church, \$8.00; colored school, \$79.16.

In the county white schools, contributions amounted to \$51.88 and in the Edenton school \$40.90.

## Breath o' Winter

After enjoying a long period of spring-like weather, a sample of winter hit this section Saturday night. With the mercury taking a tumble during the night, the ground was covered with a coating of snow Sunday morning and flurries continued during most of the day. However, by night practically all of the snow had disappeared, although the mercury hung around the freezing mark.

Further west roads became extremely dangerous for travel due to a coating of ice and snow on highways in many sections.

## Plans Are Completed For Red Men Dance On Saturday, Feb. 12

Crowning of Queen of Valentine Will Be Feature

Interest is mounting in the crowning of the Queen of Valentine, which will take place on Saturday evening, February 12, in the Edenton armory under the sponsorship of Chowan Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men. The Queen will be chosen by popular vote from among those in attendance and marital status plays no part in the eligibility requirements.

The committee, composed of Harold Davis, Erie Haste and John R. Lewis, state that tickets are now on sale and placards have been placed in Windsor, Creswell, Roper, Columbia, Colerain and Hertford, so far. It was stressed that the affair is open to the public as well as to the Red Men and their wives and friends.

J. E. Bufflap, chief of records for the tribe, reports that invitations have been sent to Red Men tribes in Elizabeth City, Washington, N. C., and Rocky Mount. It is expected that many will turn out for the gala event and the crowning.

The committee is looking for someone in the community who knows how to conduct a "promenade". The Queen will lead off with her escort after the coronation by a high ranking officer of the Red Men. The committee is also planning on making the affair more interesting by giving away prizes to those in attendance, in addition to those presented to the Queen. "This is one night which will be remembered for a long time," says Erie Haste. Dancing will be to the strains of Buddy Butterson's "super-doooper" swingmen from Portsmouth, who is no stranger in Edenton.

## Group Chosen For Triangular Debate

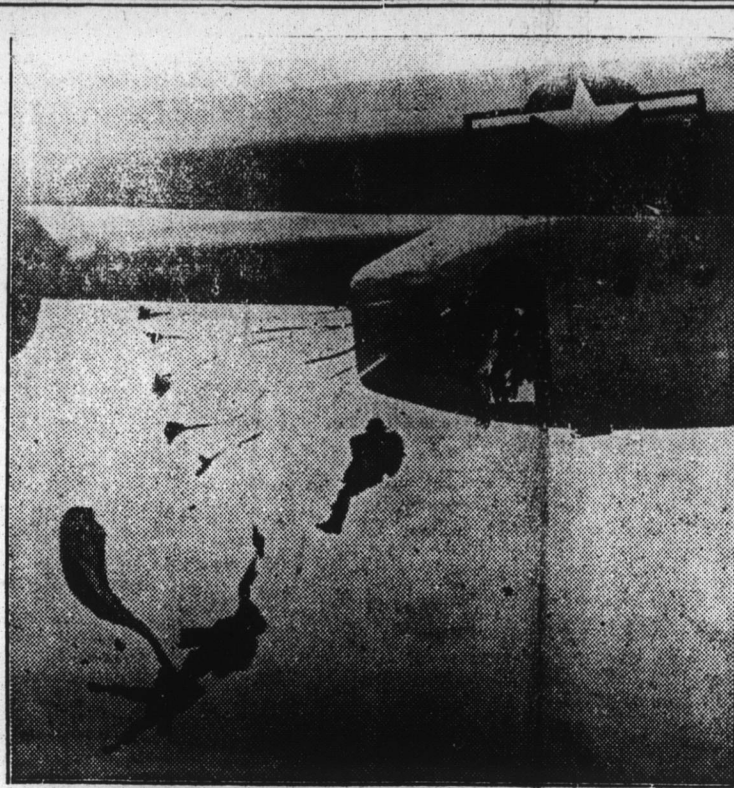
Mary Lee Copeland and George K. Gelbach Coaches

In anticipation of the annual Triangular Debate, Edenton High School has selected members of the 1949 debating team. The affirmative team will be composed of Nancy Boswell and Garry Martin, with Geola Ward and Fay Dail being the negative debaters. Shirley Norris has been chosen as alternate.

Miss Mary Lee Copeland and George K. Gelbach will serve as coaches for this year's team.

## Two Men Injured In Automobile Accident

Walter Cross and Thad McCullers of Portsmouth were painfully injured early Monday morning when a car driven by Thomas B. Garrett, also of Portsmouth, turned over on Highway 17 about six miles north of Edenton. Garrett and another occupant of the car were only shaken up. The accident occurred when the car hit a muddy spot on the road, skidding onto the soft shoulder and overturned. The injured men were taken to Edenton and treated by Dr. Martin Wisely.



82d DIVISION 'CHUTISTS TO TEST NEW PLANE—Paratroopers like these will put the new C-119 cargo and troop transport through its paces during an air show at Hagerstown, Md., in March. They will demonstrate loading of personnel and equipment aboard the plane, which can transport 42 soldiers with their combat equipment, or nine tons of cargo, for 2,000 miles.

## Edenton's PTA In Favor Recent State Education Report

Past Presidents Speak On Founder's Day Program

Edenton's Parent-Teacher Association at its meeting Tuesday afternoon went on record as endorsing the recent report of the State School Commission on Education. Association members will convey their wishes to members of the General Assembly and in order to make the appeal stronger, urge all citizens to contact legislators in an effort to have the recommendations go into effect.

At Tuesday's meeting the PTA observed Founders Day, when three past presidents spoke. These were Mrs. James E. Wood, Mrs. John F. White and Mrs. Richard Elliott, each of whom rehearsed the accomplishments of the association during her term of office.

## THIRD DEGREE TONIGHT AT MASONIC MEETING

At the meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., tonight (Thursday) the third degree will be conferred upon a candidate. In preparation for the ceremony, the degree team held a practice session Tuesday night.

Richard Baer, master of the lodge, urges all members to be present at tonight's meeting, and a cordial invitation is extended all visiting Masons to attend.

## RED CROSS FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD IN CHOWAN COUNTY MARCH 1-15

Quota For County Set at \$2,138; Herbert Hollowell And West Leary Co-chairmen; Hector Lupton Serving as Chairman of Publicity

Chowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross has set a quota of \$2,138 to be raised during the 1949 fund raising campaign, which will be held March 1 to 15, according to Herbert Hollowell and West Leary, who are co-chairmen of the campaign. Hector Lupton has been appointed publicity chairman for the drive.

Mr. Hollowell stated this week that he and Mr. Leary plan to enlist the help of a large number of people in the drive so that there will be no burden placed upon any particular person and also that the drive can be completed within the specified time.

"The Red Cross makes only one appeal a year for funds to carry out the various program of service," Mr. Hollowell said. "This year we plan to give everybody in Chowan County an opportunity to contribute to the Red Cross and to become a member of the organization."

Mr. Hollowell pointed out that the Red Cross is continuing to meet "the needs of the people as they arise," and on that basis seeks public support.

The Red Cross services which are expected to claim top priority nationally in next year's expenditures include Disaster Service and Home Service, both basic program of the organization. In addition, educational programs of health and safety will be continued.

Disaster relief during the fiscal year ending July 1, 1948, required

## March Of Dimes Be Continued Until 1949 Quota Reached

Jaycees Planning To Hold Ladies' Night On Thursday, Feb. 10

Joint Bingo Party Planned to Help March Of Dimes

At a meeting of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce held Thursday night at Boswell's Cafe, it was decided to hold Ladies' Night at the cafe on Thursday night, February 10. A great deal of interest has been aroused in entertaining the wives of Jaycees, so that the meeting is expected to be one of the most outstanding affairs of the organization to date.

The committee appointed to arrange for the meeting is composed of Sam Allen, Junior Pruden, Bill Holmes, A. L. Bridgford and Bill Cozart. Billy Harrison, State president, will be a special guest for the occasion, and there will be other prominent Jaycees on hand to enjoy the affair. The committee has already reported that there will be no long speech-making and that the meeting will provide fun for all and will be one long to be remembered.

President Frank Holmes reported Thursday night that the board of directors had decided to hold a Jaycett rummage sale some time in February in order to raise funds. The committee in charge of this project includes Horace White, James Mitchener, Mike Byrum, Emmett Dail and Jack Bond. It was also reported that the monthly bingo party will be held in February, which will be a joint affair with the Junior Woman's Club. Prizes will be food made by Junior Woman's Club members, with the proceeds going toward the March of Dimes.

As a special guest Judge Marvin Wilson attended the meeting, and spoke on the March of Dimes campaign now in progress. Mr. Wilson especially emphasized the need for funds and the hope that Chowan County will reach its quota of \$4,400. The Jaycees have joined in the drive by making individual contributions and soliciting business houses and industries in Edenton.

President Holmes reminded members that nominations of officers will take place in April and urged members to begin thinking about who they want as their officers for the new fiscal year. Mr. Holmes also called attention to the quarterly meeting, which will be held in Durham February 12 and 13, and requested any who are interested in attending to contact him at once.

## Local Cops Again Do Good Piece Of Work

Without Any Clue, Manage to Round Up Vernon Harris

Edenton's police have again done a splendid piece of work in apprehending Vernon Harris, Negro, as the person who two weeks ago stole \$16 from John Habit's Filling Station and assaulted Louis and C. H. Craddock when he was discovered in the station.

Without any clue whatever to work on, the police rounded up Harris, and in Recorder's Court Friday Judge Marvin Wilson declared him guilty on four counts. Harris was charged with larceny of \$16, assaulting Louis Craddock, assaulting C. H. Craddock and a charge of vagrancy. The defendant plead not guilty to the first three counts, but guilty on the fourth. The court, however, declared him guilty on all charges and he was sentenced to six months for larceny, 30 days on each of the assault charges and 30 days for vagrancy.

## Youth Rally Monday Night In Court House

A Church of God youth rally will be held in the Chowan Court House Monday night, February 7, starting at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Rassie Davis, pastor of the church, invites everybody to attend. Prior to the rally a fish fry will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Gay on Broad Street.

Chairman Marvin Wilson Reports \$1,200 Collected

### FAR SHORT

Those Not Contacted Are Urged to Make Contributions

Though he has not had a complete report, Judge Marvin Wilson, chairman of the Chowan County March of Dimes, informed The Herald Tuesday night that contributions thus far in the drive amounted to between \$1,100 and \$1,200. He said canvassers were still working, but that it must be expected that every person in the county will not be seen for a contribution. In view of this fact, Mr. Wilson urges any who have not been solicited to send a contribution either to him or W. H. Gardner, the treasurer.

While Chowan's report is far from complete, Mr. Wilson is more or less disappointed in the amount of money in hand from those who have reported. In view of the urgent need for funds in the face of a State and national emergency, Mr. Wilson is rather of the opinion that of the reports sent in contributions should be at least double the amount.

Chowan's quota is \$4,400, double last year, which is the case in every county in the State due to the emergency which exists. Because of last year's epidemic, national funds approached the vanishing point, with about one-fourth of all the funds being sent into North Carolina, hardest hit State in the country. In view of this fact, it is necessary to build up a reserve for future emergencies, so every county is asked to double last year's quota.

With only a little more than one-fourth of the county's quota realized to date, Mr. Wilson stated that Chowan County cannot afford to fall down this year, so that he said the drive, which was to have ended Monday of this week, will continue in the hope of reaching the \$4,400 goal.

Mr. Wilson has had splendid cooperation on the part of individuals and various organizations, but he pointed out the fact that contributions have been smaller than necessary if the quota is to be realized. In many cases, he pointed out, contributions of \$5.00 or \$10.00 were made, when at least \$25.00, \$50.00 or even \$100.00 could have been made. Of course, nothing can be done about that, except to appeal to every citizen in the county to be more generous at a time when it is absolutely necessary to raise funds in the interest of caring for children who may become victims of infantile paralysis.

While it is true that no funds were needed in Chowan County last year, most of the money held by the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was sent to State headquarters to supplement funds from the national organization for use in North Carolina. The situation might be reversed in time to come, so that it might be necessary to use all local funds, which would not go very far if a number of children fell victims to the disease, in which case an appeal would have to be made for outside financial assistance.

Thus far the Chowan County Chapter has been able to answer the appeal.

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## B & L Re-elects All Present Directors

Rate of Interest Earned During Past Year Was .0634

At the annual meeting of the Edenton Building & Loan Association last week, all of the directors were re-elected. The directors are A. G. Byrum, J. P. Partin, J. W. Davis, R. C. Holland, Fred P. Wood, T. C. Byrum, J. C. Leary and R. P. Badham. These directors are scheduled to meet Thursday, February 10, at which time they will elect a president and secretary. F. W. Hobbs is now president and R. E. Leary, secretary. A goodly number of stockholders attended the meeting, when, among other things, the annual statement was read which showed that the net rate of interest earned for the year was .0634.