

1953 Pilgrimage Of Colonial Edenton Is Set For April 10-11

Already Nine Homes And Four Public Shrines on List

MORE EXPECTED

Woman's Club Entertained By Mrs. Brown's Choral Group

At the December meeting of the Edenton Woman's Club held Wednesday of last week at St. Paul's Parish House, members and their guests enjoyed a program of Christmas carols presented by Mrs. Mary Leggett Brown's choral group from Edenton High School. This entertainment by Mrs. Brown's group has become a tradition at each December meeting and is always delightful.

Another custom of the Woman's Club which came under discussion during the business meeting is the aiding of a needy family at Christmas. Mrs. James Bond, chairman of the Welfare Committee, announced that a family has been chosen and members will be contacted for contributions of food, clothing, or toys. Her committee is authorized to purchase additional necessary items. Mrs. Bond also announced that the TB Seal sale sponsored annually by the club is underway.

Mrs. T. C. Byrum, Jr., reported that the Tom Thumb Wedding and baby contest was a financial success and proceeds will be used toward restoration of the Penelope Barker House. Mrs. J. H. Conger, Jr., president of the Club, reported briefly on plans under discussion by the Penelope Barker House Governing Board for repairs to the house.

Another feature of the business session was the report of Mrs. John Graham, general chairman of the 1953 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside. She announced the dates of the pilgrimage—Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11—and stated that block tickets will sell for \$3.00 to adults and \$1.00 to students. Tickets to individual homes may be purchased for 50c to adults and 25c to students. A 10 per cent discount will be allowed for groups numbering more than twenty. At this writing, nine homes and four public shrines will definitely open, with the possibility of others being added to the list later.

In addition to Mrs. Graham as general chairman and Mrs. R. N. Hines as her co-chairman, other committee heads are as follows: Publicity, Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt; Co-chairman, Miss Elizabeth Moore. Tickets, Mrs. Willis McClenny; co-chairman, Mrs. W. T. Harry. Tea, Mrs. M. R. Wisely. Hostess, Mrs. Richard Goodwin. Advertising, Mrs. W. D. Holmes, Jr. Markers, Mrs. Frank Holmes.

Auxiliary Of Legion Will Stage Party For Legionnaires Dec. 15

Two Prominent Legionnaires Scheduled to Be Guests

Announcement has been made that the American Legion Auxiliary will stage a party for the Legionnaires at the Legion Hut on the Windsor highway Monday night, December 15, starting at 7:30 o'clock.

Two prominent Legionnaires are expected to be special guests for the occasion, Department Commander Roy Shuping of Greensboro and Division Commander Bill McMillan of Rocky Mount.

All Legionnaires and ex-service men are cordially invited to attend the party and each one is requested to take a gift costing not over 50 cents. The gifts will be exchanged among those present.

First Degree Tonight At Masonic Meeting

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. At the meeting the first degree will be conferred upon a candidate, and W. A. Harrell, master, urges a good attendance. He especially extends a cordial invitation to visiting Masons to attend the meeting.

Court Of Honor In Methodist Church Next Tuesday Night

Advancements Will Be Made By Local Troop In All Ranks

Plans have been announced for a Court of Honor for the West Albemarle District, Boy Scouts of America, which will be held in the Edenton Methodist Church Tuesday night, December 16, starting at 7:30 o'clock. J. L. Maston, District Advancement Chairman, will be in charge of the ceremonies, to which the public is cordially invited.

Advancements will be made in every rank of the Edenton troop of Boy Scouts as follows:

Tenderfoot—Ralph Chappell.
Second Class—Ralph Chappell, Jack Overman, Dallas Stallings, Arthur White, Terry Bennett, Tommy Kehayes, Robert Boyce, Bill Harry and Oscar White.

First Class—Caleb White, Stuart Holland and Miles Williams.
Star—Robert Earl Edwards and Caleb White.

Life—Gordon Proctor.
Eagle—Clifford Overman and the Bronz Eagle Palm will be awarded Ben Browning, an Eagle Scout.

Merit Badges will be awarded as follows:
Ben Browning—Landscape Gardening, Leatherwork, Rowing and Woodcarving.

Clifford Overman—Rowing, Leatherwork, Canoeing, Woodwork, Wood-

Town Councilmen In Long Session On Tuesday Night

Various Matters Claim Attention Until After 10:30

Town Councilmen had a busy session Tuesday night, holding their session until close to 11 o'clock.

Present at the meeting was Col. Elmer Brackett, commanding officer of the Edenton Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field. Col. Brackett appeared in the interest of the Marines using the Edenton armory as part of the recreational program at the base. After discussing the matter the Councilmen delegated authority for use of the armory for athletic purposes to Capt. Cecil Fry, commanding officer of the local National Guard Unit.

A representative of the Camp Manufacturing Company of Franklin, Va., requested permission to remove, by use of dynamite, the old pilings on the company's property next to the Edenton Bay Packing Company. The Councilmen were assured there would be no damage but that a loud report would be heard from the explosion. Permission was given to dynamite the piles after an argument was executed by the concern to be responsible if any damage might occur. The work will probably be done before Christmas, so that citizens are advised not to become excited if they hear the explosions along the waterfront.

More requests were made for taxi-

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Lt. Morris T. Griffin Killed In Jet Crash

Parents Notified and Now Awaiting Word From Air Force

Mr. and Mrs. Morris T. Griffin have been notified that their son, Lieut. Morris T. Griffin, Jr., was killed in an airplane accident about 25 miles north of Blythe, Calif.

The Griffins were first notified by the Air Force that their son was missing, but late Tuesday night Lieut. Griffin's wife informed them that he was killed. The wife of Lieut. Griffin left Tuscaloosa, Arizona, prior to her husband's last day of training before leaving for Korea. He was pilot on an F84 Thunderjet fighter plane.

The wreckage was found on the western edge of the Moesave Desert after fishermen and Indians reported the crash and seeing a parachute.

The body was sent to Edenton for burial, but Mr. and Mrs. Griffin are awaiting information from the Air Force.

The wife of Lieut. Griffin is now on her way to Edenton and upon arrival will make funeral arrangements.

Restoration Work Started On Penelope Barker House Now Located On Waterfront

TRUSTEES OF EDENTON SCHOOL VOTE TO LEAVE NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE TO AFFILIATE WITH ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Motion Carries With It Provision That Football Games With All Conference Teams Will Be Scheduled For Next Season

At a meeting of the Edenton School Trustees Monday night members were presented the findings of a committee appointed a few weeks ago to determine popular sentiment regarding Edenton High School leaving the Northeastern Conference to accept an invitation to affiliate with the Albemarle Conference.

The committee appointed included C. W. Overman, Bill Cozart, George Twiddy, Gerald James and J. Edwin Buffal. In the absence of Mr. Overman, chairman, Bill Cozart was spokesman for the committee and informed the trustees that as the result of the committee's work it was learned that sentiment by far was in favor of severing relations with the Northeastern Conference in favor of the Albemarle Conference.

After listening to the arguments pro and con concerning both conferences, various members of the school trustees asked questions and after a thorough discussion a motion was made and passed that Edenton withdraw from the Northeastern Class AA Conference and join the Albemarle Class A Conference. The motion, however, carried with it the provision that the Albemarle Conference would schedule football games for Edenton

next fall with other schools in the conference. It was generally understood that this would be done.

By joining the Albemarle Conference the Edenton Aces will be grouped with Ahoskie, Columbia, Hertford, Scotland Neck, Tarboro, Williamston and Plymouth. According to conference rules high schools may play only 10 games a season, so that there will be an opportunity to schedule games with teams in the Class AA Conference on open dates or with Class AAA teams if desired.

In the Northeastern Conference Edenton was group with Elizabeth City, Greenville, Kinston, New Bern, Roanoke Rapids and Washington.

The principal reason advanced for affiliating with the Albemarle Conference was that Edenton will be competing with schools more its size and that present and future potential manpower in Edenton cannot hope to compete with the larger schools in the Northeastern Conference.

Both conferences desire to have Edenton as a member and not only the school trustees but many other interested citizens expressed a reluctance in leaving the Northeastern group where relations have been so pleasant.

Glee Club Plans Candlelight Service Sunday, Dec. 14th

In School Auditorium At 5 O'clock In the Afternoon

The Glee Club of Edenton Junior-Senior High School plans to present its second Christmas candlelight service in the grammar school auditorium on Sunday, December 14th, at five o'clock in the afternoon. The service, which will be entirely musical except for brief interludes by a narrator, is non-sectarian, and there will be no admission charge.

The chorus, consisting of 28 girls and 20 boys from the Senior High School, will present a program of traditional music. Margery Thigpen will act as accompanist, and John Dobson, president of the Student Body, as narrator.

Varsity Club Plans Christmas Dance

Music Will Be Furnished By Dick Levin and His Orchestra

Edenton's Varsity Club will sponsor a Christmas dance, which will be held in the Edenton armory Thursday night from 9 o'clock to 1 o'clock.

Music for the dance will be provided by Dick Levin and his State College orchestra.

Reservations for the dance can be made by telephoning 574-W or 505-W.

Advance Club Will Sponsor Sale Dec. 13

On Saturday morning, December 13, at 9:30 o'clock Advance Home Demonstration Club will hold a food and Christmas decoration sale in Quinn's Furniture Store. Proceeds from this sale will go toward the new community center which the people in Advance community are building.

These club women will have the following articles for sale: Cakes, candies, pickles, (including watermelon rind, artichokes), holly, mistletoe, red berries, silver leaves, berries, etc.

Aside from holiday decorations the ladies will also sell delicious cakes, candies and other foods.

Cape Hatteras Site Of Boy Scout Camporee Over This Week-end

75 Boys From Perquimans, Gates and Chowan Will Attend

All Boy Scouts and Explorers of the West Albemarle District of the Boy Scouts of America will go to Cape Hatteras this week-end, December 13 and 14, to hold their Fall Camporee.

Sidney Campen, chairman of the camping committee, has made plans for the boys to have a very interesting and educational trip. They will leave at 6:30 Saturday morning from the Edenton Armory and 7 o'clock from the Court House in Hertford. The Edenton National Guard will provide transportation.

While camping near the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, Scouts will tour such historical spots as the first building to be authorized by U. S. Congress, visit the newly discovered graves of the crew of the Monitor, climb the Lighthouse, visit the citrus fruit orchards, and view the ruins of the wrecked ships.

Seventy-five Scouts from Gates, Perquimans and Chowan Counties are expected to participate in this event. Each troop will come under its own leadership. Patrols will be judged on ability to camp and conduct themselves in a Scout-like manner.

District Meeting Of Boy Scouts Tonight

The West Albemarle District of the Boy Scouts of America will hold a meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Agricultural Building in Hertford. John Biggers, acting chairman for the district, will preside. One of the important items of business to be handled will be the election of a new chairman to replace W. T. Harry, who resigned.

Plans for the annual banquet to be held during Boy Scout Week in February will be discussed.

Chowan PTA Will Meet Tuesday Night

The Chowan High School Parent-Teacher Association will hold its monthly meeting in the auditorium on Tuesday evening, December 16 at 7:30 o'clock. All parents and friends of the school are invited to be present and enjoy the exchanging of gifts and singing Christmas carols. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Representative of Three Sponsoring Groups on Governing Board

SECURE ARCHITECT

Hoped to Finish Work In Time For Edenton Pilgrimage

Citizens of Edenton interested in seeing the realization of a local community house and the preservation of an important historic home were pleased to see work begin on the Penelope Barker house this week.

The three organizations who have undertaken this project, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Woman's Club and the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, have appointed two representatives and the president of each club to serve as the Penelope Barker House Governing Board. This Board, realizing that repair work must begin this winter in order to save the house, decided to proceed immediately with repairs to the exterior. This included the front porches, tearing off the old kitchen and bay and replacing it with a new stoop, repairing the windows and a possible leak in the roof.

The Blades Lumber Company has generously donated paint for the outside. It is hoped, particularly by the Woman's Club, that this much work will be accomplished in time for the 1953 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside, April 10-11, so that the house may be opened to the public at that time.

The former owners of the house, the Misses Moore, made it possible for the Board to secure the services of Finley F. Ferguson, architect of Norfolk, Va., who Edentonians will remember worked on the restoration of St. Paul's Church. The American Institute of Architects has notified him that the house has been properly authenticated, historically and architecturally, as the home of Penelope Barker. Having done considerable research on the house prior to this for Miss Elizabeth Moore, he came to Edenton during the past month to inspect it since it had been moved. He expressed approval of the moving job and of the way in which it was placed on its new site. A few days ago he sent a list of recommendations for the Board to follow as their finances permitted, and as soon as the Jaycees finish the job of dismantling the old kitchen he will return to take a good look at the back prior to drawing up plans for a new stoop.

After consulting the local contractors, the governing Board decided to award the construction job to Pickler and Faircloth.

To raise money application has been made to the Society for the Preservation of Antiquities for financial aid. In addition the Board plans a Home Talent Polliet in March, directed by local people, pending the approval of the three clubs.

The Board has not had an opportunity to contact all possible donors, but this will be done in the near future. Meanwhile any gifts will be most gratefully appreciated.

Philip McMullan presented to the Association a piano and it has already been placed in the house.

Hospital Auxiliary Will Meet Dec. 12th

Mrs. William Doub Bennett Will Present Program

The regular meeting of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary has been called one week earlier, and will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, December 12, in the nurses' home.

Election of officers and plans for the annual Christmas party for the staff will be the principal business for the day.

The Auxiliary is very fortunate in having Mrs. William Doub Bennett for the afternoon's program. Mrs. Bennett is the wife of the laundry owner in Edenton and Rocky Mount. She has had wide experience in Garden Club work and extensive training in flower arrangement. Her specialty is Christmas decorations, which she will show in great variety.

All members of the Auxiliary are especially urged to be present and the public is also cordially invited.