

Mrs. Frank Holmes Is Elected President Of Woman's Club

Club Donates Sidewalk Funds to Penelope Barker House

At the February meeting of the Edenton Woman's Club held last Wednesday at St. Paul's Parish House, new officers were elected for the 1953-54 club year. Taking office at the annual meeting in May will be Mrs. Frank M. Holmes, president; Mrs. Richard Goodwin, vice president; Mrs. A. F. Downum, recording secretary; Mrs. J. H. Pruden, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. P. Jones, treasurer; Mrs. Martin R. Wisely, historian.

A prayer by Mrs. Gilliam Wood opened the meeting, and Mrs. J. H. Conger, Jr., president, presided.

A discussion of the restoration of the Penelope Barker House and the urgent need of funds for this work resulted in a decision by the club to donate to this project the sum of approximately \$240 which had been formerly set aside for improvements to the walks on the Court House Green, and to replace this fund immediately after the tour. It was felt that the work on the Green should be postponed at least until after the Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside, scheduled for April 10 and 11. The club also approved a motion to sponsor a pancake breakfast at the Barker House in cooperation with the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The breakfast will be served between the hours of 7 and 11 A. M., on Saturday, February 21, at a price of \$1.00 per person.

Mrs. James Bond, welfare chairman, announced that the TB seal sale netted \$1,295, approximately \$95 over the quota. She called attention to the March of Dimes now in progress in Chowan County and urged contributions to this worthy effort.

Elizabeth Moore, chairman of International Relation Committee, called attention to the German Youth Assistance Program sponsored by the U. S. Army and asked for voluntary contributions of sewing and knitting materials for use by young German girls. Cloth in 3/4 yard lengths, yarn, thread, needles, patterns, and zippers are some of the items needed. Anyone desiring to contribute to this drive is asked to contact Miss Moore.

At the conclusion of the business session Mrs. Martin Wisely, Fine Arts Chairman, introduced Mrs. Frank Elliott, who gave an interesting talk on music appreciation. Mrs. Elliott demonstrated with records how one might increase appreciation of fine music by listening for inner melodies and familiarizing oneself with successive passages of each work.

Boy Scout Banquet Scheduled Tonight

Chief Flying Cloud Will Present Indian Program

Plans have been completed for the Boy Scout banquet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the Junior-Senior High School Cafeteria.

The speaker for the occasion will be J. Gordon Lindsay of Norfolk, a veteran Scouter in the Tidewater Council, who is now Council Commissioner, and an entertaining speaker.

Another feature will be Chief Flying Cloud who will present an Indian program.

The program will center about Boy Scouts and their parents, it being the first time Boy Scouts have been invited to attend a Scouter's banquet.

Tickets have been on sale and can be secured at the door, so that it is hoped many Scouts, Cub Scouts, Explorer Scouts, parents and Scouters will attend the banquet.

Englehard Rotarian New District Governor

P. D. Midgett, Jr., of Englehard was elected Governor of the 278th Rotary district at the Rotary Convention held in Elizabeth City early this week. He won the honor over Joel Cook Holland of Murfreesboro, the only other candidate.

Mr. Midgett is well known among Edenton Rotarians. He was defeated last year by the present Governor, George Colclough of Burlington.

RETURNS FROM ENGLAND
Sgt. Jack Habbt arrived home Tuesday after spending two years in the U. S. Air Force in England. He is on a 30-day furlough after which he will report for duty in Oklahoma.

Dinner Speaker



SENATOR RICHARD RUSSELL
An influential member of the important Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia, will be the principal speaker at the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh Saturday, February 28.

Big Democratic Rally To Be Held In Raleigh Saturday, Feb. 28th

Senator Russell Principal Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner

The Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, the winter gathering of Democratic Party leaders of the Tar Heel State, will be held in Raleigh, at the Sir Walter Hotel, February 28, according to an announcement by National Committeeman Robert L. Doughton.

In announcing plans for the annual dinner, Doughton said Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia, an influential party leader in Congress and a ranking member of the important Senate Armed Services Committee, will be the featured speaker.

Doughton also announced the appointment of Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., as chairman of arrangements for the dinner. Larkins, a veteran legislator from Jones County, is secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee and has served as chairman of Jefferson-Jackson dinners in the state on several previous occasions.

As in past years, for each \$50.00 contributed, one dinner ticket will be issued. Arrangements are being made, Doughton said, to accommodate some 650 party leaders at the banquet.

Tickets, he said, will be available in the near future through Democratic Party chairmen in each of the State's 100 counties. Tickets will also be available at the State Democratic Headquarters in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh.

Proceeds from the dinner, Doughton said, will be used to carry on the work of the Democratic Party.

Donkey Basketball Game February 21

A donkey basketball game has been scheduled to be played in the high school gymnasium Saturday night, February 21, at 8 o'clock.

Contestants will be members of the Varsity Club and the High School Aces.

Featured among the donkeys will be Honey Pot, a world famous donkey, said to be as funny as a circus and wilder than a rodeo. The donkeys wear rubber shoes so that the gymnasium floor will not be damaged.

Tickets are now on sale and can be secured from members of the Varsity Club and Monogram Club.

This sport is said to be the craziest in the world and is expected to attract a large crowd.

VFW Valentine Dance Saturday, February 14

William Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, will stage a Valentine Dance Saturday night, February 14. The dance will be held in the new VFW Post club room on the old Hartford Highway near the Speight cotton gin, starting at 9 o'clock and lasting until midnight.

Members of the VFW are expecting a large crowd to attend.

ROTARY MEETS TODAY
Edenton's Rotary Club will meet today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. The program will be in charge of James Ricka.
President W. T. Harry urges every Rotarian to be present.

Benefit Breakfast Scheduled February 21 In Barker House

Pancakes and Sausage Will Be Served From 7 to 10 A. M.

A "Benefit Breakfast" will be held at the Penelope Barker Community House in Edenton Saturday morning, February 21, from 7 to 10 o'clock, under the sponsorship of the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Woman's Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The menu will consist of hot pancakes, sausage, syrup and coffee, at \$1.00 per plate.

The affair is the first to be staged in Edenton, and it is hoped that it will draw a good crowd in for breakfast. Proceeds from the affair will go toward the restoration of the Penelope Barker House, which is now undergoing repairs.

The three sponsoring organizations are shouldering a huge responsibility in order to convert the Barker House into a much needed community building. Members of the organizations have put forth a lot of hard work on the house themselves, and to continue with this worthy project more funds are needed badly. They urge every one to take this opportunity of contributing toward the restoration of the house by being on hand for a good breakfast.

James Delivers An Inspiring Talk For St. Paul's Auxiliary

Interesting Meeting In Parish House Thursday Afternoon

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church held its regular meeting in the Parish House Thursday afternoon, with a large number attending.

Gerald D. James, principal of the Junior-Senior High School, made an informative and challenging address on "Pressures in our School System." Mr. James feels strongly that, after the church, the school is the most vital unit in any community. He thinks pressures exist mainly because of (1) failure to put the child first and (2) failure to adopt a long range program with far-reaching policies. These failures, he believes, result in confusion which hinders the development of a dominant school unit where in student and staff alike work in mutual understanding and respect; deters the growth of the city; and, last but by no means least, interferes with good training.

The citizens, Mr. James says, are stockholders in public education and should have a voice in what the school is to do while the staff should, in a large measure, determine how it is to be done. Citizens should be patient and understanding while new policies evolve. It takes years, he says, to build new concepts and, if sound, they should be strongly supported by the citizen. It is the duty of the staff to interpret the school system to the citizen through the medium of the newspaper, teacher-pupil conferences, Parent-Teacher Associations, and letter reporting.

In summing up, Mr. James states that the staff has a Christian duty to the child to see that he is prepared to meet the complex problems of life and that its biggest stumbling-block today is public relations.

The address was followed by the treasurer's report of the proposed budget for the ensuing year, consisting of \$650 for the parish and \$637 for the diocese, a total of \$1,287. The budget was adopted as proposed.

Chairmen of various committees rendered excellent reports for the month.

The president, Mrs. George Mack, read her annual report of work done by the Auxiliary during 1952. Members considered it an outstanding report and were imbued with new zeal to match it with a still better one for 1953.

Mrs. Mack announced that the World Day of Prayer will be held in the Methodist Church February 20, with the Rev. James MacKenzie, minister of the Presbyterian Church, conducting the services. She also announced that the Rev. Gordon Bennett will conduct a study period during the Lenten season.
The meeting was closed with prayer.

Geddes B. Potter Resigns As County Red Cross Chairman

Suggests Early Successor Due to Annual Roll Call

Members of the board of directors of the Chowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross were notified Monday of this week by Geddes B. Potter that he tenders his resignation as county chairman.

In his letter Mr. Potter said: "A few days ago I called a meeting of the Board of Directors and all committee chairmen so that a regular meeting could be held, at which time new officers could be elected. The attendance at this call meeting was so low that nothing could be accomplished."

"If I may offer a suggestion to the Board of Directors, I would suggest that the board immediately meet, so that new officers can be elected and a fund chairman be chosen, as the Annual Roll Call Drive is due to start the first of March."

"I regret that I find it necessary to give up the chairmanship at this time, but conditions force me to do so."

"I have enjoyed serving the Red Cross, and will continue to have a sincere interest in it."

Sailor Loses His Life By Drowning At The Chowan River Bridge

Three Other Companions Are Saved From Watery Grave

Chowan-River claimed another life Saturday morning when an automobile crashed through the wooden rail about 75 feet from the new drawbridge.

The accident occurred shortly after two o'clock when three sailors driving a 1941 DeSoto were reported driving between 30 and 35 miles per hour in the detour section which is limited to 10 miles per hour.

The drowned sailor was John E. Omelia, 21 years old. His three companions who escaped a watery grave were Harold McCord, 21; Thomas Walkenshaw, 19, and Ralph Hobson, 21. All four were stationed on the Destroyer Tender Grand Canyon, now docked in Norfolk. They were on their way to Raleigh when the accident occurred.

One of the men managed to climb to the deck of the bridge and with the help of a bridge tender was able to pull two others from the water. Omelia's body was recovered about 6 o'clock. He was reported to be driving the car at the time.

Omelia's body was turned over to local Marine Corps authorities by Corporal Hubert Williford.

This is the fifth fatality to occur on the bridge since work was started to repair and widen it about two years ago. The repairs and improvements are expected to be completed late this summer.

Union Service For World Day Prayer

Program In Methodist Church Friday, February 20th

World Day of Prayer will be observed Friday night, February 20, at 8 o'clock when a union service will be held in the Methodist Church.

The principal speaker for the service will be Rev. James MacKenzie, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Miss Mamie Hogg has arranged a very spiritual, informative and interesting program, and it is hoped members of all denominations will join in celebrating the occasion.

Credit Bureau Will Meet Friday Night

A meeting of the newly organized Merchants Credit Bureau will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Court House. Herbert Smith of Ahoskie and the manager of the Tri-County Credit Bureau from Ahoskie are expected to attend the meeting.
All merchants interested in a credit bureau are especially urged to attend.

Resigns



GEDDES B. POTTER
On Monday of this week Geddes B. Potter tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross, a position he has admirably filled for many years.

New Fire Station Is Given Consideration By Town Councilmen

Breakwater Sought At Penelope Barker House

At Tuesday night's meeting of Town Council a committee composed of Graham Byrum, J. Clarence Leary and John Mitchener reported having visited Goldsboro and Newport News in the interest of securing bleachers for football at Hicks Field. Various styles were inspected by the committee and following their report, as well as some comment by Coach Ben Perry, Town Clerk Ernest Ward, Jr., was instructed to write various concerns to send a representative to Edenton to secure prices on various types of bleachers.

Present at the meeting was a committee representing the Penelope Barker House Association which requested the Town to construct a breakwater in front of the Penelope Barker house site in order to protect and beautify the property. No estimate of the cost was given, so that J. Clarence Leary, Graham Byrum and W. J. Yates were appointed on a committee to make an investigation as to the type of breakwater desired as well as the cost of construction.

The Street Department was authorized to pave the sidewalk to the curb along East Queen Street at the Chowan County ABC store, as well as construct a by-pass for surplus water on East Queen Street at the Charles H. Jenkins Motor Company.

W. J. Yates presented a sketch of a proposed new fire station and he was authorized to contact a contractor to secure an estimate of the cost. The proposed brick and cinder block building is two stories, 40 x 50 capable of housing four pieces of fire fighting apparatus and has three bedrooms and a room for social purposes. It will also have a room for drying hose, one of present problems.

During the meeting J. Edwin Bufflap and John Mitchener reported upon their investigation of the city manager form of government which idea was tabled for the time being.

The property west of the cemetery was leased to W. L. Boswell for \$50 per year. The property is to be used for farming purposes only so that no fishing nets will be allowed.

Special Legion Meeting At Cross Roads Feb. 19

W. J. Yates, commander of Edward G. Bond Post of the American Legion, calls attention to a special meeting of the Post which will be held at the Cross Roads Community Building Thursday night, February 19, at 7 o'clock.

Supper will be served consisting of ham and eggs and all the trimmings. All Legionnaires and World War veterans are cordially invited to attend.

Wilson In Charge Of Discussion On Korea

Marvin Wilson, in charge of the program at last week's meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club, conducted a very interesting discussion about the Korean situation.
Several of the Rotarians joined in the discussion having to do with opinions as to what action is best to be followed in the Korean conflict.

Dr. W. S. Griffin In Favor Soft Water Project In Edenton

Expresses Hope That Flourine Will Not Be Eliminated

Following last week's story in The Herald that efforts are being renewed to secure a water softening plant for Edenton Dr. W. S. Griffin a former member of the Board of Public Works wrote the following letter to the editor of The Herald.

"Dear Mr. Bufflap—I was delighted to read in this week's Chowan Herald that the "Green Light" had been given to the supplying of soft water for our city. Town Council and our E & W Board should be encouraged in this project.

"Many years ago, I believe Mr. E. W. Spires was Mayor at that time, surveys were made as to the actual savings that would be made not only in replacement of our city mains and private water supply pipes but also in the savings made in the use of soap by our citizens. The figures were then impressive.

"There is one point, however, that I wish to call to attention of our officials and that is retaining the content of flourine in our waters.

"The children of Edenton have been fortunate in having the correct amount of this chemical in the water supply and as a result statistics show that decay of the teeth in children drinking flourinated water is reduced by some 40 to 50 per cent. Perhaps this is something that we here in Edenton have taken for granted. However, if you will check with the U. S. Public Health Service and many other organizations it will be shown that flourine has been added to the water supply of many of our large and small cities for this purpose. This is an added expense that has cost the taxpayer some 12c to 20c per capita.

"In the treating of our waters to render them soft, I sincerely trust that the methods used will not remove the flourine content as it is approximately 2 to 3 parts per million. For the sake and health of our children this point should be considered in the selection of softening methods.

"Give us soft water—yes—but water containing proper amounts of flourine."

Film Feature At Lions Club Monday Night

Director of Lions International In Edenton Friday

Highlighting the Edenton Lions Club meeting Monday night was the presentation of a motion picture film with sound track.

The film was made by Warner Bros., for the Pilot Life Insurance Company of Greensboro, who gave it to the library of the University of North Carolina and was procured through the efforts of Ben Perry. It is entitled "News Magazine of Week".

The pictures and a brief history of every President of the United States from Washington to Eisenhower, also portrayed the era of the "horseless carriage", as well as several inaugural ceremonies from the time of Teddy Roosevelt to the present time, as well as scenes from the Korean War.

Ernest Ward, Jr., was in charge of the program and thanked Ben Perry, as well as Douglas Holland, an Edenton High School student, who manipulated the movie machine so expertly.

About 20 members of the local club indicated their intention of attending a luncheon meeting with International Director Jack Stickler of Charlotte, at the Triangle on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Stickler is being forcefully supported for the office of a vice presidency of the Lions International. The election will be held at the International Convention in Chicago this summer.

Ted Lassiter and Fred Lassiter, two High School Seniors, were guests of the club. Two Seniors are being invited at each weekly meeting until all Seniors have attended, in keeping with the club's policy of long standing. They were welcomed by President A. E. Jenkins.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT
Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will meet tonight (Thursday) in the Court House. Due to conferring the third degree, the lodge will begin at 7 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock as usual.