

CONSTITUTION WEEK

Following is an address delivered by Mrs. Wood Privott over radio station WCDJ in connection with the observance of Constitution Week. A series of splendid addresses were made for the occasion and will appear in The Herald by request. Mrs. Privott's remarks deal primarily with the Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the DAR, sponsor of Constitution Week.

The beginning of organizing the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, D. A. R., was brought about through the untiring efforts and perseverance of one of our members, Mrs. John A. Kramer, assisted by Mrs. J. M. Jones and Mrs. R. P. Badham. We organized on February 27, 1948, at the home of our organizing regent, Mrs. J. M. Jones, with 17 charter members. Miss Gertrude Carraway of New Bern and state regent at this time met with us and was a wonderful source of help and guidance for the months that followed. It was at the second meeting of our organization that our thoughts, hopes and aspirations of buying the James Iredell house began to materialize. We wanted to preserve this historic house for posterity and also to have a permanent home for our chapter.

We had no money in our treasury but with inspirational support and help from one of our members, Mrs. Inglis Fletcher, and after many business trips by our able regent, Mrs. Jones, and a committee composed of Mrs. W. D. Pruden, Mrs. P. S. McMullan, Mrs. John A. Kramer and Mrs. Wood Privott to investigate the possibilities of a purchase, this small group of women were finally able to buy the James Iredell house for the sum of \$15,000. On the evening of December 16, 1948, at the home of Mrs. W. D. Pruden (now Mrs. Granbery Tucker) 13 charter members signed a note with the Bank of Edenton to make our first down payment of \$2,250 (and by the way this was unbeknown to most of our husbands).

At this time we felt somewhat akin to the ladies of the Edenton Tea Party of October 25, 1774. This was a dream come true and work really started in our chapter. We had teas, card parties, a cooking school, rented part of the house as an apartment, sold pecans from the yard and managed to keep interest on this note paid for two years or until the State of North Carolina (through efforts of our Representative John F. White) bought the house and relieved us of our financial burden.

Some people are under the impression that the DAR is a social organization that stresses only the tracing of ancestry to some patriot, officer or private of the American Revolution. It is true that tracing family history is a requirement to be eligible for membership, but afterwards this is more or less forgotten. The National Society Daughters of the American

Revolution is a real American organization. Their aims and objectives are historical, educational and patriotic. In historical work they compile many records of genealogical value, records gotten from Court Houses, churches and other sources in Washington, D. C. They have the finest library in the world for historical records. They mark historic spots, restore historic shrines such as Tryon's Palace, New Bern, N. C., and promote celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries and foster true patriotism and love of country. The DAR does not work in the past just for the pleasure of living in the past but by so delving into things of the past they feel that they can go forward more safely and swiftly and to a greater advantage.

Under the educational program the DAR owns, operates and supports many schools. These schools are for underprivileged boys and girls who otherwise would not have the opportunity for education. Our chapter helps to support Crossnore, Inc., of Western North Carolina, founded by Dr. Mary Martin Sloop (national mother of the year 1961) and her late husband, Dr. E. H. Sloop. We contribute to a trust fund besides helping our adopted student and sending boxes of clothing to the school thrift shop each year. This thrift shop is operated by the school on the campus and supported by DAR chapters over the state. Believe it or not, Dr. Sloop says, "The thrift shop helps to pay off mortgages, build dormitories, clothe and feed children" and in her own words, "Crossnore is a unique institution built on old clothes and good will."

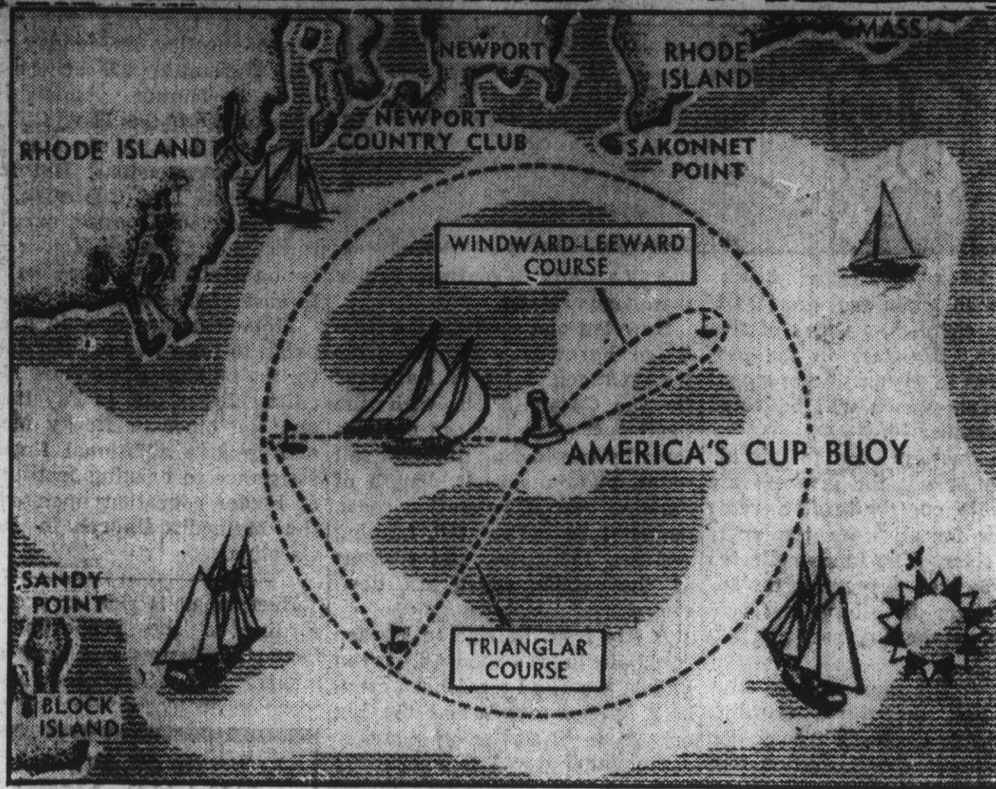
We sponsor in our local schools a DAR good citizen selected each year from the senior class. We give good citizenship medals in Elementary, Junior and Senior High Schools. We promote good citizenship, pilgrimages and junior American citizens clubs.

The junior American citizens clubs are for the purpose of teaching its members the principles of patriotism and good citizenship and they are taught to practice these principles in everyday life.

The DAR gives aid to military camps and veterans' hospitals as well as occupational therapy scholarship awards which help afflicted people.

They have a program for promoting better motion pictures and also committees for putting on radio programs. There are committees for the advancement of American music and for helping the American Indians.

Under our patriotic program the Edenton Tea Party Chapter sponsors the observance of Constitution Week September 17 to September 23. It is proclaimed by President Eisenhower nationally and by Governor Luther Hodges in our state and by our



WHERE RACE WILL BE STAGED—Newspaper shows area south of Newport, R.I., where Britain's Sceptre and the American defender will race for the America's Cup, prize trophy of yachting. Two alternate courses, one triangular, the other windward-leeward, are marked. The starting point will depend on the direction of the wind. Map based on one drawn for Sports Illustrated magazine.

mayor in Edenton. We feel that never before in the history of our nation has there been more need for study and preservation of this famous document which has been handed down to us by our forefathers, who fought and died for the cause of freedom.

CIVIC CALENDAR

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Annual meeting of the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation will meet in Hertford Saturday afternoon, September 27, at 2 o'clock.

Members of St. Paul's Church School will attend Sunday morning's church service at 11 o'clock in a body.

ASC farmer-committee elections will be held in three communities Thursday, October 2.

Grand prizes in the Chamber of Commerce fishing contest will be awarded at a dinner at Hotel Joseph Hewes Tuesday night, September 30.

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Home Demonstration Club Fall Achievement Day will be held at the Chowan Community Building Friday afternoon, October 1, at 2:30 o'clock.

Classes for Masonic instruction are being held every night this week in the Masonic Temple.

October 10, at 2:30 o'clock. Grocery stores in Edenton will continue to close Wednesday afternoons until Thanksgiving.

Edenton Lions Club will meet Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock.

A district Democratic rally will be held in Ahoskie Tuesday, October 7 at 5:30 P. M.

Edenton Lions Club is sponsoring the annual White Cane Sale, which will end October 5.

Chowanoke Council, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

Edenton Jaycees will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Penelope Barker house.

Fire Prevention Week will be observed October 5-11.

A meeting will be held at St. John's School Thursday night, October 2, at 8 o'clock to organize a new Negro Boy Scout Troop.

Fall Achievement Day for Chowan Home Demonstration Clubs will be held at the Chowan Community Building Friday afternoon, October 10, at 2:30 o'clock.

Husbands' supper of Chowan Home Demonstration Clubs will be held at the Ward's Community Building Wednesday night, November 19.

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A second young people's meeting will be held at the Edenton Presbyterian Church Saturday night, September 27, at 7:30 o'clock.

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Game Warden Gib Perry, assisted by District Game Warden West arrested seven hunters for shooting squirrels before the season opened.

Coach David Holton's Aces defeated Columbia High School football team 39-0 in the season's opener.

Edenton Lions signed a contract with Collins Festival for a Chautauqua type entertainment for Tuesday nights.

Dr. M. P. Whichard resigned as health officer of Craven County to accept a similar position with the Cherokee - Clay - Graham Health Department.

As the result of a split switch, three freight cars loaded with coal jumped the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks at the Church Street crossing.

Due to one of the heaviest rainfalls in recent years, coupled with a high tide, a number of sections in Edenton were flooded.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men selected L. E. Francis as captain of the degree team.

Despite decreased property valuation, Town Council expressed the hope that the tax rate could be held at \$1.00. It was also reported that \$10,865 appeared on the tax books in way of uncollected taxes since 1930.

Richard Atkinson Constitution Week Speaker At School

Richard Atkinson, vice president of Peoples Bank & Trust Co., gave a very interesting talk to the student body of Edenton Junior-Senior High School Wednesday of last week. His remarks were centered around Constitution Week. He told of the challenges and responsibilities our Constitution holds in store for us, and of the religious, social, and educational freedoms and opportunities that it offers us. He brought out that we tend to take advantages and privileges for granted that our ancestors struggled for in order to make a better life for us all.

"Our Constitution is a solid foundation on which we can prosper and grow," said Mr. Atkinson. "We must keep out Communism and do everything in our power to preserve our independence. We should begin now in preparation for being successful tomorrow. We have to build a solid foundation on character." Mr. Atkinson concluded his speech by saying, "Youth is the opportunity to do something and become somebody."

Local Boys Invited To Spend Saturday At Westelrod Farm

All local boys, ages six through twelve, are invited to spend a day at Westelrod Farm, Moyock, this coming Saturday, September 27. Boys will be picked up at the Boy Scout Cabin at 8 A. M., and will be

brought back about 3:30 or 4 P. M. Activities at the farm include archery, horseback riding, hiking, mule train, boating, tug-o-war and rifle and shotgun shooting. Boys should bring a substantial lunch and wear sturdy outdoor clothes.

This is the third year Edenton boys have been able to spend a day at this farm, which is owned and operated by A. Warren Elrod and underwritten by a number of interested businessmen. Already 135 boys have signed up to go and a large crowd is expected. Any boy interested in making this trip or any parent desiring further information should see the Rev. James MacKenzie, pastor of the Edenton Presbyterian Church, who is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt Will Attend Auxiliary Conference In Indiana

Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt, president of the American Legion Auxiliary in North Carolina, will leave Monday for Indianapolis, Indiana, to attend a conference of Auxiliary presidents and secretaries. She will be accompanied by Miss Jeanette Paramore of Scotland Neck, Department secretary.

The two ladies will motor to Raleigh, from where they board a plane for Indiana.

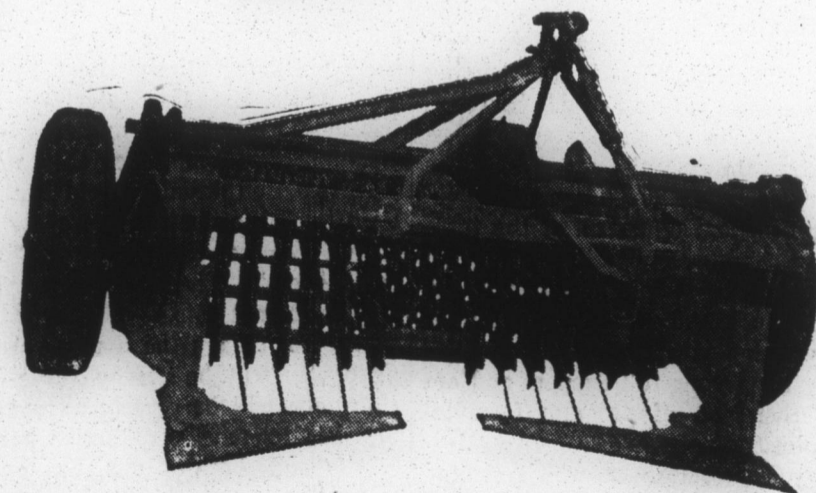
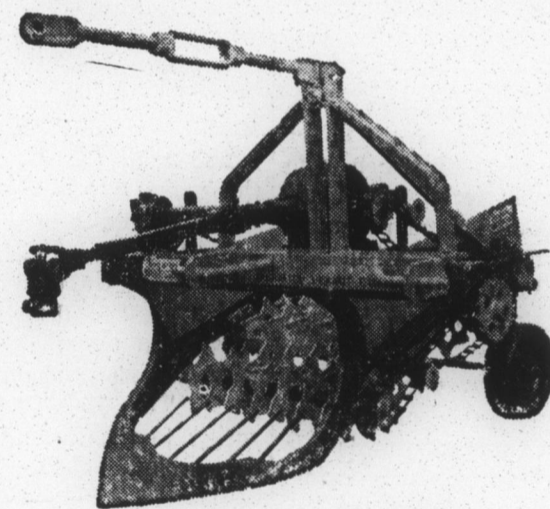
JAYCEES MEET TONIGHT

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the Penelope Barker house. President Caswell Edmundson requests a full attendance.

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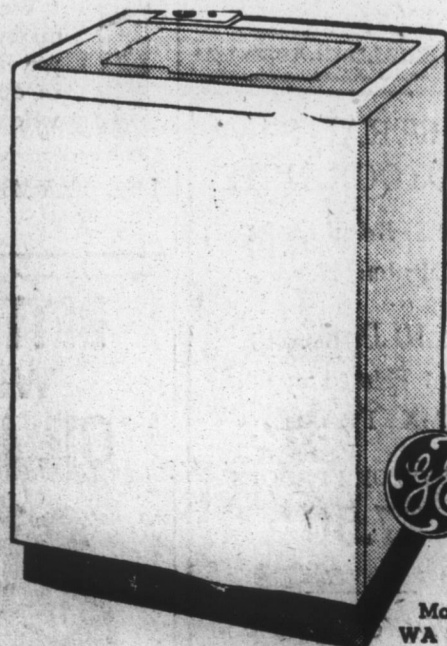
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