

Reorganization Of Scouts In District Planned At Meet

Committees Expected To Act At Meeting To Be Held Here On May 28th

Preliminary plans for reorganizing the Boy Scout movement on an extensive scale and after an active fashion were advanced at a meeting of interested citizens and Scout leaders held in the high school here last Friday evening, the final action for reorganization to be taken at a meeting of special committee members to be held Wednesday afternoon, May 28, at 5 o'clock.

The twenty or more citizens attending the meeting from Jamesville, Robersonville, Everetts and Williamston last Friday night expressed a keen interest in the reorganization movement, and sensing the great need for an active organization movement they pledged their willingness to work for and support scouting in this district. Special committee members are to be named during the next few days, and they will be asked to formulate definite plans for the reorganization.

Addressing the meeting, James Gaskins, Scout Executive for the Eastern Carolina Council, stated that this district had been altered to include Windsor, and declared that the new set-up made this district one of the most compact in the Council. Windsor was not represented at the meeting last Friday, but the reorganization will be advanced with the youths of that town and community forming an integral part in the new set-up.

The Scout executive stated that a representative survey had proved that nine out of every twelve boys in this district want to become Boy Scouts, that for some reason or other only one out of every fifteen was a Scout. "We are not reaching the youth of our section," Mr. Gaskins declared. He pointed out that on an average one out of every three boys in the country is a Boy Scout, that in this Council only one out of every eight boys belong to the organization. It is an acknowledged fact that the adults in this district are not showing much interest in the movement and that they have done little to promote the valuable training.

Mr. Gaskins is strong for an active and voluntary support of the movement and is against any compulsory plan now being considered in some quarters for regimenting the youth of the land. It is apparent that unless the organization intensifies its work the movement to regiment the youth into one of the strongest armies in the world. No such motive is considered in this country, Mr. Gaskins pointing out that the Scout movement is to train the youth into the ways of Americanism, to develop character.

"If there ever was a time to combat evil and other foreign influences among the youth of our section and country, it is now," a civic leader remarked following the meeting. Fathers of youngsters are urged to take a more active interest in the program with the assurance that when they do the general public will follow with a strong support in the name of civic betterment and in the name of rising citizens.

Mr. Gaskins was accompanied by his assistant, Douglas Kelley, and the two of them will be able to keep in closer touch with the work in this district than they and their predecessors did in the past.

Leary In Race For Congressional Seat

State Senator Herbert Leary, of Edenton, last week-end announced his candidacy for Congress from this, the first district, subject to the Democratic primary next May. Leary, who has served the first judicial district of the State as solicitor for a period of eleven years, said in announcing his candidacy last week-end that he would issue a formal statement of policy next January, "in which he will declare the platform on which he will make his campaign for this high and important office."

Senator Leary further said he hoped he had demonstrated by the public bills sponsored by him and the votes cast by him, during the recent General Assembly, that he has a keen interest in all educational and agricultural problems, as well as all of a public nature and that the News and Observer of Sunday, March 23, in a review and summary of the legislation passed by the General Assembly of 1941, made the following comment in bold headlines: "Agriculture Gets Biggest Victory," and "Legislation Given Name of Friend of Education." It is generally conceded by the press of the State, said Senator Leary, that more legislation for improvement in agriculture and in aid of education was passed at the recent session than at any session within a period of 25 years prior thereto; and that if nominated and elected he will continue to give his time and energies without stint in aid of education and improvement of agriculture and all other problems affecting the peoples of the First Congressional District, and our great State and Nation.

Will Start Compliance Check On County Farms Next Week

Plans were announced virtually complete today for a checking compliance by Martin County farmers with the current AAA program. Twenty or more local supervisors have been trained in the work, and field tests were made in Robersonville Township yesterday by a number of the new recruits. Additional tests will be given in the field next Friday, it is understood.

Planning to launch the annual check of crop plantings and compliance next Monday, the office of the county agent is appealing to the farmers to assist the local supervisors in every way possible. The cost of the compliance check can be materially reduced if those in charge of each farm will accompany the supervisors and explain the division of crops and determine each individual's share in the soil building payments.

Thirty-Nine Years Ago As Recorded In The Enterprise

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Rev. B. K. Mason is holding a series of meetings at Riddick's Chapel. J. A. Mizell and Co. are having a new floor put in their place of business.

The rain last Saturday was the heaviest of the year. For an hour or more a portion of our town was almost flooded.

Services at the Hall next Sunday morning and evening, conducted by Capt. Williams.

One hundred and fifty dollars for one cart load of tobacco. That was what one man got this week at Robersonville.

Mr. V. R. Taylor, of Hamilton, was in town last Friday. Before leaving Mr. Taylor renewed his subscription to The Enterprise.

Mrs. Henrietta Peel is visiting in Robersonville.

S. C. Sitterton left for Oak Ridge Tuesday morning.

Ed Council, of Conoho, spent Tuesday in town.

Ed Hardison and S. R. Cleary, of Weldon, are visiting their parents in town.

Miss Hattie Harrell has given up her position with Blount & Bros. and accepted a similar place with C. D. Carstarphen.

Miss Muriel Bulwinkle, of Dallas, N. C., who has accepted the position as assistant teacher at the Academy is in town.

Misses Carrie Biggs, Victoria Martin and Ida Williams left Tuesday morning for the Baptist Female University at Raleigh.

Contract Is Let For Teacherage

A contract for a 14-room teacherage in Robersonville was let by the Martin County Board of Education in a long afternoon session here yesterday. The building contract was let to F. B. Birmingham, Williams contractor, for \$10,390. The W. E. Dunn Plumbing and Heating Company, also of Williamston, was the successful bidder for the plumbing and heating which will cost \$2,310.

Bids were also submitted by Shoe and Cannon, of Greenville, in the sum of \$11,260, and by J. C. Martin in the sum of \$10,507 for the construction of the building. Ross Plumbing and Heating Company, of Greenville, submitted a heating and plumbing bid in the sum of \$2,643, and the Harris Hardware Company submitted a bid in the sum of \$3,453 for the plumbing and heating.

Work on the building is to get underway immediately.

Orphanage Singers To Give Concert Tonight

The youthful singers of the Oxford Orphanage will appear in their annual concert in the high school auditorium here this evening at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited and urged to witness the program. No admission fee is asked, but a free-will offering will be received.

The fourteen children are being entertained in private homes during their stay here. Tomorrow, the group will go to Colerain.

WEAK

There's a lot being said about helping Britain and defending the country, but there isn't much being done locally to finance the aid program and defense plans. Up until today \$57 worth of defense savings stamps had been sold since the first of the month by the local postoffice. Just four defense bonds have been sold locally; the \$918.75 raised by the sale being hardly enough to finance a back-yard recreational project.

The stamps and bonds may be bought at the postoffice, and judging from the record established since May 1 the purchases may be made without delay.

W. Lawrence Stalls Dies At His Home In Bethel Sunday

William Lawrence Stalls, native of this county and a resident of Williamston for a number of years, died at his home in Bethel Sunday morning at 2:15 o'clock following a long period of declining health. A victim of cancer, he had been confined to his bed for about four months, spending part of that time in a Durham hospital.

Sixty-two years old last October, Mr. Stalls was born in Cross Roads Township, near Everetts, the son of the late Raleigh Stalls and wife. He spent his early life on the farm and at an early age married Miss Millie Bullock who died about eight years ago. Soon after his marriage he located in Gold Point where as an able machinist and craftsman he engaged in the early manufacturing business in this county. After a stay of about seven years he returned to the old home in Cross Roads, moving to Williamston in 1908 to accept employment with the old Martin County Buggy Company. A year later he formed a partnership with the late Asa Tom Crawford and bought and operated the company. The period of transition from the buggy to the automobile was detected by him and in 1915 he sold his interest in the company and established the first Chevrolet agency in this immediate section. He later sold the business to the Peel Motor Company and since that time and until his health began to fail him he represented a peanut picker manufacturer in this territory.

Mr. Stalls was closely associated with the manufacture of farm machinery, carts and buggies in this county for a long period. He was an able mechanic when it came to making something that fitted in with the progressive march on the farm.

About four years ago he was married to Miss Caroline Blount, of Bethel. Forced to virtual retirement by failing health, he moved to Bethel about a year ago to make his home.

He leaves by his first marriage one son, Leon Stalls, of Ocean View, and by his second marriage, a daughter, Arlinza Caroline. He also leaves his wife, and one brother, Green Stalls, of Tarboro.

Funeral services were conducted at the Biggs Funeral Home on West Main Street here yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Elders B. S. Cowin and A. B. Ayers, assisted by Rev. James H. Smith, local Baptist minister. Interment was in the family plot in the cemetery here.

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Seek Cooperation Of Local Citizens In U.S. Cotton Week

Oscar Johnson Says Cotton Week Big Asset In Cotton Campaign

Making a direct appeal to the citizens of Martin County and the surrounding territory for full support of National Cotton Week, President Oscar Johnson of the National Cotton Council said today that "this great cotton merchandising event offers one of the keys to the solution of the cotton problem."

"During the past fourteen years National Cotton Week has proved to be a valuable adjunct in the campaign to increase cotton consumption. I am glad to say that through the increased cooperation of citizens of Martin County and other Cotton Belt communities, Cotton Week has met with ever-increasing success," Mr. Johnson said.

"Now more than ever is the cooperation of every community in the Belt needed. The probability of the greatest surplus in history at the end of the current crop year makes it doubly necessary that every effort be made to increase domestic cotton consumption."

"It is increasingly apparent that if the cotton problem is to be permanently solved, the solution must be arrived at through the intelligent and united effort of all cotton people. National Cotton Week, sponsored jointly by the National Cotton Council and the Cotton-Textile Institute, is a part of that effort."

"During this cotton sales event the merchants of every community in the Belt will offer quality cotton articles at bargain prices. Here is an opportunity for you both to aid cotton and to boost your own buying power."

"Cotton people can work out their own salvation. Most of us already know that, but knowledge and theory are worthless unless we put them into practice. National Cotton Week is our Number One opportunity of 1941."

Presbyterians Will Hold Bible School

Yesterday, the annual series of Vacation Bible Schools in the Presbyterian Churches of the County got underway. The schools this year are to be under the direction of Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Miss Louise Strange and Miss Ruby Wynne.

The first school in the series is at Poplar Point. This school is to run for two weeks and will be followed by the one at Bear Grass and then by the one at Roberson's Chapel and then possibly by the one at Gold Point.

The enrollment at Poplar Point is already well above 40 and will increase to around 65 tomorrow. The teachers in this school are, Miss Ruby Wynne, Mrs. Norman Swain, Mrs. Brinkley Lilley and Rev. Z. T. Piephoff. Assistant teachers are Jerry Raynor, Leland Hardison, Courtney Jenkins, Virginia Griffin, Dolly Hardison and Frances Raynor.

The sessions last from 9 a. m. until 11:30 a. m. There are three departments and courses are given in worship, recreation, Bible, the Catechism, music and handicraft.

If you live close enough to any one of these schools you are invited to send your children.

Report On Eggs Shows Increase

Raleigh—North Carolina egg production for the first quarter of 1941 was 11 per cent above the same period last year, W. T. Wesson, junior statistician of the State Department of Agriculture reported recently.

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To Receive Bids For Surfacing River Fill

Not Certain When Work On Dirt Fill Will Be Completed

First Charges of Dynamite To Settle Dirt Are Fired Last Evening

Although no definite date has been mentioned for completing the dirt fill across the Roanoke River lowlands at this point, the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission Thursday, May 22, will receive bids for the surfacing of the four-mile stretch of road according to an unofficial announcement heard here over the week-end. It is apparent that the commission does not plan to have the surfacing work started immediately after the bids are received and if they do then some of the concrete will have to be placed on stills more'n likely.

Only a short time ago it was reliably learned that 120,000 of the 180,000 square yards needed to widen and build the fill to a certain height had been placed on the road. Late figures are not available just now, but it isn't reasonable to believe or to expect workmen can move 60,000 yards of dirt in the course of a few weeks after they had moved only 120,000 yards since last October up until about three weeks ago. Last Friday, nine trucks were hauling dirt on the fill at one time. Allowing that the trucks could make six loads an hour and could carry three yards of dirt at each load, the count at the end of a ten-hour day would be only 1,620 square yards. Reports state that four for-hire trucks, dismissed from the project toward the latter part of last week, were ordered back last Saturday.

Observers are of the opinion that the dirt fill will be completed by the early part of July. Unofficial reports from up Raleigh way state that there is no reason why normal traffic should not be restored by the middle of July. The meaning of "normal traffic" is not definitely known, but the report would indicate that the road will be surfaced, bridges completed and traffic sailing by the middle of July. The report would lead one to believe that a regular blitzkrieg is going to strike between here and the highlands of Bertie County ere long, and causes one to only hope that the person knows what he is talking about.

The economic effect the curtailed traffic schedule has had is far greater than many suspect. Hanging by a shoe string and borrowing money to stay open, more than one little business along the road side will be a long time recovering from the economic blow.

Dynamite experts, and they proved their title with a single demonstration at 7:25 last evening, are burying dirt about as fast as Kiker and Yount's trucks can haul it on the fill between the last new bridge and the Bertie highland. Unable to get a foundation over a 650-foot course of quick sand, the authorities are dynamiting for a firm footing. Planting about 400 pounds of dynamite about 25 feet under the ground and in holes to either side and in the middle of the fill and about five feet apart, the "experts" lowered the road several feet over a course of about 35 or 40 feet in about a second and a half by the time of Judge J. C. Smith, from Robersonville, who was on hand to see the blast. The dynamiting was delayed yesterday by a breakdown and local workmen had to be trained in their new tasks. By late afternoon, the workers were handling and packing dynamite with tamp sticks just as if it were dirt. Just how long it will take to "settle" the fill cannot be determined, but the task will hardly be completed before the latter part of the week. One or two cars moved over the road yesterday while dynamite was placed out of the path of traffic. But from now on the dynamite will be placed in the line of traffic, and no passing will be permitted only between the hours of 8 p. m. and 8 a. m. until the job is finished.

Twelve Persons In Car Wreck Sunday

Although slightly jarred and bruised, twelve persons escaped serious injury in an early Sunday morning auto accident on U. S. Highway No. 17 just this side of the Beaufort-Martin boundary line.

Driving toward Williamston, J. T. Swanner, Beaufort County man, was blinded by the lights of an approaching car and sideswiped it. The second car, driven by Joe Thomas Black, of Newport News, was struck in the side and caused to swerve and turn over. Property damage was in excess of \$250, it was estimated. There were six persons in each car.

Charged with reckless driving, Black was found not guilty in the county court here yesterday morning. Swanner was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

This Week In Defense

OPM Associate Director Hillman told his press conference he was drafting plans with the AFL and the CIO for a four-shift day, 160-hour week for all defense industries able to use extra labor. Mr. Hillman said the plan provided a shut-down of production only on Sundays from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m. to repair machines. He recommended that defense industries pay a bonus to workers who voluntarily forego vacations.

Labor Disputes
The War Department announced that only three one-hundredths of one per cent of the total time worked had been lost because of labor troubles on its \$1,200,000,000 construction program. Administrator Straus of the U. S. Housing Authority reported "work has not been delayed by a single hour by a single strike on any defense housing built by USHA."

Aid To Democracies
President Roosevelt, directing "whatever action is needed" to speed the production of heavy bombers, said in a letter to War Secretary Stimson that command of the air by the democracies must be achieved even if it means "a great strain on our production effort." The President, requesting the Department of Agriculture to establish an Office of Agricultural Defense Relations, wrote Secretary Wickard that "the most vital operating functions of agriculture in the defense program are: first, the guarantee of an adequate supply of food for this nation and those nations whose defense is essential to the defense of this country; second, the provision of sufficient agricultural raw materials for expanded defense production."

Cabinet Officers Speak
Secretary of War Stimson said in a radio speech that American freedom will not be saved "unless we are ready to sacrifice, and if need be, die." It is within our power to turn the tide of darkness back by using the Navy to "secure the seas for the delivery of our munitions to Great Britain" and "to hold in check the onward rush of the tide of Nazism until the other defense forces of all the democracies are completed."

Mr. Stimson said "at least a year will pass before we can have an army and an air force adequate to meet the air and ground forces which could be brought against us if the control of the seas passes into Axis hands." If we should allow the present strategic moment to pass until the power of the British Navy is gone, our Navy would become merely a secondary power instead of the decisive and winning power.

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Local Youth Gets Promotion In Navy

Pete Egan, local young man who enlisted in the U. S. Navy several months ago, revealed in a recent letter to his grandmother, Mrs. Walter Halberstadt, that he had been promoted to Third Class Machinist.

Young Egan is located at Pensacola, Fla., and has under his direction and supervision ten planes and 12 men. He is responsible for the condition of the planes and has to see that they are properly serviced and conditioned before the pilots take off.

Of the 75 men who stood the examination, Egan's rating stood sixth from the top.

Work On Street Project Finally Gets Underway

Actual work on Williamston's three-year-old street improvement program was launched yesterday when Contractor J. M. Gregory placed in operation a large grader over on Warren Street and Marshall Avenue. It will require several weeks' time to prepare the foundations, but the actual surfacing work can be handled in three or four days.

TRANSPLANTING

The transplanting of the 1941 tobacco crop is now virtually complete, reports indicating that the task will have been handled in its entirety by tomorrow or certainly by the latter part of the week. Farmers state that the transplanting season has been next to ideal, that the young plants are living and showing signs of growth in their new locations.

A year ago hardly 25 per cent of the crop had been transplanted up until May 13, and the outlook was not at all encouraging. The plants, it will be recalled, were wind beaten, hardened by cool weather and cut down by worms.

Next Momentous Act In The War Now Up To The United States

Flight of High Nazi Official From Germany Is News Sensation

While world attention was temporarily shifted to the sensational flight of Rudolf Hess, high ranking German official, from Hitler's regime to Scotland last Saturday night, the big problem today awaits a solution in this country. Public opinion has already been expressed in favor of the act, but the use of convoys is apparently to be decided by the President alone. The convoy question offers the big problem next in line to be tackled by this nation, and carries with it the power to alter the outlook of the war or to spread the struggle to new lands. If Congress is left to decide the issue, the isolationists with the support of the pro-Nazi element will filibuster for months. It is a momentous question and one that will have to be decided by the President. The people, expressing a burning desire to render all possible aid to Britain are not in favor of seeing American aid ditched, meaning that they are in favor of convoys if convoys are necessary to get badly needed supplies to Britain and to others fighting against barbarism.

The recent and most severe air raids dished out by the RAF on Germany and by Germany on England have been pushed into the background temporarily, at least, by the sensational flight of Rudolf Hess, third in command in German, to Britain last Saturday night. Rated as one of the most sensational events of the war, the man's flight has the world guessing German officials, reporting the man missing, maintain he is crazy. Examinations in a hospital prove him to be sane, the general public reasoning that he was crazy while he remained in Germany, that he regained his sanity and fled.

Whatever the real meaning of his departure may be, it is generally believed that there is a rift in Hitler's domain. Hess, forbidden to fly a plane, stole out of the country last Saturday evening and flew to Scotland. He deserted his twin-motored plane and landed with a parachute, breaking an ankle in the landing. He was not armed.

Hess was quoted today as saying that he left Germany in an effort to save humanity, and declared that Hitler was now working with all his might to push Germany into a partnership with communism, meaning possibly through collaboration with Stalin. The sensation created by Hess' flight is being climaxed by developments following his capture. Churchill, England's Prime Minister, said that he would have a statement to release shortly in connection with Hess' unexpected visit. Germany, while still maintaining that Hess is mentally unbalanced, is flabbergasted and the talk and acts of Hitler are secondary news as compared with the sensational revelations and suppositions offered in connection with the high German official's sudden departure from his country last Saturday.

That his departure from Germany will upset Hitler's plans to any great extent is not expected, but time and

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Anticipating New Draft Registration

No definite date has been fixed, but present indications point to a new registration of the nation's youth for possible army service within the next month or two. The new registration will be for those young men who have become 21 years of age since last October. It is possible the registration will be held in late June.

Possible changes in the selective service act are also being considered in some high official quarters, but other than briefly outlining the changes officials have taken no action to have them written into the law. Brigadier General Lewis B. Hershey, acting chief of the draft, has expressed the opinion that younger men should be called to the service and that provisions should be made for deferring skilled workers and other classifications of workers.

In expressing his opinion, Hershey said: "I am informed that men in the younger age brackets are best qualified for the training and service contemplated under the act. Also, in view of the provisions for retaining the trainees in the reserve for a period of 10 years, it is desirable that 'the age of those trained be kept as low as the national interest will permit so that the reserve forces will be composed of men whose effectiveness will remain at a high level during that period."

Hershey proposed a change that would permit the President to prescribe rules and regulations for the deferment of men whose age is such that they should be deferred "in the national interest." These men then would be classified in a deferred list, but would be liable to and available for training and service if the emergency became acute.