

Privott First Black On Town Council

Hail The Guard

National Guardsmen along the Public Parade will join others throughout North Carolina in observance of the 40th mobilization anniversary. Special events are planned Sunday and from what we have learned the open house will be interesting for everyone.

Gov. James B. Hunt has proclaimed Sunday as National Guard Mobilization Memorial Day. In a letter to guardsmen, Gov. Hunt said: "I extend my deepest and most earnest thanks to those who responded to the 1940 call-up. Without their sacrifices, this nation would not be free."

Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram, N. C. Adjutant General and a native of Elizabeth City, called the World War II mobilization "one of the most significant and far-reaching events in the Guard's—and the nation's—modern history."

Over the years, guardsmen along the Public Parade have served their country and community well. We hail them on this historic anniversary and wish for them many, many more beneficial years.

To Help Children

About this time each year members of Chowan County Shrine Club put on the granddaddy of all fish fries. Total proceeds go to the Shrine Crippled Children Hospitals.

This is being repeated along the Public Parade on Saturday. Fish plates can be picked up from 11 A.M. until 7 P.M. at the Boy Scout Hut on North Broad Street. While Shriners have sold tickets throughout the area, those who don't have tickets will be accommodated.

Tom Francis asked us to use these lines in a special appeal: "Never a man stood so straight as when he stooped to help a crippled child." He didn't relate the name of the author, but truer words were never spoken.

Lady Commissioner

Chowan County commissioners gave a very cordial welcome Monday to Mrs. Barbara Ward of Ryland. They unanimously voted her as representative of Third Township to fill the vacancy created by the late Lester T. Copeland.

Mrs. Ward was recommended August 26 by the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee. She was also the committee's choice to appeal on the General Election ballot for a four-year term.

Earlier the committee's recommendation of Mrs. Ann H. Bunch failed to get action from the county board. Mrs. Bunch then asked not to be considered, for personal reasons. In a brief period of time she learned a hard lesson in practical politics.

Mrs. Ward, a faculty member at Chowan Junior High School, is highly respected in her profession and in her community. She will make a fine county commissioner. Although she was a political appointee, there is evidence that she takes her post with no strings attached, nor is bogged down with any preconceived commitments.

As a lady commissioner she brings to the county board a sense of balance which is healthy. She may never become "one of the boys" but we know of nothing that requires such status.

School Time

It's well to take stock of our schools along the Public Parade every so often; the beginning of the new school year is a good time.

Reorganization has been implemented in Edenton-Chowan Schools within the past few days. John A. Holmes in Edenton is the senior high school; Chowan at Tynar is the junior high. In addition to the movement of books and supplies, there is the task of transporting students in the most efficient way.

All of this was somewhat complicated with the decision to close Chowan Academy. It was a burden on Gates and Perquimans

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By Flynn Surratt
Willis McCoy Privott, a Fourth Ward resident of Tyler Lane, became the first black to be seated on the Edenton Town Council, Tuesday night, filling a vacancy created by the resignation of former Councilman Harry Sprull. In a roll call vote, the former Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad captain was elected over Rev. J.

L. Fenner, also a black and the only other nominee.

Privott's nomination was made by Councilman J. P. Ricks, who cited his church and community record of service.

Employed by Edenton Furniture Company, Privott serves as deacon, Sunday School teacher and male choir member of Warren's Grove Baptist Church.

He was a former adult leader of Boy Scout Troop 178, has served as a member of the Human Relations Commission and the Edenton-Chowan Civic League and was a deputy probation officer for two years.



Willis McCoy Privott

Privott was sworn-in by Mrs. Lena M. Leary, Clerk of Court, immediately following the election.

The preliminary draft of the Edenton Thoroughfare Plan was the topic of lengthy discussion during the heavily attended session.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell told the council he was "appalled and disgusted" by a recommendation from the Department of Transportation to locate a connector road from U. S. 17 South to N. C. 32 North by way of Twiddy Avenue, across a portion of Beaver Hill Cemetery.

The mayor cited previous council action reducing the speed limit on residential Twiddy Avenue to 25 miles per hour because of the already heavy volume of traffic. He went on to say that highway engineers anticipated there would be neighborhood opposition to such a plan

on the basis of increased noise and decreased safety. Not a single resident of that avenue, that had been contacted personally by the mayor, was in favor of the DOT recommendation, he said.

A letter from W. B. Gardner, administrator, to the Department of Transportation, was cited by Mayor Harrell. The letter said the council did not support that approach, but Gardner still believed some sort of direct access was vital to orderly growth of the

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Optimist Club Charter Banquet

A Charter Night Banquet for Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club will be held Saturday at the Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. The banquet begins at 7:30 o'clock.

The club was formally organized July 23. "We are very proud of this new club," stated Bruce Creekmore, charter banquet committee chairman.

Creekmore said an enjoyable evening is planned and those planning to attend should call 482-7305 or 482-8491 by Friday for reservations.

Emergency Loans Approved

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District has announced that the Farmers Home Administration has designated a number of Counties in North Carolina as emergency loan areas due to severe drought and extremely high temperatures from June 1 until the present time.

The following counties in this congressional area are included in this designation: Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Martin and Perquimans.

Farmers may apply for emergency loan assistance to recover losses to their crops during this period.

Farmers in Chowan and Perquimans Counties are to apply with the FmHA office in Hertford. Melvin Howell, County supervisor, said applications will be accepted for nine months from September 2.

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Commissioner Takes Post

Mrs. Barbara Ward of Ryland was seated Monday morning as a Chowan County commissioner. She becomes the first woman to serve on the board and will fill the unexpired term of the late Lester T. Copeland.

Mrs. Ward was chosen by the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee to be placed

Special Hours For Registration

The Chowan County Board of Elections will have special registration hours on September 13 and September 30, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., according to E. N. Manning, chairman. People from throughout the county will be able to register on these dates at the old Chowan County Courthouse on East King Street.

Manning said these extra registration days are for the convenience of those persons who may not be able to get to the election office during the regular hours, or who have not registered at the homes of the registrars and judges.

The chairman reminded citizens that requirements for registering are residence in the state and precinct for 30 days, and 18 years of age by the time of the general election in November. Identification is required.

The registration books will remain open through October 6 for the general election.

on the General Election ballot for a full four year term from Third Township. At the same time she was recommended by the committee for the unexpired term, which ends December 1.

Commissioner J. D. Peele, who has expressed reservations about an earlier candidate recommended by the political committee, placed Mrs. Ward's name in nomination. Commissioner George Jones provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman C. A. Phillips told the new board member: "We are delighted to have you as a new member and we wish you all the best."

The oath of office was administered by Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of Superior Court. She used one of the new Bibles purchased for use in the new courthouse.

Earlier, Mrs. Copeland accepted a framed resolution, and engraved plaque and the name plate given by the commissioners in honor of her late husband. Mr. Copeland died suddenly on July 14.

Chairman Phillips said he was very humbled in presenting the items and "with a great deal of humility that we present this token of appreciation of Lester's service to Chowan County." Among the tribute he payed were words of "honor" and "dedication of purpose."

Rev. George Cooke of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church, where Mr. Copeland was an active member, gave the invocation in the presence of Mrs. Copeland and

members of her family. Mr. Cooke noted in his prayer that the "empty seat speaks ever so loudly...for a man of loyalty, love and courage."

After Mrs. Ward, wife of D. T. Ward was administered the oath, a break was taken for a reception in honor of the Copeland Family and the new board member. The reception in honor of the Copeland family and the new board member. The reception was planned by the Agricultural Extension Service.

Speaking on behalf of Senior Citizens, Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd asked and received assistance in the development of a center at Fannie Parker Woman's Club on West Albemarle Street. Funds will also be sought from the Town of

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NEW COMMISSIONER SEATED: FORMER COMMISSION LAUDED — C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County Board of Commissioners, is pictured here with Mrs. Barbara Ward of Ryland, left, shortly after she was unanimously chosen to complete the unexpired term of the late Lester T. Copeland. Mrs. Copeland and members of her family were present Monday when the commissioners paid special tribute to Mr. Copeland.

Open House To Honor Soldiers

The 30th Infantry Division known as "The Old Hickory Division," received more than half of all British decorations awarded to American troops, and in addition, it earned 12 of the 78 Medals of Honor awarded in World War I, tasting combat at Ypres, Belgium; Hindenberg Line; St. Mihiel Offensive; and finally the great Meuseargonne offensive.

During World War II the 30th spearheaded the attack and break out from Normandy to St. Lo. at Mortain, France, the 30th fought off five German panzer divisions determined to drive through U.S.

lines to the sea and cut off the U.S. Third Army from the U.S. First Army. Despite savage efforts, the Germans could not budge the division.

From Mortain, the 30th drove across France, capturing the fortress of Eben Emael. So tenacious was the Division's performance in the battle of the "Bulge" that the Germans bestowed upon it the designation "Roosevelt's SS Troops." The French bestowed the Croix de Guerre with palm upon the 30th Infantry Division for its meritorious conduct in the battle of France during the Second World War.

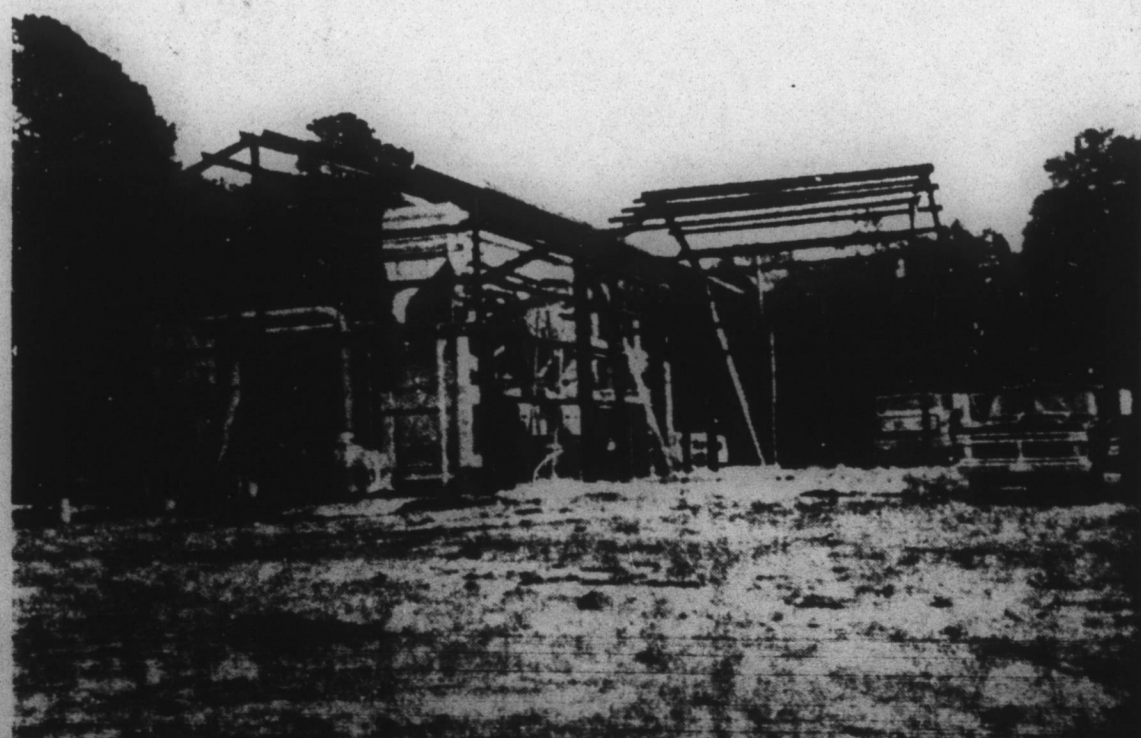
In the course of this campaign, the 30th division suffered more than 26,000 casualties. It captured more than 50,000 prisoners. Its members received six congressional medals of Honor and 65 distinguished Service

Crosses. The division earned eight Distinguished citations and two Belgian Fourrageres, becoming one of the most decorated combat divisions to serve in Europe during World War II.

The 30th Infantry Division was made up of National Guard men from four Southern states including North Carolina. Forty-seven communities in North Carolina said goodbye to their citizen-soldiers when they were mobilized for federal duty on September 16, 1940.

In Edenton, the local National Guard unit will be celebrating with open house from 1 P.M. until 5 P.M. at the Edenton Armory, to pay tribute to these same citizen-soldiers. Open House will consist of troop formation of the old Company D, 105th Medical Regiment, and the present Company C, 1st BN, 119th In-

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DEVELOPMENT MOVES AHEAD — The installation of a cotton gin in rural Chowan County is moving ahead. A spokesman for Albemarle Cotton Cooperative, Inc., reported this week that the plan is on schedule. However, there might be a slight delay in completion due to the installation of equipment needed to meet environmental standards. The gin is expected to be in operation on or shortly after October 1.

Edenton Aces Are Defeated In Non-Conference Action

Scoring drives in the second and fourth quarters as well as a field goal in the final 16 seconds of the game gave the Northeastern Eagles a 10-point margin over the Edenton Aces in the opening game of the 1980 season, resulting in a 16-6 victory over the Aces who scored only once, in the second quarter.

The Aces were first on the scoreboard after their senior quarterback Jerry McGee, Jr. tallied on a five yard keeper capping an 83-yard march.

The Aces only touchdown began with a 19-yard kickoff return by Frank Hardy followed by quarterback Steve Holley connecting with Thomas White. Fullback

Henry Drew pushed the Aces to the one yard line over four plays before Holley took the ball into the end zone. The kick was not successful.

Sustaining a march begun in the third quarter, the Eagles scored again in the final frame on a pass play from the 23 yard line. McGee connected with a wingback who was in the clear on the one yard line.

The Eagles capped their victory with a 31-yard field goal late in the contest.

The Aces will see action in their first home game of the season this Friday night against the Perquimans Pirates. Kick-off time at Hicks Field will be 8 P.M.