



Staff Sgt. Elbridge B. Smith Staff Sgt. Leslie E. Hughes Sergeant Henry I. Peebles

### Sergeant Henry Peebles Completes Officers Course

FORT BRAGG, N.C.—Staff Sergeant Elbridge B. Smith, Staff Sergeant Leslie E. Hughes, and Sergeant Henry I. Peebles of Edenton completed the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course conducted by the Office of the Adjutant General and the 328th U.S. Army Reserve School at the North Carolina National Guard Military Academy on December 5th.

The course consisted of five weekends of training in many areas such as; Personnel Management, Radio-Telephone Procedures, Land Navigation, Training to Lead and Issuing Platoon Orders. They are members of Company C, 1st Battalion, 119th Infantry of the North Carolina Army National Guard.

SSG Smith and his wife, Kay, have one son, Elbridge, Jr. They reside at 412 East Church Street and he is employed by Edenton Cotton Mill as a Section Fixer.

### Farming Tips

by Dr. J. W. Pou  
Only in recent years has the United States emerged as the world's leading producer and exporter of food and feed crops.

In fact, the first tobacco shipments were made by English settler John Rolfe from Jamestown in 1613. But it has been only in the last 20 years that large and rapid growth has occurred in U.S. exports of such commodities as wheat, corn and soybeans.

### Methodist Topic

"Shutting Out Jesus" is the sermon topic selected by Rev. Richard R. Blankenhorn for the worship service on the third Sunday in Advent, December 12, at 11 A.M. at the Edenton United Methodist Church. The text for this message is Luke 2:7.

### Christmas Musical

The combined Youth Choirs of Edenton Baptist Church will be presenting the Christmas musical, "Welcome To The World", Sunday at 7:30 P.M. at the Rocky Hock Baptist Church. This musical will be repeated on Sunday, December 19, at 5 P.M. in the Edenton Baptist Church.

By 1978, American exports constituted 80 per cent of the soybeans, 45 per cent of the wheat, 40 per cent of the cotton and 20 per cent of the rice moving in world trade.

The Edenton Choral Society will present a program of Christmas music on Sunday, 3 P.M., at the Edenton Baptist Church.

This new Christmas work by John Lee offers the Old Christmas Story in a fresh new setting. The music is melodious and rhythmic. Soloists for these performances will be Tony Evans, Linda Twine, Don McClure and Susan Ellis. The choir will be under the direction of Mr. Evans and Jim Hyatt.

These five commodities accounted for two-thirds of the value of U.S. farm shipments that year. Between 1970 and 1978, world trade in agricultural products increased 125 per cent.

The annual Christmas party of the Edenton United Methodist Women will be held Monday, December 13, 8 P.M., at the home of Mrs. Frances Hollowell. MYF/EYC will meet at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Sunday, December 12, at 6:00 to go Christmas caroling.

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## Obituaries

### Adrienne G. Hurdle

Mrs. Adrienne Goodwin Hurdle, 88, of 1202 W. Church St., Elizabeth City died Tuesday morning at 12:30 in the Albemarle Hospital following a long illness. She was a native of Chowan County.

Funeral services was conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 P.M. in the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church by Rev. J. Hines Adams, pastor. Burial was followed in the New Hollywood Cemetery. The body was taken from Twiford's Memorial Chapel to the church Wednesday afternoon at 1 P.M.

She was the daughter of the late Will and Molly Smith Goodwin and the widow of the late Earl Anderson Hurdle. She was a member of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church and Flowers Lovers Garden Club, & Owner-Operator of the House of Hurdle's. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Anderson (Kathryn) Middert of Hatteras; two sisters, Mrs. Elsie G. Jones of Edenton and Mrs. Mary G. Alderman of Rollsville, N.C.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Alma Staples Warren; four daughters, Lois Brinson, Blanche Meads and Terry Jackson, all of Elizabeth City, and Lois Staples of Shawboro; a stepdaughter, Betty Price of Elizabeth City; a stepson, Billy Hampton of Mississippi; a sister, Mrs. Henderson Goodwin of Edenton; two brothers, Hardy Warren of Edenton and Landon Warren of Virginia; eight grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren and a step-great-grandchild.

A graveside service was conducted in Westlawn Memorial Park by the Rev. Glen D. Greenway, Twiford Memorial Chapel had charge.

**Juanita C. Smith**  
Mrs. Juanita C. Smith, 55 of Pembroke, died Friday.

A native of Lynch, Ky., she was the wife of Henry W. Smith and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Chavis. She was a teacher in the Robeson County School System and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Surviving other than her husband, two daughters; Loretta and Nancy Smith; two sons; Hank Smith and Jimmy Smith of Edenton and

three grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Sunday, at 3:30 P.M. in the First United Methodist Church by Rev. Sparrow and Albert Hunt. Information supplied by Williford-Barham Funeral Home.

### Social Security Report

by Lee E. Wallio  
Field Representative

Individuals who plan to retire before they reach age 65 should apply for Social Security benefits no later than the last day of the month they want the benefits to begin.

Benefits that are payable for months before a person reaches age 65 can begin no earlier than the month the person applies.

This provision also holds true for widows and widowers who will begin receiving benefits before they turn 65.

If a person applies for benefits after reaching age 65, retroactive payments can usually be made of up to 6 months prior to the month the application was filed.

To make certain of receiving all benefits due, an individual can apply as early as 3 months before he wants benefits to start.

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Additional information about Social Security benefits and how to apply for them can be obtained by telephoning the Elizabeth City Social Security office at 338-2161.



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### Scouts Gather With Families For Christmas Party

by Arthur F. Beeler Sr.  
Last Friday evening, December 3, I was in the company of a group of highly motivated people. They had to be! The scouts, clubs and their families all got together for a spur of the moment Christmas Party.

The band for thirty minutes kept things jumping. Skits by the Scouts were next and if you have never seen a skit you don't know what you have missed. The skits were presented by Troop 172, Troop 164 and Den 2 of Cub Pack 164.

You say that this is impossible; Well...I'll admit when it was first brought to my attention I didn't think it was myself. When my wife and I drove up to the New National Guard Army I could see that a hundred or so men, women and children were already gathered and before the evening was over I estimate that 150 or more were in the hall.

I would also like to thank the John A. Holmes Pep Band for their performance.

The party was the brainstorm of Al Everson,

The scouts, scouters and their families would like to wish the people of Chowan County a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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