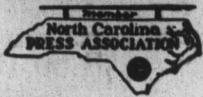


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## A Big Job Ahead

Interest in Edenton continues keen relative to the scheduled Marine Corps glider base, but other than the fact that the construction of the base or bases has been placed in the hands of the Bureau of Yards and Docks of the Navy Department, little official information has been released despite the fact that there are those in Edenton who would have folks believe they know practically the whole program and all details relative to the project.

Frankly, The Herald admits knowing very little about the base so far as its location, cost and personnel is concerned, and will be guided in publishing stories relative to it by cooperating with authorities as to what should and what should not appear in print for the sake of precaution.

And frankly, The Herald believes that just about 100 per cent. of the conversation regarding the project is based entirely upon supposition.

In the first place, the fact that Edenton was chosen as a site for the base was not due to any political influence, nor to any efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association or any other group. And, too, it was not the result of any influence or prestige on the part of any particular individual. This much is said because The Herald editor already has heard references made to this or that person that apparently some credit was being claimed for the Government's action regarding the location.

For several months surveys have been made and in the opinion of those making the surveys, the Edenton site provided better facilities for what is planned to be done than other sites under consideration, and for that reason alone selected the Edenton location.

But what the writer is driving at is that there should be little concern as to whether any one is due any credit for locating the base here, but rather any spare energy or effort should be devoted to a survey of the town and section in order to meet conditions and solve problems which will most assuredly materialize as work progresses on the base. The fact that the Government intends to place here an important branch of the armed forces, means that Edenton also will face various duties and responsibilities in order to cope with what an enterprise of such magnitude means to any community in which it is located.

## Little, Indeed, To Ask

Chowan County, together with the greater portion of the nation, has not come up to expectations in the collection of scrap rubber for use in bolstering Uncle Sam's supply for adequate prosecution of the war. While the County collected practically five pounds per capita, there is without doubt probably that much more available old rubber scattered here and there throughout the County.

This scrap rubber campaign is not a fad or hobby of some particular person, but instead the nation faces a serious rubber shortage, the supply of which if not replenished by patriotic Americans gathering every available amount, will undoubtedly have an ill effect in the fight against the mad men who would crush America and make of us little less than slaves.

Old rubber is greatly needed, and the little effort necessary to gather it together and carry it to a nearby filling station, where a penny a pound will be paid for it, seems like little enough to ask of any true American when the fate of the country hangs so uncertain in the balance.

Be patriotic—search your premises and gather together all the scrap rubber possible. The campaign will continue for 10 more days and there is little reason why Chowan County cannot almost double the present per capita contribution of five pounds.

## Action Needed

Speaking about falling short of expectations, Chowan County is still lagging in reaching the \$1,600 quota for USO, Chinese and Navy relief. The County has been asked for that amount, but to date contributions have totaled \$1,119, leaving still a deficit of \$481.

The County is well able to contribute \$481 more for the above three causes, and will, if approached. Canvasses have been made, and later a week was set aside in which to receive voluntary contributions. Without doubt, many potential contributors were missed during the canvass, and while not different from any other group of people, the voluntary plan for contributions just doesn't do the trick.

Chowan County can and will reach the \$1,600 quota if the proper effort is made, and though it may be a hardship upon canvassers and an imposition upon their sense of patriotism and cooperation, the leaders of the three drives, J. H. Conger, Mayor J. H. McMullan and Geddes Potter, together with T. C. Byrum, chairman of the consolidated drive, should, as a last resort, appeal to a group of canvassers to again solicit contributions so that the County will not face the unpleasant reality of falling down in this drive when the amount asked for is so much needed and which will result in so much good.

## Sane Way To Celebrate

On next Saturday, July 4th, the people of the United States celebrate the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Undoubtedly this document proclaiming the independence of the 13 English colonies in America ranks as one of the most important documents of history, for in it the underlying principle is that men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Like the Holy Bible, the Declaration of Independence is not read as often as it should be, and in this connection the suggestion is made that readers, in celebrating the anniversary, take the necessary time to read its words. The reading will do them good.

# HEARD and SEEN

By "BUFF"

For some reason or other Charlie McCollers, at last week's Rotary meeting, found on his plate an ear of corn which had not been cooked, while all the other Rotarians apparently were enjoying gnawing on an ear of nice tender corn. He was inquiring why he should be thus treated, especially being president of the club until today, when one of the Rotarians sitting nearby told him "Raw corn is for jackasses." Maybe the guy was looking at Mac's latest haircut.

Little Jeanne Smith had a busy time in the Methodist Church Sunday morning, when the major portion of the church hour was used in walloping yellow flies. I occupied the same seat at night and here's one who joins with Jeanne in walloping the yellow devils whether the preacher is preaching, praying or singing. But at that, if the yellow flies get much worse, there should be little excuse for some birds sleeping during the church service. The yellow flies are almost as bad as the yellow scudders across the Pacific, only we don't get as good a crack at the Japs as we do the yellow flies. Both deserve just about the same sort of treatment, and here's hoping our boys soon can do to the consarn Japs exactly what Jeanne and I did to some of the "Metu-dist" yellow flies.

As if there's not enough fishermen hereabouts, every now and then some "furriners" are seen in town and on the creeks, who have come here for a day's sport. But from reports, the bloomin' speckled perch have just about quit biting. The reason is easily explained, for they'll not bite until Fielding Tanner comes up from Cohutta, Ga., to spend his vacation. You see, the speckled perch just naturally follow him around when he's in these parts. Prospects for a poor season are, therefore, discouraging, for Friend Tanner, whose wife has had a seige of sickness, will not be able to spend his vacation in Edenton this year. In the meantime, we'll just have to be content with catching white perch, bream, yellow bellies and an occasional cat fish, which adds to a reason for some guys cussing. However, some of the boys have been going up or down Chowan River, as the case may be, and have picked up a nice string of rock-stripped bass to the hifalutin' anglers.

With the arrival of July, dog taxes are again due and Miss Louise Coke is all ready to collect the tax. But it's strange that at least two times a year there's a scarcity of dogs—the time to list property for taxes and when the dog tax must be paid. The tax on male dogs is \$1.00 and \$2.00 for female dogs, which makes it almost a miracle to witness so many dogs about town with so few female dogs apparently in this neck of the woods.

That Plymouth is not on the short end when it comes to showing hospitality was demonstrated Tuesday night when a large number of Masons from three districts gathered to attend the installation of Harry McClean as deputy Grand Master for the Third District. Not only were the fellows in Plymouth greatly concerned about showing the visitors a good time as well as looking out for the "inner man" by way of an abundant supply of barbecue, but much to my surprise the "welcoming committee" for which Plymouth for many years was well known, was conspicuous by its absence. What I'm aiming at is the famous Plymouth mosquitoes, which John Darden says left Plymouth several years ago, and have not returned. Fact of the matter, I'm told that the pesky mosquitoes made a trip to Williamston and liked the folks so well there that they decided to remain. Anyway, now that a fellow need not have any fear of being chewed to pieces or carried away by the mosquitoes, here's one whose trips to Plymouth will be more frequent—that is when gas and tires become some of the things a fellow can buy.

One of my boys blew in from Wilmington last week, and because two tires on his car are on their "last legs," he said he rode from Wilmington to Edenton on his "imagination." However, he parked the car here and offered his services to Uncle Sam's Navy, so that maybe he'll have to use a lot more of his imagination the next time he takes a ride, be it in a car or on a boat. Anyway, at the rate tires are ditched out, a lot more of us will soon be riding on our imaginations, or the rim of an automobile wheel.

Miss Elizabeth Wozelka, who now resides in Washington, D. C., was the subject of "Some People Have All the Luck," in the Washington Post the other day. The article, written by Connie Young, follows:

"Can you say that you've ever walked down the street holding Clark Gable's hand? No? Well, I can't either, but there's one Silver Spring woman who can and she's Miss Elizabeth Wozelka, of 318 Pinewood Avenue in Woodmoor. This is the way it happened:

"Miss Wozelka was standing in front of the War Department last Thursday, June 18, during lunch time waiting for a friend. She overheard two guards talking and one said to the other, 'Which one is Mr. Gable's car?' The other replied that it was the first in line. When Miss Wozelka asked one of the guards if he meant Clark Gable, he stammered, 'Who's he?' This was a dead give away. Miss Wozelka said she'd wait there all afternoon if she had to in order to see Gable.

"When the great movie hero finally came out of the building, only a few minutes later, it was only natural that all the girls standing there crowded around him asking for autographs. Since Miss Wozelka was nearest, he took hold of her arm and asked her to walk to his car with him. Thrilled almost speechless, Miss Wozelka managed to stutter, 'I'm just a country girl from North Carolina and I can't wait to write home and tell my friends that I touched you.'

"Better than that," replied the gallant Gable, 'you can tell them you walked down the street holding my hand.'

"This is not the only time that Miss Wozelka has been fortunate enough to hob nob with the famous. Last March she met Gene Raymond in a Washington building and talked to him for ten minutes. As I said before, some people have all the luck!"

Sheriff Bunch is sort of puzzled about a gang of keys which was turned over to him. He has 40 keys arranged on three rings which were found at Johnsons Bridge, and to date he has not learned who the owner is. The Sheriff says the group contains what appear to be valuable keys which should be wanted by the owner.

## Wiggins Explains Selectee Rejection

### Local Boards No Longer Have Authority to Disqualify

J. L. Wiggins, chairman of the Chowan County Draft Board, this week released the following information relative to the rejection of selectees sent to camp for service in the Army.

"The current high rate of rejections of selectees at the induction station is disturbing to the public mind. This is understandable since the public is so vitally interested in every phase of Selective Service. There is a satisfactory explanation for it and the public is entitled to the explanation.

"Prior to January 1, 1942, complete physical examinations were given the selectees by local board examining physicians. After a few months of experience, these physicians were passing men who very closely met the Army's requirements. Rejections at the induction station at that time were almost entirely of men with borderline conditions, men who had contracted diseases between the time of their local examinations and the time of their delivery for induction, and men rejected as a result of the chest X-rays which were never a part of the local examination.

"Under the regulations now in force, the local examining physicians do not make comprehensive examination. In fact, they make only a casual, "screening" examination and are guided by a list of defects, one part of which sets forth non-remediable physical conditions which manifestly disqualify the selectee for all military service, and the second part of which sets forth those non-remediable physical conditions which manifestly disqualify for general military service, but qualify for limited service. The local examining physician has no alternative but to follow this list specifically. With these limitations, the examining physician can reject little more than the obviously unfit.

"Another reason for the large number of rejections is that local boards no longer have the authority to disqualify registrants who are below the minimum literacy standards for military service. Prior to January 1, 1942, they had such authority and did not send to the induction station registrants who were below such standards. Regulations now provide that all such men, otherwise

## Texaco Station On Broad Street Reopens

After being closed for over a month, the new Texaco filling station on North Broad Street was reopened last week under new management. The new operators of the station are William P. Jones and Murray Tynch, the former acting as manager. The station has been closed since Clarence Godwin, the former manager, accepted a position in the shipyard at Newport News. The new operators will wash and grease cars and render the usual filling station service.

### STONESTREET—CRUMMEY

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Crummev announce the marriage of their daughter, Doris Jean, to C. Mason Stonestreet, of Mooresville, now stationed at Fort Fisher, Carolina Beach. The ceremony was performed at Conway, S. C., on June 17th.

Mrs. Stonestreet has been spending the past year in Hertford with her grandmother, Mrs. Ellie Goodwin.

## Auxiliary Meets Friday At Home Mrs. White

The monthly meeting of the Legion Auxiliary will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock. Because this will be the last meeting of the Auxiliary year, it will be held at the home of Mrs. Edna White, retiring president, and every member of the organization is especially urged to be present.

Qualified for military service, must be sent to the induction station for final check and rejection by the Army.

"It can readily be appreciated by those who understand the regulations in force that a higher percentage of the men forwarded for induction may be expected to be rejected for the reasons above given and local boards and examining physicians should not be criticized for a condition over which they have no control. They have no choice but to send the men to the induction station even if they have reason to believe that a large number will be rejected on account of their physical condition or lack of educational qualifications."

### APPETIZING RECIPES FOR JADED APPETITES

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## Rigorous Check On Licenses Of Drivers

### Plan Inaugurated In Effort Ward Off Potential Saboteurs

Aware of the fact that potential saboteurs have free access to the use of North Carolina highways, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, T. Boddie Ward, has ordered a rigorous check on drivers' licenses throughout the State. He further advised special care by license examiners in the issuance of license.

Mr. Ward also stated that the courts of the State could greatly aid this program by entering all convictions of Motor Vehicle traffic violations on the back of the driver's license. While section 18 (a) of the License Act requires this, it is not being done in many cases. If this provision of the law is complied with by the courts, it will be invaluable to the patrolmen in many ways in establishing the identity of drivers. It will also aid the Safety Division in its study of drivers who are habitual violators, and further the program of safer driving.

The Commissioner urges that the motoring public and all applicants for driver's license cooperate fully with the Department in this effort to keep the dangerous driver off our highways.

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