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## THEY NEED OUR HELP



A Russian collective farm family gathers in front of the charred ruins of their home as the Red Army enters a recaptured village. Millions of Russian civilians have been left homeless and stripped of warm clothing and other essentials by the invading Nazis. Americans can help keep families like this one alive by donating clothing to the Russian War Relief which ships clothing, medical supplies and concentrated foods to the Russian people. A drive in Chowan County is under way this week, with school children playing the principal role under the sponsorship of the Parent-Teacher Association.

## Head Of Marine Women Reserves Visits Air Station

### Major Marion Dryden Pleased With Work Of Women

Major Marian B. Dryden, head of Marine Women's Reserve, spent three days at the Edenton Air Station this week. The Major's duty in Marine aviation is being responsible for the 6,000 Women Reserves now at work or in training, seeing also to it that both officers and enlisted personnel are properly placed, that there are adequate living and working facilities and that specialist training is received.

"The aviation program is a large one with an expected 7,500 enlisted personnel and 400 officers," said Major Dryden. "I am well pleased with the work and the attitude of the Women Reserves as they go into their second year with the glamour worn off and routine well established."

## Officer Joe Bunch Breaks Right Arm

### Accident Occurred Saturday Night While Arresting Negro

Joseph Bunch, a member of the Edenton Police Department, had the misfortune to break his right arm Saturday night. The accident occurred when he was attempting to arrest a Chowan County Negro soldier, Thomas Morris who, police say, was intoxicated and had to be removed from the rear of Byrum's Hardware Store.

Morris is stationed at Camp Swift, Texas, and is home on a furlough. He faces a charge of being drunk and disorderly and assault on an officer and is scheduled to be tried in Recorder's Court Friday morning.

## Fire Chief Urges Citizens To Refrain Chasing To Fires

Fire Chief R. K. Hall desires again to call attention to the dangerous and growing habit of cars chasing to fires when an alarm is sounded. Chief Hall emphasizes the fact that the law requires cars to drive to the curb when an alarm is sounded and, therefore, he urges citizens to refrain from rushing to fires.

"Unless the practice is broken up," said Mr. Hall, "there is a great possibility of a serious accident occurring, and besides, there is no need of it, for we have enough firemen who faithfully respond to take care of the situation, and who are many times handicapped by people being in the way."

## New Rotary President



H. A. CAMPEN Recently elected president of the Edenton Rotary Club, H. A. Campen will be installed at the first meeting of the club held in July. He will succeed R. N. Hines.

## Mrs. Malone Heads Edenton Lionesses

### New Officers Announced At Lions Meeting Monday Night

Ten Edenton Lions and their wives plan to attend the anniversary celebration of the Hertford Lions Club on Friday night, which promises to be an outstanding affair.

At Monday night's meeting of the local club, J. R. Tanner reported that his troop of Boy Scouts cleared \$85 at the hot dog stand at the carnival last week.

Mrs. W. W. Byrum, retiring president of the Lady Lions, submitted a financial report which showed that over \$300 was in the treasury as the result of furnishing the weekly dinners for the clubs for a period of one year.

New officers for the Lionesses were announced, which included Mrs. W. E. Malone, president, and Mrs. Leroy Haskett, secretary.

President Oscar Duncan urged all members to come prepared at next Monday's meeting to say whether or not they will be able to attend the State Convention June 10-12, so that hotel reservations can be made. Private "Smoky" Bright, of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, entertained the club with a group of accordion selections.

## Norma Perry Elected President Of Class

Rising juniors at The Woman's College at Greensboro, have elected Miss Norma Perry, of Edenton, class president for the coming year. Miss Perry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Perry.

## Jesse Harrell Plays Important Part In Paying Off Soldiers

### Even Bombs, Bullets and Shells Fail To Hold Up Pay For Americal Men

"It's an Army axiom that its fighting men must be paid, whether actually shooting it out with the enemy on line or training in preparation for another campaign" says a press release from the Americal Division at Bougainville.

"The Americal Division's finance section has done an outstanding job in both departments with the help of two men from the South: T. Sgt. Jesse L. Harrell, of Edenton, and T-3 Norman L. Hoffman, of Atlanta, Georgia.

"Activated at Fort Hamilton, Indiana, where they studied at the finance school, the section took off for New Caledonia, their final destination unknown. They joined the Americal Division on Guadalcanal shortly after the Japanese had been defeated, set up their office, and in three days, victorious G. I.'s were enjoying their first payday in several months.

"There has been no such backlog of pay on Bougainville, despite sharp fighting. Shells were landing in the area for several weeks, but the finance section kept the ball rolling. Some worked close to their dugouts; others near the vaults, in the optimistic belief that they could hear the whistle of an approaching shell in time to duck. These men are determined that come bombs, bullets, shells, hell or high water, officers and enlisted men of the Americal shall get their hard-earned money each month and every month."

## Church Open For Invasion Prayers

### Two Services Arranged At Methodist Church By Pastor

Plans have been announced by the Rev. H. F. Surratt, pastor of the Methodist Church, to have the church open all day the day the invasion of Europe is made known. Two hours during the day have been designated for special prayer services, these being at 10 a. m., and 8 p. m.

Mr. Surratt emphasizes the need and value of prayer and hopes that on Invasion Day many will go to the church, whether members of the congregation or not, for a pause in their usual duties to offer prayer and to spend a short time in meditation.

COL. DAY AT SAN DIEGO Colonel Karl Day, who before being detached from the local Marine Corps Air Station, was a host of friends, has been assigned to the Marine Corps Aid Depot at Miramar, San Diego, Calif.

## All Churches Open For Prayer On Day Invasion Announced

### Mayor Haskett Asking Places of Business To Close

#### FOR ONE HOUR

### Citizens Urged Attend Church and Pray For Victory

With churches throughout the land planning for the observance of Invasion Day, when people are urged to go to church and offer prayer and devotion on behalf of victory, Mayor Leroy Haskett this week issued an appeal for a general observance in Edenton.

"I have considered and given a great deal of thought to this war, with so many of our boys on the battle fronts," said Mayor Haskett. "To me it is a very serious thing, and I am sure we will lose many of our men. The day of invasion is not known, but when it is announced, let every business house and organization close places of business for one hour, so that employer and employees alike may have the opportunity to attend some church for the purpose of prayer. Our boys are due this consideration."

Mayor Haskett announced that the invasion will be made known by two long blasts of the fire siren.

The Ministerial Association has asked that the people of Chowan County and Edenton cooperate, so that Mayor Haskett desires to lend his influence for a proper observance of the event, and a hope that many will go to church when the hour arrives.

## Athol Featured In Leatherneck Issue

### Referred to as Tribute To Glory of Old South

Featured this week on the front page of The Chowan Leatherneck, U. S. Marine Corps Air Station newspaper is the Athol house, taken in by the land used for the station. The picture is the work of Corporal Robert Erpenbeck, the paper's artist, and adds to the attractiveness of the issue.

Referring to the cover, the following appears: "Athol House—a tribute to the glory of the Old South.

"Up the road lined with trees you can see a real Southern plantation—in the very heart of M. C. A. S., Edenton, N. C.

"This lovely home was called Bembury Hall, years ago, and the occupants raised peanuts, cotton, and soybeans for a living. Shacks and huts, still standing, were the homes of 200 slaves. Richard Bembury, a militia general, sold the site to a family named Skinner. Soon after, a fire destroyed all but the foundation of the house and it was rebuilt in 1930, becoming the property of the Wood family until 1941, when construction began on a Marine Corps Air Station.

"In a typical military setting of 1944, Athol House serenely stands, symbolizing the peaceful life of the Southern aristocracy."

## T. C. Byrum Named Manager For Cherry

Announcement has been made of the appointment of T. Cam Byrum of Edenton, as manager of the Chowan County campaign for Gregg Cherry, candidate for Governor.

The announcement was made from Cherry State headquarters at Raleigh, and was confirmed here by the appointee.

Mr. Byrum already is directing a vigorous campaign in the interest of Mr. Cherry.

## Methodist Service Next Sunday Night

Services will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday night at 8 o'clock, when the pastor, the Rev. H. F. Surratt, will preach on the subject, "The Church Is A Mother's Home."

Church school will be held at 9:45 a. m., and the Youth Fellowship meeting at 7 p. m. Prayer service will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock when a series of lectures on the Beatitudes will be continued.

## 189th District Rotarians Elect J. A. Holmes Governor At Pinehurst Conference

### Honored By Rotarians



JOHN A. HOLMES

Outdistancing two other candidates, John Holmes was, on Monday afternoon, elected governor of the 189th Rotary District on the first ballot at the annual conference held at Pinehurst. He succeeds R. W. Madry, of Chapel Hill.

## Knotty Problems Face Councilmen

### Another Lengthy Meeting Results Tuesday Night

As has been the case in recent months, a new crop of knotty problems was thrown in the lap of Town Council and as a result another lengthy session was held Tuesday night. Among the problems discussed were repairing of the County Dock, another shoe shine nuisance, two applications for beer licenses and a request from the Chamber of Commerce for use of the front part of the Municipal Building as an office.

A complaint was registered regarding another nuisance developing near the police station where, it was said, they interfere with business as well as molest people living in the vicinity. The boys have recently been outlawed from parts of the business section, so that Chief of Police J. R. Tanner was instructed, after a lengthy discussion, to devise means to eliminate the latest complaint.

A committee composed of J. Clarence Leary and J. Edwin Bufflap reported relative to repairing the County Dock, and with the report was submitted tentative figures from two concerns. There was little difference in the two, and after some discussion, a motion was passed to let the contract to the Virginia Dare Construction Company, at a cost of \$4,205.33. Awarding of the contract depends, however, upon the action of the County Commissioners, who have agreed to pay half of the expense if certain requirements are met. They are in favor of making immediate repairs, if what is done will be part of a permanent improvement to be made after the war.

J. H. Conger appeared in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, asking for the front part of the Municipal Building formerly used by the police and since their removal by Mayor Haskett as an office for the Chamber of Commerce. This matter took up a considerable amount of time. It was while the proposition was being debated that Mayor Haskett offered to abandon the office and move to the rear of the building. He stated that while he would much rather occupy the front office, he is vitally interested in the operation and success of the Chamber of Commerce, and if use of the office will in any way contribute to its success, he will be glad to make the sacrifice.

Previously, the Chamber of Commerce was granted the use of the back part of the building, but by mutual agreement on the part of Mayor Haskett and the Councilmen, the use of the front office was allowed.

No little time was consumed, as the result of two applications for licenses to sell beer for drinking on premises. Finally, the licenses were ordered issued to W. C. Brunson and H. A. Liverman.

## Edenton Club's Candidate Secures Commanding Lead

### ONLY ONE BALLOT

### 18 Edentonians on Hand At Conference to Lend Influence

John A. Holmes, secretary of the Edenton Rotary Club, was elected governor of the 189th Rotary district at the annual conference held Sunday and Monday at Pinehurst. Holmes won by a handy margin with three candidates in the field, and despite pre-voting speculation to the contrary, only one ballot was necessary to decide who the new governor would be.

Aside from Holmes, James Butler of Goldsboro, and Carlton Cherry of Ahsokie were candidates, with Butler displaying the greater strength of the two losing candidates. The actual vote was 46 for Holmes, 22 for Butler and 15 for Cherry. No little interest was apparent in the election of a governor to succeed Robert W. Madry of Chapel Hill, as friends of all three candidates busied themselves in putting in a good word wherever possible for their respective candidate.

Mr. Holmes was supported by a strong delegation from Edenton, which included 14 Rotarians and four Rotary Annes, all of whom went to bat for their favorite. During the early hours of the conference the tendency leaned toward Butler and Cherry, but as voting time approached, a noticeable turning toward Holmes was apparent.

Edenton's delegation was composed of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Wood Privott, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hines, Dr. W. I. Hart, R. L. Martin, Frank Holmes, James E. Wood, Marvin Wilson, C. W. Overman, H. A. Campen, David Holton, Ernest Kehayes and J. Edwin Bufflap.

Mr. Holmes, in a few well-chosen words of acceptance, made a very favorable impression on the assembly, which included over 700 Rotarians and Rotary Annes.

## Clothes For Russia Drive Under Way

### Edenton PTA Sponsoring Collection During Week

Joining in the nation-wide drive to secure clothes for Russia, the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association is, this week, urging a general response to the appeal. The drive is being conducted principally through the schools, the children being asked to gather any clothing no longer needed in their homes and bring it to the school building.

Any one not having children in school and who wishes to contribute clothing is asked to call Superintendent John A. Holmes' office, where the clothing will be taken care of by Mrs. J. W. Davis and her civics class.

What clothing is collected during the week will be packed and sent to headquarters in New York, from where it will be shipped directly to Russia, where there is a great need for clothing. Many homes have been burned and parents carried off in labor battalions by the Nazis, therefore, thousands of orphans and women need clothing as well as concentrated milk, vitamin products and medical supplies being shipped by Russian War Relief, Inc.

## James E. Wood One Of Vice Presidents Of Peanut Council

James E. Wood, secretary and treasurer of the Edenton Peanut Company, was honored at the annual meeting of the National Peanut Council held last week in Atlanta, Georgia, when he was elected as one of the two vice-presidents of the organization.

Mr. Wood was also included on the convention program, having been called upon to make the response to the address of welcome. He returned to Edenton Monday, after stopping over at Pinehurst to attend the annual conference of the 189th Rotary District.