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Battle Weary Americans



These tired American infantrymen pause for a rest in the milk house of a French farm from which they have only recently chased out Nazi snipers. One man is taking a drink from his canteen and another is lying under an old comforter he has salvaged from someplace. Are you supporting the invasion with the purchase of War Bonds?

Army Signal Corps Photo
From U. S. Treasury

Company 26 State Guard In Training Over Week - end

Entire Outfit Is Taken Through Maneuvers At Holley's Wharf

Company 26, Edenton unit of the North Carolina State Guard, held a training encampment at Holley's Wharf over the week-end. Three officers and 46 enlisted men left the armory Friday afternoon by truck and returned Sunday afternoon. Special emphasis was placed on camp administration, military courtesy and discipline, guard duty and the use of the rifle.

Lieut. Walter Leslie Morgan was in charge of rifle training and he was assisted in this by Privates Jesse Copeland and Elisha B. White, Jr., on leave from the U. S. Army. All men in the company went on the range Saturday. U. S. rifles, model of 1917, recently had been issued to the men in the unit and this was their first opportunity to familiarize themselves with this weapon. The mess was in charge of Lieut. Robert Bunch and Sgt. Walter Adams.

This encampment did not take the place of the annual encampment of all of the N. C. State Guard at Fort Bragg, but was ordered by Captain Marvin Wilson when the regular one was postponed because of infantile paralysis throughout the State.

P-40 Warhawk With 13 Japanese Flags Lands At Air Station

All eyes at the Marine Corps Air Station were turned the other day to the apron near the hangar, where a strange gray P-40 Warhawk with the Flying Tigers insignia and 13 Japanese flags on its side landed.

The ship bore the name of Col. Robert L. Scott, author of "God Is My Co-pilot," and was flown by Major T. P. Talley, an instructor at Orlando, Fla., in the U. S. Army Air Force School of Applied Tactics.

Col. Scott, original flyer of the ship while stationed in Orlando, was in command, directly under General Claire Chennault in China over the famous Flying Tigers.

Major Talley, a fighter pilot who has seen action abroad, made a smooth take-off and headed for his home base after an enjoyable visit with his brother, Lieut. James Talley of Squadron 813.

Jap Souvenirs Shown At Leggett & Davis

An interesting display in the window of Leggett & Davis Drug Store which is attracting a great deal of attention contains souvenirs from the Southwest Pacific battle area, sent home by some of Chowan County's boys who are on the heels of the Japs in that part of the world.

Among the souvenirs are a Jap sniper's gun, a gas mask, two Jap helmets, a sword and water flask. Aside from these souvenirs are attractive pictures of some of Chowan County's boys in foreign service.

Garments Shipped By Local Red Cross

75 Hospital Bedside Bags Made By Junior Red Cross

Chowan County Chapter of the Red Cross on Wednesday shipped 75 hospital bedside bags to Red Cross headquarters in Atlanta. These bags were made by Junior Red Cross members at both the white and colored schools in Edenton under the direction of the home economics teachers.

In addition to the above, 65 housewives were included in the shipment as well as 14 army mufflers and three helmets.

All of these items will be transferred by the Red Cross to the armed forces.

Family Hospital Fund Drive Nets \$2,376.96

Fourth of July Celebration Receipts Total \$1,229.48

Climaxed by the Fourth of July celebration in Edenton, the \$2,000 quota for the Family Hospital Association Fund at the Marine Corps Air Station was more than raised, figures released by Captain Melvin F. Griffin, welfare and recreation officer, showing that the several benefits held to raise the quota netted \$2,376.96. The actual amount taken in at the various affairs amounted to \$2,431.81, from which expenses was deducted in the amount of \$54.85.

Receipts in the drive up to the Fourth of July celebration amounted to \$1,229.48, and receipts during the celebration amounted to \$1,229.48, in which the cover girl contest led by turning in \$322.98. The baseball games came next with \$310, the boxing matches \$154 and \$132.50 at the dance. Advance combination tickets sold by Chief of Police J. R. Tanner totaled \$203, and advance combination tickets sold at the station amounted to \$107.

Officers at the base, as well as the Officers Wives Club, are very well pleased with the result of the drive and desire to extend their thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to its success.

Bond Drive At Base Amounted To \$28,481

As the result of a Navy and Marine bond drive at the Marine Corps Air Station from July 1 to 8, a total of \$28,481.25 was invested in war bonds.

Lieut. Mary Hamilton led the drive for MOTG-81, reporting a total of \$20,625 for the group.

Former Veterinarian Returning To Edenton

Captain Lester A. Deese, who before entering the armed forces, was a veterinarian in Chowan County, is expected to arrive in Edenton next Saturday. Captain Deese was discharged from the service, having been station veterinarian at Avon Park Army Air Field in Florida.

Purchase Of Bonds Continue To Mount In Chowan County

Series E Bonds Now Over Quota By Margin of \$12,000

Though Chowan County rached its quota in both E bonds and overall sales in the Fifth War Loan before the close of the drive on July 8, purchases since that time have continued, especially as to E bonds.

The county's quota in the E bond series was \$93,000, and up to Wednesday morning sales amounted to \$105,000, or \$12,000 above the quota. Emphasis has been placed on purchasing of E bonds, therefore J. G. Campen and D. M. Warren, co-chairmen of Chowan County's drive, are delighted over the county's response.

Willie Elliott Awarded Good Conduct Medal

It has just been announced by Major General Raymond G. Lehman's headquarters, 93rd Infantry Division, that the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty was awarded to Corporal Willie L. Elliott, son of Mrs. Annie D. Elliott, 127 West Freemason Street.

Corporal Elliott is wire corporal of his unit.

EDENTON BOY WRITES LETTER TO HERALD FROM HIS FOXHOLE ON ITALIAN FRONT

Casper Alexander Says Horrors of Cassino Battle Far Worse Than Pictured By Newspaper Correspondents on Scene

Pfc. Casper Alexander, writing from a foxhole in Italy, says he sends his sincere thanks and appreciation for receiving The Herald, which he says is a most welcome newspaper and which he hopes he will continue to receive.

"I've spent 17 months in overseas duty and would like very much to be at home again," wrote Alexander.

"In several letters I have received," his letter stated, "I am inclined to believe that the people do not believe what they read about the war in Italy, especially the battle for Cassino. I can't make myself believe that the people in Edenton are like that, however, after reading The Herald.

"I spent quite a while on the Cassino front, better known here as 'Hell's Half Acre.' What the news correspondents say about Cassino is true—terribly true. There's only one thing left to say and that is the news correspondents could tell only half of what they saw due to the U. S. Military censorship regulations.

"I was there and I've witnessed how tough it really is, but if I had not been there and someone told me about it, I admit that I hardly would have believed it either.

"It's no fun to see a soldier get hit by shell fragments. I've seen them hit and I've seen them die.

Eye Examination Clinic Scheduled To Be Held July 26

Preliminary Tests Will Be Made By Health Department

On Wednesday morning, July 26, beginning at 9 o'clock, an eye examination clinic will be held in the auditorium of the Edenton High School for the purpose of providing free eye examinations for those persons in Chowan County who are in need of eye examinations but who are not financially able to have them made by a private physician.

The North Carolina State Commission for the Blind has arranged for a licensed ophthalmologist to make the examinations and for a representative of a licensed optical company to be present to fill prescriptions for glasses. A medical social worker will make arrangements for eye operations to be performed at a later date if operative treatment is prescribed.

The Chowan County Health Department will give preliminary eye tests at the local office and will provide a nurse to assist with the clinic. The Chowan County Department of Public Welfare will investigate applications for clinic services and issue admission slips. The Edenton Lions Club will pay for a limited number of glasses for indigent persons.

All adults or children in Chowan who have reason to believe that they should have their eyes examined, and who can qualify for clinic services on a basis of financial need are urged to make application for admission slips at the local Welfare Office on or before Saturday July 22.

James W. Mitchener Expert 'Chute Rigger

Out of Large Number None Has Yet Failed To Open

Rigging parachutes is an exacting and responsible job, but Sergeant James W. Mitchener, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Mitchener, has packed more 'chutes than he can remember, none of which have failed to open when needed, according to information from an airdrome outfit attached to the Fifth Bomber Command at an advanced base in New Guinea.

A former student at the University of North Carolina, Sgt. Mitchener entered the Army in February, 1943. He attended parachute rigging school at Chanute Field, Alabama. He has been overseas for the past seven months.

Likelihood That Town Of Edenton's New Tax Rate Will Be Boosted To \$1.10

Idea Of Hospital For County Still Claims Attention

County-wide meeting at School House Held Friday Night

Chowan County's need for a hospital was again emphasized at a county-wide public meeting held Friday night in the Edenton High School auditorium, when a goodly number of the members of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association and other interested persons attended.

J. W. Davis, chairman of the committee working in the interest of a hospital, presided over the meeting, during which he called upon W. J. Taylor and D. M. Warren to discuss the matter of a hospital.

Both speakers presented convincing argument in favor of a hospital, the gist of their remarks being that wholehearted cooperation is needed in order to go after and secure a hospital as well as other things of benefit to the county.

Marines Lose Ten Inning Game Sunday To Naval Air Station

Former Chicago Cub Pitcher, Knocks In Winning Run

Baseball fans were treated to a fine exhibition Sunday afternoon on Hicks Field when the Edenton Marines and the Naval Air Station of Elizabeth City battled for 10 innings, with the visitors managing to tuck under their belts a 2-1 victory. Both teams played a splendid brand of ball, in fact, one of the best played games on the local diamond this season.

On the mound for the visitors was Cantrell, former Chicago Cub pitcher, who was touched for nine safe hits. Cantrell, however, won his own game when, with a man on third base in the tenth inning, he slashed a hard single into left field, scoring what proved to be the winning run.

Joe Blow, pitching for the Marines, gave up only five hits, going the entire route.

Fearus, star catcher for the Marines, was injured during the game while he and First Baseman Fasiak collided in an effort to catch a foul ball. He was replaced by Lonergan.

Two Local Boys Back From New Guinea

Two Chowan County boys, E. L. Hollowell, Jr., and Johnnie Harrell, are now home on a furlough after over two years in Australia and New Guinea. Hollowell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hollowell and Harrell a son of Ben Harrell.

Both young men were among the first to leave Edenton at the outbreak of the war, having been members of the Ambulance Company of the National Guard when it was mustered into the regular army.

Red Men Install New Officers Monday Night

New officers were installed for a six-month term at the meeting of Chowan Tribe of Red Men Monday night, the ceremony being performed by Raleigh Hollowell, deputy Great Sachem for the tribe.

Officers installed were: W. C. Hollowell, prophet; Herbert Baker, sachem; L. A. Bunch, junior sagamore, and M. M. Perry, junior sagamore.

Colored Births Lead White During June

Colored births led in Chowan County during June, the vital statistics report by the local Health Department showing 10 colored births compared with seven white births.

Two white people died during the month, while there was only one colored death reported.

Councilmen Worry Over Figures Until After Midnight

MEET AGAIN

Effort Will Be Made to Juggle Figures Calling For \$1.00 Rate

Unless the complexion of Edenton's proposed 1944-45 budget is changed at a joint meeting of Town Council and the Board of Public Works at a called meeting this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, the town's tax rate will be at least \$1.10 per hundred dollar property valuation. This figure was arrived at Tuesday night at Town Council's meeting, when W. M. Wilkins, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented anticipated expenditures for the year, which compared with anticipated revenue.

The meeting, as was expected, was long, lasting until well past the midnight hour, but rather than adopt the increased rate, it was decided first to meet with the Board of Public Works in an effort to keep the same rate as last year, which was \$1.00.

According to Mr. Wilkins' figures, an appropriation of \$8,000 is anticipated from the Board of Public Works. Including this item of revenue, expenses have increased so that to maintain the \$1.00 rate additional revenue of \$3,500 must be forthcoming. It is for the purpose of considering increasing the Board of Public Works' appropriation to \$11,500 instead of \$8,000 that the special meeting for this afternoon is called.

As usual, original figures were pared, for at first proposed expenditures would have required a rate of at least \$1.15. But as item after item was discussed, enough was cut here and there to bring the rate to \$1.10.

A \$1.00 rate has been in effect for the greater part of the last 10 years. In 1935 the rate was \$1.15, going to \$1.00 in 1936. It stood at \$1.00 every year until 1941, when it was dropped to 95 cents. In 1942 it was put back to \$1.00 and, of course, the same rate applied to the fiscal year ending June 30 of this year.

In the proposed new budget provision is made for a five per cent increase in salary for all town employees. It also provides for \$10 per month as differential in salary for a night police sergeant, who will be in charge of police at night and who will be directly responsible to Chief of Police J. R. Tanner. Another new item is an appropriation of \$20 per month as janitor salary for the Fire Station and Municipal Building with the understanding that this work is to be done by the two regular firemen, both the salary and duration.

Watermelon Crop Begins To Move

Five Boats In Edenton Harbor Up to Tuesday Night

Chowan County's watermelon crop began moving this week, when the first boat was loaded Monday at the county dock. Five boats were in the harbor up to Tuesday afternoon and movement of melons is expected to begin in earnest the latter part of this and the first part of next week.

According to County Agent C. W. Overman, there is a fair crop of watermelons, and while the yield has been reduced in some instances due to lack of rain, the quality is said to be excellent.

Raymond Ward Wins Marksmanship Trophy

Private Raymond A. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Ward, now a member of Company A of the 89th Chemical Battalion at Camp Carson, Colo., was awarded the "Battalion Marksmanship Trophy" for making the highest score in the battalion with the U. S. rifle M-1.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Wilson, Commanding General of the Chemical Warfare Center, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., presented the awards last Wednesday to the four men making the highest scores in the contest.