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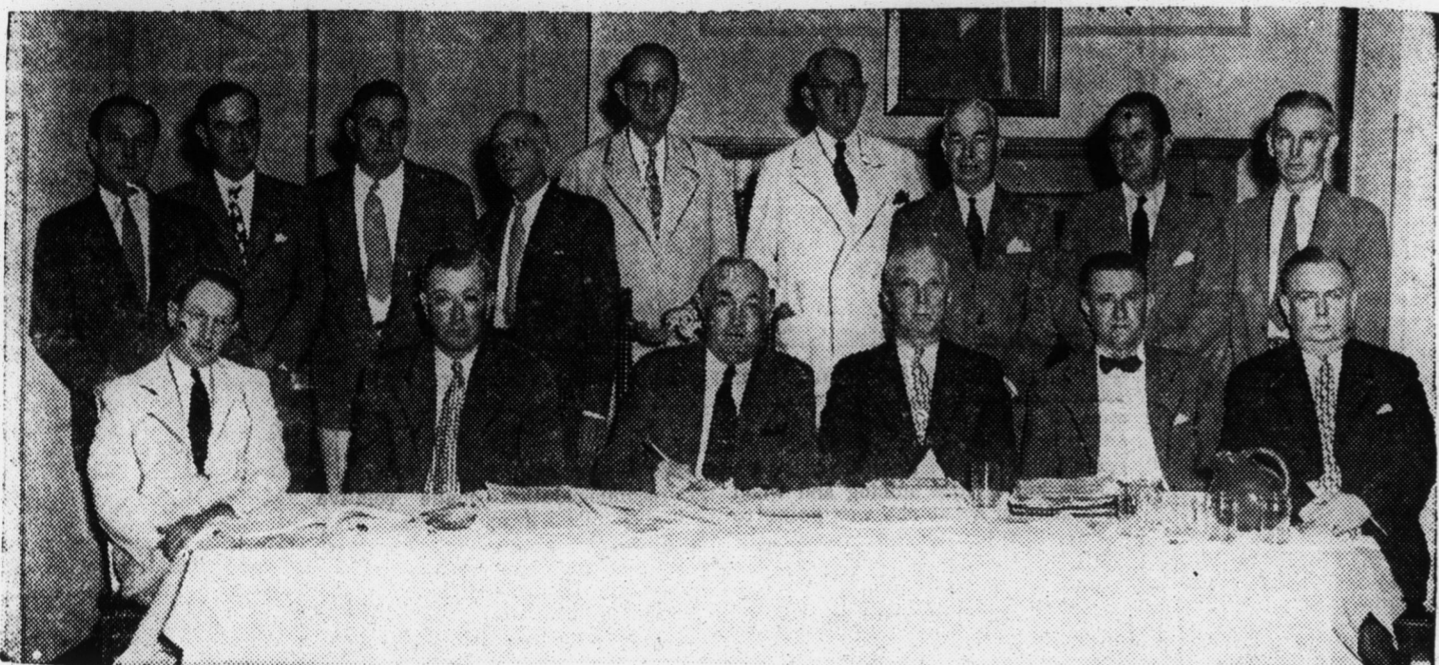
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## County Takes Polio Precautions



CONSERVATION BOARD MEMBERS AT ASHEVILLE CONFERENCE—Members of the State Board of Conservation and Development are shown in the photograph taken in the Langren Hotel, where the two-day meeting of the Board was held last week. Seated, left to right, are: Irving Hall of Raleigh, chairman of the Division of Commerce and Industry; J. H. Doughton of Statesville, chairman of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries; Josh L. Horne of Rocky Mount, vice chairman of the Board; R. Bruce Etheridge of Mantoloking, director; Carrol Rogers of Tryon, chairman of the Division of Mineral Resources, and Roy Hampton of Plymouth, of the Division of Commercial Fisheries. Standing, from left to right, are: R. H. Holland of Wilmington; Lee B. Weathers of Shelby; Oscar Preece of Statesville; Harry Bailey of Spruce Pine; Wilbur Bunn of Raleigh; Charles H. Jenkins of Aulander, of the Department of Commercial Fisheries and Parks and Forests; Carl Hudson of Morgan; Richard Tufts of Pinehurst, and W. J. Dantoft of Asheville. (Photograph courtesy of The Asheville Times.)

### LIEUT. EDMUND FOREHAND WRITES ABOUT OPENING BATTLES FOR ISLAND OF SAIPAN

Edenton Boy In Charge of Group of Negro Marines Experiences Horrors of Saipan's "Blood and Dust"

Lieutenant Edmund C. Forehand, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Forehand, was in charge of a group of Negro Marines in the battle of Saipan in the Pacific, quite an interesting account of the opening battles of which was written to his wife, the former Judy Duke of Lake Shore, Mo. The account appeared in a recent issue of a Springfield, Mo., newspaper and is reprinted for the benefit of Herald readers.

"The trip on the water was long and everyone got restless. We had a little excitement now and then when we would contact a submarine. The destroyers would start dashing all over the place and as each depth charge would go off you could feel the shock all over the ship. When we were one day out they told us where we were headed, and we were busy once again breaking up the maps and models of the island of Saipan (pronounced Sa-Epan). In other words, we got all the hot dope on the island.

"Well, the great day arrives—'D-Day,' June 15, 1944. The sun is just coming up and out there sticking out of the middle of the ocean is the peaceful (it looked like that then) little island of Saipan. As soon as the sun gets up good, the battleships, cruisers, destroyers and planes open up with all they have and keep it up for three hours. Honestly, the smoke was so thick you couldn't see your hand before your face, much less the island. When the naval barrage was over it was hard to conceive that there could possibly be a human still alive on the Jap infested trap.

"The first wave goes in . . . and

then the second. All this time we are out in the landing boats awaiting our turn to go ashore. We see some of our planes go down in flames and everyone has fingers crossed for the pilot. Then the word comes over our radio that the Japs have let the first two waves pass over them and are now coming out of their dugouts and are shooting them in the back. The Japs have withheld their fire, but are now opening up with all they have. The first two waves are yelling for reinforcements. The third and fourth waves are going in now, and we are transferring to amphibious tractors as we have to cross a coral reef about three hundred yards off-shore and the boats can't cross it. We get the word and the fifth wave starts ashore. I pass the word along to fix bayonets and 'lock and load.' I then pass the word to hand out the hand grenades. A million things are going through my mind now. . . . Judy. . . . Mother. . . . I hope the men haven't forgotten what I tried to teach them. . . . Boy! I wish I were still on the ship. . . . A big drink wouldn't be bad now. . . . I hope my ammunition is dry. . . . I wonder how the boys in the first four waves are doing. . . .

"A string of machine gun bullets comes close to the tractor and the boys try to get down even further. A mortar shell comes close and a piece of shrapnel lands in the tractor. . . . no damage done. Everyone is soaking wet now as we are slapping the waves hard. We hit the reef and the jolt throws the men on the deck. I know we haven't far to go now. The men are getting tense

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### Woodrow Berry Killed In Action While In France

Eleventh Chowan County Boy Reported Lost In Present War

Another Chowan County boy, Private Woodrow Berry, is reported to have lost his life in the present war. Young Berry was a member of the Medical Corps, entering the Army in September, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Barkley, Texas, and was transferred to England in March.

Information that he lost his life was received by his wife, who lives at Arlington, Va., a telegram from the War Department briefly stating that he was killed in France on June 22.

### Chas. H. Jenkins Sees Opportunity For Cattle Raising

Returns From Meeting Of Board of Conservation and Development

Chas. H. Jenkins of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development returned this week from Asheville, North Carolina, where he attended the mid-summer meeting of the Board.

It is expected that after the war, (Continued on Page Two)

### Killed In France



WOODROW BERRY Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Berry, Edenton, Route 3, learned Sunday that their son, Private Woodrow Berry, a member of the U. S. Army Medical Corps, was killed in action June 22, while stationed in France. He is Chowan County's eleventh boy to be reported killed or missing in action.

### Lions - Rotarians Name Committees To Collect Paper

Two Groups Will Meet To Set Date and Make Plans

Both the Rotary and Lions Clubs have appointed committees with the purpose in mind of staging a waste paper drive in Edenton in the hope that many newspapers and magazines will be collected which are now stored away in homes.

The idea of a drive to be sponsored by the two civic clubs was recently presented by J. Edwin Bufflap, county salvage chairman, in response to urging on the part of Governor J. M. Broughton and State salvage officials to collect all available paper to bolster the serious shortage now facing the nation.

W. E. Malone, president of the Lions Club, on Monday night appointed L. S. Byrum, Lieut.-Col. Chester Peters and T. C. Byrum as a committee to cooperate in the drive. H. A. Campen, president of the Rotary Club, appointed David Holton and J. Edwin Bufflap as a committee from the Rotary club and these two committees will meet possibly before the week is out in order to set a date for the paper collection, as well as make other plans in connection with the drive.

### Posthumous Award Of Purple Heart For Wm. I. Cozzens, Jr.

Mother Received Award As Well as Memorial From President

Mrs. William I. Cozzens has just received the Purple Heart, awarded posthumously to her son, Private First Class William I. Cozzens, who was killed in action with the U. S. Army in France on June 16.

The irony of the award, however, is the fact that it was addressed to Mr. William I. Cozzens, Sr., who has died since his son was killed in action in France.

The award was accompanied by a letter from Secretary of War Henry H. Stimson, who said:

"At the request of the President, I write to inform you that the Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to your son, Private First (Continued on page five)

### TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS ORDINANCE TO HELP CURB GROWING DOG NUISANCE

Faced with complaints about dogs for several months, Town Council at its meeting Tuesday night adopted an ordinance in the hope that many stray dogs will be eliminated and that those who desire to own dogs will purchase the proper license and have the dogs vaccinated.

Under the ordinance, police are charged with the responsibility to pick up stray or dangerous dogs with arrangements being made with Dr. L. A. Deese, veterinarian, to impound such dogs for not longer than one week. If the dogs so impounded at the expiration of that time are not claimed by the owners, such dogs will either be sold to responsible parties or killed.

Under the arrangement made between the Town and Dr. Deese, a charge will be made of 50 cents a day for feed and care, which must be paid to him by the owner of a dog before it is released. In event dogs are obliged to be killed, the Town will pay Dr. Deese the charges accumulated.

The dog ordinance makes further provision relative to the barking at night nuisance, which has caused no end of complaint. One section of the ordinance reads:

"It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to keep or maintain on any premises or lot any dog or dogs that through loud and habitual barking, or in any manner, constitutes a neighborhood or public nuisance. Failure to abate such nuisance after warning from the Chief of Police or his authorized representative shall be punishable by a fine of five dollars."

The ordinance which has 10 sections, fully covers the dog situation and provision is made that any person interfering with any officer, or person deputized by the Chief of Police, in the execution of his duties

### Schools Postpone Opening Also Sunday Schools And Other Meetings Called Off

W. J. Taylor Is Appointed School Attendance Officer

Job Created to Reduce Thousands of Absentees Every Year

W. J. Taylor was, on Monday, appointed by the County Commissioners as school attendance or truant officer for Chowan County. Provision was made in the county's budget for the office at the July meeting, when school officials called the Commissioners' attention to the fact that during the school year in Edenton there were 10,000 absences, about half of which were unnecessary, and that a proportionate number of absences occurred in the county unit.

It was also pointed out that these absences not only retard school children, but that it is costly in that the facilities are at hand for teaching and are not being fully used.

The Commissioners fixed the salary for a truant officer at \$600 per year and mileage not to exceed \$200. Mr. Taylor accepted the position, promising that he will do the very best he can in an effort to eliminate unnecessary school absences. It was also understood by Mr. Taylor and the Commissioners that his time should be devoted there necessary and that because he is county superintendent no preference should be made for any particular school.

In connection with the appointment of a truant officer, Thomas Cheers, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Edenton administrative unit, appeared before the Commissioners urging that whoever is appointed, it should not be a part-time or secondary job, but rather because of the importance of having children in school, the appointment should be made on a full time basis. Mr. Cheers addressed the Commissioners early during the meeting, but later Mr. Taylor was appointed in connection with his regular duties.

Outbreak of Disease at Front Door of Chowan County

BERTIE NEAREST

Board of Health Takes Drastic Action Friday at Meeting

With cases of infantile paralysis being reported in Bertie, Hyde and Beaufort Counties, the Chowan County Board of Health in a meeting held Friday afternoon took definite steps to take precautions to prevent the development of any cases in the county. Present at the meeting were Dr. W. S. Griffin, acting chairman; Dr. R. H. Vaughan, Mayor Leroy Haskett and W. J. Taylor. Meeting with these members also were Dr. McIver Jackson, county health officer, and W. H. Powell, district venereal control officer.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to consider a letter from the State Board of Health recommending delaying the opening of schools until the middle of September on account of the poliomyelitis outbreak in the various counties of the State and other sections of the country. The recommendation was thoroughly discussed, after which a motion was made by Dr. Vaughan and seconded by Mayor Leroy Haskett that the County Board of Education and the Edenton Board of Trustees abide by the recommendation of the State Board by postponement of the date of school opening until such time as the State Board will recommend the schools opening. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Board of Health also recommended that newspaper publication be made from time to time of any information that would be of benefit to the general public relative to the poliomyelitis outbreak.

After much discussion, it was the opinion of the Board that children under the age of 16 should be prohibited from theatres and similar places of amusements, because 90 percent of the cases in the State is in the group under 16 years of age, and since other counties are taking such action upon the recommendation of the State Board of Health, a resolution was subsequently passed that all children be prohibited from all theatres and similar places of amusement in the county.

Another motion was made which had to do with church assemblies. The outbreak of the poliomyelitis in the State is on the increase and the disease is so serious the State Board of Health felt that the situation should be called to the attention of (Continued on Page Two)

### Mrs. Gladysteen Pait Lions Club Speaker

County Health Nurse Presents Facts About Infantile Paralysis

Mrs. Gladysteen Pait, county health nurse, was the principal speaker at the Lions Club meeting Monday night, when she presented very timely remarks relative to infantile paralysis. Mrs. Pait told about the nature of the disease now on a rampage in North Carolina, as well as precautions considered necessary in order to prevent its spread.

Two new members were added to the club, these being Lieut.-Col W. E. Sweetser, commanding officer of MOTG-81 at the Marine Corps Air Station, and John L. Goodwin.

R. C. Holland was appointed to have charge of next week's program.

### Lonnie Lane Wounded Fighting In France

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lane have been informed by the War Department that their son, Pfc. Lonnie Lane, was slightly wounded while in action in France. Young Lane, a member of the infantry of the Fifth Division, was wounded July 11.