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Board Of Health Tightens Grip On Preventing Any Gatherings Due To Polio

Carnival Scheduled For This Week Has Been Called Off

SPECIAL MEETING

Signs Displayed Barring Children Under 16 Years of Age

Though no cases of infantile paralysis have developed in Chowan County, the Chowan County Board of Health tightened its grip in preventing gatherings in the county as a precaution. The Board held another meeting Thursday afternoon of Health tightened its grip in preventing shows, circuses and carnivals appearing in Edenton during the outbreak of poliomyelitis.

The meeting materialized following the announcement that a carnival was scheduled to be held in Edenton this week, sponsored by the Chowan Tribe of Red Men. Some of the carnival equipment had already arrived on Hicks Field, but Sherman Husted, manager of the Central Amusement Company, was contacted and informed that the Board of Health contemplated taking action which would prevent staging the carnival. Mr. Husted said he wanted to cooperate in any way possible and subsequently cancelled the engagement. He, however, said he hoped he would be able to present his group of entertainments as soon as the ban on gatherings is lifted.

At Thursday's meeting the Board of Health also unanimously passed a motion to the effect that all public places be authorized to display placards or signs prohibiting children under 16 years of age. These signs were hurriedly printed and are now being placed at practically every public place in Edenton.

The Board of Health advises that children under 16 years of age should not gather on the streets or in any place where a crowd would result. It urges the public to use all precautions possible in order to prevent the spread of the disease, discouraging crowds and gatherings of all kinds, both for children and for adults.

Present at Thursday's meeting were Dr. W. S. Griffin, Dr. R. H. Vaughan, Mayor Leroy Haskett and W. J. Taylor.

Former Chowan Boy Is Killed In France

Willis Nixon, Driver of Tank, Loses His Life In Action

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Nixon of Coleman, former residents of Chowan County, received a telegram Sunday that their son, Willis Nixon, had been killed in action in France.

Young Nixon was 24 years old and was a tank driver. He has two other brothers in the service, Ray being stationed in France, and Russell being a member of the Merchant Marine.

Freddie Byrum Breaks Arm In Bicycle Accident

Little Freddie Byrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rodney Byrum, had the misfortune to fall from his bicycle Monday night, breaking his left arm at the elbow. The boy was taken to the Elizabeth City Hospital, where he was reported resting as well as could be expected Wednesday.

Pot Luck Luncheon By Officers Wives Club

On Friday afternoon, members of the Officers' Wives Club are planning to stage a pot luck luncheon at the Officers' Club, when every member is asked to bring the "eats" covered dish. The affair is in charge of Mrs. L. A. Patterson, and a deal of interest is being taken in the unique luncheon.

SERVICES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING
Services will be held in the Presbyterian Church on East Queen Street Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., will deliver the sermon and invites the public to attend.

Free Polio Leaflets

At the office of the local Health Department, on the second floor of the Bank of Edenton Building, 500 leaflets have been received containing timely and valuable information pertaining to infantile paralysis.

These polio leaflets will be given to anyone calling for them, and it is the hope of health officials that many citizens will call for one in order to be better informed about this disease which is now on a rampage in the State.

Telegram Confirms Marvin Alexander Killed In Action

Parents Previously Notified He Was Reported Missing

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Alexander received a telegram late last week from the War Department stating their son, Pfc. Marvin R. Alexander, was killed in action in the European war area.

The parents of young Alexander, who was only 19 years old, were notified in May that he was missing since April 28, thus the latest telegram puts an end to hopes entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander and friends of their son that he was still alive.

War Dogs Stationed At Local Air Station

Trained to Patrol Perimeter of Edenton Base

War dogs are now stationed at the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station and are being used to patrol the perimeter of the station. Area 72, the receiving barracks, is restricted to all enlisted and officer personnel with the exception of the Coast Guard, who are in charge of training and caring for the dogs.

John 'Monk' Hollowell Sends Home Souvenirs Taken From Germans

John H. (Monk) Hollowell, son of Walter Hollowell, last week sent home some interesting "souvenirs" from Italy. Young Hollowell, a paratrooper, was in charge of some German prisoners and relieved them of a large watch and a number of German coins, which were received Friday.

"Monk's" father is proudly displaying the souvenirs and plans to have them placed in the Leggett & Davis window with other pictures and souvenirs sent back home by Chowan County boys from the various battlefronts.

Melvin Ray Miller Home On Furlough From North Africa

Melvin Ray Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller, arrived home Sunday after 24 months overseas. Young Miller was a member of an amphibious force and saw action in North Africa, where he was stationed. He is on a two weeks' furlough, after which he will report to a base somewhere in the States.

Pastor Of Methodist Church On Vacation

Th Rev. H. F. Surratt, pastor of the Methodist Church, has been granted a month's vacation by the Board of Stewards. Arrangements will be made for services, however, and Mr. Surratt announces that Chaplain Gorge Wheeler will preach in the church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Chaplain Wheeler's subject will be "The Woman That Got Her Man."

Chas. Wood Takes Leading Part In Sinking Jap Vessel

Edenton Pilot Drops Depth Charges In Lieu of Bombs

Lieut. Charles H. Wood, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood, has been cited for his part in sinking a 2000-ton Jap cargo vessel near Saipan.

According to the Associated Press story, Lieut. Wood was flying an Avenger torpedo bomber which was equipped with only depth charges for use against submarines, when they were assigned to anti-submarine patrol duty around their task force.

Unexpectedly they sighted the Jap ship, whereupon Lieut. Wood dropped depth charges which landed so near the enemy vessel that it was damaged to such extent that its speed was considerably reduced and went out of control. Lieut. Wood and the pilot of a Hellcat, Lieut. Bruce Barackman, of Meadville, Pa., continued to strafe the Jap vessel at the waterline until another Avenger equipped with bombs arrived, piloted by John Middleton, Jr., of Amarillo, Texas, when a hit was made which blew off the bow. The damaged vessel rolled over and was subsequently sunk by destroyers that rushed to the scene and picked up 112 survivors.

Mailing Period Set For Christmas Gifts For Boys Overseas

Packages Must Be In Mail Between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker now urges saving of strong string and box material and planning for mailing Christmas gifts to Army and Navy personnel overseas.

This year the Christmas mailing period for both Army and Navy overseas forces is the same—September 15 to October 15. After October 15 no gift parcel may be mailed to a soldier without the presentation of a written request from him.

The great demands upon shipping and the need for giving preference to arms, munitions, medicine and food is the prime reason for the early mailing date. Moreover, gift parcels must travel great distances to reach Army and Navy personnel who are located at remote points, and frequently the transfer of large numbers to new stations necessitates forwarding of the packages and additional time is required.

Among the more important rules for Christmas mailings to the armed forces overseas are the following:

The parcel must not exceed five pounds, and must not be more than 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. It should be marked "Christmas Parcel" so that it may be given special attention to assure its arrival before December 25.

Not more than one parcel may be mailed in any one week to the same member of the armed forces by or in behalf of the same mailer.

When combination packages are (Continued on Page Two)

Meiggs Not Giving Up Paper Collection

Error Appeared Due to Failure To Verify Information

It was erroneously stated in last week's issue of The Herald that R. L. Meiggs had discontinued collection of paper on Wednesday afternoons. As a matter of fact, The Herald's editor learned that Mr. Meiggs had offered to sell his paper baler and knowing that he has been overworked of late, it was taken for granted that he was giving up the paper collection, but it was intended to verify the story before it was printed.

However, the editor of The Herald is also one of those who has more to do than can be done, therefore in the rush to get to press, getting in contact with Mr. Meiggs was neglected.

Mr. Meiggs has been doing a good job of collecting paper and the error is greatly regretted.

Murriel Hurdle Is Reported Killed In Action In France

Edenton Boy Twelfth Casualty From Chowan County

Another Edenton boy, Murriel Hurdle, has lost his life in the present war, his mother, Mrs. Talleu Hurdle, being notified by the War Department Monday that her son was killed in action in France on July 28.

Young Hurdle was 19 years old and entered the Army on October 28, 1943. After training in the infantry, he was sent overseas on March 16.

The young man graduated from Edenton High School in 1941, and while in school won quite a reputation as a pitcher on the baseball team. He was a very quiet and unassuming boy and before entering the Army was a clerk in Leggett & Davis Drug Store, where he was very popular among a large number of customers.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Talleu Hurdle, widow of the late R. W. Hurdle; three sisters, Mrs. Wayland Bateman, Misses Sara and Elizabeth Hurdle, and a brother, Horace Hurdle.

Coast Guard Dogs Perform Sunday At Baseball Park

Splendid Demonstration Put on Prior to Baseball Game

Those who appeared at the baseball diamond before game time last Sunday afternoon were treated to a rare demonstration when a show was put on by 20 Coast Guard dogs prior to the baseball game between the Marines and the Patrol Plane Base of Elizabeth City.

After the field was cleared and everybody required to occupy seats in the grandstand the dogs, together with the men in charge of them, gave a splendid demonstration of drilling. The dogs, apparently understanding the orders, performed in a soldier-like manner much to the surprise and delight of the spectators.

Following the drilling, a demonstration was also given in which the dogs went through the act of attacking a man. The "victim" wore a heavy shield over the arm as the dogs viciously attacked, giving the spectators a vivid idea of the way the dogs are used in defense activities.

At the conclusion of the demonstration a round of applause was given in appreciation for the splendid exhibition. The dogs were sent here from Port Royal, Va., and will remain at the local base.

Variety Show In Making At Base

Two Presentations Are Planned Some Time In September

A variety show made up of talent at the Marine Corps Air Station is now in the making and is scheduled to be presented some time in September, both at the Base and in the Edenton High School, assisted by the USO.

The title of the show has not been determined and at present a contest is in progress to secure a name. Suggested names will be received until noon next Saturday.

Party Celebrating Women Reserves At Air Station One Year

Tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, a party will be held at the Marine Corps Air Station in honor of 116 Women Reserves who have been at the Edenton base for one year. Quite an elaborate affair is planned which will be held in the barn and is expected to be attended by all of the "old-timers."

First Lieutenant Jeanne K. Roberts and Second Lieutenants Gloria S. Andreas, Cecelia Vanden Bossche and Doris Ann Neely are the oldest WRs in point of service at the Edenton base.

Legionnaires Join Lions And Rotarians In Paper Drive Thursday, Aug. 24

New Service

Captain W. R. Cunningham, Post Exchange Officer at the Marine Corps Air Station, is anxious to be of service to service people in securing living quarters in or near Edenton, and has arranged to list available rooms, apartments and houses at the base.

For that reason, he will greatly appreciate it if anyone in Edenton or vicinity will inform him of any vacancies. This information will be of convenience to landlords as well as to those coming to Edenton who desire places to live. No charge is made for this listing.

R. C. Holland Talks To Lions About Post War Farm Project

Exclusive War Picture Will Be Shown at Next Meeting

R. C. Holland was the principal speaker at the Lions Club meeting Monday night, when he expressed keen interest in postwar conditions on the farm, directing his remarks principally to vocational training for boys, whereby they would be less dependent on outside help to cope with various farm problems. As the result of his remarks, a committee was appointed to work in the interest of postwar farm problems, the committee being Mr. Holland, T. C. Byrum and W. W. Byrum.

During the meeting Oscar Duncan, retiring president, was presented with a past president's pin and President W. E. Malone was given a president's pin. The pins were presented by Secretary W. J. Taylor.

Five guests attended the meeting, and Captain L. A. Patterson was added as a new member of the Club, being presented by Dr. Wallace Griffin.

Next week's program will be in charge of Lieut.-Col. Chester J. Peters, who plans to present an exclusive war picture which should be of particular interest to the Club, and for that reason President Malone is urging a 100 per cent attendance.

C. Of C. Meeting In Yeopim Section On Next Friday Night

Interesting Program In Prospect For All Who Attend

A meeting sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association will be held at the Yeopim school house on Friday night at 8 o'clock, War Time. Practically all of the residents in the section have been notified and urged to attend this meeting, which is another of the county meetings planned by the organization.

Though Secretary Marvin Wilson could not announce the speakers for the occasion, he promised an interesting program for all who attend. A request was also made for many present members to be on hand for the meeting in order to continue and create more interest in the organization.

Sgt. John P. Morgan Returns Home After Two Years Overseas

Master Sergeant John Paul Morgan, son of Charlie S. Morgan, and a member of the U. S. Army Air Forces, arrived Friday on a furlough after almost two years of overseas duty.

M-Sgt Morgan, who enlisted in March 1940, was a communications chief with an AAF bombardment group. He served his foreign tour of duty in the European theater.

Teams Chosen to Make Canvass of Every House

START AT 2 P. M.

Stores Requested to Close For Hour During Collection

Next Thursday, August 24, has been designated for a drive to secure paper from homes, the drive being sponsored by Rotarians, Lions, Legionnaires and a number of volunteers not members of these organizations. At a meeting of the Rotary and Lions committees held Friday of last week, Ed Bond Post of the American Legion was invited to participate and J. L. Chestnutt, commander of the Post, readily agreed to join in the drive.

It is hoped that as the result of the drive a great quantity of paper will be secured from homes where it is now stored and is of no more use. To this end housewives are particularly urged to make a search of their homes and contribute all paper possible.

A list of members of the various organizations has been secured, together with a group of other volunteers, who will be arranged in teams of two, and these teams will not only canvass the entire town, but will call at every home in an effort to secure paper.

Arrangements have been made with R. L. Meiggs to buy the paper collected, therefore, if there are any rural citizens who want to dispose of paper they may take it to Mr. Meiggs' warehouse in North Edenton and it will be credited to the organizations sponsoring the drive.

To aid in collecting the paper, housewives are urged to place it on their porches, tied in bundles to facilitate handling. The paper should be put out shortly after noon, for under arrangements the collection will begin about 2 o'clock, or shortly thereafter.

According to salvage officials, paper is the most vital material needed at present in the war effort, and while Chowan County has been securing no small amount lately, it is hoped that with the cooperation of housewives in next week's drive, the total will be materially boosted.

R. L. Meiggs has been making collections each Wednesday afternoon, which will be continued despite a statement to the contrary appearing (Continued on Page Four)

New Patrolman For Police Department

Reginald Rayper Succeeds Joseph Northcott, Resigned

Reginald B. Rayper has been added to the Edenton Police Department succeeding Joseph Northcott, who recently resigned. Mr. Rayper began his new duties late last week, when he was chosen from a large number of replies to an advertisement placed in the News and Observer by Mayor Leroy Haskett.

The new patrolman comes from Savannah, Ga., where he was a member of the police force and later was made sergeant of the guards at the Southeastern Shipbuilding Corporation. Later he operated a hotel in Savannah, which he sold July 1 of this year.

Mr. Rayper is married and has two sons, 13 and 14. He comes highly recommended by former employers and splendid references from prominent people in Savannah. He is a Baptist and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Though in Edenton a very short time, Mr. Rayper likes the town and is very anxious to secure a house so that he can move his family here before school starts.

Rocky Mount Rector Preaches At St. Paul's

The Rev. Gray Temple, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Rocky Mount, conducted a service in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday morning. A goodly number was present to hear the visitor and after a splendid sermon Holy Communion was administered.