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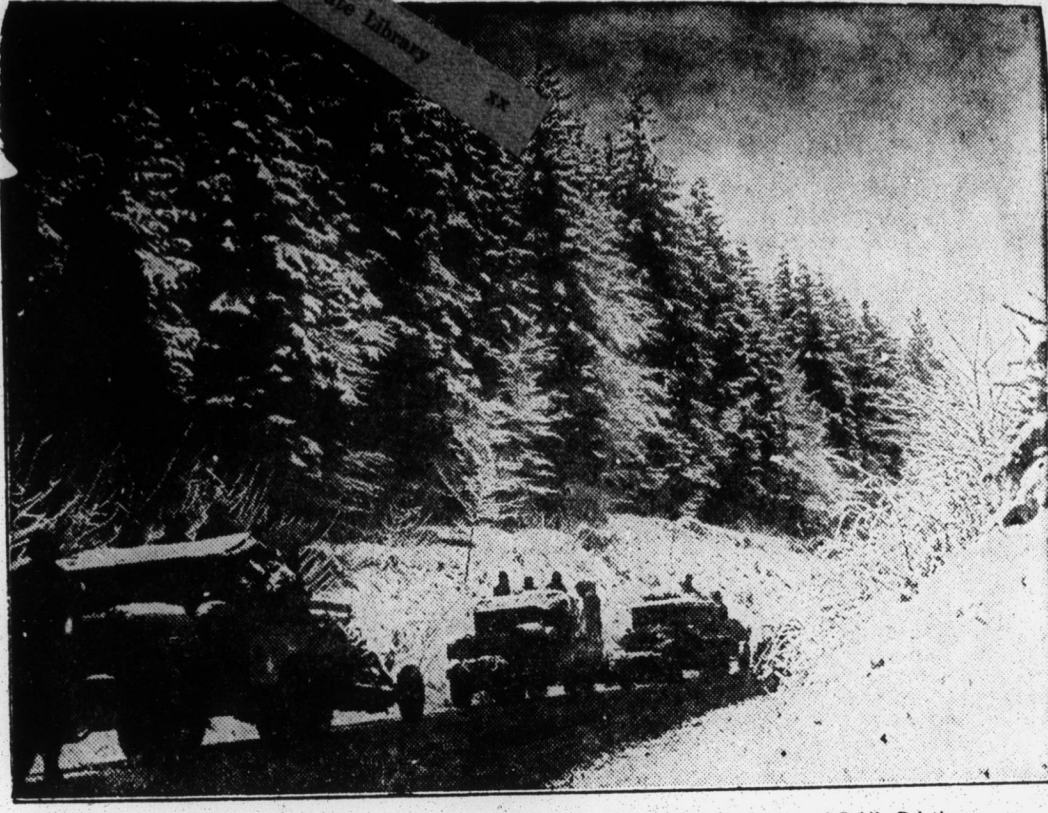
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WINTER FIGHT IN BELGIUM—Part of a U. S. Army convoy moving to the front line in Belgium stops for rest in a beautiful snow-covered valley. The men are reinforcements for units in front lines holding back the German counter thrust.

FUEL SHORTAGE IN EDENTON NOW ACUTE; PRICE PANEL AFTER CONSIDERING MATTER ALLOWS SOME BOOSTS IN PRICE OF WOOD

Dealers Ask 50-Cent Increase to Offset Cost Of Supplies

COAL SHORT

Farmers Asked to Cut And Sell Wood In Emergency

That an acute fuel shortage exists in Edenton was emphasized at a meeting held Saturday afternoon by W. W. Byrum, chairman of the local Price Panel of the local War Price and Rationing Board, at which members of the recently appointed Solid Fuels Committee were invited. Because of the limited coal shipments, sales have been reduced to half a ton per family, which, naturally, results in a greater demand for wood. Wood, too, is scarce, the principal reason advanced being that labor is not available to cut wood.

At the meeting a request on the part of one wood dealer to increase the price of wood was considered, in this particular case the source of supply being in competition with Suffolk, where, it was reported, a higher price is being offered than that paid by the local concern.

The situation was reason for no little concern and, after deliberating at some length, it was decided to have all wood dealers meet with the Price Panel Monday night to determine if it was actually necessary to raise the price of wood in order to realize a profit.

This meeting was held and wood dealers present included Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Leroy Barrow, John Habit, T. C. Cross, Raymond Williams and Herbert Brewer.

Chairman Byrum discussed with the dealers the shortage of wood supply and asked for reasons why they are unable to secure wood at (Continued on Page Five)

Got Any?

With the new USO Club on North Broad Street equipped with a spacious cloak room, Director Abe Martin reports the need for a quantity of coat hangers. He will appreciate any number of hangers which may be contributed and asks that they be brought to the USO Club as soon as possible.

Mr. Martin also states that frequently service people desire to play stringed instruments while at the Club, therefore, any one who is willing to loan a guitar, ukulele, or banjo should contact him.

Dance At Base Honors Volunteer Workers On Recreational Project

A special dance for volunteer workers on the recreational project at the Marine Corps Air Station was held Wednesday night in the Synthetic Training Building. Music for the affair was furnished by the Service Force Atlantic Fleet Orchestra from the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk, Va.

Marines shovelled, hammered, sawed and painted for weeks so that Athol House, tennis courts and bowling alleys gradually rounded into realization for the benefit of those stationed at the Base. Every squadron in the group was represented by these volunteer workers, who have been highly praised for their efforts.

PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

Sanford A. Forehand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver J. Forehand, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant. Sgt. Forehand is a squad leader in the 102nd Infantry Division, now overseas.

Sale Auto License Plates In Edenton 176 Over Last Year

Increase In State Also Reported By Carolina Motor Club

Miss Goldie Layton, local manager of the Carolina Motor Club, states that automobile license plate sales in Edenton show an increase of 176 over the same period last year. Sales to Tuesday were 4,215, as compared with 4,039 during 1944.

"Latest figures available on the sale of 1945 State license plates show a State-wide increase of 6,073 over the same period last year," according to Coleman W. Roberts, president of the Carolina Motor Club. Total sales for 1945 through the 10th of January were 354,338, as compared with 348,265 for the same period in 1944.

Mr. Roberts stated: "that this is the 21st year the Club has handled the distribution of license plates for the State, and all this time the State has not lost one cent due to bad checks or other causes; whereas, prior to this arrangement, the State one year alone was holding bad checks for many thousands of dollars. License plates are available at more places in North Carolina than they are in any other State in the nation. The Carolina Motor Club first undertook this work as one of its public services on the invitation of Secretary of State W. N. Everet, who was at that time responsible for license plate distribution. Under its arrangement with the Club, the State saves money and the public enjoys a convenient, quick, over-the-counter service not equalled in any other State.

"Former Director of the Motor Vehicle Department, L. S. (Pete) Harris, now executive director of the National Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, said a few years ago that state license plate distribution cost less in North Carolina than in any other state.

"Under the present law, car owners have until January 31st to buy their 1945 plates, but anyone who puts it off until February 1st is most certain to be caught by patrolmen. All club offices are staffed short of help and many are inexperienced. We urge every one to buy their plates before the very last days of the month."

Marines Will Tackle Cherry Point Friday

Friday night the Edenton Marines' basketball team will play Cherry Point in the Edenton Armory, which will be a league game. The remainder of the schedule follows: January 31—N. C. Pre-Flight away.

February 2—Convoir here.
February 7—Patrol Base here.
February 9—Elizabeth City away.
February 14—A. E. S., Cherry Point here.
February 16—Camp Lejeune here.
February 20—Cherry Point away.
February 23—Harvey Point here.
February 26—Jamesville away.
February 28—LTA here.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ward of the Gliden section, a son, James Daughtry, in Lake View Hospital, Suffolk, Va., on January 7.

Byrum Appeals For More Volunteers In Ration Board Office

15 More Panel Assistants Needed, Says Chairman

WORK INCREASES

This Month Marks 3rd Anniversary of Rationing Program

"We are here to serve, not to exercise power, and the longer we serve, the greater the respect we have for the people we serve," Albert H. Byrum, chairman of the Chowan County War Price and Rationing Board, said this week.

Commenting on the fact that this month marks the third anniversary of the establishment of the national OPA War Price and Rationing Board program, Mr. Byrum said that "local boards have two purposes: to help hold the price line and to help distribute the available supply of war-scarce goods fairly among all citizens."

"Locally, our board has maintained a tremendous volume of activity in both price and rationing fields," he said.

"We are still short of volunteer help," Mr. Byrum said. "We particularly need price panel assistants to advise merchants on their ceiling price problems. We could use 15 of these assistants, who could help in the valuable work of holding the wartime price line and assist in preventing inflation.

"The recent return to rationing of almost all canned food and fresh meat has imposed an additional burden on our ration boards. To handle the increased workload, we need additional volunteers. We need them badly.

"Anyone who would like to volunteer a few hours weekly should apply to Miss Willie Love Morgan, Chief Clerk of the Board, at the Citizens Bank Building, Edenton. Volunteers will be received enthusiastically and can be certain that their help will be appreciated."

\$243 Realized By Hospital Benefit

Large Crowd on Hand For Affair Held In Armory

It will be interesting to learn that proceeds from the Chowan County Hospital benefit held January 13, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce with talent furnished by the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, through the courtesy of Lieut. Col. H. C. Lane, commanding officer, netted \$243.50, which amount was turned over to Mrs. Hazel Gibbs, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The program, which drew a large crowd to the Armory, consisted of a basketball game between the Edenton Marines and Harvey Point, a war dog demonstration and a dance, with music furnished by the Station orchestra.

In charge of arrangements was Lieut. Louis F. Bottino, recreation officer, who expresses his appreciation for the cooperation on the part of service people and civilians who contributed their services as well as patronized the affair, making it a success.

4-H Clubbers Provide Program At Meeting Of County Council

Officers of all county home demonstration clubs are urged to attend a meeting of the County Council, which will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the Community House at Cross Roads.

An interesting program is assured by the following 4-H Club members: Marguerite Nixon, Gladys Copeland, Kelly Byrum and Jack Leary. The Ryland club will be hostess for the meeting.

METHODIST SERVICES
Preaching services will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday night, when the pastor, the Rev. H. Fred Surratt, will preach on the subject, "Crusaders." Mr. Surratt has arranged for a group of Youth Fellowship members to have charge of the worship service.

Church school will be held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, and the Youth Fellowship meeting at 6:45.

ALBERT G. BYRUM ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CHOWAN COUNTY HOSPITAL TRUSTEES AT ORGANIZATION MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY

"Help Me Win MY Victory"



"Tomorrow's America will be as strong as today's children" is the sound advice of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Chowan County citizens have an opportunity to share in helping make tomorrow's America strong by contributing in the Infantile Paralysis campaign, now in progress. Don't fail to help in this worthy cause. Chowan is asked to contribute \$1,637.

Display At Byrum's Tribute To Chowan Men In Service

17 Killed and Five Still Listed as Missing In Action

Byrum Hardware Company has arranged an attractive window, the display being a tribute to those from Chowan County who have been killed or reported lost in action during the present war. Flags provide the principal decoration and figures appear which reflect Chowan's part in the great conflict.

Up to the present 844 from Chowan County have entered the armed forces and of this number, as far as information is available, 17 have made the supreme sacrifice, while five others are still listed as missing in action.

The Byrum display is timely and is attracting no little attention on the part of passersby.

Dime Society Meets Tuesday, January 30

The Dime Society of the Baptist Church will meet Tuesday evening, January 30, with Mrs. H. B. Jones, the president. Every member who has not paid the extra dollar is urged to bring it to the meeting, so that Mrs. Doughtie, the secretary, will not have to call for it later.

EDENTON PLACED ON PROPOSED ROUTE OF ALL AMERICAN AIR PICK-UP SERVICE

Application With Civil Aeronautics Board By All American Aviation, Inc., Pending For System Of 22 Routes In Ten Southeastern States

Edenton is included on one of a system of 22 air pick-up routes in 10 southeastern states which will be sought by All-American Aviation, Inc., in an application which the company will file with the Civil Aeronautics Board within the next week, it was announced by Halsey R. Bazley, president.

All American is now the only operator of Air Pick-up routes, the development of which the company has pioneered. Its present lines serve 118 cities and towns in six Middle Atlantic states. The system is now in its sixth year of operation. The 22 routes will serve 65 communities in Virginia, 113 in North Carolina, 47 in South Carolina, 66 in

Other Officers Selected To Serve For Period Of One Year

CAUTIOUS

Architect and Other Important Matters Also Considered

Members of the Board of Trustees, appointed to build and operate Chowan County's proposed hospital, held its first regular meeting on Friday, January 19th, at the Municipal Building. All of the members were present except Webb Harrell, who was prevented from attending by illness.

J. Clarence Leary acted as temporary chairman. By-laws were tentatively passed and the following officers were elected to hold office for one year: President Albert G. Byrum; vice president, J. H. Conger; treasurer, Henry Gardner, and secretary, Marvin Wilson.

An Executive Committee, composed of Albert G. Byrum, Marvin Wilson, J. H. Conger, W. W. Byrum and John G. Wood, was selected. This committee will be charged with the construction of the hospital and its operation after construction, subject to the whole board of trustees. Albert G. Byrum, Henry Gardner, J. W. Davis, J. Clarence Leary and W. M. Wilkins were appointed to compose a Finance Committee. The Auditing Committee will be Webb Harrell, Leroy Haskett and E. N. Elliott. These are permanent committees and the personnel composing them will serve until the first regular meeting in 1946.

The question of a constitution and permanent by-laws was discussed, and a committee composed of J. H. Conger, John G. Wood and Marvin Wilson was appointed to attend to this matter. A general discussion on the selection of an architect and other matters pertaining to the construction of the building followed. It was the consensus of the meeting that the members of the Board inspect as many hospitals as possible before getting too far in the question of construction. The meeting adjourned after the secretary had been instructed to stay in touch with Dr. W. S. Rankin of the Duke Foundation and State officials interested in the hospital question.

Lehman R. Ward is Missing In Belgium

Lehman Randolph Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph S. Ward of Ryland, has been reported as missing in action in Belgium, as of December 17, according to a telegram from the War Department to his parents, on Friday night of last week.

Pvt. Ward, a graduate of Chowan High School, worked at Planters, in Suffolk, Va., prior to joining the army in March, 1943.

Pvt. Ward's wife and small daughter, Janie, live in Neosho, Mo. He married while in training in Mississippi.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold its weekly meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. A special meeting of the lodge will also be held Friday night at the same hour for the purpose of conferring a degree.

CHOWAN COUNTY NOW IN MIDST OF 1945 INFANTILE PARALYSIS DRIVE IN EFFORT TO REACH QUOTA OF \$1,637; FEW REPORTS IN

Chairman, Swamped With Many Other Duties, Appeals For Contributions Even If Not Solicited By Canvassers

With Chowan County's drive in the 1945 fund-raising appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis beginning Monday, little could be learned of the progress being made by the time The Herald went to press Wednesday. Only two reports had been received at that time, both of which were very encouraging. The first report turned in to the chairman was that of Miss Jessie McMullan, who completed her canvass late last week, even before the drive was begun. Miss McMullan collected \$28.50.

Another incomplete report comes from the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, where the March of Dimes has

been in progress several days. The drive among the military personnel is being directed by Lieut. Gladys Gott and, on Wednesday morning, he reported contributions amounted to \$110, this amount being realized by dimes dropped into glass containers placed at the Base, without any special appeal being made. Importance of the drive will be more fully emphasized and Lieut. Gott feels certain that this amount will be appreciably increased. The drive at the Base will continue through Tuesday of next week, the climax being a dance Wednesday night at the Officers' Club, the proceeds of which will (Continued on Page Five)