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Round Up Time for Nazis



American soldiers "clean up" a French town, after it has been overrun by mobile detachments. Some of the German soldiers sealed off in various buildings are being rounded up. Keep our boys going with your payroll savings for War Bonds.

Official U. S. Signal Corps Photo
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Town Of Edenton Presented Trophy Won By Marines

Presentation Made By Capt. Melvin Griffin At Lions Meeting

BASEBALL AWARD

Accepted on Behalf of Town By Mayor L. H. Haskett

Captain Melvin Griffin, at Monday night's meeting of the Lions Club, presented the Town of Edenton the Benmarie Service League's trophy, which was won last summer by the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station baseball team. The trophy was presented to Mayor Leroy Haskett, a member of the Lions Club, and it will be decided by Town Council where the trophy should be kept. All of the Marines will soon be gone from the local base and because the outfit will be widely separated, Captain Griffin stated that the Marines thought it appropriate that the beautiful trophy remain in Edenton where it was won. Mayor Haskett accepted the trophy on behalf of the town and said he felt sure it will be appreciated and will long serve as a reminder to the people of Edenton of the pleasant relations existing between the Marines while they were stationed here and the Town as a whole.

The principal speaker of the evening was R. C. Holland, who spoke of Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday was celebrated Monday. Mr. Holland said Lincoln was a great man and that he was misjudged by many old Southerners. This feeling is gradually disappearing, said Mr. Holland, and both North and South agree that he stood for the right things and is one of America's greatest men.

A. S. Hollowell became a new member of the club, being installed by Dr. W. S. Griffin.

Edenton - Hertford USO Clubs Plan Joint Course In Training

A USO training course for volunteer workers, with special emphasis on GSO work, will be conducted jointly by the Hertford and Edenton USO Clubs, beginning Wednesday night, February 21 and will continue for four consecutive Wednesday nights. The first two meetings will be joint affairs of the workers of the two clubs and the second and third meetings will be held separately, according to USO officials.

The first meeting, which will be held in the Sunday School auditorium of the Hertford Methodist Church, will be under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Gleichauf, associate program director for the New York office of the USO. Mrs. Gleichauf has worked in USO clubs prior to working in the main office, and as a result has a great deal of first hand information which should be of help to local USO workers.

Public Presentation Bronze Star Medal

Posthumous Award Will Be Made to Willis E. Nixon

Public presentation of the Bronze Star Medal, which was awarded posthumously to Willis E. Nixon, will be made in the Court House Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, when his mother, Mrs. E. T. Nixon, will be given the medal by Brig.-Gen. John T. Kennedy. The presentation is sponsored by Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, therefore, J. L. Chestnutt, commander of the Post, urges every Legionnaire to be present and extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

Mr. Chestnutt will preside over the meeting, which will be opened with a prayer by Chaplain George Wheeler. Brig.-Gen. Kennedy will be introduced by John A. Holmes, past commander of the Post. During the meeting "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America" will be sung by the audience, led by C. W. Overman. The Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., will pronounce the benediction.

Willis Nixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Nixon, of the Rocky Hook section, was killed in action while fighting in France during August of last year. He was 24 years old and was a driver of a tank. He has two other brothers in the service, Ray Nixon being overseas, and Russell Nixon being a member of the Merchant Marine.

Sgt. James B. Stillman Member of B-25 Group Cited By War Dept.

From headquarters of the Twelfth Air Force in Italy comes word that the B-25 Mitchell bombardment group to which Sgt. James B. Stillman of Edenton is serving as a ground radio operator, has been cited again by the War Department as a Distinguished Unit, this time for the sinking of the Italian cruiser Taranto in La Spezia harbor September 23.

Carried out without loss of aircraft and with no casualties despite a formidable concentration of anti-aircraft guns, the brilliant attack frustrated German attempts to move the Taranto into position to block the entrance of this vital harbor. The group was previously cited as a Distinguished Unit for outstanding close support missions flown in Tunisia and Sicily in favor of the British Eighth and American Fifth and Seventh armies.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN INFANTILE PARALYSIS DRIVE GOES \$173.24 OVER QUOTA OF \$1,637

With practically all reports made in the Infantile Paralysis drive in Chowan County, J. Edwin Bufflap, county chairman, reports that contributions amounted to \$1,810.24, which is \$173.24 above the county's quota of \$1,637. Of course, included in this amount is \$466 taken in at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station through the March of Dimes and the proceeds of a dance held at the Officers' Club, and contributions of \$292.26 taken at the Taylor Theatre. The chairman has not yet learned if half of the amount raised at the base will be sent back to the county chapter, for it was ordered to be sent

10-Year-Old Colored Boy Fatally Shoots Colored Girl Aged 6

Lula Mae Satterfield Dies Friday In Tayloe Hospital

BOY PROBLEM

Youngster Sentenced to Morrison Reform School

Lula Mae Satterfield, six-year-old colored girl, died Friday in Tayloe Hospital, Washington, N. C., where she was taken after being shot by Yunique Lloyd Harris, 10-year-old colored boy. The shooting took place in the Satterfield home, 313 West Church Street. The boy, according to police, had been ordered to stay away from the Satterfield home. Thursday of last week the boy went to the home, where the girl was alone. As he threw himself across a bed, the little girl told him to leave the house when, police say, the boy said, "I'm tired of being ordered around, I'll take that shot gun and blast you."

Police say the boy reached for the gun and as he was putting in a shell the little girl ran toward the door, but that she fell to the floor when shot in the hip. She was not found until about an hour later by some neighbors, and she was rushed to the hospital.

The boy, after the shooting, ran away and was not found until about noon Friday. He was taken into custody and given a hearing before Juvenile Judge E. W. Spires, who sentenced him to the Morrison Training School. He was before Judge Spires last month on minor charges of being out of school, running away from home and sleeping in fish houses. He was given a suspended sentence at that time, upon condition that he show good behavior and remain at home nights. The boy has caused no little trouble to local police for a year or more.

COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED ALL DAY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

County offices will be closed all day next Thursday in observance of Washington's birthday, a legal holiday. Any important business, therefore, should be transacted accordingly.

to the Fifth Naval District. Of course, the theatre contribution was sent to the moving picture industry's headquarters and half of the amount will be sent back to this county. The chairman is delighted with the success of the campaign and desires to give due credit to Miss Emily Smithwick, chairman of the Women's Division, who selected the canvassers. And to the canvassers no small amount of credit is due for they did a fine job of contacting those in their respective areas. Finally, the greater portion of the credit goes to the contributors, who were generous and.

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150 Boy Scouts And Scouters Present At Boys' Night Affair

Delightful Meeting Held In Mess Hall at Marine Air Station

BARBECUE SERVED

Boys Send Up Rousing Cheer For Lieut. Col. H. C. Lane

In the neighborhood of 150 Boy Scouts, Scouters and a few invited guests attended the Boys' Night celebration held Thursday night by the Edenton Rotary Club, which took place in one of the mess halls at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station. The affair was splendidly carried out and apparently delighted all who were present, including Scouts and Scouters from Edenton, Hertford and Sunbury. Special guests included Commander F. C. Morris, Lieut. Jack Stever and Lieut. Stillings, Eagle Scouts who are stationed at the base, and J. Clarence Leary, Jr., local Eagle Scout, who was also recognized.

H. A. Campen, president of the Rotary Club, presided over the meeting, during which a Court of Honor was held. During this part of the program, six boys of Troop 156, sponsored by the Rotary Club, were advanced to second class Scouts and included John Phillips, John Gurley, Ernest White, John Bemby and John L. Goodwin, Jr. From Troop 170, sponsored by the Lions Club, two boys were advanced to Second Class Scouts, these being Thomas Morris and Douglas Allen.

Calvin Mills, Ben Twiddy and Oscar Griffin, members of Troop 156, were advanced to first class Scouts and Bobby Byrum was promoted to Life Scout.

Merit badges were awarded to W. J. Taylor, Jr., Calvin Mills, Jimmy Earnhardt and Philip McMullan, Jr. Travis Thompson, Forrest Ross and Eugene Graves, all members of the Tidewater Council, were on hand for the meeting, and each spoke briefly, the latter making the principal address, which had to do with the progress and advantages of Scouting.

Guests were furnished a barbecue dinner, which was prepared by Raymond Williams and served by a group of Rotary Annes. There was plenty of barbecue and trimmings and the Boy Scouts especially made inroads on the supply set before them.

Near the close of the meeting, Lieut.-Col. H. C. Lane, commanding officer of the base, who granted permission to use the mess hall for the occasion, entered the hall, at which the boys immediately arose to their feet and round after round of applause continued until Col. Lane went to the front of the hall and made a few remarks. He said he was delighted to have the young Americans as guests of the base and so long as he is here, offered to cooperate in any way so far as there is no interference with the work at the base.

Sgt. W. N. McClees Loses Life In Luzon

Killed January 17 While In Action With Infantry Outfit

Friends in Edenton learned with regret Monday that Sergeant W. N. (Nip) McCleese, former Edenton insurance agent and prominent member of the local Fire Department, had been killed in action January 17 on the island of Luzon in the Southwest Pacific. He was a member of the 161st Division.

The information came by way of a telegram to Tom Goodman from Mr. McCleese's father.

Young McCleese was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson McCleese of Columbia, and had been in the service for about three years. He lived in Edenton several years before entering the Army and had won a host of friends here.

MASONS WILL CONFER DEGREE AT MEETING HELD TONIGHT

A regular communication of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock, in the Court House. One of the degrees will be conferred and T. B. Williford, master of the lodge, urges all members to be present. A special invitation is also extended to visiting Masons to attend the meeting.

Interest Increasing For Electrification In Rural Sections of Chowan County

White Man Faces Charge Of Raping Young Daughter

James Freeland Chappell Held Without Bail For Superior Court

Facing four counts growing out of a charge of raping his 13-year-old daughter, James Freeland Chappell, white man of the Ryland section, was held without bail for the April term of Superior Court by Judge Marvin Wilson, in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning. Chappell has four counts lodged against him, being charged with raping by force and against the will of his daughter, having carnal knowledge of his daughter who is under 16, assaulting with intent to commit rape and having carnal intercourse.

Chappell was arrested and placed in jail late last week, following a sordid story told to Sheriff J. A. Bunch by Chappell's wife. In Recorder's Court Tuesday Sheriff Bunch testified that when questioned Chappell at first admitted to the crime, but later in the day denied it.

The victim testified that the first time she was attacked by her father was on October 3, and that the last time was February 4, six times during that period, the attacks occurring either at home or in the woods. The girl said at first she was bruised and hurt and though she cried, she was warned that if she told he would "beat the hell out of her." The last time, according to testimony, the father was drinking, but on the other occasions the girl said she could not smell liquor.

Dr. L. P. Williams testified that he found no bruises or lacerations, but that there could have been in the course.

USO Club Now Open Temporarily In Hotel Joseph Hewes Rooms

Greater Portion of Furniture Has Been Salvaged Since Fire

Following the disastrous fire two weeks ago, Harry Cartier, manager of the USO traveling repair unit and four assistants were able to salvage what had appeared to be a fifty per cent loss to the furniture to something like only 10 per cent. Damage to program equipment and office equipment, however, is less encouraging for items completely ruined include typewriter, adding machine, cash register, letter files, public address system, speakers' radio, juke box, phonograph and records, piano, music, ping pong table, books and so on.

USO officials had a word of appreciation for the Edenton Laundry. The rug was picked up, water-soaked, Tuesday afternoon and delivered cleaned and dried, on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Charlotte B. Collicott, USO Regional Property Custodian, from Richmond, Va., was here last week and expressed her thanks to all who have responded so willingly to the aid of the USO Club in the emergency caused by the fire.

Since the fire, the USO has moved back to its original quarters in the Hotel Joseph Hewes building, where temporary arrangements have been made so that service people can spend leisure time during the day. The club room remains open only until 6 o'clock at night now, but just as soon as possible activities will go on as usual until the quarters on North Broad Street are again ready for occupancy.

Director Abe Martin, who has been spending some time with his family at White Plains, N. Y., is expected to return early next week, and hopes to be able soon to be in full operation.

HOME ON LEAVE

George C. Ward, U. S. N., New London, Conn., arrived Wednesday to spend a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Ward.

Group of Workers Appointed to Secure Applications

200 SIGNED UP

First to Sign Have Advantage of Being First Served

A complete report of the number of farmers who have signed applications for membership in the Albemarle Rural Electrification Membership Corporation cannot be given at this time, but it is estimated that between 175 and 200 have paid the required fee of \$5.00.

Every farm family that does not have electricity in the home is urged to investigate the plan and sign up if they are interested in having this service when materials are made available. If electric service is not made available to the applicant in two years from the date an application is signed, the membership fee will be refunded.

When a sufficient number of applications have been obtained to average two customers per mile (this does not mean that each mile must have two customers) the engineers will make a survey of the county, showing the location of each member, and make plans for building lines in the four counties, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank and Camden.

The corporation will buy current wholesale from a nearby power company and expects to charge each customer a minimum of \$2.00 per month. There will be a manager and a crew of men for servicing the lines and an office force for keeping records.

Some of the advantages of signing up in the beginning are that the original members will be served first and the corporation expects to get the line to these homes, even if they are not near the road. Those who wait until the line is built, will not only have to wait longer for electric service, but will be required to pay part of the expense for getting the wire to their houses.

Officers of the corporation plan to have everything ready to start building lines as soon as materials are available which will be probably after the war ends.

Anyone interested is urged to see the person in the township who has application blanks and receipt books, or he may go to the offices of County Agent C. W. Overman or Home Demonstration Agent Miss Rebecca Colwell to sign up or secure any information about the plan.

Some of the workers are as follows:

Yeopim Township—George C. Wood and L. E. Overton.

First Township—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chesson, H. T. Hobbs and C. P. Harrell.

Second Township—J. A. Wiggins, J. G. Perry, W. T. Bunch, W. L. Miller, Mrs. J. T. White, Mrs. Eddie Nixon and Earl Bunch.

Third Township—Drew Welch and McCoy Phthisic.

Colored chairman—J. B. Small, county agent.

Others will, no doubt, be added to the list to secure signers.

Lloyd C. Burton Sells Lunch Room

Lloyd C. Burton, late last week, sold out his lunch room and leased his building on the southeast corner of Church and Broad Streets to George Orant and Chris Charles, the new owners taking over the lunch room Monday morning of this week. The new owners come from Elizabeth City, where they were connected with the Central Cafe. Both are experienced restaurant men and plan to operate the lunch room in first-class style.

Mr. Burton has been in business at the same site for 21 years, beginning first as a service station and later expanding so that he could serve meals. He has done a thriving business, especially since the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station located near Edenton. The same site was used by Mr. Burton's father and grandfather, who operated grocery stores, though considerable improvements have been made to the property in recent years.