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## Red Cross War Fund Drive Starts March 5th

### Impressive Ceremony Held In Court House Friday When Brig. Gen. John Kennedy Presents Bronze Star Medal To Mrs. Nixon

#### Says War Is Like Prize Fight—Enemy Bleeding and Groggy

In a very impressive ceremony in the Court House Saturday morning, Mrs. Elizabeth Nixon was presented a Bronze Star Medal, awarded posthumously to her son, Willis E. Nixon, who was killed while fighting in France on July 11, 1944. The presentation was made by Brig. Gen. John T. Kennedy, commanding officer of Fort Bragg, a goodly number of friends being present for the occasion.

J. L. Chestnutt, commander of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, presided over the meeting, which was opened by a very appropriate prayer by Chaplain George Wheeler. Mrs. M. A. Hughes then led the group in singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

General Kennedy was introduced by John A. Holmes, who told the audience that the general had won the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest military honor, and that he had served with General Pershing in the first World War.

In opening his remarks, General Kennedy, who was accompanied by Lt. Vander Slice, aide-de-camp, paid tribute to the American Legion, saying members could always be depended upon for cooperation. He told his hearers that he was delighted to be in Edenton to render the service he was called upon to perform, saying that the people of this section have a right to be proud of the historical significance, achievements and type of people produced in this part of North Carolina, where there is to be found patriotism and a willingness to sacrifice for freedom and liberty.

"I have come today," said General Kennedy, "to pay tribute to such a man. About 12 years ago three small children gathered and decided to rule the world and make all their slaves," said the speaker. "Hitler rose to power, boasted to the Germans and got them to believe that today he would rule Germany and tomorrow the world."

The speaker told of the Germans over-running country after country until Mussolini decided to reap the fruits of Hitler's successes and gave France the stab in the back. "They continued to make progress, and the days were dark," said General Kennedy. "Only England stood before the brutal dictators and the Democratic peoples of the world until we were stabbed in the back at Pearl Harbor by the Japs. American people are patient and long suffering, but our policy of a small armed force almost led to disaster. However, (Continued on Page Five)

### Misses Judy Cozzens And Katherine Deans Girl Scout Leaders Young Ladies Volunteer To Work With Local Scout Group

Miss Judy Cozzens, staff aid of the Edenton USO Club, and Miss Katherine Deans, a member of the Edenton school faculty, have volunteered as Girl Scout leaders, which fact has boosted interest in the Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts are sponsored by the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association and, though the idea has been discussed for about a year, little progress has been made due to the fact that no one could be secured to take over the leadership responsibility.

A meeting of the executive committee of the P. T. A. and the Girl Scouts committee of the Association was held Friday, at which time it was announced that Misses Cozzens and Deans had volunteered as leaders.

Now, however, the leaders and Girl Scouts face another problem, which is a handicap to progress of the Girl Scouts in Edenton. It is necessary to meet, therefore, an appeal is made for any kind of quarters suitable for holding regular meetings. Anyone who can furnish a room or small building is asked to contact Mrs. Nathan Dail, president of the P. T. A. Her telephone number is 287-W.

#### Hero Honored



WILLIS E. NIXON

Awarded the Bronze Star Medal posthumously, Willis Nixon's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Nixon was presented the medal by Brig. Gen. John Kennedy at a public ceremony held Saturday morning in the Court House.

### Negro Fined \$50 For Violation Of Jim Crow Law By F. W. Hobbs

#### Milton Chapman and Sister Taken From Bus Saturday

So far as The Herald can learn, the first violation of the Jim Crow law in Edenton was tried by Justice of the Peace F. W. Hobbs Saturday. The case developed upon arrival of a Norfolk Southern bus, when it was reported that a Negro passenger refused to occupy the colored section of the bus.

According to the police, Milton Chapman, 24-year-old colored man, and his sister, Beatrice Chapman, 23, were on their way from New York to Greenville. The pair sat near the front of the bus, where it was necessary for white people to stand, while there were some vacant seats in the rear of the bus.

During the trial, testimony was offered that when the bus driver asked the colored parties to take seats in the rear of the bus so that white people could be seated, Chapman sarcastically replied, "Are we fighting the Civil War over again?" winding up his remarks by saying, "I'm not moving an inch, Period."

The Chapmans, police say, claim Greenville as their home, but the man has lived for the past 12 years in New York.

Both defendants entered a plea of guilty and Justice of the Peace Hobbs fined each \$50 and costs, but remitted the fine for the girl. Chapman was obliged to pay \$59 before proceeding to Greenville.

### Elizabeth Copeland Resigns As Librarian Accepts Position With Curtiss Publishing Company

Miss Elizabeth Copeland has resigned as librarian of the Shepard Pruden Memorial Library, her resignation going into effect Wednesday, February 28.

Miss Copeland has accepted a position with the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia, where she will be connected with the research department. The new position offers a splendid opportunity for advancement and, while Miss Copeland says she regrets to leave Edenton, she feels that she could not very well decline the new position offered her.

Miss Copeland has been the local librarian for about a year and a half, coming to Edenton from Ahsokie in August, 1943. During her stay here she has displayed her knowledge and efficiency in library work and has won a host of friends who regret to see her leave.

No successor had been secured early this week.

**IMPROVING**  
Mrs. Ernest Hollowell, who has been quite sick for the past month, is gradually improving.

### Much Activity Is Reflected In Report Red Cross Chapter

#### Mrs. J. N. Pruden Proud Of Accomplishments During Year

#### OFFICERS LISTED

#### Many Hours Contributed By Group Volunteer Workers

With the Red Cross War Fund drive about to get under way, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter, has prepared a report of the activities of the Chapter during the past year, as well as the financial report.

Of course, Mrs. Pruden is vitally interested in and proud of all accomplishments, but she places emphasis on the work of the Home Service, which during the year has rendered service to 603 service men's families. Besides serving service men and their families who live in Chowan County, the Chapter has served Marines and their families at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station. "Service of this nature usually necessitates the employment of a paid executive secretary," said Mrs. Pruden, "but the services of the local Chapter's Home Service chairman has been given without salary. All work in every service connected with the Chapter has been administered without cost to the Chapter."

The financial report of Mrs. J. W. Davis, treasurer, shows that expenditures during the year were \$2,103, which were as follows:

Home Service	\$1,200.00
Surgical Dressings	122.00
First Aid	12.00
Home Nursing	26.00
Junior Red Cross	120.00
Administration	7.00
Roll Call	67.50
Production, including kits	548.50

Total \$2,103.00

Garments and articles made by volunteer production service from March 1, 1944, to March 1, 1945, were as follows:

Filled kit bags for service men going overseas, 576; unfilled kit bags, 232; women's and children's garments, 214; hospital bedside bags, 70; sewing kits, 65; knitted garments, 65.

The number of hours worked in making these garments and kits were 3,064, with 178 workers participating.

From January 1, 1944, to January 1, 1945, there were 146,350 surgical dressings made, which required 5,021 1/2 hours, which was done by 799 volunteer workers. It is interesting to note that since the Chapter began making surgical dressings in September, 1942, to January 1, 1945, a total of 368,070 have been made. To do this required 16,967 hours, which were contributed by 2,325 workers.

During the year seven home nursing certificates and nine first aid certificates were issued.

So that officers of the Chowan Chapter may be better known, Mrs. J. N. Pruden submitted a list together with the report of activities. They are as follows:

Chairman, Mrs. J. N. Pruden; vice chairman, W. J. Berryman; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Davis; secretary, Mrs. S. M. McMullan; chairman of the Disaster Committee, L. H. Haskett; chairman of Home Service, Miss Elizabeth Moore; chairman of Volunteer Special Services, Mrs. J. H. Conger; chairman Surgical Dressings, Mrs. W. H. Coffield; chairman Home Nursing Service, Mrs. D. M. Reeves; chairman First Aid Service, Mrs. J. E. Wood; chairman Nutrition Service, Miss Rebecca Colwell; chairman Canteen Service, Mrs. T. Wallace Jones; prisoner of war representative, the Rev. H. F. Surratt; publicity chairman, J. Edwin Buffal; chairman Junior Red Cross, Mrs. Eleanor Buckley; nurse recruiting representative, Mrs. Gladysteen Pait. Ex-officio members of the Executive Committee include John A. Holmes, W. J. Taylor, Geddes Potter, D. F. Walker and Dr. O. L. Holley.

### Charlotte Elliott ETC May Court Attendant

Miss Charlotte Elliott, daughter of Mrs. Thomas W. Elliott, has been elected to be junior attendant at the May Court to be held at East Carolina Teachers College. Miss Elliott has also been elected junior college marshal.

### Mass Meeting Wednesday Nights Boost Interest In Reaching County's Quota

#### Homeless

Now that the Edenton Girl Scouts have finally secured two leaders, Misses Judy Cozzens and Katherine Deans having volunteered to serve in that capacity, the organization faces the handicap of not having a regular meeting place, which is necessary if the Scouts are to make proper progress.

The girls are seeking a room or small building of some kind in which to meet and carry on other activities connected with Girl Scouting, so that if any person can furnish either, they will be doing the Girl Scouts a great favor by contacting either of the two leaders or Mrs. Nathan Dail, president of the Edenton Parent-Teachers Association, sponsors of the troop of Girl Scouts.

### Capt. Melvin Griffin Lions Club Speaker

#### Expresses Sincere Regret At Having to Leave Edenton

Captain Melvin F. Griffin, who, on Monday night attended his last meeting of the Edenton Lions Club, prior to leaving Edenton, was the principal speaker for the Lions. Captain Griffin spoke about a visit he and his wife made to Germany several years before the outbreak of war, at which time, he said, one could sense a feeling that Hitler's ambition for power would not stop in Germany. He told of attending the Olympic games, where all the athletes were required to pass before him, but that he was conspicuous by his absence when the American athletes passed his booth.

During his remarks, Captain Griffin very feelingly expressed his regret at being obliged to leave the local base and Edenton. He was very appreciative for the splendid friendship and fellowship enjoyed in the club, which he said was typical of the town as a whole, saying both he and his wife were treated royally and that the pleasant associations will be vividly remembered throughout the remainder of his life. He said that the town as a whole had been very friendly and cooperative with the base and he expressed the hope that the same splendid relations will continue when the base is taken over by the Navy.

### Baptist Missionary Society Study Course February 27 And 28

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Edenton Baptist Church will have a mission study at the church on February 27 and 28, beginning at 3 o'clock each afternoon. The book, "Epochs of Home Missions," will be studied.

Teachers for the classes are Mrs. J. S. Davis, Mrs. Jesse White, Mrs. J. Clarence Leary and Mrs. John Senterfitt. All teachers are especially urged to attend.

### Four More Chowan Men Enter Army

Four white men left Edenton on Thursday of last week for Fort Bragg, where they were inducted into the armed forces, having previously passed the physical examination.

The quartet was composed of Robert Carlton Privott, Levy Nicholson Toler, Cecil Gilbert Byrum, Jr., and Archie A. Nixon, a transfer from the Portsmouth, Va., board.

### Mary Goodwin Elected Louisburg May Queen

Miss Mary Goodwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Goodwin, a student at Louisburg College, has been elected May Queen of the Louisburg College student body. The annual May Court will be held on the college campus May 5.

### Miss Mary Howard Presents Account of Work Done In Pacific

#### QUOTA IS \$6,700

### Chairman J. Clarence Leary Has Organization Effected

J. Clarence Leary, general chairman of the 1945 Red Cross War Fund drive in Chowan County, announced early this week that the campaign for funds will begin Monday, March 5. The county's quota this year is \$6,700, which is slightly less than last year, when the quota was set at \$7,800, and which was raised in an up-hill fight. This year, however, Mr. Leary is hopeful that the quota will be realized in less time.

Aside from a large group of canvassers, Mr. Leary is supported by W. H. Gardner and J. H. Conger as chairmen of the initial gifts committee and George Hoskins as treasurer. Frank Holmes is publicity chairman for the drive. Geddes Potter has been appointed chairman of the solicitations in the residential section, while West Byrum and Philip McMullan will be in charge of contributions in the business section and among the industries. County Agent C. W. Overman and Miss Rebecca Colwell, home demonstration agent, will handle contributions among the rural sections of the county. Among the colored people J. B. Small, Negro county agent, will work among his people in the rural sections and in Edenton. Prof. D. F. Walker will head up the drive.

Mr. Potter, on Tuesday, stated that he had divided the town into half, with Mrs. W. H. Coffield in charge of collections on the west side and Mrs. Nathan Dail conducting the campaign on the east side. Both ladies will name a group of canvassers to contact the various homes in an effort to give every person in Edenton an opportunity to make a contribution.

Impetus to the drive resulted on Wednesday night when a mass meeting was held in the Court House, at which Miss Mary Howard was the principal speaker. Miss Howard has been in the Pacific for two years and she graphically told of the splendid work done by the Red Cross and how it is appreciated by those in the armed forces.

In announcing the start of the drive, Chairman Leary said that he realizes that to reach the goal of

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### R. F. Tuttle Again Offering Assistance In Filing Tax Returns

#### Deputy Commissioner at Home Office March 12, 13, 14 and 15

R. F. Tuttle, deputy commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Revenue, will be at his office, 105 W. Queen Street, Edenton, March 12, 13, 14 and 15, to assist those needing assistance in the preparation of their State returns of income taxes for the year 1944, as well as other years not accounted for. Office hours will be 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

All married men receiving an income of \$2,000 or more, and all single persons receiving \$1,000 or more, all partnerships and all corporations are required to file returns.

A married woman with income of \$1,000 or more, is required to file her return separate from her husband's. In other words, husband and wife cannot file a joint return.

All persons, irrespective of amounts, owning stocks, bonds, notes or mortgages, as well as merchants having accounts receivable on their books, are required to file an intangible tax return. Severe penalties apply to those who fail to file the necessary returns, whether taxable or non-taxable.

Mr. Tuttle will be glad to offer any assistance needed on the above dates.