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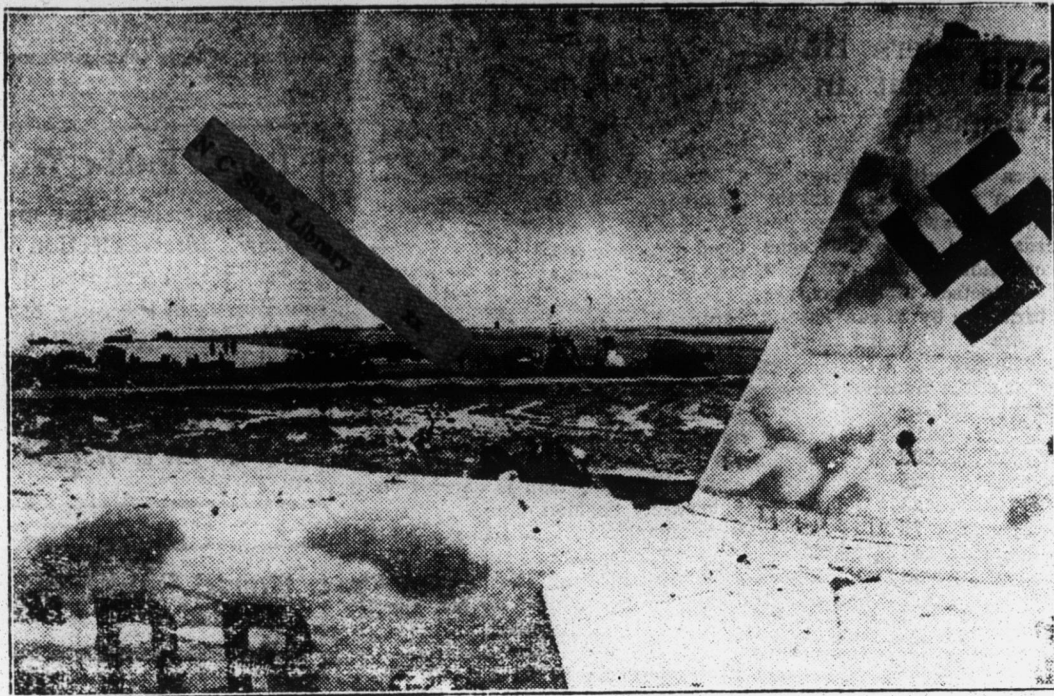
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FIRST U. S. AIRFIELD IN GERMANY—Below the wreck of this German JU-88 Aviation Engineers of the 9th Engineer Command are shown building the first completely American-built airport on German soil. (Official 9th AF photo.)

Edenton Pays Tribute To President Roosevelt, Who Died Suddenly In Georgia

Citizens Deeply Affected By News of Untimely Passing

STORES CLOSE
Impressive Program on Court House Green Saturday

Edenton, like every other city, town and hamlet in the country, was stunned Thursday afternoon of last week when it was learned that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died suddenly at Warm Springs, Ga., as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage while sitting for a portrait. He had gone to Warm Springs to rest in preparation for the San Francisco Conference, where he was expected to take a major role. He died shortly after being stricken and the announcement of his death cast a pall of sorrow not only over the entire United States, but throughout the world.

Shortly after his death was flashed over the radio the bell on the old Chowan County Court House was slowly sounded, and the news was the chief topic of conversation, expressions of regret and sorrow being heard everywhere.

A service was hurriedly arranged by the Rev. Harold W. Gilmer, rector of St. Paul's Church, which was held in his church at 10 o'clock Friday morning. It was very well attended despite little time for publicity. The service was very impressive in paying tribute to the departed President.

Further tribute was paid to Mr. Roosevelt when all business houses closed during the funeral services Saturday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock. Business was at a complete standstill and sorrow about the unfortunate and unexpected death of the President was reflected among the various groups as they gathered on the streets. Flags in the business section were displayed at half mast throughout the day.

A very impressive memorial service was held on the Court House Green during the time the stores were closed, the program being arranged by the Chowan County Ministerial Association. A large crowd gathered on the green to witness the program, which opened with a prayer by the Rev. H. Freo Surratt, pastor of the Methodist Church, which was followed by the group singing "My Faith Looks Up To Thee." The Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, who presided over the service, then read the 27th Psalm, followed by the audience repeating the 23rd Psalm.

At this point a solo, "America," was rendered by Mrs. Roy Delin, accompanied on the piano by Miss Elizabeth Moore.

An address was then made by the Rev. Harold W. Gilmer, during which he paid high tribute to the departed President. He said the best monument his friends can contribute to his memory is to resolve to do his or her part in winning a lasting peace, one of the things for which Mr. Roosevelt was most interested.

The Rev. Mr. Crawford then led in prayer, which was followed by the (Continued on Page Five)

War Fund Drive Contributions Now Stand At \$8,985.02

Chairman Leary Expresses Thanks to All Who Helped

J. Clarence Leary, chairman of the Red Cross War Fund drive, this week reported an additional contribution of \$25, which brings the amount collected during the drive to \$8,985.02 or only \$14.98 of reaching the \$9,000 mark. The quota was \$6,700, so that the county is far over the top though it was hoped contributions would reach \$9,000.

In submitting the reports of canvassers last week, three workers were unintentionally omitted. Those canvassers whose names did not appear and the amounts collected follow:

Mrs. John Waff	\$25.57
C. P. Harrell	35.00
Mrs. W. S. Bass	10.75

The amounts collected by the above were included in the total, but for some reason their names were overlooked.

Mr. Leary also desires to express his appreciation for the splendid work done by Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent; C. W. Overman, County Agent; J. B. Small, Negro County Agent, and Prof. D. F. Walker.

In fact, Mr. Leary is more than pleased with the success of the drive and does not wish to overlook anyone in expressing his appreciation to all who in any way contributed either in time, effort or money.

Bain Scheduled To Explain Beer Laws

All Dealers Urged to Meet at Court House Friday Afternoon

Chowan County retail beer dealers are asked to meet at the Court House in Edenton Friday afternoon, April 20, at 2:30 o'clock for a discussion of the changes made by the 1945 General Assembly in the laws governing the sale and distribution of beer in North Carolina.

Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, State director of the North Carolina Committee-United States Brewers' Foundation, will discuss these changes. He also will talk on the industry's voluntary cooperation program which he has headed in North Carolina for almost six years.

ROBERT L. PRATT RETURNS FROM VETERANS HOSPITAL

Robert L. Pratt, a member of the Edenton police force, returned Friday night from the Veterans Hospital at Keocoughtan, Va., where he underwent an operation. Mr. Pratt is gradually improving, though he is not yet able to be back on duty.

7 Edenton Rotarians Attend Presentation Charter To Four Oaks

Interesting Program at Smithfield Country Club

Edenton's Rotary Club was well represented at the charter night exercises of the Four Oaks Rotary Club which were held Monday night in the Smithfield Country Club.

The affair was well attended and was very interesting throughout, the principal address being made by Wade Marr of Elizabeth City, who was in rare form. He was introduced by Theodore Johnson, a past district governor and now State OPA director.

The presentation of the charter was made by John A. Holmes, governor of the district, whose well chosen remarks were very favorably commented upon.

Those comprising the Edenton group were John A. Holmes, C. T. Griffin, H. A. Campen, Richard Baer, R. N. Hines, Ernest Kehayes and J. L. Chestnutt.

Triangular Debate Takes Place Today

Washington and Elizabeth City Debaters Meet In Edenton

This (Thursday) morning the annual Triangular Debate will be held, with the two Edenton teams participating. The debate will begin in the school auditorium at 11 o'clock, though the contestants in Edenton will be the Washington affirmative and Elizabeth City negative debaters.

Edenton's affirmative debaters, consisting of Joyce Harrell and Marian Alexander, will meet the Washington negative team in Elizabeth City, while the local negative team, Rosa Asbell and Mary Griffin, will go to Washington to meet the Elizabeth City affirmative team.

The query to be debated this year is, "Resolved, that the voting age should be reduced to 18 years," and it is hoped a large number of Edenton people will hear the two visiting groups debate the question.

ALL TOWN OFFICIALS EXPRESS INTENTION TO SEEK RE-ELECTION BY VOTERS MAY 8

No Opposition Filed With Town Clerk R. E. Leary Up Until Wednesday Morning; April 27 Deadline For Candidates to File

With a Town election scheduled to be held Tuesday, May 8, every incumbent of the present administration has expressed his purpose to seek re-election, announcements to be candidates being made known earlier than heretofore, it being usually the case that filing for office is, in some instances, put off almost until the last minute.

Up to Wednesday morning no others had filed their intention to seek office, nor has there been any rumors to the effect that any of the present officials will have opposition. However, any prospective candidate

George Snow Says Work Of Legion Has Only Begun

Pays Tribute to Late President Franklin Roosevelt

George K. Snow, Department Commander of the American Legion, delivered a splendid address at a meeting of Ed Bond Post and the Legion Auxiliary in the Court House Tuesday night. The meeting was presided over by J. L. Chestnutt, Post Commander. Mr. Snow being introduced by Judge Richard Dixon.

Mr. Dixon during his introductory remarks, paid tribute to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and was high in praise of Mr. Snow, who is a leader of whom the Legion may well be proud.

In beginning his remarks Mr. Snow also paid tribute to the deceased President and said that in his travels throughout the State, it was visibly apparent that the sad and shocking news had deeply affected all citizens from one end of North Carolina to the other, irrespective of political views.

Mr. Snow traced the beginning of the American Legion, telling of the early day struggles, when the real purposes of the organization were not entirely understood and when the small voice of the Legion had very little influence. He reminded his hearers that those who fought and suffered in the first world war experienced war's horrors and came home to receive \$60 mustering out pay, which was scarcely enough to buy what clothing was needed, and then most of them were obliged to spend months begging for a job.

"The Legion has grown since then," said the speaker, "and while a great deal has been accomplished, our task has only begun." Mr. Snow said the men in the armed forces deserve more than the first world war veterans received upon their return home, and the Legion will fight to the end that there will not be a repetition at the end of the present conflict.

Mr. Snow said Legionnaires had reason to thank God for a Governor of the State and a President of the United States who personally have experienced the horrors of war and know first hand what our fighting men are experiencing and then went on to explain the GI bill.

Former High School Coach Loses Life

Sgt. Roy Watson Killed Bridge Over Rhine Collapsed

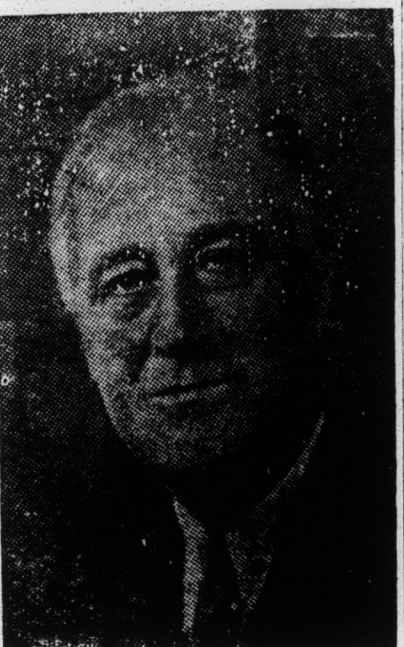
Edenton friends this week learned with regret of the death of Staff Sergeant Roy G. Watson, who lost his life when the Remagen bridge over the Rhine River in Germany collapsed. Sgt. Watson was a member of the Edenton High School faculty in 1942 and entered the Army in the fall of that year after completing the football schedule. He came here from Sylva, N. C., and though in Edenton less than a year, he was very popular among the students and faculty members. He was a member of the 302nd Infantry, having gone overseas in July, 1943.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

At tonight's (Thursday) meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., the third degree will be conferred. All members, as well as visiting Masons, are invited by the master, T. B. Willford, to attend.

Belk-Tyler Concern Buys Penelope Barker Hotel As Site For Up-to-date Store

President Dies



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT Not only the United States, but the entire world was shocked Thursday afternoon of last week when news was flashed over the radio that President Franklin D. Roosevelt had died suddenly while at Warm Springs, Ga.

Gov. Cherry Asked Cancel Civil Term Of Superior Court

Members of Bar Decide Not to Calendar Any Cases For Trial

Members of the Bar met Friday afternoon in Clerk of Court E. W. Spires' office, and due to only a few cases being ready for trial, it was decided not to calendar any cases. Mr. Spires, therefore, wrote to Governor R. Gregg Cherry requesting cancellation of the term of Chowan Superior Court which was scheduled to be held the week of April 30.

In deciding not to calendar any cases, members of the Bar were no little influenced by the fact that farmers who would be summoned for jury duty are especially busy at this time, as well as others. Then, too, cancellation of the term will result in a considerable saving for the county.

There is little doubt but that Governor Cherry will cancel the term, at which Judge J. J. Burney of Wilmington was scheduled to preside.

Boy Scout Troop Guest Lions Club

Boys Show Club Members How Boys Are Inducted

Members of Boy Scout Troop No. 170, were guests of their sponsor, the Lions Club, Monday night and with Scoutmaster J. R. Tanner in charge of the program, the boys presented the ritualistic phase of inducting a boy into the troop, John Doughty, Jr., being the candidate.

At the meeting J. Clarence Leary, chairman of the Troop Committee, was presented the charter for the year by Geddes Potter, District Commissioner.

Visitors at the meeting were Warrant Officer John Doughty, Sgt. John Richard White, Ensign William Shepard and County Agent C. W. Overman, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 156.

Grocery Stores Will Close On Wednesdays

Mrs. Hazel Gibbs, assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, informed The Herald that, beginning the first Wednesday in May, all grocery stores in Edenton will close every Wednesday at 1 o'clock to observe a half holiday during the summer months. The stores will close each Wednesday afternoon until September.

Sale Consummated By W. W. Massey Saturday Morning

NEW BUILDING
Edenton Store Will Be 12th Belk-Tyler In This Section

W. W. Massey, manager of the Belk-Tyler store in Elizabethtown City was in Edenton Saturday, at which time he closed a deal by which the Belk-Tyler concern purchased the Penelope Barker Hotel property on Broad Street from Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kramer and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cheshire. An option was taken on the property a week or two previous, and on Saturday the sale was consummated.

Mr. Massey stated that it was the intention of his concern to replace the old wooden structure with a modern and up-to-date building which will be capable of taking care of the needs of Edenton and this entire section. Of course, erection of the new building will not begin until necessary materials are available. Mr. Massey did not conceal the fact that the Belk-Tyler company for a year or more had endeavored to secure a site to locate one of their stores in Edenton. A number of proposed sites were recommended but in each instance the matter of too limited amount of space prevented a deal.

In securing the Penelope Barker Hotel property Mr. Massey expressed some degree of satisfaction in the fact that his concern did not accept any of the other propositions previously offered, for in the property acquired there will be ample space for the company to build the sort of building needed, and at the same time be prepared to expand if necessary. The property extends from Broad Street to Court Street, and while Mr. Massey was not prepared Saturday to go into details, he expressed the opinion that at least a portion of the lot would be devoted to parking space, which is now at a premium on Broad Street.

In releasing the information that the sale of the property had been consummated, Mr. Massey stated that in coming to Edenton his concern desired to become an integral part of the community. It will not come solely as a competitor to those merchants now in business, but more in the belief and hope that in attracting people to Edenton, business will be increased in all stores. Mr. Massey realizes that at present no little amount of shopping on the part of people in this trading area is going elsewhere, and with the erection of a modern building and carrying a large and varied stock of merchandise, much of this business can be held in Edenton.

Aside from possibly the manager of the store, as much of the personnel as possible will be employed locally, Mr. Massey said. Then, too, according to Mr. Massey, it is the policy of the stores to transact as much business as possible locally, such as insurance and other matters entering into the operation of a store.

Mr. Massey seemed delighted over acquiring the local property and said he desired, on behalf of his company, to express his sincere appreciation for the interest and help of Edenton people in securing a satisfactory site.

There are 210 Belk stores located in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee, of which there are 11 Belk-Tyler stores in this section of the State, with the proposed Edenton store making the twelfth unit.

W. H. Belk of Charlotte is president of the concern, while A. L. Tyler of Rocky Mount is vice president of the Belk-Tyler stores.

Center Hill - Evans Churches Celebrate Church School Day

Church School Day was observed at the Center Hill and Evans Methodist churches Sunday. The program, "Pass On the Flame" by E. O. Harbin, furnished by the denominational educational board, was used. The program contained helpful and inspiring material concerning Sunday School work.

At the Center Hill church one new member was added to the roll.