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HUGE CROWD ATTRACTED TO EDENTON NAVAL AIR STATION SUNDAY TO WITNESS PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND AIR SHOW

Number of Visitors Estimated at Around Ten Thousand

IDEAL DAY

Speakers Pay Tribute to Joseph Hewes and John Paul Jones

Coming up to expectations, an estimated crowd of 10,000 people gathered in the Edenton Naval Air Station Sunday afternoon to witness the presentation of colors to the station by Ed Bond Post No. 40 of the American Legion. The weather was ideal and with an interesting program arranged jointly by the Legionnaires and station officials, once again a large crowd left the station with a favorable impression of the base and those who are stationed there.

The station was opened to the public, who had free range save for those portions which were restricted for security reasons.

Prior to presentation of the colors, Comdr. Thomas J. Robertson and his corps of officers were hosts to about 50 guests at a dinner served in the Officers' Club. These guests included members of the Legion and Auxiliary and a few other invited friends.

The colors were presented before a speakers' stand erected on the baseball diamond near Athol House, where groups of Sailors dressed in white and WAVES in blue formed an attractive background. Music during the ceremony was furnished by the colored band from the Norfolk Naval Air Station.

The program opened with a prayer by Chaplain Egan, who then introduced John A. Holmes as master of ceremonies. Following a few remarks by Mr. Holmes expressing appreciation of Ed Bond Post to have the opportunity to present the colors, the color guard of the Post marched before the stand and when the Navy flag and Old Glory were unwrapped, they were transferred to the color guard of the base.

The presentation speech was made by Judge Richard D. Dixon, who paid special tribute to Joseph Hewes as the first Secretary of the Navy and John Paul Jones, as well as his particular pleasure in presenting the beautiful colors to the station.

Judge Dixon was followed by Congressman Herbert Bonner, who also paid tribute to Hewes and Jones. "It is a privilege for us from the first war to be here and pay tribute to those who are willing to sacrifice, fight and even die to save democracy," said the Congressman. "The war is not over and will still be long (Continued on Page Six)

District Governor Visits Lions Club

Compares Influences of President Roosevelt And Hitler

Jesse A. Jones of Kinston, district governor of Lions, was a guest at the meeting of Edenton Lions Monday night, it being an official visit. Governor Jones was the principal speaker of the evening, during which he reported on the increase in both membership and clubs throughout the district, which was very encouraging.

Governor Jones also took occasion to comment upon the war, during which he compared the lives of Hitler with the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. "The President," he said, "used his talents for good, while Hitler directed what talents he had to destruction." The comparison was made in an effort to emphasize the importance of Lions in lending influence in the proper direction.

Julia Burton High Ranking Student At Greensboro College

Friday of last week Greensboro College, at Greensboro, released a list of students ranking in the highest 10 per cent of each class for the first semester of 1944-1945.

Included in members of the Junior class was Miss Julia Burton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burton, who was second among the seven members of her class comprising the honor list.

Veteran Returns



S/SGT. H. B. EPPS Returning from 31 months overseas, Staff Sergeant Epps is now spending a furlough with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Winslow. He served with the 98th Bombing Group and was in charge of the Medical Section of the 344th Squadron. Sgt. Epps wears the Distinguished Unit Badge with oak leaf cluster, the American Defense Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and the European-African and Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with ten battle participation stars. After his furlough Sgt. Epps will be assigned to a post in the States.

Annual Poppy Day Observed Saturday

Legion Auxiliary Received 2,000 Poppies To Be Sold

Once again on Poppy Day, May 26, members of the Legion Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post, No. 40, will dedicate their best efforts to the distribution of memorial poppies to the citizens of Chowan County. Mrs. D. M. Reeves is Poppy Day chairman, and has made preparations for the sale of the little red flowers which will pay tribute both to those men who have died for their country in the present war and to those who fell 27 years ago in France and Belgium among the swaying poppies.

The money received for the flowers will be used to aid afflicted veterans of both wars and their families. There is no fixed price for a poppy—whatever is given will be welcome and it is hoped that everyone will be wearing the crimson badge by nightfall Saturday.

Mrs. Reeves reported to The Herald that this year the largest number of poppies ever received in Chowan County will be offered for sale. The shipment includes 2,000 poppies, and it is hoped every one will be purchased during the day.

Mrs. Reeves also announced that Fannie Badham will have charge of the sale among colored people, and that the veteran school teacher, in order to stimulate interest in the sale, has arranged a play which will be presented at the colored school Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Sgt. John Byrum In Belgium Hospital

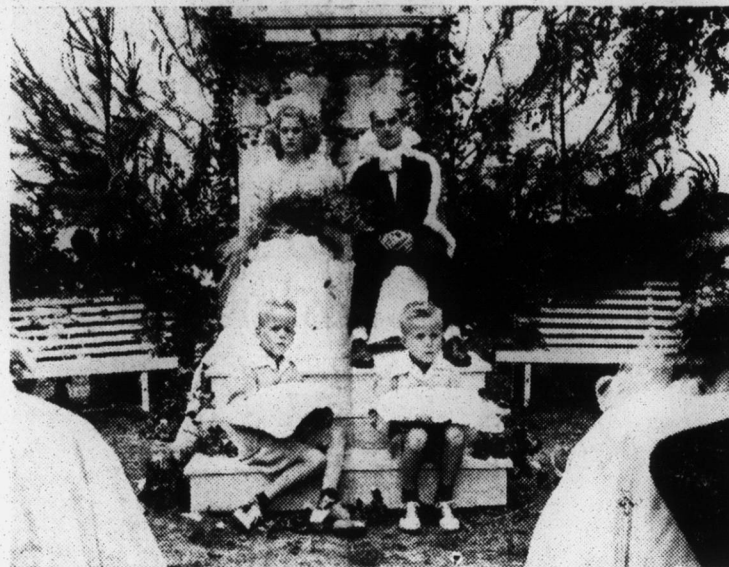
First Word Since November Received Thursday

There was joy in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Byrum Thursday of last week when a V-Mail letter was received from their son, Staff Sergeant John Byrum, stating that he was in a hospital in Belgium after being liberated from a German prison camp.

Sgt. Byrum was a turret gunner on a B-24 bomber and up until last week no word had been heard from him since November, when it was learned that he was taken prisoner.

Sgt. Byrum apparently was in high spirits, saying that he had dropped to 135 pounds in weight, but that good food, sunshine and rest would bring him around to normal.

MAY DAY ON COURT HOUSE GREEN



Above appear two of the many pictures taken at the May Day party held recently by the Beta Club of Edenton High School on the Court House Green, which affair was arranged by Mrs. C. C. Brill. In the top picture is Jack Habit, who was crowned King, and Miss Marian Harrell as the Queen. Before them sit Norman and Stephen Delin, twin sons of Lieut. and Mrs. R. W. Delin, who acted as crown-bearers. In the lower picture a minut in progress in which the participants were Lou Jordan, Bobby Bunch, Helen Boswell, John Dobson, Ann Hawkins, Freddy Byrum, Marian Goodwin and Richard Hudson. The people gathered around the fence gives some idea of the number who enjoyed the program.

AS I SAW IT

Captain Frank L. Williams Relates Experiences In Invasion of Southern France

Writing to The Herald's editor from Leghorn, Italy, Frank L. Williams, Captain of the Seventh Infantry, gives his impression of the invasion of Southern France. Many of Chowan County's sons participated in this same tremendous undertaking, so that they no doubt had similar experiences, for which reason Captain Williams' letter follows:

The morning was slightly cloudy and looked as though it would soon clear into a warm sunny day. The sea was very calm and you could see the silhouettes of the nearby ships in the breaking dawn. There wasn't a sound anywhere except for the davites as they lowered the small landing craft into the sea. In the distance you could see the flag ship as she signaled with a green light to load the small boats. This was it—everyone was tense.

I looked around at my men as I inspected the boats and equipment. All eyes seemed to look with piercing stares at me. I realized I must break the silence some way, so I began to pass a few joking remarks. Everyone smiled. It is funny the way such little things can cause one to laugh when under such strain and tension.

I was the last to go down the side and as I turned to the bridge and saluted the skipper I could see in his face that he realized what confronted the men he had transported. He smiled and gave the all-thumbs-up sign. I then saluted the quarter deck and went down the ropes.

Day was breaking fast as we made the wide circles with the small boats in preparation to forming the assault to shore. The battle fleet was beginning to pound the shore with everything it had, including the kitchen sink. Land was now visible, but nothing could be made out on shore for the dust and rubble of the bursting shells and bombs caused a large screening cloud. Planes covered the sky like a massive flock of blackbirds. The roar of their engines and the blasting of the big guns and bombs started our heads to ringing. My nerves seemed to loosen up under the noise as I began to get the old feeling of combat into my soul. It was like a great symphony and we mastered the instruments.

There is no way to explain the feeling each one of us held within ourselves. Every man had his own thoughts and you could see the solemn look on their faces and a prayer on their lips. I don't think there was anyone not praying. I know I was. I had been ever since I had received the orders as being one of the assault companies. I looked at their faces as the boats were close enough to make them out. I called

over to the nearest one. "Put your rubbers on. I don't want anyone to get wet feet. Your mothers might not like it." It was a poor joke but everyone got a kick out of it. Some GI came back with, "What the hell you doing manning that machine gun Captain? You can't hit a bull in the with a spade." Everybody was trying to lighten the burden of the other with such remarks.

I glanced over to my left and there was my battalion commander. Yep, few people know or realize how close to the forward elements our commanders move. He is right with you all the time and today he was riding my flank. All this gave confidence to our men the same as my manning that machine gun instead of one of my gunners. His face was solemn as he sat on the engine house erect as though nothing could hurt him. I saw him on the drive out of Anzio walking around the same way when everyone else was flat on the ground. This was his fifth invasion and you could see he held the weight of all those lives on his shoulders though he revealed only a proud, determined and straight figure. He was only 25 and he looked to be nearing 40. Battle ages a person rapidly and one could see the effects it had made on him from Casablanca to the shores of France. Yes, he was born to lead and never has he failed to continue to do just that. He had welded a fighting team that could take and hold its objectives through the toughest engagements.

The rocket boats were moving up close and you could see him firing their salvos toward the landing beach and hear their swish as they left the ships. The enemy shore batteries began to open up as we came in range of their guns. The men began to get down in the boats as the air bursts came closer and a few near misses in the sea started the craft to rolling to the sides. The curtain was up and it was almost time for the Infantry to come on the stage and take its part in the play.

The big shells from the wagons began to sound like trucks coming through the air sideways as they started to silence the shore batteries. You couldn't hear one shouting in your ear. All boats were headed straight for shore, engines roaring and dead on course. I began to pick up terrain features in an attempt to spot my company's objectives. I was pointing it out to my men so that everyone would know where to go, when all of a sudden a short burst of machine gun fire sliced by my craft. I swung my gun and began to return fire just as the boats rammed shore and dropped their landing

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CHOWAN COUNTY TUESDAY AFTERNOON ONLY APPROXIMATELY ONE-FOURTH OF REACHING QUOTA IN SEVENTH WAR LOAN

To the People of this Community

Remember the Kid in Upper Four? He thinks about you, his home folks, even under the murderous fire of enemy machine gunners. The kid came home the other day to receive a decoration. Unashamedly he recalled saying this simple prayer:

"Father in Heaven, take care of Mom and Dad and my brother and sister and all the folks at home. Thanks for the food and water we have in this shell hole. Take care of my buddies. Take care of me. Amen."

In this case the kid's name was Private Ken Miller of Greensburg, Kan., veteran of Iwo Jima. Private Miller won't mind if you substitute the name of your boy for his as the boy who prayed for his folks for the home folks. The link between foxhole and home is never broken unless you break it here yourself. Your fighting sons look to you in the 7th War Loan to demonstrate that you are helping them in one of the most direct ways open to you, the acquisition of the most War Bonds you have ever bought in any War Loan.

THE EDITOR

Total Bond Sales to Date Reported at Only \$93,000

"E" BONDS \$36,131

Chairmen Now Concerned Over Apparent Lagging of Sales

With the first report of sales of bonds in the Seventh War Loan made Tuesday afternoon by W. H. Gardner, vice chairman, there remains a tremendous job of work and buying if Chowan County is to meet its quota as it has in all previous drives.

Late Tuesday afternoon Mr. Gardner informed The Herald that overall sales amounted to \$93,000, of which amount \$36,131 represented Series E bonds. Chowan's overall quota is \$385,000, while of this amount \$141,000 is scheduled to be raised by purchase of the E bonds. Thus it can be seen that the county has reached only approximately one-fourth of its quota to date.

T. C. Byrum, Chairman of the Chowan County War Finance Committee, is somewhat concerned, especially over the E bond sales, and while he has not lost confidence that the county will meet both quotas, yet the result up to the present time is not as far advanced as he had expected. He is, therefore, urging every person in the county to do his or her utmost in buying bonds, to the end that the goal will soon be in sight. He stresses the fact that the first quarter of the quota is the easiest to meet, and for that reason is urging his co-workers to make as many contacts as possible and to emphasize the extremely vital need for funds with which to finish the war in the Pacific.

Both Mr. Byrum and his vice chairman, Mr. Gardner, are of the opinion that the full quota will finally be realized, but both agree that unless sales pick up materially, it will be an extremely hard fight to sell the required amount of bonds before the drive ends.

"Buy bonds" is the appeal of both Byrum and Gardner.

Urgent Need For Living Quarters

Large Number of Service Men Expected In June

Information has been received by The Herald to the effect that a large group of men will arrive at the Edenton Naval Air Station early in June for their final training. This will be the last two or three months these men will be able to be with their families, and it is calculated that a goodly percentage of this number will never return.

For that reason efforts are under way to secure living quarters for these service people and an appeal is made for Edentonians to go the limit in opening their homes or making arrangements to house as many as possible. Officers were here last week in the interest of checking on living quarters and expressed the hope that any previous unpleasantness will be overlooked and some sacrifices made in order to provide homes for these service people who, after all, are human and have a yearning to be with their families the last few weeks they have an opportunity.

The Herald will be happy, indeed, to give any information to newcomers relative to rooms, apartments or houses which can be rented, if this information is received.

Finals At School Begin June 3rd

Rev. J. H. Miller and Dr. Howard S. Killey Speakers

Commencement exercises will begin in Edenton High School Sunday night, June 3, when the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. Herbert Miller, district superintendent of the Methodist churches in the Elizabeth City District. The program will be held in the auditorium at 8 o'clock, for which occasion the Protestant churches will abandon their regular night services.

Class Day will be observed Thursday night of the same week, beginning at 8 o'clock, during which the usual features will be carried out.

On Friday night at 8 o'clock the graduation exercises will be held, when the principal speaker will be Dr. Howard S. Killey, president of Atlantic Christian College at Wilson. There are 40 members in the Senior class this year.

County Offices Closed On Memorial Day

Wednesday of next week, May 30, being National Memorial Day, County offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Important business should, therefore, be transacted accordingly.

Rotarians Hosts To Edenton Teachers

Delightful Affair Held In Parish House Friday

Over one hundred Rotarians, their wives (and one who had his sweetheart) together with members of the Edenton school faculty, gathered in the Parish House Friday night, when the teachers were guests of the Edenton club. The room was attractively decorated with Rotary emblems and flags of many nations, and a feeling of good fellowship pervaded the entire meeting.

H. A. Campen, president of the club, presided and called upon the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., to offer prayer and Marvin Wilson to make the address of welcome. All of the teachers were asked to stand, introduce themselves and state what grade they taught, while Rotarians introduced their Rotary-Annes and visitors.

Several numbers were presented by Joyce Harrell, Charlotte Bunch and Carolyn Elliott. Singing by the entire group was led by C. W. Overman.

A feature of the program which provoked much laughter was an "auction sale" conducted by President Campen.

The principal address was made by William J. Bundy of Greenville, who delivered a witty after-dinner speech, at the conclusion of which he became more serious, emphasizing the fact that an individual is a small part of the whole population, but that each one has an important duty to perform which has a vital effect upon our town, State and nation.

BANK CLOSED MAY 30
Next Wednesday, May 30, being National Memorial Day, the Bank of Edenton will be closed in observance of the holiday. Patrons are, therefore, urged to attend to important banking matters accordingly.

MRS. LUPTON IN HOSPITAL
Mr. and Mrs. Hector Lupton went to Norfolk Tuesday morning, where Mrs. Lupton entered a hospital. She was scheduled to undergo an operation Wednesday.