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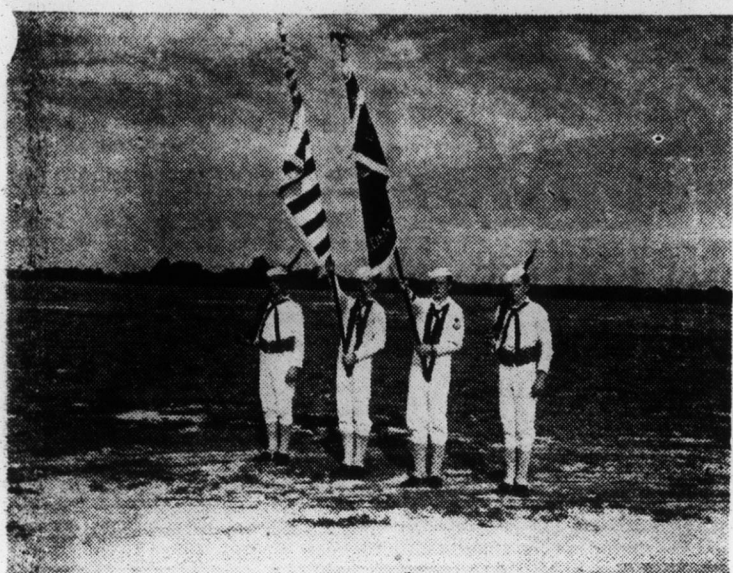
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## COLORS PRESENTED TO AIR STATION



Above is pictured the color guard of the Edenton Naval Air Station displaying the beautiful colors which were presented to the station by Ed Bond Post, No. 40, American Legion, at the huge celebration held at the base Sunday afternoon, May 20. (Official U. S. Navy photograph.)

## Naval Air Station Meets Coast Guard Sunday Afternoon

Game Is Transferred to Edenton Diamond For Benefit of Civilians

BEGINS AT 2:30

Both Teams Tied For First Place In Service League

Edenton baseball fans will have an opportunity Sunday afternoon to witness a game which should be a battle royal, when the Edenton Naval Air Station team meets the Coast Guard aggregation from Elizabeth City on Hicks Field. The game is scheduled to begin at 2:30 o'clock.

The two teams at present are tied for first place in the Albemarle Service League, each having a perfect record of four victories and no defeats. The local outfit added its fourth win Friday by defeating LTA of Elizabeth City 13 to 4.

So far this season the Edenton team has an enviable record in that it has hung up a total of eight victories to only one defeat, the latter being at the hands of the Jackson outfit played at Jackson Wednesday of last week by a score of 6-5. The Edenton team defeated the Northampton County boys in a game played early in the season 2-1, so that on Friday afternoon on the diamond at the Air Station the two teams will fight it out when they cross bats at 4 o'clock.

For Sunday's game it is expected that Asmer will start on the mound, for the Naval Air Station, with Lembo on the receiving end. Lembo, just recently added to the squad, is owned by the Brooklyn Dodgers, and Athletic officials at the base are very much impressed with his performance back of the plate. In fact, fans may expect an exhibition of throwing seldom seen on the local diamond.

Van Eman, slugging outfielder, lost his batting eye in the last few games, not being able to add to his string of five circuit clouts. Moore, first baseman, however, hit a terrific home run in the last league game, so that the entire outfit is expected to do its best in Sunday's game to break the deadlock for the lead in league standing.

This game was transferred to Hicks Field especially for the benefit of civilians, and it is hoped a large crowd turns out to see what promises to be an exceptionally good game of baseball.

## Mrs. Ruth Stokely Hears From Husband

Mrs. Ruth Stokely on Monday received a telegram from J. A. Ulio, adjutant general, which stated: "The Secretary of War desires me to inform you that your husband, Pvt. William H. Stokely, was returned to military control on May 9."

The telegram was reason for joy on the part of Mrs. Stokely, who had not heard from her husband since January 7, when he was a prisoner of the Germans.

## DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AWARDED TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT PARKER HELMS

Edenton Boy Also Wears Air Medal With Sixth Oak Leaf Cluster Recently Awarded For Meritorious Achievement In Pacific

In compliance with general orders from headquarters of the Seventh Air Force, Technical Sergeant George Parker Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Helms, was one of ten to be recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The award was made by direction of President Harry Truman by the commanding general of the Seventh Air Force for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight while participating in aerial operations against the enemy on February 25, 1945.

During this mission each as a crew member of a heavy bombardment type airplane assisted in a successful attack against Susaki airfield on Chichi Jima, a possible threat to American invading forces at Iwo Jima due to enemy planes using it as a staging base. The attack had to be made at a lower altitude because of the undercast. Making the attack at this low altitude was extremely hazardous because all the enemy anti-aircraft and automatic weapons could be brought to bear against the planes. Each, realizing the danger involved, carried out his assigned mission and also aided in obtaining valuable intelligence information. The cool

## Dr. Gerard Priestly Speaks In Edenton Monday, June 4th

Forum on "Today's War And Tomorrow's World"

WELL INFORMED

Lecturer Has Spoken In 46 States and 250 USO Clubs

Dr. Gerard Priestly of London, England, will conduct a forum on the subject "Today's War and Tomorrow's World" at the High School on Monday, June 4, beginning at 8:30 P. M.

Gerard Priestly is known on both sides of the Atlantic as a competent authority on International Affairs. He has traveled extensively through Europe, North and South America. To use a Churchillian phrase, Gerard Priestly "has stood on the watch towers of history" for he was in Germany when Hitler came to power, in Austria when the Nazis marched into Vienna and in Czechoslovakia at the time of the Munich crisis. Shortly before the outbreak of war, he was the guest of the Rumanian government and spent considerable time traveling in Transylvania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey.

Gerard Priestly was born in Windsor, England, and was educated for the Christian Ministry at New College, University of London. While a student at the University, he worked in a mission in the heart of the great dockyard area of London's East End. He made his first visit to the United States as a student, receiving the degree of B. D. from the Hartford Theological Seminary and S. T. M. from the Latin American Department of the Kennedy School of Missions. For over four years he occupied the distinguished pulpit of the Church of the Divine Paternity, New York City, and during two summers preached at the American Church in Paris.

Gerard Priestly is a member of the faculty of Springfield College and has been professor of Modern History for the 323rd College Training Detachment of Aviation Students. For the past two years he has been associated with the Special Program Department of the Army and Navy Y.M.C.A. As an unofficial British ambassador of goodwill, he has addressed thousands of men and women in the army camps and airfields across the country on conditions in Britain, Europe and South America and the problems which will confront us all in the world of tomorrow. He has visited over 250 USO Clubs and has spoken in the leading colleges, churches and service clubs in 46 states. For many years, he was a member of the London Central Y.M.C.A., destroyed by the Nazis, and he has visited many of the Y.M.C.A.'s in Europe and South America.

Dr. Priestly comes to Edenton under the local sponsorship of the USO. All interested in a discussion of current public affairs are cordially invited to attend.

## Seventh War Loan Half Over, Chowan Still Lacks \$47,000 One-half Quota

Speaks In Edenton



DR. GERARD PRIESTLY Known on both sides of the Atlantic as an authority on international affairs, Dr. Priestly will conduct a forum on "Today's War and Tomorrow's World" at the High School on Monday night at 8:30 o'clock.

Total Sales Up to Tuesday Afternoon Reported at \$145,000

\$68,000 IN E BONDS

Chairman T. C. Byrum Urging All to Rally And Raise Quota

With the Seventh War Bond one-half over, Chowan County as of Tuesday afternoon lacked approximately \$47,000 of meeting half of its quota of \$385,000, according to figures released by W. H. Gardner, vice chairman. Mr. Gardner reported total sale of bonds at \$145,000, of which \$68,000 represented Series E bonds, \$26,300 in G bonds and \$50,500 in Treasury bonds.

The Series E bond quota for the county is \$141,000 and with sales amounting to \$68,000, shows that \$2,500 is lacking of meeting the half way mark for these bonds.

The drive ends June 30, so that if Chowan is to once more meet its quota in a war bond drive, there will necessarily have to be more spirited buying than was the case during the first half.

T. C. Byrum, chairman of the Chowan County War Finance Committee, is no little concerned about the ultimate success of the drive, and while he has not given up hope of the overall quota being reached, he feels that individuals have not been buying the E bonds in proportion to their ability to buy and the necessity for raising the necessary funds with which to knock Japan out of the war. To this end Mr. Byrum is appealing to his group of workers to see to it that every person in their respective neighborhoods is solicited and to stress the importance of buying the E bonds, which will not only help to meet the county's quota but will aid in prosecution of the war as well as stand in good stead when the war is over and conditions turn more toward normal.

Mr. Byrum stresses the fact that money is needed by the Government now more than ever and he desires to eliminate an apparent feeling on the part of some that due to cessation of hostilities in Europe there is not as much need for funds.

"Chowan County has met its quota in the six previous war bond drives," said Mr. Byrum, "and it would be embarrassing and a shame if the county did not rally to the Government and the men and women in uniform at this particular time when total victory was never more brighter, but the end still a long way off. Let us all show by our purchase of bonds that we are backing our sons and daughters in the armed forces, who will, and have every right to, expect us on the home front to provide them with what it takes to bring our (Continued on Page Six)

## Commencement At Chowan Ends Friday

Congressman Herbert Bonner Graduation Speaker

Commencement exercises at Chowan High School will come to a close Friday night when graduation exercises will be held in the auditorium beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

The principal address for the occasion will be made by Congressman Herbert Bonner, which will be an incentive for many of his friends to attend. Two selections will be rendered by the Glee Club and T. J. Jessup, principal, will present awards. Superintendent W. J. Taylor will present diplomas to the seniors comprising the graduating class.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday night by the Rev. Frank Cale, who has returned from his studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. The invocation was offered by the Rev. Arthur Stephenson and the Scripture read by the Rev. J. T. Byrum.

Class night was observed Wednesday night with a three-act play "Beyond the Port," with a goodly number of the graduates taking part.

W. T. Eason, Jr., is valedictorian of the class, while Carolyn Jessup is salutatorian.

Other members of the class are: Robert Ray Winslow, Ralph Harrell, Jack White, Wallace Reed Peele, Eugene Jordan, Ward Blanchard, David Ober, Ruth Morris, Joyce Chappell, Helen Joyce Byrum, Edna Mae Byrum, Lester Byrum, Frances Perry, Jean Britton, Pattie Macon Davis, Clemma Layden, Irene Byrum, Linwood Davenport, Ervin Copeland, J. D. Peele, Melvin Evans, Oliver Jordan, Edmond White, and Graham Byrum.

## Girl Scouts Need More Furnishings

Group Very Anxious to Make Quarters More Attractive

It has been called to the attention of The Herald that the local Girl Scout troop is still in need of furniture, pictures and other items which can be used to make their quarters in the former band room at the school more attractive. Furniture need not be in perfect condition, for the Girl Scouts are trained to make minor repairs, and have done a splendid job in fixing up their room.

These girls are willing to work, which was reflected in their part taken in the poppy sale Saturday and any encouragement on the part of citizens will, without doubt, have its effect in the interest and development of this important organization for the girls of Edenton.

## Rotarians Planning To Honor John A. Holmes June 14th

Edmund Harding Accepts Invitation to Be Principal Speaker

Edenton Rotarians are planning to pay tribute to John A. Holmes, who is governor of the 189th District, and who has made a splendid record thus far in leading all district governors in the Rotary world in Rotary extension.

The date for the celebration has been set for Thursday night, June 14, and various committees have been appointed to arrange an affair which is calculated to be one of the most outstanding in the history of the club. A feature of the meeting will be an address by Edmund Harding of Washington, a former district governor and well known after dinner speaker.

At last week's meeting Rotarians learned something about weather forecasting, when Lieut. Ross Hampton of the Edenton Naval Air Station was the principal speaker. Of course, the subject could not be covered in the brief time allotted for the program, but Lieut. Hampton presented quite a few interesting facts relative to methods used in predicting weather conditions.

## Typhoid Clinics In County Will Be Held From June 11 To 30

Schedule Released By Local Health Department Officials

Chowan County's typhoid clinics will be held from June 11 to June 30, according to an announcement this week by the local Health Department. All children are requested to have these vaccinations.

All who had the "booster" and all who had the full three doses last year should take a "booster" dose this year. This not only safeguards individual, but also the community. At these clinics vaccinations for diphtheria, whooping cough and smallpox will also be administered. The clinics will be held at the following time and places:

Monday, June 11, 18 and 25

Bass' Bridge Inn Station—9:15 to 10 A. M.

Old Advance school place—10:15 to 11 A. M.

J. E. Peele Station—11:30 to 12:15.

Rocky Hook Church—1 to 2 P. M.

Valhalla, Harrell's Store—2:15 to 3 P. M.

Ryan's Grove School—3 to 4:30.

Tuesday, June 12, 19 and 26

Virginia Fork colored school—9:30 to 10 A. M.

Hancock, Dixon's Station—11 to 12.

Cross Roads, Community Club House—3 to 4:30 P. M.

Wednesday, June 13, 20 and 27

Hobbs' Store—9 to 9:30 A. M.

St. John's School—10 to 11.

Canaan's Temple Church—11:30 to 12:30.

Triangle School—1 to 1:30.

Edenton Cotton Mill—3:30 to 4:15.

Thursday, June 14, 21 and 27

Green Hall School—9:30 to 10:15 A. M.

Center Hill Intersection—10:30 to 11:15.

Ryland, Ward Station—11:45 to 1.

Arthur Byrum's Station—2 to 2:45.

Sign Pine, A. T. Perry's—3 to 4.

Friday, June 15, 22 and 29

Health Department—9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Saturday, June 16, 23 and 30

Health Department—9 A. M. to 12 noon.

## Chaplain R. A. Egan Speaker For Legion

Last Meeting of Fiscal Year Tuesday Night In Court House

Next Tuesday night Ed Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, will hold its last meeting of the fiscal year, at which time the principal speaker will be Chaplain R. A. Egan of the Edenton Naval Air Station. The meeting will be held in the Court House, commencing at 8 o'clock.

L. Chestnutt will preside as post master and urges every Legionnaire to be present. Visitors are also invited to attend and hear Chaplain Egan's address.

MRS. LUPTON IMPROVING Mrs. Hector Lupton, who is a patient in General Hospital, Norfolk, is gradually improving, her many friends will be pleased to hear. Mrs. Lupton was operated upon Wednesday of last week, but is obliged to undergo another operation which is expected to take place Saturday.

## Have You Given?

J. W. Davis, chairman of the Soliciting Committee for the Chowan County Hospital, senses the fact that there are still quite a few who would like to contribute to this worthy cause, but who, for one reason or other, have not been solicited.

In making a final appeal for contributions, Mr. Davis made the following statement early this week:

"Knowing that quite a few people in Chowan County have been missed during the hospital campaign, I am making this final appeal for our committee in order that all may have an opportunity to be in on the initial gift program.

"Of course, you can make a donation at any time, but this committee must finish its work, so will you not make an effort to get your gift in as soon as possible? Also all who have made pledges and can meet them, will you do so as soon as possible. It will be very helpful to the committee. There is work to be done. Let's get going."

## Edenton High School Finals Begin Sunday

Graduation Exercises to Be Held Friday of Next Week

The baccalaureate sermon, which will begin commencement exercises at Edenton High School, will be preached Sunday night in the school auditorium by the Rev. J. Herbert Miller, district superintendent of Methodist churches in the Elizabeth City District. The service will begin at 8 o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited. Evening services in the Protestant churches will be called off for the occasion.

Class Day exercises will be held Thursday night of next week at 8 o'clock, during which the seniors will enjoy the customary Class Day features.

Graduation exercises will be held on the following night, when diplomas will be presented to the graduates and awards made to outstanding students. The principal speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Howard S. Killey, president of Atlantic Christian College at Wilson.

## Business At Auction Block Picking Up

With more favorable weather conditions, more farm produce is being handled at the Valhalla auction block of the Chowan Mutual Produce Exchange, W. A. Harrell, president of the organization, reporting Tuesday morning that over \$5,000 worth of produce was sold Monday of this week. Items sold were beans and squash, and though the crop is shot, Mr. Harrell said it was of very good quality.

The auction block will be operated throughout the summer, so long as farm produce is available.

## AWARDED COMBAT BADGE

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Spruill have been informed that their son, Private Irving W. Spruill, has been promoted to Private First Class and that he has been awarded the Infantryman's Combat Badge. Pfc. Spruill is a member of General Patch's Seventh Army.