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Father and Son Drown In Edenton Bay

Side by Side at Corregidor



Admiral Russell S. Berkey, USN, hails an Australian cruiser from the bridge of a U. S. Navy cruiser. He is using an electrically powered megaphone to be heard above the noise of the bombardment of Corregidor. United power is pushing the Japs back and your united power is needed in the continued heavy purchase of War Bonds.

From U. S. Treasury

Kamikaze Sinks Local Man's Ship But Crew Saved

William Moore on USS William D. Porter When Hit

One of the closing stages of the war for Okinawa, and the last desperate attempts of Kamikaze crash-divers to obliterate American ships, comes a different story—how a Jap suicide pilot accomplished his mission and sank the destroyer USS William D. Porter, but not a single American life was lost in the battle. Fate played a trick on Kamikaze suicide strategy in the case of the Porter and William J. C. Moore, Steward's Mate First Class, USNR, of Edenton, is thankful. When the Nip suicider, piloting a Jap "Val," dropped out of the clouds without warning on the destroyer, he made the usual attempt to crash-dive a vital part of the ship. But in this case it was a clear miss.

The enemy plane crashed into the water close aboard the destroyer's port side, and exploded almost directly underneath the vessel. Evidence that the Jap was carrying a heavy load of explosives is borne out in what followed. According to the survivors, the explosion lifted the Porter in the water with stunning force, hurling officers and men to the decks and against bulkheads. The destroyer's power was disrupted, steam lines were broken, and fires broke out immediately in many parts of the vessel.

It was during these few seconds that most of the 61 crewmen listed as injured sustained burns from live steam, contusions, and shock from concussions.

For three hours, with the Porter settling deeper in the water, her crew labored courageously amid fires and escaping steam trying to patch up the damage.

Sgt. James Smith Back From Overseas

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith received word this week that their son, Sgt. James Smith, had arrived in California Friday of last week. Sgt. Smith has been overseas about two years and was wounded in the Leyte fighting, being confined to a hospital in Hawaii since January 12 of this year.

He will be hospitalized in Atlanta, Ga., and his parents are hopeful that he will soon be able to enjoy a full and happy home.

Cullen Swindell On Inactive Duty

Lieut. Haywood Cudden Swindell, having spent 29 months in the A. A. F., has been given a Certificate of Service and put on inactive duty. He spent 7 months of this in Italy as pilot of a B-24 and won the E. T. O. ribbon with five bronze battle stars, the Air Medal with the Oak Leaf Cluster and the Distinguished Unit Citation with the Oak Leaf Cluster.

Canning On Home Front Is Important

Miss Rebecca Colwell Urges Proper Preservation of Food

Home canning is one of the nation's most important war-time programs on the home front in 1945," says Miss Rebecca Colwell, home demonstration agent, "and canning must be done by safe methods to reduce the loss of food due to spoilage and poor quality."

President Truman said recently, "The need for food is greater now than ever before. We must do everything in our power to produce and conserve all we can this year." He urges all families to make every effort to increase production of food by enlarged and continuous plantings. Home preservation of food this year, in his opinion, is just as important as production, in view of the increased war requirements for commercially processed foods.

Methods recommended by the N. C. Extension Service for home preservation of foods are:

1. Canning: Can all fruits and tomatoes in a boiling water bath canner. Can all vegetables (except tomatoes) and meats in a steam pressure canner.
2. Freezing: Freeze fruits, vegetables and meats.
3. Drying or Dehydration: Dry fruits and vegetables.
4. Brining: Brine vegetables.
5. Storing: Store potatoes, fall fruits and vegetables and cured meats.

Bulletins on the above subjects are available at the office of Miss Rebecca Colwell, Home Demonstration Agent. See or call her for further assistance with your food conservation work.

Prospects of a decided drop in civilian supplies of commercially canned foods—especially tomatoes—should cause every home-maker to can these foods at home this summer. According to Paul C. Stark, Director of Home Food Supply for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, "The civilian food supply next winter will depend so much on the food preserved in homes this summer and fall that gardeners should put up every bean, every berry and every other vegetable and fruit, not needed for eating fresh."

Horace Basnight At Redistribution Center

Corp. Horace M. Basnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Basnight, is currently stationed at the redistribution station at Camp Butner, where he will spend two weeks before reporting to his new assignment in the United States.

Corporal Basnight was recently returned to the United States, after having served 14 months in the European theatre of operations, where he served as an ambulance driver and mechanic. He holds the Distinguished Unit badge, Good Conduct ribbon, American Defense ribbon and the European theatre ribbon with two bronze campaign stars.

USO Director Abe Martin Transferred To Alexandria Club

Wade Cashion Named Successor; Scheduled To Report July 23

Abe Martin, director of the Edenton USO, has been notified by headquarters that he is to be transferred to the USO Club at Alexandria, Va. He expects to leave Edenton July 25 for his new duties.

Mr. Martin has been in Edenton since the local USO was organized about 2½ years, being the only director thus far. He participated in the organization of the USO even before headquarters were available and under his advice and supervision the USO has been very beneficial and successful. He will leave Edenton conscious of the fact that he has made many friends who will regret to see him leave.

Mr. Martin will be succeeded by Wade Cashion, who is scheduled to report on July 23rd. Mr. Cashion, a North Carolinian, was formerly a member of the executive staff of the USO in Fayetteville, but has been released to work with the USO-YMCA.

\$86,208 Distributed By Social Security In Month Of June

Manager In Edenton Each Third Tuesday to Give Assistance

T. Bosworth Hulcher, manager of the Norfolk field office of the Social Security Board, was in Edenton Tuesday on his regular monthly visit each third Tuesday in the month to assist with old age and survivors' insurance.

According to Mr. Hulcher's figures, there were 65 monthly benefit checks distributed in the county during the month of June, which amounted to \$86,208, or an average of \$13.26 per person.

Twenty-five elderly retired workers received \$468.62, or an average of \$18.73. Eight elderly wives of retired workers received \$72.36, or an average of \$9.05. Twenty-one young children of deceased workers received \$170.14, or an average of \$8.10. Three elderly widows of deceased workers received \$41.06, or an average of \$13.69. Seven young widows of deceased workers with young children received \$99.90, or an average of \$14.27. One elderly parent of deceased worker received \$10.

HOME ON LEAVE
John Butler Byrum, U. S. N., is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Byrum, of near Ryland. Byrum recently completed his "boot" training at Bainbridge, Maryland.

Chickens Being Sold In Chowan County Above Ceiling Price

Ration Board Submits Three Angles to Problem

It has come to the attention of the Price Panel of the Chowan War Price and Rationing Board that many citizens of Chowan County are buying and selling chickens above the ceiling price. Members of the Ration Board say the problem could be approached from many angles, but the following three seem adequate:

1. It is unpatriotic. The war in which we are all engaged and through which we have all suffered directly or indirectly is only half won. Many of our boys are still having to get along on less than the necessities of life, not to mention such luxuries as southern fried chicken. Also thousands of people the world around are literally starving to death. In the light of such facts it seems that the least those of us at home can do is to cooperate with our government in its attempt to keep prices down.

2. It is unsound economy. All of us recognize that it is human to want to get the highest price possible for anything that we have to sell and to be willing to pay higher prices if we want any item badly enough. However, it is just such practices as this over-ceiling price selling and buying of chickens that causes the fearful inflation and eventual depression we all want to avoid. Seen from the long range effects it will have it is plainly unsound economic practice.

3. It is against the law. The Office of Price Administration has established the ceiling price of live young chickens at 38c per pound and live hens at 33c per pound for this area until September 5. Any person buying or selling above these prices is in violation and may be fined for such action.

The prices for dressed chickens are higher. Anyone interested in getting these prices is asked to call at the War Price and Rationing Board office in Edenton.

"We are sure every citizen in Chowan County wants to do what is right and wise," say rationing officials. "Let's all cooperate to keep prices down."

Co. 26, State Guard Now At Fort Bragg

Chowan County Outfit Participating In Annual Camp

Members of Company 26, State Guard, left Edenton Friday for Fort Bragg, where they are spending this week in training. Captain Marvin Wilson, commanding officer of the outfit, and five others left earlier last week to make necessary arrangements for the remainder of the company, most of whom are in camp.

The roster of Company 26 includes the following:

- Captain Marvin P. Wilson, Lieut. W. Leslie Morgan, First Sgt. Wilbur J. Privott, Company Clerk Ernest J. Ward, Jr., Supply Sgt. Henry J. Cuthrell, Mess Sgt. William S. Elliott, T-IV Billie B. Morris, T-IV William E. Boswell, Sgt. Emmett E. Dale, Sgt. Hiller F. Byrum, Sgt. Richard A. Hollowell, Sgt. Carlton W. Goodwin, Cpl. Robert W. Smith, Cpl. Ephraim E. Wright, Cpl. Wilbert Harris, Pfc. William C. Bunch, Pfc. George T. Norris, Jr., and Privates Joe C. Boyce, Jr., George C. Habit, Rodney T. Harrell, Jr., Murray M. Hollowell, Thurman T. Harris, Alvin E. Miller, Harry Lee Spruill, Joseph H. Ward, Wallace B. White, Billie I. Greene, Leamon Jethro and Thomas H. Phipps.

Chowan Trio Training For Duty On Destroyer

Three Chowan County sailors have arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., to train for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet. They are: Percy Wilmer Dail, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dail; Henry William Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright, and James Edward Byrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Byrum.

Dail is seaman first class and Wright and Byrum are seamen second class.

Floyd E. Bufflap And Son Eddie Lose Lives As Boat Capsized In Choppy Water

On The Move

Chowan County's watermelon crop began to move early this week, many trucks heading toward the northern markets and boats arriving to carry the melons northward. There were ten boats in the Edenton harbor Wednesday morning with the melons coming in a steady stream on trucks from the patches throughout the county.

Ervin Bunch Out Of Okinawa Battle Without A Scratch

Chowan Boy on Veteran Battleship USS New York

Ervin A. Bunch, seaman first class, Edenton, Route Three, came through the battle for Okinawa aboard the battleship U. S. S. New York without a scratch, helping fire more than five million pounds of shells at enemy targets. This tonnage exceeds that fired by all ships during the invasion bombardments of Tarawa or Makin, Roi-Namur or Eniwetok.

One of the grand old ladies of the fleet, the New York celebrated her 31st birthday during the battle. The only capital ship to stay on the job without relief, she kept her 14-inch and 5-inch guns firing salvos at island targets steadily.

The men spent the equivalent of two solid weeks at their air defense stations during the more than 200 air raid alerts. One Jap plane made an unsuccessful suicide run through a hail of anti-aircraft fire, but crashed harmlessly into the sea. Not one Jap bomb, torpedo or artillery shell found its mark on the ship, although all were tried. Credit for much of effectiveness of the ship's firing goes to the ship's spotting planes which flew an estimated 50,000 miles on missions over the island, searching out targets.

During the present war the New York participated in the invasion of North Africa, saw convoy duty in the Atlantic, and took part in the Iwo Jima campaign.

Chief Tanner Now On Greenville Job

George I. Dail Becomes Edenton Chief of Police August 1

Chief of Police J. R. Tanner left Edenton Monday morning for Greenville, where he is now chief of police. He, together with Sgt. George I. Dail of the Highway Patrol, his successor in Edenton, stopped over in Williamsport to attend the funeral services held for Floyd E. Bufflap and his son, Floyd, Jr., who lost their lives by drowning in Edenton Bay Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Tanner's family will remain in Edenton until a house to be occupied by them in Greenville is completed.

Mr. Dail, who has accepted the position as chief of police in Edenton, will assume his new duties on August 1.

Sgt. Wilma Brabble At Miami Beach

Tec-5 Wilma V. Brabble, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brabble, has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, Fla., where his next assignment will be determined.

Sgt. Brabble served 36 months as a mortar sergeant in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations. While there he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon.

Sgt. Brabble became a member of the Armed Forces on June 27, 1941.

Party of Five Were on Way to Spend Afternoon Fishing

NARROW ESCAPES
Double Funeral Held In Williamston Monday Morning

One of the most sorrowful tragedies ever to occur in Edenton took place early Saturday afternoon when Floyd Edwin Bufflap and his son, Floyd Edwin, Jr., of Williamston, were drowned in the Edenton Bay. At the same time W. C. Manning, one of the publishers of the Williamston Enterprise, his son, William, Jr., and J. Edwin Bufflap, father and grandfather of the two victims, narrowly escaped death.

The accident occurred when the group decided to go fishing up the Fish Hatchery creek. The quartet from Williamston came to Edenton to secure the Martin County tax receipts which were printed in The Herald office due to lack of help in the Williamston office. Earlier in the week a fishing trip was planned, so that upon arrival Mr. Manning and Floyd Bufflap and his father were enthused over the prospect of enjoying the remainder of the afternoon fishing. The two youngsters, too, were gleeful and anxious for the boat ride.

The group made ready to go fishing and left the county dock, where the boat was tied. Floyd Bufflap, taking delight in operating the outboard motor, was in the rear of the boat, in front of whom were Mr. Manning and his son. On the next seat were J. Edwin Bufflap and his grandson. After leaving the dock and reaching the open water, which was rather choppy, the group was sprayed by splashing water, but no apparent danger was realized. Floyd Bufflap, however, had guided the boat farther from the shore than has been the custom of the elder Bufflap, who has crossed the bay in the same boat many times, so that the latter suggested moving closer toward shore.

The supposition is that Floyd Bufflap turned the boat suddenly, causing a wave to drown out the motor, immediately following which, the boat made a lunge, caused by a wave flooding the boat. The elder Bufflap stood up in the boat when he heard the motor stop and as he looked backward, all of the boat except the front part was under water and the four other occupants were some distance away, swimming. The grandson was swimming between the boat and the stakes along the old fish house of A. S. Smith. Mr. Manning, too, was in the same area, but Floyd Bufflap and the Manning boy were farther out between the boat and the cluster of piles at the Standard Oil Company dock. J. Edwin Bufflap in some mysterious way happened to be near the boat when it came to the surface bottom side up. He managed to swim to it, crawled on top in an effort to call for help and observe where the others were so that he might render some assistance if possible, but the bottom was slippery and a wave sent him sprawling into the water again. He was able to get to it again, however, and as he clung to it, called for help, having seen a few men at the Edenton Ice Company plant, and frantically called and waved to those in the water to work toward shore.

Floyd Bufflap, Jr., apparently, saw his father further out and swam toward him and the Manning boy, the latter two apparently moving closer to the cluster of piles at the oil company dock. Floyd Bufflap was an excellent swimmer, but in his effort to save both of the boys, apparently, became exhausted or was seized with cramp. His father last saw him come to the surface and shake his head, giving reason to believe that he was still making progress with the boys, but when he went under, he appeared no more.

Very shortly after Floyd Bufflap went down, J. H. Conger's yacht was near the scene and about that time the Manning boy came to the surface, probably for the last time, for he was unconscious and all that could be seen was one hand sticking out of the water. A life saver was thrown to him from the Conger boat, (Continued on Page Two)