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GIS WORSHIP ON THE SIEGFRIED LINE—Jewish Chaplain (Captain) Robert S. Marcus holds an outdoor service amid the "dragon's teeth" where German fortifications intersected a damaged German town. Front line troops joined in a thanksgiving service shortly after the capture of this sector.

Croix de Guerre Is Awarded Former Edenton Physician

Dr. Martin Wisely Weds English Chemist at South End

Many Edenton friends will be interested to learn that Major Martin Wisely, former Edenton physician and captain of the former National Guard unit here, on June 11 married Miss Molly Medland in St. Helen's Church at South End, Essex, England. Major Wisely is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wisely of Waynesboro, and his bride is the daughter of Mrs. James Medland of South Essex, England.

Dr. Wisely is serving as the dental surgeon of the 327th Glider Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, now occupying the Berchtesgaden, Germany, area, which once served as Adolf Hitler's mountain retreat.

Mrs. Wisely is a chemist for the Atkinson Morley Hospital in London. Major Wisely recently won the Croix de Guerre with Gold Star, presented by the French government. He also wears the Bronze and Silver Star medals.

He has participated in every major campaign of the Eagle Division—the invasion of Holland, the defense of Bastogne, the Moser River stand in Alsace Lorraine and fighting in Germany.

George I. Dail Now Acting As Chief Of Police In Edenton

Popular Highway Patrolman Began Duties Wednesday

George I. Dail, who for 14 years has been a member of the State Highway Patrol, on Wednesday morning assumed the new duties as chief of police in Edenton, succeeding J. R. Tanner, who about a month ago resigned to become chief of police in Greenville. Though Mr. Dail took the oath of office, which was administered by Mayor Leroy Haskett on July 21, he actually began his official duties Wednesday.

Already Chief Dail has made a number of changes in the Police Department, though for the present at least there will be no changes in the personnel.

Chief Dail goes into office possibly the most popular official ever to be elected or appointed in Edenton.

Coach Tex Lindsay Issues Call For Girls To Play Soft Ball

Each Tex Lindsay, who is in charge of the organized program of recreation in Edenton, issues a call for all girls who are interested in playing soft ball to be at the ball diamond Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Lindsay is very anxious to have a large number on hand, so that the girls can be placed on various teams.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DRIVE FOR DUES AND NEW MEMBERS WILL BEGIN AUGUST 3

One-Day Campaign Planned, With Last Year's Committee Serving; Organization Sponsoring Better Roads In County

The Finance Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association will start its program for the collection of dues from members and a drive for new members Friday, August 3rd. This committee, composed of J. H. Conger, J. W. Davis, Dave Holton, O. B. Perry, Henry Gardner and R. F. Elliott, was appointed to do this work by President J. Clarence Leary, who cited the fine record made by the same group last year.

It is the plan of the committee to make a one day campaign and it is possible that other members of the Chamber of Commerce will be called upon to assist so that it can be completed as soon as possible.

W. E. Malone New Lion Zone Chairman

Appointment Made By District Governor James Glover

W. E. Malone, immediate past president of the Edenton Lions Club, has been appointed zone chairman of Zone 1, Region 3 of District 31-C, the appointment being announced by District Governor James A. Glover. It is the third time since its organization that the local club has been so honored, the two previous zone chairmen being Dr. Wallace Griffin and Hector Lupton. The zone includes clubs in Edenton, Elizabeth City and Hertford.

The program at Monday night's meeting was in charge of W. J. Daniels, who treated club members and guests to quartet music, furnished by the RA quartet, composed of Mr. Daniels, Oscar Duncan, Earl Harrell and J. Clarence Leary.

Visitors at the meeting were J. E. Coffey, Pvt. James Hassell and Sgts James and Jack Bond.

Two Lose Lives In Plane Crash

Pilot and Radioman Victims When Plane Falls In Sound

Another plane crash into the Albemarle Sound near Edenton cost the lives of two men early Sunday morning. According to the public relations officer of the Fifth Naval District, the pilot, Ensign Lowell M. Watkins, USNR, and his crewman, Paul B. Klamm, aviation radioman second class, USNR, lost their lives in the crash.

Watkins is the son of Earl L. Watkins of Boston Harbor, Mich., and Klamm the son of Mrs. Winnifred Klamm of Thompson, N. D.

The two victims were attached to the Edenton Naval Air Station.

MRS. B. F. FRANCIS ILL
Mrs. B. F. Francis is confined to bed at her home as a result of a fall late Sunday afternoon, when she badly bruised her ankle.

North Carolina In Lead In Organizing New Rotary Clubs

John A. Holmes Organizes Eight Clubs In 189th District

NEW JERSEY TIE

Total of 78 New Clubs Organized In Eastern Division

Setting a record for all Rotary clubs in the eastern part of the United States, North Carolina led during the year just ended in the number of new clubs established in this region.

The report was received from Rotary International headquarters in Chicago by Charles G. Tehent, chairman of extension for the Eastern region and Past District Governor for the 190th District.

North Carolina chartered 10 new clubs during the year, as compared with nine for New Jersey, next in line; eight for Michigan, and seven for New York.

A total of 78 new clubs were organized in the Eastern region. The 189th District under the leadership of Governor John A. Holmes of Edenton was responsible for eight of the ten new clubs organized in this state.

Only one other District Governor in the Eastern region made as good a record—Emmor Roberts of Vincetown, N. J., who also organized eight clubs.

The new clubs organized by Mr. Holmes are at Freemont, Four Oaks, North Caswell, Warrenton, Vanceboro, Enfield, Plymouth and Louisville. The two other clubs organized in North Carolina are at Mocksville in the 188th District and Highlands in the 190th District.

Prisoners Of War Will Be Used To Work On Farms

Chowan Allotted 60 of The Prisoners to Harvest Peanuts

Plans are made for Chowan county farmers to begin using prisoners of war for general farm work beginning soon after August 1. Tobacco harvest, tobacco suckering and ensilage harvest are jobs of first priority. As fast as these jobs are taken care of the prisoners will become available for other farm work. From August 1 to September 15 there will be 20 prisoners of war allotted to Chowan county from the Ahsoskie camp. It is anticipated that these 20 laborers will be used in Bertie and Hertford counties for tobacco harvest for the first 15 days of August but they may also be used in Chowan county if the tobacco harvest necessitates. The wage rate for these workers will be 30 cents per hour based on a 10 hour working day. Prisoners of war will be given 14 hours from camp each day which should provide ample time for transportation and a 10 hour work day.

Beginning September 16 there will be 60 prisoners of war from the Ahsoskie camp allotted to Chowan county for peanut harvest. These workers may be used for cutting peanut poles, setting peanut poles, and stacking peanuts. The wage rate will be based on approximately 30 cents per hour, \$3.00 per 10 hour working day. Farmers using POW labor will bear the expense of transportation of the laborers from and to the camp. All meals will be furnished by the camp.

War Veterans Invited Attend Legion Meeting

Ed Bond Post of the American Legion will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Court House. Shelton Moore, commander of the Post, issues a special invitation to all boys in the service, those discharged or who are home on furlough, to attend the meeting.

Seven Local Scouts Receive Advancement

Meeting in the local Scout cabin Wednesday night of last week, the West Albemarle District Board of Review conducted an examination for the purpose of advancement of Boy Scouts and awarding merit badges. The following advancements and merit badges were awarded:

McKay Phthisic, second class; John Goodwin, woodcarving merit badge; Charles Overman, woodcarving merit badge; Polk Williams, pioneering, marksmanship, bird study and rowing merit badges; Philip McMullan, rowing, camping and pioneering merit badges; W. J. Taylor, Jr., canoeing, rowing and camping merit badges, and Jack Habit, pathfinding and camping merit badges.

Disapproval Registered At Plan Highway Commission For Improving Route 32

REA Allotment

The Herald late last week received a telegram from Congressman Herbert C. Bonner's office in Washington, D. C., stating that the Rural Electrification Administration made an allotment of \$25,000 to Chowan County for installation loans.

Edenton Rotarians Enter Protest To Redistricting Clubs

Contact Clubs Concerned In Effort to Prevent Action

Edenton Rotarians at their meeting last Thursday registered a protest at redistricting clubs in North and South Carolina, as a result of which the 189th District would be greatly reduced. The change has been ordered by Rotary International and will go into effect unless three-fourths of the clubs in the districts concerned register a protest.

Local Rotarians are of the opinion that the change will be detrimental to the district in that it will have less prestige and influence at Rotary gatherings and at the same time reduce the opportunity for organizing new clubs. In an effort to block the redistricting plan, the local club has contacted all clubs concerned, urging that a protest be registered with Rotary International, though it is not expected that enough response will be made in time to prevent the change.

John A. Holmes, outgoing district governor, has been opposed to redistricting and at Thursday's meeting rehearsed events leading up to the proposed change and advanced his reasons for being opposed to it. The redistricting idea consumed the usual program period.

Duncan Scoutmaster Boy Scout Troop 170

Succeeds Former Chief Of Police J. R. Tanner

Oscar Duncan is now scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 170, having been appointed by the Troop Committee of the Edenton Lions Club, sponsor of the troop. Mr. Duncan was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by former Chief of Police J. R. Tanner leaving Edenton to become Chief of Police at Greenville.

Mr. Duncan, for a long time interested in boys, has taken an active part in Boy Scout affairs since the Lions sponsored the troop and members of the club as well as the scouts themselves feel very fortunate that he has accepted the appointment.

Auxiliary Meeting Friday, August 3

An important meeting of the Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post, American Legion will be held Friday night, August 3, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt and Mrs. Paul Holoman, president, urges every member to be present.

Staff Sgt. Net White Home On Furlough

Staff Sgt. Ned White arrived home on a 30-day furlough after serving six months overseas, during which he saw action in France, Austria and Germany, and wears two Bronze stars. At the conclusion of his furlough, Sgt. White will report to California to be re-assigned.

Proposed Route Would Cross Through Hicks Field

ENGINEERS HERE

Alternate Route Suggested Cutting Into Freemason Street

For some time the proposed changing of Route 32 as a post-war project on the part of the State and Federal governments has been the subject of discussion in Edenton, but only on Monday afternoon did local people get a definite idea as to what was proposed and in short order a motion was made and unanimously passed to disapprove the plan as submitted by State Highway engineers.

Plans were submitted at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, at which members of Town Council and the County Commissioners were invited to attend. Present at the meeting were J. C. Gardner, division engineer for the State Highway and Public Works Commission, and R. G. Browning, Locating Engineer.

According to the proposed plan to straighten Route 32, it would leave the present highway near the home of C. W. Overman and cut through W. O. Speight's farm, going between his home and his cotton gin, continuing northward across Hicks Field and coming out opposite the Mitchener lot on North Broad street. The route would then continue up Hicks street, cut across Liza's Bottom and connecting the present Route 32 near the home of Zell Ward. The project also calls for widening the narrow bridge near Mr. Overman's home.

Mr. Browning explained the proposed route at the outset, but apparent disapproval was sensed when it was learned that the highway would go through just about the middle of Hicks Field. The principal reason for this objection is the possibility of eventually erecting a school building on the site and the fact that the plot is under consideration as a site for the Chowan County Hospital. Then, too, there is also the hope that a swimming pool will sometime be provided for Edenton people.

Both Browning and Gardner sensed the fact that the proposed route met with disfavor and told those present that it was only their purpose to submit the plan to see if there was any objection on the part of officials, and if so they would work with the town and county in trying to locate the highway as satisfactory as possible. They asked for suggestions, which resulted in quite a few ideas, but finally a proposed alternate route called for the highway running to Freemason street, going west on Freemason to Broad, thence north on Broad to Hicks and then following the line as submitted by the engineers in the plan as presented.

Other suggestions called for the highway to run west on Park Avenue, and continuing on the present route, while another was to cut through Cemetery street and thence across Liza's Bottom.

Generally, however, the opinion prevailed that the route remain as it is with the provision that the Town forbid parking of any kind on West Queen street and East Church street in order to provide adequate room for traffic using these streets as part of Highways 32 and 17.

The engineers were little impressed with the latter proposal, basing their opposition principally on the fact that the Federal Government requires highways with from 70 to 100 feet right of way.

However, Gardner and Browning requested J. Clarence Leary, president of the Chamber of Commerce, to put in writing the objections to the proposed route as submitted, together with suggestions which would be agreeable locally. They said they desired to cooperate in the matter and would investigate any proposition presented in an effort to reach a satisfactory and workable solution.

Mr. Leary has complied with the request of the engineers, and they are expected to return in the near future in another effort to reach a decision.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS AT CHURCH MONDAY, AUG. 6

The Missionary Society of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet Monday afternoon, August 6, at 4 o'clock at the church. The Ola Lee Circle will give the program. Everyone is urged to attend.