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National Guard Unit Leaves Sunday For Two Weeks In Camp

For First Time Every Member Is Required To Attend

Next Sunday, July 6, the local National Guard unit will leave for Fort McClellan, Alabama, for two weeks of intensive training. The Heavy Mortar Company, 119th Infantry Regiment, is composed of 72 officers and enlisted men, everyone of whom is scheduled to make the trip.

For the first time since the National Guard unit was formed in Edenton, the company will have 100 per cent attendance in camp unless an emergency develops before departing time.

While at Fort McClellan the local outfit will join the remainder of the division in going through drills and training under simulated battle conditions. Practice will be made in firing the 4.2 mortar, primary weapon of the company, and training will be given on local security, camouflage, individual weapons, map reading and first aid. Battle conditions will be used in some of the drills making the training as realistic as possible.

The company will leave by bus for Ahoskie, where they will travel by train to Fort McClellan. An advance attachment under the supervision of Sgt. Walter Mills left Wednesday to prepare for the arrival of the remainder of the company.

Captain Cecil Fry is commanding officer of the company, with these other officers: Charlie Swanner, first lieutenant; Jack Moore and Joe Swanner, second lieutenants; John Asbell, warrant officer.

Recent promotions included Alva R. Bunch, Willford P. Goodwin and William E. Lassiter, who were promoted from privates first class to Corporals.

According to Warrant Officer Asbell there are some vacancies in the local unit, which will be filled after the return from Camp McClellan. Young men between 17 and 18½ years of age who enlist in the National Guard will be draft exempt. The company welcomes all veterans into the company.

Those who will spend the two weeks at Camp McClellan are: Captain Cecil Fry, First Lieutenant Charlie Swanner, Second Lieutenants Wayland Moore and Joseph Swanner, Warrant Officer John H. Asbell, Jr., Master (Continued on Page Twelve)

Asphalt Spreader Snuffs Out Life Of Thos. Lloyd Wilder

Former Edentonian Killed Near Green's Cross Monday Afternoon

Thomas Lloyd Wilder, 45, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Wilder, lost his life about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon near Green's Cross Church in Bertie County, when he was crushed under a 10-ton asphalt spreader.

Wilder, formerly of Portsmouth, had been living with his sister, Mrs. A. B. Gilliam, at Windsor and since late last week was employed by the Nello Teer Construction Company, now engaged in widening Highway 17 from Windsor to the Chowan River bridge.

According to reports, Wilder, who was directing traffic, stepped back when a tanker was approaching. He evidently stepped back too far and was caught by the blade of the asphalt spreader which dragged him under the heavy machine. James E. Creech of Mackeys was operating the spreader at the time, but was unaware that he had run over Wilder until he was stopped by other workmen.

Surviving are two sons who live in Portsmouth; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilder of Edenton; three sisters, Mrs. A. B. Gilliam of Windsor, Mrs. W. A. Culpepper of Portsmouth and Mrs. C. E. Hardison; two brothers, Thomas Wilder of Louisville, Ky., and Julius Wilder of Springfield, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Gilliam in Windsor. The Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor of the Windsor Baptist Church, will officiate and interment will follow in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Windsor.

COUNTY OFFICES WILL CLOSE TWO DAYS FOR 4TH OF JULY

County employees will enjoy a two-day holiday over the Fourth of July. All County offices will be closed Friday and Saturday, so that any important business should be transacted accordingly.

Hunt Parker Wins Over Judge Bobbitt For Supreme Court

Chowan Voters Add to Small Majority In Saturday's Election

Chowan County voters in small numbers braved Saturday's heat to go to the polls to cast ballots in the second Democratic primary election to choose between Judge R. Hunt Parker and Judge William H. Bobbitt as the Democratic nominee for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Less than 250 voters cast a ballot in Chowan County in the run-off.

Judge Parker was the favorite candidate among Chowan voters, the Roanoke Rapids candidate receiving a better than 3 to 1 vote over his opponent.

For the short term Parker received 170 votes as against 55 for Bobbitt, while the vote for the regular term was 168 for Parker and 55 for Bobbitt. Judge Parker carried a majority in each of the county's precincts. Judge Parker won the nomination for the office, although his majority was comparatively close, just a few thousand, in an election which resulted in a low vote throughout the State.

Four Men Narrowly Miss Drowning In Albemarle Sound

Boat Sinks Rapidly After Hitting Submerged Stake Saturday

John Pierce, Lionel Copeland, James Byrum and J. C. Daniels, four Bertie County men who were trolling for rockfish Saturday, had a harrowing experience, and but for the timely appearance of another boat some of the quartet or possibly all could have easily lost their lives by drowning.

The four men were in the Albemarle Sound off from Belvidere Swamp when due to increasingly rough water they decided to turn their inboard motor boat toward Edenton. A suggestion was made by one of the group to make a short cut and in heading toward shore the boat hit a submerged stake, tearing a large hole in the bottom of the boat.

The boat sank rapidly and the four men, two of whom could not swim, managed to cling to a nearby net stake which did not seem too secure.

About that time one of the group saw a boat some distance away in which was Bill Elliott, Tom Francis and Ed Goodwin of Henderson, who were also trolling for rock. Yells for help were heard from the four men and Mr. Elliott seeing their predicament speeded up the boat through the rough water to shore, where he unloaded his other passengers. He hurriedly returned to the quartet and first took to shore the two who could not swim and then returned for the other two.

The accident occurred about two miles from the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge and about 1½ miles from shore. The two who could swim managed to tie the crippled boat to a stake and on Monday it was recovered. Copeland, a good swimmer, salvaged some of the fishing equipment which floated when the boat sank.

Majorettes Chosen For 1953 High School Band

New majorettes for the Edenton High School Band were selected in tryouts on the Court House Green early this week. Miss Betsy Duncan will again be head majorette.

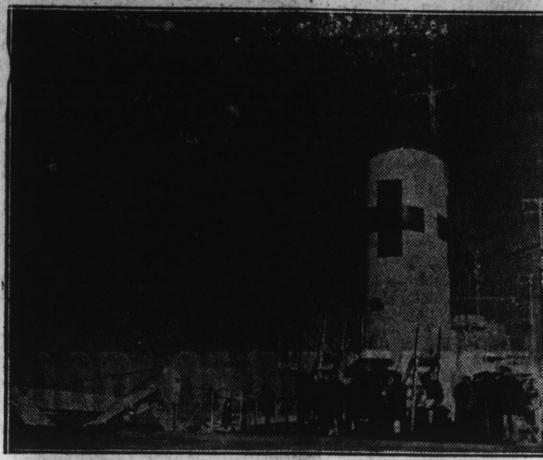
Libby Small and Betty Rowell were selected to fill two majorette vacancies and Linda Downum was chosen as a pony to serve with Kitty Campen. Flagbearers for next year will be Mary Leggett Browning and Barbara Jean Spencer, both of whom will be substitute majorettes. The selections were made by Ernest Gentile, bandmaster and former majorette.

R. L. PRATT IMPROVED

Captain Robert L. Pratt of the Edenton Police Department was able to be on duty Tuesday after being confined to his home as the result of a heart attack.

ON BUYING TRIP

Mrs. George H. Privott and son, Mack left Sunday morning for New York City, where they are purchasing fall and winter merchandise for the Tots and Teens store. They expect to return tonight (Thursday).



BRINGING WOUNDED TO HOSPITAL SHIP—"Flight Quarters" has been sounded and the duty section of the USS Consolation reports on the double to man the flight deck for the landing of the wounded from Korean combat zones. Smooth landing of the helicopter and the speedy evacuation is uppermost in saving battle casualties. (Department of Defense photo.)

Writers Are People

By WILBORNE HARRELL

One of my most cherished beliefs about authors and writers was shattered last week when I came face to face with some of North Carolina's big-name writers.

Assembled here in Edenton for a 3-day conference was a group of approximately 40 writers and journalists representative of the best that North Carolina has to offer in literature. But before I had met any of these ladies and gentlemen of the pen, I held most writers in awe; there was a fascinated fear (but not unmixed with admiration) of meeting folks who had hitherto been only names in magazines or on the jackets of books. Now that I have met them and have associated the names with definite personalities—why, I find they are only likeable, friendly people, eager for friendship and to like and be liked. In this process of democratic leveling what these writers lost in dignity in my sight, they have gained in humanness and respect.

I attended the conference as a guest of Prof. Richard Walsler, whom I had previously met, and as a reporter. It

was my job to write the story of the conference, but since I took very few notes I shall not attempt a factual, blow by blow, news story. I quote and write entirely from memory and shall set down my impressions as they occur to me. What I shall try to write, then, is the human side of the conference.

Unfortunately the meetings were held during some of the hottest weather Edenton has experienced for many summers. But despite the heat the conference program went forward as scheduled. Someone commented that when he returned home he would write an editorial in which would be the phrase, "Hot as the hinges of Edenton." But on the other hand, he added, that wouldn't be quite fair to Edenton, for the heat wave was general and the whole country was sweltering.

The first meeting was held in the Joseph Hewes Hotel and was presided over by Frank Borden Hanes, a young writer and poet from Winston-Salem. Mr. Hanes' thesis revolved around the relative merits and demerits of the conference.

New Principal For Edenton High School

Gerald D. James Chosen To Succeed James O. Powers

Gerald D. James has been employed by the Edenton school trustees as principal of the Edenton High School. Mr. James succeeds James O. Powers, who resigned at the close of the 1952 term.

Mr. James comes to Edenton from Gibsonville, N. C., where he has been principal for four years. He also taught school in Sampson County and served in the Armed Forces for four years. He is married and has a three-year-old son.

The newcomers will make their home in Miss Paulina Hassell's apartment on North Broad Street, which was vacated Monday of this week by Mr. and Mrs. Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Powers moved to Durham, where he will be principal of the Roxboro Grove School. Mrs. Powers will teach at the Lowes Grove High School in Durham County.

Bank Will Be Closed Friday And Saturday

In compliance with a proclamation issued last week by Governor W. Kerr Scott, the Bank of Edenton will observe Saturday, July 5, as a banking holiday.

The local bank will, therefore, be closed Friday, the Fourth of July and Saturday of this week, so that important banking business should be attended to today (Thursday).

CHOWAN COUNTY'S VOTE SATURDAY

	SHORT TERM		LONG TERM	
	Parker	Bobbitt	Parker	Bobbitt
East Edenton	44	22	47	23
West Edenton	55	19	52	18
Center Hill	17	0	17	0
Rocky Hook	18	4	17	4
Wardville	18	5	17	5
Yeopim	18	5	18	5
Totals	170	55	168	55

Edenton's Parking Penalty Attracts Coronet Magazine

Inquiry Received From Editorial Writer By Mayor Haskett

That Edenton's policy of dealing with parking violations is attracting widespread attention is reflected in a letter received this week by Mayor Leroy Haskett.

The letter is from Carmen C. Sheehy of New York, editorial assistant of Coronet Magazine.

Mr. Sheehy's letter follows:

"In an article concerned with parking meters which is now planned for fall publication, the writer discusses the fines imposed on motorists for overparking. In this connection, the following paragraphs occur:

"For instance, in Edenton, North Carolina, the motorist gets a crack at a cut-rate fine. When he gets a ticket, all he has to do is hustle to the police station and deposit a coin in an indoor meter.

"If he reports within an hour after his meter-time has expired, he deposits only a nickel. If he comes two hours late, he deposits two. If he turns up 24 hours later, he'll have to pop in 24 nickels. Most motorists put in a prompt appearance.

"We would appreciate your verification or correction of these statements by wire collect Monday, so that we may have the accurate information about Edenton for our production deadline July 1, Tuesday."

"Gashouse" Parker Again Manager Of Edenton Colonials

Arrives Monday From Florida to Take Over Duties

Local baseball fans will be interested to know that William (Gashouse) Parker arrived in Edenton from Daytona Beach, Florida, Monday and took over the Colonials' managerial reins Monday night in New Bern. He succeeds Tom Inge, who has been acting as temporary manager since the requested resignation of Vernon Mustian about two weeks ago.

Parker managed the Colonials for four seasons, leading the team to three Albemarle League pennants and two championship playoffs. Last year the Colonials finished in third place in the Virginia League and played and lost to Elizabeth City in the semi-final playoffs.

When Edenton decided to enter the Coastal Plain League Parker was not employed as manager, but instead Vernon Mustian, former Wake Forest star, who was highly recommended by Lee Gooch, Wake Forest Coach, was secured. When he was asked to resign the Colonials were in third place after winning eight of ten games. However, there has been a general hankering for Parker as manager among a large number of fans, many of whom are happy to again see the big fellow in the Edenton camp.

Parker while with the Colonials has always been a feared batter and many fans have often been thrilled by his home run clouts. His return to the Colonial fold is expected not only to improve the playing, but also help boost the attendance which has not been up to expectations.

With Parker again as their manager, the Colonials celebrated his return in New Bern Monday night when they defeated the Bears 4 to 3.

Plans Advancing For Chowan Fair

Scheduled In Edenton Armory Week of October 6 to 11

Members of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion at their last meeting devoted a considerable amount of the time to plans for the annual Chowan County Fair which will be held October 6 to 11. The fair is sponsored by the Legion Post.

According to Willis McClenney, who is manager of the fair, this year's affair will be larger than in previous years, with more exhibits and entertainment for those who attend.

This year's fair will again be held in the Edenton armory, but it is expected that the fair the following year will be held on the Legion property on the Windsor highway a few miles (Continued on Page Seven)

Colonials Regain Third Place Again In League Race

Play Tarboro as Fourth Of July Feature Friday Afternoon

STANDING OF CLUBS (As of Wednesday)

	W	L	Pct.
Wilson	38	23	.623
Kinston	37	23	.617
Edenton	32	29	.525
Rocky Mount	32	30	.516
Tarboro	28	32	.467
Goldsboro	28	32	.467
New Bern	24	37	.393
Roanoke Rapids	24	37	.393

Edenton's Colonials won four out of seven games played during the week and has replaced Rocky Mount in third position in the Coastal Plain race. The Colonials defeated Wilson Tuesday night making four successive wins after three successive losses.

Home games for the Colonials during the week will be: Tarboro on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock; Roanoke Rapids Saturday night; Goldsboro Monday night; Roanoke Rapids Wednesday night.

Edenton 2, Kinston 7
In Kinston Wednesday night of last week the Colonials lost a 7-2 decision. Lyn Chestnut, Kinston hurler, was a big gun in the victory, having been called on the mound in the fourth inning to relieve Jones and allowed only three hits the rest of the way. Besides, he hit a terrific three-run triple.

The Colonials were leading 2 to 1 until the seventh inning, but Kinston scored four runs in their half and added another in the eighth.

Shahid was on the mound for Edenton and was touched for 11 hits. The Colonials were held to six hits, two of which were made by Alford.

Bobby Anderson joined the Colonials at Kinston and played a bang-up game at second base.

Edenton 1, Kinston 7
On Hickory Field Thursday night Kinston had little difficulty in defeating the Colonials by a score of 7 to 1. Gissom, Kinston moundsman, baffled Colonial batters, allowing only six hits and fanned 13 batters. He held the Colonials scoreless until the ninth inning when Inge raced to third when a single got away from Blackburn in centerfield. Mauney as a pinchhitter singled, scoring the only Edenton run.

Kinston took an early lead in the first when they scored three runs. Stinsa walked Blackburn and Stevens, after which Davis hit a home run. Stinsa started on the mound for Edenton, but was relieved by Stoudermier in the second inning. In the seventh Stoudermier gave way to Ronnie White. The visitors collected nine hits off the trio of Edenton pitchers, who also issued seven bases on balls.

Edenton 0, Rocky Mount 17
The Colonials suffered their worst defeat of the season in Rocky Mount Friday night when they were trounced by the Leafs 17 to 0. Rocky Mount players boosted their batting averages by making 18 hits at the expense of Shahid and Stinsa. Shahid was touched for eight hits in three and one-third innings, while Stinsa gave up 10 hits in four and two-thirds (Concluded on Page Six)

Groups Appreciative For Help Given To Move Barker House

Money-Making Projects Planned To Remodel House

The Woman's Club, Business and Professional Women's Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce desire to thank each individual and each merchant who made a contribution to the Penelope Barker House. Approximately \$1,800 has been contributed up to this time, and it is hoped that others will make a contribution in the near future.

J. R. Watkins was paid \$5,200, which was the contract price for moving the house, on June 18th.

The BPW Club and Junior Chamber of Commerce each borrowed \$1,160 while the Woman's Club paid this amount from its treasury.

According to George Alma Byrum, plans are being made to sponsor different money-making projects and it is hoped the house will soon be put into useable shape, but this will definitely take time unless substantial donations are made.

The three clubs also desire to publicly thank Mr. Watkins for the fine job he did in moving the house and the manner in which he did it.