

Sgt. Eason Wins Medal; Viet Nam

VIET NAM - SFC Melvin Eason, son of Mrs. Gwendolyn Eason of Woodland, received the Army Commendation Medal in Viet Nam, for meritorious service with the U.S. Army.

At the time of the presentation Sergeant First Class Eason was a construction inspector in Headquarters Company, 34th Engineer Battalion in Viet Nam.

The sergeant entered the Army in 1951 and was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., before arriving overseas November 13. He holds the Bronze Star Medal.

His wife, Esther, lives on Route 1, Rich Square.

The presentation was made November 27.

Bronze Star Is Awarded Cooke

DI AN, Viet Nam - Army 2nd Lt. Michael S. Cooke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manning P. Cooke, Rich Square, received the Bronze Star Medal near Di An, Viet Nam.

Lieutenant Cooke received the award for heroism in action while engaged in military operations against a hostile force in Viet Nam.

A rifle platoon leader in Company A, 1st Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division's 18th Infantry, he entered the Army in April 1968 and was stationed at Ft. Bragg, before arriving overseas in October of this year. He received his commission through an Officer Candidate School.

The 26-year-old officer received his B.S. degree in 1967. He attended Campbell College in Bules Creek and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

The presentation was made November 15.



THIS LONE KITTEN remained at the site when fire destroyed this unoccupied tenant house near Faison's Old Tavern Tuesday afternoon. The kitten was at the scene when the Conway Volunteer Fire Department arrived and remained, apparently seeking members of the family who had vacated the house last week. (Photo by Medford Taylor.)

HCTI Offers New Classes, Jan. 12

WELDON - Halifax County Technical Institute will begin several new classes the week of January 12, which may be of interest to day students as well as their parents and other people throughout the area.

Courses to be offered include radio-TV phase II, beginning sewing, driver education, art and knitting.

Two courses of special interest are residential wiring and auto mechanics for women only.

A wiring shop, designed to provide the maximum in individual electrical skills, is a "one of its kind facility" for this area and promises to provide the ultimate in quality instruction.

Auto mechanics for women is a "first" for Halifax County Technical Institute. It is recom-

ended for ladies who feel completely helpless when they find themselves alone and stranded when their car slows down on that lonely stretch of road.

Interested persons may contact the institute at 536-4152 to enroll in any of the above classes.

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Ernest Ray Creech, speeding 70 in a 60 zone, nol-pros with leave; Connie Gray Austin, reckless driving, costs.

Calvin Parker, speeding 65 in a 45 zone, \$20 fine and costs; Larry Parks, aid and abetting to the delinquency of a minor, costs; Terry Cain Rice, consume intoxicating beverage under 18 years old, not guilty; Joseph C. Britton, assault on a female, nol-pros and costs; Adlie Stephenson Parker, failure to stop for a stop sign, nol-pros; James Bunch, as-

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students taking home economics were using a house across from the academy as a classroom. Two new sewing machines have been installed with two more expected.

Too, the academy annual staff is nearing the completion of their first yearbook, which they hope will be over 50 pages.

sault with a deadly weapon, not guilty; Pete Walker, own and operate illegal distillery and manufacture nontax-paid whiskey for purpose of sale, not guilty.

Linwood Pope Jr., public drunkenness and damage to personal property, \$25 fine and costs; John Robinson, hunting deer without a license, \$10 fine and costs; Grady W. Jenkins Jr., failure to see movement could be made in safety, nol-pros.

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Hugh W. Jilcott, failure to yield right-of-way, costs; Ellsworth Williams, driving on the wrong side of the road, costs; Sally M. Jones, 70 in a 60 zone, \$5 fine and costs; Thadious Motley Jr., driving too fast for conditions, costs; Claude L. Outland, driving on the wrong side of the road, costs; Norman C. Parker, failure to give an audible warning, costs; John W. Richardson, 70 in a 60 zone, \$5 fine and costs.

Melvin Grant, hunting violation, costs; Joe Vaughan, hunting violation, costs; Major Walker, hunting violation, costs; Ester Minturn, two counts of worthless checks, costs; Ricard R. Scott, driving with no license, \$25 fine and costs; Alphonso Banks, assault, costs; Donald K. Blackwell, 60 in a 45 zone, \$15 fine and costs; Baine Johnson, 70 in a 60 zone, \$5 fine and costs.

Winfield Ridley, public drunkenness on the highway, costs; Robert T. Shaw, following too closely, costs; Cecil E. Delbridge, failure to yield right-of-way, costs; Ronald G. Haynes, 70 in a 55 zone, \$10 fine and costs; Kelly Meggett, inspection violation, costs; Josie P. Goode, improper passing, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of \$10 fine and costs; L. C. Hall, hunting violation, costs; Jeffrey N. McBryde, 70 in a 60 zone, \$5 fine and costs; Dale Taylor and Travis Taylor, hunting violation, costs.

Thornton's To Merge; Heilig-Myers

SUFFOLK - George A. Thornton, president of Thornton Stores Corporation, Suffolk, announced Friday his firm has agreed in principle to merge with the Heilig-Meyers Company of Richmond.

Thornton founded his firm in 1949 and operates home furnishings stores in Virginia and North Carolina. The new combined company will have 28 stores, seven in Virginia and 21 in North Carolina.

Central warehouses now located in Suffolk and Rocky Mount will supply the stores in their respective geographical areas.

Thornton will serve as chairman of the board of the new company. Other officers will be Hyman Meyers, president; Sidney Meyers, executive vice president; Nathaniel Krumbel, vice president; and Jesse F. Vaughan, treasurer.

It is an interesting coincidence that George A. Thornton and the sons of the founder of Heilig-Meyers, Hyman and Sidney Meyers, all were born in Goldsboro, and all attended the same public schools in Goldsboro.

Thornton's has operated a home furnishings store in Ahoskie since 1958.

Graduates From Special Course

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. - Airman Percell Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Edwards of Conway, has graduated at Shepard AFB, Tex., from the U.S. Air Force pavements specialist course.

The airman, who learned to maintain aircraft runways, roads, streets, sidewalks, parking areas and railroad tracks, is being assigned to Westover AFB, Mass., for duty with the Strategic Air Command, America's nuclear deterrent force of long-range bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Airman Edwards attended Willis Hare High School in Pendleton.

School Menus

CONWAY ELEM.

Monday - Hot dogs, onions and mustard, mixed greens, apple sauce, finger roll, milk; Tuesday - Fried chicken, buttered cabbage, pineapple tidbits, biscuits, butter, milk; Wednesday - Chicken and rice, green peas, grapefruit sections, biscuits, milk; Thursday - Barbecued pork with dressing, carrot and cabbage salad, peaches, hush puppies, milk; Friday - Brunswick stew, carrot strips, mixed fruit, hush puppies, milk.

SPECIAL NOTICE

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks for each visit, card, food, flowers, gifts, telephone inquiry and prayers during our stay in the hospital and after our return home. To all who had a part in lifting our burdens we say "thank you." May God bless each of you.

Newlin and Cornelia Outland
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Rams Defeat Alumni 61-55

By FRANK HARRIS

CONWAY - The Northampton Rams defeated alumni of the school on Friday night in the annual alumni game. The score was 61-55.

The Rams jumped off to an early lead, never to be overcome by the alumni. The varsity was led to victory by the board work of Morris Beasley, Lewis Stevenson and Stewart Taylor. Thomas Pope and Gary Garris led in shooting to round out the team. The varsity's stiff defense and hot outside shooting proved to be an unbeatable combination.

Among the alumni opposing the Rams were all five starters of the first Northampton squad of 1964-65. They were Donnie Hall and Glenn Warren, both of whom made all conference, all east and all state, Edgar Parker who made

New Highway Building Start Expected Mon.

AHOSKIE - A preconstruction conference will be held Friday on the new Division One State Highway Commission building on N.C. 250 at the intersection of the Johnny Mitchell Road with probable date to start construction Monday, it was announced Tuesday.

Tarrytown Developers of Rocky Mount have been awarded the contract with 330 days to complete the building.

Estimated date for occupancy is early December, according to D. W. Patrick of Ahoskie, Division One engineer.

The Town of Ahoskie request for first chance at the old building on Mitchell St., which will be vacated, has been turned over to the Highway Department's administration department and is on file there, Patrick said. The decision will be made at that level.

NOTICE

Town Automobile Tags Are Now On Sale At Rich Square Town Hall

Vehicle owners are required to purchase tags, which must be displayed on each vehicle on or before February 15, 1970.

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