

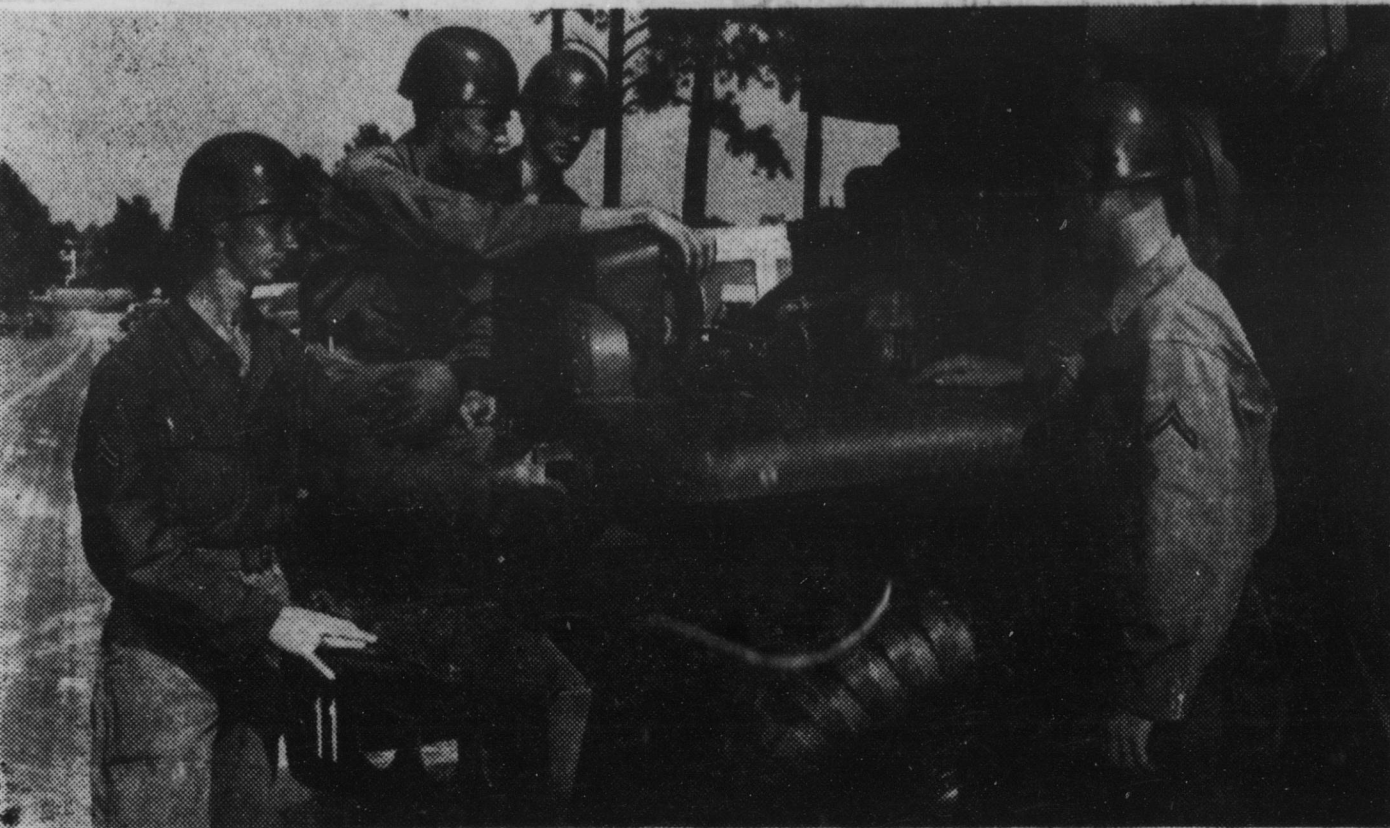
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CAMERA-EYE VIEW OF NATIONAL GUARDSMEN DURING ENCAMPMENT



Members of Zebulon's Battery A, 113th Field Artillery Battalion, 30th Infantry Division, North Carolina National Guard, received a few suggestions on automotive maintenance from Cpl Benny Barham, Jr., left. Other Zebulon Guardsmen in the photograph, from left to right are Pfc. Thomas G. Taylor, Pfc. Donald W. Driver, and Pfc. Billy A. Alford. The Zebulon unit completed its second week of 15 days active duty at Fort Bragg last weekend.

Wendell Tobacco Sales Increase After Slow Start

Wendell tobacco markets opened last Thursday to the sound of high predictions for a successful season locally, and ended dismally with reports of disappointing sales.

Average prices on opening day for the big crop of flue-cured tobacco, which had given indications of being one of the best in recent years in North Carolina, were \$46 to \$50 in the individual markets.

It was reported that many farmers, discouraged with the bids which their tobacco received, rejected the bids and returned home with their tobacco unsold.

Explanation for the despairing results of the opening day operations came partially in the fact that nearly 47 per cent of the gross sales on Thursday went to the Stabilization Corporation under the government loan program.

A report which was released Friday by the Federal-State Market News Service said that 14,297,168 pounds were held on the opening day of operations in the Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco belt for an average of \$47.86 per hundred. This marked a decline of \$5.47 from last year's opening day when only three and one-half million pounds were sold in the belt.

Average prices gained slightly during the weekend as compared with prices recorded on Thursday. It was reported that gains were mostly \$1 to \$3 per hundred. One of the main tobacco companies which was not represented at opening day sales, was buying Friday.

Slow Bidding

Some of the companies which were present at the initial day of sales did no bidding at all. The majority of the warehouses reported that basket after basket went under loan as the day progressed.

Assurance came from the officials of the Stabilization Corporation that their organization would support tobacco prices throughout the remainder of the current season. They advised, however, against tobacco farmers rushing their product to market too soon, in order that the quality of the leaf will not be demolished.

The corporation advised that farmers approach the market in an orderly fashion so that the tobacco held as collateral on Commodity Credit Corporation loans can be adequately protected.

L. R. Clark, Jr. said yesterday that Wendell tobacco sales had "picked up good" since the disappointing opening on the market.

"We were just as bad as everyone else all over the belt," Mr. Clark said, speaking about the opening day operations.

"But things are very much better now," Mr. Clark said. "Things have settled down quite a bit now, sales are a lot better, and every one seems to be very satisfied."

The National Guardsmen of Zebulon's Battery A found Aggressor warfare to their liking. When "enemy" forces attacked the Battery A defenses, the local Guardsmen captured an entire patrol and put them to work unloading 105-mm ammunition. Seen in the picture at the rear are Pfc. Huey Allen, Sgt. Connie Bunn, Sfc. Herman Moss, and other Zebulon Guardsmen.

Last Rites Held For John S. Currin

John Stevens Currin, 78, died early Sunday at his home on Zebulon, Route 4, after being in declining health for three years.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. from Hephzibah Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. Joe F. Roach, and the Rev. Glenn Ury officiating. The body will be taken to the church one hour prior to the services. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Survivors Listed

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Overton Currin; four daughters, Mrs. Dixon Arnold of Knightdale, Mrs. Graham Perry of Creedmoor, and Mrs. M. E. Martin and Mrs. Roy Whitfield of Raleigh; six sons, W. L. Currin and J. E. Currin of Zebulon, Frank Currin of Oxford, Tom Currin of Clayton, and David Currin with the U. S. Army in Germany; 27 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Stores Closed

All Wendell merchants will be closed in observance of the national Labor Day holiday Monday, September 5, it was announced yesterday. The Wendell stores will reopen for business on Tuesday, September 6.

Polio Shots Are Set Talton Requests Red Cross Support

The schedule for giving the second polio vaccination to Wake County school children who have previously received their first shot was released yesterday by Dr. A. C. Bulla of the Wake County Health Department. The schedule applies only to those children who were vaccinated in the first and second grades in the Wake County schools in April, 1955.

Vaccinations will be given in Rolesville on September 12 at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13, shots will be given in Wendell at 9:30 a.m., in Knightdale at 11:30 a.m., and in Lockhart at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 15, school children at DuBois and Jeffreys will receive vaccinations at 10:00

a.m., and students at Wake Forest will be vaccinated at 12:30 p.m.

Friday, September 16, students at Wakelon School will be vaccinated at 9:30 a.m. Students at Shepard, Riley Hill and Carver will receive shots at Shepard School at 12:30 p.m.

Scouting Resumed

The Zebulon Boy Scout Troop No. 340 will begin its regular meetings Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., James Debnam, scoutmaster announced yesterday.

This Thursday's meeting will be a group reunion after the summer vacation.

Talton Requests Red Cross Support

Ralph Talton, director for the Wake County chapter of the American Red Cross in this area, announced yesterday that voluntary contributions are currently being sought in this vicinity to help meet the \$3,900 goal requested of the county for disaster relief.

Mr. Talton said that arrangements have been made with the Peoples Bank and Trust Company in Zebulon for contributions to be made there.

"We're not going to put on any special drive to raise the money," Mr. Talton said, "but we are going to publicize the matter in every (See TALTON, Page 8)

MASONIC NOTICE

There will be an Emergent Communication of the White Stone Masonic Lodge Number 155, AF-&AM, Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. for work in the Fellow Craft Degree. All Master Masons are invited to attend.