

Spreading the Gossip

of Aug. 3rd does considerable damage to crops. Lt. & Mrs. Willie Smith visit Mr. & Mrs. V. E. Fountain. Forest Thompson now Lion Zone Chm. Pvt. Robert Summerlin member of cast of famous army show, "This is the Army". Has toured Africa, Italy and Pacific Area. Almon Hart caught in hurricane at Carolina Beach. Harrowing experience and close call. Capt. Don Baker, Carolina football ace, hospitalized after 18 mos. in Pacific action. Ann Shook visits home from Montgomery, Ala. Capt. Donald B. Gordon, (married Alyce Weeks) returns to Colorado Spgs. after 10 day visit here. Oscar S. Parks from 32 month overseas, visits parents on rotation furlough plan.

Kiwanis Sam Bundy specially honored by Kiwanis International achievement membership. Chamber of Commerce to sponsor beauty contest of Wilson- possible to attain state or national recognition. Total E Bonds sold by Edgecombe reported by Chm. Bill Ausbon \$259,524.75- quota \$245,000. Memorial service by Pentacostal Holiness Church Aug 6th for Milton Fussell, killed in action. Post war committee, M. S. Brown, Chm., S. N. Clark, Romaine Howard, R. M. Fountain, J. E. Simons, Dail Holderness, A. E. Miller, L. E. Raskin, Luke Hill, W. J. Ausbon, Lewis Heilbronner, Harold Myrick, Carlisle Moore, C. W. Mayo, W. G. Clark, Mrs. Mary Godfrey, approve annual swimming meet, also new bus station.

Ethel & Chalmers Laughlin visit brother Sgt. M. L. Laughlin, Jr., at Edgewood, Md. Wish I could write like Sgt. Fred Lewis, now in France (Seems it took an awful war to really let us know what fine guys you are.) After 2½ years ran into own brother over there. Their divisions fighting along side each other. Both boys awarded bronze star. James L. Johnson in New Guinea- sends regards to Sgt. Lester Phillips and congrats. him on New Guinea poem. Rob't P. Cherry appointed Chairman Edgecombe County Board of Elections. Joe Henry Curry, 43, killed in Princeville at foot of Highway bridge when hit by auto driven by negro soldier. Killed instantly, accident unavoidable. C. H. Leggett, Jr., finishes first phase of flight training. Pvt. Wm. L. Crisp back from overseas- at Mason General Hosp., Brentwood, N. Y.

"Bip" Carstarphen first G. I. to cast vote in Edgecombe County '44 election! Remember (Cpl.) Willie Harrell, teller in Security Bank? Bill Ausbon, V.P., local bank, gets fine letter from Mgr. of Barclays-Bank, Colchester, England, saying Willie paid them an official visit. Was shown over bank and Mgr. said Willie was on the beam. Boys there's a diplomat in the raw! Wallace Jones now electrician with Town, was 2 yrs. 10 mo. in army. Was in Australia 6 mo. in '43 when Japs had hopes there. Wallace has medical discharge- stomach trouble contracted in Pacific. Janie Allsbrook writes splendid editorial on County Bookmobile. Major credit goes to Janie as Librarian, ably assisted by Mary Leggett McDowell, Gattie Cherry Cullom, Celia Bottom at its inception 3½ yrs. ago. A truly worthy enterprise. Water fowl hunting license season to run to Jan. 20, or 30 days. Geo. M. Fountain addresses Rotary Club. School Supt. Ed. Johnson guest speaker at Lions. Rotary Club soft ball team winner in civic club series

Mrs. T. R. Mayo appointed cashier at pool succeeding Mrs. Edgar Harris, resigned, who accepts position with Tarboro Coal Co. County Red Cross Chapter holds a quarterly meeting- Don Gilliam, Chm., Dail Holderness V.P., Mrs. Louise Martin, Exec. Secy., Geo. Earnhart, Tr. Susie Foxhall, Secretary, also Mrs. Joe Eagles, Mrs. VanLandingham, Mattie T. Shackelford, Mrs. Ruth Bond, Mrs. Anna Fenner, Supt. Ed. Johnson, Mrs. C. W. Mayo, all Committee Chairmen. Mrs. W. G. Clark succeeds Supt. Johnson as Jr. Red Cross Chairman. Rob Howard appointed Chairman 1st Aid Committee. S/S Forest Armstrong, Jr., F. A. home after 24 mos. overseas. Ceiling price \$3.60 per 100 lbs. potatoes after August to reduce to \$2.50. Agricultural Workers Council meet. Supt. Ed. Johnson, Chm. L. B. McDaniel addresses meeting on Federal Land Banks. J. G. Vick, with Production Credit Assn., exhibited picture. John C. Muse, C.P.A., gets county annual audit. Bert Brown, former editor Southerner, now with Greensboro Daily, writes Greensboro editorial on HFN. Gives much praise to staff, Rotary Club, and decided tribute to artist Alice Evans. Bert, son of saintly Rector Bertram Brown, Calvary Episcopal Church, a great guy and has made excellent record with one of states leading newspapers.