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Hears At Last From His Family Over In Norway

Southport Mayor Learns For The First Time Since War Began That Brothers Still Live

YOUNGER BROTHER WITH UNDERGROUND

Family Lived Through Terrible Conditions Of German Occupancy And Quisling Rule

Mayor John D. Eriksen has heard from relatives in Norway for the first time in five years. During that time he has had no means of knowing if his brothers and other relatives still lived. From the information in the letter he has lost several cousins in the war, but his brothers still live.

The letter was from the wife of an older brother. She said that life has been hard under German occupation. They have been reduced to making clothing from sheets and bed ticking and the matter of food has been terrible.

One of the Mayor's younger brothers has been a member of the underground for about two years. That means that in addition to keeping in hiding from the Germans his ration books were taken away and that he could buy neither food or clothing. He existed as did many others in the underground, through what he could obtain by any means and what was smuggled to him by other patriotic Norwegians.

The Mayor, Charles Gause, and several other Southporter's are preparing to send several boxes of clothing to the Eriksen and other families in Norway. It seems that the recent collection and shipping of clothing from the United States to the people of the occupied countries fell miles short of going all round. In fact, much of the clothing that was collected months ago is still awaiting shipment.

Sergeant Hewett Returns Home

Several weeks ago this paper carried a news story telling of Mr. and Mrs. Hasper Hewett, of Shallotte, receiving a lot of German trophies from their son, Sgt. James E. Hewett, who was in Germany at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Hewett naturally valued the trophies. This past week they had something still more pleasing from Germany. Their son returned home.

Sgt. Hewett enlisted in the Army on July 20, 5 years ago. During the war he served in England, Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. He came home with 119 points for an honorable discharge, if he wants it. He has two brothers in the service; Gene Tunney Hewett in the Navy and Cleon W. Hewett in the Army.

Brief News Flashes

ATTENDING MEETING

W. S. Wells spent yesterday in New Bern, attending the meeting of the State Oyster Commission of which he is a member.

TO PLAY WHITEVILLE

The Southport Coast Guard, who have lost only one base ball game this year, and to Camp Davis by one run, will take on the strong Whiteville All-Stars team at Whiteville Sunday afternoon.

TENNIS COURT

According to Mrs. Dallas Pigott, treasurer of the local Tennis Club, the court, for which funds were solicited some time ago, will be ready for use shortly, perhaps by next week.

NO NOON CLOSING

Under a new arrangement for the noon lunch hour the office of Tax Collector W. P. Jorgensen remains open all day. Miss Louise Rees, the assistant, goes to lunch at 12:00, Miss Wilma Barnett at 12:15, and Mr. Jorgensen at 1:00, at which time Miss Rees has returned.

HEADED OVERSEAS

Major Fred Covington, who has been stationed with the army air force at Bolling Field, Washington, for the past two months, has been ordered to some point near Japan. He is now spending a two weeks leave here with Mrs. Covington and at the end of that time will go overseas.

THREE MERCER BOYS IN SERVICE

ARTHUR C. MERCER

DONALD J. MERCER

MILES MERCER, JR.

Bolivia Couple Have Three Sons In Different Branches

Army, Navy And Merchant Marine Are Represented By The Boys

MILES, JR., WAS AT OKINAWA

Arthur Is Infantryman And Now In Army Of Occupation

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Mercer of Bolivia have three sons in service, as follows:

Miles Mercer, Jr., E. M. 3-c, U. S. N. R., entered the Navy December 1st, 1943. After completing his basic training at Bainbridge, Md., he went to an electrical school at the same place. Upon completion of this work he took gyro compass training at Brooklyn, N. Y., completing his training at Miami, Fla. He was assigned to the U. S. S. Latona in February, 1944. He was at Okinawa and described it as a "swell snow," but confessed he was glad to leave there. He has been at various other points of engagement in the Pacific. He is now 22 years old, is a graduate of the Bolivia high school and before entering the service was employed by the N. C. Shipbuilding company at Wilmington.

Pfc. Arthur C. Mercer, was the next of the Mercer boys to enter the service. He entered the army last July and took his training at Camp Blanding, Fla., from there he immediately went overseas and was in active service until the surrender of Germany. He learned what life was as a combat soldier in the infantry. He is now with the army of occupation in Germany, with the 28th Infantry Division. He says he will never forget the night he crossed the Rhine River and the bridges were blown up behind him. He also knows what it was to be on the fighting line all day and then march back 25 miles to sleep under two feet of snow at night. Before entering the service he was employed by the Chamberlain Metal Weatherstripping Company of Raleigh. He has a wife, the former Miss Lena Mae Price, and a four year old daughter, Sandra. He is 24 years old.

Donald J. Mercer, A. B. S., youngest of the three Mercer boys, enlisted in the Merchant Marine on September 6, 1944. He took his training at St. Petersburg, Fla., and in six weeks was on his way overseas. He served both in the Atlantic and the Pacific. At present he is with the Army Transportation Service on a hospital ship. Graduating from the Bolivia high school with the class of 1943, Donald entered Southern Junior College, at Collegdale, Tennessee, as a pre-medical student. He is now 19 years old.

Party Catches Some Amberjacks

About the biggest catch of amber jacks ever reported here by fishermen trolling on Frying Pan was made last week by a party from Stem, fishing on the boat of Captain T. H. Watts.

The party made its boat reservation by phone and Captain Watts only learned the name of "Mr. Watkins." They caught one big barracuda, one kingfish, eight dolphin and topped that off with twenty-eight amber jacks. The fish ranged in weight from 12 to 35-pounds each. The ice box would not hold them, let alone the rest of the catch.

Jones Funeral Held Yesterday

William Thomas Jones Died Monday Morning After A Weeks Illness; Was 31 Years Old

William Thomas Jones, well known and highly esteemed young farmer and shipyard worker of the Bethel church community, three miles from Southport, died in the J. Arthur Dosher Memorial hospital at an early hour Monday morning. He had been sick for only about a week and his death was a shock to numerous realtives and friends. He was 31 years old.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillie Rogers Jones and a small daughter, Loretta Ann Jones; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jones; a brother, James Edgar Jones; and five sisters, Mrs. Mary Turner of Camden, N. J.; Mrs. Norma McDowell, Mrs. Susie May Burriss, Mrs. Sophia Ray Rogers, and Mrs. Marjorie Lucas, all of Southport.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 5:30 at the Southport Baptist church with Rev. A. L. Brown in charge, assisted by Rev. Jerry Newbold. Burial followed in Northwood cemetery.

Active pallbearers were P. J. King, Howell Bagby, J. T. Monk, Edgar Finch, Ormond Leggett and Lindsey Robbins. Honorary pallbearers were Blackie Webb, Sam Reese, Ray Holdcraft, John Stitton, Gus McNeil and Jack Drew.

Hewette Awarded Medical Badge

WITH THE 81st INFANTRY DIVISION SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—Pfc. George A. Hewette of Shallotte, has been awarded the Medical Badge for "satisfactory performance of duties under actual combat conditions."

Pfc. Hewette is a medical corpsman with Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller's 81st Infantry "Wildcat" Division, which last fall wrested the Palau and other Western Caroline Islands from the Japs.

The infantry medical corpsman's wife, Mrs. Eva O. Hewette, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Hewette, live at Shallotte.

RAINS DID DAMAGE

U. L. Rourk of Leland was in Southport yesterday and said that much damage appeared to have been done crops in his section by the continued heavy rains. Dirt roads have also been badly damaged by washing.

Funeral Monday For Mrs. Swain

Widow Of Late T. W. Swain Died Saturday After Short Illness, Many Relatives Survive

Mrs. Nancy Swain, 71, widow of the late T. W. Swain of Winnabow, died in the James Walker Memorial hospital in Wilmington Saturday afternoon. She had been ill for only a short time.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the Mill Creek Baptist church. The services were conducted by the pastor, Dr. C. R. Taylor, assisted by Rev. A. L. Brown of Southport. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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Chairman For The War Fund

Sam T. Bennett Will Head United War Fund Drive Which Begins On September 30th

Sam T. Bennett of Shallotte and Southport has recently been appointed chairman for the United War Fund for Brunswick county. The national drive, in which Mr. Bennett hopes that Brunswick will do her part, begins on September 30. A broadcast in support of the drive will be delivered by Governor R. Gregg Cherry on or about that date.

The end of the war in Europe is not by any means lessening the need of funds by the United War Fund. The service has to be greatly increased in the Pacific and China-Burma-India theatres. In addition there are still vast numbers of service men in Europe and they will be there for some time.

Mr. Bennett is already forming his organization for the drive beginning on September 30. An executive committee will be composed of Ned McEachern, Lanier Furpless, Glenn Tucker, H. C. Stone, J. T. Denning, and the principals of the Bolivia and Southport schools when they are secured. A. M. Scales, agricultural teacher at the Brunswick County Training school, will be chairman of the work among the colored people of the county. Mrs. H. C. Corlette will be treasurer. Mrs. J. M. Harper will be publicity manager.

Mr. Bennett says that there will be organizations set up in the churches and schools and among community leaders. The plans are to contact everybody in the county and ask for a donation of some amount.

WITH OCCUPATIONAL FORCE

Cpl. Luther H. Hickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hickman of Shallotte, has been assigned to the occupational air force in Germany. He is a member of the 99th Bombardment Group and a veteran of the B-17 Flying Fortress unit of the 15th Air Force. He is a radio mechanic.

Esso Was Scared When Jap Plane Struck His Ship

Suicide Planes Were Worse Than Bombing According To Young Supply Sailor In Letter To His Brother

AIDED IN LANDING AT OKINAWA

Has Been With His Ship In Four Of The Island Invasions And Is Now In A Rear Area Where Things Are Not So Warm

Esso Clemmons of Supply and Shallotte, now in the Pacific with the fleet, has been through vigorous action against the Japs. In a letter to his brother, Adrian Clemmons, this past week, Esso frankly stated, "I was scared to death."

At Okinawa the Navy took in a Marine Division and stood by aiding in the fight until the island was declared secured on June 22. During that time over 150 air raids were made on the ships by suicide planes. Esso said it would not have been near as bad if they had just come over and dropped bombs. Instead of doing that they would head for some ship and the only way to avert disaster was to blow them up in the air. 'We did our share of that but we were hit by one of them a week after the start of the invasion. We suffered some casualties. I didn't get a scratch, but I was scared to death."

Esso's ship has been in four of the island invasions and is now back in a rear area, presumably undergoing repairs.

Will Develop After The War

Forsythe Man Plans Development Of Tar Landing On Shallotte River When War Emergency Is Over

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and children have returned to Curtis Bay, Md., where Mr. Martin resumes his defense construction work. They had been spending six weeks at Tar Landing on the Shallotte River, where Mr. Martin owns 500 acres of land that offers exceptional hunting and fishing advantages.

A veteran of the first world war, Mr. Martin came to Brunswick county from his home at East Bend, Forsythe county, twenty years ago. He became intrigued with the Tar Landing property near Shallotte and always remembered the place. Eight years ago he purchased the 500 acres, and was starting out to develop it when the war came along and he decided he could better serve, for the time being, in defense construction work.

Before the war started he had built four nice cottages on a beautiful bluff at the landing. He was planning more such buildings and more attention to the property, when the war started and he changed his plans. When the present emergency is over, he says, he will return and begin some real development of Tar

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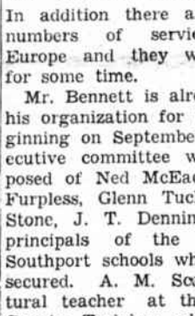

W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

Crazy as a fox is an old saying, but the fellow who first said it would not have been delivering himself of any sarcasm if he had known how crazy Brunswick county foxes are getting to be. For two years they have either been afflicted with rabies or have been stark crazy and are still that way. About ten days ago a fox went on the porch of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Frink near Shallotte. It jumped on and fought their dog. A few days later, Sunday, while Mrs. Frink, who is postmistress at Shallotte, was at home, another fox came to a window and barked at her. She got a shotgun and went outside looking for him but he had disappeared by that time. He reappeared that night at the home of her brother-in-law, Bert Frink, a few hundred yards away. There he killed nine chickens but never ate a one of them. He stayed all night and fought the Frink's dog. In the morning Mr. Frink killed both the fox and dog.

Sheephead are now unusually active around docks and pilings, taking whatever in the way of sand fiddlers that the small boys and some of the older fishermen offer. Small boys are frequently seen with large strings of these fish, some of them heavyweights. We didn't see his fish and we never before heard of a sheephead being that large. This is not our story, it is the story of half a dozen small boys. They say that Roger Adams, a ten year old Southporter, caught a sheephead last week that weighed twenty-pounds.

Before the war a large bunch of Washington, D. C., sportsmen came to look upon the Brunswick coast as providing their favorite fish hole. Included in the many Washington folks who made regular trips here were Don Carpen-

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Doolittle Ready To Strike

New Columbus Bank Will Belong To Federal Reserve

New Bank Will Be A Member Of Federal Reserve And Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

WILL BE CHARTERED AS NATIONAL BANK

Sponsors Are Local Men Who Will Meet Soon To Elect Directors And Officers And Locate Bank Quarters

The new National bank for Whiteville, charter for which was granted in Washington Thursday, will be a member of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Lee Braxton, spokesman for the group said this morning. He declared that plans are underway for the organization and an early opening is expected.

Several permanent sites for the new bank are under consideration but no definite decision has yet been reached. Braxton declared it probable that the new organization would lease temporary quarters in which business would be carried on until such time as permanent quarters could be secured.

Announcement that the application for the charter had been approved by the comptroller of the currency was made Thursday in Washington.

Whiteville men who have taken an active interest in securing the bank are Mr. Braxton, S. L. Fuller, W. C. Black, R. L. Sholar, J. H. Leder, J. R. Marks, W. F. Sledge, Luther Meares, Bill Hooks and Lloyd Collier. Officers and directors of the bank will be named at an early date, it was stated. The law firm of Powell and Lewis has been retained to handle the legal details of the organization.

The new bank, it was stated, will provide complete banking services, with many advantages being offered its patrons through it membership in the Federal Reserve System. All deposits up to $5,000 will be insured with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Safety boxes will be provided as soon as equipment becomes available.

Application for the bank was filed June 13 at which time two examiners from the comptroller's office in Washington visited Whiteville for the purpose of determining the need for banking facilities of the kind afforded by a National bank and the ability would have to do to get it would be to ask for it. Those men were greatly disillusioned when they discovered that the GI bill does not provide for a gift but for a loan backed by ample security," he said.

He declared that there would be changes in the bill which would work to the convenience of both the veterans and the banks, but that the banks would be compelled to abide by the rules set up in the legislation governing the bill.

"We would advise veterans not to rush into loans," he said, "without giving ample thought to the risks involved. The banks stand ready and anxious to help them work out their problems and, under the provisions of the GI bill, we are in position to render them great assistance." However, he cautioned against haste in deciding to invest money in a business in which they have little or no experience.

Mr. Neal was introduced by J. N. Coburn.

Shallotte Man Buried Monday

Bascom M. Stanley, Well Known Shallotte Resident, Died In Wilmington Hospital Saturday

Bascom M. Stanley, 58-year old citizen and well known in the Shallotte section, died in the James Walker Memorial hospital in Wilmington Saturday afternoon at 6:30.

Mr. Stanley is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. M. E. Stanley, of Shallotte; two brothers, Ben R. Stanley of Wilmington, and Rufus Stanley, of Plant City, Fla.; four sisters, Mrs. Ruby Rogers, of Plant City,; Mrs. Pearl Gore of Dover, Fla.; Mrs. Nora L. Hewett, of Shal-

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Weekly Session Recorders Court

Only Trivial Cases Came Up Before Solicitor Ruark And Judge John B. Ward In Court Monday

Fourteen cases came up for trial in Recorder's Court Monday, all of them being of a trivial nature. The docket was cleared in half a day. The Minutes show the following cases handled:

James Edward Jenkins, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended on payment of costs and defendant placed on good behavior for period of two years.

DeWitt Talmadge Elliott, no chauffeurs license and improper lights, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Mathew Lancaster, assault with deadly weapon, continued to August 6th.

Buddy Brown, non support, nol prossed.

M. O. Nelson, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of $10.00 and costs.

Adrian Smith, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of $15.00 and costs.

Harry Lee Skipper, transporting, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

James T. Shepard, driving on metal rim, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Henry Grant, improper brakes and failing to stop at stop sign, capias and continued.

H. F. Mann, no operators license, capias and continued.

Clarence Fields, improper brakes, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

James Roscoe Galloway, improper brakes, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jerry Walker, no operators license, continued to August 6th.

Pair Hatfield, no operators license and reckless operation, nol pros.

Ration Book 5 Is On The Way

New Ration Book Will Be Distributed In December Along With New "A" Gas Book

RALEIGH, July 24—War Ration Book Five, "smaller than a dollar bill" and containing just half as many stamps as the last book issued, will be distributed through the public schools in December, Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh OPA district director announced today. The new "A" gasoline ration book will be issued at the same time, he said.

Distribution, Johnson said, will take place from December 3 through December 15. The new "A" gasoline books will go into use December 22, and war ration book five will be used soon after the first of the year for food rationing and for rationing of shoes.

The new book five will be a better book, Johnson said. It will be easier to carry and handle. It will be just as long as book four but only half as wide. The number and arrangement of stamps is more convenient. The new stamps will be the same size, but will not have both a letter and a number as the present stamps do and OPA hopes the new edition will be the last of the series of wartime ration books, Johnson said.

At the current rate of making stamps good, Johnson explained—five red stamps and five blue stamps at the beginning of each month—war ration book five can last, if needed, about fifteen months. Because of the enormous job required to print and distribute ration books for about 130 million people it was decided to be on the safe side and provide for this period and avoid the expense of having to get out still another book later. Since war ration book five will not go into effect before January 1st, it will be necessary to use other stamps in book four as substitutes for processed food and meat fats during the interim period. Interim period use of shoe and sugar stamps will not be necessary, Johnson said, since the stamps provide for these items in books three and four will carry the programs without resort to substitutions.

War Ration Book Five will be

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Announces His Airmen Will Join Fleets Of Bombers Attacking Japan Within Eight Days

AMERICAN FLEET IN DARING BLOWS

Hits Inside Tokyo's Outer Bay To Destroy Convoy; Truman Will Ask For Easy Access To News

GUAM—Lt. Gen. James Doolittle, who led the first bombing raid on Tokyo, promised his Eighth Army Air Force would be attacking Japan within eight days. Newly arrived in Pacific, Doolittle said his airmen who helped flatten Germany would be taking off from Okinawa by August 1, in Superforts to join the Marianas Based B-29s and other air forces softening up Nippon.

GUAM—America's mighty pacific fleet thrust boldly inside the mouth of Tokyo's outer bay to wreck four-ship convoy. Admiral Nimitz said that carrier planes, sweeping over same waters Wednesday, blew the top off one of Japan's last two seaworthy battleships. In all, carrier pilots sank or damaged 21 enemy vessels. It was the 14th consecutive day the fleet prowled unopposed off Japan.

MANILA—American Sixth Infantry Division troops, driving eight miles along highway lines with enemy dead, have captured the Jap mountain retreat of Banaue in northern Luzon, and are within two and one-half miles of a junction with Philippine army forces pushing down from the northwest.

POTSDAM—The broadcast of the U. S. surrender ultimatum to Japan was viewed by many competent observers as a thinly veiled warning to the enemy that Soviet participation in Pacific is imminent.

CHUNGKINK—Chinese troops tightening pressure on the former American air base city of Kweilin, have severed the main Jap communication route between Kwangsi and Hunan provinces by reoccupying the rail town of Chiehshou, the High Command announced today. Chinese troops have closed within eight miles of Kweilin from the southwest.

WASHINGTON—President Truman reportedly is seeking a Big Three agreement at Potsdam on a policy that would allow American correspondents to work freely in Europe. It was learned today that this matter of access to news is one of important points Mr. Truman has decided to take up with Marshal, Stalin, and Churchill. The president hopes to obtain approval for American correspondents to go to central and southeastern Europe—areas occupied by Russian army.

PARIS—Henri Petain went to trial today before a special French tribunal on charges of plotting against the security of France, both before and after he became the Vichy Chief of State, Andrew Mornet, prosecutor, announced he will ask the death penalty for 89-year-old Marshal.

PROMOTED TO COLONEL

John Duval Stevens, son of the late Charles L. Stevens and nephew of Mrs. C. Ed Taylor has been promoted from Lieutenant-Colonel to Colonel in the Army. He received his military training in the Citadel at Charleston and graduated from West Point in 1934.

Ration Pointers

PROCESSED FOODS (Blue Stamps): T2, U2, V2, W2, X2 . . . now valid . . . expire July 31.

Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1 . . . now valid . . . expire Aug. 31.

D1, E1, F1, G1, H1 . . . now valid . . . expire Sept. 30.

J1, K1, L1, M1, N1 . . . now valid . . . expire Oct. 31.

MEATS & FATS (Red Stamps): K2, L2, M2, N2, P2 . . . now valid . . . expire July 31.

Q2, R2, S2, T2, U2 . . . now valid . . . expire Aug. 31.

V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2 . . . now valid . . . expire Sept. 30.

A1, B1, C1, D1, E1 . . . now valid . . . expire Oct. 31.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 36 . . . good for 5 lbs. . . expires Aug. 31.

SHOES: Airplane Stamps No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, now good.

FUEL OIL: Periods 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, valid for 10 gallons each.

GASOLINE: A-16 coupons valid June 22 through Sept. 21.