

Is Now Major



Major David Brown, above, who is stationed with the American Air Force in India, has recently been promoted to his present rank.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

STATE

RALEIGH, Jan. 18. — There will be no extension beyond the January 31 deadline for purchasing 1944 motor vehicle license plates, state motor vehicles Commissioner T. Bodie Ward said today.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. — President Roosevelt, appealing for support of the fourth war loan drive, said today "until we have actually occupied Berlin and Tokyo we cannot indulge for a moment in the pleasant day dream that the war is almost over."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. — Impending shortages of leather are so serious that plans are already well advanced to utilize pigskin leather in civilian shoes, it was reported tonight by war production board sources.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. — Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, acting on President Roosevelt's authorization, tonight restored the nation's railroads to private ownership, effective at midnight.

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FOURTH WAR BOND DRIVE BEGINS

BRITISH CROSS ITALIAN RIVER IN HARD DRIVE

Bridgeheads Are Secured In Face of Heavy Fire

80 MILES FROM ROME

Converge On Ancient Appian Way, The Main Coastal Highway to Capital

BRIDGE IS DESTROYED

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 19.—British troops of Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army, advancing under intense mortar and machine-gun fire, have crossed the lower Garigliano River at three points converging on the ancient Appian Way, for centuries the main coastal highway to Rome.

The attack was launched at 9 p. m. Monday, Allied headquarters announced today, and all three bridgeheads were secured despite violent enemy resistance which included a rain of fire on the river itself, 80 miles southeast of Rome.

The first crossing was made near Sulo, a village seven miles inland from the Tyrrhenian coast and located on a hill 500 yards beyond the river. Headquarters said heavy fighting still is in progress there.

The second bridgehead was established along the railroad running from Capua to Rome, four miles from the coast.

The third was at Argento, almost on the coast itself, where the Germans countered with a tank attack in a desperate but futile effort to drive the British back across the river.

(The German High Command said several Allied divisions had launched a strong attack in Italy "east of the Gulf of Gaeta" where fighting was continuing in full force. The Garigliano empties into the Gulf of Gaeta.)

Preparations for the crossings apparently were made by British raiders who jumped the estuary of the Garigliano less than three weeks before and delivered heavy blows behind the enemy's lines in the Minturno area.

This penetration on the night of Dec. 30 destroyed an important highway and railway bridge used by the Germans, cut other communications and resulted in the capture of prisoners who were brought back to the Fifth Army headquarters for questioning.

ELECTRIC ASS'N ACTIVE AGAIN

Supplies New Homes With Electricity After Two Years of Restrictions

BUILD FEW EXTENSIONS

After two years of rigid restrictions on the building of new lines and supplying electricity to new homes, the Surry-Yadkin-Stokes-Forsyth Rural Electrification Association has become active again. Joe Pendry of Booneville, one of the directors and secretary of the company, said this week several homes had been supplied with electric power since last November.

In addition to connecting homes, a few extensions are being built, Pendry stated. Under present regulations, any home which is under 500 feet from the line already constructed, can be hooked on. For homes over 500 feet, it takes one animal unit per hundred feet. Farmers who wish to qualify for REA electricity by showing enough animal units must have the following: 1 cow for every 100 feet of line needed for connection, 75 laying hens, which constitute one animal unit, for every 100 feet; 3 brood sows for every 100 feet; 10 heifers; 600 broilers, or 300 flock replacement chickens.

SELLS FIRST BOND Shown here is North Carolina's Governor Broughton, the state's No. 1 War Bond salesman, presenting the first Fourth War Loan shield to Mrs. Beulah Hicks, gold star mother, of Raleigh. Mrs. Hicks, whose son, Lt. Norman Hicks, was lost in India in combat flying, purchases her Bond from the governor to receive the official Bond buyer identification shield that is expected to be displayed by every War Bond buyer during the Fourth War Loan Drive now under way.



Sears Denied Freedom On Habeas Corpus Writ

Held In Yadkin Jail As Suspect In Dean Murder

Early Vernon ("Honey") Sears, who was charged with murder last Friday at East Bend in connection with the death of William Everett Dean last December 19, was denied his freedom on a writ of habeas corpus before Judge J. A. Rousseau at Wilkesboro Tuesday morning.

Pleading unlawful imprisonment, Sears was confronted by evidence which Judge Rousseau held constituted probable cause and the prisoner was demanded to jail without bond.

Woodrow Lane, who was living at the Dean home at the time of Dean's death, was held for murder at the first session held by the coroner's jury on December 23 after Dean's lifeless body had

Blackout Here Is Termed Excellent

The blackout here last Thursday evening proved one of the most successful yet staged, J. W. L. Benson, local Civilian Defense official said Monday.

In the downtown area the test was especially good, it was reported, while reports from wardens of residential section were also good.

Large Number Of Men Are Sent To Camp Croft

A large number of selective service registrants were called for duty with the nation's armed forces in the January 17th call and reported Monday to Camp Croft for induction.

Those who are accepted for service will return home for a furlough before actual training begins.

Men reporting for duty were: Richard Gwyn Chatham, Elkin (volunteer); Rowe Wesley Davis, Elkin (volunteer); John Wesley Williams, Elkin (volunteer); Joseph Samuel Spear, Elkin (volunteer); Claude Callaway, Jr., Ararat (volunteer); Raymond Smith Bowman, Pilot Mountain (volunteer); Raymond Harold Skipper, Star Route (volunteer); Bohannon Ray, Elkin (volunteer); William Ralph Ray, Elkin (volunteer); Glenn Ecker Chilton, Ararat (volunteer Wilmington board);

Make Appeal For Red Cross Workers Here

The following urgent appeal has been issued by officials of the local Red Cross surgical dressing room:

"To the Women of Elkin and Jonesville:

"In every campaign and drive you have put it over 100 per cent, but are you satisfied with the work you are doing in the Red Cross surgical dressing room?"

"We have a quota of 79,200 surgical dressings to be made through February. Do you think our boys in training and on the battle front find it easy to leave their homes and business and wade through mud and water and fight to make our country safe? You must know someone in the service—perhaps your son or your husband, brother, or even just the boy next door. Wouldn't you like to feel that perhaps a bandage you made helped save his life?"

"A large number of you are not even giving one hour to make these necessary bandages for our wounded boys. Won't you leave your social activities for a few hours Tuesday or Wednesday each week and lend a hand to this most important work?"

"Can we count on you?"

ELKIN FLIER IS KILLED TUESDAY IN PLANE CRASH

Lieut. E. C. James, Jr., Meets Death In South Dakota

OF PROMINENT FAMILY

Details of Tragedy, In Which Six Others Were Killed, Not Yet Revealed

FUNERAL RITES SUNDAY

First Lieutenant Earl Clifford (Jimmy) James, Jr., 21, was killed in the crash of a Flying Fortress near Martin, South Dakota, early Tuesday morning.

Lieut. James was the son of E. C. James, prominent Elkin attorney, and the late Mrs. Frances Johnson James, and was a member of a well known family of this section. At the time of his death he was an instructor at the Rapid City (S.D.) Air Base.

Details of the accident are not known. However, Colonel Frank P. Hunter, Jr., commandant of the Rapid City Air Base, was quoted by the Associated Press as saying that six other fliers were killed in the crash.

He said the four-engined ship took off from the Rapid City base Monday evening and crashed early Tuesday morning about a mile south of Martin, which is approximately 100 miles southeast of Rapid City and near the Nebraska state line. Cause of the crash was not disclosed.

Lieut. James entered the service in April, 1942, volunteering while he was a student at Mars Hill College. He had made an exceptional record during his service at the air bases where he had been stationed in California, New Mexico, Washington and South Dakota. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on January 2, 1943, and promoted to a first lieutenant in September, 1943. He was a qualified bombardier and co-pilot and was serving as an instructor.

He was educated in the city schools and was a popular and well liked young man, and was an active member of the First Baptist church here.

He was married on October 5, 1943, to Miss Mary Lee Ellington, of Graham, who survives, together with his father, his step-mother, one brother, John Alfred James, of the U. S. Merchant Marine, now on sea duty; two half-brothers, Larry and Jerry James, of this city; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. C. F. James, of Mount Airy, and one uncle, W. W. Johnson, of Littleton.

The body will arrive here Saturday and will be taken to the home of his father, on West Main street. Funeral rites will be Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist church. The rites will be in charge of Rev. Stephen Morrisett, pastor of the church. Interment will be in the family plot in Hollywood cemetery here.

COMPLETE PLAN FOR BOND DRIVE

Jonesville Citizens Hold Meeting At School Monday Evening

A meeting of citizens of the Jonesville school district was held at the Jonesville school Monday evening with a splendid attendance. The meeting was called by Mayor Z. B. Martin of Jonesville, chairman of the Fourth War Loan Drive in the district, for the purpose of organizing a campaign for the sale of bonds in the district. Rev. G. C. Graham is vice-chairman of the drive. The quota for the district is \$35,000.

Solicitors appointed to campaign for the sale of bonds include Mrs. Lila Woodruff, W. I. Shugart, Fletcher McBride, S. G. Holcomb, R. G. Boles, W. E. Burcham, J. F. Lowrance, Jim Chapell, C. G. Mathis and Mrs. M. W. Price.

The workers will contact families in the district during the campaign.

Surry County Quota Set At \$1,261,000; Meetings Are Held

Dies In Crash



First Lieutenant Earl Clifford (Jimmy) James, Jr., above, was killed in the crash of a Flying Fortress near Martin, S. D., early Tuesday morning, in an accident of which details have not been revealed by the army. Funeral rites and interment will be held here Sunday.

SURRY COURT IS ADJOURNED

Custody of Nixon Child Is Awarded Mother; Mt. Airy Judge Cleared

OTHER CASES ARE TRIED

Surry county superior court for trial of criminal cases came to an end the latter part of last week following disposal of a number of cases, the majority of which were concerned with petty crimes.

Of local interest was the case in which Mrs. Ruby Nixon Thacker, formerly of Elkin, but now making her home in Georgia, sought custody of her 6-year-old son by a former marriage, Melvin Greene Nixon. The child, which had been living with its grandfather, Pat Nixon, of State Road, was awarded Mrs. Thacker by the court. The boy's father is dead.

Drunken driving charges against H. H. Llewellyn, judge of Mount Airy recorder's court, were dismissed by the court in a jury trial Wednesday of last week. Judge Llewellyn had been arrested on a warrant sworn out by the chief of police of Pilot Mountain following a wreck in that town in which Llewellyn was involved.

During the trial, both the Pilot Mountain chief of police and Surry Deputy Sheriff Sams testified that the Mount Airy man was under the influence of liquor at the time. However, a large number of witnesses from Pilot Mountain, including the son of Deputy Sams, testified that he was not under the influence of whiskey, and the jury, after a brief deliberation, returned a verdict of not guilty.

Roy Piles, of Mount Airy, was found not guilty of a murder charge. He was indicted for striking Joe Martin with some kind of instrument which allegedly caused his death. It was brought out in evidence that Martin had had some trouble with a group of men at a carnival and received the blow at the time. The state was not able to prove the court's satisfaction that Piles delivered the fatal blow.

Conrad Is To Preach At Arlington Church

Rev. M. A. Conrad of Winston-Salem will preach at the Arlington Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

MUST SELL BIG NUMBER OF "E" BONDS IN DRIVE

Elkin District Includes Bryan And Marsh Townships

SMITH LOCAL CHAIRMAN

All Citizens Urged To Buy As Many Bonds As They Possibly Can

TO BACK THE ATTACK

The Fourth War Loan drive, with a county quota of \$1,261,000, got under way in Elkin and throughout the county Tuesday morning as workers in the appeal contemplated placing at least one bond in virtually every home in the county.

With a total of \$648,900 assigned as the quota for the sale of "E" bonds, which are the type bought by the small investor, it will be up to the rank and file of citizen to do his share in bond buying to put the drive over the top in the four weeks allotted for the campaign.

To add further stimulus to the drive, a meeting of workers in the campaign was scheduled for Wednesday evening at the Y. M. C. A., with William Neal, bond drive official of Winston-Salem, as speaker. The meeting was arranged by D. G. Smith, chairman of the Elkin district drive, and members of his committee. Present, in addition to Mr. Neal, was J. F. Yokley, of Mount Airy, Surry chairman.

The Wednesday meeting follows a county meeting held at Dobson last week at which Mr. Neal was also principal speaker, with brief talks also having been made by Mr. Yokley, D. G. Smith, County Agent Neill Smith, Superintendent of Education John Comer, and Herman Coe, of the Surry County Loan & Trust Co., of Dobson. This meeting was for organization purposes, and was attended by a large number of school principals of the county, as well as the following Elkin citizens, J. W. L. Benson, R. W. Harris, Hu-

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JOHN W. HANES TO SPEAK HERE

Former Under-Secretary of Treasury To Be Kiwanis Guest

TO ENTERTAIN TEAM

John W. Hanes, former under-secretary of the U. S. Treasury, will be guest speaker at the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis Club here this evening (Thursday), and is expected to discuss the fiscal policy of the present administration.

Kiwanian T. F. Cooley will be program chairman for the evening.

At a meeting of directors and committee chairmen of the club, held at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening with President Garland Johnson as host, it was decided to entertain the Elkin high school football team at a meeting to be held February 3. J. Mark McAdams, member of the club and superintendent of the Elkin schools, will be in charge of the program.

It was also pointed out that Kiwanis International is celebrating the 29th anniversary of its founding during this week with some 2,200 clubs and 122,000 members throughout the United States and Canada participating.