

in action. Overseas only two months. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Pigg are grief stricken. We all wish good luck for Thos. Edw., and hope that good news will soon say he is safe.

V. E. & R. M. Fountain really renovating Bridgers Building, corner Main & Church Sts. An imposing site and will soon be activated. L. E. Carter, Prop. of Goodyear Store, old First Natl. Bldg. L. E. Lee now operating Leaton's old stand at depot. Mack's Drive Inn still vacant. Lt. Gaston Pender is awarded Bronze Star in European Theatre- was present at Belgium Bulge, and says it was hell. Frank Jenkins now employed by Simmons Furniture Co. Is former service man, serving overseas and the winner of Bronze Star. Married Etta White of Tarboro. Has medical discharge, attributed to shell shock. A fine chap.

A splendid picture appears in F. C. Churchman, Episcopal publication, with Chaplain F. H. Board alongside Bishop Braddely of Melmessia. Board was assistant rector here to Rev. Bertram Brown. The picture was taken at Guadalcanal.

It is with regret that we inform you of the death of Howard Thompson, husband of Bessie Lou Jones. Howard was a paratrooper and was killed in action in Belgium on January 8th. He was a native of Indiana and had only been married to Bessie Lou a short while before going overseas. Bessie Lou is supervisor in the traffic department of the Carolina Tel. Co., has the sympathy of many, many friends and although we had never met Howard, we know he was a fine boy to have been her selection.

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#### AIR-PORT CHATTER: BY GEORGE F. WATCH

The local airport was the center of attraction this past weekend for those interested in flying. One would have thought to see the crowds of people and dozens of cars that the scene was a State Fair. Autos were lined up for a mile.

Two local air minded youths, Sonny Brown and Harris Arnold, were the first fledglings to solo off the new airport. Quite a crowd were on hand to witness the event, and both boys put their instructor in the dog-house for making beautiful landings. Although Civil Air Rules and Regulations emphasize that students must have at least eight full hours of Dual instruction before being allowed to fly solo, both boys were very much ready after five hours instruction. The folks on hand gave them quite an ovation upon landing.

Gentleman farmer Romaine Howard has about six hours of flight time to his credit and is about ready to take off on his own. The instructors biggest trouble with Romaine is keeping his mind occupied on flying instead of what is going on down below. It so happens that every time we circle the field for landing Romaine gets a birds eye view of what the farm hands are doing. Yesterday he found a new tobacco bed he didn't know existed. Mr. Ben Mayo has now had two hours of dual flight instruction and is taking to it like a duck does to water. Ben will be slogging down to Pinhurst before very long to see how those trotters of his are getting along. Yes, we are training pilots whose ages range from sixteen to sixty.

The Lions Club Are endeavoring to form a Flying Club, several members are ready to commence with their dual instruction. Don't be surprised to see one of the new hangers with the LIONS INSIGNIA on it.

This week will see electric lights installed and the gasoline equipment for the planes. Telephone and water were put in some time ago. All cement foundations are finished and work has commenced on manufacturing the cement bricks. Carpenters are busy completing the roof which is two hundred and fifty four feet in length.