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JAP PLANES TRIED TO LAND ON U. S. CARRIER IN FIGHT

Morgan White, Selma Boy and Relative of Wilson Man, Survivor of Coral Sea Battle In May Tells Rotarians About Fight.

—(Wilson Times)—
Battleships of the opposing forces in the battle of the Coral Sea in May were so close together at times during the running battle that Japanese Zero fighters mistook the United States Aircraft carrier Lexington sunk in the engagement, for their own Jap carrier and tried to land on its decks at night with their running lights showing.

Morgan White, nephew of Cooper D. Wood, Wilson man, who was on the Lexington when it went down in the Coral sea told the Rotary club all about this last night at the regular meeting of the club.

White, an engineer and mechanic on the Lexington, was one of the crew that was saved from the sinking ship after being in the water for some two hours after the aircraft carrier went down from Jap bombings and torpedoings.

White, a Selma boy, was on the Lexington at Salamar and Rebut before the Coral Sea encounter.

It was from the Lexington that Lieutenant Commander O'Hare went on his sorties against the Japs.

White said that one afternoon O'Hare got 6 of 16 Jap fighters in a few minutes.

"It was on May 8 between 11 and 11:30 o'clock," White said "that they got us. Two bombs and 4 torpedoes hit the Lexington and got the gas lines in the ship. There were internal explosions. The ship kept on going after this for five hours at 25 knots until it finally sunk."

After being picked up two hours later by another carrier's crew White was sent on a "secret mission" he said and then went to Australia where he stayed for several months until he was sent back to the United States.

He is now on a couple of weeks leave from the Navy. He is expecting to be sent and attached to the New Lexington when it is completed.

White told of "us getting several Jap carriers before they got us."

The Japs would drop their bombs, White said, from a height of some 1,500 feet.

He told of the night the Zeros were trying to land on the Lexington, apparently thinking it one of their carriers in the Coral Sea that had been sunk a short time before.

"We fixed them up for sure," he said, "we blew them to pieces."

On December 7 White was in Pearl Harbor and between that time and the Coral Sea battle he traveled on the Lexington for some 42,000 miles.

Selma Merchants Are Becoming Scrap Minded

In this issue of The Johnstonian-Sun will be found several advertisements from Selma merchants which emphasize the importance of going after scrap materials to help boost war production. These ads are filled to the brim with sordid stories of what a calamity it would be for our boys to have to suffer and die for lack of fighting armaments. They are trying to show each and everyone of us that we would be grossly unfair to our young men not to do everything within our power to see that they do not want for anything in this world crisis.

If we did not have the scrap to give for the protection of our sons on the fighting fronts it would be an entirely different story—but we have it, just oodles of it lying around our homes, shops and factories that could easily be salvaged and turned into bullets, bombs, planes, guns and tanks.

Come on, folks—don't wait until the horse has escaped to shut the stable door! Bring your scrap to Selma, if you live in the country, and ask M. L. Stancil at the Johnstonian-Sun office where to leave it. If you live in Selma, see or call him and arrangements will be made to get it.

When a farmer has to make a trip to town, if he will only look about his premises and pick up only a few pieces of spare material and bring it along, it will not be long before the Junk heap in Selma will begin to grow by leaps and bounds.

Received Spanking On 69th Birthday

C. I. Batten, a former resident of Selma, but now located in Sampson County, visited his sister, Mrs. J. H. Herring, on Selma Rt. 1, on his 69th birthday Sunday. He says he had chicken for dinner and was given a good spanking.

Teachers' Night At Kiwanis Big Success

E. H. Harding of Washington, N. C., Noted Humorist and Entertainer, Was The Guest Speaker—Hayden Wiggs Was Program Chairman.

The annual Teachers' Night and Banquet at the Selma Kiwanis club, held on last Thursday evening, proved a big success.

Prior to the evening meal, Kiwanis President Bill Thad Woodard called on the Rev. D. M. Clemmons, local Baptist minister for the invocation. Following a most appetizing dinner, Kiwanian David S. Ball gave the address of welcome to the teachers and guests. Prof. O. A. Tuttle then introduced all the new teachers present, who stood to be recognized when their names were called.

Program Chairman Hayden Wiggs then introduced E. H. Harding of Washington, N. C., noted humorist and entertainer, who took for his subject: "It Is Later Than We Think." Mr. Harding framed his address around various aspects of the War, but each time he would close with some illustration that was so humorous that the audience would scarcely recover from one spell of laughter before the speaker came back with a new gesture even more humorous. This was kept up for a solid half an hour or more.

This was Mr. Harding's second visit to the Selma club, and although his first visit dealt with the humorous side of life, no one could recall that his second visit proved to be in any way a repetition of his first address. It is needless to say that his two visits here were among the outstanding features in entertainment in the history of the club.

A special feature of the evening was a number by the Kiwanis quartet composed of Raleigh Griffin, D. M. Clemmons, John Jeffreys and M. L. Stancil.

A special guest of the evening was Superintendent H. B. Marrow, of the Johnston County public school system.

This Is Nation-wide Fire Prevention Week

President Roosevelt has proclaimed October 4-10 as Fire Prevention Week, and rural people of North Carolina are asked by R. W. Graeber, Extension forester of N. C. State College, to heed the President's warning that fire hazards must be eliminated to speed victory in the war.

In his proclamation, Mr. Roosevelt said: "Any loss of human life, any interference with production, any loss of critical materials, hinders and impedes our war effort."

"Uncontrolled fire, even in normal times is a National menace. Today, when every machine is being taxed to its fullest productive capacity, when new hands are working with unfamiliar tools, and when agents of our enemies are seeking to hinder us by every possible means, it is essential that destructive fire be brought under stricter control in order that the victory may be achieved at the earliest date.

"Fire hazards must be detected at once and eliminated. Nothing less than the united vigilance and effort of all the people will suffice to break the grip of this menace."

The State College forester said that the Extension Service, the Department of Conservation and Development, the U. S. Forest Service and other agencies are uniting in North Carolina to organize a fire prevention program that will control forest blazes throughout the year.

"Last year," said Graeber, "people who were careless started 170,000 fires in forests and woodlands. The loss was enough to buy two flying fortresses a day. The millions of feet of timber destroyed by fire is needed for war-workers homes, Army barracks, ship yards, and other war uses. The millions of hours of manpower it took to put out last year's forest and farm woodland fires are needed this year to produce food, tanks, planes and ships for victory."

Cpl. Chas. E. Fulghum Here For Week End

Cpl. Charles E. Fulghum, of the Air and Glider Division of Fort Bragg, spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fulghum and his sister, Miss Mamie Fulghum. This was his first visit home since being inducted in the Army in March of this year. For the past six months he has been stationed at Camp Claiborne, La.

J. J. BATTEN IS OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN SMITHFIELD FOR SOLICITING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE JOHNSTONIAN-SUN. He will be glad to write your subscription or take your renewal.

SENATE MEASURE TO ADD 7,000,000 NEW INCOME TAXPAYERS

Single Persons Making \$9.62 Weekly, Married Ones \$23.08, Under Levy—Exemptions of Family Heads Reduced From \$1,500 to \$1,200 and For Single Persons From \$750 to \$500.

Washington, Oct. 6—The Senate today tentatively approved drastically increased individual income tax rates which would take 19 cents out of the first taxable dollar in the lowest bracket.

The approval was subject to later review or possible amendment. It came during consideration, one by one, of finance committee amendments to the huge new revenue bill. After all the committee amendments are considered, the measure will remain open to further amendment proposals by individual Senators.

2 Per Cent Normal Tax Rate
In approving individual rates previously voted by the House, the Senate raised the normal tax from 4 to 6 per cent, and increased the first bracket surtax rate from 6 to 13 per cent. In sharp graduations, the surtax rate rises to a maximum of 87 per cent, compared with a top of 72 per cent under present law.

Broadening the base to add about 7,000,000 new taxpayers, the Senate as well as the House voted to reduce exemptions of family heads from \$1,500 to \$1,200, and for single persons from \$750 to \$500.

In addition, the Senate voted to cut the credit for dependents from \$400 to \$300, adding an estimated 600,000 more taxpayers to the rolls. The House had made no change in the credit for dependents.

The new schedule of exemptions means that single persons making more than \$9.62 a week and married persons making \$23.08 or more will be subject to the income tax.

Members of the armed services who are below the grade of commissioned officers, however, would receive additional exemptions—\$250 more than a civilian, if single, and \$300 more if married. The House had voted to grant the additional military exemptions regardless of rank.

Welfare Institute To Be Held In Raleigh

The 1942 Public Welfare Institute for North Carolina social workers, the 23rd annual session, has been moved to Raleigh from Chapel Hill because of the difficulty in obtaining rooms brought about by increased naval training work in the Orange county town, Anna A. Cassatt, chairman of the committee on planning and arrangements announced this week. Dates will remain unchanged from the previously announced October 12 to 15.

This year's meeting will be the first since organization of the institute in 1919 to be held elsewhere than on the campus of the University of North Carolina. It is sponsored annually by the University's division of public welfare and social work and the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

County welfare department employees from each of the state's local units are expected to attend some part of the four-day session with headquarters at the Carolina hotel. The attendance last year was approximately 450.

Among the speakers obtained for the institute are: A. H. Aronson, Washington; Clarence King, New York; Miss Gertrude Richman, Alexandria, Va., and North Carolina state officials.

The welfare superintendents and the caseworkers associations will meet during the institute.

Selma Boy Back From Long Journey

Kenneth Earl Helms, of the United States Navy has returned to South Brookline, New York, after spending a fifteen day furlough with his mother. Earl joined the Navy Feb. 13, and during the time he has been there he has been to India, Cuba, and South Africa. He reports as liking the Navy fine. Earl is the son of Mrs. T. H. Helms and the late Mr. Helms of Selma, Route 1.

J. A. Temple Accepts School Principalship

J. A. Temple, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Temple of Selma, who was with the Employment Office in Goldsboro during the summer, has accepted the principalship of the Wheat Swamp school near La Grange, N. C. He has moved his family to La Grange.

The majority of Chile's residents are Catholic.

Township Chairmen Are Named For Scrap Drive--Let's Win \$1,000

Claim Prisoners Got Official Aid In Escape

Oscar Pitts, state penal director, has disclosed at Raleigh that guards at the Watauga county prison camp, located near Boone, have permitted prisoners to meet women outside the camp, and that guards and women have helped prisoners to escape.

Camp Superintendent C. J. Farthing has resigned and four guards have been discharged, Pitts said. Two women have been convicted in Watauga Superior court of aiding and abetting in a prison break, and one of the four guards, listed as Burt Norris, has been indicted for assisting prisoners to escape and is awaiting trial.

Farthing and another guard were arraigned before a Watauga county grand jury last week on similar charges, but not true bills were returned in each case. Farthing has been head of the camp since January 1, 1940, and served as camp steward before then.

J. M. Horn, division prison supervisor, has replaced Farthing as superintendent of the camp and is assisting Kyle Matthews, chief prison inspector, and the grand jury in continuing the investigation.

The grand jury undertook an investigation of conditions at the camp at the direction of Judge Zeb V. Nettles, who was presiding over a criminal term of court. Judge Nettles told the jury that guards had permitted the trustees to roam at large in the county and that at least one prisoner who was permitted to leave on a mid-night visit with women had seized the opportunity to escape and had not been recaptured.

Penal authorities said this was probably Frank Byrd, of Spruce Pines who escaped September 7 and is still at liberty. Byrd was sentenced in McDowell county in January, 1939, to five to six years for highway robbery.

Chairman Ben Prince, of the state highway and public works commission, commented that there was "some mighty slack business" at the camp and promised that "anyone who had anything to do with it, knew about it and failed to disclose it, will be discharged immediately."

Prince said an investigation by Matthews several weeks ago uncovered the practice of permitting the men to meet women on the outside and that as a result two guards were discharged September 11.

Two days later, he pointed out, 10 prisoners overpowered the two replacement guards and made a clean break from the camp. The two new guards then were discharged, he said.

Prince said he did not know definitely that there was any relation between the reports of prostitution and this particular break but that "such an assumption is not unreasonable."

A. E. Smith, clerk of Watauga Superior court said at Boone that the two women convicted of assisting in an escape from the camp were Sylvia and Pearl Ledford, of Johnson City, Tenn.

Selma Woman Honored On 105th Birthday

On Saturday, September 26, 1942, the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren gathered at the home of "Aunt" Mary Allen, colored, who lives near Selma, and spread a bountiful dinner, such as cakes, pies, sandwiches, and lots of other good things to eat.

"Aunt" Mary is the mother of thirteen children, sixty-nine grandchildren, ninety-three great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. The occasion was held in commemoration of her 105th birthday. "Aunt" Mary is still able to walk with the help of a walking cane, but is practically blind.

DR. PETRY BRINGING FORCEFUL MESSAGES

Dr. Petry of Duke University is conducting a series of services at the Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church here this week. Have you been to hear him? If you have, it is needless to comment to you further, for you have already been convinced that he is bringing powerful Gospel sermons which are being presented in a most forceful manner.

If you have not heard him, you should do so at the very next service. The meeting began Sunday morning and will continue through Friday night, October 9th. To hear him is a

Mail Parcels To Soldier Boys Early

Christmas parcels for members of the Navy and Marine Corps abroad must be mailed this month, officials of the Sixth Naval District again reminded the public today.

"Mail Early for Christmas" has a special significance this year because of the wartime burden on the mails. Although Christmas parcels may be mailed as late as October 31, the best way to guarantee arrival by Christmas is to mail them early in the month.

Packages labeled "Christmas Parcel" will be expedited. They should be weighed not more than six pounds. They should be packed in substantial containers, covered by strong wrapping, and tied or secured so as to be readily opened by censors. Addresses should include full name and rank or rating of addressee, and the name of his ship or unit, but the location should never be included. Only two post office addresses may be used, "Care of the Postmaster, New York, N. Y.," and "Care of the Postmaster, San Francisco, California, whichever is nearer the addressee.

There is no limit on the number of packages which a man abroad may receive. However, not more than one Christmas package may be mailed by the same sender to the same recipient in any one week.

Particular care should be exercised in the selection of gifts. Food should never be sent, as it too frequently arrives in damaged or spoiled condition, no matter how carefully prepared. Clothing should not be sent unless it has been specifically requested. Gifts should be compact and portable. Electrical apparatus is of dubious value.

Christmas and New Year's greetings to personnel abroad should in all instances be written on V-Mail stationery. Cards should not be sent because of their bulk and because in most instances recipients will prefer to have their greetings in the form of a letter from relatives or friends.

Buyers of Boots Must Turn In Old Boots

James B. Volger, head of the North Carolina Salvage set-up, calls our attention to a recent order by the Office of Price Administration, freezing rubber boots of certain sizes until October 5th, as follows:

"Hip-height rubber boots, Over-the-knee boots, Heavy short rubber boots, Light weight short rubber boots, Rubber pacs, Booties 10" or more in height, Rubber pacs, booties and work shoes less than 10" height.

"All persons buying such boots after October 5th will have to exchange their old boots for new ones, unless they have secured employment in war work which requires such boots. In such cases, application to local rationing boards for such boots will be necessary.

"Where boots are bought through mail-order houses, it will be mandatory on the part of the purchaser to secure a receipt from the Chairman of the Local Salvage Committee, or other duly authorized agent, showing that he had turned in his old rubber boots.

"Storage space is required in each of the towns in your county, and an authorized agent is to be appointed by the Salvage Chairman to receive used rubber boots and to issue receipts to persons desiring to use mail order houses, showing they have turned in their old boots.

"The rubber collected in this manner will be sold to the highest bidder by the Salvage Chairman or Sales Committee, and the money obtained therefrom is to be used in the same manner as money from other salvage work; that is, distributed to Civilian Defense, Army and Navy Relief, American Red Cross, or other civic war agency."

Notice is hereby given to all dealers in rubber boots that they may bring all old rubber boots to the office of The Johnstonian-Sun, which is also the office of M. L. Stancil, chairman of the local Salvage committee, who will arrange storage facilities for same.

During World War I, airplane engines needed overhauling every 50 hours; today's engines go 600 hours without repairs.

The happy man is one who can turn a job to an opportunity.

rare privilege that you may not get again. He is among the most outstanding Gospel preachers in the Methodist church. If you hear him once, you will want to hear him again.

Johnston County Gets In Race To Win The \$1,000 War Bond Offered By North Carolina Newspapers.

The newspapers of North Carolina are offering a \$1,000 War Bond to the County in this state which rounds up the greatest amount of scrap for the war production mills of the nation, and C. E. Bingham, Chairman of the County Salvage Committee, says the various township committees are hard at work to perfect their organizations for a united effort to salvage every possible piece of scrap for war needs.

This vast salvage campaign began on October 1st, and will run through October 21st. The Johnston County Salvage Committee is offering a \$150 War Bond to the township turning in the most scrap during that period. There is also a second prize of \$50 and a third prize of \$25.

The first State prize to go to the winning county is a \$1,000 War Bond and a \$500 Bond as second prize—the bonds to go to some charitable or public enterprise. The top county in each congressional district will be awarded a \$100 War Bond.

The following persons are serving as township chairmen to help carry this three-week scrap drive forward:

Smithfield—M. B. Strickland. Pleasant Grove—Hector Langdon. Ingrams—Bert Lassiter. Clayton—O. B. Welch. Pine Level—W. A. Herring. Selma—M. L. Stancil. Boone Hill—M. E. Powell. Beulah—J. D. Corbett. Micro—J. W. Fitzgerald. Benson—J. B. Benton. Wilson's Mills—Howard Mitchiner.

Other townships are being rapidly organized and their leaders will be announced later this week.

Women's Work
The women are taking an active role in the scrap drive under the leadership of Mrs. Kirby L. Rose, county chairman of women's salvage activity.

Mrs. Rose has announced the following township leaders among the women, others to be announced later:

Smithfield—Mrs. Glenn W. Grier. Benson—Mrs. Moses Peacock. Clayton—Mrs. Carlotta Sanders. Benson—Mrs. Hugh A. Page, vice chairman. Beulah—Mrs. H. M. Grizzard. Selma—Mrs. Willye C. Wright. Wilson's Mills—Mrs. Atwood Uzzle. Pine Level—Mrs. Floyd C. Price. Boone Hill—Mrs. H. M. Fitzgerald. Micro—Mrs. M. Hinnant, chairman; Mrs. L. J. Worthington, vice chairman.

Ingrams—Mrs. Charlie Wellons.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.
ALVIN KORNEGAY'S proteges, the Boy Scouts of Pine Level, this week erected a scrap pen, about three times larger than the one in Selma, ALVIN says, and they are busy scouring the by-ways and hedges for scrap iron—these boys are hustlers and they'll be heard from before this "scrap drive" is over—how about the Selma Scouts?—get busy, boys, don't let Pine Level get all the scrap and the money, too—and our country friends are asked to pitch a piece of old discarded iron or steel in their car when they start for town and drop it in the pen near the Branch Bank—let's see to it that Johnston County wins that \$1,000 prize for collecting the most scrap metal per capita during the three-week period of October 1-21—according to ED CREECH, about 90 per cent of the baseball fans in these parts were tickled half to death when St. Louis took the "rag" from the Yankees—nobody thought St. Louis would take four in a row—SAM NARRON, an old Johnston County boy, is one of the world's champs—congratulations, SAM—your friends in Selma are anxious to shake that paw of yours—HERBERT WHITE, JR., surprised his many friends by becoming a benedict on last Saturday—full account will appear in the next issue of this paper—glad to see D. FULK, of Spencer, on the Maindrag on last Saturday—MR. FULK holds a responsible position with the Southern Railway—he was a guest of CAPT. S. M. PARKER—MANAGER GORDY of the Brick Hotel, has gone into the radio repairing business, having purchased the interest of JAMES DRIVER in Driver's Radio Service, and will move the equipment to the Selma Bakery, adjoining the hotel—he will employ a first-class radio-repair man—JAMES left the Maindrag Tuesday for Richmond, Va., where he has accepted a position—