

# CROSS'S COLUMN

IT'S AN ILL TORNADO that blows nobody any good: our Kansas correspondent writes to tell of a man near Manhattan, where a tornado struck last month. The man had a \$300 mortgage on his home when the tornado hit and destroyed it. The building was picked up and set down again as a neat little pile of lumber. Not one plank was left attached to another. Then the Red Cross came along and built him another home and the money he collected from people who came to look at the wreckage was enough to pay off the wreckage. . . if only another tornado doesn't strike . . .

THE YOUNG SQUIRT was fascinated by the cooling unit in the living room. His three and a half years had never seen such a contraption. It looked like a lattice-work wastepaper basket with a metal top on it, and through the latticework came a marvelous breeze from the fan inside. The Young Squirt sat gingerly on top of the unit and cooled his legs. "I like this," he said to his Grandmother. "When you get to be a little boy you must try it sometime."

WHAT'S SAUCE FOR THE BLUE GOOSE: A hotel in western North Carolina has eighteen or twenty permanent guests, many of whom call the hotel home between travel tours. These residents, most of them blue bloods, have formed an organization called "The Blue Geese", claiming that "they never stay home and they can't get along with each other when they do."

Last year a young man, Dr. M— was invited to become a member of the Blue Geese and accepted the invitation. He was initiated at a banquet which started with eggnog and ended with spaghetti and meatballs. His initiation consisted of a shower of gifts ranging from a gross of soap to a pair of dice. Several weeks afterward Dr. M— took to his bed with a bad case of flu, but doctor-like, he took neither his temperature nor a dose of medicine. Somehow the Blue Geese found out about his illness and went singly and in relays to give him medical care. One took his temperature. And being unable to read a thermometer only commented that the doctor was a very sick man. Another brought a bottle of mineral water and returned every hour to make the patient drink a glass of it. Still another one gave him soda at intervals. Each Blue Goose had a pet home remedy, and each one tried it out on the doctor. Despite the fact that twenty different remedies were tried, the doctor finally recovered. He says, though, that for a week or two, he thought one Goose was cooked. . . one Blue Goose.

TRAPPER: (Our Kansas correspondent again) . . . The young woman lives in an apartment hotel which apparently has its share of rats and mice. For eleven nights she set traps and for eleven mornings she telephoned the desk clerk to send someone to remove the night's catch. One morning as the young woman was going shopping, the desk clerk beckoned to her and announced that an auction was being held in the next block and he thought she might be interested in attending it.

"What kind of an auction . . . antiques?" asked the young lady. "No ma'am," said the desk clerk, with the slightest bit of a giggle. "The trappers are bringing in their furs today and we thought you'd like to carry over your pelts!"

TO "READERS": Thank you very, very much for your letter.

It carried more influence than you might imagine. . . Are you as anonymous as you think you are?

WE STILL LIKE the slogan somebody suggested. . . "BUY A WAR STAMP AND LICK THE OTHER SIDE!"

ALL OUT OF GHOSTS AGAIN.

## Two Report At Fort Bragg For Special Service

Two Roanoke Rapids colored men have reported to the special service reception center at Fort Bragg for induction into the Army, according to a release issued by the Public Relations office at Fort Bragg.

The two Negroes are Major W. Branch who, as the only Negro chairman in the local Salvage For Victory Committee, took an active interest in war-time campaigns here, and Wilbur Moody, a former porter at the Roanoke Rapids hospital.

Branch, prior to leaving for Army service, gave his personal check for \$10.00 to the USO campaign.

Both will probably be assigned to special service of some sort after their period of basic training.

## Crewe Man Is Killed In Far Pacific Action

Nephew Mrs. Archer Of This City Killed In Action Recently

A telegram has been received by Mrs. Juanita Thomason of Crewe, Va., informing her that her husband, gunners mate, third class, Mathew Louis Thomason, Jr., has been killed in action in the war zone in the Pacific. Petty Officer Thomason is a nephew of Mrs. Margaret Archer of this city and was well-known in the city. He is the oldest grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clary of Lawrenceville, Va.

The telegram, signed by Randall Jacobs, chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, stated that he

was "killed in action in performance of his duty and in the service of his country". Name and location of his ship cannot be disclosed.

Gunner's Mate Thomason attended John Marshall High School, Richmond, Va. He left school at 17 to join the Navy and was beginning his second period of enlistment when he was killed. He was 21 years of age. He had been in the Pacific war zone since the beginning of the war. His wife had received two letters from him recently dated May 28 and 29.

## Local Young Men Enlist For Navy Duty Saturday

The United States Navy Recruiting Office in Raleigh has announced the enlistment of the following young Roanoke Rapids men into the United States Naval Reserves as apprentice seamen:

Ovid B. Harris, Jr., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ovid B. Harris, Sr., 201 Washington Street; and John W. Wall, 21, of 1340 Roanoke Avenue, this city.

On Friday the Recruiting station announced the enlistment of four other young Roanoke Rapids men. They are as follows:

McDaniel Vaughan, 17, Nathaniel Lloyd, 20, Clyde R. Clements, 17, and Cecil R. Crott, 17, all of this city.

Each of these young men will be given a 10-week (or less) period of training at one of the Navy's recruit training centers and then will be assigned to one of the Navy's trade schools or to active duty with the fleet.

## Five Licenses Revoked During Past Few Days

The following drivers licenses were announced as revoked in Halifax County during the past few days by the North Carolina Highway Safety Division:

Henry Towns, Littleton, in Halifax Recorders court for driving drunk; Claude Griffin Willey, Roanoke Rapids, in Recorders Court for driving drunk; William Grover Woodruff, Roanoke Rapids, in Halifax Recorders Court for driving drunk; William Lee Ashe, Littleton, in Halifax Recorders Court for driving drunk.

Weldon Allen of Fort Bragg visited Mrs. Sally Mills last week.

Mrs. J. B. Watkins of Portsmouth, Va. visited Mrs. P. A. Cook last week-end.

J. H. Joyner spent last week in Wilson.

# LOCAL YOUTH IS ARRESTED BEING AWOL FROM ARMY

## Linwood Lewis Left His Post In March, '41

Linwood E. Lewis, 20, of Roanoke Rapids, was taken into custody in the weave room of Roanoke Mills Co. No. 1 on Thursday of last week and was turned over to Raleigh officers, who in turn delivered him to Captain Ira C. Ballard at Camp Butner, near Oxford, to face charges of being absent without leave from the United States Army for more than a year.

Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lewis of Roanoke Rapids, enlisted in the Army in February, 1941, and was sent to Fort Jackson, S. C., where he was a member of Company H, First Infantry. In March, 1941, a little over a month after his enlistment, he allegedly went AWOL from his post at Fort Jackson and returned to his home here.

During his period of freedom from the Army the youth married and he and his wife recently became the parents of a baby girl.

When taken into custody here young Lewis made the following statement:

"If I'd just used my head I would have realized that I could have gotten out of the Army on account of my age, but I didn't think of that then. I just went."

"I registered for the draft in June," Lewis added, "but I hadn't gotten my questionnaire when 'they' got me."

Lewis was working on a loom in the Roanoke No. 1 mill when authorities took him into custody. He was carried to Raleigh late Thursday afternoon and placed in the keeping of Lieutenant H. H. Horton, of the Raleigh police force, who made arrangements to turn him over to Camp Butner authorities.

## Truck Tire Permits Are Order Of Day

A total of ten truck tire permits were issued by the local rationing board during the past week, according to H. B. Speight, chairman of the local rationing

board. There were no permits issued for the purchase of new passenger tires, with the exception of a permit to purchase two obsolete tires.

Following is a tabulation of work done by the local board at its regular meeting on Thursday night:

Railway Express Agency, Weldon, express service, one truck tire and tube; H. L. Fahey, Roanoke Rapids, plumbing and heating contractor, two truck tires and tubes; C. M. Credle, Roanoke Rapids, baker, two truck tires and tubes; Weldon Coca Cola Bottling Works, soft drinks, one truck tube; W. E. Harris, Weldon, mattress manufacturer, two truck tires and tubes; Town of Weldon, two truck tires and tubes; Paul Edward Green, Roanoke Rapids, truck operator, one truck tire.

Sarah L. Spence, Roanoke Rapids, textile worker, two passenger tubes; E. W. Wheeler, Roanoke Rapids, textile worker, two tubes.

Jermiah Scott, Littleton, textile worker, two passenger recaps; Railway Express Agency, Weldon, two truck recaps; Halifax County Board of Education, public schools, five recap truck tires; J. E. Davis, Roanoke Rapids, farmer and livestock dealer, one recap; E. M. Harvey, Roanoke Rapids, textile worker, one recap passenger; R. W. Hamill, Weldon, foreman at Halifax Paper Co., two passenger recaps; J. W. English, Littleton, two passenger recaps.

E. W. Wheeler, Roanoke Rapids, two obsolete tires.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peede and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sadler spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. William Parker in Robinsonville.



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