

The

FAMILY WASH

(All The News Hung Out To Dry)

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PERSONAL PIFFLE: Another air raid test for the city will be called in about two weeks. . . Incidentally, the one held last Tuesday brought out a good story or two. . . One "casualty", who was unconscious, said the air raid warden approached his body, looked down at him, read the tag on his chest, and walked away muttering, "Hell, that fellow is dead!" . . . Another casualty asked a first air worker for a shot of whiskey to lessen his pain. . . he got ice water. . . The Army planes did not appear during the "raid", but plenty of them were in evidence flying over the city the next day about the same time.

TIMELY TID-BITS: J. T. Chase has the only practical remedy for escaping the hot weather of the past few days. . . "Make electric fans larger, make 'em run faster, and get closer to 'em", he says. . . common sense. . . Father Denges postcards from Camp Denges, Abell, Maryland. . . Sends his greetings to all. . . and "Bussie" Grissom sends word from Luke Field, Arizona, to the effect that its 100 degrees in the shade there—and there ain't no shade. . . A few blades of grass around his barrack are prized beyond words. . . It's a crime to cut 'em. . . So far as we can learn there isn't a local man stationed at Camp Croft, Spartanburg, S. C. . . Lt. J. E. Shaw, who was stationed there, has been moved. . . to another camp.

HERE 'N THERE: Officer candidate S. H. Akers, until a week ago stationed at Miami, Fla., has been sent to Harvard University for further study. . . A delicious dish: peaches from the ice box about midnight. . . Just peel 'em and eat 'em. . . Dutch Seifert breezing into town. . . On Coca-Cola business, no doubt. . . Incidentally, Mrs. Seifert dislocated an elbow (for the umpteenth time) last week and had it set at the local infirmary. . . The story of the Copeland boy's capture of the German saboteur made news in all the big papers. . . Incidentally, the N & O carried the wrong picture with the story. . . The one they carried was of another one of the Copeland boys. . . There are a lot more "Army" widows around town than there were last week this time. . . At his time, their identity is not known because the list of selectees has not been disclosed.

THIS 'N THAT: John Lupton explains that three stripes on a Naval uniform designate the rank of Commander. . . Pendleon Grizzard saw service in the Navy during the first World War. . . Ditto R. J. Rightmeyer, Sr. . . commissioned officers in the Navy begin with Ensign and come in the following order: Lieutenant Junior Grade, Lieutenant Senior Grade, Lieutenant

Commander, Captain, Rear Admiral, Vice Admiral. . . and Admiral. . . the Navy's Captain is equivalent to the Army's Colonel. . . with all the officers and what not, without the buck privates in the army and the seamen in the Navy, we'd be in a melluvahess. . . every man in uniform commands our respect, too. . . they are doing for us what none of us in civilian clothes are doing for ourselves. . . bearing arms against a combination of enemies that would destroy every liberty that is ours.

MORE OF SAME: W. R. Caudle of Halifax, in town. . . hands over to Chairman F. C. Williams the Town of Halifax contribution to the United Service Organization. . . and the USO money chest is not yet filled. . . additional contributions are needed and would be welcome. . . From Roanoke Rapids, Weldon, Littleton, Halifax, Scotland Neck and Enfield. . . or any other locations in or outside of Halifax county. . .

THINGIMIGGS: The mural in the postoffice always attracts a lot of attention. . . We haven't seen an old-time buggy on the streets of Roanoke Rapids since we came to town. . . Maybe you'll see some of 'em in the not too distant future. . . One of the local boys, Ben E. Wood, who was at Pearl Harbor reports that during the bombing of that Naval base on Dec. 7, several Jap planes were shot down in the harbor and some of the Jap aviators would have probably survived had they not cut their own throats with knives to keep from being captured. . . To which Joe Davis, another local boy and stationed at Fort Monroe, Va., replies: "We don't care how many of them cut their own throats. It will save us the job".

LITTLETON NEWS

Mrs. J. A. Hudgins of Roxboro is spending several days in town this week with friends and relatives.

Bill Egeron of Newport News is a visitor in town this week.

Mrs. T. R. Walker and Miss Bertha Thrower were in Warrenton on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dickens and son of Richmond are spending some time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Coley Clark of Weldon were Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hunt.

Miss Doris Hayes has accepted a position with the Carolina Coach in Raleigh.

Miss Evelyn Newsome was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Newsome, for the week-end.

Mesdames T. R. Walker and J. H. Thrower were visitors in Richmond on Wednesday.

Corp. Willie Threewitts of Panama City, Fla. has returned to his post after spending several days here with friends.

Patsy Burton of York, S. C. has returned to her home after spending several days here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Hale.

Miss Mary Dell Harris of Raleigh was a guest of her mother, Mrs. Austin Harris, for the week-end.

Lt. George W. Floyd spent several days last week here with friends. Lt. Floyd has been transferred from Ft. Jackson, S. C. to Camp White, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hugh Sessoms of Williamston were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Reives.

Miss Mary Lean Cole of Norfolk spent the week-end in her home here.

Mrs. Julian Acree and Milton Reid spent several days last week in Norfolk.

Mrs. J. W. Wood, Jr. and son of Washington, N. C., are spending several days here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wood, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Sessoms, Jr. arrived Friday from California to spend some time with Mr. Sessoms' sister, Mrs. Ben L. Reives.

Misses Blanche Threewitts and Bertha Thrower were visitors in Raleigh on Tuesday.

Mrs. P. A. Johnston and Miss Dorothy Johnston were visitors in Raleigh on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Edmonds and children of Roanoke Rapids were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Threewitts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shaw of Rocky Mount were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Perry.

Lt. Millard Perkinson of Fort

Bragg was a visitor in town on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Macon Moore, Jr. were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hudgins in Roxboro.

Miss Katie Niblock of Nashville was a visitor in town over the week-end.

Miss Ellen McIntyre of Red Oak visited in town several days this week.

Mrs. A. P. Farmer was the Thursday guest of her sister, Mrs. Paul Draper, in Halifax.

Misses Doris Hayes, Blanche Threewitts, W. T. Threewitts and Lt. George Floyd spent several days last week in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood spent several days last week in Washington, N. C.

Bill Extends Low Interest On Bank Loans

President Roosevelt has signed a bill extending for two years the reduced interest rates on Federal Land Bank and Land Bank Commission loans, James G. Shields, President of the Halifax County National Farm Loan Association, announced this week. Mr. Shields stated that this would mean a considerable saving in interest charges to borrowers in Halifax County.

The Halifax County Association is a member of a group of three associations maintaining a joint office at Tarboro, serving Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, and Wilson counties. L. E. McDaniel, Secretary-Treasurer, is in charge of the office which is located in the Woodman Building.

Miss Virginia Ogletree left Saturday where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. John Ogletree.

Another Local Youth Arrives In Australia

Another of the growing list of youths taking their posts in Australia to do battle with the Japs sooner or later, is Pfc. Norman G. McLeod, Jr., son of Mrs. W. G. McLeod of 931 Burton Street, this city.

McLeod left Fort Jackson, S. C., where he had been stationed, on February 16th. His whereabouts were not known by his family until they received a telegram from him stating that he had arrived safely in an Australian port, and that he was well and happy. Since that time the family has received a letter from him giving more complete details.

Y. W. A.'s MEET

The Y.W.A.'s of the Rosemary Baptist Church held their regular monthly meeting in the church on Wednesday evening.

After the business session, a very interesting program was presented, with Arlene Poindexter in charge. Subjects discussed were:

"The Flower of Sacrifice"—Mary Gurley; "The Flower of Humility"—Mary L. Ray; "The Flower of Prayer"—Edith Taylor; "The Flower of Service"—Arelene Poindexter.

The meeting was then dismissed with prayer.

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