

Finding Of Strange Letters And Map In Area Has People On Watch For Jap Saboteurs

Letters Found In Northampton; Map Found Here

The appearance of a number of letters in Northampton county, all printed in a strange language which some Northampton county natives agree is either German or Japanese, has been causing quite a stir in the rural areas of the neighboring county during the past several days.

C. C. Bryant, a farmer who lives between Conway and Jackson, brought one of the letters to the Herald office Friday. Bryant found the letter near Jackson on the previous Wednesday and had been attempting to get it translated before deciding to do anything about it.

He reported that more than 25 letters, all identical, had been picked up in Northampton county during the past week, and that most of them had been turned over to George Burgwyn, deputy clerk of superior court. Burgwyn in turn promised to have them translated. He also said he would turn one or more of them over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for action.

Bryant said he was standing near the Pine Forks Service Station near Jackson on Wednesday of last week. He said a high-powered car passed the station, heading toward Jackson. In the car, he said, were two men, both of whom closely resembled Japanese.

Shortly after the car passed, he said, he started home and picked the letter up a short distance down the road between Potecasi and Jackson, the direction from which the high-powered automobile had come.

The letter, all printed, apparently was Japanese. The letter head bore the inscription "Silberman Villa, B. L. Silberman, Prop., 437 Ocean Avenue, Lakewood, N. J." The letterhead carried the additional information that "rates were reasonable" and that the clientele was "strictly kosher".

The body of the letter contained two paragraphs, or about 100 words of printed matter.

Inspection of the 1940 Hotel Red Book, in which all hotels and inns in the country are listed as of that date, brought out the knowledge that there is no "Silberman Villa" listed in the city of Lakewood, N. J.

Bryant said that he was going to turn his letter over to Buxton Midyette, Jackson lawyer, and that Midyette was going to have it translated.

Finding of the letters in Northampton county last week somewhat beclouded the mystery surrounding the origin of a Chinese map reportedly left in the Western Auto Associate store here one day last week.

Mrs. Jack Earman, wife of the proprietor of the store, found the map, which traces the coastline of China from Manchuria to French Indo China, on the office desk in the store. She reported that she had seen a couple of strangers in the store a day or so before she happened to notice the map. She started to throw it away, she related, but opened it and found it to be a map, either in Japanese or Chinese translation. She turned it over to W. A. Thorne, Vice-President and Cashier of the Roanoke Bank and Trust Company, who now has it in custody.

What, if anything, comes of the discovery of the letters and map, both in foreign tongue, in Northampton and Halifax counties will be brought out later when official action is taken.

may Rosemary Recreation wish him success in his new venture. The Herald loses a good man, and the Associated Press gains one. Come back and see us often, Bloys!

Pickups N' Putouts:
Steam from the sport pot . . . Halifax Paper has really nose-dived in their last two or three starts in league play . . . Don't worry, boys! All teams have their "fading spells" . . . ask the Romancos . . . "Pop" Brank was probably the happiest man in town following the Patterson 2-1 win over Romano . . . Woke up Roddy Meikle at midnight to tell him the glad tidings . . . Next happiest was Paul Whitson, Patterson ace roofer! . . . Henderson will bring a red hot ball club here "Sattidy" night . . . Watch them! . . . Most improved ball player in the league . . . Grady Wheeler, "Spark Plug" third sacker of Patterson . . . Russ DeBerry is in the sorriest condition of his career, and will very probably get his cars pinned back in the sectional tournament . . . and we ain't bluffing, brother! . . . I still think "Baldy" Harris is one of the best outfielders in the league . . . Murray Stacia's drive thru the box last Monday night off Knox Rogers was the hardest drive I've seen this year . . . It sizzled! No foolin'.

Veeco Sets Up Scroll Of Men In The Service

Officials of the Virginia Electric and Power Company here have completed a scroll upon which all names of men in the armed forces of the country and who were formerly employed by the Power Company have been placed and the scroll hung in the outer offices of the firm on Roanoke Avenue.

Included in the list of names are the following men: James V.

Smith, power station operator, entered the Navy on January 28; J. H. Kennemur, power station operator, who entered the Navy on March 13; Wade T. Myrick, power station operator, who entered the Marine Corps on October 30, 1941; P. D. Harriss, Lineman, who entered the Coast Guard on September 10, 1941; W. L. Dabney, bookkeeper who entered the Army on July 21, 1941; J. W. Webb, meter tester, now an Army aviation cadet, who entered the service on September 15, 1940; Henry Fitts, lineman, who entered the Army on September 15, 1940; James L. Coley, lineman, who entered the Navy on January 2, this year; J. B. Sullivan, draftsman, who entered the Army on January 10; Doyle A. Cameron, meter tester, who entered the Army Air Corps on February 8, 1942; J. B. Ellis, bookkeeper, who entered the service on July 23, 1942; T. W. Outland, lineman, and Francis E. Taylor, company representative, both of whom entered the Navy within the last few days.

In all, the Power Company, through its local branch, has given up thirteen men to Uncle Sam's forces, and these are now serving on land, sea and air.

Miss Maggie Lee Vick of Jackson visited relatives and friends in the city last week.

Frank Hope of Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama, spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Hope, last week.

Misses Maggie Lee and Maybelle Radcliffe are spending this week at Ocean View.

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Alvin Lattimore, windmill ace of the Patterson Pirates, has upset the Rosemary Romancos twice in his last two starts against the State Champs, by a 2-1 score in a league tilt and then 1-0 last Saturday in the All Star game at Ledgerwood. Lattimore bids fair to develop into a good pitcher if his interest in the game continues. He is a good prospect.

Only twelve more days until the fireworks start in the State race, with the lid blowing off at Canton and Raleigh on August 13, 14, 15, in the Eastern and Western sectional. One week later, on Aug. 21-22, the two winners will clash for the State title. According to pre-game dope, it looks like Canton or Greensboro or maybe Charlotte in the West and Roanoke Rapids in the East, and Henderson and Fort Bragg are the "dark horses". Anyway, we'll know within a few more weeks.

The Henderson Bears of Henderson will blow into Ledgerwood Park Saturday night for a double-header with the Romancos. The games will get underway at 8:30 p.m. "Speed" Hux, "Blondie" Stewart and Russ DeBerry will divide the pitching duties for the Romancos. This is the same team that carried the Romancos to a fourteen inning 1-0 game at Raleigh last year in the State Tournament, with only a great play by "Pig" Riggan saving the game. Rumors from Henderson say they have a better ball club than last year and are being coached by

Bill Branch, who formerly played baseball here with the Roanoke Rapids Owls. Admission will be twenty cents and league passes will not be good. It shapes up as one of the best games of the season.

The recreation programs in the various mills will probably take a big boost this winter due to gas and tire rationing. All three companies are blessed with good recreation clubs, and it seems a shame not to take advantage of it. Various activities could be carried out for old and young of both sexes who are employed by the mills. It would be a swell "follow thru" after the summer softball program.

Announcement this week that Bloys Britt, genial news editor of the Herald, is leaving to accept a position with the Associated Press, leaves a feeling of regret in this corner. Bloys has been here just long enough to make a host of friends. In addition to being a good newspaperman, he has that happy ability to make friends quickly. From his easy going disposition you would never realize that he was a boxer and football player at the University of North Carolina in his student days and after graduation had a number of fights in the pro racket.

His spirit of cooperation in regard to sports here has helped make the City Softball League a success. We hate to see Bloys leave town. However, in parting,

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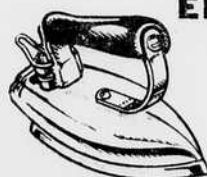
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