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WAR BOND PREMIERE HERE

CAMP BUTNER WAR CARAVAN COMING HERE

Display Will Be Held At Armory Friday, September 24th

The Camp Butner War Bond Caravan will arrive in the city on Friday, September 24th at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for an overnight stay here to stimulate interest in the Third War Loan campaign currently being conducted, according to announcement made today by Heath Lee, who is in charge of arrangements for staging the display.

The caravan, the first to visit the city, contains approximately one-quarter-of-a-million dollars worth of equipment, including the following: two armored cars with 30 caliber machine and radio equipment; four camouflage display trucks with crew of men to demonstrate camouflage procedure; two 105 Howitzers with prime mover and full gin crews; one jeep with 37mm. machine gun mounted; two Amphibious jeeps; one jeep with Anti-Aircraft gun mounted; a 28-piece band; one ambulance unit with medical personnel; one truck full of field equipment including M-1 rifles, famous Bazookas, submachine guns and Browning guns, which will be demonstrated. In addition the caravan is equipped with field kitchen, and will carry rations for the trip, which starts on Sept. 18th with a visit to Durham, and ends on Sept. 25th at Camp Butner.

The caravan will be accompanied by Col. H. R. Huntley, commanding officer, Capt. C. R. Yeagler, adjutant, Capt. M. F. Spinner, three lieutenants and Lt. Minor, liaison officer. A bond auction will undoubtedly be conducted in connection with the visit of the caravan full details of which will be announced in next week's issue of the Herald. A record crowd is expected to be attracted to the city to see the display.

STEPHENSON MADE MAJOR IN OREGON

Word was received here today by friends of Capt. B. E. Stephenson, of his promotion to the rank of Major in the United States Army, at Camp Adair, Oregon, where he has been serving for the past eight months, and is at present on maneuvers.

Major Stephenson was instrumental in the organization of Company B of the 105th Medical Regiment, 30th division here several years ago, and has been in the army since the regiment was inducted into regular service.

SAILOR AT SEA



Lawrence Clary, above, is the son of Mrs. Anna Clary of this city, who joined the Navy about one year ago and is now "somewhere at sea" with his ship. He has one other brother in the army, Sgt. Erwin Clary, stationed in Texas. Another brother, Billy Clary, is an employee of the Herald.

POSTHUMOUS AWARDS TO COUNTY MAN

The Presidential Unit Citation, awarded the First Marine Division, Reinforced, for service in action against the enemy in the Solomon Islands, the Asiatic Pacific Medal and the Purple Heart have been awarded posthumously to Pfc. Eugene Johnston, of Littleton. The medals have been received by his mother, Mrs. Irene Johnston, at her home near Littleton.

Pfc. Johnston joined the Marines on December 8th, 1941, the day after the Pearl Harbor attack. He was killed on October 9th, 1942, at Guadalcanal. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Irene W. Johnston, and was the son of the late George Johnston, of Littleton. He has two brothers in the Navy, George Johnson, Jr., who is at present "somewhere at sea," and Gordon Johnston, who is stationed at Bainbridge, Md. He has two half-brothers, Johnny Johnston, of Roanoke Rapids, and B. D. Johnston, of Greenville.

Ashley Smith Is Held On A Charge Of Manslaughter

Ashley Smith, Northampton county pulpwood hauler, was tried before Magistrate Harvey Boone in Jackson yesterday, and was bound over to the next term of Superior Court on a charge of manslaughter, growing out of the fatal injuries to James W. Percy who was riding in a truck with him Sunday, September 5th. His bond was set at \$2,000, which he made promptly, and is now at liberty.

COLONEL THOMPSON PROMOTED

Oklahoma City Air Depot, Tinker Field, Okla., Sept. 16.—Promotion of Lieutenant Col. Glenn C. Thompson, formerly of Roanoke Rapids, to the rank of colonel, has been announced by headquarters at Tinker Field. He is assigned as chief of the depot supply division at this model establishment of the Air Service Command for the maintenance and repair of aircraft and the training of air depot groups.

Colonel Thompson is the son of W. O. Thompson, 1102 Franklin street. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

Meade Mitchell Quits His Post Register Deeds

Halifax, N. C., Sept. 16, 1943—Meade H. Mitchell, of Weldon, Register of Deeds of Halifax County since 1932, has resigned his position, it was learned last week. Mr. Mitchell admitted his resignation, but refused to discuss the matter further. However, it is understood that the resignation will become effective December 1st, and also, that a successor has been named. Mr. Mitchell did not discuss his plans, but outside sources quoted him as saying that he would go into the lumber business with his brother, N. E. Mitchell of Littleton.

It was learned today that Frank Wilson, manager of Roanoke Hardware Co., had been unanimously appointed to fill Mitchell's unexpired term, which ends the first Monday in December, 1944, by the County Board of Commissioners at a called meeting last Friday. Mr. Wilson accepted the position and will continue to operate his hardware store here.

Executives Here For Stockholders Meeting Of Mills

Grant Simmons, President and Treasurer of the Simmons Company, Alfred Terrell, Sr., Vice-President and General Manager of the Simmons Company and President of Roanoke and Patterson Mills Companies, G. D. Wrightson, Vice-President and Sales Manager of the Simmons Company, Richard Pohlars, President of Rosemary Sales, C. A. Pohlars, Chairman of the Board of Rosemary Sales, and E. C. Parizeau, Purchasing Agent of the Simmons Company, were here Tuesday and Wednesday of this week attending the regular directors meeting of Roanoke Mills Co., Rosemary Mfg. Co. and Patterson Mills Co.

Red Cross Sends Out SOS Call For Knitters, Sewers

An urgent appeal for knitters and sewers for the Red Cross workroom, located at Henry and Tenth Streets, has been issued by the local chapter.

An order for 40 olive drab turtle-neck sweaters, 22 navy sweaters, 200 wristles, 50 scarfs and 33 olive drab sleeveless sweaters has been received from the area headquarters at Alexandria, Va., with the notation that this is an "urgent" appeal.

All ladies who can help in any way in turning out this large order are urged to volunteer their time and services to this worthy enterprise.

WHITE GIRL BEATEN BY NEGRO MAN

Police Arrest Negro Soldier At Bus Station Here

Emmett Holloman, Negro soldier, was given an 18-months sentence in Northampton County Recorders Court by Judge Eric Norfleet yesterday for his assault on Margaret Gibson, young Roanoke Rapids waitress who is employed at Mack's Truck Station, on Highway 301 near Weldon. The assault occurred shortly after ten o'clock Monday night.

It seems that Holloman, his wife and another colored man, dressed in civilian clothes, entered the kitchen at Mack's Truck Station, demanding that they be served food. The colored cook explained to the trio that it was against the rules of the establishment to serve any colored people other than actual truck drivers. All three argued about the situation, and the cook called the white waitress to settle the argument.

As soon as Miss Gibson walked into the kitchen, it is reported that the soldier knocked her down twice, kicking her the second time she fell to the floor. He was then induced to leave the place by the other colored man. Officers were called but were unable to trace the Negro immediately. Later, it appears, he came to the bus station here, where it is said he raised a disturbance in the white waiting room. City officers arrested him on a charge of drunk and disorderly conduct. It was then discovered he was wanted in Northampton County to answer to the charge of assaulting the white girl, and he was released to officers there.

It is believed that Holloman formerly resided in Halifax County. He had been stationed at an army post near Baltimore, Md.

ORCHESTRA HERE FROM RICHMOND

Admission Will Be By Purchase Of War Bonds Only

PEOPLES THURS.

Civic Clubs To Have Charge Of The Seating

Plans for a "War Bond Premiere" show at the Peoples Theatre were announced today by Heath Lee, city banker who was recently appointed permanent county chairman of the War Loan Drive for Halifax County, and will be held at the downtown movie house next Thursday evening, September 23rd, at 8 o'clock.

In addition to a pre-release showing of the technicolor musical, "Best Foot Forward," the Richmond Army Air Base Dance Orchestra, has been secured to give a stage presentation. Admission to the theatre will be through the purchase of war bonds only. The services of local civic clubs have been enlisted to sell tickets for the bond premiere, and doubtless every person will be visited within the next few days and offered the opportunity of obtaining a seat at the special show through the purchase of bonds, ranging in value from \$25.00 upwards. Seat sections have been reserved for purchasers of A, B and C groups of bonds.

There will be no tickets sold outright to the war bond premiere, and it is the aim of the local committee to attract additional bond purchasers through staging the show, which bids fair to be one of the outstanding events of the season in the city. The management of the theatre has given its use, as well as providing the feature picture to be shown, without cost to the bond drive. Bill Aillsbrook, former city band leader who now operates a booking agency in Richmond, Va., was instrumental in booking the Richmond Army Air Base Orchestra, which is said to be one of the best bands in the country today, and is composed of talent recruited from many of the country's big name bands. The orchestra is under the direction of Warrant Officer Herbert W. Fred, of the Richmond Army Air Base.

The war bond premiere at the Theatre on next Thursday evening will be the first mass appeal yet restorted to by the committee in charge of local sales of war bonds in either of the three drives. It was explained this week by a spokesman for the group that they felt local citizens were doing about all that could be expected in buying bonds through payroll deduction systems with local industries, and other systematic purchases of the securities, but it was decided to stage this show to lend impetus to the third war loan drive.