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HOLD BODY OF MYSTERY GIRL

Bill Taylor Is Safe

INQUEST IS HELD; BURY BODY MONDAY

IS PRISONER OF GERMANY; FOLKS HEAR

Letter Of Information To Follow Wire Sent Monday

Harvey W. Taylor, 1205 Washington St., received the following telegram on Monday:

"Report just received through the International Red Cross states that your brother, Pvt. Charles W. Taylor, is a Prisoner of War of the German Government. Letter of information follows from Provost Marshall General (Signed) Uttilo, the Adjutant General."

Mr. Taylor had been notified on October 28th, to the following effect: "The Secretary of War desires me to express his regret that your brother, Pvt. Chas. W. Taylor, has been reported missing in action since September 13th in Italy. If further details or other information is received you will be promptly notified."

Although relatives of Pvt. Taylor (known to his friends here as "Bill") had never given him up for lost, the wire Monday was the first authoritative report they had received from the War Department stating otherwise. His brother and three sisters who live here were overjoyed at the news he is still alive.

Relatives had not heard directly from Taylor since the latter part of August. He was thought to be in North Africa at that time. Bill spent about five days in the city in July, of this year, at which time he was in the count. Continued on Section A - Page 8

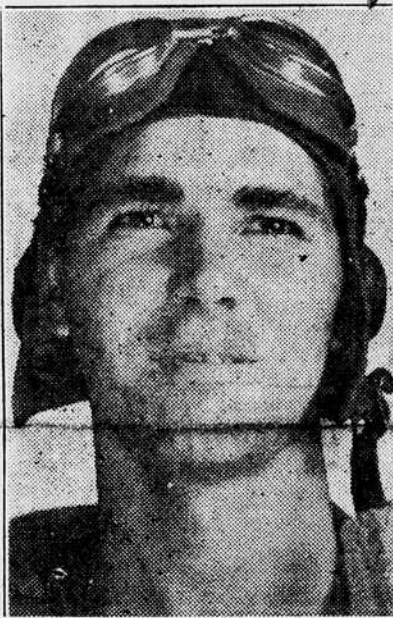
ROBERT HURSEY AIDS WOUNDED

Robert O. Hursey, former loom maker of Roanoke Mills Company No. 1, has recently been praised by Major Roggen for his ingenuity and initiative in making a successful appeal to the commanding general to let him find a route for ambulances to reach wounded men in the mountains.

When the general asked Hursey if he thought he could get the ambulances through, he assured him he could, and the drivers were given orders to follow Hursey. He led them along a protected route to a point where they could pick up the wounded. Major Roggen reported that, because of Hursey's action, there is no doubt that several men's lives were saved.

Pfc. Hursey has a father, James William Hursey, and a brother, J. Dewey Hursey, working for Roanoke Mills Company No. 1.

Receives Wings



Pfc. Warren G. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Moore of this city has received his Aerial Gunner's Wings, at Harlington, Tex., Army Air Field.

WHITE MEN ACCEPTED AT FORT BRAGG

Announcement has been received from Local Draft Board No. 1, Halifax County, that the following local white men were accepted for selective service there on November 19th, 1943:

Charlie Lynwood Whitby, Lloyd Ray Cullom, Clyde W. Pulley, John Louis Welch, Harry Earl Coker, Frank Nelson, Marvin H. Chambliss, Joe Henry Todd.

Harvey Lex Tyndall, Clarence W. Baird, Joe Pete Baicy, Jr., Albert J. Brantley, Everett Lee Pearce, Jesse Lee Sewell, Haywood Day Cochrane, Henry Wilson Greene.

Joy Elwood Long, Robert Benjamin Faucett, Willie A. Garrett, Robert A. Williams, Jr., Matt W. Ranson, III, Raymond Wells, Robert F. Rawlings, Jr., Cecil Thomas Lynch, Thomas B. Strickland.

Red Cross Needs Workers

The Red Cross needs workers for the Surgical Dressings Room and for the Sewing room. The Surgical Dressing room is open each Monday, through Friday, making a five-day week. Working hours, 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. and 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

The Sewing Room will be open only twice a week, on Tuesday afternoon from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. with Mrs. J. H. Hines, as supervisor and on Thursday afternoon from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m., with Mrs. C. W. Davis as supervisor.

Both rooms will close for Christmas holidays, from Dec. 18 to January 3, working beginning on Monday, January 3, on the days and hours mentioned above.

Ruling On Xmas Deliveries

Special permits to increase Christmas deliveries by motor truck will be issued only upon a clear showing that the additional deliveries are necessary to maintain adequate and essential distribution service, Harvey R. Roseman, ODT District Manager in Raleigh, ruled yesterday.

No motor carrier requesting relief from ODT delivery limitations will be allotted additional gasoline, since most carriers should have an excess because of conservation effected under the ODT order limiting deliveries, Mr. Roseman said.

It should be noted, he pointed out, that a general order now in force permits one additional delivery the day before Christmas this year, provided no deliveries are made on Christmas day.

Out of Hospital



Corporal James A. Lattimore, above, son of Mrs. D. P. Lattimore of this city was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant according to an announcement received by his mother.

He enlisted in the Army January 22, 1943 and was sent to Camp Howze, Texas for his basic training.

He is at present on maneuvers but will return to Camp Howze as soon as they are completed.

HAVE YOU BY ANY 'CHANCE' SEEN CINDY?

Cindy Chance, pretty young brunette, who lived in Roanoke Rapids for a couple of months, has not been heard from since leaving her boarding house here over four weeks ago. She told friends at the time she was going to Norfolk to marry a sailor. It is entirely possibly—perfectly plausible, that Cindy is quite alright today; that she did precisely what she intended when leaving here, that is, went to Norfolk to marry a sailor, but friends here cannot help but "wonder" . . . for so many strange circumstances enter into the picture.

When she left here Sunday night four weeks ago, she left not only a good job as a meat cutter at a local grocery store, but the major part of her clothes and personal effects at a boarding house—and she did not owe the landlady, according to reports. Now, it appears, it would be no "tricks" for Miss Chance to get a job most any place in the country, for she is one of the few full-fledged "women butchers" in the business; Continued on Section A - Page 8

STORES HERE START XMAS HOURS DEC. 20

The Merchants Association announces that all stores will remain open until 9 p. m. beginning Monday night, December 20, and continuing through Friday night, December 24, as has been the custom in the past.

All grocery stores will remain open on Wednesday afternoons beginning December 15, and continuing through Christmas week. They will also remain open at night until 9 p. m. beginning Monday, December 20, continuing through Friday night, December 24.

Christmas Carol Program Will Be Given Dec. 12th

A program of Christmas Carols and music in keeping with Christmas will be given at the First Methodist Church, on Sunday evening, December 12, at 7:30 o'clock. The music will be directed by Mr. Ray Finley, of the High School Faculty, and will be accompanied by the Roanoke Rapids String Ensemble. If you want a real treat in Christmas music, attend this service. The public at large is cordially invited.

Inquiries About Her Identity Still Coming In

An inquest was held Sunday night into the death of the unknown white girl who died in Roanoke Rapids Hospital on November 17th, resulting in the decision, that: "We, the Coroner's Jury, in the case of Cathlene Dawson (unknown) from the evidence read and heard, find that she came to her death from a chronic liver condition, and a delay in administering proper medical attention. We hereby recommend that the County of Halifax make proper medical facilities to care for mentally deranged and dope addicts until they can be cared for otherwise."

The jury was presided over by County Coroner F. N. Rowe, and included the following jurors: M. A. Inge, J. A. Harvel, Fenton E. Jones, Joe L. Willey, J. N. Clark and Mike Josephson.

The body of the unknown girl, was to have been buried on Monday of this week, though Coroner Rowe has postponed burial until 3:30 next Monday afternoon as almost every day brings an additional inquiry as to her possible identity. Pending further developments, she will be buried as "Cathlene Dawson," as that is the only tangible clue she gave local police as to her name or identity.

Local officers have canvassed the entire Atlantic seaboard in an effort to establish the identity of the "mystery girl," but all to no avail.

A couple from Norfolk got in touch with Coroner Rowe Monday asking that he postpone burial of the body until they could view it, thinking possibly it might be their sister. This report gave credence to a rumor that the girl's identity had been established, but there was nothing to the story, according to Rowe, and when the Norfolk people arrived here Tuesday, they said they had never seen her before.

Following the girl's death here, organs from her body were sent to the Department of Pathology, Wake Forest College, The Bowman-Gray School of Medicine, for a final anatomical diagnosis. The medical report stated "that the girl had suffered from a chronic liver disease for a considerable period of time; that one of the sulfa drugs prescribed or taken voluntarily by her resulted in her death."

The following people testified at the Coroner's Inquest in Weldon Sunday night: Dr. R. B. Blowe, Clifton Smith, City Policemen Troy Holloman and A. J. Briggman, Miss Bernice Hitchens, Dr. W. D. Hall, Sheriff Harry A. House, and Eddie Wilson Warrick.