

# REMEMBER

ROBERT E. MAY, Navy, May 8, 1942  
R. H. McCOMMONS, Merchant Mar., July 5, 1942  
JAMES W. WHITBY, Navy, Oct. 26, 1942

WILLIAM H. CAMP, JR., Navy, Nov., 1942  
GROVER WOODRUFF, Army, July 10, 1943  
WINFIELD HASTY, Army, August 19, 1943



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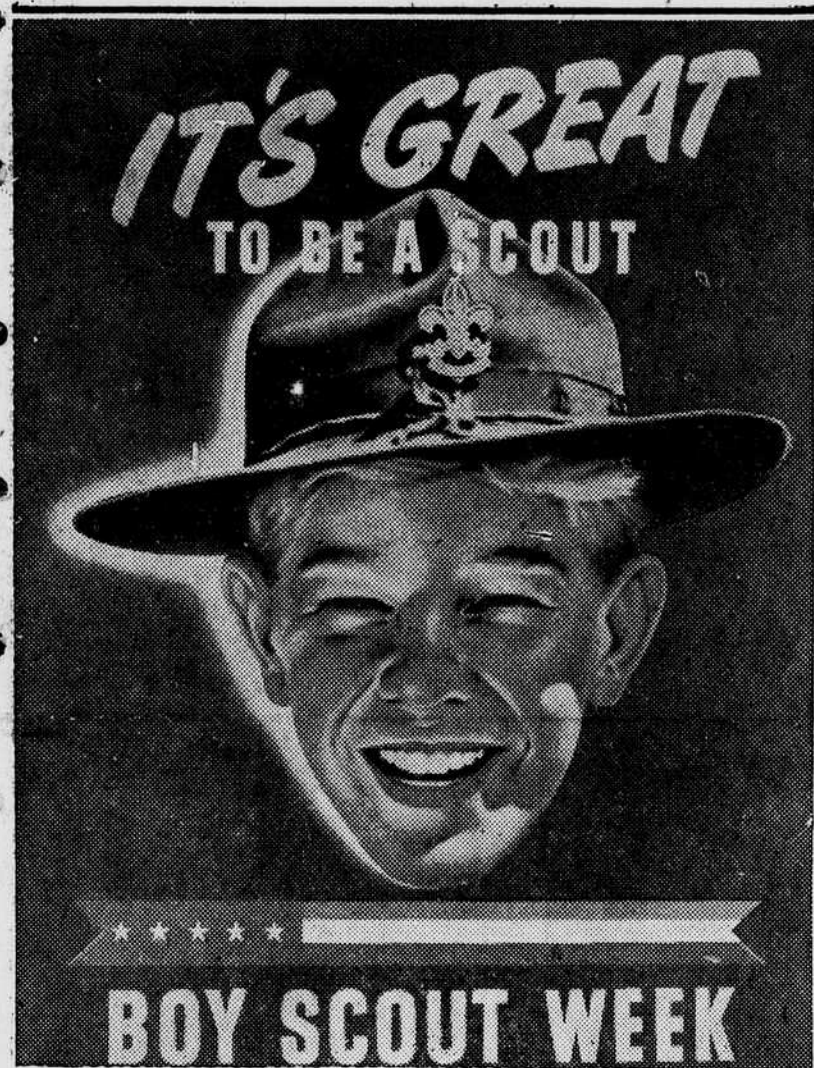
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# JURY FINDS CHARGES FALSE

## Scouts Mark 34th Anniversary



Is being celebrated in Roanoke Rapids this week in honor of the 34th anniversary of the founding of the Scout movement in America. There are about 350 registered Scouts and leaders here.

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS WILL ASSIST SERVICEMEN IN FILLING OUT NEEDED PAPERS

In connection with the mustering-out pay plan, George N. Taylor, commander of the local post, announces the Veterans of Foreign Wars will assist service men here who are eligible in filling out the necessary papers required to obtain mustering-out pay. The organization will have men at the Armory on Friday and Saturday from 2 to 6 p. m.

The only requirements to obtain this service will be to bring your discharge papers. All application blanks will be furnished by the VFW. And, say officers of the organization, the service men don't have to be from Roanoke Rapids. They will assist any man discharged from any branch of the service.

The War and Navy Departments have agreed on a plan for making mustering-out payments to eligible veterans of the war who have been discharged or released from active duty under honorable conditions since December 6, 1941.

Those eligible for mustering-out pay are men who have been honorably discharged or released from active service on or after December 7, 1941, from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast

Guard or one of the components of either branch of the service, including female reserve. Only those members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps who have been discharged under honorable conditions on account of disability are entitled to the payment.

The bill provides for payment of \$100 to veterans with less than 60 days' active service; those with active service of 60 days or more and with no foreign service are entitled to \$200, payable in two monthly installments of \$100; and veterans with 60 days or more and who have had foreign service will receive \$300, payable in three equal monthly installments.

In the case of any veteran discharged under honorable conditions on or after December 7, 1941, and who died after leaving the service and before receiving any portion of the full amount of mustering-out payment to which entitled, payment of the amount due may be made to a surviving wife or husband, or if there is no wife or husband, in equal shares to his child or children, if any; and if the veteran leaves no surviving wife, husband, or child, pay-

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## Attention: Hitler!

Lyle M. Wilson, manager of the Peoples Theatre, announced last night that a total of \$50,000 in U. S. War Bonds were sold at his theater for the premiere showing of "Thousands Cheer," starring Kathryn Grayson and Gene Kelly. Admission to the show was by War Bonds only.

## LT. PENDLETON IS WOUNDED IN BOUGAINVILLE

According to information received from the War Department, First Lieutenant Cecil A. Pendleton was severely wounded in action in the Bougainville area Friday, February 4. Lieut. Pendleton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Pendleton of the Belmont community of Roanoke Rapids. He is married and the father of three children. His wife now resides in Whitingville, Mass.

Lieut. Pendleton received his education in the schools here and later attended the North Carolina State College where he was a member of the ROTC. Prior to entering the service he was connected with the Whitingville Spring Loom Company in Massachusetts. He is about 30 years of age and had been in the Southwest Pacific war theatre for almost two years, serving with an infantry division of the United States Army.

## POLICEMAN SHOT IN KNEE BY ACCIDENT

An unidentified man driving through the city on Roanoke Avenue last Saturday morning about 2:45 o'clock at an excessive rate of speed, caused Officers Clayton Matthews and Alonzo Carver of the city police department to give chase.

The officers overtook the car, which had stopped at the bus station. When the driver recognized them as "the law" he locked the doors of his car and started driving off. In his efforts to escape, the man attempted to run down both the officers. At this point Officer Matthews pulled his gun and fired one time at the rear tires of the car, while Officer Carver, coming up on the other side, fired three or four times.

In some manner one of the bullets from Carver's gun ricocheted from the rear of the car and struck Matthews in the right leg just below the kneecap. He was taken by his fellow officer to Roanoke Rapids Hospital for treatment. While the wound is painful, it is in no way serious. The driver of the car escaped.

## HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER IS VINDICATED IN SUIT FILED AGAINST ROANOKE NEWS CO.

### NOW IN CHINA



Staff Sergeant D. H. Delfenthal, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Delfenthal, of Gaston, is now stationed "somewhere in China." He has been in the Army for over three years. Delfenthal was graduated from school in Baltimore, later receiving training in Mississippi and Alabama. He has been overseas since last October, having seen service in Australia and India. Mrs. Delfenthal is now in Slidell, La., where a daughter, Georgia Ann, was born three weeks ago.

## Lyles Dies As Result Of Injury

Grady A. Lyles, 29, died last Wednesday in the Norfolk, (Va.) General Hospital as the result of injuries received when struck by a street car last Saturday.

A native of Roanoke Rapids, Mr. Lyles went to Newport News, Va., in September, 1943, to work in the shipyards there. He is said to have been on his way to catch a bus to this city where he intended spending the week end with his family when the accident occurred.

Surviving him are his widow, two children, William Warren Lyles, 8, and Peggy Ann, 7; also his mother, Mrs. N. T. Lyles; two brothers, J. T. and R. H. Lyles, all of Roanoke Rapids.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

The case of Carroll L. Wilson against the Roanoke News, Inc. of Weldon was ended today (Friday) when a Halifax County jury found that the charges made against Wilson by the Roanoke News were false.

The case was before Judge Walter C. Bone and the following issues were submitted to and answered by the jury:

1. Did the defendant publish of and concerning the plaintiff the editorial, as alleged in the complaint?

Answer—"YES"

2. If so, was it false?

Answer—"YES"

3. Did the defendant publish said words in good faith, reasonably believing them to be true, and without malice?

Answer—"YES"

When question 2 was answered Yes, proving the charges made against Wilson were false, he agreed to question 3 and also to take nothing in money. Both parties in the case agreed to pay half the actual court costs, with each paying his own witnesses.

Wilson had testified on the stand that all he wanted was vindication in court of the charges made. B. F. Turner, editor of the Roanoke News, had testified on the stand that he bore no malice or ill will against Wilson when he published the charges and that he had received the information upon which he based the charges from County Commissioner J. R. Wrenn, Sheriff Harry House, ex-Chairman of the County Board J. Waldo Whittaker, Dr. B. M. Nicholson, ex-chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, and County Jailer Jack Whitehead.

The charges made against Wilson as State Highway Commissioner of the Roanoke News were (1) that he had built nearly a mile of new road to "connect the road leading into Thelma with his own so-called personal clubhouse, a building owned by him on the banks of the Roanoke River near old Gaston townsite." That the new road benefitted nobody but Wilson as no families lived along it. That Wilson had squandered away public money on this private road of his.

(2) That Wilson "used State funds to free one of his employee-henchmen being prosecuted in the County Court".

(3) That "he secured permission to use highway and prison cars to haul men to carry out his political plans in this county."

All of the above charges were found to be false by the jury.

In the trial, which lasted from Monday until Friday morning of this week, the first witness for the plaintiff was C. F. Gore of Weldon, State Highway Engineer of the First District, which includes Halifax County. The testimony of Mr. Gore, as taken by the court reporter was as follows:

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