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# GRISSOM IS NAZI PRISONER

## May Get Camp

### COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE

At a meeting held last night in the Municipal Building, attended by about 60 business men, industrialists and farmers, plans for getting a prisoner of war camp located in this section were thoroughly discussed. The purpose of having a prisoner camp here is to relieve the acute shortage of labor in this section, and it was stated by several of those in attendance at the meeting last night that it is believed sufficient work can be found in the county to employ 250 or more war prisoners the year round.

As explained at the meeting the first thing that will have to be done is the selection of a site. The army will then inspect it and if approved the next step will be to raise the necessary funds for proper housing, lights and water and sanitary installations. Cost of the labor will be at the prevailing wage rate for the type of work to be done. In addition to this there will be a charge of from 15 to 20 cents per prisoner, this money to be paid to the government and in turn will be used to reimburse those who put up the guarantee covering cost of obtaining the camp.

Each employer of prison labor will have to use a minimum of 10 men, provided the army is short of guards. If there are plenty of guards available, of course, it is understood fewer prisoners may be employed.

County Agent Davis inquired as to the transportation of the prisoners, and it was pointed out that each employer of the prisoners must furnish transportation to and from the prison camp. This, said Mr. Davis, is going to be one of the biggest problems to be solved by farmers wishing to obtain the men. "The shortage of suitcases, trucks, gasoline, and the more serious tire situation," he said, will be a vital factor."

It was brought out at the meeting that the war prisoner camp located at Creedmoor, is one of the most efficient and productive in the South, and it is believed efforts will be made to pattern the camp here along the same system, provided of course, the Army grants the application, when and if it is placed before it.

Practically every phase of the situation was discussed and explained by those present, and a committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of obtaining a camp. Those named to the committee are:

C. S. Alexander, chairman, Scotland Neck; W. O. Davis, Halifax County Agent, secretary; O. J. (continued on page 8, Sec. A)

### Two Brothers Making Good



Above are two sons of Mrs. Annie L. Hawkins of route 1, who are making good for Uncle Sam. On the left is Pvt. Paul E. Hawkins, awarded the Purple Heart, and on the right is Sgt. Russell D. Hawkins, awarded the Good Conduct Medal (See story on page 5, Sec. A).

## REGINALD MIDGETTE IS WOUNDED IN ACTION IN SOUTH PACIFIC BATTLE

Pvt. Reginald H. Midgette, U. S. Marine Corps, has been wounded in action against the Japs in the South Pacific, according to news received from the Navy Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Midgette, 1016 Rapids St.

He received head wounds from gun shots in action on January 7th, but the report was delayed until recently. One letter has been received from him by his parents since the engagement but he had little to say about his condition.

Reginald is serving with the 7th Marines. His address is care Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco. He has been overseas for 22 months. Reginald, who is 19 years old, attended Roanoke Rapids High School.

Another brother, Sgt. Hurley Midgette, is with the Army Air Corps somewhere in Italy. A letter was received from him today by his parents in which he said he might be over there for a long time yet. His address is APO 650, care Postmaster, New York.

### Williams Ordered To Chapel Hill

Frank C. Williams, Jr., is now in the U. S. Navy and has been ordered to the Navy V-12 school at Chapel Hill. He recently had his 18th birthday and passed the V-12 examinations.

### FBI-OFFICERS HERE TODAY

Continuing a series of conferences with local law enforcement officers in North Carolina, special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation met here this afternoon in the Municipal Building with many officers in Halifax and surrounding counties present.

The conference is under the direction of Edward Scheidt, special agent in charge of the Charlotte office. Mr. Scheidt will discuss "evidence" during the meeting, and Walter Helwick, another FBI agent, will also address the conference. Another feature of the session was the showing of a short movie, "Battle of Britain." Slides were also shown of badly wanted local fugitives and men wanted by the FBI of national interest.

H. E. Dobbins, Roanoke Rapids chief of police, said officers from Halifax, Northampton, Warren, Vance, Wilson, Edgecombe, Nash and Hertford counties attended the conference.

The FBI men came from Washington, N. C., where they held a similar meeting yesterday. From here they will go to Raleigh for a conference tomorrow.

## WAR DEPARTMENT MESSAGE RECEIVED HERE BY MOTHER

Second Lieutenant Carlton L. ("Bootsie") Grissom, son of Mrs. Mary E. Grissom, who was reported on February 16 as "missing in action somewhere over Germany," is now a German prisoner of war, according to a telegram received yesterday by his mother. The message telling of Lt. Grissom's capture was sent by the War Department and reads as follows:

### CAMPAIGN OFF TO FINE START SAY REPORTS

The Red Cross War Fund campaign for \$15,000 got off to a good start last Monday, according to Rev. Gordon Price, chapter chairman, and L. S. Neal, War Fund chairman.

Majors for the various districts of the city were busy with their workers throughout the territory assigned to them, and they are meeting with splendid response. However, this is no indication that the enthusiasm and work for the campaign should be allowed to "get cold." Fifteen thousand dollars is a lot of money in any sense of the word, and every man, woman and child will have to do his or her part if the goal set for the Roanoke Rapids district, which also includes Littleton, is to be attained.

If you have not made your contribution to this most worthy cause get in touch with one of the workers immediately and do so.

Remember, "the Red Cross is at his side and the Red Cross is you."

In the list of majors published in last week's issue of The Herald the name of Frank C. Williams was omitted. Mr. Williams, however, has a big part in the campaign, being chairman of special gifts.

### Benefit Dance Friday Night

According to an announcement made yesterday by W. A. Thorne, captain of the Roanoke Rapids Auxiliary Police, a benefit square dance will be given next Friday at the Downtown Hall for the local chapter of the American Red Cross. All proceeds, said Mr. Thorne, will be turned over to the War Fund of the Red Cross.

The auxiliary Police in the past have made several contributions to various organizations, among them being \$50 to the Boy Scouts, \$50 to the Girl Scouts, and \$50 to the Red Cross from its present funds. This is in addition to the benefit dance Friday night.

The auxiliary believes there is no better way to deal with the child delinquency problem than through the Boy and Girl Scouts, hence it has been liberal with its contributions.

Mrs. F. P. Reusch, formerly connected with the Charlotte Memorial Hospital, has joined the nursing staff of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital here.

"Report just received through the International Red Cross states that your son, Second Lieutenant Carlton L. Grissom, is a prisoner of war of the German government. Letter of information follows from the Provost Marshal General."

Lieut. Grissom, 25 years old, was a pilot in the Eighth Army Air Corps, stationed somewhere in England."

On January 29 hundreds of American and RAF bombers were over Frankfurt, Germany, in one of the war's largest bombing raids, and it is believed this was the engagement in which Lieut. Grissom participated and from which he failed to return.

A native of this city, he is known to hundreds. Prior to entering the service he was employed by the Rosemary Manufacturing Company.

Mrs. Grissom has two other sons serving in the armed forces.

## THREE MEN IN HOSPITAL AFTER WRECK

Three men were hospitalized and a third received first-aid treatment as the result of a head-on collision between two automobiles Sunday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock in Gaston. The three men who were taken to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital were: J. M. Capps, Tommy Newsom and Harvey Taylor, all white, while Thomas Ferguson received treatment for minor injuries.

The cause of the wreck is not known, according to Patrolman J. C. Long, but an investigation is being continued.

Reports state that Ferguson, the driver of one of the vehicles, and accompanied by Capps, was headed in the direction of Emporia, Va., while Newsom, driver of the other car, and Taylor riding with him, were coming toward Roanoke Rapids when the collision occurred.

Newsom suffered a severe cut on his head, but was discharged from the hospital today. Capps, the most seriously injured, suffered a broken leg and foot and will be hospitalized for several weeks. Taylor was injured to the extent of a broken foot and arm, and Ferguson, who suffered only minor cuts and bruises, was released after receiving treatment.

### Ship Sponges

Mrs. F. T. Jarman has announced that the local Red Cross surgical dressing room shipped 46,000 sponges on March 2.