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TWO MORE LOCAL BOYS DIE ON FOREIGN BATTLEFRONTS

Donates \$1,000 To Poliomyelitis Fight

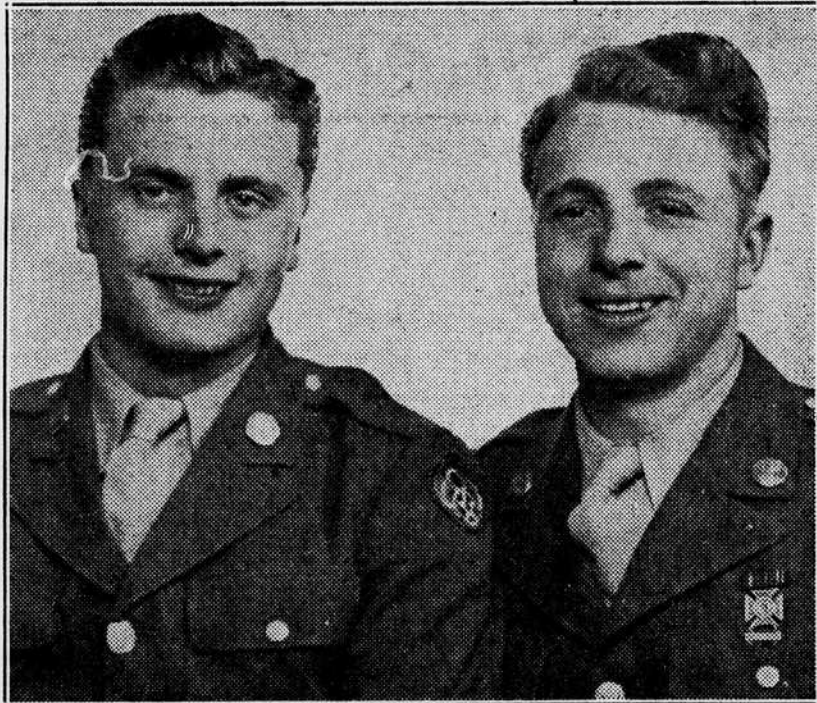
CHECK SENT TO AID WORK IN THE STATE

A gift of \$1,000 to the current fight against infantile paralysis in the State was voted last Wednesday by the Halifax County Infantile Paralysis Committee. Meeting in session at Halifax, the Committee received the request made by those in charge of the present drive against the epidemic in the Piedmont section that at least fifty percent of the County's funds be donated to aid in the fight. This was with the stipulation that if the disease came to Halifax County this year the National and State groups would provide full financial backing and assistance in combating its spread, and caring for those stricken. It was ascertained from the Treasurer of the Halifax Committee (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

LOCAL PILOT FATTENS HIS AIR SCORES

Fifteenth Air Force fighter pilots fattened their score yesterday, shooting down 21 of 44 enemy aircraft during a heavy bomber raid on the Vienna area, and three other victims went down in a tangled mass without a shot being fired at them. The incident came when three Mustang pilots, Lts. Stanley L. De Gear of Manitou Springs, Colo.; Horace H. Self, Jr., Nashville, Tenn., and Edwin R. Williams, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., streaked down on a formation of three Messerschmitts approaching the bombers. "Each of us had a Jerry lined up in our sights," Williams said. "The Messerschmitt in the center spotted us coming in on his tail, and in a sudden bit of evasive action, he flipped over and went straight down between the other two. The wingtips struck those planes, and all three crashed together. The air was filled with a mass of motors, wings and tails." Lieut. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams of this city.

Dickens Brothers Meet In England



Pfc. Henry E. ("Gene") Dickens left and Cpl. Calvin M. ("Max") Dickens, sons of Calvin A. Dickens, of Littleton, Route 2, who recently had a reunion in England. The meeting between the brothers was prearranged and they experienced lots of fun

and pleasure talking over old times since entering the army. Both the boys went into the service in the early spring of 1943. In writing to his sister Gene said: "I have some good news to tell you. At last Max and I have met. I am telling you he really looks good."

Weldon Boy Describes D-Day Invasion And His Miraculous Escape From Death

John Primm ("Jack") Thomas, 18 years old, a naval petty officer second class, who was with the amphibious forces that landed on the Normandy Peninsula in the invasion of France on D-Day, has written his parents a detailed description of the happenings on that historical day. "Jack" gives a vivid narrative of his experiences, relating how at one time he "prayed for death" and was later rescued by his comrades after being "buried alive." His story is the first to come out of France from a Halifax County boy and The Herald, given exclusive release, is publishing it in full. "Jack" is the son of Superintendent of Schools C. B. Thomas, Sr., and Mrs. Thomas, of Weldon. The letter was written by young Thomas while he was in a fox hole, on German paper and with German ink. The story of the

young soldier's experiences follows: By "Jack" Thomas, NPO s/c It is only through the Grace of God that I am able to sit in my foxhole and write this. (What I am about to write is only what I saw and what I felt as I landed in France. I was too occupied in keeping myself alive to see how my buddies were mak-

FLASH!

Adolf Hitler and 12 of his high ranking military leaders, including his personal chief-of-staff, General Alfred Jodl, were injured today by an explosion at Hitler's headquarters. Hitler himself is said to have suffered a slight concussion of the brain and burns and bruises. Four of his military generals are reported as seriously injured. Dispatches from Berlin declare it was a plot by the Allies to assassinate the feuhrer.

INGRAM KILLED IN ITALY; WEST DIES FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED IN NEW GUINEA

Pfc. Robert Lee Ingram, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Ingram of this city, who was reported a few weeks ago as missing in action, is now listed by the War Department as being killed in action. The telegram announcing the death of young Ingram was received by his parents Wednesday afternoon. Robert went into the Army at the age of 18 in March, 1942. He was sent to Fort Bragg and later to Camp Polk, La. From there he went on maneuvers in Texas and California, returning to Fort Benning, Georgia in 1943. He came home on a furlough last August and left for overseas duty in November. He was known to have been in North Africa and went from there to Italy, taking part in the Anzio beachhead activities. Pfc. Ingram is survived by his parents, and two brothers, John Thomas, who is now stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Edward Ingram of this city.

Sergt. Curtis E. West, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. West, 202 Washington street, Roanoke Rapids, died June 24 from wounds received in action, according to a telegram received by his parents last Saturday. Young West volunteered for service in the Army, March 9, 1940, at the age of 17. He received his basic training in Missouri and was later transferred for a time to California. From there he went to the Hawaiian Islands and then to New Guinea. It was in this battle area that he was wounded. Besides Curtis' parents he has six sisters, Mrs. Claude Taylor, Mrs. Marion Beard, Mrs. Clarence Capps, Misses Margie Bell and Doris West, all of Roanoke Rapids, and Miss Alice West of York, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. West have another son, Willie A. West, who is a member of the Merchant Marine, now being stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Another Big Egg

Hens are certainly doing their part in helping to win this war if two eggs in a day and larger than normal eggs has anything to do with it. L. S. Keeter, Star Route, Roanoke Rapids, brought in a hen egg yesterday that measured seven inches in circumference and weighed over six ounces.

ROMANCOS TO MEET RALEIGH ON SATURDAY

Halifax Court softball team under the management of Elmore Catlett of Raleigh will meet the Romancos next Saturday night at Ledgerwood Park. It is believed this contest will prove to be one of the best of the entire season. A "natural" that should draw many softball fans to the park will be the presence of Russ DeBerry, now serving in the Navy, and Ronald Everette, in the Army. They will join their Romanco teammates here for the game, the second of a double-header. It was Russ who went 25 innings in a state tournament game several years ago. He is now pitching for a Navy team and has compiled an excellent record of 12 wins against one defeat.

Boy Scout Circus

Troops 144 and 145, Boy Scouts, are sponsoring a circus in the park in "downtown" Roanoke Rapids tonight and tomorrow night.

In England

S/Sgt. Deaver C. Shell has notified his sister, Mrs. Lloyd B. Allen of his safe arrival in England. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Deaver T. Shell.

ing out, farther down the beach, many of them had much more dangerous situations and "close calls" than myself. The majority of the boys feel as I do. It was only a miracle that any of us in the assault wave are alive today and if the enemy had had two more weeks of preparation we would not have had this beachhead today. This is German paper and ink below here! D-Day. We were awakened at 0130, June 5. It didn't take long for us to get chow, which was at 0230, because we were all filled with a nervous anxiety that can't be explained in words. We weren't due to disembark into small boats until 0445 so I went up to the weather deck to see if anything was happening ashore. We hadn't had any opposition whatsoever in crossing the (Continued on Page 8—Sec. B)