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FLAMES DESTROY BUILDINGS

HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER IS PUT UNDER \$500 BOND

Rice Suffers Injury To Arm When Struck

W. H. Carter, Roanoke Rapids man, was arrested this week and placed under bond of \$500 charged with hit-and-run driving. The charge grew out of an accident which occurred on the Weldon-Roanoke Rapids highway sometime Sunday morning.

It is alleged that Carter, driving toward this city, turned out in the highway to pass a taxicab and in so doing struck Richard D. Rice, white, an employee of Patterson Mills, who was walking along the highway in the same direction. Rice's right arm was severely torn and he was taken to Roanoke Rapids Hospital where the limb was amputated. He is said to be resting comfortably.

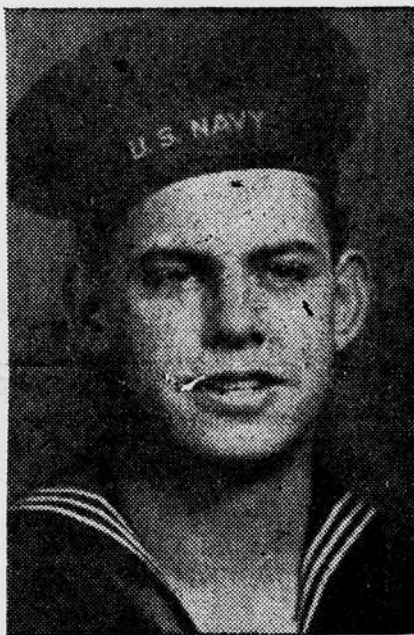
Carter, alleged to have been the driver of the automobile which struck Rice, did not stop, and after an investigation by officers, sufficient evidence was found to cause a warrant for his arrest. A hearing in the case is set for the last Tuesday in this month in Halifax County Recorder's Court.

Wounded



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, 100 Cedar street, this city, have been notified that their son, Pfc. John Wayne Thomas, was wounded in action in the Saipan battle July 4. Friends and relatives wishing to write may address him: Pfc. John Wayne Thomas, 1-B-23 Marine, care Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Cal.

Medlins Sail Atlantic and Pacific



Having been at sea for eight months without seeing land, Raymond E. Medlin (left), 19-year-old naval petty officer, is shown with his brother, S 1/c James W. (Jim) Medlin, 17. Jim also was on the seas five months before sighting land. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Medlin, formerly of this city, but now residents of Goldsboro. The boys were born and reared here and attended Roanoke Rapids schools. Raymond has been in the service three years and wrote, after his long sea duty, "When I saw land I wanted to kiss the dirt." Jim, while having only a few months service to his credit, has also seen foreign duty. Both boys volunteered. Jim is sailing the Atlantic while Raymond is somewhere in the Pacific.

Pfc. Robt. Bryant Is Prisoner of War

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bryant, of Gaston, have received word that their son, Pfc. Robert L. Bryant, reported as missing in action in Italy, February 16, is now a German prisoner of war.

Last Tuesday night young Bryant was heard over a short-wave broadcast and his message was as follows: "Hello, Mother and Daddy. I am a prisoner. I am well. Tell all my friends in Roanoke Rapids hello."

This is his address: Robert L. Bryant, SN, 34465-63, P. No. 129330 Stalag TA, Germany.

PVT. WHITBY IS MISSING IN FRENCH AREA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitby of 1001 Franklin street, this city, received word Wednesday from the War Department that their son, Pvt. Harry T. Whitby, had been missing in action in France since July 19. Pvt. Whitby entered the service in August, 1943, and was sent overseas in June of this year.

Scrap Collection Scheduled Sunday

A collection of old rags, tin cans and old paper will be made Sunday afternoon between 3 and 5:30 o'clock. The work is sponsored by the Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club under the direction of Ben Lancaster, chairman of the committee, assisted by the Boy and Girl Scouts. Residents of the city are requested to put the cans and rags and scrap paper on the curb in front of their homes. Stack and tie the paper securely. In case of rain the collection will be made one week later. The need for these things is very urgent.

Superior Court All Next Week

Halifax County Superior Court will convene in Halifax next Monday for a two weeks' mixed term, with Judge Thompson of Elizabeth City, presiding.

The most important case of the term to be tried is that of Eli Putney, negro, who is charged with the killing of Ruth Eva DeLoach, negro girl, about 14 years ago. Putney escaped after the slaying and was only recently arrested in Maryland and returned here to stand trial.

Harrell Hardware Company And Auto Service Station Warehouse Guttled By Fire

VERNON KING IS REPORTED AS WOUNDED

A message has been received from the War Department by Mrs. Hattie King, 203 Clinton street, Roanoke Rapids, stating that her son, Pfc. Vernon A. King, USMC, had been wounded while in the "performance of his duty and service to his country" on June 19. There were no details given.

Mrs. King has three other sons in the service, S/Sgt. Willard A. King, "somewhere" in India; Sgt. William A. King, "somewhere" in England, and Corp. James E. King, stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

COOK DIES IN BATTLE IN FRANCE

Pfc. Thomas H. Cook, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Cook, of Jackson street, has been killed in action, according to a message received here Monday from the War Department. Death occurred July 24 in France. Young Cook, a member of the Roanoke Rapids National Guard at the time it was drafted into the Regular Army, had only recently been sent overseas.

FINAL RITES FOR SULLIVAN HELD TODAY

John E. Sullivan, 51, died suddenly at his home, 301 Madison street, Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Mr. Sullivan had been in failing health for about two years, but apparently was getting along fine until a short time prior to his death.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Thursday) at 4:30 in the First Methodist Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. A. Tilley. Interment was in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Johnnie Chappell Sullivan; two sons, Leonard L. Sullivan, Norfolk, and Corp. James B. Sullivan, "somewhere" in England; two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Loomis of this city, and Mrs. Ed Summerall of Portsmouth, Va.; two brothers, F. B. Sullivan of Kannapolis, and George T. Sullivan of Roanoke Rapids; one sister, Mrs. A. M. Lear of China Grove, and one granddaughter, Sarah Ann Sullivan.

Harrell Hardware Company, operated by Jesse Harrell, was gutted by fire Tuesday night causing an estimated loss in stock of about \$15,000, practically covered by insurance. The building, which was owned by Brown Motor Company was damaged considerably, the rear being completely destroyed. The alarm came in at 9:30 o'clock and the department responded promptly and for two hours firemen fought the blaze, finally subduing it about midnight. During the course of this fire another blaze was discovered in the boiler room of the canning plant of Roanoke Mill No. 1, located on First street between Jackson and Monroe. Firemen extinguished this fire before much damage could be done.

The fire at Harrell's is believed to have started in the rear of the building, origin of which has not been determined. Also destroyed in the hardware store was a radio repair shop and approximately 25 privately owned radios brought there for repairs. Located at 100 Roanoke Ave, Harrell Hardware Company was practically a new concern, having been in operation only eight months.

The second alarm was turned in about 1:30 a. m., Wednesday morning, calling the department to the storage warehouse of the Auto Service Station, 1226 Roanoke Avenue, owned and operated by W. J. Bartley. The building, located directly in the rear of the service station, was constructed of tin with a concrete floor and was a mass of flames when firemen arrived.

According to Mr. Bartley, who was in the warehouse about 11 o'clock Tuesday night, there was no sign of smoke or anything unusual. He had been in there, he (Continued on page 8, Sect. A.)

Dies In Service



Pvt. Elmer E. Chambliss, pictured above, died from wounds received in battle, according to information received last week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Chambliss, of Gaston.