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Community Chest and War Fund Drive Gets Under Way On Sunday

LITTLETON BOY KILLED IN FRANCE ON SEPT. 15

Private First Class Gilbert Lee Walker, 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker of Littleton, was killed in action in France on September 15 this year, according to a message received by his parents this week. Young Walker went into the Army February 3, 1943, and received his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., being stationed there until he was sent overseas in January of this year. Prior to

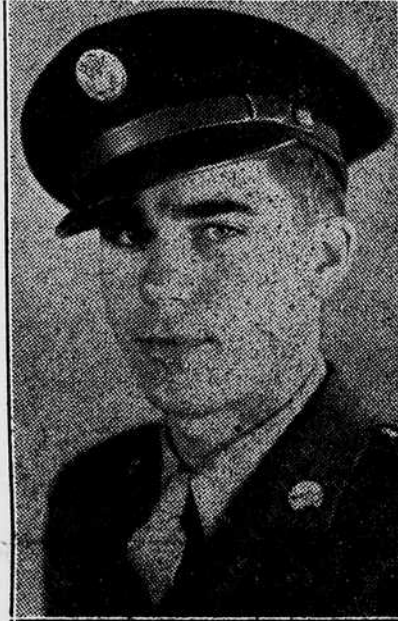
entering the Service Walker was an employee of Rosemary Manufacturing Company. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have another son, Seaman 2/c Robert W. Walker, who is somewhere overseas. He has two other brothers and one sister at home. Pfc. Walker visited his parents a few days just before going overseas in January. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wrenn of Gaston and a nephew of Mrs. J. M. Harper.

So. Pacific Vet



Shown above is Pvt. Willard "Chincy" Bowers, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bowers, 1840 Roanoke Avenue, who has been in the service since January, 1942. "Chincy" is a veteran of Guadalcanal, Palau and Anagaus Islands in the South Pacific. He is a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School and received his basic training at Camp Robertson, Ark.

Prisoner of War



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitby, 1001 Franklin street, this city, received word this week that their son, Pvt. Harry T. Whitby, above, is a prisoner of war in Germany. The message came from the War Department. Pvt. Whitby, who entered the service in August, 1943, and was sent overseas in June of this year, was reported as "missing in action" in France on July 19.

Campaign To Run 7 Days; Need \$23,862

The campaign to raise \$23,862.50 for Roanoke Rapids Community Chest and War Fund will get under way next Sunday and will continue for one week only.

Edward B. Manning is chairman of the Community Chest, and Howard B. Speight is county chairman of the National War Fund.

There are ten requests that are incorporated by the Community Chest for aid: Associated Charities, Preventorium, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Recreation Committee, City Library, School Milk Fund, Administrative Expenses, Campaign expenses and War Fund.

In order to meet the requirements of these ten requests a quota of \$23,862.50 has been set. With only one week in which to campaign for funds, it will be (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

Lions Festival All Next Week

The Roanoke Rapids Lion's Club will present its eighth annual festival for six nights, beginning next Monday evening. Location for this year's show is at Simmons Ball Park where it was held last year.

The festival committee has been working over time for several days ironing out the last minute details for this year's attractions, which despite wartime conditions bids fair to be the best and largest yet staged by the local Lions. The W. C. Kaus Shows have been engaged for the midway and it is reported they have several new rides and many other new features. On the midway a free exhibit

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Meeting In Wilson

According to a letter received this week by Dr. John W. Martin, chairman of the Halifax County Democratic Executive Committee, a meeting of all county chairmen and precinct committeemen of the second Congressional District will be held in Wilson next Tuesday, October 17, at 2:30 P. M. It is expected that Gregg Cherry, Democratic nominee for Governor, and Clyde R. Hoey, senatorial nominee, and other state candidates will be present. Dr. Martin urges all precinct chairmen to make arrangements, if possible, to attend this meeting.

Bryant Brothers In The Service



Above are the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bryant of Gaston. Left is Charlie L. Bryant, 19, Seaman First Class, who entered the service in June 1943, receiving his basic training at Bainbridge, Md. Charlie was home for a short visit last August and has made four sea trips since being "shipped out" from New York in the latter part of October, last year. He was educated in Roanoke Rapids and Gaston Schools. On the right is Private Robert L. Bryant, 22, who went into the service in 1942 and was last home in June, 1943. Robert was reported missing in action in March of this year, but it was later learned that he was a prisoner of War in Germany. Proof of this was received last week by his parents in the form of a card written in his own hand writing.

Encampment To Begin Oct. 22

The North Carolina State Guard has been ordered by Governor Broughton to attend a camp of instruction at Fort Bragg, beginning October 22.

Captain F. S. Kemp, Lieutenant B. Marshall White-Hurst, two non-com. officers, Sergeant William Shell and Sergeant Leonard G. Hurst, and Cooks Lofton Moody and Clarence M. Casper will leave here on Thursday, October 19, followed by the 14th Company, Roanoke Rapids unit, in charge of First Sergeant James Rogers, which will leave Sunday, October 22. The entire company and its officers will return to Roanoke Rapids, Sunday, October 29.

In a letter to officers of the 3rd regiment of which the Roanoke Rapids company is a part, Colonel Z. D. Hollowell, writes: "Unless the Governor had deemed it necessary and important for us to attend this encampment, you may rest assured that he would not permit the State of North Carolina to spend several thousands of dollars that it will not.

"Let me tell you and try to impress on every member of the State Guard, both officers and men, our organization is of far more importance today, and will continue to be, for several years (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

Farm Bureau To Hold Meet Friday Night

A meeting of the Halifax County Farm Bureau will be held Friday night (tonight) at William R. Davie School. The meeting has been called by C. S. Alexander of Scotland Neck, secretary of the bureau, and Mrs. V. I. Hockaday of Roanoke Rapids will be temporary chairman. It is expected that state officers of the Federal Farm Bureau will be present and that one of them will be the principal speaker of the evening. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock.

The purpose of the gathering will be to discuss present and post-war problems of the farmers in this section and to make efforts to secure new members for the organization.

Demonstration

Roanoke Rapids Firemen gave a demonstration this (Thursday) morning at the city schools in the use of artificial respiration, rescuing firemen in smoke-filled buildings and other duties necessary in fire fighting.

Coming Home In Just Few Weeks

Information has been received by Mrs. Robert Gums of this city, from her son, S/Sgt. Robert W. Gums, who was recently wounded in France, that he will be home in just a few weeks. The message said, in part: "Well from operation. Coming home." Robert has been in a hospital in England for sometime.

Funds Needed By Democrats

Dr. John W. Martin, Chairman of the Halifax County Executive Committee, has received the following telegram from W. B. Umstead, State Chairman, and W. P. Horton, National Committeeman: "In order to insure Democratic Victory it is imperative the organization have adequate funds. Your County quota is \$900. Will you raise this amount or designate someone in your County and advise immediately your decision. Time is short."

Dr. Martin has asked each precinct chairman to raise as much money as possible. All Democrats who can are urged to make contributions.

These contributions will be accepted by Alfred Martin at Rosemary Drug Co., Bradford Browning at Roanoke Pharmacy, and J. R. Wrenn.