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LILES IS REPORTED KILLED

High School Finals Begin Next Sunday

Commencement exercises for the Roanoke Rapids High School will begin on Sunday morning in the school auditorium with Rev. Eugene Witherspoon, of Petersburg, Va., delivering the Baccalaureate sermon, at 11 o'clock. Wednesday night Class Day exercises will take place, beginning at 8 o'clock and on Thursday night the graduation class will receive diplomas. Dr. A. C. Reid of Wake Forest College will address the graduates at this time. There will be 86 students graduating from the local high school this year.

There are 53 girls and 33 boys (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

Grissom Sends Message To Mother: Freed From Prison

Mrs. Mary E. Grissom, 907 Madison street, received this week the following message from her son, Lieut. Carlton L. Grissom: "Will be home before long. In Allied hands. Tell all the folks hello. Love, Son." The message came through the War Department.

Later Mrs. Grissom received the following telegram from J. A. Ulio, adjutant general: "The secretary of war desires me to express his pleasure that your son, Second Lieutenant Carlton L. Grissom, returned to military control. Date unreported."

Lieut. Grissom was reported as missing in action January 29, 1944. He later was found to be a German prisoner of war.

Liberated



Here is Lieut. Carlton L. Grissom, who has been liberated from a Nazi prison camp.

Employees Of Local Mills Hear Brown

The 7th War Loan campaign in Roanoke Rapids was given much impetus last Tuesday when Capt. Theodore R. Brown, war bond officer of the Charlotte Depot, and a wounded veteran of World War II, made eight addresses to the employees of the four textile mills in the city. The talks were made to both the day and night shifts of the plants, the employees of each gathering in front of the platform on which an address system had been installed.

T. C. Abernethy, deputy manager of the War Finance Committee of North Carolina, who accompanied (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

Telegram Is Received By His Wife On Last Friday

Herman Reid Liles, a seaman in the United States Navy, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Liles, of Aurelian Springs, has been killed in action, according to a telegram received last Friday from the Navy Department.

Liles, husband of the former Miss Novella Ricks, of this city, entered the Navy in September, 1942. He is believed to have been in the South Pacific area, the message giving no details. He was 24 years of age.

\$1485 Raised In Drive For Crippled Children's League

According to a complete tabulated report issued today by Miss Bernice Hitchens, county chairman, the people of Halifax County contributed \$1,485.84 to the League for Crippled Children in the recent campaign for funds. Mrs. Agatha Miller was Roanoke Rapids chairman.

Miss Hitchens, speaking for the Halifax County unit of the league, expresses thanks and appreciation for the generous response of the public in making the campaign a success.

Following is the complete report:

SCHOOLS	
Aurelian Springs	\$ 27.23
Darlington	3.88
Enfield	30.23
Halifax	10.01
Hobgood	9.46
Hollister	10.00
Roanoke Rapids	105.96
William B. Davie	31.00
John Armstrong Chaloner	13.97
Ringwood	7.50
Weldon (White)	25.00
Weldon (colored)	28.60
Colored County Schools	69.27
Total	\$372.11
MAILING CAMPAIGN	
Enfield	\$110.80
Halifax	52.52
Littleton	105.50
Roanoke Rapids	391.00
Scotland Neck	123.02
Weldon	330.89
Total	\$1,113.73
Grand total	\$1,485.84

Lightning Hits Lightning: No! That Is Wrong!

When this reporter first heard the story, that's how it was told. But investigation revealed that lightning did not hit "Lightning." It did, however, enter the living room window of the home of H. C. Lightner, Virginia Avenue, Hornertown, setting fire to the curtains and shades and burning the wall around the window. Mr. Lightner was in the living room at the time, but was not injured. His wife and daughter were in bed and were badly frightened. The occurrence happened last Tuesday night during the bad thunder and electrical storm that raged about 10 o'clock.

Services Held In Honor of Soldiers

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. White, Sr., Mrs. Thomas P. Silk and Billy White attended the Memorial Service at High Point College last Sunday in honor of S/Sgt. Randall Newton White, who was killed in action June 14, 1944. The service was held in Roberts Hall of the College. The main speaker for the occasion was Rev. J. Clay Madison, who memorialized the fifteen former students who have been killed in action. A large bronze placque was presented by the senior class in honor of these boys and the 1945 Zenith will also be dedicated to their honor. Randall was a student at High Point College before enlisting in the Air Corps in 1940.

In Arkansas

Howard Robinson, federal income tax agent, has entered the Army and is now stationed at Camp Joseph C. Robinson, Arkansas, according to information received by friends here today.

On Okinawa



Above is Corp. Sam Cannon, son of Mrs. Lena Cannon, who is on Okinawa Island, where the fiercest of enemy fighting has been raging for several weeks. Mrs. Cannon has three more boys in the service, Pfc. Sidney Cannon, somewhere in Europe; T/Sgt. Maxie M. Cannon in New Guinea, and Laurie H. Cannon, in the Merchant Marine.

Wifebeater Will Face The Court

Jesse Carter, negro, will face Judge Charlie Daniels in Roanoke Rapids Recorder's Court next Thursday on a charge of wife-beating. Carter, it is alleged, used a broom handle and a spray gun on his spouse, Lela Carter, inflicting bodily injuries. His bond was set at \$500.

Gilliam First Local Soldier To Be Discharged On Points

Nurses' Aide Exercises On Friday Night

Capping exercises for 28 graduates of American Red Cross Volunteer Nurses' Aide Corps will be held tonight (Friday) in the First Methodist Church. The exercises will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. Dr. R. M. Bardin will preside. Other features of the program are: invocation, Rev. Gordon Price; address, Rev. Lester A. Tilley; capping of nurses' aides, Mrs. Francis Starke; presentation of certificates, Mrs. Frank Williams.

Information concerning uniforms and their cost was given out by Mrs. T. J. Alford, who stated that pinafores may be bought for \$1.80; blouse, \$1.25, and cap, 20c. "Size 24 blouses will come with caps," said Mrs. Alford, "but if one can wear size 32, there are plenty of them." The nurses should pay for the caps now, and those who already have uniforms may also purchase caps at this time. The sleeve emblem should be placed two inches below the shoulder seam.

The graduating class is composed of the following:

Miss Louise Holliman, Mrs. Mary F. Johnson, Miss Ruth Belche, Miss Elsie Cherry, Miss Louise Godby, Mrs. Dorothy A. Shearin, Mrs. Charles W. Dickens, Mrs. Pauline Watkins, Miss Faye Jennings, Miss Mary Sanders, Miss Beaunie Holliday, Miss Agnes Hawkins, Miss Elizabeth Suddith, Miss Martha Rob Cherry, Mrs. Bessie Powers, Miss Florence Pair, Mrs. Katherine Britton, Miss Gladys Scull, Miss Faye Mills McLean, Mrs. Alene Holton, Mrs. Mary Lyerly, Miss Ruby Madry, Mrs. Emily Newsome, Miss Marie Hudson, Miss Maple Ingram, Miss Eunice Coburn, Mrs. Frances Cobb, Mrs. Inez Garner.

Ranhorn Returns To Post of Duty

T/Sgt. Clyal H. Ranhorn, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ranhorn, of this city, who entered the service in September, 1941, spent a 10-day leave here with his parents. He left last week for Camp Crowder, Mo., where he received his basic training and has since been stationed. Prior to entering the service, Cylal was associated in business with his father. His wife is the former Miss Mary Brown of Littleton.

Mixed Term Court Starts On Monday

A two weeks mixed term of Superior Court will begin Monday, June 4, with Judge Leo Carr of Burlington, presiding. There are two cases of larceny from the person, and three cases of assault with intent to commit rape. Twenty-eight divorce cases set for Wednesday, June 6.

Local Soldiers Receive Awards

Four Roanoke Rapids men with the 105th Medical Bn., 30th Infantry Division, have recently been awarded medals or certificates for campaigns participated in Germany. They are T/5 Atnorman W. Thomason, 914 Henry Street, Bronze Star; S/Sgt. Robert L. Shaw, Certificate of Merit; S/Sgt. William D. Poindexter, Bronze Star; Sgt. Nollie E. Hoggard, 1010 Rapids Street, Bronze Star.