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# TRUCKS BURN AFTER CRASH

## Heavy Storm Hits Aurelian Springs

### Rain And Hail Injure Crops Last Sunday

A severe rain, wind and hail storm struck in the Aurelian Springs section about 2 o'clock last Sunday afternoon and, according to reports, did considerable damage to the tobacco and cotton crops in that area.

The storm "broke" near the farm of C. L. Kelley where it practically wiped out his entire tobacco crop. "I won't average two leaves to the stalk," said Mr. Kelley after making a survey of the damage. "My loss is almost 100 per cent."

On the farm of Harvey Hawkins, which joins the Kelley place, the damage was about the same, Mr. Hawkins losing almost his entire tobacco and cotton crops.

The storm then "jumped" to a point near Bear Swamp Church where it again struck in ferocity on the farms of Thane Chichester and W. J. Collins. On the Chichester place several barn roofs were blown off and the damage

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### Playing With Rifle, Young Boy Is Killed

Johnny Brown, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brown, of Washington Avenue in Weldon, was accidentally killed Wednesday morning just before 12 o'clock while playing with a friend, Bill Pierce, Jr., in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pierce. While playing the children found a rifle in the closet and it accidentally discharged, a bullet striking the little boy in the chest. Mrs. Pierce rushed him to Dr. W. G. Suiter where he died in a few minutes.

The funeral service will be held this afternoon in the Methodist Church at 5 o'clock with Rev. Dwight Fouts officiating.

Survivors are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, his parents; two sisters, Ann and Virginia Brown; grandmothers, Mrs. Robert Brown of Roanoke Rapids, and Mrs. W. H. Joyner of Garysburg.

### American Legion Meeting Sunday

A meeting of Robert E. May Post of the American Legion will be held next Sunday in the Armory at 3 p. m., according to an announcement made today. All members of the post are urged to be present.

### "We Got Adolf," Says Pvt. Holmes, Home On Furlough

Pvt. William E. Holmes, 30, son of Mrs. Annie Mae Holmes, 1004 Vance street, Roanoke Rapids, is at home.

Holmes, who entered the Army in February, 1943, was reported missing in action December 16, 1944, when the big push near Luxembourg began. He later was reported a prisoner of war of the Germans.

Pvt. Holmes was wounded in action near Luxembourg and was captured the same day. He wears the Purple Heart, ETO ribbon with three battle stars, Good Conduct Medal, Soldier's Medal and Combat Badge.

Holmes, who spent five months and eight days in the Nazi prison camp, weighed 152 pounds when he entered it and when he was liberated by the American 83rd division, he weighed only 92 pounds.

"There were 250 of us fellows in the camp, all Americans—of course, there were many more prisoners of other nationalities—and out of that 250 only 160 lived. The rest were either killed or died from starvation or illness.

"When we were first captured we were forced to ride five days and nights without food or water," he related. "You were just too thirsty to be hungry and too hungry to be thirsty," he wittily remarked. After we were captured we were forced to work laying railroad irons and crossties. But as fast as we laid them the American boys came over with the big bombers and tore 'em up. We laughed at the Germans trying to build a railroad with those following flying over and it made them mad as hell. Finally they had to give it up. We were often moved from camp to camp as the

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### Brooder House Destroyed By Fire Set By Lightning

The chicken shortage in Roanoke Rapids wasn't improved any early last Friday morning when a large brooder house at the Roanoke Chicken Ranch on Bolling Road was struck by lightning during an electrical storm which set fire to the building completely destroying it along with 1,450 one-week-old chicks. The local fire department, responding to a call about 2 a. m., arrived too late to be of any assistance. The loss

### Major Mason Is Expected Home

Major Kermit Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hason of this city, is expected home soon. Major Mason has landed in New York. He is a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School and attended State College for a year and Clemson College for three years. He entered service three years ago. Mason is a member of the famed 104th Timberwolf Division, and was recently awarded the Bronze Star. His company was among the first to enter Cologne. His wife, the former Lillian Lee Armstrong, of Portland, Ore., is here now visiting his parents.

### Lt. Elmo Faison Gets Discharge

Lt. Elmo Faison, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Faison, is home with an honorable discharge, having a total of 96 points. Lt. Faison graduated from high school here with the class of '39 and entered service in April of 1940. He was sent overseas in July of 1944. He has served in the China, Burma, and India Theatres of War. He returned to the states in February of this year, and has been awarded the Air Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Battle Star and China and American Defense ribbons. Faison completed a total of 48 combat missions on a B-24.

His wife is the former Miss Annie Mae Shell of this city. Prior to his entrance in service, Lt. Faison was connected with Lynch's Jewelry Store and as yet he has not made any definite plans for the future.

### Bennie Faucett, 24, White Driver, Instantly Killed

#### Discharged



Pictured above is Pfc. Jimmie Orvin Warwick, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Warwick, who has been discharged from the service. Going into the Army in December, 1942, young Warwick went overseas in August, 1944, and was wounded in October. He wears the Purple Heart, American Defense ribbon, Eastern African and Middle Eastern ribbons and service medal. He served in the Ninth U. S. Army under Gen. Simpson.

### Lt. Grissom Comes Home On Furlough

Lt. Carlton "Bootsie" L. Grissom, son of Mrs. Mary E. Grissom, 907 Madison Street, arrived home this week on his mother's birthday for a 60-day furlough. He graduated from the local high school with the class of '37, and entered the Air Corps in June, 1941. Lt. Grissom went overseas in October '43, and in January of '44 was captured and held prisoner by the Germans until his liberation by the Russians in May of this year from Stalag Luft I. Before he was captured, Lt. Grissom had completed seven combat missions with the Eighth Air Force as a pilot on a B-17, and he has been awarded the Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster.

"Bootsie" returned on the SS Charles Goodyear and arrived in the states on Thursday, July 5. After expiration of his furlough he will report to Miami Beach, Fla.

When asked how she felt about her son arriving home on her birthday, Mrs. Grissom replied: "Best birthday I've ever had."

Bennie Faucett, 24-year-old, recently discharged navy man, was instantly killed Monday afternoon about 1:10 o'clock when the large 10-wheel trailer-truck he was driving crashed head-on into a big produce van on the north end of the steel and concrete bridge spanning the Roanoke River at Weldon.

The accident is believed to have been caused by a tire blow-out on the left front wheel of the trailer-truck, causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle. Immediately following the crash the two trucks burst into flames and were completely destroyed. Young Faucett's body was burned almost beyond identification before it could be extricated from the cab of the truck.

The trailer-truck, owned and operated by the Vance Trucking Company of Henderson, N. C., was heavily loaded with 21 hogsheads of tobacco and was bound from Petersburg, Va., to Greenville, N. C. The produce van operated by Diecidu & Company of Tampa, Fla., carried only empty crates and boxes and was traveling north when the accident occurred.

The hogsheads of tobacco were catapulted from the trailer-truck by the impact of the collision and scattered along the bridge for 50 feet. One of the barrels was thrown over the side of the bridge at least 40 feet from where the trucks stood. Another barrel struck the front end of a taxicab owned by Harper Johnson and driven by Joe Johnson, of Weldon, which was following close behind the produce van. The cab narrowly missed being demolished.

Statements of eyewitnesses and a negro named Kinley, driver of the produce van, indicate that the tire blowout probably was the cause of the accident. Tire skid marks on the pavement for a distance of about 50 feet are believed to have been made when young Faucette made efforts to brake the big truck to a stop.

Kinley, driver of the produce van, was not injured. An inquest held late Monday afternoon by Coroner Rowe absolved Kinley from any responsibility for the accident.

Patrolman Ernest Guthrie and Deputy Sheriff J. L. Mountcastle investigated the crash and directed traffic at both ends of the scene. North and southbound traffic over the bridge was held up for almost four hours and detoured through Roanoke Rapids.

### Pfc. Norwood Has Returned To Duty

Pfc. Joseph W. Norwood of Fort Benning, Ga., spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norwood, of Gaston. He has now returned to his station there. His address is Pfc. Joseph W. Norwood, 33635942, Med. Det. I, A.S.F. Reg. Hosp., Fort Benning, Ga.