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MILLS NOW ON 40-HR WEEK

Beale Draws 12-15 Years

Stanley Beale, white, who about two months ago, was arrested and charged with assault on his wife and step-daughter, and afterwards bound over to Halifax County Superior Court under bond of \$5,000, on a felony charge, was tried this week and found guilty. Beale was sentenced by Judge Nimocks to State's Prison for a term of not less than 12 nor more than 15 years. Notice of appeal was filed by Beale's attorney.

Other cases disposed of by the court were: Jimmie Jefferson, negro, Faucetts Township, charged with rape, was found guilty and given four months on the roads.

Hubert Lowder, white, Roanoke Rapids, plead guilty to breaking and entering and was placed on probation.

Ben J. Barnette, white, of Roanoke Rapids, charged with possession of stolen property, had his case not pressed with leave.

Rook's Outfit Given Plaque

The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque has been awarded to Company A, 3119th Signal Service Battalion, of which Technician Grade Five Forrest E. Rook is a member. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luncford Rook, live in Roanoke Rapids.

Cited for "superior performance of duty and the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of military and professional proficiency," the unit received the award from Major General Maxwell J. Murray, South Pacific Base Commander.

Before being redesignated in September, 1944, as Company A, 3119th Signal Service Battalion, the company served at this base from the early part of 1943 as the 831st Signal Service Company.

During three years overseas service at this French-owned island of New Caledonia, his unit has installed and maintained Signal equipment for Army units stationed at this important supply base.

Sister of Local Woman is Killed

Mrs. Thomas Owens, 24-year-old resident of Norfolk, formerly of Skippers, Va., was killed last Sunday at Ocean View when she was thrown into the propeller of a small outboard motorboat on which she and her husband and sister, Mrs. Russell Hoffman, were riding.

The accident was caused when a large boat passed close by, the waves from which caused the smaller craft to rock badly, throwing Mrs. Owens into the water. Her hair was drawn into the propeller from which she suffered fatal injuries.

Mrs. Owens' two small children, Julia and Dickie, were standing on the beach at the time of the

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Pfc. Morgan Is Now Home

Pfc. Robert M. Morgan, who spent 17 months overseas duty in Italy and Austria, arrived here last night. He reached the states on August 20.

Morgan, prior to entering the service, was radio transmitter operator for WCBT. He wears the Bronze Star, ETO ribbon with three battle stars, the Good Conduct Medal, Expert Combat Infantryman's Badge, and also has a Presidential Unit Citation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Morgan, 308 Monroe Street, and his wife, the former Miss Premmie Finch, and little son Charles, have an apartment at 422 Hamilton Street.

When his 30-days leave expire Morgan will report to Fort Bragg for reassignment.

12 Divorces Are Granted

Twelve divorces have been granted during the present term of Halifax County Superior Court.

Helen W. Hardy from Lon D. Hardy, William Edward Holmes from Elsie May Finch Holmes, Quincey Newell from St. Clair Newell, Catherine Ellwood Sadler Thompson from William (Jack) M. Thompson, Eddie Edmonds from Nannie Daniel Edmonds, Willie Mae Humbert from Edward Humbert, Charles H. Gibson from Margarette Boens Gibson, Franklin Elmore Pylant from Cora Bell Spence Pylant, Rebecca B. Truesdale from Francois C. Truesdale, Fred Augustus Lawton from Mary E. Lawton, for adultery; Arthur Clayton Lynch from Catherine Elwood Sadler Thompson Lynch who had not been divorced from her former husband.

"I'se Been To See De Root Doctor 'Bout Dat Nigger"

Love is a funny thing, so many people will tell you, and it often creates many entanglements, heartaches and thrills. But, sometimes you'll find a boy and girl so in love they'll just let each other do funny things—and in some instances, the female of the pact will allow "her man" to beat her up and get away with it for a long time.

It so happened that Pete, a young negro girl, "loved her man" in that way. For, as Pete says, "her man" Hubert, would beat her up on the least provocation, and she stilled loved him.

But Hubert's gone now and everything is peaceful with Pete except her yearning and burning

woman for whom the negro girl has worked often, "do you love Hubert?"

"Dat I does," replied Pete. "Does Hubert love you," was the next question.

"Dat he does," she answered. "Then why in the world don't you get married?"

"I ain't old 'nough," was her reply. (Pete, by the way, is 17).

"Well, why don't you let him alone then and not have him beating you up all the time. That boy is gonna kill you one of these days."

"Aw shucks, Miss I'se done got rid 'er dat nigger."

"What did you do to him?" "I ain't done nuthin' to 'im. But I done been to see dat Root Doctor down 'bout Littleton."

"And what did she do about it?"

"She done give me some roots and told me to rub 'em all over myself and dat nigger wouldn't bother me no more."

"And what happened, Pete?" "I rubbed dem roots like I'se told to and you know dat nigger done gone. He ain't been 'bout me since. I knows where he is dore."

"Are you going to him?" "Dat I is."

All of which reminds of just the reverse. A few years ago a negro woman and "her man" were having a quarrel when all of a sudden the negro woman reached down and pulled a razor from her stocking, and wielding it in a menacing manner, said to "her man":

"Nigger, if you don't git outer here and let me alone I'se gwine to make you catch dat train that left here yestiddy morning."

But for Pete she's going to catch a train and go to "her man."

Army Cancels Contracts With Textile Industries Here; No More Saturday Work

Matkins Receives Letter Concerning Son's Heroic Act

J. H. Matkins, a former resident of Roanoke Rapids, but now residing in Richmond, has received the following letter concerning his son, 2d Lt. Marvin F. Matkins. The letter was written by Charles T. Myers, brigadier general, USA, and reads:

"Dear Mr. Matkins: "I am particularly gratified to have the opportunity to tell you of the recent accomplishments of your son, 2d Lieutenant Marvin F. Matkins. This headquarters has published orders authorizing Lieutenant Matkins to wear the Distinguished Flying Cross for his excellent performance while on a mission against enemy strongholds.

"While participating in aerial flight as bombardier of a B-25 type aircraft, Lieutenant Matkins flew in an attack upon an enemy airdrome at Perugia, Italy, on January 7, 1944. Despite shell fragments from intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire which heavily damaged his aircraft as his pilot commenced the bomb run, Lieutenant Matkins remained at his bombsight and guided the pilot on a perfect run over the objective. With all bombers releasing on his sightings a concentrated pattern of bombs in the target area inflicted great destruction and damage on this vital enemy airfield. Upon drawing away from the target, your son was forced to parachute behind enemy lines when the bomber was further damaged by continued enemy ground fire.

"The professional skill and devotion to duty so ably displayed by Lieutenant Matkins contributed greatly to the decisive victory we have won over the enemy. His valor is an inspiration to all who fly with him. I share your pride in his meritorious achievement."

Pfc. Shearin At Home On Furlough

Pfc. Kenneth Shearin, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Shearin, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents. Shearin has been overseas for the past six months and was in active combat in Germany. He wears the ETO ribbon with one star and the good conduct ribbon. After his leave is up, Kenneth will report to Fort Bragg. He is a graduate of the local high school and was employed by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company before he was inducted into the army. He has another brother in the army air corps, Sgt. Franklin Shearin, stationed in California.

Peace came to Roanoke Rapids this week with the cancellation by the United States Army of contracts with local textile mills and the permission for the mills to return to the 40-hour week.

Starting this week, Roanoke Mills Company, Patterson Mills Company and Rosemary Manufacturing Company went back to the pre-war 5 days and 40 hours with no more Saturday work.

Contracts with Patterson Mills Company and Roanoke Mills Company for gun-cleaning cloth and patches were cancelled by the Army this week after the two local mills had made the cloth and fabricated hundreds of millions of gun patches in the past two years. These were used by the Army for cleaning rifles, pistols and small calibre machine guns. At the peak of production, more than 150 persons were employed in the cutting and packing in the Gun Patch Department.

Flagman Dies Of Injuries

Edward Jenkins, flagman for the Seaboard Railway, sustained serious injuries when struck last Thursday morning at 7 o'clock by a Seaboard train at Franklin.

While trying to flag an automobile at a railroad crossing before an incoming train an automobile passed the flagman at a high rate of speed, causing his raincoat to balloon out and catch in the passing train. He sustained a fractured skull and broken leg from which he died in Raiford Memorial Hospital Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

The car, driven by a negro, is said to have been headed toward North Carolina.

Jenkins was the son of Mrs. E. S. Jenkins, Littleton, Route 3.

Gurney Brown Home On Leave

Pfc. Gurney L. Brown, a recent European returnee, is home visiting his wife on a 30-day leave. He entered the army on January 30, 1943, and spent six months overseas with Company I of the 63rd Division. He participated in the Battle of the Rhineland and the Battle of Central Germany. He is the wearer of the Combat Infantry Badge and the ETO Ribbon with two battle stars.

Prior to his entrance in service, Brown was employed as assistant manager of "Bill's Cafe" in downtown Roanoke Rapids. He also attended Roanoke Rapids High School. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown, 49 Madison Street. He and his wife, the former Miss Mary Williams, are residing at 234 Hamilton Street.