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CAR AND TRUCK CRASH NEAR WELDON: TWO DRIVERS DEAD

Final Meeting Dissolves War Salvage Committee

The War Salvage Committee of Roanoke Rapids was dissolved at the final meeting held Tuesday afternoon at the Roanoke Rapids Armory. A total of \$987.17 remained in the treasury as a result of the sale of waste paper, scrap metal and other salvage collected by the committee during the war.

This money was divided equally between the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Roanoke Rapids. It was reported that there are about 300 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and 300 Girl Scouts and Brownies in the Roanoke Rapids area, which includes a troop at Gaston and a colored troop of Boy Scouts which did fine work in the salvage drives.

Checks for \$493.58 were authorized to be sent to A. E. Akers, treasurer of the Roanoke Rapids Boy Scout Council and to the Girl Scout Executive of the local Girl Scout Council.

Present at the last meeting were Chairman J. R. Meikle, F. S. Kemp, A. N. Martin and C. L. Wilson, a majority of the committee. The action on disposition of the funds remaining was the result of a motion set up in the minutes when the committee was originally organized. The committee expressed thanks to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and all citizens and business concerns who contributed to the various salvage drives.

Coxswain Price Gets Discharge

Coxswain J. B. Price, husband of the former Doris Paige Edwards of this city, has recently received an honorable discharge from the navy with a total of 46 points. Price has been in service four years during which time he participated in the invasions of Sicily and Africa. After a short stay in this city, Mr. and Mrs. Price and their daughter, Linda Lou, will make their home in Oklahoma City, Okla., where Mr. Price plans to go into business.

Davenport Goes To Sioux Falls

Sgt. Doyle Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davenport, has returned to Sioux Falls, S. D., after spending thirty days here with his wife and parents. He entered service in 1942 and spent twelve months in England with the Eighth Air Force bombing squadron. He has four battle stars. His wife was the former Miss Bettie Gray of this city.

Looking Ahead For The Future

Hospital space is so scarce in England that British wives who have the inclination to become mothers are booking beds in maternity wards as soon as they learn their soldier-husbands are coming home.

The shortage of maternity hospital facilities is so great that even hopeful brides are making arrangements, on a provisional basis. All beds except one in a big hospital recently were reserved more than nine months ahead.

Leaders Wanted For Girl Scouts

The Roanoke Rapids Girl Scout Council is sending out an emergency call for adult workers. Mrs. W. A. Thorne, Commissioner of Girl Scouts, reports that there are six Girl Scout Troops that are without leaders, and she urges that women in the community who are interested and willing to give some of their time toward Scouting get in touch with her or with the Girl Scout office immediately. Training will be provided for inexperienced people. The girls of the community are eager to get started in their fall program, but unless the women of the community will come to the rescue many girls are going to be deprived of Scouting this year, said Mrs. Thorne.

We Didn't Get A Chance To Finish Our Argument - But

The smell of paint was strong as we entered the door of a certain "Roanoke Pharmacy," the other day. Everything in the place was covered and there hung men on the walls and from the ceiling with paint brushes being waved about in a careless manner.

"Whatthehell is going on in here?" we demanded of the proprietor and his "haughty" assistant.

"How come you painting up this store while the public comes in here and tries to buy something they need?"

There was a look of downright wickedness in the eyes of one of those fellows and a faint, thin smile from the other. Not a single word was spoken.

Then we felt gentle drops of moisture on the top of our head. "Say, cut out that slinging that paint on me. Put it on the walls and ceiling."

Lenzie Lee Freed From Prison Camp

Lenzie J. Lee, 33-years-old, son of Mrs. Annie L. Lee of South Rosemary, has been freed from a Japanese prison camp, it was revealed yesterday morning in a War Department telegram to his sister, Mrs. W. C. Whitley. Another telegram was received yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Whitley directly from her brother notifying her that he was on Guam Island on his way home and "I am well and happy."

Lee, who volunteered for the regular army in 1929, re-enlisted in 1932. He was later discharged and immediately signed up with the Navy as a civilian employe for work on Wake Island. When war broke out and Wake had been valiantly defended by a small detachment of Marines and civilians, it was finally taken by the Japs and Lee, along with those left, was made a prisoner of war December 23, 1941. Lee formerly was employed here by Rosemary Manufacturing Company.

Rubber Footwear Now Ration Free

Rationing of industrial rubber footwear has ended, it was disclosed Monday by OPA.

In announcing the fifth commodity group to be freed from ration controls since Japan surrendered, it was said that rubber shoes and rubber boots were available in "supply sufficient to meet demand."

Darrell McKinney, 38, Dies Instantly; Mrs. Harris Dies In Roanoke Rapids Hospital

Going Back To Standard Time

The country is going back to Standard Time September 30, according to a unanimous vote of the House of Representatives yesterday on a bill introduced by Lyle H. Boren (D-Okla.) to abolish War Time and turn the clocks back an hour to Standard Time.

Tomlinson Is Given Bronze Star Medal

S/Sgt. James T. Tomlinson, husband of the former Miss Margaret Wood of this city, has been awarded the Bronze Star. His citation read as follows: "S/Sgt. William T. Tomlinson, 120th Infantry Regiment, USA, is awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievements in action on July 16, 1944, in France. Despite intense enemy artillery and small arms fire directed on their unit's sector, Sgt. Tomlinson and a comrade courageously drew their vehicle loaded with vital supplies to an exposed position in clear view of the enemy where they delivered the supplies. Under the continuing heavy fire they placed wounded in the vehicle and evacuated them to the rear. Sgt. Tomlinson's courageous action was of valuable service to his unit."

Sgt. Tomlinson is the son of Mrs. W. W. Tomlinson of Winston-Salem. He entered service in 1940 and was sent overseas in February, 1944. He is expected back in the states this month. Member of the Old Hickory Division, he is the wearer of the Presidential Citation, Combat Infantry Badge and Five Battle Stars.

Sergt. Morris At San Antonio, Tex.

Having completed 26 months in the European Theatre of Operations, T/Sgt. Leroy W. Morris, 117 Jackson Street, radio operator on a B-17, is now at the San Antonio District, AAF Personnel Distribution Command for processing and reassignment.

The Roanoke Rapids gunner and crewman was shot down over Germany on his first mission and held prisoner of war by the Axis for approximately two years. He was recently released and returned to the United States.

R. Darrell McKinney, 38-year-old white man, was instantly killed early Tuesday night, about one mile south of Weldon, and Mrs. Robert Harris, 23, of Emporia, Va., was fatally injured when a 1940 model Cadillac automobile driven by McKinney, and a 1939 Chevrolet panel truck driven by Mrs. Harris crashed on a sharp curve on Highway 301. Mrs. Harris died a few minutes after being brought to Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Investigation revealed that McKinney, evidently driving at a terrific rate of speed, failed to make the curve and crashed into the side of the truck. The impact of the collision was of such force the truck was dragged a distance of about 40 feet in the reverse direction from which it was travelling at the time of the accident, turned it around and threw it into a ditch. The car then cut across the left side of the highway and continued for a distance of almost 100 yards before coming to a stop in an open field.

Riding with Mrs. Harris in the truck was her sister-in-law, Mrs. Louise Harris, who suffered a barely crushed arm. With McKinney in the automobile was Elizabeth Jesup, 24-year-old white woman of Weldon, who was uninjured except for a few minor cuts and bruises.

McKinney, a fish salesman for J. H. Griffin Company of Raleigh, was driving a company-owned car, it is said. The truck was owned by Meherrin Valley Dairy Products Company of Emporia. Both vehicles were completely demolished.

Mrs. Harris is survived by her husband and two small girls. Her body was returned to Emporia last night. McKinney, whose home is said to be in Washington, N. C., is survived by his wife and several children. His body was sent to Washington yesterday afternoon.

Sergt. Wilson Is Back Home

S/Sgt. James Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Wilson, has arrived in Roanoke Rapids after being discharged from the air corps with a total of 94 points. Sgt. Wilson entered service three years ago and has served overseas for the last eight months with the Fifteenth Air Force in Italy. He is the wearer of the ETO Ribbon, Air Medal, three oak leaf clusters, six battle stars, and a Presidential Citation.

When questioned as to what his plans were, he replied that he was glad to be back home and plans to relax awhile and then go back to school, probably State College.