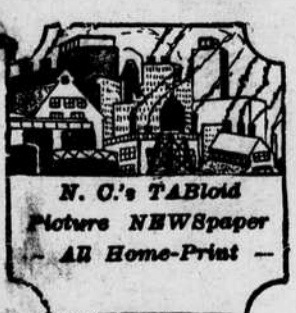


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FIGHTING, SHOOTING, WRECK FEATURE CHRISTMAS WEEK

Pfc. Shearin Was Killed Says War Department

Pfc. Harvey Shearin, husband of Mrs. Dorothy A. Shearin of this city, has been officially declared as "killed in action" in a message last Friday from the War Department to Mrs. Shearin.

Shearin, 29 years old when he entered the service in March, 1944, was sent overseas in October of the same year. He was reported missing in action in France December 17, 1944. He was a member of Gen. Patton's famous Seventh Army.

A graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School, Shearin had lived in this city practically all of his life. Being employed by the Rosemary Meat Company and later working in a shipyard in Newport News before going into the Army.

Mrs. Shearin is employed in the city clerk's office in Roanoke Rapids.

Officially Dead



Pictured above is Pfc. Harvey Shearin, who has been officially declared killed in action by the War Department.

Dr. Berkeley Passes Away

Dr. Alfred R. Berkeley, of Roanoke, Va., father of Rev. Edmund Berkeley of this city, died Wednesday night, December 26, following an illness of two weeks. Dr. Berkeley had been rector of Saint John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke, Va., for the past nineteen years.

Surviving are two sons: Rev. Edmund Berkeley of this city, and Capt. Alfred R. Berkeley of Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters, Misses Lelia and Bernard Berkeley of Roanoke, Va.; his mother, Mrs. Edmund Berkeley of Bluefield, W. Va.; one sister, Mrs. J. W. Hobson of Bluefield; a brother, Dr. Green Berkeley of Norfolk.

Funeral services will be held at Saint John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke on Friday.

Coming Home From Pacific

Information received from the Public Information Office at Pearl Harbor, Roanoke Rapids soldier way home:

Charles M. Baird, 1020 Rapids St.

T/S John L. Bennett, husband of Mrs. Beatrice T. Bennett.

Kirk L. Taylor, RM2/c, son of Mrs. Sadie Taylor, 122 1/2 Jefferson Street.

Larry N. Bedgood, seaman 1/c, son of Mrs. Mary B. Bedgood.

1 Million Is Allocated To Start Work at Buggs Island

Work on the \$30,900,000 Buggs Island reservoir for flood control on the Roanoke River can get under way with a \$1,000,000 appropriation voted by the Senate last week. The House had previously passed the bill.

Although authorized by Congress, this project became the subject of heated debate recently both in the House Appropriations Committee and on the floor of the House. The House restored the \$1,000,000 appropriation to the bill after the committee had removed as "the chief bone of contention" among the flood control projects in the measure.

When the bill reached the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Hoey (D-N.C.) and Senator Byrd (D-Va.) requested the committee to hold hearings before making the appropriation so that the proponents and opponents to the project could be heard. The committee completed the hearings last week. Army engineers held hearings at South Hill, Va., on December 5.

Only previous allotment for the project had been \$300,000. (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

Bill Ray, White, In Serious Condition In Hospital From Pistol Wounds; Six Are Out Under Bond of \$50 For Fight

Enfield Man's Picture Was In Magazine

Enfield — In a recent issue of Look magazine under the department entitled "Meet The People" appears the picture of Colonel Walter T. Clement of Enfield. "Meet the People," a department of this nationally circulated picture magazine devoted to the sounding out of opinions of those contacted by a roaming photographic reporter, last week posed the question "Where did you spend last Christmas?"

According to the caption appearing beneath his picture, the Colonel replied, "I think I was in Reims. I don't remember very well. One day is pretty hard to tell from another when you're at war. Where I'll be this year, only the Army knows." Pictures of some ten or fifteen servicemen were featured, Col. Clement's evidently having been taken soon after his landing in New York.

A shooting, a bad wreck, a brawl in a local wine store featured the Christmas holidays, according to police reports.

R. L. Bishop and his son, Kelly Bishop, white, are being held without privilege of bail pending the outcome of serious wounds inflicted with a revolver on "Bill" Ray, also white. The shooting is said to have occurred in the Bishop home near the Junction sometime after midnight on Christmas eve. Cause of the shooting or which of the men did it is not known, but police are still investigating the affair. Ray is in Roanoke Rapids Hospital in a serious condition. Officer C. R. Green made the arrests.

A free-for-all fight that occurred in a local wine store early last Saturday night resulted in the arrest by Officer J. M. High of A. W. Thomason, Thomas Cannon, Sidney Cannon, Herman Cooper, Jack Barkley and Joel Barkley, all white. The six are charged with fighting and damaging property and are at liberty under bonds of \$50 each. They are scheduled to appear before Mayor Kelly Jenkins next Monday morning.

A bad wreck, yet one in which slight injuries were entailed, occurred at the intersection of Roanoke Avenue and Sixth Street last Monday afternoon.

Lenzie J. Lee, white, and Sidney Williams, negro, were drivers of the cars in the smash-up. Both automobiles were practically demolished, and Lee is being held under bond of \$300 on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicants. Officer J. W. High investigated and made the arrest. Lee suffered slight injuries.

Find Weldon Woman Dead

Mrs. Dan Trueblood, about 70 years of age, was found dead in bed at her home last Tuesday. Funeral services were held from Rowe's Funeral Home in Weldon, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. A. Finlator. Interment was in the Weldon cemetery.

Mrs. Trueblood, a native of West Virginia, had lived near Weldon for several years. She is survived by two sons, John E. Trueblood of Lumberton and Daniel Trueblood of Goldsboro.

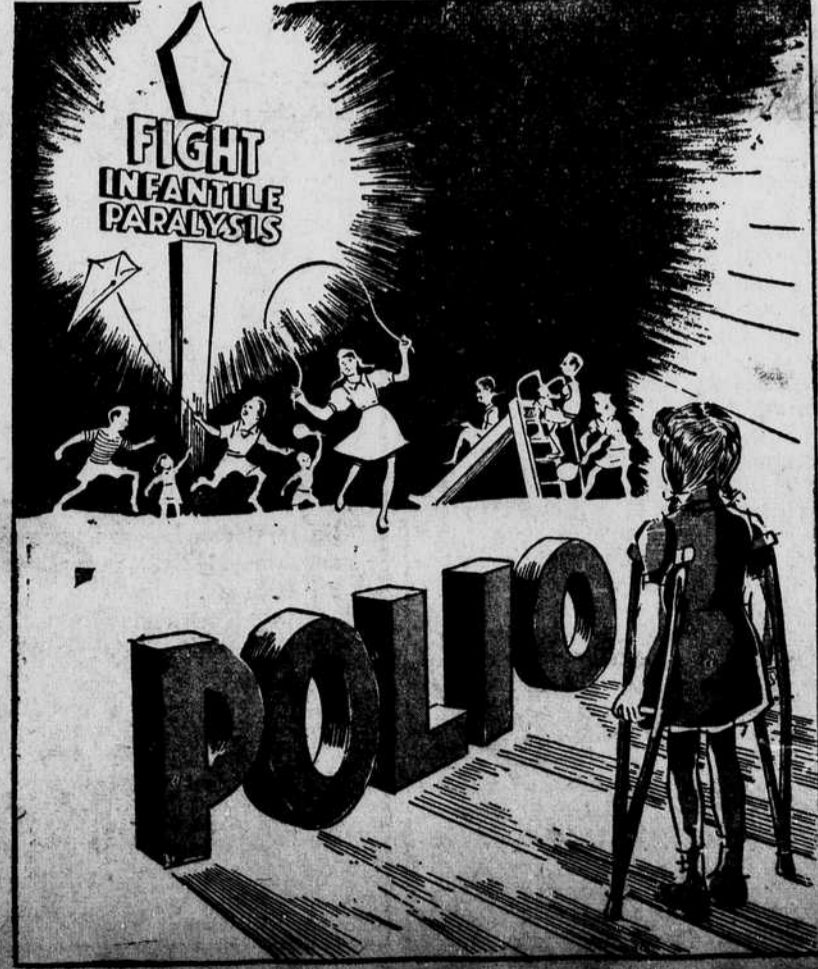
Captain Neal Is Back Home

Capt. Frank B. Neal returned to his home in Roanoke Rapids last week, following relief from active duty at Randolph Field AAF Separation Center. He has served with the Army Air Forces since March 10, 1942. Prior to separation from service, Neal was assigned to AAF Western Flying Training Command headquarters, Randolph Field, as chief of the officers' assignment section in the Personnel Division. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Neal, 417 Roanoke Avenue, Roanoke Rapids.

Franks Served On The Hamilton

On the USS Paul Hamilton—Fate T. Franks, seaman, first class, 727 Jefferson St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C., served on this destroyer, which spent 14 consecutive months in the thick of the fighting in the Pacific, earning a reputation of being a "lucky" ship.

The Hamilton took part in the invasions of Saipan, Guam, Tinian, the Palaus, Lingayen Gulf, Iwo Jima and several smaller islands, attacks on Okinawa, Luzon, Formosa and Visayan and the Battle of the Philippine Sea.



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