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MAN AND WOMAN BELIEVED VICTIMS MONOXIDE POISON

English War Bride and Baby Join Husband Here

Mrs. Edna Old Butler, 16, and her son, Richard Benjamin, 13 months old, arrived in Roanoke Rapids at 1:15 a. m. Wednesday. She is the English war bride of former Corporal Benjamin Franklin Butler, 655 B. Charlotte Street who met them in New York where they landed Monday.

"We stayed over an extra day in New York which explains our delay in arriving home," said the young war bride, and with a twinkle in her eye, added, "It was our second honeymoon."

"The trip over was pretty rough and both the baby and I were seasick but tell my folks I am feeling fine now," said Mrs. Butler when told the London Daily Express was anxious to know how she and the baby were faring. "The baby is not feeling so well today but we are not worried about him."

Dr. John W. Martin was called in early in the afternoon and inspected the fine, healthy looking boy. "Looks like his Daddy, but better looking," was the doctor's professional comment. "He has one degree of temperature," added the doctor, "due to the rough trip over and also to teething, but he will be fine in a day or so. He is fat and a well-looking-after baby."

"I like him," said Mrs. Butler after the doctor left. "He is just like my doctor back in England - easy to talk to."

"I am sure I am going to like Roanoke Rapids and I love 'Bill's' people who have welcomed me with open arms," Mrs. Butler stated. And then added with a determined set of her attractive chin, "I feel I am going to be very happy. I have come a long way to be with them and have made up my mind to be happy."

Her husband, 24, was with the 8th Air Force stationed in England. They met when Edna's bicycle was stolen and later recovered by our men. It was a case of love at first sight. They were married soon after. Edna lived in Surbiton, Surrey in the suburbs of London.

The young couple hope to have a house of their own in the next two weeks. "Bill" works in the Spooler Room at Patterson Mills Company and says "the man" says he can have the next vacancy in a house. He received his discharge from the army in September and has been working here since, waiting for wife and son.

For the present they will live with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butler, 655 B. Charlotte

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Serving in China



Above is pictured Pvt. Clyde O. Wrenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vergie C. Wrenn, 214 Jefferson street, who is now serving his country in China. Wrenn entered the service in July, 1945, and is attached to the "famous First Division."

Dr. Hart Is Speaker Here

Dr. Hornell Hart, professor of sociology at Duke University, was the principal speaker at the Clara Hearne School P-T. A. last Thursday night at which time he discussed the training of children to be emotionally stable. He featured his talk around a two and a half year old boy, "Sandy," whose father was in Japan and told how the child was transformed from a tantrum-possessed child into an orderly one. He also made clear the fact that he was not opposed to the paddle in certain cases.

Following the lecture questions were answered from the floor.

I. E. Ready, Superintendent of Roanoke Rapids Schools, presided over the meeting.

Recorder's Court In Session Today

Roanoke Rapids Recorder's Court, with Judge Charles R. Daniels presiding, was in session today. The docket, however, was light, with no important cases.

House Votes Money For Buggs Island Flood Project

Washington — Funds for construction of the \$30,900,000 Buggs Island flood control reservoir were included in the War Department's civil functions appropriations bill reported to the House yesterday by the House Appropriations Committee.

The committee asked the House to approve a \$3,000,000 appropriation to begin work on the huge project which will be designed to curb the flood menace to the lower Roanoke Valley and the commercial cities of Roanoke Rapids, Williamston and Weldon.

The appropriation approved by the House committee represents a \$1,000,000 cut in the amount requested by the Army Engineers for expenditure during the fiscal year 1947.

The engineers had asked permission to spend \$4,000,000 during the first year of the project's construction, \$9,000,000 each year for the two following years and \$8,600,000 during the fiscal year 1950. The sum of \$300,000 has already been obligated for planning purposes.

The committee also asked House approval for a \$300,000 initial appropriation to begin preparing specifications on the \$5,240,000 Philpot reservoir in Virginia.

The Buggs Island project, authorized in the 1944 Flood Control Act will consist of a concrete dam and powerhouse on the Roanoke River, about 179 miles above the mouth and about 18 miles upstream from the Virginia-North Carolina line. Average annual value of power to be generated by the dam is estimated at \$1,758,900.

Work will be begun, the engineers said, with a \$1,000,000 initial appropriation provided last fall in the deficiency appropriation act of 1946.

The Army Engineers estimated in a report to Congress that if the Buggs Island dam had been operating in August, 1940, during the highest flood on record on the Roanoke River, the flood damages which exceeded \$3,000,000 would have been reduced to less than \$1,000,000, and the height of the flood at Weldon would have been reduced about 10 feet.

Lellie Bryant Found Dead In Bed Sunday A. M.; Wife Dies Hospital Early This Morning

Guest Speaker



Joseph S. Merritt of Dundalk, Md., will be the principal speaker at next Tuesday's meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club. Mr. Merritt is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Dundalk, which he helped organize in 1938, and was the first President of that Club. He has served Rotary International as District Governor and Committee member, and, for 1945-46, is member of the Extension Committee for the USCNB (Eastern Region).

Arrested For Truck Theft

Albert Vincent, 20-year-old white youth, who lives near the junction, and Paul Simpson, 15-year-old boy, whose home is said to be in Burlington, were arrested this week charged with the theft of a truck from James McDaniel's service station Monday night. The truck was owned by McDaniel. Arrest of the youths was made by Deputy Sheriff A. J. Brigman.

After taking the truck, Brigman said, the two youths headed toward Hodgestown, but when only about 300 yards from the service station they ran it into a ditch and abandoned it.

Barnes Reenlists For 4 More Years

Burrelle W. Barnes, F 1-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Barnes, has reenlisted in the Navy for a period of four years. "Billy," who recently spent a 40-day leave here with his parents, is a veteran of World War II, seeing action overseas.

Lellie E. J. Bryant, 46-years-old, 1017 Hamilton street, was found dead in bed last Sunday morning a few minutes before 12 o'clock, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Jernigan Bryant, was in an unconscious condition.

Mrs. Bryant died early this morning in Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Cause of her death has not been announced.

The death of Mr. Bryant is believed to have been caused from monoxide poison gas which escaped from a coal heater in the bedroom. This theory is advanced from an investigation conducted into Mr. Bryant's death early this week when vital organs were sent to Dr. Haywood M. Taylor, member of Duke Hospital medical staff for an analysis by Coroner F. N. Rowe.

In his report to Coroner Rowe, Dr. Taylor stated that he found definite evidence of the poison in the organs, but would not say it was in sufficient quantity to produce death. However, a "quantity" test is now being made.

The dead man and his unconscious wife were discovered by Mrs. Doc Miller, a neighbor, who lives in an apartment in the same building.

Funeral services for Bryant were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 from Williams' funeral chapel, conducted by Rev. C. L. Lyles. Interment was in Roanoke Rapids cemetery. Surviving are two brothers, W. G. Bryant of Hopewell, Va., and A. D. Bryant of Colerain, N. C.

Services for Mrs. Bryant, 41, will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Williams' Funeral Home, conducted by Rev. C. L. Lyles and Rev. Luther Evans.

Surviving her are two sons from a former marriage, Millard Jernigan of this city, and Donald Lee Jernigan in the U. S. Navy; five sisters, Mrs. H. J. Finch, Mrs. R. C. Finch, Mrs. J. W. Reid, all of Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. Irene Murray of Chiquapin, N. C., and Mrs. Roena James of Pitt county; six brothers, Linster Jenkins and Lellie Jenkins of Chiquapin, Luther of Wallace, Clyde of Richland, Norman and Jessie who are in the army.

Face Burned In Coal Gas Fire

G. A. Hux, Sr., of Halifax, while in the basement of his home last Sunday struck a match causing coal gas which had escaped from the furnace to become ignited. Mr. Hux was painfully burned about the face and hands. No damage was done to the building.