



Seventy-Sixth Year

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War Production Chairman Nelson announced the War Production Board is rerating every project in the war program to secure the "maximum impact on the enemy now."

Chairman Nelson reported the U. S. is now producing munitions three and a half times the rate in November 1941, the month before Pearl Harbor.

Craft production increased 11 percent in July over June output. Mr. Nelson said, "Although combat plane production rose 8 percent, it was not up to expectations."

THE WAR FRONT

Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Australia reported allied fighter pilots using new battle tactics shot down at least 13 Japanese planes and probably 15 or more out of an enemy fleet of 47 which attacked Darwin.

U. S. Army Headquarters, European Theater, announced arrival in Britain of the largest U. S. convoy of the war, with more men and material for the American Air Forces which had already begun precision bombing by daylight of Nazi-occupied Europe.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull sent messages of solidarity to Brazil as that country became the first South American nation to declare war on Germany and Italy.

ARMY AND NAVY

The War Department said it will inaugurate this Fall a voluntary preinduction training program utilizing existing facilities of schools and colleges to meet present and future needs for properly trained personnel in the armed forces.

RAPID RISE

Key Field, Miss., Aug. 22 — Rufus Alvin Bridgers, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bridgers of Margaretville, N. C. was given two promotions here in the Army Air Force in as many days.

He was promoted from corporal to sergeant on August 4 and the following day he was promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant.

His promotions were made here, Sergeant Bridgers since has been transferred to the Hattiesburg base.

He was inducted into the Army at Fort Bragg on August 4, 1941, and later was transferred to Will Rogers Field, Okla. and to a base near Savannah.

Widow Of Former School Supt. Dies

Mrs. W. E. Edwards, 54 who was the former Miss Cinderella Stanley of Northampton County, died on Monday afternoon at her home in Murfreesboro following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Edwards was the daughter of the late W. L. and Mary Drummond Stanley. For a number of years she was a resident of Weldon where her husband was superintendent of the Weldon High School and she was a member of the faculty. A few years ago they went to Murfreesboro where Mr. Edwards was president of Chowan College.

Survivors include four sisters, Mrs. R. B. Bush of Lenoir, Mrs. J. W. Crew of Pleasant Hill, Mrs. V. R. Whitehurst of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. R. M. Robinson of Slippers, Va., and two brothers, T. L. Stanley of Lawrenceville and D. E. Stanley of Portsmouth, Va.

James S. Kidd

Funeral services were conducted from the residence in Roanoke Rapids for James S. Kidd, 18, who died after a lengthy illness. The rites were conducted by the Rev. Gordon L. Price.

He was the son of David I. and Nancy Carawan Kidd. He was graduated last spring from Roanoke Rapids High School and was a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors besides his parents are five sisters, Mrs. Charles Batts, Mrs. Harrison Giles, Mrs. Gene Lehman, Misses Jane and Peggy Ann Kidd and three brothers, D. I. Kidd, Jr., Joseph Kidd and Jerry Kidd all of Roanoke Rapids.

Former Weldon Resident Passes Away

A message was received by relatives here Friday announcing the death of Mr. Charles C. Tilghman son of the late James B. Tilghman, Sr., of this place. He was the last surviving member of this family and is remembered by many of the older residents of Weldon. He left for Charleston at an early age where he married Miss Susie Eagan of Charleston, who with a daughter, Mrs. George Lockwood and one grandson, William Lockwood, besides several nieces and nephews in this state, Virginia and Texas survive him. He was a faithful employee of the A. C. L. Railway, and only retired a few years ago. Interment was in the family plot in Charleston, S. Carolina.

to insure prompt handling of U. S. military equipment for forces stationed throughout the world. The Department said checks in payment of allowances to dependents of enlisted men of the army, covering the first applications to be approved, will get out shortly after September 1st.

The Navy announced recruiting of enlisted personnel of the Women's Naval Reserve will begin on September 11 and training will start October 9 at the University of Wisconsin, Indiana University and Oklahoma A. and M. college.

Peanut Oil Becomes U. S. Weapon



Almost five million acres of peanuts—twice as many as were produced in any single year before! That's one of the contributions U. S. farmers are making this year toward keeping this Nation at its maximum hitting power.

Peanut Oil Now U. S. War Weapon

Peanuts for oil to fight the Axis. That is just one of the many contributions North Carolina farmers are making to the war effort, according to the State U. S. D. A. War Board, with headquarters at State College. In all, American farmers will produce almost five million acres of peanuts this year—twice as many as ever have been grown in any single year.

20 Learn Red Cross First Aid

Twenty members have just finished a first aid class taught by Mr. S. H. Crumpler from Roanoke Rapids.

This class of twenty members have all done very fine work and have worked hard through all the hot summer weather to do what they can to help in the time of emergency. Mr. Crumpler has been untiring in his efforts and Mrs. Crumpler has helped him carry on this work. We are deeply grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Crumpler for teaching this class. We want to thank Mr. Richardson and the Boy Scouts for the use of the Scout Hut for these classes.

This class will practice each week or every other week so that they will be able to know their First Aid.

We hope to begin a class in Canteen soon.

Charles S. Wells

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon from Williams Funeral Home for Charles S. Wells, 68 who died in Bon-combe County. The rites were conducted by the Rev. Gordon Price.

Mr. Wells was born in Halifax County, January 13th, 1874. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Daisey M. Wells, two daughters, Mrs. Robert P. King of Thelma, Mrs. John E. Baker of Hobgood, four sons, Raymond Wells, Thomas McCoy Wells, Chas. Wells, Jr., William Murphy Wells and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Jeff Lassiter spent last week in Richmond, Va., and Mr. Lassiter was here for the week end.

AN EDITORIAL

He Can't Take His Own Medicine

Carroll L. Wilson has enjoyed himself for many years, comfortably seated at his typewriter, looking in his private office, taking editorial cracks at any and everybody, most of them without any publication or medium for answering his attacks.

Then he entered politics and answered himself into a job as Highway Commissioner of this District over the protests of many taxpayers who knew his opponent was the better man for the job.

To this newspaper for the past few months have come many "cracks" of the things going on in the Highway Department under Wilson's management and we have exposed some of them. None of the editorials and articles in this newspaper have been answered or denied by Wilson in his newspaper.

Our readers and many of his friends have wondered about this since he has always shown so much courage seated behind his typewriter. And we answer because our charges ARE TRUE and he can't deny them.

We promise those who have faith in us that the Editor of this newspaper will not be scared or intimidated by a \$10,000 suit or a \$1,000,000 suit.

Civilian Instructor Positions Open In Service Schools

A new campaign to "Keep 'Em Flying" was launched by the Civil Service Commission today. Under a new announcement with completely modified requirements, Student and Junior Instructors for the Army Air Forces Technical schools and Navy Aviation Service schools are being sought.

Student instructors will be given training in radio operating, engineering, airplane mechanics or shop work for a period of from three to six months. Those who successfully complete such training will be promoted to junior instructors and assigned to an appropriate school. Student instructors can qualify through completion of one year's study in a college through the possession of a Civil Aeronautics Administration ground instructor's certificate, airplane mechanic's or airplane engine mechanic's certificate; through one year's progressive technical experience as aircraft mechanic, aircraft or automobile engine mechanic, sheet metal worker, welder, machinist, photographer, camera repairman, radio operator, radio engineer or radio maintenance and repairman; through completion of technical courses (6 months) in a radio school or a war training course in radio work; or through the possession of a commercial or amateur radio operator's license.

No written test is required. Applicants' qualifications will be judged from their record of training or experience. Applicants must have reached their 20th birthday, but there is no maximum age limit. Qualified persons are urged to file their applications at once with the Secretary of the Civil Service Board at Chamute Field, Rantoul, Illinois. Applications will be accepted until the needs of the service have been met.

William H. Gardner

Funeral services for William Gardner, 84, who died at his home here Monday night at 10 o'clock after a lingering illness were held at the home on Wednesday morning. The Rev. O. M. Mankamer officiated and burial was in Roanoke Rapids.

A native of Martin County, he had lived here for several years. He was an active member of Zion's Chapel Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Canelia Gardner, four daughters, Edith of Roper, Mrs. Ellen Gardner of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. George Coburn of Plymouth and Mrs. D. H. Dick of Washington and one son, Elbert Gardner of Suffolk, Va.

Mr. Walker Campbell returned to camp Saturday after spending several days with his uncle, Mr. C. G. Tilghman.

First Round In Suit Won By "News" Attorneys

Two Teams Tie In Softball Playoffs

The Methodist Softball team champions of the local Twilight League and a team of "All-Stars" composed of players from the other three teams in the League, are deadlocked at two games each in the playoffs under way now.

The final and deciding game of the playoff series of the best 3 out of 5 games will be played at the local ball park starting at 6:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Special Examination of Editor Held To Be Premature And Illegal

The first round of proceedings in the \$10,000 suit against "The Roanoke News" brought by Carroll L. Wilson, District Highway Commissioner and Roanoke Rapids newspaper publisher, was won by the "NEWS" when a special examination of the "NEWS" Editor was voided by a court order at Halifax last Friday morning.

Attorneys for Wilson had sought to examine B. F. Turner, Editor of the "NEWS", before Clerk of Court A. L. Hux. When the examination got underway attorneys for the "NEWS" made a motion showing the proposed examination to be premature and contrary to the law. When irrefutable authority was shown the Clerk and Wilson's attorneys in support of the motion, it was allowed and a court order was signed by the Clerk voiding the examination and the subpoena issued for B. F. Turner.

The next step in the case will take place when the answer to the suit is filed by the "NEWS" attorneys. Thirty days is allowed by law in which to file the answer and it will be filed on or before September 12th.

Wilson was represented at the attempted examination by George C. Green of Weldon and Scott Benton of the Roanoke Rapids law firm of Allsbrook and Benton. The "NEWS" attorneys are: E. L. Travis of Halifax, Albion Dunn of Greenville and W. H. Yarborough of Louisburg.

ON THE OFFENSIVE AMERICA!

Wars are won by attacking, not by sitting in a fort! And today America is taking the offensive against the Axis with hard-fighting, non-stopable men and materials! We're taking the offensive too, against the enemy at home—the inflationary 6th column that blows prices sky high. You can help in both fights by saving at least 10% of your money in U. S. War Bonds every pay day. Attack the Axis with your dollars today. You can start with as little as a 10c War Stamp and you can get a \$25.00 War Bond (maturity value) for only \$18.75—at your local post office, bank or other convenient sales agency. U. S. Treasury Department

Hardison Charged With First Degree Murder

Two Pass Bar

Tuesday prior to the opening of the afternoon session of Halifax Superior Court William H. S. Burgwyn, Jr., and Everett Duffermyer, both of Woodland were presented to the court by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn and were admitted to the bar and sworn in.

These two young men had gone through law school together, passed the bar examinations together, were admitted to the bar together and on Wednesday they were both inducted into the United States Army.

John I. Eagles, assistant farm agent, says Martin County livestock farmers are being forced to buy feed for their hogs, especially corn, due to the dry weather this summer.

F. E. Johnston

Funeral services for Frederick Johnston, local manufacturer, who died at a Richmond hospital early Wednesday morning were held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 from the residence on South Main Street with interment in the Emporia cemetery.

Mr. Johnston, whose ancestors were early settlers of Halifax County, N. C. was at the time of his death president and treasurer of the Emporia Machine Company. He had been associated with it for the past 41 years. He was a member of Widows Son Lodge No. 150, A. F. and A. B., Emporia, and Knights Templar and ACCA Shrine of Richmond, Va.

Until the time of his death he was active in all civic and business activities of his community and state. He was a member of the Hardware Associations of Virginia and was active in establishing the Tobacco Trail.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lydia Tillar; one son, F. Elliott Johnston, Jr., U. S. Army; four daughters, Mrs. John Moore of Roanoke Rapids, N. C. and Mrs. L. H. McDearmon, Mrs. J. B. Kiser and Mrs. H. T. Klugel, Jr., of Emporia; eight grandchildren; two brothers, A. C. Johnston of Kelford, N. C. and Dr. Warren W. Johnston of Manteo, North Carolina.

Hardison Charged With First Degree Murder

A preliminary hearing was given Harry Hardison of Enfield, who is alleged to have killed Robert Daugham also of Enfield in a fist fight last Thursday.

A writ of habeas Corpus had been issued and the hearing was held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock before Judge J. Paul Frizelle to determine whether or not the defendant should be allowed bail.

Present at the hearing were the defendant, his counsel George C. Green, E. L. Travis, Paul Grady and Herbert Peele, the Solicitor for the State and the prosecuting attorneys W. H. Yarborough and D. Mae Johnson.

Superior Court

William H. S. Burgwyn, Jr., son of Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland was sworn in as an Attorney. Everett Duffermyer of Woodland was also sworn in as Attorney by Judge J. Paul Frizelle of Snow Hill.

Mrs. Ruby Wood vs. A. C. L. Railway Company at the close of the evidence the case was nonsuited.

A divorce was granted to Ephron Mills from Lena Mae Brown Mills, on ground of 2 years separation.

J. T. Garner recovered \$1000.00 from G. W. Green et al for damage claimed in cutting pulp wood by Green on the land of Garner.

Haywood I. Pepper vs. Sallie Elizabeth Pepper and Margie Lee Pepper. It being found that the name of Margie Lee Pepper in a certain deed was added in error it is therefore ordered that said deed convey the entire tract land to Sallie Elizabeth Pepper in fee simple.

Citizens Realty and Insurance Company vs. G. F. Gray, by consent the defendant has agreed to pay the plaintiff the sum of \$22.80.

J. P. Holomon vs. Mrs. E. R. Hawkins it is ordered that this action be dismissed and that the plaintiff be taxed with the costs.