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KEEP ON Backing the Attack WITH WAR BONDS

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Weldon Boy Undergoes Operation While At Sea

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 15th--A "play-by-play" and stitch by stitch broadcast of his emergency appendectomy at sea as enjoyed by the patient himself and the entire crew of his ship was described yesterday by Motor Machinist's Mate John Elliott Moore, 18, of Weldon, North Carolina. Moore returned to active duty at a Coast Guard station in Charleston yesterday, after recuperating at the Naval Hospital from his dramatic operation.

Crew members of a Coast Guard manned destroyer escort under way at sea, Moore was stricken with appendicitis. An immediate operation was considered essential. A flotilla doctor was taken aboard the destroyer escort and the ship's sick bay became the scene of a detailed description of the appendectomy which was broadcast over the ship's communication system and followed with breathless suspense by all members of the crew.

"They gave a spinal anesthetic," Moore grinned, "and I saw and heard it all without feeling a thing." I sort of enjoyed it like the rest of 'em did at the time.

Our ship was under way all the time but the "skipper" was great. He kept her in the swells thru-out the operation to keep her from rolling. The blow by blow, as the boys called it, went something like this: "0320 first incision, then a lot of details, 3040 appendix out, etc., through to the happy ending for me and everybody else. It was really a big event and everybody was in on it. It was about the only time I have ever been the complete center of attention, and I enjoyed it until the next day."

Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Moore of Weldon, N. C. He is well versed in macabre going-on having been an undertaker's assistant in his home town before his enlistment in the Coast Guard at Raleigh, N. C., in January last year.

Since the above was written by a Navy public relations official John has been given a ten day leave and visited relatives and friends here. He returned to Charleston Sunday to begin active duty. While here John was questioned by a News reporter, but modestly refrained from giving many details. However, he said "I am grateful to the Skipper and Doctor as well as the crew. Everyone was real nice to me."

Promoted

Barksdale Field, La., January 17, 1944. The promotion of Joseph Rabil from the rank of Corporal to the rank of Sergeant has been announced by Lt. Col. George P. Kiene, commanding officer of a Service Group at this field. Sgt. Rabil was formerly a resident of Weldon, N. C. His mother, Mrs. Mary H. Rabil lives at Cedar Street, that city.

He enlisted in the Army on November 17, 1942 and prior to being transferred to this field was stationed at Newport, Arkansas. Sgt. Rabil is a member of a Service Group and is at present on duty as a Combination Welder. Before joining the Army, Sgt. Rabil was employed as an Electric Arc Welder by the Sunship Co., Chester, Pa.

Troy D. Holoman

Troy D. Holoman, 49, died in Roanoke Rapids Wednesday after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services will be conducted from the residence, the old Simmons place on Bolling road, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. S. A. Fann.

Mr. Holoman came to this county twenty-three years ago. Until 1938 he was employed by the Roanoke Mill Company, he was then in the dairy business in which business he was very successful and made many friends. Last year he became connected with the Roanoke Rapids police force and made a good officer.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Addie Keeter Holloman, two sons, George Holoman of Camp Wheeler, a., and Garland E. Holoman of the home, one brother, George Holoman of Danville, Va., and one sister, Mrs. Pearl Leonard of Charlotte.

Square Dance Friday Night Here

A square dance will be given Friday night, January 28th in the Weldon Community Center. The Happy Retonga Rangers will play and the proceeds will go for the benefit of the Weldon Infantile Paralysis drive fund.

The admission is only fifty cents. "Come and dance that others may walk"

Lespedeza Tests Give Varied Data

Preliminary studies indicate that Kobe and Korean lespedezas yield approximately the same amount of forage under the same grazing conditions, reports Dr. R. L. Lovorn, in charge of forage crop investigations at the State College Experiment Station.

Tests revealed that when planted together, the total yield was approximately the same as either variety alone, but Kobe contributed only one third of the combined yields. Common and Tennessee 76 made much less growth.

The yield of a mixture of Kobe with either common or Tennessee 76 was intermediate between the two. On the other hand, where Korean and common were seeded together, the result was decidedly different. The combined yield was equal to the yield from a pure stand of Korean, but was made up of 90 percent Korean and 10 percent common.

"These results would raise some question as to the advisability of seeding common or Tennessee 76 with either Korean or Kobe," Lovorn says.

He suggests that growers purchase their supplies of lespedeza seed for planting this season as early as possible because there are shortages in certain areas and seed are hard to get.

He points out that the need for lime and fertilizer becomes greater the longer lespedeza is grown on a farm, due to the depletion of the soil's natural supply of plant nutrients by removal of the hay. For this reason it now pays to fertilize lespedeza on lands where formerly it did not.

"Furnishing phosphate and other conservation materials is a part of the AAA program designed to increase production of food crops immediately, and at the same time to maintain fertility of the soil," he said. "Costs of all such materials are deducted from payments due individual farmers at the class of the program year."

All orders for phosphate under the 1944 program should be placed at the County AAA Office, he added.

More Phosphate To Be Available

Farmers of Halifax County again may obtain superphosphate as conservation material under the 1944 Agricultural Conservation Program of the AAA, according to D. M. Crocker, Secretary of the Halifax County AAA Committee.

The deduction rate for phosphate this year will be \$18.00 per ton for 20 per cent material \$17.60 per ton for 9 per cent, and \$17.00 per ton for 28 per cent, which is slightly more than the rate which prevailed in 1943 due to increased costs of shipment from the sources of supply, Crocker said.

"As was the case last year, phosphate supplies will be limited in 1944, but have been assured that the amounts available will be somewhat larger than last year," he said. "Allocations will be made on a monthly basis, and every farmer who plans to use phosphate should give us his order as soon as possible so we can tell what will be needed."

He said a total of 36,963 tons was used in the entire state last year and that prospects are bright for more than that amount this year. Of the total amount used, farmers of Halifax County applied 250 tons under the 1943 program.



U. S. Treasury Department

Farm Security Offices Are Moved To Halifax

The Farm Security Administration office which for the past several years has been located in the Bank of Halifax building here has been moved to Halifax into the government owned office building, located south of the town.

RECORDERS COURT NEWS

Dorsey Harper, colored of Enfield charged with bastardy not pros with leave.

Murphy Carter, white of Littleton was found guilty of reckless driving and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs.

Hugh Smith, colored of Scotland Neck was found guilty of non support and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and on further condition he remains of good behavior and properly supports his family.

Mary Lee Bradley, colored of Enfield was found guilty of larceny and given 3 months in jail.

Willie Capehart, colored of Scotland Neck was found guilty of possession and sale of liquor and was given eight months on the roads to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$35 and court costs and on condition he appear the first Tuesday of each month for two years and show that he has not violated any criminal statute and that he has not used or had in his possession any alcoholic beverage.

Eddie Long and Timothy Mills colored of Weldon were found guilty of engaging in an affray and were given six months on the roads each to be suspended on payment of one half the costs each and on condition each remains of good behavior for 2 years during which period he shall refrain from frequenting any so called Piccolo Joint, cafe or place where beer is sold. Timothy Mills to pay in addition to half the costs, the account of Dr. R. B. Blowe.

Nathaniel Mitchell, colored of Northampton County was found guilty of speeding and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs.

A term of Superior Court will begin Monday with Judge Walter Bone of Nashville presiding.

Cotton Ginning Report

Census report shows that 25,228 bales of cotton were ginned in Halifax County from the crop of 1943 prior to January 16 as compared with 27,358 bales for the crop of 1942.

T. J. Swain, who was in charge of the FSA set-up here, stated this week the offices were moved to consolidate the work and cut down expenses. He expressed appreciation to the people of Weldon for their co-operation while the work was being carried on here.

Mr. Swain and his office force are carrying out the same program as in the past of helping farmers who need government aid.

More than 50,000 Carolina automobile, truck and trailer owners have not bought their 1944 license plates, according to D. C. Johnson local Manager of the Carolina Motor Club. This lag is in spite of a thirty day extension granted motorists by virtue of a bill enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly at the 1943 Session.

The local office of the Carolina Motor Club has sold a total of 3,500 automobile, truck and trailer plates through the 22 days of January. This represents a loss of 1,000 plates over the same period during 1943. The extension of time was blamed for the decrease in the number of plates sold here, and it is expected that a last minute rush will be created by those motorists who have put off purchasing their plates until the last minute.

D. C. Johnson, local Manager of the Club, cites a recent notice received from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh, in which definite commitment was made that no extension of time beyond January 31 would be granted motorists this year. It was also announced that prompt and vigorous prosecution by State Law Enforcement Agencies would be started February 1 to see that all cars operating on State Highways display new 1944 license plates.

The local office of the Carolina Motor Club observes the hours of 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., and motorists are urged to buy their plates immediately or stand the chance of being delayed due to heavy crowds congesting the office during the last five to six days of January.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williams had as their guests on Monday Jimmie Larkin and Miss Mickey Larkin of Washington, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shaw of Enfield.

MYSTERY GIRL BURIED TUES.

Time To Apply For Crop and Seed Loans

Mr. S. R. Griffin, Jr., field supervisor for the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office, stated that farmers of Halifax and Northampton County are now applying for loans to finance the production of their 1944 crops. Applications for loans are now being written in the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Halifax, N. C. He stated that in addition to financing the production of the crops regularly grown in this vicinity, loans were also being made for the production of those crops declared essential to and so vitally needed in the war effort this year. Plans for 1944 call for increased production of many food crops. The production goal for such of these crops as the Extension Service considers can be successfully planted and grown in Halifax and Northampton County should be met. The need for funds necessary for the production of these crops will be given special consideration with the view that credit will be extended, wherever needed, so that no farm family will be denied the opportunity to make its maximum contribution to the Food Production Program.

The body of the "Mystery Girl" known only as Catherine Dawson which has been held in the H. G. Rowe Funeral Home for the past several months, was buried last Tuesday in the local cemetery.

All efforts to identify the girl were to no avail as Coroner F.N. Rowe assisted by Roanoke Rapids and County Police officers traced each lead to its origin.

The girl was taken into custody at the bus station in Roanoke Rapids after acting strangely Sunday, November 14 and remained in jail until Tuesday when she was admitted to Roanoke Rapids Hospital where she died several hours later.

She gave no clue as to her identity except saying her name was Catherine Dawson and her father lived in Hoboken, N. J. Authorities in New Jersey have been unable to locate the family of a girl by that name.

Dozens of people have written, wired and telephoned about missing women, but all failed to identify the body here. Many people came to the local funeral establishment and viewed the body.

Counties Honored With "A" Awards

Haywood, Northampton, Pitt, Chatham and Wilson counties will receive Achievement "A" Awards for outstanding excellence in agriculture in 1943, according to G. T. Scott, chairman of the US DA War Board.

These counties were selected by the War Food Administration because of their splendid performance in increasing farm production. They not only met but also exceeded their Production Goals. They shifted peace time production to meet war time demands. They made full use of their land and labor resources. In fact, everything possible was done to cooperate in the "Food for Freedom" fight, not forgetting full support of War Bond purchases, rationing and price control measures, and cooperation in all the salvage drives.

Each of these counties will receive an "A" banner from the War Food Administration to be presented by the Army in appropriate ceremonies in February. Plans are now being made for the celebration in each county and full details will be announced at a later date, according to Scott.

The State College Extension Service and all other agricultural agencies have cooperated in this work in each county, to make up the activities of the County War Board and are all joining together in arranging plans for the "A" Award celebration.

Not only the county honored but also each farm family in the county. "These families are gratefully honored for services nobly rendered to our war effort and it is expected that they will all take part in the 'Award Day' ceremonies to be held in February in connection with the presentation of the 'A' banner," Scott said.

Air Scout Meeting

The Air Scouts held their regular meeting Wednesday night, at 7:30 o'clock at the Scout Hut.

Mr. Richardson, the Scout master spoke on the "Infantile Paralysis Drive" and gave "March of Dimes" pins to the Air Scouts which are to be sold Saturday, January 29th.

Lets everybody cooperate and buy a pin from an Air Scout or Boy Scout Saturday morning. Geo. Medlin, Air Scout Scribe.

One PT boat requires about 28,000 board feet of lumber. We're building hundreds of these craft. Army barracks require about 1400 board feet of lumber per man. We're housing millions of men. The crating for one 40 mm anti aircraft gun requires about 875 board feet of lumber. Were shipping thousands of these guns. One wooden landing barge requires about 200,000 board feet of lumber. We're building plenty of these craft. The decking of one battleship requires about 300,000 board feet of lumber.

Club Achievement Day a Success

On Saturday, January 22, over a hundred 4-H club girls and parents gathered in the Weldon School Auditorium for the Annual Achievement Day Program. Miss MacGregor, Assistant 4-H Club Leader of Raleigh presided as with her presence for the day giving the main address the morning and leading in recitation in the afternoon.

Presiding officers were Miss Anna Lee Whitley, president and Miss Agnes Ellen, Secretary, both Enfield. Miss Barbara Collins Wm. R. Davie led the group the 4-H Club Pledge. Devotionary were given by Rev. W. W. Finley, Pastor of Weldon Baptist Church who spoke very fittingly on the occasion. Miss Virginia Homan of Weldon welcomed the guests and the response was given by Miss Sarah Ann Butts of Aurora Springs. Miss Carlton Jenkins of Darlington led the audience in Pledge to the Flag. Miss Agnes Ellen introduced Miss Frances MacGregor who gave an inspirational address on opportunities offered through the greatest use of 4-H Club Activities. Miss Alice Homan of Weldon, accompanied her mother closed the morning program with a solo rendering of "The Song of Health."

In the afternoon Miss Mary Homan Harrison of Enfield gave readings.

State honor medals were presented to Agnes Ellen and Alma Whitley for placing in the ribbon group with their 4-H Team Demonstration, to Anna Lee Whitley for Food Production Records, to Agnes Ellen State Dress Revue and Cloth Achievement Records, to Virginia Pittman for Food Preservation and Best County Achievement Records.

Miss Estelle M. Edwards, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent then presented County Championship certificates to Miss Marie Hoggard, for vegetable gardening, Sarah Ann Butts, for Improvement and Poultry Club, Alma Lee Whitley, Food Production, Virginia Pittman and Preservation and Best all-around Club Member, and Agnes Ellen for Clothing Achievement. Thirty five Achievement Certificates were presented satisfactorily completing a year of 4-H Club Work, and twenty certificates for rendering help-service in the war effort.

Miss MacGregor led in group singing and recreation, accompanied on the piano by Miss Sue Homan of Thelma.

The Weldon 4-H Clubs acted as hostess for the day and served the close of the afternoon. Made and cookies together popcorn and candy.

Local Boy Wins High Honor

Joseph P. Thorne son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thorne of Weldon, N. C. was awarded the good deed medal by his regimental commander, Colonel T. A. Padley, Pfc. Thorne is now stationed Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

North Carolina Men Meet In London

Adquaters, European Theater of operations--All the excitement of a honeymoon was brought to the fourth overseas reunion of North Carolina soldiers in London recently when Staff Sergeant Stan Stevens, Jr., of Rocky Mt. brought his English bride four days to the American Red Cross Mostyn club for the party.

Sgt. and Mrs. Stevens were home town soldiers helping celebrate.

The feminine companionship at dinner. Mrs. Stevens had two S. Private Mary D. Wilkins Belmont and Private First Class Dorothy E. Wain of Granbury. Mrs. Wilkins started off an evening of reunions when she met Corporal Clarence P. Armstrong Belmont, whom she had not seen in many months. Three Rudford soldiers met for the time overseas, and to fill out the evening, Corporal Burton R. Stevens and Technical Sergeant Bert R. Brown of Bethel met the first time in more than a year. The fourth time at North Carolina reunion, Lance Corporal Jack Edwards of the 5th Signal Force, from Hickory, present. Among those present at the reunion was Private Julius Silvestri of Weldon.