

Marine Injured In Jump From Train

Robert Parris, 25, S. Marine Corps, sustained contusions of the head and chest Sunday morning when he jumped from an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train between Weldon and Halifax. Parris was a prisoner and was escorted by two Shore Patrolmen from Governor's Island, Fort Mifflin, N. Y. He managed to get away from his captors and landed in the water near Whitehead and an immediate search was started.

Parris was found lying beside the track near the Chantilly crossing and was rushed to Roanoke Rapids Hospital where he remained until late Sunday afternoon when officials from Camp Lee, Va., ordered his removal to that camp by ambulance.

Mother Receives Letter

The following interesting letter was received by Mrs. A. P. Ellis from her son Pvt. A. P. Ellis who is now stationed somewhere in Italy.

Somewhere in Italy,
August 15, 1944,

Dear Mom,

Well I'll try to relieve your mind a little. I received a letter from you today, mailed August 8. You had just heard that I was in combat but you didn't sound too worried about it. I don't want you to worry because I'm just as safe here as I am anywhere. I don't understand why people expect you to stay home and cry about it. There are lots of mothers with sons on the front besides you. If they had done that, things would be a fine mess. If everybody stayed at home and worried about their boys on the fronts, who would work in the defense plants? Who would be backing us up? What kind of letters would we receive from people who spend the day sitting around moping? They certainly wouldn't be very cheerful. I figure it this way. What is to be will be, and no power on earth can prevent it. If a bullet has my name on it, then I'll get me. If it's meant for me to come out of this thing all in one piece, then I will. It's not for me to decide what's going to happen. Our lives are controlled by a higher Power over which we have no control. The time for you to start crying is when you get a message from the War Department. But still there's no use crying even then for you'll know that I have passed on into a peace that can never be achieved here on earth. I hope that I have eased your mind about me. If I have then maybe you should read this at your next missionary meeting and maybe it will help to ease their minds about their sons. You might even publish it. I sincerely hope that it will comfort you to know how I feel.

I'll close for now,
Your loving Son,
A. P.

Rules Given For Purchasing Truck

Prospective purchasers of used trucks yesterday were urged by the Raleigh District office of Defense Transportation to make certain before acquiring the vehicles that their proposed operation meets all ODT requirements.

Since October 25, 1943, Harvey R. Roseman, ODT District Manager at Raleigh pointed out, persons who were not designated motor carriers as of that date, have been required to show that the operation of the truck is necessary to the war effort or to the maintenance of civilian economy.

Application for a certificate of necessity must be made and the CMN granted before gasoline allotments are made. Mr. Roseman reminded, or in the case of a new service, application for authority to inaugurate it must be made. These application blanks may be obtained from the ODT District Office in Raleigh, N. C.

Critical shortages of trucks, tires and gasoline, the ODT official pointed out make it necessary that only those operations deemed necessary to the war effort and essential civilian economy be approved and authority to operate a truck should be obtained by a prospective purchaser before he actually buys it.

The Roanoke Firemen's Association Meets Here

The Roanoke Firemen's Association is composed of members from Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Halifax, Enfield, Scotland Neck, Whitakers and Rich Square met here Tuesday night in the Community Center with the Weldon firemen as hosts. A barbecue and Brunswick stew supper was served.

L. C. Barrow was toastmaster and presided over the meeting. Sherwood Brockwell, State Fire Marshall of Raleigh was the guest speaker and he talked to the gathering on "Fire Prevention."

Representatives from all of the membership towns were present.

Much Confusion Now Regarding Spud Prices

Raleigh, September 21st -- D. S. Matheson, vegetable marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, reported that shipments of Irish potatoes to markets in North Carolina and other states continue heavy because of the feeling among producers that the ceiling of \$3.60 per hundred weight now permitted by the Office of Price Administration will be reduced to \$2.50 in September.

The heavy shipments are weakening the market unnecessarily, and are also causing the digging of potatoes which would produce larger yields if allowed to remain in growth for a longer time," declared Matheson. He added that requests that a prompt decision be made and announced by OPA in regard to future ceilings "have not been productive of results as yet."

The price being paid per hundred pounds for cabbage in bulk on the produce market at West Jefferson is approximately \$2, according to Matheson.

Due to the fact that crop prospects for cabbage have deteriorated in practically all areas -- especially in Western New York, North Carolina competition -- the price now being received by producers may hold off the remainder of the season.

Churches Welcome Back Children

The churches of Weldon are looking forward to Sunday when the boys and girls who have been prohibited from attending Sunday School and the church services on account of the Polio epidemic will be returning to their respective churches.

Returns Recently From Foreign Duty

Miami Beach, Fla., Sept. 18-- Sgt. Edward P. Mitchell, 24, husband of Mrs. Maybell Mitchell of Weldon, N. C., has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined.

Sgt. Mitchell served 27 months as a rifleman in the European theater of operations.

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He became a member of the Armed Forces on November 29, 1941.

Edwin Williams Now First Lieut.

15th AAF IN ITALY -- Edwin R. Williams, 22, son of Mr. J. L. Williams, 240 Washington St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C., a 15th AAF P-51 Mustang fighter pilot, has been promoted to the grade of First Lieutenant.

Lt. Williams has been on overseas duty in Italy for four months, and has completed 28 successful combat missions with over 135 hours of combat flying. His missions, principally high altitude heavy bomber escort, have taken him over Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Rumania, and Hungary. He has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters.

He has served in the army air force since March 1943, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant on January 7, 1944, after completing the advanced training courses at Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga.

A graduate of the Roanoke Rapids High School, he attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, for two years.

His wife, Mrs. Margaret T. Williams, lives at 511 Roanoke Ave., Roanoke Rapids.

Roanoke Nearing Its Flood Stage

Weather Bureau Warns Residents Along River To Take Full Precautions

A warning to residents along the Roanoke River to take full precautions against high water was issued by the Weather Bureau along with a prediction that the river would be several feet above flood stage at Weldon by Friday reaching a height of 47 feet.

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Hes a Fighter Pilot!

HE'S GOT TO HAVE TRASH-FREE COTTON

SPEED, STRAIN, EMERGENCY LANDINGS, BAIL OUTS, MEETING ALL KINDS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE ALL IN HIS DAY'S WORK. THAT'S WHY HIS FLYING SUIT, PARACHUTE HARNESS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT MUST BE MADE OF HIGH-GRADE, CLEAN-FIBER COTTON... ABLE TO TAKE IT!

FOR VICTORY FOR PREMIUMS MAKE THE GRADE THIS YEAR

PICK COTTON DRY AS POSSIBLE... PICK BEFORE WEATHER DAMAGE... KEEP TRASH OUT... KEEP GOOD COTTON SEPARATE...

COOL COTTON



Looking like a million dollars, helps the time go faster while awaiting the stork. This young officer's wife does it by wearing cool cottons, and the dress she models above is a brown and white checked gingham sun back which has a let-out feature at the sides. A brown jacket covers it for town and is a good streamliner, too.

FOUR SONS IN SERVICE

Four sons of Mrs. Mary H. Rabill of Weldon are in the service of their country. Pfc. Mitchell Rabill entered the Army in August 1942 and has been in the Pacific theatre since September 1943. He is with the 7th AAF on Saipan. Sgt. Joseph Rabill entered the Army in November 1942 and has been with the AAF in India since April 1944. Pfc. William Rabill entered the Army in July 1943 and is now stationed at Charlottesville, Va. S 2 Ernest Rabill joined the Navy in June 1944 and is now stationed at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla.

Bible Teaching Begins Local School

Miss Blanche Banks of Raleigh, N. C., arrived Monday to begin the teaching of Bible in our local school. She was secured for this work by a committee representing the churches of Garysburg, Weldon and Halifax. Thus we join a large number of other towns and cities of North Carolina in promoting instruction in the Bible in the public schools. Miss Banks is well qualified as a Bible teacher, both by training and experience.

Local Boy With "Silver Streaks" Marauder Group

A Ninth Air Force Bomber Base, ETC -- Staff Sergeant Seldon M. Pierce of Weldon, N. C., a personnel clerk with the Silver Streaks Marauder group, is as busy these days as he was back home when he was cashier of the Southern Cotton Oil Company.

The son of Mrs. Kate Allen Pierce, of Weldon, and husband of Mrs. Dozenna J. Pierce, of Garysburg, N. C., the sergeant is serving the headquarters of the Ninth Air Force's Silver Streaks group which is commanded by Colonel Reginald Vance, of San Antonio, Tex.

The ex-cashier is still occupied with finances. He arranges the payroll and handles numerous personnel problems.

Sgt. Pierce is a graduate of Weldon High School and attended the University of North Carolina. He was active in Freshman basketball at college.

He is a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity and the Weldon Community Club. He entered the army at Fort Bragg in August, 1942, and studied at the army administrative school at Denver, Colo.

Always store potatoes in slatted crates, or bins, that are raised from the floor, say State College specialists. Plenty of ventilation is needed to prevent rot.

Conference At Methodist Church

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the local Methodist church will be held Friday evening, September 22, at 8:00. Annual reports will be made by the various agencies of the church, and officers and committees for the new church year will be elected.

Mrs. Sallie B. Parker

Mrs. Sallie Benn Parker, 65 died Monday at noon at her home at Menola near here. See had been ill for eight years.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday at 3 o'clock by her pastor, the Rev. P. F. Newton of Rich Square. Burial was in the family cemetery near the home.

Mrs. Parker was a native of Northampton County, born November 15, 1878, daughter of the late Joe and Bettie Vinson Benn. She was a member of the Methodist Church at Woodland. Surviving are a son, Fitzgerald Parker; two daughters, Mrs. K. P. Barber and Miss Bettie Parker, all of Ahsokie, Route 2; two brothers, J. T. Benn of Weldon and C. J. Benn of Roanoke Raids.

No Error Found In Murder Trial

Court Denies Appeal of Sam Jones Negro, Sentenced in Halifax County

The State Supreme Court yesterday found no error in the lower court trial of Sam Jones, Negro, sentenced to death in Halifax in June for first degree murder in the slaying last December of Lindsey Price.

At the trial in Superior Court Jones gave notice of appeal in the high court, but the appeal was not perfected. Under rules of the high court, however the record in the case was reviewed. As a result of the Supreme Court's decision the date for the execution of Jones will be Friday, October 6.

John V. Baisey, Jr. Returns From Overseas

Miami Beach, Fla., Sept. 16-- PFC John V. Baisey, Jr., 23, son of John V. Baisey, Sr., of Weldon, N. C., has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined.

PFC Baisey, served 48 months as a rifleman and machine gunner in the Southwest Pacific theatre of operations. While there he received the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon.

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Before entering the service PFC Baisey worked as a grocery clerk. He became a member of the Armed Forces on June 6, 1940.

RECORDERS COURT NEWS

Joseph Taylor, colored of Enfield charged with non-support nol pros.

Joe Daniel, colored of Enfield charged with assault with a deadly weapon was found not guilty.

Eddie Harris, colored of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of peeping in the bedroom of Mr. Zack Mohorn and was given eight months on the roads.

James Freeman, colored of Roanoke Rapids assault with a deadly weapon was given ninety days on the roads.

Ocie Taylor, colored of Enfield charged with larceny was found not guilty.

Robert Lee Dickenson, white of Manteo plead guilty to driving while drunk and was fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

Ben Roger Millikin, Jr., of Boykin, Va., plead guilty to speeding and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs.

Jerry Dunn Askew, white of Roanoke Rapids plead guilty to speeding and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs.

Clifford Ray Burnette, white of Rocky Mount plead guilty to speeding and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs.

Joe Hawkins, colored of Littleton plead guilty to driving while drunk and was fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

James Williams, charged with forcible trespass - defendant called and failed. Judgment nisi sci fa capias and continued.

O. P. Tabron, colored, charged with non support nol pros with leave.

Bruce Price and D. Martin, colored of Brinkleyville were found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and prayer for judgment continued on payment of 1-2 costs and on condition each remains of good behavior for two years and during said time they are not to violate any criminal statute.

Mrs. Robert Bloomer and son have returned to their home in Charlottesville, Va., after spending some time with Mrs. R. T. Daniel.

Representatives at State Council Meeting

The State Council of Home Demonstration Clubs is being held in Raleigh this week. Halifax County is represented by Mrs. V. I. Hockaday, County Federation Secretary, Mrs. Thomas B. Moss, County Federation Treasurer, and Mrs. R. C. Rives, 2nd Vice-President of the 14th District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. The three representatives are accompanied by Miss Estelle M. Edwards, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent.

She Did It. Have You?

Mrs. E. J. Smith of Weaver's Chapel believes in doing something about a problem in the home if you have one. This being a good season for fruits and a reasonable one for vegetables, Mrs. Smith has done quite a bit of canning. Then she was confronted with the problem of good storage for this canned food. Here to fore Mrs. Smith had stored her canned foods upstairs in a spare room but this year she decided that it was too large a task to carry several hundred filled jars up the stair steps. So she put on her thinking cap and made plans for shelves in her kitchen. Since Mr. Smith is very busy at this time of the year, Mrs. Smith took saw, hammer, nails and boards and made a substantial set of shelves. Then to top it off, she painted the shelves white and added touch of chinese red to blend with the other things in her kitchen.

The shelves are now filled with the several hundred jars of canned foods all sorted and arranged in groups. She now is able to see at a glance just what she has, how many jars of a particular product she has left and above all she neither has to carry up or bring down the canned foods from the upstairs room.

We feel that more families should work out storage problems. Perhaps all women are not as efficient as Mrs. Smith but we still feel that with the aid of the husband or some one else every home can have storage space for foods of various types. Good storage of foods is just as important a food production, and we believe that if the housewife is determined enough on the subject she can get something done about it. Something is better than nothing so what are you going to do about your own storage problem?

Those Late Tomatoes --

The U. S. Department suggest that late tomatoes from your garden be made into thick tomato juice or in other words puree. The puree to be used next winter to make tomato sauce for hamburger, meat loaf or other meat dishes and spaghetti dishes. Directions are to wash tomatoes and remove green spots, but do not peel. Cook until soft. Run through a sieve. Boil in open shallow kettle until of desired thickness. Stir often to prevent scorching. Pour hot into hot jars, add one half teaspoon salt to each pint jar and process in boiling water 20 minutes.

Extra green tomatoes make good pickles.

William Hodges Completes Radio Training

Camp Lejeune, N. C., Sept 21-- Marine Private William C. Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hodges, 512 Jackson Street, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., recently was graduated from radio operators school at this base.

He now has mastered the International Code, Basic Electricity, Fundamentals of Radio Theory, and Radio Operating Procedure.

Ellis Wins Prized Badge

For exemplary conduct in combat, Pvt. A. P. Ellis of Weldon has been presented the Army's newest award for infantrymen, the combat Infantryman badge.

Awarded for exemplary conduct in combat in a major operation, the new medal is a silver rifle on a blue field with a silver border, imposed on an elliptical silver wreath.

Pvt. Ellis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ellis of Weldon. He is serving in an infantry regiment on active duty in Italy. He has only been in service thirteen months and has been overseas four months. He was first stationed in North Africa and later sent to Italy.