own And Farm In Wartime

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Any of This \$25,000,000 Yours, Vet?

There are approximately \$25, 00,000 waiting to be picked up by me 30,000 veterans of the last ar at the Veterans Administraon if they will apply for it bere the maturity date of their rvice certificates (bonus) which most cases is January 1, 1945, is stated by Brig. Gen. Frank Hines, Administrator of Veten's Affairs. All these veterans ave to do to collect this money to exercise their rights in conection with their adjusted sere certificates. Some 15,000 vetans can collect up to \$625 each, art of which is interest they are ow being charged on loans and t interest they are losing by having applied for the bonds at were issued in exchange for rtificates. The others can colt in addition to the face value their certificates an average \$250 each in bond interest by changing their certificates for

G. I. Joe's Post-War Plans Seven per cent of the men now the Army have definite plans operating a business and five cent plan on farms, according a survey conducted among ops in the United States and verseas by the Information 3:id ducation Division, Army Service rces. For the most part they are terested primarily in relatively mall enterprises, with half of ese having definite plans saying at they will invest \$4,000 or less. Rural Housing Facts Sought Rural housing authorities have allotments for rural low rent t three post war years if fedfunds are made available, ilip M. Koutznick, Commissioner uthority, announces. No funds e at present available to local using authorities and any future blic housing activities will dethe housing needs of small a as well as farms. SA Holds Line Against Land

Inflation With careful search, some good arrives from the overseas theatre to supply survey for artillery.'
ad-Jones Farm Tenant Act re based on its policy of holding the against land inflation

line against land inflation

"Prior to this new procedure, iods of moving to new pastion." line against land inflation. But with farm land values in

ny areas approaching boom levtenant purchase loan applis, who must find for themves the farms they wish to purse, erperienced more difficulty t year in locating farms that asured up to FAA standards ud approve.

Although average land values eased 15 per cent during the fiscal year, farm purchases nced by FSA averaged no more acre than the farms bought in vious years. They are financed the basis of then productivity average purchase price per last year was \$4,252, comthe first five years of operof the tenant purchase pron average of \$4,033.

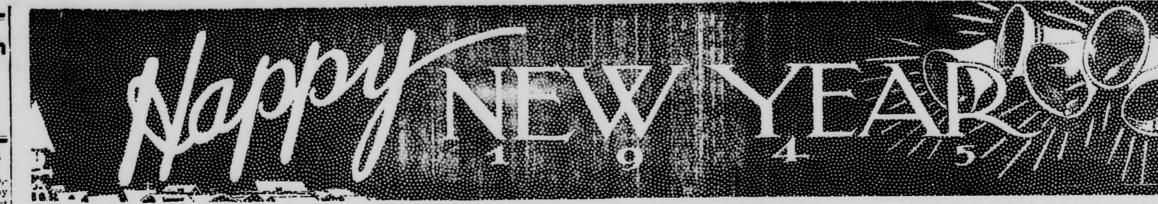
Mrs. Eudora B. Riggan

rs. Eudora B. Riggan, 90 died he home of her daughter in leton, Saturday morning. Fuservices were conducted from residence Sunday afternoon burial followed in the family tery at Mountain View in

ren County. . Riggan was the widow of te Rev. C. N. Riggan and daughter of the late Tom and Johnson Flemming of War-County. She died on her sevfirst wedding anniversary. rviving are four daughters Florence Vaughan of Warren-Mrs. C. M. Moore, Sr., Misses and Ella Riggan of Little-24 grandchildren and 25 great children.

Cotton Ginning Report

nsus report shows that 26,506 of cotton were ginned in Hal-



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War Department Adopts New Policy Notifying Next Of Kin Of Overseas Casualties Giving Events In Detail

Original Casualty Notification Telegram To Be Followed By A Direct Air-Mail Letter From The Commanding Officer Or Chaplain Of Soldier's Company

PROGRESS REPORTS GIVEN ON WOUNDED

In Case Of Slight Wound In Combat Postal Card To Be Mailed

The War Department has adopted a new policy in notifying the next kin (or emergency addresses) of Army casualies overseas an asked to submit applications whereby detailed information may be received in the shortest possible ising construction that they will time, Major General Frederick E. prepared to undertake in the Uhl, Commanding General, Fourth Service Command announced to- France.

General Uhl stated. "In addithe Federal Public Housing tion to the original casualty notification telegram and letter of conand entirely upon the authority mailed directly from the Com- enemy's big guns. appropriations that the Con- manding Officer or the Chaplain s may provide for this pur- of the organization to which the location was is that an enemy batse, he said. The FPHA seeks to soldier was attached. This letter tery fired a couple of rounds to w the desires and needs of lo- w.ll be sent within a short while show an inspecting German gencommunities before making after the casualty ocurs and will recommendations to the Con- be specific in detail relative to the Major E. J. Morris, Jr., Sylacauga, ss. Rural housing authorities circumstances of death, luneral

> warded direct from the hospital shells landed right on the target to the emergency addressees.

"Relatives and driends of Army ms can still be bought at fair personnel casualties should keep ices despite higher land values, in mind that from the time of s the Farm Security Adminis- receiving the original notification, in reporting that 3,369 tion from the Adjutant General unm purchases made during the til the supplemental information critical phase of operations, and

> possible for the office of the Ad- nization. jutant General to answer the plied families at the earliest pos- Macon. sible date from the soldier's com-

manding officer." Major James F. Morison, Personnel Affairs officer, Headquarters Fourth Service Command pointed out, "In addition to supquality was not sacrificed. plying direct information on deaths a new procedure is being put into effect towards supplying progress ed with \$4354 the year before reports on wounded and seriously 5.144 farms are bought. Dur- | ill. Some of the hospital personnel will write a letter to the emergency addressee immediately followwhich began in 1937 farms ing the admission of a seriously imilar quality were purchased wounded man to the hospital, telling briefly the nature of the wound Fifteen days later a card will be sent telling of the progress made by the patient which in turn will be followed by a second letter in iously wounded list. As long as he ly. is in this condition this procedure

> "In the case of soldiers wound- this fall. ed in combat but not seriously ill a postal card will be sent every fifteen days stating the condition

of the soldier." General Uhl explained "this new procedure in both instances ther on Armistice Day. Capt. Johnwill naturally be of great comfort to emergency addressees as well of value to the War Department. It eliminates the "middle man'--so to speak--by having the reports made out at the hospital and mailed immediately to the person concerned, instead of being first transmitted to the Adjutant

General and thence to the emergency addressee." General Uhl emphasized that this new plan will in no way eliminate the "message of cheer" which each emergency addressee is en-couraged to send at Gov. expense to a wounded soldier once a month, nor will it affect the pres-

Gaston And Macon Boys With 1st Army

Sixth Army Group, France --Artillery barrage preparations that opened the French First Army's drive along the Swiss border to the Rhine smashed and neutralized enemy artillery and fortifications in the Belfort Gap region.

The planning that directed that barrage and the location of the German guns that were smashed before they could hinder the drive was just a part of the day's work for the 1st Field Artillery Observation battalion, which is working with the French First Army in

Using "sound and flash" methods, the soldiers of this battalion located enemy batteries accurately and quickly. When it was time dolence sent the emergency ad- for the drive to start, American dressee from the War Department and French artillerymen, working in Washington, a letter will be air- side by side, quickly smashed the

"One story of how effective our eral staff how good they were Alabama, battalion commander asked to provide in their plans arrangements and overseas burial. explained. "But no sooner did taey "When men are seriously wound- fire than we replied. Our location ed, the information will be for- had been perfect and the Fank and wiped out the battery and the visitors.'

The battalion commander went on to explain that their job is to "gather information to neutralize enemy artillery activity during the

"Prior to this new procedure, iods of moving to new positions, the only information in the War since December, 1942, reportedly Department was obtained thru longer than any American unit the initial casualty report sent by since 1865. This battalion is also code indicating that the soldier the oldest American field artillery had been listed as a casualty on observation battalion in the Army a specific date. This made it im- according to officers of the orga-

Soldiers in the battalion include: sured up to FAA standards many queries for additional de- Sgt. Edison B. Burnette of Gast-could be bought at prices FSA tails on deaths. Under the new on; 1st Lt. Walter B. Thompson program these details will be sup- and Sgt. William B. Rodwell of

James T. Johnson Listed As Missing

James Tillery Johnson, son of

Pfc. Johnson was in the infantry in the drive on Dusseldorf which which he served for 53 years. He letter from him dated Nov. 25 he thodist Church. another fifteen days, provided the said German artillery is giving us

saw each other three time; in children. November and spent awhile togeson is with the Field Artillery.

Blanding, Fla., is spending a leave night after a short illness. He is coming from Leland Case in charge

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Canipe and family spent the holidays in Western North Carolina with relatives. ence of the home; three brothers of the animal how to lead and family of Virginia Beach, Va. of Scotland Neck and Hubert of Show cattle should be kept spent Tuesday with Mrs. H. V

Lt. Harry Kittner of Camp Lejunne, N. C., spent the week end at home.

who has been hospitalized either to December 13 as compared ent policy whereby a special report for wounds, injuries or illness and who takes a dangerous turn for 24,716 bales for the crop of is submitted to the Adjutant General in the case of any patient the worse.

King Cotton Seeking Candidates For '45 Maid Of Cotton Contest

Application Blanks Now Available At Council Office in Memphis

Memphis, Tenn. — (Special) — Want to be Maid of Cotton in 1945, young lady? The way's wide open. Speaking for the American cotton industry, the National Cotton Council today extended an invitation to all girls between the ages of 18 and 25, inclusive, who are natives of one of the 17 cotton producing states, to become candidates for the title. The winner will be named in Memphis. Tuesday, February 6, but to be eligible all candidates must submit completed application blanks and photographs on or before January 20.

The winner will receive a 90day, all-expense tour of the major cities of America, during which she will sell War Ponds, visit military establishments, greet public officials and other celebrities, and be featured in fashion shows emphasizing the care and conserva-tion of cotton fabrics. In advance of her tour, she will receive a special period of training in New York. The Maid will be accompanied by a chaperone at all times.

Application blanks can be obtained by writing the National Cotton Council, P. O. Box 18, Memphis information and photographs subto appear before the judges on Bond sales she turned in. February 6. The selection will be based on personality, appearance and background, side reciel consideration being given for singing, dancing or dramatic ability.

contest is one of the outstanding York, and the Council.



Dan Cupid tagged 1944's Maid, Linwood Gisclard. In this all-cotton wedding dress, she became the bride of an Air Forces captain at the end of her tour.

events of its kind in the nation. In 1, Tennessee. On the basis of the 1944, the winner was Linwood Gisclard, a senior at Louisiana State mitted by contestants, a limited University, who received an ofgroup of finalists will be selected ficial citation from the Treasury on January 20, and will be invited Department for the volume of War

The contest is conducted by the Council in behalf of the entire cotton industry, and is sponsored by the Memphis Cotton Carnival Association, the cotton exchanges of Now in its seventh year, the Memphis, New Orleans and New

Mrs. John M. Shearin

The battalion has been in the line continuously, except for periods of moving to new pastions.

Mrs. Donnie Knight Shearin, 69, I heard the bells on Christma day day there have made and the bells on Christma day. Their old, familiar carols play, nesday at noon. Funeral services And wild and sweet were conducted by the Rev. R. L. Bain at Harris Chapel Friday Of peace on earth, goodwill to morning at 11 o'clock. Surviving are her nusband and the following children; J. E. Shearin and Mrs. W. E. Dodson of Portsmouth, Va.; Pattie, Kathleen and George Shearin of Holnster; B. W. Snearin o of the armed forces in France, Mrs. C. L. Cannon of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Walter Ruthledge of Oxford.

James Thomas Benn

James Thomas Benn, 69, died Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnson of at his home here Saturday night Raleigh, formerly of Scotland after a long illness. Funeral ser-Neck, is reported missing in action vices were conducted Christmas in Germany, November 29, accord- Day at 2 o'clock from the resiing to a telegram received by his dence by the Rev. D. L. Fouts and parents from the War Depart- burial followed in Cedarwood cemetery.

Mr. Benn was a retired agent of in the 9th army and was probably the Seaboard Air Line Railway was underway at that time. In a was a member of the Weldon Me-

Surviving are his wife, four wounded man is still on the ser- a fit, please pray for us constant- sons, Neil Benn of Wilson, Jimmie Benn of Portsmouth, Va., J. He enlisted in the infantry on T. Benn, Jr. and Dan M. Benn of bedding plenty of fresh water, and will continue at 15 days intervals. August 1942 and went overseas Weldon, two daughters, Mrs. Ken- salt during the feeding period. neth Faucett of Norfolk, Va., and They need not be housed too close-Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have an- Mrs. J. I. Wyche, Jr., of Weldon, ly but should be protected from other son in Germany, Capt. Hugh also one brother, C. J. Benn of Johnson, Jr. The two brothers Roanoke Rapids and several grand weather. Young animals generally

Frank Pope

Pvt. Edgar Terry of Camp home in Scotland Neck Sunday These are pertinent suggestions survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise of Extension animal husbandry at Pope, two daughters, Mrs. William State College. He also advises Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Kitchen and Jim Pope of Spring Hill, Asa Pope show to the best advantage.

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The beliries of all Christendom Had rolled along The unbroken song Rocky Mount, John Ollie Shearin Of peace on earth, goodwill to

And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said:

For hate is strong. And rocks the song Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep; "God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!

The wrong shall fail, The right prevail, With peace on eart', goodwill to

-- Longfellow.

Train Animals Now For The 1945 Shows

Beef animals for show or sale should have a liberal supply of severe cold and especially stormy get enough exercise but older animals need exercising. It may be advisable to keep a mineral mixture before the cattle, especially Frank Roy Pope, 70, died at his where no legum hay is fed.

Roanoke Rapids. Funeral services clean by washing and brushing M. Newsom, Jr., steward; W. C. were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 Case suggests at least one washc'clock from the chapel of the ing a week during the month be- ler, and H. L. Davis, chaplain. Scotland Neck Funeral Home, con- fore the show. Clipping heads and ducted by the Rev. Mr. Stair of tails, improving the appearance Pallbearers were C. B. Parks of the feet are points to be learn- It isn't the cigarette that starts Edward Martin, Norman Pope ed by smart showman. The coun- the fire but the match with which Herbert Pope, Joe Pope and Ho- ty agent will be glad to give the cigarette was lighted, say are: Pvt. James A. Lassiter and pointers on this work.

Crusade For Christ Rally At Methodist Church Jan. 3

Bounds Back From Overseas

William F. Bounds, Aviation Radioman Third Class, U. S. N. R., of Weldon, has returned from a tour of duty as aircrewman on a Navy torpedo plane based on a baby flattop, the U. S. S. Gambier Bay, which fell victim to strong dire from Jap battleships and cruisers off Samar Island on October 25.

Bounds, a radioman and gunner abroad a General Motors-built Avenger was attached to Composite Squadron Ten. He was in the thick of the invasions of Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Peleliu, Anguar, and Ul.thi, and saw action in redemption and renabilitat on evthe battle off Samar.

He took part on numerous combat missions, many of which were against enemy-held installations such as gun positions, buildings, and troops. His crew chalked up ing flights as it helped pave the seeing itself, and seeing its world, many successful strafing and bomb way for our invading forces in the

He is the son of Mrs. C. Bounds and the late Mr. Bounds o. Weldon and is a graduate of Weldon High School.

Wounded In Action

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wimbrow of Weldon have been notified by the War Department that their son Pfc. Daniel Smallwood (Tickie) Wimbrow was seriously wounded in action in France on December

Littleton Man Helps Repair Planes' Guns

An Eighth Air Force Liberator ing. Bomber Station, England--"Always have the guns ready" is the motto Local Boys Help of the Armanent Section of the 467th Bombardment Group, com- Crush Nazi 19th. manded by Col. Albert J. Shower, in which Pfc. Leroy C. Threewitts is an ammunition worker.

Pfc. Threewitts and his coworkers exercise an over all control of all armonent on the station, from the pistols and carbines of the ground men to the deadly .50-calibre machineguns with which the Liberators are armed. Loading am munition belts, making monthly checks on each ship's guns in order to check for proper care and Army. maintenance are part of their du-

Working night and day, Threemaking sure that the guns carried to Strasburg and the Rhine, the by our bombers will safeguard tnem on their many forays into Hitler's "lortress deciman,

Private Threewitts who lives in Littleton, N. C., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Threewitts of 216 Park Ave., Emporia, Va., and entered the Army March 23, 1943, A the middle. graduate of Littleton High School he was employed by the Newport News Shipbuilding Co., before entering the Army.

Install Lodge **Officers**

Littleton--J. D. Pope will be in stalled as master of the Royal Hart Lodge, No. 497, at ceremonies to be held January 8. Other officers to take office include F. H. Eason, senior warden; A. G. Wilcox, ju-F. Murtin of Norfolk and Flor-halter breaking early and training nior warden; D. W. McPherson, ence of the home; three brothers of the animal how to lead and treasurer; A. W. Parker, secretary; D. W. King, senior deacon; Raymond Ward, junior deacon; A. Jones, steward; W. H. Wright, ty- ful maneuvering enabled the 397th

> One sign of a good sportsman is of the horns, and proper trimming a match stem broken in 3 pieces.

Bishop W. W. Peele of Richmond, Va., will speak at a Crusade for Christ Rally at the local Weldon Methodist Church Tuesday evening, January 2 at 7:30. Other

speakers will be Dr. B. G. Childs

of Duke University and a represen-

tative of the Conference Woman's

Society of Christian Service. This is one of two such meetings to be held in the Rocky Mt. D.strict. Delegations from the Methodist churches of Halifax and Northampton Counties will attend the Weldon meeting.

Of icially launched by the Gereral Conference of the Methodist Church at Kansas City, Me., on May 3, 1944, "The Crusade for Christ" is the boldest and most comprehensive program for world er laid upon the hearts of the people called Methodists.

This four year, five-pronse Crusade is Methodism's answer to such a "time for greatness" never before challenged the followers of Christ. It is Methousin whole- and resolved to do something about what it sees. It is methodism on the march down the world's Jericho Road. It is Methodism aware, alarmed, awakened aflame - and mobilized for effective action on the home and on the toreign fronts.

This Crusade for Christ has live major spearheads, linked togotaer like the fingers of a hand. They are: The Crusade for a New World Order, World Relief and Reconstruction, Renewed vangelism rafforts, Education for Christian Stewardship of ability, time and money and Improvement of Sunday School Enrollment and At-

The public is cordially invited to attend the Crusade for Christ meeting here next Tuesday even-

Sixth Army Group, France ---The 397th Infantry Regiment of the 100th (Century) Divis on is one of the newest units fighting on the U. S. 7th Army front in Eastern France--but its members have the satisfaction of knowing they played an important part in the "squeeze play" so theroughly applied to the German 19th

While French troops spearheaded drives through the Saverne Pass in the north and Belfort Gap in the south, both routes lead no fought relentlessly against the thousands of Nazis caught in the middle. With the French holding the enemy in on the sides, the 397th--and other units of the 7th Army--braze piston-like aga nst

The 397th began its push, and its baptism of rire, in the dense forests of the Vosges Mountains in the vic.nity of Baccarat. The fighting conditions were as tough as any that any troops faced along the extended S.xth Army Group front--the Group consisting of the American 7th and the French 1st Armies.

Un addition to a frantic enemy who fought with the lorocity of a trapped rat, the 397th faced innumerable land mines, booby-traps and well prepared defense installations. The weather was cold, it rained frequently and mud was ankle deep. The forest, covered with a heavy undergrowth, pro-

vided cover for Nazi snipers. But stubborn slugging and skillto push through Raon l'Etape, Senones and other key towns leading toward the Rhine and the eventual defeat of the last Germans

in France. Among members of the 379th