

LIONS HEAR PLEA FOR ARMY NURSES

Stressing the need for more nurses and women in the Army, Lt. Helen Madden of the Wilmington Army Recruiting Station, yesterday told the Wilmington Lions' club at their weekly meeting that the Nation's wounded were coming home faster than they could be taken care of.

In an effort to impress members of the club, she exhibited pictures taken of wounded sailors and soldiers beginning their long trip out of the "expression of hope" that they were going home. Many of the boys were without arms and legs.

"Perhaps you are wondering what the WAC has done with the large number of school teachers we have taken into the service," she said, and told the group that these women, specialists at teaching, were now training the large number of maimed and hurt boys to go back into civilian life without losing their self respect. Lt. Madden spoke of the numerous ways these teachers are showing the boys how to make their own way even though many have no hands with which to work.

"In this war, 97 out of every 100 of our wounded can be saved if they reach hospitals in time," she said, stressing the excellent medical care and good doctors which the Army provides. However, she emphasized the lack of nursing, pointing out that to maintain proper medical care, it takes one nurse for every 26 hospital beds.

Lt. Madden said that the Army has taken men waiting for reassignment and made nurses of them. "This," she said, "causes resentment on the part of these boys. I have talked with some of these men," she disclosed, "and they were bitter toward me and my sex. They told me they were disgusted with the work because nursing was a woman's job."

Pamphlets were passed to members of the club, and Lt. Madden asked that the members of the group continue to uphold public opinion on behalf of the women in service and the work they were accomplishing.

Dr. Herbert Codrington read a telegram which had been forwarded by the club to Senator Josiah W. Bailey and Francis Biddle, attorney general of the United States, in support of William B. Campbell for the office of Judge of U. S. District Court for the eastern district of North Carolina.

Operating Committee Of USO To Meet Today

A meeting of the operating committee of the Second and Orange USO will be held at 5 p. m. today at the club and will be attended by Kenneth S. Dale, USO YMCA regional supervisor.

Major William C. Lane, special service officer at Camp Davis, will present a talk on Camp Davis. A meeting of USO personnel will be held at 4:30 p. m.

By the end of 1940, Britain had lost 900 ships, totaling more than 3,000,000 tons.

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Flood-Stricken Family Flees In A Home-Made Barge



A home-made barge sails a flooded street in Cincinnati with the household furnishings and members of a family routed from home by high water from the raging Ohio river. From Pittsburgh to its junction with the Mississippi at Cairo, Ill., the Ohio was rising toward levels reached only twice before in history.

Japanese Premier Predicts Early Invasion Of Nippon

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(U.P.)—Japanese Premier Kuniaki Koiso, warning that the United States soon may invade Japan, said today that imminent events would decide whether the country survived or perished. He told the Japanese to sacrifice everything for the war.

OAK GROVE AREA TO GET CHURCH

The moving of a Wilmington church to the site of Oak Grove Chapel, to provide a Presbyterian church for the people of that community, is expected to be begun early next week. W. M. Dickson, chairman of the Planning committee of the Wilmington Presbytery said today.

Mr. Dickson reported that he had given the "go ahead" signal to the people of the community at a meeting Tuesday night. It was explained that the congregation would do the moving itself.

In a brief account of the history of the new church, Mr. Dickson said the Wilmington Presbytery told the Oak Grove congregation several months ago that it would get a lease on the lot from the New Hanover county School Board. After doing this, a building owned and used by the Pentecostal Holiness group and located on City-owned property at 305 North Second street was bought. The \$1,100 building was bought through the Planning committee, of which J. R. Benson is treasurer.

The funds were supplied by the Special Home Missions and regular Home Missions funds, he explained.

The chapel will be under the care of the First Presbyterian church but actually will belong to the Wilmington Presbytery, the chairman said. C. D. Parker is chairman of the Building committee, comprised of L. E. Hart and L. N. Boney.

Nakina Child Is Burned To Death In Corn Crib

WHITEVILLE, March 8.—Bonnie Ray Canady, four year old son of G. W. Canady, a soldier serving in Great Britain, was burned to death yesterday afternoon in a corn crib at his home in Nakina. The child's dog died with him when flames enveloped the corn crib so quickly that the boy's mother, Mrs. Lola Mabel Canady, who rushed from the house nearby, was unable to extricate him. It is believed that the child was playing with matches, since no fire was burning anywhere in the vicinity of the crib.

In addition to his parents, the child is survived by two brothers, Wayne Canady and William Canady.

Tobacco Warehouse Destroyed By Fire

TABOR CITY, March 8.—Fire, believed to have been caused from a defective curing system, destroyed the "Big Three" tobacco warehouse here last night, it was learned. The warehouse, which was owned and operated by B. Alton Garrell, was currently used for storing and curing sweet potatoes. The Whiteville fire department was called, and the blaze still was in progress at 10:15 p. m. The amount of damage was not estimated.

More than 2,000,000 Coast Guard Port Security identification cards have been issued in New York.

DEAD YANK CITED FOR BRAVE DEEDS

KELLY, March 8.—A Presidential Citation and a Purple Heart medal, awarded posthumously to Sgt. DeVane Colvin, who died August 17, 1944, of wounds received in action, were received here recently by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Colvin.

The holder of two previous awards, the Silver Star, given for gallantry and outstanding service in combat, and the Bronze Star, token of heroic conduct on the field of battle, Sgt. Colvin entered the Army September 12, 1941. He went to the British Isles in 1943 and participated in the invasion of France.

The Presidential Citation read: "In grateful memory of Sgt. DeVane Colvin, who died in the service of his country in the European area, August 17, 1944. He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live and grow and increase its blessings. Freedom lives, and through it, he lives, in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men."

Sgt. Colvin's regimental chaplain wrote to his parents: "Your son was performing his duties in a most courageous and excellent manner, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Burial services were conducted by an Army chaplain of his own faith and interment was in a United States military cemetery located in Brittany, France."

PAROLES ISSUED. RALEIGH, March 8.—(P)—Governor R. Gregg Cherry today issued paroles to Albert Mallard, who was sentenced in Pender county, October, 1944, to twelve months' imprisonment for non-support, and to Charlie Hyatt, sentenced in Columbus county, November, 1944, to twelve months for affray.

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EYEWITNESS TELLS OF RHINE BREACH

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New York City, during a brief chat in a command post on the east bank of the Rhine, "but we are pretty sure Burrows was the first man to set foot on this side of the Rhine."

The first troops began swarming onto the German-held side of the river at 3:50 p. m. Wednesday afternoon. (Accounts from the west bank said 4:30 was the crossing time). Since then the flow of men and material has proceeded uninterrupted despite intermittent shelling which had grown heavier late today.

The crossing site was nearly out of range of small arms fire today. Germans in a village near the fast-moving operation were watching in wide-eyed awe as the American military might poured across the Rhine throughout the day.

Their consternation was exceeded only by the natives in towns across the river who had made no move to evacuate even though Cologne had fallen and the First and Ninth Armies were drawing up along the Rhine on a broad front.

One of the first men to greet me on the opposite shore was a chaplain from Henryetta, Okla., William Gible. Everyone else was so busy fighting this morning that he went with a German medic into a town on the east bank of the river and accepted the surrender of the entire populace and some 400-500 wounded Germans in a hospital.

It was a fitting retribution for the soft voiced Oklahoman, who was captured by the Germans during the Ardennes battle and held prisoner for six hours before an American counterattack released him.

The fighting men of the Army which forced the D-Day bridgehead in Normandy were wild with joy at the success of the Rhine crossing.

Pvt. John Motsinger, Pittsburgh, Kans., was playing a French harp. "Want one?" he asked. "I got millions of 'em." His pockets were bulging.

Prisoners were coming in so fast there was no one to take care of them. Many were wandering about disarmed, but loose, and they remained wary of the 88 fire which was dropping spasmodically.

The unluckiest individual was a German naval officer who came chugging down the Rhine in a barge at an embarrassing moment. Half a dozen Americans leveled guns at him and his hands came up. For several hours everyone was too busy chasing the Germans on the bank to fool with those in the water and the barge admiral in gold braid and blue serge, and his crew, just stood in the boat with their hands up.

Maj. James Baker of Columbia, Mo., a medic who superintended evacuation of wounded back across the river, said casualties "were

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extremely light" for the operation. Most of the killed or wounded were due to shells which came whistling into the crossing site. I made the crossing to the east bank with Pvt. John Getz of Strasbourn, N. D., whom I had met walking along a road leading to the west bank after my jeep became entangled in a traffic jam. As we approached the river bank an 88 shell landed squarely in the middle of the street, killing one American soldier and wounding another in the leg. Everyone hit the dirt. A couple of medics crouching low ran to the side of the wounded man lying in the gutter writhing in pain. We reached the other side without any more rough stuff and took shelter in a huge tunnel in the side of a rock precipice that towers on the eastern bank of the river when the 88s opened up again.

WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday. Temperature: 1:30 am, 51; 7:30 am, 46; 1:30 pm, 53; 7:30 pm, 51. Maximum 55; Minimum 46; Mean 50; Normal 52. Humidity: 1:30 am, 80; 7:30 am, 78; 1:30 pm, 71; 7:30 pm, 71. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month, 0.01 inches. Tides For Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) High Low Wilmington 5:46a 12:27a 5:06p 1:07a Masonboro Inlet 3:26a 10:07a 3:39p 10:04p Sunrise, 6:30 a.m.; Sunset, 6:13 p.m.; Moonrise, 5:12 a.m.; Moonset, 1:24 p.m.

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Two Negroes Arrested In Robbery of Soldier

Two Negroes, who allegedly robbed a Bluetenthal Field serviceman of \$340 in cash early Thursday morning, were apprehended yesterday afternoon by City police, booked on charges of highway robbery, and put in jail in default of \$2,000 bond each. The serviceman, Cpl. James C. Roache, of the 337th Service Group, reported to police about 4:35 a. m. yesterday that he was walking by the housing project on north Fourth street while on his way to camp, when two negroes came up to him, one grabbing and beating him, while the other took his money. Roache's description of the two men was sufficient for officers to identify them as Henry

L. Mills, 28, longshoreman, and Samuel Jenkins, 32, laborer. Both men have previous records, police said.

Abandoned Auto Placed In Storage By Police

A 1944 Ohio licensed automobile, which had gathered numerous police tickets during the three days it has been parked in front of the Cape Fear hotel on Chestnut street, was placed in storage yesterday by City police, it was reported. The only identification, located on a tag pasted inside the windshield, read Fifth Corps Area, U. S. Army, Public Relations department, Columbus, Ohio, the State license number is R-23-Y.

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