

OFFICER THANKS LOCAL RED CROSS

From the commander of a ship in the Pacific area to the Wilmington chapter of the American Red Cross has come an expression of gratitude from servicemen for the work carried on by that organization.

The letter reads, "Dear Friends, Those of us who have performed extended duty on and overseas who have experienced the blazing, filthy pest holes and the frozen, desolate wastes of some of the world's most unpleasant spots, have long since become familiar with the great heart, the service and comfort afforded by your organization, and are continuously grateful. For instance, in my own case, it was only through the Red Cross that I was finally able, four months after the event, to get word in the Middle East about the birth of my first child.

"At this time, however, we feel that we have occasion for a little note of special thanks to your chapter in the kits given to personnel of this vessel. You are to be complimented for your taste and common sense in selecting the useful articles found in the kits.

"Please accept the gratitude of the men officers and myself for these gifts and also our best wishes for continued success in your work of cheering, binding up and lifting those weary, depressed and broken," signed, "Lt. R. D. Foster."

Local residents yesterday continued to honor servicemen during the current Red Cross War Fund drive to raise \$88,000 in the County, by securing "Memo for Joe" certificates.

Robert Strange, campaign chairman, again emphasized the procedure by stating that all men and women of the armed forces who are honored by their families or their friends, will have their names inscribed in the "Memory Book" to be kept in the Public Library following the drive now in progress.

"Joes" named yesterday and reported to campaign headquarters are Sgt. Earnest T. Scott, Staff Sgt. Quinton R. Burke, Cpl. Robert L. Bowling, J. B. Mewborn, E. L. Mewborn, Capt. William K. Brumbach, Pfc. J. G. Howe, Jr., Lt. Col. J. G. Howe, Lt. Emmett H. Durham, Seaman Ivey C. Russell, Sgt. James Muckley, Lt. Carlisle Wilson, Seaman I-c Henry M. Patelos.

Lt. Thomas R. Ames, Jr., Lt. H. L. Patrick, Jr., Capt. James E. Garner, Jr., Lt. Henry B. Rehder, Lt. George S. Rehder, Capt. William S. Rehder, Cpl. Stanley M. Patelos, Lt. Katherine E. Rehder, Ens. Herman J. Gerdes, Jr., Sgt. John C. Wrede, Staff Sgt. J. W. Yates, Russell M. Waldorf, Cpl. William H. Montgomery, Jr., H. M. Von Osen, Capt. James G. Thornton, Jr., Mary Alice Craft.

Fifty persons were killed and 327 injured in motor vehicle accidents on North Carolina highways during January, the State Highway Safety Division announced today.

Rural areas lead in fatalities with 34 deaths as compared to 16 in urban areas. Hickory and Kings Mountain led the cities with two fatalities each.

Pedestrian accidents took the highest death toll. Speed, excessive in proportion to surrounding conditions, was reported as the chief cause of all accidents.

Treasury To Investigate Free Spending At Resorts

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Reporter asked whether the Secretary had an estimate of how much income tax evasion there is.

Morgenthau said no, but he was conducting an investigation, whereupon a reporter asked:

"Mr. Secretary, is there any way that you could corral the money that is being made in tips, say, by waiters, taxicab drivers, and so forth?"

"Well," Morgenthau replied, "I would like to go after some of the little bit bigger guys."

He was asked for an example and said:

"In the old bootlegging days we spent most of the time going after fellows with five-gallon stills and the other fellows—we let them get away with it. I am interested in the fellow with the suite of big rooms and the lush boys—get after them first."

Obituaries

MARGARET J. LEMMON
Funeral services for Margaret J. Lemmon, 19, who died Wednesday morning at her home at 311 North Seventh street, will be held at 2 p. m. today at the Forest Hills Presbyterian church in Richmond. Burial will be in the Maurey cemetery. The Rev. C. C. Crawford will officiate.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. G. T. Lemmon, of Wilmington; and three sisters, Marie Carolyn Lemmon, of Wilmington and Janet Lemmon and Mrs. J. W. Long, both of Richmond.

Active pallbearers will be Giles Robertson, E. C. Peace, J. W. Long, Jr., T. F. Loughborough and J. J. Farrow.

Platinum was known from very early times but it was not introduced to Europe until the 18th century.

Honor For Service



In recognition of 25 years of service to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Robert R. Romeo, manager of the Wilmington district, was awarded a diamond studded service medal by Gale Johnson, vice president of the company, at a conference of home office officials Tuesday and Wednesday at Greenville, S. C.

It was pointed out that Mr. Romeo started his career with the company following his release from military service at the close of World War I, when he served as an officer in the Medical Administrative Corps. His experience has been varied. He served as agent for the company from December, 1919, to February 22, at which time he was appointed an assistant manager, and served in this capacity until July, 1927. He was then promoted to his present position as manager of the Wilmington office.

NAZI PRISONERS RETURN TO WORK

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form the task outlined. A nipping March wind did the rest.

The Wilmington prisoner-of-war camp has rated high in productivity since its establishment, Lt. Hazel said, calling it second to none in the Fourth Service Command. He estimated that more than half of the fertilizer processed in City plants in recent months had been handled by prisoners-of-war in his charge, most of whom he described as very good workers. A critical shortage in civilian labor faces the fertilizer companies at present, he pointed out.

Prisoners-of-war are hired by private employers at prevailing wage rates, according to Army regulations. The wages go directly to the Federal Government, which pays the war-prisoners eighty cents a day.

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., March 22—(AP)—Sheriff Tanner Hanson seems to be bait for thieves. A short while ago he had a box of shotgun shells stolen from his inner office and recently he had the horns stolen from his car.

Hull To Attend Parley If His Health Permits

WASHINGTON, March 22—(AP)—Joseph C. Grew, acting secretary of State, said today that Cordell Hull intends to go to the San Francisco Conference late next month if his health has sufficiently improved.

Grew made this comment in response to inquiries:

"Mr. Hull has made a splendid recovery. He has regained his weight and is rapidly regaining his strength. He stirs about the hospital and enjoys the good weather."

"He is keeping himself familiar with the important phases of developments in the international situation as they relate to the business of the San Francisco Conference."

"He feels that whether he can attend and the degree to which he can participate is entirely dependent on his health, which continues to improve."

The former Secretary of State, 73 years old, has been in naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., for several months. He is a member and senior adviser of the eight member delegation which President Roosevelt appointed to the United Nations Conference.

Earlier today, the White House said that Hull would not be replaced as a delegate, implying that if health prevented his going the delegation would consist of seven members, including Secretary of State Stettinius as chairman.

Hull himself is determined to go if he can possibly make it. His doctors will give the final

Japs Say Fifth Fleet Still Prowling Pacific

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day's crippling blows to imperial warships, n so long he would pass the Rukyus, lying between Formosa and Japan.

Continuing its unconfirmed claims that the American force was "fleeing," the enemy radio said Thursday that it was in waters "to the east of the Okinawa Islands."

decision shortly before time to leave for the West Coast.



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