

WILKES SAILOR IS VICTIM OF GIANT WAVE ON SHIP; SWEEPED FROM DECK, BODY RECOVERED

(By WILLIAM L. WOODRUM) Aboard a War Vessel in the North Pacific, April 21. (Delayed) —Claude Russell Robinson of Gilreath, N. C., was hurled at sea today as this vessel's first casualty of the war.

Robinson, like most killed in either the navy or the army in this area during the last year, fell victim not to the Japanese but to the weather which is waging unrelenting war on every outpost and ship of either fighting nation.

During a particularly bad sea storm yesterday, Robinson, an aviation metalsmith (third class), was sent aft with a working party

to make sure the vessel's planes were secure on the catapult deck. They found one plane in danger of being damaged by excessive waves breaking clear over the deck and dousing the whole ship with frigid spray. Heedless of their own safety, Robinson and one other man rushed to the endangered plane.

They never had an opportunity to do anything about it. One wave, larger than the others, came in over the ship's starboard rail. It was green water, not spray. The second fell to his hands and knees, clutched desperately at the catapult and saved



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Washington, D. C., May 26.—At least twenty-five thousand farm tractors are idle along the eastern seaboard between Virginia and Maine. Their owners hold ration coupons, but little or no fuel is available. At the same time, possessors of B cards find gas to drive their dogs to the country for an airing, while loaded taxis arrive at night clubs in New York, Washington and Boston.

The Office of Price Administration has no idea how many gas coupons are outstanding. The entire gas-fuel rationing system faces chaos in the east and Pacific northwest. Even the mid-west is expected to feel the pinch shortly. And in Texas and Oklahoma thousands of gallons of oil are being burned daily through lack of storage space.

Orders issued by OPA to stop pleasure driving, and the placing of tractor fuel for farmers on an equal basis with Army priorities by Fuel Administrator Ickes may bring temporary relief. Responsible officials of the petroleum industry believe that no final solution will be reached until a probe is made of OPA rationing methods. They assert that the Price Administration hasn't been tough enough. This accusation covers policy makers in Washington as well as local boards which have lightly gushed out B cards upon the slightest excuse.

Present crisis is the result of a himself. Robinson, standing, had no time to reach for anything. Solid green water carried him over the port quarter, far above the life line rigged there.

Robinson's companion saw him once, atop a wave 50 yards astern of the vessel. Secure for the moment in a life jacket, he was waving, almost unconcernedly. Signals, telephoned and flashed, sent an accompanying destroyer in sharp turn to fight back thru the seas after the lost man, who by this time had been fortunate enough to float past a second vessel without being caught in its propellers.

The destroyer, turning, plunging its bow into the waves on the way back and finally maneuvering delicately alongside the floating sailor, found Robinson in less than half an hour and succeeded in pulling him from the water—in itself a feat of super-seamanship—after 45 minutes.

However, the bitter cold—the water 36 degrees above zero—had been too much. Hours of artificial respiration and injection of heart stimulants failed to revive him.

So today, this ship's company lined a deck solemnly while a chaplain spoke of Robinson, his friends aboard, his family at Gilreath, N. C., his church affiliations and the things he had hoped to accomplish in the navy.

On the destroyer, close alongside, Robinson's body rested under a flag, then plunged into the waves. The Japanese have yet to take a life from this ship; but the sea has claimed its first.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as executor of the estate of Miss Martha Elizabeth Holloway, deceased, late of Wilkes county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Springfield, North Carolina, on or before the 24th day of May, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 24th day of May, 1944.
LONNIE RUFUS BLEVINS,
Executor of the estate of Miss Martha Elizabeth Holloway.
7-1-6T

NOTICE OF SALE
North Carolina, Wilkes County. Under and by virtue of the power contained in Section 2821(37), Michie's Motor Vehicle Laws, Article VIII, Section 78, Sub-Section (8) of the North Carolina Code, the McNeil Pontiac Company will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on the 30th day of June, A. D., 1943, at the hour of ten (10:00) o'clock A. M., at its place of business at Cricket, N. C.:
One Buick Sedan, Serial No. 13267542, Motor No. 43445039, Model 1938.
The said McNeil Pontiac Company having made certain repairs and performed certain labor on said car under and by agreement with John S. Joines, Washington, D. C., in the amount of eighty-five (\$85.00) dollars, this work having been performed on or about the 20th day of February, 1943, and more than ninety (90) days having elapsed since said labor and material was furnished, the above property will be offered for sale to satisfy the lien of the McNeil Pontiac Company as set forth above.
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break in Texas-Illinois pipe line accompanied by peak demands on the part of agriculture and the military. Only ultimate solution is to cancel all outstanding coupons and commence over again with a workable priority system.

ROT SPRINGS—SPECIAL
Washington Farm Reporter's special press representative at the International Food Conference at Hot Springs, Va., wires that the delegates from 45 nations appear to be wobbling around without any clear-cut knowledge as to the main purpose for the meeting.

While American reporters are kept outside the grounds of the Homestead Hotel by American soldiers, our foreign visitors and U. S. delegates flock from one committee meeting to another in confused groups of two hundred plus. In the cool of the evening, a press communique is issued stating that English has been designated the official language of the conference, the French delegates dissenting. It is also announced that everyone has politely voted to uphold the Presidential ban which refuses newsmen entrance to the sacred grounds.

Item: The State Department is paying, for 2,400 pints of liquor bought into license-tight Virginia by special gubernatorial dispensation. The visiting delegates will not go without official State Department entertainment—not so long as the tax-payers' money holds out to buy the drinks.

Item: With Judge Marvin Jones elected permanent chairman of the conference, Under Secretary of Agriculture Paul Appleby moves in as head of the American delegation. Appleby is viewed in Washington as being some place between the "pint-of-milk-for-all-the-world" school and the Harry Hopkins inner circle group. Appleby says the U. S. must be rationed for at least two years after the war so that we may feed everyone everywhere.

Item: The British delegation, headed by Richard Law, is most cordial to the press, comes rushing out for interviews—at the tinkle of a bell. As Britain never figured much in the International Institute of Agriculture, which for more than 30 years has been the focal point for world agronomy, it is evident that the representatives of King George VI want to junk I.I.A. and set-up a new big time food show where they will be nearer the head of the table. Law proposes an International Food Office similar to the International Labor Office which has been operating side by side with the League of Nations in Geneva.

Item: Tremendous good could come from the conference. Many vital food and agricultural problems need solutions. But the entire approach has been unfortunate. If only food in relation to military requirements was to be discussed, all the secrecy which has enveloped the meeting from its inception would be warranted. However, it is evident that policies and procedures far beyond the military will be considered. The American people and their representatives in Congress are the only ones who have a right to make a final decision on such matters. They should not be kept in the dark, while inner circle political appointees make plans in smoked-filled rooms.

SCOUTS ARE READY
Leaders of the Boy and Girl Scouts were in Washington last week to confer with top officials of the labor recruitment division of WFA. They told M. L. Wilson, head of Extension Service, Col. Taylor, the Army liaison officer in Chester Davis' office, and representatives of the major farm organizations that the boys and girls were "set to go" on the farm job. Application for Boy and Girl Scouts labor should be made locally. The big Scout operations this year will be conducted on the basis of needs for farm labor, which would include the simpler processing problems such as peeling tomatoes in canneries.

OVER HILL—OVER DALE
The 700 million dollar Agricultural Supply Bill is having closed hearings before the Senate Appropriations Committee these days. Up to now, mostly USDA and agency officials have been called as witnesses. Little has leaked out as to what was said. This week farm leaders will be heard.

Last week the House passed the Deficiency Appropriations Bill with the specific direction that no money placed at the executive disposal of the President should be used to finance Farm Security Administration.
In Syracuse, N. Y., the Manufacturers Association has developed a plan whereby industry may lend workers to farmers.
War prisoners are already be-

ing used on American farms, according to War Secretary Stimson. Inquiries as to available prisoners in any specific territory should be addressed to the Provost Marshal of the Corps area. Local postmaster will have his address, but there are many prisoners—yet!

Herbert Parisius, who resigned his job in USDA as one of Wickard's left hand men at about the time that Don Montgomery was leaving the Department to book-up with CIO: is now former Gov. Lehman's ace in North Africa.

John Brandt, two-fisted, fighting leader of big Land o' Lakes Co-op Creameries, predicts an acute milk shortage just across the summer solstice.

Here in Washington, OPA already has written strict rationing orders for all dairy products. They are set for application as need arises.
Opinion here is that OPA will be washed out within three to four months, its functions taken over by WFB, USDA, WFA, etc.

CCC WANTS BILLION MORE
Commodity Credit Corp. has a bill up asking an additional billion dollars to finance its operations during the fiscal year commencing July 1. Chester Davis, War Food Administrator, appeared as chief witness at the first hearing before Rep. Henry Steagall's Banking and Currency Committee. Davis asserted that CCC was the most convenient agency with which to carry out the support policy for farm products. He said the greatest element of security for farmers lay in support prices.

Rep. Jesse Walcott (R. Mich.) suggested an amendment to the bill forbidding use of funds to pay subsidies, either direct or indirect.
Davis said, "I believe it would be very dangerous to attach the subsidy label to this bill."

J. B. Hutson, President of CCC and now Associate Director of WFA, sitting beside his Chief at the witness table, smiled thinly. Later, Hutson admitted that CCC has been paying subsidies for some time. Questioned on the purchase and re-sale of cows through Farm Security Administration, he stated that the books showed approximately a \$270,000 loss on the operation.

Steagall has given assurance that the hearings before his committee will continue for at least two weeks, and that a thorough investigation will be made as to whether hidden subsidies lurk behind the billion dollar request.

SENATE CONSIDERS TRADE
The Senate Committee considering the bill to re-new the so-called Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for another two years adopted the Danaher (R. Conn.) amendment by a one vote margin. This amendment, if passed by the Senate and agreed to by the House, would permit Congress to abrogate an agreement by joint resolution within six months after the war ends. As a joint resolution must be signed by the President, and it takes a two-thirds vote to over-ride his veto, the amendment amounts to a gesture.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of W. J. Templeton, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, whose address is Wilkesboro, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 26th day of May, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.
This 26th day of May, 1943.
ANDY TEMPLETON,
Administratrix of the estate of W. J. Templeton, dec'd. 7-1-6T

SALE OF REAL ESTATE
North Carolina, Wilkes County.
In the Superior Court
Mrs. Mamie Pendry, widow of L. B. Pendry, Clarence Pendry, Lee Pendry, Jr., Floyd Pendry, Dewey Pendry, Ted Pendry, Mrs. Othello Van Slyke, and J. R. Van Slyke, her husband.
vs.
Mrs. Thelma DeWitt, age 19, Herbert Pendry, age 17, and Billie Pendry, age 15.
Pursuant to an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkes county, directing the undersigned commissioner to advertise and sell the lands as herein-after described, I will on the 21st day of June, 1943, at 1:00 o'clock P. M., at the courthouse door, at Wilkesboro, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lying and being in the county of Wilkes, Rock Creek township, adjoining the lands of B. N. Pendry and bounded as follows:
Beginning on a post oak corner, being the north corner of a 28-acre tract of land formerly belonging to L. B. Pendry and being his part of the old Pendry tract, and running south 69 degrees west 52 poles to a stone; thence south 30 degrees west 72 2-3 poles to a stake; thence in an easterly course 46 1/2 poles to an ash; thence a southwesterly course 18 poles to a stake; thence an easterly course 20 poles to a stake; thence north 84 poles to the beginning.

Containing 28 acres, more or less, and being Lot No. 6 in the division of the Pendry heirs' tract allotted to L. B. Pendry, now dead.
This 24th day of May, 1943.
JOHN E. JONES,
Commissioner

MRS. TAFT DIES IN WASHINGTON

Washington. — Mrs. William Howard Taft, widow of the former President and Chief Justice, died Saturday at her home here.

Mrs. Taft, 81 years old, had been ill for about a year and a half.

She was the mother of Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, and Chas. F. Taft, assistant director of the Office of Defense Health. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m., Monday, with burial at Arlington National cemetery.

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From where I sit...
by Joe Marsh
Friday nights, a bunch of us fellows all get together over at Bill Webster's place. We don't play cards; we don't sing or carry on. We just sit quietly over a glass or two of beer and talk about world affairs and local politics, and what not. You mightn't think that just setting and talking would be so much fun. But it is. And it's wonderful how friendly talk over a glass or two of beer can bring out the best in people—good sense, for instance, and good fellowship, and tolerance. From where I sit, there ought to be more of this quiet talk over a glass of beer. Helps folks understand each other—and be more friendly to each other in these trying times.
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