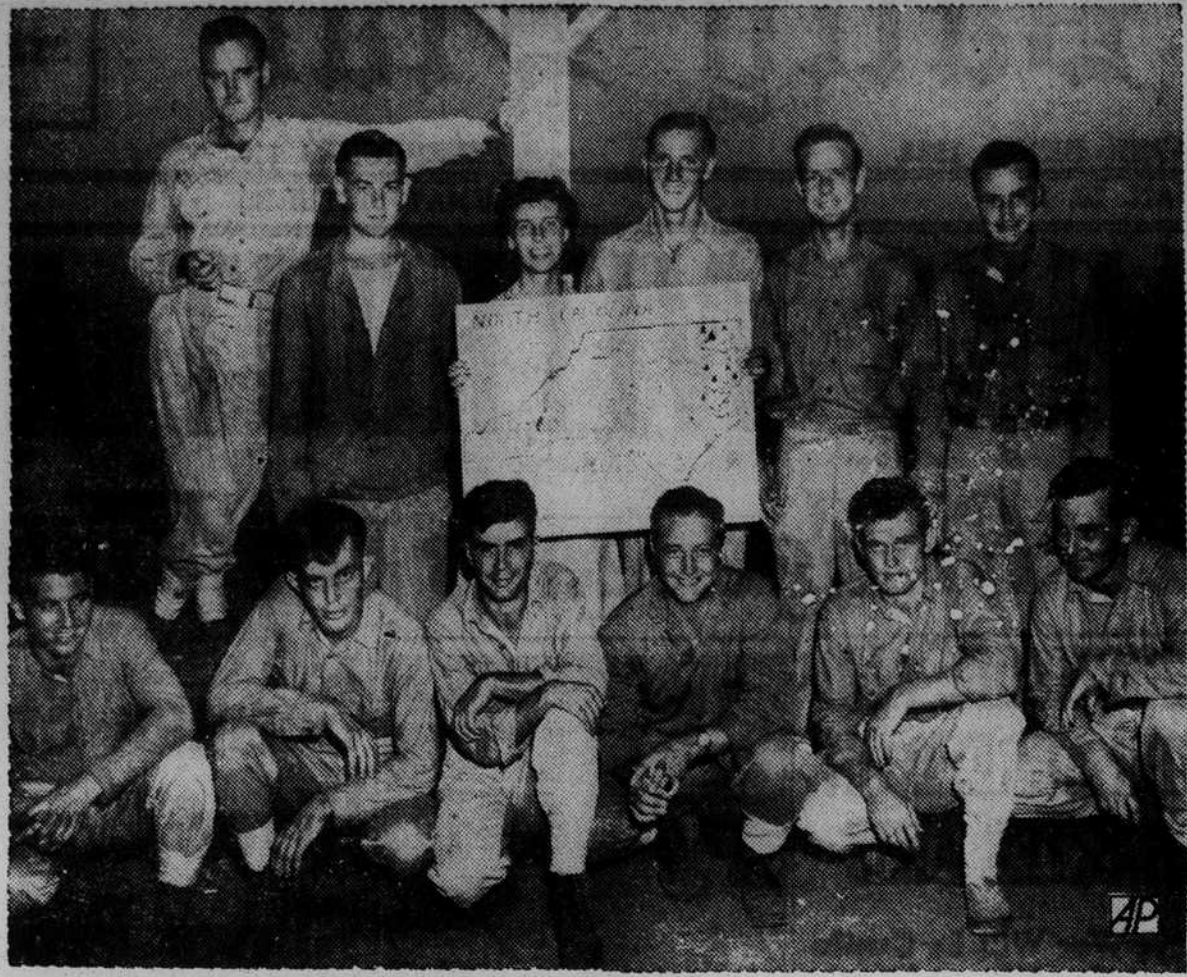


Fantastic 'Career' Ends In Court Here

Career of Gerald Ned Williams, 16-year-old Morganton youth, who for the past few weeks has been "wowing" audiences of school children, col' students and adults with his... of his life as a soldier in the British army...



TAR HEEL LEATHERNECKS MEET IN THE PACIFIC—These Marines, all natives of North Carolina, gathered recently somewhere in the South Pacific at a state party sponsored by the Red Cross...

Skiers Link First And Third Armies

WITH 84TH U. S. INFANTRY DIVISION, ARDENNES, BELGIUM, Jan. 16.—(AP)—"Nice day for skiing," the captain said to the sergeant as they met along the icy river Ourthe.

CHURCHILL

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Heard the "unconditional surrender" stand and the praise of Scobie. At the same time Churchill indicated annoyance at being pressed concerning statements by Premier Gen. Nicholas Plaxinas...

Around Capitol Square

By LYNN NISBET

POLICE—News stories emanating from Columbia about the orders given the other day by Governor Ransome Williams of South Carolina...

Mailman, Weatherman?

TULSA, OKLA., Jan. 16.—(AP)—This mailman didn't intend to be caught by the weather.

Firemen rushed to a blaze and found a mailbox melted open. In the box was a mail bag, a pair of overshoes, a pair of rubbers, a pair of leather shoes and an umbrella.

TWO YANK

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driving to Urdaneta, 27 miles east, and slightly south, of Lingayen town.

But the first determined enemy stand is being made much nearer Baguio against Sixth Army units striving to push east along nine miles of concrete road from coastal Damortis to Rosario.

Damortis is on the extreme northeast flank of the 45-mile wide beachhead, being some nine miles above San Fabian, one of the original landing points. Rosario is two miles east of the Manila north road which winds 16 miles northeast from there to Baguio.

Recently more than 40 enemy ships were wiped out while unloading at San Fernando, the port for Baguio. That indicated a possible Japanese design to move down the Manila north road against Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's east flank.

Dean Scheder, in an Associated Press field dispatch, said Yank columns moving east from Damortis toward Rosario came under such terrific mortar and machinegun fire from commanding foothills that they had to quit the road after an advance of two and a half miles.

Sunday and Monday, while the Americans inched ahead through underbrush, American warships in Lingayen Gulf and field artillery on shore blasted the enemy positions while MacArthur watched from the vicinity of Damortis. These attacks silenced Japanese field artillery but whenever the Yanks tried to get back on the road they were greeted with fire from knee mortars, machineguns and rifles.

Carrier planes of the U. S. Seventh fleet are ripping apart enemy strongpoints in the foothills with rockets as the slow advance continues.

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relieved pressure on the Ruhr and Saar. It cost the Germans at least 2 to 1 in manpower losses. Washington placed American casualties at 40,000 in the bulge battle. Indications at supreme headquarters were that the German losses might be nearer 120,000 than the 90,000 which Secretary of War Stimson indicated.

LOSSER HIGH German losses also have been exceedingly high in tanks and motor transport, which have been found in heaped and fire blackened ruins blocking roads such as the one leading into Houffalize.

South of the Ardennes bump, a new attack by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army gained two more miles in 24 hours. His assault troops captured Borg, two miles southeast of Tettlingen. It was the sixth German town taken in front of the west wall defenses this week. Borg and the others are in an area between the Moselle and Saar rivers, just northeast of the French-Luxembourg-German frontier corner.

East of Bastogne, the Third Army captured Arloncourt and several other places between Wiltz and Houffalize. In all, the First and Third armies scooped up a dozen or more villages.

WEATHER HALTS WAR IN ITALY

ROME, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Deep snow and poor visibility brought a comparative calm today to the fifth and eighth army fronts in the high Apennines and the eastern Po valley.

Only a few patrol clashes and artillery engagements were reported, as both enemy and allied forces contended themselves for the most part with clinging to positions in which a storm caught them several days ago.

Despite the poor weather the Mediterranean air force put approximately 1,800 sorties against the enemy. Heavy bombers attacked rail targets in Austria and northern Italy, fighters and mediums hit communications and troops in north Italy, and fighters shot up gun positions in Yugoslavia.

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'Key men and irreplaceable men' The other half-answer lies in a revision of the national list of "essential activities," which covers businesses or occupations contributing directly and indirectly to the war effort.

Some of the essential industries will be designated as "critical," and these will be spared the loss of key workers until the industries which retain merely the "essential" rating have been tapped.

Plans and services contributing directly to the meeting of soaring Army and Navy demands for weapons and supplies obviously will get the "critical" rating. Other—and these are understood to include the government, schools, newspapers and many others—will retain only their essential standing without the critical designation.

Congressional study of work-or-flight legislation continued. Meanwhile, the National Association of Manufacturers called in a statement for "immediate enforcement of the work or fight principle."

The association said no additional legislation is needed at this time. It did ask more power for the War Manpower commission.

The NAM called for treatment of the manpower situation on a local basis, suggesting: "A canvass of the local war production situation, including all factors; obtaining agreement by all elements of the community on all parts of the program which would contribute to maximum production" cooperation with government agencies and an aggressive public relations program to bring home the urgency of the situation.

Hearing the end of public hearings on a work or fight bill tantamount to national service legislation for men between 18 and 45, the House Military committee sought the views of CIO President Philip Murray.

Murray already has made known his opposition, advocating instead that government, labor, agricultural and management work out a voluntary solution to manpower problems. A similar view was voiced yesterday by Lewis G. Hines, representing the American Federation of Labor.

Chairman May (D-Ky) predicted committee action "within a week."

MULL

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last war has grown into one of the nation's pre-eminent feeding institutions; he told of Joe Wright who with an old rattletrap started motor service from Falston to Shelby, expanded it to Gastonia, then to Charlotte and from that simple beginning grew the far-flung City Coach and Trailways bus transportation system; he recounted the development of the Cleveland Cloth Mills with which he was associated at the beginning, from the few thousands he and O. Max Gardner scraped together to "make artificial silk" from which that industry has grown to its present stature.

Citing the power of self faith of those men and men like them, Mr. Mull said the community had never in the 40 years he's known it let down its citizenry. He told of the Woolworth corner that he recalled once sold for \$5,000; of the Bank Building corner that sold for \$25,000; of the Union Trust corner that sold for \$10,000—all exceedingly valuable properties now—that to him are tangible evidence of how the community justifies those who have manifested faith by making investments in it.

Mr. Mull called also for faith in the town and county—neither can lie down on the other, he said. "You must have a good town for the folks in the country to go to, and a good country for the folks in town to go to—it's a continuous cycle," he continued. "And don't forget there's no place here for the fellow who does nothing for the other fellow."

Guests at last night's meeting included Mayor Harry Woodson, Aldermen Tom Moore, Yates McSwain, and Farris Ledford, Commissioner D. D. Latimore, J. O. Lutz, Ki-

Today's Markets

Table with columns: Item, Today, Prev. Day. Includes WHEAT, CORN, RYE, and STOCKS AT 2:00.

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CARRIER

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The 41 ships destroyed totaled about 127,000 tons; the 23 damaged amounted to about 70,000.

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FOR SALE: SLIGHTLY USED low compression head for U. T. Moline tractor. Also 50 bushels No. 7 Coker cotton seed. J. S. Mull, Shelby, N. C. 2t 16p
FOR SALE: 18 ACRES LAND, 4 room house with lights, barn, orchard. All in cultivation, 10 acres in wheat land, almost level. Joins my home place. Possession now. Price \$2250. I. M. Allen, Kings Mountain, N. C., Route 3. 3t Thurs. Fri., Sat., 18p



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By ZENO WALL

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CANDLER POST OFFICE THEFT IS CLEARED UP

Robbery of the postoffice at Candler on the night of December 31 when a safe containing \$3,100 was removed and opened was cleared up here today with evidence offered in United States District court before Judge E. Y. Webb by Postal Inspector R. C. Wells in the case of Ferrell Thomas Smith, 17, charged with being a juvenile delinquent.

Smith, who said that his home was in Detroit and who pleaded guilty to participation in the robbery, was sentenced to serve two and one-half years in some correctional institution to be designated by the attorney general of the United States.

Wells testified that a few days after the postoffice at Candler was robbed the safe which had been cracked open with a sledge hammer was found in Henderson county. Smith and his two alleged confederates, all of whom have been arrested, were trailed through Knoxville, Tenn., where they purchased an automobile, to Birmingham, Ala., where the three were arrested. The other two alleged participants, both of whom are being held in Asheville, are William Howard Ward and Morris Edward Fondaw. These two are being held for later trial in United States court.

It was only a few days ago that Shelby police had been warned not to cash any money orders on the Candler postoffice. Of all the money, checks and stamps stolen, Inspector Wells said that about \$2,000 had been recovered.

BOWMAN

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the bank's report of its best year's operation, was re-elected cashier and secretary, and J. T. Irvin was re-elected assistant cashier. Assistant cashiers in the various branches named were Herman Beam, Fallsboro, re-elected; F. B. Price, Forest City; John F. Carpenter, Lenoir; Louis Nannery, Rutherfordton; J. D. Stockton, Spindale.

J. L. Suttle, Jr., and J. F. Roberts were continued as managers of the insurance department, Mr. Bowman and Mr. Bridges as trust officers.

All directors were re-elected, no appointment being made to the vacancy created by death of C. C. Bianton.

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The 1943 directory showed Shelby's population up to 15,897, but the intervening two years have augmented considerably the number of residents despite the many who have gone into service, the surveys already show.

Mr. Miller asked today that any firms or individuals contemplating changes in the next few months notify him at the Chamber of Commerce where the directory company is making local headquarters.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE CLEVELAND COUNTY. The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the estate of L. A. Bianton, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to advise all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at Shelby, North Carolina, Route No. 4, on or before the 15th day of January, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All bondholders to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

CAPT. McBRAY

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by Bill Bale, now in the Navy. The latest recipient of the award has a distinguished service record as well as being one of the most popular younger men of the county. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McBray of Mooresboro, he attended the Mooresboro school, Gardner-Webb Junior College, and Elon College where he was an outstanding basketball and baseball player. Following college he took a teaching position at Polkville where he successfully coached athletics until he entered the Army Air Corps three years ago.

His advancement was rapid in the service and he was assigned to the Chinese theater of operations where his accomplishments made him an outstanding member of that air force. In February, 1943, with a volunteer crew, his plane ran into a terrific storm and was forced down out of gas, and the crew members bailing out over Jap-held territory—but with help of friendly Chinese they made their way back to the American lines after being listed as missing for weeks. He returned to active service shortly thereafter and on April 1, 1944, he was taking a crew up in a B-24 Liberator, training them for a flight "over the hump" to India when one of the four propellers flew off and crashed through his cabin to cause him to lose his leg.

Undisabled, however, he was returned to this country for hospitalization and time and again he has expressed his conviction that despite loss of his leg he hopes "to do many things yet that fellows with two legs won't undertake." His courage has been a symbol of encouragement to everyone in his home community and Mr. Blackley, in making the presentation of the award last night, praised him for his fine spirit and courage.

Capt. McBrayer is still assigned to Lawson General hospital in Atlanta where he hopes soon to have an artificial limb fitted for his use. Mrs. McBrayer is the former Miss Mildred Williams of Falston.

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