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B. W. Osborne, Sparta Flyer Is Presented Pin

War Department Cites Alleghany Man For Gallantry In South Pacific

The War department reported today that 23 members of the army air forces had been awarded air medals for meritorious achievements in the South Pacific.

Those awarded included: Bruce W. Osborne, corporal, for meritorious achievement on September 7, and 9, 1942 in air operations over the Solomon islands area. On September 7, Corporal Osborne, as crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane proceeding on a search mission, participated in attack against a Japanese four-engine flying boat which was encountered and immediately engaged. His airplane, however, was soon compelled to abandon action after receiving a 7.7 mm hit on the oil tank and developing fire in the No. 1 engine. While returning to home bases on three engines, the crew sighted seven enemy barges and one torpedo boat which they proceeded to strafe for over 20 minutes.

Following this action, this airplane and crew safely returned to home base over a 700-mile course. On September 9, while on another search mission, Corporal Osborne and other members of the crew encountered a Japanese serial No. 43 airplane, which was immediately and aggressively attacked, many hits being scored. Heavy return fire was encountered from waist gun positions of the enemy craft and, in the ensuing action 13 hits were received and three gunners of the crew were wounded. Although fire power was rendered ineffective because of gun failure (Continued on Page 8)

J. J. Thomas, 93, Died Last Night;

One Of Ashe County's Oldest And Most Prominent Citizens

West Jefferson, — (Special) — Joseph Jerome Thomas, 93, one of Ashe county's best known and most successful citizens, died at the Ashe county hospital at midnight, last night, following a long period of declining health. He was born April 9, 1849.

Plans for the funeral were incomplete this morning, but it is expected that service will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the home at Little Helton.

Mr. Thomas, who was believed to be Ashe county's oldest citizen, was also the oldest living graduate of Emory and Henry College. He was one of the original stockholders of the First National Bank and served as its president for more than 30 years until he resigned last year. He was greatly interested in the organization of the hospital and was the first vice-president at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Paul and Edison, of Grassy Creek, and one daughter, Madge.

Nazi Rests After Medical Aid



A German prisoner, one of many captured in a raid on German-Italian positions by Allied forces, rests comfortably on a stretcher after his wounds were treated by members of Allied medical corps. This successful raid was effected mainly with the use of tanks and halftracks.

Red Cross Drive Is Well Underway, But More Help Needed

AT GREAT LAKES



HOWARD WILLIAMS CARPENTER, Fireman Third Class of Great Lakes Naval Training Station, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carpenter, of Ennice. He enlisted in the Navy last November, and was recently home on leave.

Goal For County Is \$1,900; W. O. Hooper Is Chairman Of Drive

Gratifying response to the appeal for Red Cross War funds has been noted since the drive began last week, Chairman W. O. Hooper said here this week, though contributions of a substantial nature are yet needed to bring the fund up to the allotted quota of \$1,900.

The canvass of individuals in the county is in progress, by personal appeal and through the schools, but late reports and tabulations are not sufficiently complete for publication. Figures on the amount raised will be published next week.

"Each person who has a friend or relative in uniform should measure the significance of this crusade in your own heart," President Roosevelt, in his radio address which opened the campaign, stated, "You, at your house today—know better than anyone else what it means to be sure the Red Cross stands at the side of our soldiers or sailors or marines wherever they may be. All of us—one hundred and thirty—millions know how indispensable to victory is the work of this great agency."

And General Eisenhower, in his address, declared: "The Red Cross takes your subscription, transforms it into useful and practical aid, and brings it to the soldier freely, cheerfully and efficiently."

Admiral Nimitz likewise lauded the work of the Red Cross in his theatre of operations, and urged every American to support the War Fund Campaign. (Continued on Page 8)

ALL WPA ACTIVITIES ARE DISCONTINUED

All activities of the Works Progress Administration have been discontinued as of Friday, March 5, Supervisor C. A. Miles, said here Wednesday.

The order to discontinue work affected 67 men who were employed on a county-wide road project.

President Offers New Social Security Program To Congress

Washington — President Roosevelt yesterday laid before Congress a vast new cradle-to-grave program of social security and a definition of a postwar America in which the government would be in partnership with many businesses and labor would share in industrial management.

The far-reaching proposals are products of the National Resources Planning Board, which contended that with proper planning the nation may hope for a life of abundance unparalleled in all history.

Mr. Roosevelt asked "full consideration" at this Congressional session of the steps proposed. In a letter of transmittal, he told the Congress: "We fight today for security

Funeral Is Held Monday For Mrs. Z. L. Osborne, 80

Well Known Alleghany Woman Passes After Illness Of Several Months

Funeral rites were held Monday afternoon at Elk Creek church for Mrs. Z. L. Osborne, 80, prominent Alleghany woman who passed away at the family home at Stratford early Sunday morning, following a period of critical illness growing out of an automobile wreck last December when her husband suffered injuries from which he died, also.

Eld. J. D. Vass, Galax, officiated at the service, with burial following in the church cemetery. She was laid to rest beside her husband who died a short time ago. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne celebrated their Golden wedding last summer.

Surviving Mrs. Osborne are these children: Mesdames A. V. Choate, of Sparta, E. P. Hale, of Winston-Salem, Grady Wells, of Charlotte, Miss Ila Osborne, of Raleigh, Walter Osborne, Sparta, and Jesse Mac Osborne, of Stratford.

Flower girls at the funeral service were Mesdames Amos Wagoner, Edwin Duncan, Floyd Crouse, Ben Reeves, Hugh Choate, Oscar Gambill, Jr., Alton Thompson, Robert Fleetwood, Eula Parker, and Misses Pearl Fields, Wanda Choate, Barbara Gray Wells, Anne Hale and Anne Thompson. Pallbearers were Messrs. Alton Thompson, Frank Osborne, Thomas Zack Osborne, Robert Fleetwood, Kyle McMillan and Ralph Cheek.

Sliced Bread Ban Lifted By Gov't

Washington — The government ban on bakery-sliced bread was removed this week to the delight of housewives who have risked thumbs and tempers slicing it themselves for nearly two months. Sliced loaves will be back on the grocery shelves this week in most places.

The prohibition against bakeries' slicing bread took effect Jan. 18 and never was popular with housewives, particularly those who found themselves unable to buy a good bread knife. Bakeries also urged its revocation.

This dissatisfaction was not mentioned by Food Administrator Wickard in rescinding the order. He explained that its disadvantages were found to outweigh its advantages.

Richardson Is Deputy Sheriff

G. D. Richardson was last week sworn in as deputy sheriff for Alleghany county, to serve under Sheriff Jess Moxley.

Mr. Richardson is an experienced law-enforcement officer, having served as deputy during the term of ex-sheriff DeWitt Bryan, and he is a son of former sheriff Richardson.

He has been associated for some time with the National Park Service.

L. Pierce, 73, To Be Buried Today

Lafayette Pierce, 73, well-known Ashe county farmer, died at his home at Nathan's Creek Monday, when he suffered a heart attack.

Funeral service will be held at the Pierce cemetery today at two o'clock.

Mr. Pierce is survived by his wife and four children, Frank Pierce, Mrs. Ettie Hurst, Nathan's Creek; Mrs. Allen Johnston, Montcalm, W. Va., and Mrs. Mae Pickett, Lancaster, Pa.

MRS. RICHARDSON TO ENTERTAIN W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Sparta Baptist church will meet next Tuesday night at 7:45, at the home of Mrs. Glenn Richardson. Mrs. C. A. Reeves is program chairman for the meeting.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lyon, of Glade Valley, announce the arrival of a son, Carrie Lee, weighing 8 pounds, on February 28.

Their Last Meeting - We All Hope



This photo, which reached London through a neutral source, shows Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano (left) with Adolf Hitler and Marshal Herman Goering (right) at Hitler's headquarters, presumably on the Russian front.

Rommel Driven Back; Germans Make Drive Against Russian Line

RAF Pounds Nurnburg In Major Air Assault; Much Damage Is Done

The weather was in favor of the Germans on the Russian front this week, where it is reported that the Russian Forces were thrown back up to 80 miles, with the loss of eight important bases on the Kharkov-Dnieper-Donets front, by a counteroffensive into which the German high command has thrown 25 divisions totalling possibly 375,000 men.

Allied forces in Tunisia seized the initiative on land and in the air yesterday as Field Marshal Erwin Rommel dragged his battered panzer column out of the clutches of the British 8th army, leaving 50 wrecked tanks on the battlefield.

American Flying Fortresses and Lightning fighters hatched a powerful German air formation over the Sicilian strait, accounting for 19 out of an estimated flight of 50 German warplanes, to hand Reichsmarshal Goering's forces the same kind of thumping that Rommel had received from the British artillery.

While Rommel is noted for his daring, it is difficult to see how he can hope to take the initiative in the south with a new attack in the face of the decisive defeat suffered in his initial try.

Following up Monday night's scourge of Nurnburg, the royal air force sent squadrons of Spitfires and speedy Mosquito bombers out to attack Northern France and there were indications that other British planes were on the prowl over axis-held Europe again last night. (Continued on Page 8)

MEN CLASSIFIED IN TUESDAY MEETING

At the meeting of Selective Service board No. 1 here, March 9, the following men were classified:

Charles R. Whitaker, Robert G. Halsey and Thomas E. Joines were placed in 2-C; Thomas G. Finney and John R. Edwards were placed in 3-C.

Practice Black-Out To Be Held In County Next Thurs.

"Air Raids will not be scheduled, and since black-outs are to prepare us to meet an actual raid if it develops, practice black-outs should be called without warning—but because of wide misunderstanding of signals in the first practice black-outs using the new signals, the schedule of the black-out to be held here on Thursday, March 18 is being announced in advance to help everyone to become thoroughly familiar with the signal system," civilian defense officials said.

Here are the times, signals and what is expected of the public and Citizens Defense Corps in this practice black-out:

8:35 P. M., Yellow Signal
 This is not received in public, but by the Defense Corps and strategic installations. It is given by telephone.

N. C. Legislature Ended Yesterday; Record Session

Leaders Point Out Group Allotted More Money Than Any In History

Raleigh — The Legislature sent its last bills to the enrolling office yesterday for their ratification and listened to simultaneous sounds of the gavels in both the Senate and the House.

Leaders said the 1943 session allocated more money than any other in the State's history.

The House ended Tuesday's intermittent sessions after giving the Vocational Textile School at Belmont \$75,000, and killing a measure to prevent local governments from levying taxes to support the ninth school month. Representative Worthington of Pitt, who would have prevented the tax, would have allowed levies for supplementary purposes.

The \$75,000 awarded the Belmont school was earmarked for the purchase of new machinery. Supporting the move was Representative Ward of Craven who said the textile industry paid a huge sum in State taxes and was entitled to have something in return.

Dry forces tried earlier yesterday to revive a statewide liquor referendum bill by suspending the house "gag" rule which requires a two-thirds vote to override a committee or the chair. A motion by Rep. Quinn of Duplin to suspend that rule lost when Rep. Ward of Craven arose to a point of order that such a motion must lie upon the table for a day.

Quinn was one of three representatives who indicated they would file a minority report after the committee on propositions and grievances killed a proposed state-wide bone dry measure. They did not do so, however. Quinn's efforts were considered. (Continued on Page 8)

Alleghany Boy Reported Missing

News was received here Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. Kenney Truitt, of Vox, that their son, Hale Truitt, was missing in action in North Africa.

Exact details were not available, but the family was advised that further information would be transmitted to them as it was learned.

Young Truitt entered the army in October, 1941.

Burns Fatal To Alleghany Girl

Margaret Ann Todd, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mac Todd, died Tuesday in Hugh Chatham hospital, Elkin, from burns suffered when her clothing caught fire at her home Tuesday afternoon.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at Saddle Mountain at two o'clock. The family lives on the farm of Dr. B. O. Choate, near Sparta. The parents and two older children survive.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Rural Electrification has made great strides during the past ten years, bringing to thousands of farm homes the conveniences of their city brothers. Today, however, copper wiring, fixtures—all the materials which are required for rural electrification—are "out" for the duration.



The farmers of the nation, however, can start now buying rural electrification and all the equipment which goes with it through purchase of War Bonds. Your War Bonds today will buy rural electrification tomorrow and give you back \$4 for every \$5 you invest.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

One of the most essential articles of equipment for our soldiers is his canteen. In equatorial countries and in other warm climates they are particularly important to the welfare of our fighting men.



The canteen, now being largely manufactured of plastics, costs about 45 cents. The canvas cover . . . about 41 cents or 34 cents in all. Your purchases of War Bonds, or People's Bonds, will buy many of these for our men in the Solomon or in Africa where they are badly needed. Buy War Bonds every payday . . . at least ten percent of your income . . . through a Payroll Savings plan. U. S. Treasury Department