

# Sgt. Church Listed As Being Dead

Staff Sergeant Charles B. Church, son of C. B. Church, of Henderson who has been reported missing in action since July 2, 1944, has been listed as dead officially by the War Department. It was learned here today that the official message was sent to his wife, Mrs. Julie S. Church, who resides in Baltimore, and was forwarded to Mr. Church here.

The letter in part is as follows: "The record concerning your husband shows that he was a passenger aboard a United States ship, which was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Indian Ocean on 2 July 1944.

"Full consideration has recently been given to all available information on the absence of your husband, including all records, reports and circumstances. These have been carefully reviewed and considered. In view of the fact that twelve months have now expired without the receipt of evidence to support a continued presumption of survival, the War Department must terminate such absence by a presumptive finding of death. Accordingly an official finding of death has been recorded.

"The finding does not establish an actual or probable date of death; however, as required by law, it includes a presumptive date of death. In the case of your husband this date has been set as 3 July 1945, the day following the expiration of twelve months' absence.

Sgt. Church, who was 33 at the time he was reported missing, attended Barnberg Military School and Wofford College where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. He was a member of the Episcopal church here. Before entering the army in March, 1943, he was employed in construction activities in Baltimore. Church trained at Camp Lee and Washington War College and was then assigned to a special mission in the China-Burma-India theater and left the States in May, 1944.

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Julie S. Church, of Baltimore, he is survived by his father, C. B. Church, one brother, William S. Church, of Sylacama, Alabama, and two sisters, Mrs. B. E. Tanner, of Henderson, and Mrs. Harriett Burwell, of Melbourne, Florida.

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Here From California  
Chief Betty Officer and Mrs. Russell R. Walker, of Los Angeles, California, are visiting Mr. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Walker, at West Henderson.

To Fort Bragg  
First Lt. Charles M. Stewart, who has been home on furlough for 20 days, after being on active duty in Germany with the 20th Infantry Division, left this morning for Fort Bragg for reassignment. CF

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S. SGT. CHARLES B. CHURCH

# Liquor Case Continued To Sept. 7

Trial of Noah Lewis Blackwell and Wilber Newton Hodge, listed as truck drivers for Associated Transport Lines, who were arrested on August 10 for not posting bond not to unlawfully transport whisky through the State of North Carolina and for not having bill of lading and permit complying with the regulations of State Alcoholic Beverages Control board, has been continued from August 31 to September 7, E. O. Fallner, clerk of court, reported today.

Trial has been postponed at the request of attorney for the defense. The 517 cases of liquor, reportedly valued at \$23,000, have been stored at the Vance County ABC store, and the truck and trailer, valued at \$10,000, have been stored at the county jail, the owners not having posted the bond for its release.

Should the defendants be convicted in the trial on September 7, money from the sale of both whisky and truck will be turned into the county school fund, it is said.

# County On Friday Farm Projects In County On Friday

A group of thirty-five attended a countywide tour last Friday, which was held by the Farm Security Administration and the Soil Conservation Service of Vance county. Those present on the tour were farmers, representatives of Farm Security Administration, Soil Conservation Service, Agriculture Extension Service, AAA, and vocational agriculture. The purpose of the tour was to show what progress has been made in getting soil conservation practices established on farms in Vance county.

The tour covered parts of the entire county to observe conservation practices such as meadow strips, terraces, contour tillage, alfalfa, sericea lespedeza, pastures, road bank protection and mulching. An old-fashioned fish fry was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Murphy, which was enjoyed by all. Dr. J. B. Cotner, FSA farm ownership specialist, made a very interesting talk on conserving the soils. C. Carter Chase, assistant regional director to farm ownership in region four, also made a short talk in regard to small ownership farms. P. H. Massye, district conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, made remarks on the cooperative relations within the county among the agencies to establish conservation practices.

After dinner a fish pond recently constructed by E. C. Huff and C. M. Hight at Kittrell was observed. This fish pond has been stocked and is being fertilized according to recommendations which will produce a profitable fish at the rate of 300 pounds per acre next year.

# Willis Royster Is Given Road Term On Theft Charge

Willis Edward Royster, colored, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads in a trial today in police court on a charge of theft of a pocketbook. Royster was charged with taking a pocketbook containing \$40 in money, the property of Clara Green.

Samuel Franklin Hairston, colored, of Baltimore, Md., was tried for speeding and carrying a concealed weapon. Adjudged guilty of speeding, he was fined \$10 and costs of court. On the charge of carrying a concealed weapon, the State took a nol pro with leave.

Frank William Murphy, white, tried for public drunkenness, was assessed court costs. P. J. Abbott, white, was adjudged not guilty of a charge of careless and reckless driving and damaging the automobile of J. L. Walker in the sum of \$204.

**ATTORNEYS SET ANNUAL SESSION**  
Raleigh, Aug. 22—(AP)—The 47th annual State Bar association meeting and institute for attorneys will be held here September 5-7, inclusive. Secretary Edward L. Cannon of Raleigh, announced today. Subjects to be discussed are taxation, labor laws and procedure, veterans legislation, trial practice and procedure, appellate practice and procedure, federal practice and procedure and renegotiation of war contracts.

# 21 Men Go To Bragg For Exams

Twenty-one white registrants reported at Fort Bragg today for pre-induction examination, the local selective service board reported. In the original call, 38 men were scheduled for examination, but seventeen of that number were eliminated when the age maximum was set at twenty-six years.

Those reporting today included: John Waddell, Jr., Joseph William Harper, Bryant Edward Pow II, Cleveland Eugene King, Starling Davis Fautner, Jesse Bailey Fautner, Jack O'Brien Sauls, Beverly Belton Harris, Claude Douglas Johnson, Walter Thomas Beckwith, Jr., James Howard King, Aston Chalmers Fancette, Robert Junior Price, Clayton Price Stammack, Norman Page Robinson, Willis Hayes Smith, Thurston Lovins, John William Brewer, Marvin Pummer Edwards, Jr., Furman Herman Watkins, Plummer Alexander Edwards, Jr.

# Arrests Indicate Motor Equipment In Bad Condition

Raleigh, Aug. 22—(AP)—Data on automobiles and trucks is reflected in the report of arrests for moving traffic violations in July, just issued by the motor vehicles department.

The report shows an overall reduction from 2,484 arrests in July of last year to 2,058 last month, a little more than 17 percent, but those attributed to use of faulty equipment increased from 292 to 304, or a little more than 10 percent.

Arrests for speeding dropped from 1,256 to 1,086, and for minor traffic law infractions from 946 to 663. These designated "minor infractions" include failing to stop at intersections, or red lights, failing to signal stops, passing on curves, hills, bridges and school buses. The faulty equipment items included bad brakes, improper lights, no tail lights, independent steering gear and such deficiencies.

The report emphasizes what motor vehicle department officials have been preaching for months—that automobiles are wearing out much faster than the desire of drivers to use them, and that this situation presents a menace to traffic safety.

These same officials anticipate that accidents and arrests for moving violations will greatly increase during the next few months with return of million-free gasoline and lifting of the 35-mile speed limit. In releasing the current report, Commissioner Boddie Ward took occasion to reiterate his oft-repeated warning against high speed and careless driving with worn out equipment.

# MAYOR ASKS TRIAL WITH ATOM BOMB IN HALT HURRICANE

Miami Beach, Fla., Aug. 22—(AP)—Mayor Herbert A. Fink suggested to President Truman today that an atomic bomb be used against a tropical hurricane to determine if the new weapon is effective against nature's fury. Fink telegraphed his suggestion to the White House as a minor storm buffeted its way toward the Florida keys.

The Miami Beach mayor's proposal revived a long-held theory that a powerful explosion could disrupt the organized forces of the tropical hurricane and cause it to dissipate.

# Gets Bronze Star



THOMAS C. BOBBITT, JR.

Sgt. Thomas C. Bobbitt, Jr., son of Mrs. R. D. Lecum, of Liberty, formerly of Henderson, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for "meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period November 1, 1944 to April 15, 1945, in France and Germany. As chief of gun section, Sergeant Bobbitt skillfully and conscientiously performed his duties. By prompt delivery of accurate and rapid fire from his section, he has aided his battery greatly in successfully accomplishing the tasks assigned them. His devotion and initiative reflect credit upon himself and the military service.

Bobbitt has been in the armed services for three years and has been overseas for twelve months. His sister, Mrs. Louise B. Grissom, resides in Henderson.

# RATION OF TRACTOR TIRES IS LIFTED

Tractor and implement tires have been released from rationing, C. B. Baskett, vice chairman of the Vance county AAA committee, announces today.

Farmers using truck and passenger tires will continue to obtain them through local OPA boards, he said.

Mr. Baskett further announced that distribution control of crawler tractors was discontinued August 20. No application for crawler tractors have been approved since July 20, he stated. All applications that were not approved will be mailed directly to applicants by the War Production Board. All applications in State and county AAA offices will be returned to applicants immediately, he said.

# NYLON HOSIERY IS ON ITS WAY BACK

Washington, Aug. 22—Nylon and rayon were given back to the ladies last night and nylon stockings may be on sale by Thanksgiving.

Both fabrics were freed of all controls except for one technicality blocking the immediate use of nylon for hosiery. War production board officials said this formality will be ironed out promptly and that nylon stockings should reach store shelves by Thanksgiving, or by Christmas at the latest.

Nylon can be used immediately for slips, blouses, shirts, and other garments. Rayon can be used for anything. WPB said it probably will be several months before there is enough nylon to fill the demand, but when factories get going they are expected to turn out stockings in unprecedented volume. Before the war, about 8,000,000 pounds of nylon were produced annually, principally for hosiery.

The total now is three times as high, and almost all of it will go into civilian markets. It takes a pound and a quarter of nylon to make a dozen pairs of stockings.

Rayon, principal component of wartime stockings, has been used during the war for synthetic tires, parachutes, nurses' uniforms, and Wave and Wae clothing.

# Rose Team Winner And Holds Lead

Rose's softball team kept their top position in the city softball league last night, winning by a score of 8-3 over Continental Society. In the second game, Seaboard Taxi fell victims to Vance Furniture by a score of 5-0.

Tonight's games will be between Rose and Continental Society and between Arthurs and Continental Society, both of them named out games.

All-Star games are scheduled for Thursday and Saturday nights, the local all-stars meeting a Camp Butler team Thursday night here at eight o'clock and a team from Raleigh here Saturday night. A small commission for these games will be charged to help defray traveling expenses of the two teams coming to Henderson, it was stated.

**LEAGUE STANDINGS**

Rose's	6	2	665
Vance Furniture	7	4	525
Continental Hosiery	6	3	343
Seaboard Taxi	4	4	400
Methodist	2	6	250

**GRID TICKETS**  
Chapel Hill, Aug. 20—Tickets to North Carolina's four home games this fall went on sale over the counter at Wofford Gymnasium today. It was announced today by Athletic Director R. A. Ferrel.

The sale will be open to the public as well as alumni, it was said, and it'll be first come, first served.

The actual tickets for the annual Duke classic in Durham on November 24 are not due from the printer until late next week, but the athletic office will begin taking applications for these Monday.

The postboards for Carolina's home games have already been received and checked and are ready for delivery over the counter, beginning Monday. The four home games will be as follows:

- Sept. 29—Georgia Tech at Chapel Hill at 2:30.
- Oct. 20—Cherry Point Marines at Chapel Hill at 2:30.
- Nov. 17—Wake Forest at Chapel Hill at 2:00.
- Dec. 1—Virginia at Chapel Hill at 2:00.

# 4TH SERVICE AREA SPENT \$9 BILLIONS

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 22—The Fourth Service Command spent \$9,586,210,000 for Army operations, training, supply and construction from September, 1939, through June, 1945.

Major General Edward H. Bowles, commanding general, reported the Fourth Service Command expenditures were for food, clothing, guns, ammunition, trucks, jeeps, bulldozers, the countless other items of supply and equipment, hospitalization, housing and utilities for 4,000,000 troops and 1,000,000 dependents.

ed at the path, camp and details of the service command. In the past year the expenditure has averaged \$250,000,000 per month.

From the first man inducted under the Selective Service Act in July, 1915, a total of 1,343,110 men from the Fourth Service Command were accepted for military duty. Of these 1,101,044 men were assigned to the Army and 242,166 to the Navy.

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