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LET US NEVER DOUBT THAT A JUST GOD, IN HIS OWN GOOD TIME, WILL GIVE US THE RIGHTFUL RESULTS. —ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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## Nazi Propaganda Has Funny Side, Says Cpl. Martin

Son Of Roxboro Minister Sees Advantages In Reverses.

Exhibition of an excellent morale, the description of a typical French Christmas and the delineation of a phoney "American broadcast" by Germans from Berlin, are incorporated in a letter from Cpl. William Christian Martin, Jr., of Durham, son of the Rev. W. C. Martin, of Roxboro, and recently received by him under the date of December 19. Cpl. Martin, who says he is "well and still kicking" is with the First Army in France. His wife, referred to in the letter as "Virginia", lives in Durham, with their little son, William Christian, III. Cpl. Martin is a brother of Lt. (j. g.) Martin Southgate Martin, now on sea duty, and of Capt. Ben Martin, of the Medical Corps, Camp Butler.

## Higher Goals In Production Set For Farm Work

Coltrane Expects 'Hard Sledding' Ahead With Less Labor Available.

RALEIGH, Jan. 7.—A period of "hard sledding" for the 300,000 farmers of North Carolina during the next 12 months was foreseen today by D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the commissioner of agriculture, as a result of stepped-up goals in many crops and possibly even less labor in 1945 than at any time since the beginning of the war.

Coltrane pointed out that crop goals have been increased for wheat, oats and other small grains, hay, dairy products, poultry and eggs and other products.

Briefly Coltrane summed up some of the increased goals: Hay producers have a goal in 1945 calling for 1,400,000 acres, an increase of more than 100,000 acres over last year.

Flue-cured tobacco producers have been assigned a goal of 708,000 acres, an increase of 34,000 acres. Producers of sweet potatoes have a goal of 90,000 acres, and increase of 10,000 acres.

Goal of 46,200 acres has been set for truck farmers and an additional 11,300 acres for canning and processing.

Small grains acreage has been increased by 31,000 acres, with a total acreage quota of 2,358,000 acres.

Coltrane said the hog producers have been asked to farrow a total of 125,000 sows during the spring of 1945, 15,000 under the number a year ago, but 27,000 more than the 1945 intentions, as released by the crop reporting service.

Beef cattle and calf producers have a goal of 1,077,000 head this year, Coltrane said. The indicated production in 1944 is 912,000 head. Sheep and Lamb producers have been assigned a goal of 61,000 compared with 56,000 in 1944.

Milk producers are expected to increase the number of cows milked from 390,000 to 400,000 and to increase average milk production per cow from 3,950 pounds to 3,970.

Coltrane said the chicken crop under the goal assigned will be 36,000,000 or 2,600,000 more than were produced in 1944. A total of 105,000,000 dozen eggs is the 1945 goal, or a two per cent increase over 1944.

## Hamlet Missing

Staff Sergeant Curtis E. Hamlett, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Hamlett, of Ca-Vel, is missing in action in France, as of November 27, 1944, according to a message received here recently. No further information has been received.

## Bethel Hill Has Large Quantities At Its Cannery

The Bethel Hill community cannery has canned 8,500 cans of beef since September 15th, according to J. M. Wilburn, teacher of agriculture. Seventy families were contacted in canning this amount of beef and pork. 1100 pounds of sausage has been ground since December 1st.

The cannery will continue to operate during the months of January and February. Beef canning is done by appointment only, so contact J. M. Wilburn, Woodsdale, for your canning date.

## 'Carpenter Kid' Of Person Wins Star

Graham L. Duncan, a freckle-faced kid who learned the art of hammer, nail, and saw handicraft back in his hometown of Roxboro, has been awarded the Bronze Star "for exceptional achievement in direct support of combat operations" at his B-24 Liberator base in Italy, 15th AAF, according to announcement received here today.

Sergeant Duncan has been the "Mr. Pibis" around his 15th Air Force bomber squadron for the past 15 months.

As chief carpenter, Duncan was entrusted with the responsibility of winterizing all his organization's buildings. In the period of two months, all departmental and administrative buildings, as well as a mess hall and club, were equipped to endure all weather conditions throughout the winter.

The official citation reads: (in part) "Throughout this entire period, he worked tirelessly and endlessly towards one end: that of equipping all buildings with maximum care as to endure all eventualities."

With an acute shortage of materials, the young sergeant applied ingenuity with skill to complete his

assignment. Packing cases, bomb crates, and old discarded Italian buildings; all were salvaged for lumber and nails.

A small-scale WPA project was soon under his direction.

"With the scale of combat activities at a high peak, Sergeant Duncan frequently was forced to work long into the night. Combat crews, called upon to fly many successive missions, were unable to complete building of their living quarters. Of his own accord, Sergeant Duncan voluntarily offered his services to these men, completing their homes and providing the maximum of comfort for all personnel. His unselfish attitude and tireless effort has been highly instrumental in the brilliant combat record of his squadron."

Sergeant Duncan's bomber group has twice been cited by the President of the United States "for outstanding performance to duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

The citation continues: "By his contribution, he has aided in maintaining the highest morale of all personnel and through his efforts and devotion to duty, (Turn to page 6, please)

## Farm Census To Be Taken Soon In Person County

Enumerators For Townships Here Listed By H. K. Sanders.

Every five years the farmers of the United States are asked to give certain information which is needed by the Department of Commerce to enable the government to get an accurate picture of farming operations, according to announcement made today by Person Farm Agent H. K. Sanders.

The purpose of the census is to obtain basic information on farm acreage, land values, crops, livestock and other general items. It will be made on an estimated 6,000-000 farms, requiring the services of 25,000 enumerators for six weeks, starting January 8, 1945.

Confidential treatment is promised on census returns. Enumerators are not allowed to give information from a schedule to neighbors or other persons. Only sworn census employees are permitted access to schedules, and records cannot be used for purposes of taxation, regulation or investigation.

T. H. Street is District Supervisor for this District, including Person, and has headquarters in Greensboro. He is selecting enumerators for each township in Person County and earnestly requests the cooperation of all farmers in supplying the information when the enumerators call on them.

Enumerators for the following Person townships have been selected:

V. O. Blalock, Roxboro; Reuben Strum, Allensville; Keene A. Gillis, Helloway; D. R. Homer, Bushy Fork; F. H. Carver, Olive Hill; Clyde Meadows, Mt. Tirzah.

Enumerators are needed for Flat River and Cunningham townships, Woodsdale will perhaps be served by Mr. Day.

## W. G. Rogers, 78, Dies After Long Illness In City

Hold Rites At Lea's Chapel, Where He Was For Many Years A Steward.

W. G. Rogers, 78, of Roxboro, route 1, the Leasburg road, prominent Person citizen, died Thursday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock at Community hospital, this city, from complications following an operation which was performed in November.

Funeral was held Saturday afternoon at three o'clock at Lea's Chapel Methodist Church, of which he had been a steward for sixty years and a member since childhood. Interment was in the William George Rogers family cemetery, near the home. Ministers were his pastor, the Rev. Daniel Lane, of Roxboro, and the Rev. E. C. Maness.

Survivors include three sons, Thomas Rogers, of the home, J. Pointer Rogers, of Roxboro, and J. Alden Rogers, of the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific and four daughters, Mrs. Georgia Rogers Crumpton and Mrs. Robert A. Gentry, both of Roxboro, Mrs. H. B. Bailey, of Woodsdale and Mrs. M. A. Morgan, of Smithfield, also a grandson, James Reams, of the U. S. Army, France, who made his home with Mr. Rogers from infancy, and two sisters, Mrs. W. I. Newton and Mrs. Ida O'Brian, both of Roxboro. Also surviving are nineteen other grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## A Statement

As the Representative from and or Person County in the General Assembly I want it known that I want to be a real representative. I wish to express and represent the sentiments of the 26,000 people living in our blessed county as well as any one person can. During the sessions of the Legislature I shall be in Raleigh from Monday evening until Friday evening. People are invited freely to write me about matters in care of the House of Representatives. If you come to Raleigh (and I hope you do) I can be found in Seat 63 or at the Sir Walter Hotel. A Page will be glad to call me from my seat to see you, and I shall welcome the call.

To those having business with me I wish to say that I will be glad to wait on and serve you in my office every Saturday and Monday, all day.

Robert P. Burns

## Has Tribute



Francis M. Jackson, who died in March, 1944, in Italy from wounds received in action, has a beautiful tribute from one of his pals, Sgt. Sylvester Koehler, now in France, who writes to Mrs. Rueben Jackson, mother of Pvt. Jackson.

## Miss Long Has Nursing Degree Honors At Yale

Miss Elizabeth Faye Long, of Roxboro, who received her B. A. degree from Duke University in 1942, received her Master of Nursing degree from the Yale School of Nursing, New Haven, Conn., yesterday, according to announcement received here this morning.

Graduation exercises for the 45 members of the Class of 1945 were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 in Battell Chapel. Dr. John L. Rice, former Health Officer of the City of New Haven and Commissioner of Health for New York City, who is now serving as consultant to the Lederle Laboratories, gave the address. President Charles Seymour conferred the degrees upon the 45 candidates, who were presented by Dean Elizabeth S. Bixler of the

Members of the Class of 1945, representing 17 states and 31 colleges, were the first to graduate under the accelerated program comprising the usual 32-month course into 28 months. Twenty-seven of the students expect to enter either the Army or Navy Nurse Corps soon after graduation. Miss Long is a daughter of Mrs. J. A. Long and the late Mr. Long, of this city.

## Burma Road Now Of Short Length

CHUNGKING, Jan. 7.—Only 30 miles now separate two Chinese columns moving from northern Burma and western Yunnan province toward a junction which will mean opening of the Ledo-Burma road, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

(Southeast Asia command headquarters reported Thursday that the Chinese moving from Bhamo to Namkhan had advanced a mile southward toward the column pressing westward from captured Kyuhkok, on the Burmese-Chinese border).

Gen. Yui Feipeng, director of China's newly-formed war transport board, said that the question of placing the Ledo-Burma road entirely under American control was under consideration following agitation in the Chinese press against recurrence of the Burma.

## One Medium Steak Is Rare

WILSON, Jan. 7.—Steaks at \$13 each in the cafes and terribly high prices for "cut" cognac face the soldier on leave in Paris, Sgt. Pat Collins, former local newspaper man, wrote here today in a letter to friends.

At the same time he pictured a bad black market in all sorts of things from cigarettes to soap. He told of how the civilians "almost knock you down" trying to buy such things to sell at higher prices.

## Along The Way

A few days ago my good friend William H. Harris, Sr., had a mule that he wanted to sell. He ran a want ad in this paper titled—"Mule For Sale." The ad was twenty five cents and he asked us to charge a month and he did not pay the bill. Then the second month passed and he came in and complained about the bill. Finally, we found out what the trouble was. The mule that he wanted to sell was an old one and the darn mule died before the ad was printed but too late to cancel the ad.

## Aviation Leaders, Scout Officials, Masons And Teachers To Meet

Scout Reservations Limited High School PTA Planned.

No less than four prominent speakers are to address Roxboro and Person civic leaders, educators, Boy Scout officials, aviation enthusiasts and Masons at a meeting to be held here this week. First on the program will be a Masonic gathering tonight at six-thirty o'clock at Hotel Roxboro for a Dutch supper and a program afterwards at the Lodge Hall of Person Lodge 113, with Grand Master William C. Hobbs, of Wilmington, speaker.

Second event of the week will be the Tuesday night dinner at seven o'clock at Hotel Roxboro of the officials of Cherokee Council, Boy Scouts of America, which is expected to draw attendance of at least one-hundred and twenty-five leaders from six or more counties in the Cherokee Council.

Reservations Speaker at the Scout dinner will be the Rev. Richard Ownbey, of Main Street Methodist church, Reidsville. Because of limited space only forty reservations are being held for Person and Roxboro Scout officials. Persons desiring these tickets are requested to telephone Thomas J. Shaw, Jr., secretary, at the Courier-Times office or at his home. It is requested that all reservations be made, by noon Tuesday, but tickets will also be on sale at the door Tuesday night at the hotel.

PTA Program Wednesday Wednesday night at 6:30, also at the Hotel, Charles W. Phillips, of the personnel and public relations division, Woman's College, the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, will address members of the Person Schoolmasters club. That afternoon at 4 o'clock he is to speak at Roxboro high school to parents and other interested citizens with regard to revival of J. E. F. A. organization at Roxboro high school, where the PTA chapter has been inactive for the past two years. Mr. Phillips, known throughout the state in school and college circles, is president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Aviation Planning Maj. E. I. Noot, of Graham, heading Group 2, North Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, as previously announced, will speak Thursday at Roxboro Rotary and Kiwanis clubs in a joint session at six-thirty o'clock at Hotel Roxboro. Chief purpose of Maj. Noot's visit is discussion of plans for the organization of Civil Air Patrol, CAP unit here, but he will also discuss aviation generally particularly as it applies to smaller cities. He will also speak earlier in the afternoon to students at Roxboro high school.

Rites Held For Negro Woman Funeral for Mrs. Tinnie Pool, 62, Negro resident or near Roxboro, whose death occurred Wednesday from pneumonia at her home here, was held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at Mill Hill Baptist church by the pastor, the Rev. Eli Thomas, with interment in the church cemetery. Survivors include three daughters and five sons. She was the wife of the late Joe Pool.

Of Course, He Does Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Lt. Gov. Reg. Harris, of Person County, one of the State's history, continues to have a large following in legislative circles despite the fact that his term of office is ended.

"I'm about as useful now as a last year's almanac," the lieutenant Governor told some of his friends in the lobby of the Sir Walter Hotel.

## Finishes Course

Pvt. Huel C. Long of route 2, Roxboro, has completed a four-week course in specialized training at the 380th AAF Base Unit (Military Police Training Center), Barksdale Field, Louisiana, and returned to his home station at Greenville Army Airfield, Greenville, Miss.

## Market Opens

Roxboro Market opens tomorrow, in line with other Old Belt markets, and it is expected that sales will continue at least two weeks. The market closed for the Christmas holidays about two weeks ago.

More new wood is grown in the South each year than cotton.

## The Lord Travel With The Jacksons, Soldier's Prayer

Lt. Schloss Has Promotion Given At English Base

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England.—Promotion of Norden B. Schloss, 27, of Roxboro, N. C., and Providence, R. I., from 2nd lieutenant to 1st lieutenant has been announced today at an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress station in England, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Chester C. Cox of Superior, Wis.

Lt. Schloss, who flew as navigator on some of his group's outstanding bombing missions over enemy territory, is now serving as a squadron navigation officer at this base.

He has charge of instruction of all new navigators entering the squadron, teaching them navigation procedure and new and improved methods of navigation learned through combat.

Lt. Schloss is a member of the 388th Bomb. Group, a unit of the Third Bombardment Division, the division cited by the President for its shuttle mission to Africa when Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg were bombed.

He is the son of Mrs. Birdie F. Schloss, of 158 Governor Street, Providence, R. I., and his wife is Mrs. Katherine Harris Schloss of Roxboro. He was a life insurance agent in Durham, before he entered the AAF in March, 1943.

## James D. Woody Of Person Now Staff Sergeant

Roxboro Soldier Active With Seventh Army Division In France.

Staff Sergeant James D. Woody, with the Third Division of the Seventh Army in France, has been promoted from his present grade of Private First Class.

Sgt. Woody is the husband of Mrs. Mary King Woody, Rt. No. 1, Roxboro, the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. King, of this city.

The Sgt. Woody's division is adding to the success and glory that has been recorded in its history since July, 1918, when on its first combat assignment of World War I it successfully defended the Marne River against two divisions of picked German shock troops. Since making their initial landing on the beaches north of Fadaia, French Morocco, November 8, 1942, the men of the 3rd Division have participated in every campaign fought in this theater.

On August 15, 1944, the division, under the command of Major General John W. O'Daniel, landed on the beaches of southern France, its fourth amphibious landing of the war. Striking north into France the men covered more than 150 miles in the first ten days of fighting, taking more than 4,000 prisoners and setting a pace that has brought them to the very threshold of Germany in record time. In a recent operation the 3rd Division spanned the raging Meurthe River in the Vosages Mountains without the loss of a single man and without the enemy suspecting that a major attack was under way. The perfection in this river crossing will be recorded as another of the 3rd Division's outstanding achievements.

Clayton Rites At Family Cemetery Funeral for Mrs. Dewey Clayton, 24, of Hurdle Mills, near Law's store, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Blalock, whose death occurred Thursday afternoon at her home from a heart attack, was held Saturday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock in graveside rites in the Clayton-Long cemetery by Elder L. P. Martin, of the Primitive Baptist church, Roxboro.

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Friend Of Late Francis Moore Jackson, Pays Perfect Tribute.

Several months ago, on March 15, Pvt. Francis Moore Jackson, 21, of the Paratroops, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Rueben M. Jackson, of near Roxboro, died in Italy from wounds received in action.

Posthumous awarding of the Purple Heart was made, and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, of course, received several letters from War Department officials, but they have waited anxiously since that time in the hope of having some more personal word about their son and his last moments on the field of battle.

On Friday of this last week such a letter came, one from Pfc. Sylvester Koehler, an intimate friend of Pvt. Jackson and with him at his bedside in an Army hospital, probably not far behind the lines.

Pfc. Koehler's letter to "Mom" Jackson is a simple message of friendship, and here it is, down to that closing line, "The Lord travel with the Jacksons"

"Oh! how I wanted to write a few lines to you before, but somehow I just couldn't find enough words to write even a single sentence.

"Upon reading your divine letter you've written to Johnny, I found the words to write. Johnny made me promise that I'd drop a few lines to you, so here I am.

"My name is Sylvester Koehler as my buddies, Francis and Johnny would call me, Mickey. We had the habit at one time calling each other "Old Man"—your son and my buddy—may have written you of this before he left us. I first learned to enjoy Francis's company when I first started in the Paratroops at Fort Benning, Ga. We (Francis, Johnny, Ashens, and myself) paled around and I happened to be with him to the last.

"We reached Anzio, Italy, together in the same company; unfortunately Johnny and Ash were transferred into other companies. Mom, it was sort of funny how we kept together as we did. Each of us had one certain principal subject of ourselves—your son, Francis, had the good looks, Johnny had the personality, Ashens had the perfect fit body, and they said, I had the brains. Now, I think they were wrong.

"Because of my German speaking, I had to go on a many of night patrols thru Jerries' lines. Everyday I would go over to the Barn and talk and joke with Fran.

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## Clayton Rites At Family Cemetery

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## Lt. And Mrs. Ball Now In City

Lt. (jg.) Charles Ball, of the United States Navy, who has been on overseas duty for months in England and in the Mediterranean area, is spending several days here with his grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Harvey. Mrs. Ball, to whom he was married shortly before going overseas is also here with him.

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## War Bonds Ahead In Drives Here

Sixth War Loan, Christmas Seal, Folio and Red Cross totals made and yet to come are today reported as follows:

R. L. Harris, of the Person War Finance committee, today has reported an almost double oversubscription in the Sixth War Loan, \$261,000 in E Bonds, \$693,000, in all others, for a total of \$954,000, against a total quota of \$491,000. The E Bond record is particularly impressive, says Mr. Harris, who adds that this is a final report.

Still incomplete is the Christmas Seal sale campaign in which \$367.97

## \$3,000 Goal Set By Methodists In Christ Crusade

Burlington And Durham Meetings For Person Area Planned Wednesday.

Methodists of Roxboro are being called upon by the Rev. W. C. Martin, minister of the Long Memorial Methodist Church, to take part in raising \$25,000,000 for World Relief and Reconstruction, the first phase of a denominational Nation-Wide Crusade for Christ's program in Post War Service, according to announcement made today.

Crusade for Christ is an organized response of the Methodist Church to assume its part in meeting unsettled conditions and the vast staggering needs created by the second World War.

The Roxboro and Person appeal, for which the goal is \$3,000.00, will begin at an early date. The Methodist congregations here are a part of nearly eight million members of forty one thousand churches in the United States who are participating in the four year, five-fold Crusade.

The Crusade for Christ concerns Evangelism which is the main calling of the Church, stewardship, the Christian relationship to money, to the economic order, the spiritual forces available for the transportation of the world into the Kingdom of our Lord and building the enrollment and attendance in the Church school.

Three fifths of the fund has been allocated for rebuilding and rehabilitation in foreign countries.

Two Crusade Rallies will be held on Wednesday, January 10th, one in Durham, Asbury Church, West Durham 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon, and the other at Front Street Church, Burlington, 7:30 P. M. Speakers will include, Mrs. A. H. Borland, Rev. R. W. Bradshaw, Sam Runk of Raleigh and Bishop W. W. Peele.

"I'm glad to be back after 34 months overseas," says Pfc. James H. Bowes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bowes, of Longhurst, who is now spending twenty one day furlough with them back from the Southwest Pacific, he says that things are quite different from the way they were when he left.

Pfc. Bowes first went to Australia in 1942 where he was with a station hospital. Later he went with his outfit to combat zones on an island where he stayed for twelve months without seeing any civilized people except members of the armed forces. While there he contracted jungle fever, of which he had eight attacks, however, he has now recovered.

## Pfc. James Bowes Has Praise For Red Cross Work

"The overseas Red Cross is doing a wonderful job for the boys, and they have movies for entertainment at times, but the most important thing to the boys is their mail from home," says Pfc. Bowes.

After his furlough, he will report to Camp Butler for reassignment. His wife is the former Miss Bessie Stone.

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