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 GASOLINE—A14, 4 gals., Mar. 21
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 FOODS—Blue X5 thru Z5 and A2
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Joyful Filipinos Dig Foxholes For Person Soldier

Inflation Conditions Described By Roxboro Man In Battle Area.

Headlines of today are telling the glad news that Manila is fallen and probably one of the participants in that event is a former associate editor of the Courier, Sgt. T. C. Wagsaff, of Roxboro, a University of North Carolina graduate and son of Mrs. T. C. Wagsaff, head of the Person Department of Public Welfare.

For more than a month Mrs. Wagsaff did not hear from her son and then on Friday, two days before the capture of Manila, she received a letter saying he had been transferred from New Guinea to the Philippines.

Date of the letter is January 19, with Sgt. Wagsaff saying that the trip was "uneventful" and that since his arrival things have not been "too rough." Admitting that he is in a combat area, Sgt. Wagsaff adds, however, that "the folks at home can find out more about military operations by reading the daily papers than we know here."

Having said that Sgt. Wagsaff, who has a brother, Robert Wagsaff, in the Navy beats the newspapers in local color by giving an encouraging first hand account of the cooperation of the Filipinos, who speak English in many instances and who dig foxholes for the Americans. Visible evidence of Jap inflation tricks is shown by "Invasion Money" furnished by the Japs, with a Philippine scene and tiny Japanese writing characters underneath, which Sgt. Wagsaff sends his mother with the letter.

His interesting report reads in part as follows:

"After New Guinea, the Philippines seem quite civilized. The Filipinos are numerous in these parts, most of them can speak some English, even the small children, and quite a few of them can carry on a very intelligent conversation. All of them are quite friendly with the American soldiers, and seem to think that we are the finest people in the world.

They will do almost anything for you, and are now doing our washing and digging foxholes for us where we need them. Standard price set by the army for a two-man foxhole is one peso, or 50 cents American currency. We have been able to give them a little food and odd items of clothing from time to time, and they seem pathetically grateful for them. The Japs took almost everything they had—most of their food, and even the clothes off their backs. The Japs also flooded the country with worthless invasion currency, which produced a fantastic state of inflation.

I am told by the Filipinos that they were paid 10 pesos in invasion money for a day's work, and that this amount would buy sometimes one and sometimes two inferior grade Jap cigarettes. Before the war 25 centavos would buy a guntar (sp?)—a small measure less than a sack, but I can't get equivalent in bushels or pecks) of rice, but under the Japs the same amount cost 300 pesos, or 1200 per cent inflation. The same state of affairs existed with all other commodities which were available at all."

Sgt. Chambers, Of City, Listed Missing

Sgt. Clarence Chambers, 26, of Roxboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Chambers, of Timberlake, has been reported as missing in action in Belgium as of January 4, according to an official message received Thursday by his family. In service for five years, Sgt. Chambers volunteered and was in Panama four years.

He was in Roxboro last Spring before going overseas to a new assignment. Last letter was received November 7. Formerly with Roxboro Cotton Mills, he has four brothers and six sisters. In Belgium he has been with an airborne infantry unit.

To Florida Today

William Graham Bradsher, of Roxboro, student at Roxboro high school, left this morning for Plant Park boarding school, Tampa, Fla., where he will attend school for the next few months. He will live with an uncle in Tampa. The young man is a son of James Bradsher and the late Mrs. Bradsher.

Dressup canned fruits by using them for cobblers, shortcakes and fruit salads.

Now In U. S. A.



RICHMOND S. FREDERICK

Pvt. Frederick, son of Mrs. Stella Frederick, of this City, seriously wounded in action a few weeks ago in Europe, is now at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., where his sister, Mrs. John Clayton, and his wife, recently visited him. Mrs. Clayton has returned, but Frederick, who has been living in Yanceyville, will remain for some time. His brother, Lt. Ransome Frederick, was killed last fall in a plane crash in England.

Roxboro Man At Mt. Pratone

Local Man's Regiment Takes 3000-Foot Peak In Italy.

With The Fifth Army, Italy—Pfc. Ray B. Humphries, of Longhurst is a member of the 337th "Wolverine" Regiment which recently took 3000-foot Mount Pratone in the Gothic Line, digging German soldiers out of elaborate concrete pillboxes and earthworks on its forested slopes.

Humphries wife, Mrs. Geneva Humphries, lives at Longhurst. The 337th Infantry Regiment is in the 85th "Custer" Division, part of the Fifth Army in Italy. Its first was its toughest battle. The regiment won all its objectives when it struck out for Tremensoli in the Gustav Line last May 12, but in this battle lost a quarter of all the casualties it has suffered in seven months of warfare in Italy. At this time, one company captured a hill and held it against desperate German counterattacks for three days and nights, its numerical strength dwindling in this period to 18.

The 337th fought and won a bloody 72-hour battle before Terracina, playing a key role in rupture of the Hitler Line. They moved on through Rome, across the Tiber River and up to Aversa.

The "Wolverines" went back into the line to pierce the Gothic Line at one of its most formidable points. They have been in combat steadily since, struggling forward through the towering mountains that separate Florence from Bologna, overcoming great obstacles made of mud, rain, wind and cold and living and fighting on the meagre supplies mules and men carry up to them on their backs.

Pfc. Humphries is a rifleman.

Julus Hicks At Home Eleven Days

Home from New Guinea by way of Florida, where he has been in a hospital is Pfc. Julius Hicks, of Longhurst, who was in New Guinea for eighteen months and has been in service three and one-half years. Pfc. Hicks, who celebrated his birthday here yesterday is twenty-five and is a son of Mrs. Nancy Hicks and of the late Henry Hicks. Pfc. Hicks arrived here Saturday.

Legion Here To Render Services To Hero's Families

Rev. Daniel Lane, Mrs. T. Miller White, Mrs. W. R. Minor and Mrs. W. H. Adair, all of this City, and connected with Lester Blackwell Post, the American Legion and its Auxiliary, have been named as members of a committee to cooperate with the Army Service Forces, Camp Butner, in a program of assistance in an information service for parents and members of the families of men and women who may be listed as killed in action, according to announcement made today by Commander Ned Dillard, of Lester Blackwell Post.

Scouts Begin Anniversary

The new plan for cooperative service was recently presented to Commander Dillard by Col. H. M. Pool, Camp Butner's commanding officer. The local committee will work with the Personal Affairs committee, Camp Butner, and it is expected that the local group will also wish to assist families of men listed as missing or wounded. The new program will be in line with an expanded policy of informational service now being established by the War Department.

The U. S. has delivered 20,000 tons of seeds to Russia to replant war ravaged sections. One pound of cabbage seed will produce about 200,000 pounds of cabbage.

Three Farm Experts Coming Wednesday

Farm Leaders To Speak At Person Court House.

Person's Township Committeemen at a recent meeting voted to invite three experts to come to Person County to talk about tobacco, more profit from pastures, and increasing corn yields by planting hybrid seed.

The three who are to come are E. G. Moss, of Oxford, W. W. Fitzpatrick, of Durham, and Dr. L. D. Bayer of Raleigh, who will be at the Court House here on Wednesday afternoon, February 7, from one-thirty until four o'clock.

W. Kerr Scott, of Raleigh, State Commissioner of Agriculture, will also be present to discuss general farm problems.

Mr. Moss, Assistant Director of Oxford Tobacco Station, will discuss how to make more money by using better varieties of tobacco, judicious fertilization, and cultural methods.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, Manager of Quail Root Farms, will discuss permanent pastures, their preparation, liming, seeding, care and maintenance, for more milk, more beef, hence more profit.

Dr. Bayer, Director of the Experiment Station, State College, will discuss how to increase corn yields with the same fertilizer and work by planting hybrid seed. He will give many experimental results already obtained to confirm this recommendation.

Farmers anxious to increase their income should not fail to hear these three experts on the above subjects according to H. K. Sanders. Ladies are invited. They are interested in better farming and more income.

Claude T. Hall, Chairman of the AAA Committee of Person County, will preside over the meeting.

Still Missing



W. A. WILSON, JR.

No additional information has been received concerning Pvt. W. A. Wilson, Jr., 26, of Helena, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilson, listed as missing in action in Luxembourg as of December 28. The message was received about two weeks ago by his parents.

Special Message For War Families Scheduled Here

Red Cross Field Director To Speak Thursday At Court House And At Civic Club.

An address expected to be of considerable importance to families of Person and Roxboro men and women listed as prisoners of war or missing in action will take place here Tuesday night at eight o'clock at Person County Court House, according to officials of Person Chapter, the American Red Cross, who have completed arrangements for appearance of Field Director Charles Skarren, of Beaufort, recently returned from active Red Cross duty in France and Germany with American troops.

Skarren, who spoke a few weeks ago at a Red Cross district meeting in Burlington, will also speak Thursday night at six-thirty o'clock at Roxboro Rotary Club, where Roxboro's own returned Red Cross field worker, Miss Emily Bradsher, just in from months of service in Italy, is also expected to be a special guest.

Initial arrangements for Skarren's talk here were made Friday by C. B. McBroom, with assistance of Dr. Robert E. Long, chapter president, and Mrs. Sue Featherston, executive secretary of the chapter. Special invitations are being mailed to many families who have sons, husbands, brothers and other relatives listed as missing in action or prisoners of war, and it is hoped that all families concerned will come to the Court House whether they have received special invitations or not.

All other interested citizens are also urged to be at the Court House as Mr. Skarren is regarded as an excellent and informative speaker, with a special message for all who are at all interested in the Red Cross program.

Grand To Be Young At 83

Radio tribute from Carl Goerch, of "Carolina Chats" fame, last night, plus many letters of felicitation, including one from former Gov. J. Melville Broughton, marked yesterday's birthday for J. W. Noell, editor of the Courier-Times. 83 years young on that date and known throughout North Carolina as one of the State's oldest active editors, long prominent in civic affairs and a former State Senator.

Home celebration of his birthday made festive Saturday night with a dinner for the family circle and a few intimate friends, with all of his children, Dr. Robert Noell, of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Lee Weathers, of Shelby, and Mrs. Elizabeth N. Bowles, of this City, present, as well as a granddaughter, Miss Betty Gay Masten.

'Red' Day Gains Battle Honors

Roxboro High School Athlete Has Bronze Star In Philippines.

Staff Sergeant Louis M. (Red) Day, of Roxboro, nephew of three Roxboro women and son of Mrs. Nora R. Day, of 506 North Queen street Durham, formerly of Roxboro, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "heroic achievement" against the enemy on Leyte, Philippines," according to information received here today by one of his aunts, Mrs. W. R. Minor, of this city, with whom he made his home after his mother moved to Durham.

Sgt. Day an outstanding athlete at Roxboro high school from which he was graduated several years ago, has been in the service about two years and overseas about a year. Other soldiers who have been with him in the Pacific area are George J. Cuswa, Jr., and Bert Lunsford, all with the paratroops.

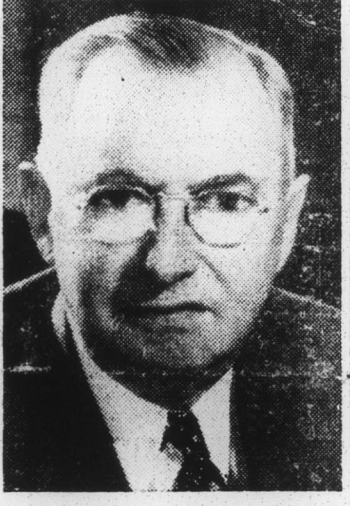
Other aunts of Sgt. Day who live in Roxboro are Mrs. W. H. Adair and Mrs. Alex Spriggs. His sister, Mrs. Jack Byrd, the former Miss Annie Laura Day, lives in Durham at the North Queen street address.

The citation and record in connection with presentation of the Bronze Star to Sgt. Day reads as follows:

"By the order of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 11th Airborne Division to the following named officers and enlisted men:

"Pvt. Louis M. Day, 34604243, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippines Island on 6 December 1944. When his squad hit an enemy ambush of approximately one-hundred men, Pvt. Day skillfully directed and coordinated the movement and fire of his unit enabling them to destroy two machine guns and kill twenty-three enemy soldiers.

"He supervised the evacuation of the wounded and covered the withdrawal of his squad. Pvt. Day's outstanding leadership reflects great credit on himself and is worthy of the highest traditions of the armed forces.



JAMES L. KRAFT

James Kraft Has Reputation As Church Man

Baptist Layman of Chicago Announced As Baptist Hour Speaker.

James L. Kraft, Baptist layman of Chicago, will be the Baptist Hour speaker for next Sunday morning, February 11th, as announced by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, S. F. Lowe, Director, Atlanta, Georgia.

For a dozen years, Mr. Kraft has been a well known and popular speaker for layman's meetings throughout the South, according to Mr. Lowe, having appeared also on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South, according to Lawson H. Cooke, Secretary of Memphis, Tennessee, is leading a movement to have one million men at their radios to hear Mr. Kraft; and Mr. Lowe of the Radio Committee says that indications are the Brotherhood will be successful in this movement.

Fan mail received, as announced by the Radio Committee, indicates that the Baptist Hour audience is the largest this year in the history of the Baptist Hour.

The program can be heard in this state over radio stations: WBIG, Greensboro; WFTF, Raleigh; WSJS, Winston-Salem, and WNNC, Asheville at 8:30 A. M. ET.

Has Bronze Star

Sgt. Graham L. Duncan, of Roxboro, has been presented the Bronze Star by group commander Lt. Col. Leroy L. Stefanowicz, of Wildrose, N. D., at a special ceremony held at a 15th Air Force Liberator base in Italy, according to announcement received here today.

Duncan, a Liberator squadron carpenter, was awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations" in the Mediterranean theater.

Mrs. Clayton, Of Hurdle Mills Has Old Sabots

Husband Sends Souvenirs And Story Of Heroic Sacrifice.

Mrs. Henry F. Clayton of Hurdle Mills, has received several souvenirs from her husband, Pfc. Henry F. Clayton, who is serving overseas with the 94th Division. Among the souvenirs received were a pair of wooden shoes, several English and French coins, and a German badge. The badge is a wreath shaped object with an eagle perched on a swastika. A large gun is in the center of the wreath, and its outer edges are worn smooth in places.

Enclosed in a letter received by Mrs. Clayton this week is the following clipping taken from the Stars and Stripes:

"So That Others May Live"
 (By Harry J. McLaughlin)
 (Stars and Stripes Special Writer)
 With 94th Inf. Div.—The small figure crawled forward, edged close to a hedgerow and started digging in. At his side was the telephone with which he was to observe the enemy's artillery fire and report back to his company.

Suddenly the Jeries opened up with 88s and mortars. A piece of shrapnel hit him in the abdomen. Gritting his teeth he called back to the C. P.: "Sarge, there is someone wounded up here. Send an aid man quickly."

Half an hour later he interrupted his observations to repeat: "Sarge, I'm dying, please hurry."

The aid man arrived but the observer refused to stop work while aid was being given. He was credited with neutralizing seven 88s and saving many lives. His own, though, could not be saved.

The posthumous recommendation for the D. S. C. for Pfc. Dale T. Precor, of Bruno, Neb., reads: "He was a credit to his outfit and his country."

Pfc. Clayton has been overseas since July, 1944. He received his training at Camp Phillips, Kansas; Nashville, Tenn., and Camp McCain, Miss. He was awarded the Good Conduct ribbon and the Expert Infantryman's Badge before going overseas. Since being in combat he has received the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Last Date For Filing Nears

Hall Urges Farmers To File 1944 Performance Records.

February 15, is the last date that farmers may file 1944 Performance Reports as a basis for receiving payments earned under the 1944 AAA Program, according to a statement made here today by Claude Hall, Chairman Person County AAA Committee.

"The Person County AAA Committee is very anxious that every farmer in the County receive the payment that he has earned by participating in the 1944 Program. Only 1300 of the 1776, eligible farmers in the county have filed Performance Reports and signed Application forms," he stated.

Mr. Hall pointed out that the Person County AAA Office is open each week day from 8:30 o'clock a. m. to 5:15 o'clock p. m., and that every farmer who has not filed Performance Report and signed Application form is urged to call at the County Office and do so at the earliest possible date.

Bob Davis, Of East Roxboro, Dies

Funeral for Bob Davis, 68, of East Roxboro, whose death occurred this morning at eight forty-five o'clock at the home of a son E. T. Davis, after a long illness with asthma and heart trouble, will be held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at East Roxboro Methodist church, with interment following in the Paul family cemetery. Body will be taken to the church one hour before the service is to be held.

Capt. Sanders Coming

Capt. H. K. Sanders, Jr., son of Person Farm Agent and Mrs. Sanders, who has until recently been in Italy, has returned to the United States and will be home soon, according to a message received Friday by his parents.

Now Lt. Colonel

Maj. S. B. Satterwhite, of Roxboro and Oxford, now overseas in the European Theatre of war and several times decorated for military service, has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, according to a message just received by his wife here. Lt. Col. Satterwhite, a graduate of State College, was formerly principal of Allensville school.

Along The Way

Several people were out early last Friday in an effort to kill the Ground Hog before he had a chance to see his shadow and thus bring on six more weeks of bad weather. It is rumored that the coal dealers of this city were very anxious that he not even get a peep at it. They are ready for warm weather to arrive.

I just noticed that my cigarette was burning mightily low and it is the last one that I have. On the bum now until some friend comes to my rescue. The other day I had a happy thought. When I was a kid I smoked rabbit tobacco and there should be large supply of that in the fields right now. Then too I once smoked coffee for a while and that was fair. Corn silks made an excellent smoke except that it burnt our tongue.

A Zan Pulliam just walked in my door and when a money man comes to see me I always stop work and do what I can for the man with the dough. Please excuse me while I wait on Zan.

Rev. Mr. Womble Accepts Call To Richmond Church

Rector Of St. Mark's Prominent Here, To Leave In March.

Soon to become rector of Epiphany Episcopal Church, Barton Heights, Richmond, Va., is the Rev. Rufus J. Womble, of Roxboro, who yesterday morning told his St. Mark's congregation of his acceptance of the new work. It is expected that he will move to Richmond during the week following Sunday, March 4, when he will preach final sermons at St. Mark's and at Christ Church, Milton, which he also serves.

Epiphany Church, which has a membership of over five hundred, is considered a large and important parish, with an attractive rectory, parish house and church, established a number of years ago.

The Rev. Mr. Womble, for the past two to three years athletic coach at Roxboro high school and teacher of Bible there, has been active in Roxboro civic and religious affairs during his nearly five years of residence here. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Womble, of Raleigh, and is a graduate of State College and president of its Alumni Chapter here, which had a meeting Friday night, with Lt. Gov. R. L. Harris, Rep. R. P. Burns and Sen. Flem D. Long as speakers.

In addition to church and school activities, the Rev. Mr. Womble has also served as secretary of Person Ministerial association and is also president of the Person Council of Social Agencies. Only last week he finished his second year as highly successful chairman of the Person Polio fund drive. He has been chairman of the China War Relief fund and is vice chairman of the Person Health Service Committee and of the County Softball league.

In announcing his decision to leave Roxboro the Rev. Mr. Womble, who came to his first regular pastorate here, expressed his keen appreciation for cooperation both from his parishioners and citizens generally, and voiced his sincere regrets at leaving. A graduate of the Episcopal Seminary, Alexandria, Va., he married Miss Lucy LeGoll, of that city. They have one daughter, Carol Lou.

Griffin Sends Wells Protest

Taking exception to the Grand Jury report last week as signed by F. E. Wells, foreman, with regard to alleged defects in many Person County School Buses, Superintendent R. B. Griffin on Friday sent a letter to Mr. Wells setting forth facts as viewed by the Person school official and in considerable variance with allegations made in Mr. Wells' report.

Copies of the letter were also sent to Judge W. C. Harris, Raleigh, and to the Courier-Times. The letter is published today as an Open Forum on the editorial page of the Courier-Times.

Out Of Focus

Lisbon, Portugal, Jan.—A life-size oil painting of Hitler has been removed from the most prominent position in the German tourist office here.

It has been replaced by landscape photographs.

D. W. Jones, Of Marines, At Newport

Marine Staff Sergeant Donald Wayne Jones, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Espey R. Jones, of Ca-Vel, is stationed at the U. S. Marine Corps air facility at Newport, Ark. as a member of a medium bomber based on the facility.

In Belgium

Pfc. Robert S. Rogers is now stationed with the 9th Army in Belgium. In a recent letter to his mother, Mrs. Walter Rogers, he says tell all of his friends hello.