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Gold Star Data Sought Here For Legion Program

Next Of Kin Group To Hear Atlanta Woman

Meeting For Prisoner Of War Group Planned Here March 25.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lott Minor, of Edgefield, S. C., and Atlanta, Prisoner of War Consultant in Home Service, Southeastern Area, American Red Cross, is expected to speak in Roxboro on Sunday, March 25, at a next-of-kin meeting sponsored by Person Chapter of the Red Cross, according to announcement received today from the Southeastern Area office, Atlanta.

Local chairman for the next-of-kin group here is Miss Nancy Bullock. Mrs. Minor in her own work has made a special study of the American Red Cross Prisoner of War program and in this connection has visited the office of the Provost Marshal General and International Red Cross headquarters in Washington.

Mrs. Minor received her education at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. where she earned an A. B. degree. Later she did graduate work at Duke University. She has taught at Edgefield High School, Edgefield, S. C.

Formerly a resident of Westfield, Mass., Mrs. Minor was active in numerous civic and cultural organizations including Girl Scouts, Westfield Women's Club and the Little Theatre. She was also a member of the P. Y. Forum, near Springfield.

In volunteer Red Cross work she has participated in Roll Call drives, instructed in First Aid, served in Production Units, and at present is a member of the Nurses Aide Corps of Atlanta Chapter.

Mrs. Minor is a native of Edgefield, S. C.

Four-H Clubs To Give Program

"4-H Clubs Make Progress on the Home Front" is the theme to be used in a radio broadcast in which Person County Club members will participate, Saturday, March 17th, at 12:30 P. M., over WPTF, in Raleigh.

Four students who will represent Person County on the program are: Sara Allen, Mary Ruth Moore, Harvey Clayton and Aaron Hill, all members of the Bushy Fork 4-H Club.

First Aid Man Comes Monday

Lewis Plunkett, of Atlanta, from Southeastern Area headquarters, the American Red Cross, will arrive in Roxboro Monday to begin a series of classes in First Aid to be held in the USO Service Center five nights a week for two weeks, it was learned here today. Starting time of the program will be 7 o'clock and persons who are interested in taking the course are urged to be on time.

To Florida

Pfc. and Mrs. O. Y. Clayton, Jr., have gone to Miami, Fla., where Pfc. Clayton will be stationed for some time. He recently returned from many months of overseas service in Palestine, Egypt and India.

Hauling Plane Draws Crowd

Lt. Ernest F. Sorgni's P-40 plane which on Monday crashed in a nose-dive landing in a cow pasture near Roxboro when the fuel line became clogged, was removed yesterday afternoon in a dismantled condition and hauled through Roxboro streets on an Army truck with a long trailer support. Reports gave destination of the trailer as Charlotte, but Roxboro folks were not so much interested as to where the wrecked plane was being taken as they were in its appearance.

Swarms of children and older citizens stood around and looked on while the truck-trailer was parked on Main street long enough for the driver and work crew to eat lunch in a local restaurant.

Pvt. Coates, Of Person, Given Purple Heart

In English Hospital, He Says Red Cross Helps Very Much.

Fvt. Talmadge Coates, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Coates of Route 3, Roxboro, who was wounded in action in Germany, December 14, 1944 and was sent to a hospital in England, has received the Purple Heart, which has been sent on to his parents.

Pvt. Coates entered the army in December 1943 and went overseas in October 1944.

According to the latest information received from him, his condition is improving.

Writing to his parents, he says: "I was awarded the Purple Heart today, by the Colonel himself. You know what that is, it's the medal you are given for wounds received in action. It is very pretty and I sent it right home to you. You should receive it pretty soon. Let me know when it gets home. The Red Cross takes care of the shipping for me. They do a lot for us over here."

"I haven't told you this before, but I am in England, have been since January.

"We get passes to town every night, and I have been having a good time for myself. It is a good size town and there are some good things to do.

"I don't know if you have received the letter in which I told you where I got hit. It was in the left thigh. It didn't break any bones, so I think I was lucky. There is no need for you to worry. I am completely over it now. It will never bother me.

"I've been traveling around for the last few months, France, Belgium, Germany and England. I have really got the chance to see the world. It was rough, but all the same G. I. stuff."

Ministers Asked To Aid Scouting

Patterson Has Choices To Give In Army Work

Women from North Carolina who enlist in the Women's Army Corps for hospital duty during the rest of the WAC General Hospital Company Recruiting Program will now have a choice of five hospitals where they may serve. Sgt. Charles Patterson, WAC Recruiter for Roxboro announced today.

Since the opening of the campaign to recruit WAC Medics to assist Army doctors and nurses, women from North Carolina who met WAC qualifications, were given the opportunity to choose one of several large Army General hospitals in the South for their initial assignment on completion of training.

There are still three nearby general hospitals where quotas exist. They are Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga., and Baker General Hospital, Martinsburg, W. Va. In Texas, there is a quota to be filled at McCloskey General Hospital, and for the first time, women in this district may be assigned directly to a hospital on the West coast, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.

This opportunity for women going into service to be stationed near home if they prefer, or to select an assignment in the west, will be in effect until the quotas for these particular hospitals are filled, Sgt. Patterson said.

Has Promotion

William A. Gravitt, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, was promoted to the rank of Machinist Mate Third Class from Fireman First Class, according to information received by his wife, the former Miss Geraldine Moorefield. Machinist Mate Gravitt is now somewhere in the Pacific.

Bronze Star

S. Sgt. John A. Hall, who is somewhere in Germany, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement against the enemy in Germany on February 18th, according to information received here.

Now Prisoner



CURTIS E. HAMLETT

S. Sgt. Curtis E. Hamlett, of Ca-Vel, officially reported as missing in action as of November 27, 1944, is now a German prisoner of war, according to a card received in his handwriting by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hamlett, recently.

Sgt. Hamlett was fighting with the 26th Division of the Third Army in France when he was captured.

Safety Program Planned For PTA

March meeting of Roxboro Central Grammar School Parent-Teacher association will be held at the school Tuesday afternoon at three-forty-five o'clock, according to announcement made today. Special music by the Junior band will be under direction of Miss Mary Earle Wilson and the program on a "Safety" theme is being arranged by Mrs. Hugh Beam, who plans to have a surprise twist in it.

A full attendance is requested, as the subject to be discussed should be important to all parents.

Special Appeal Made Monday. Holy Week Services Planned.

Members of the Person County Ministerial association have been asked to look into the matter of sponsorship of Boy Scout patrols by rural churches. Spokesmen here who presented the program and plan to the ministers at Monday's monthly meeting of the association, were Clyde Cole, of Yaneyville, extension chairman for Cherokee council, and E. Pierce Bruce, of Reidsville, council executive.

Mention was made of the annual Boy Scout sermon and service Sunday night at Edgar Long Methodist church for the Person district. The patrol recommendations are being taken Monday. Next meeting of the Association will be on Monday April 9.

The President, Rev. W. C. Martin, presided at the March session. He called the meeting to order with the singing of a hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour." After which, Rev. J. N. Bowman read a very helpful devotional from Luke 4:16-22.

Message of the morning was brought by Rev. L. V. Coggins, who in a very forceful way, spoke on "The High Call of The Minister."

The ministers decided that the usual Good Friday meeting should be held this year, as much interest had been manifested in former years. The meetings are well attended and those who participate derive much help and inspiration.

Rev. Boyce Brooks reported on his duties as teacher of Bible at Roxboro High School.

Pvt. B. L. Cash Slightly Wounded

Pvt. Bunnie L. Cash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Banks Cash of Timberlake, was slightly wounded in Germany on February 3rd, according to a message received by his parents recently.

Pvt. Cash, who received his education at Mt. Tirzah High School, was inducted into service July 1944, and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and went overseas in January 1945. Prior to entering the army, he was engaged in farming.

His brother, Pvt. Toy Cash, is now stationed at a Camp in Georgia.

Pvt. Cash was wounded in his left arm and side but according to reports he is recovering nicely.

Prospect Hill Man Reports To Agency Group

J. H. Warren Again Heads Farm Loan Agency.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Piedmont National Farm Loan Association in Greensboro Saturday, Joseph H. Warren, President, reported that borrowers had paid in on old loans during the year three dollars to every new dollar loaned, even though the Association had loaned more money in 1944 than during any year since 1934. "Under the law we must continue to base our loans on sound normal values of farm lands reflected in normal prices for farm commodities," said Mr. Warren. "It is apparent that our borrowers realize that it is much easier to pay off their mortgages with present prices of farm commodities than with normal prices, and our association would not serve its purpose if we did not encourage this practice," stated Mr. Warren.

E. P. Clodfelder of Randolph County was elected to the Board of Directors to succeed J. A. Holder and J. M. Proctor of Durham County to succeed W. T. Shaw, J. H. Warren and S. M. Bumpass were re-elected as Directors. Other members of the Board are L. L. Garrison of Mebane, Henry T. Watkins of Blanch, and J. O. Busick of Madison.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors following the stockholders meeting Joseph H. Warren of Prospect Hill was re-elected President, L. L. Garrison of Mebane, Vice President, D. E. Scarborough, Secy-Treas., and Mrs. Jean Thompson, Asst. Secy-Treas.

Mrs. Wagoner's Rites Will Be Held On Friday

Funeral for Mrs. Bennie Brown Wagoner, 55, of Person County, whose death occurred yesterday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. John Ramsey in Concord church community, will be conducted Friday afternoon at three o'clock at Wheeler's Primitive Baptist church by Elder N. D. Teasley, of Durham, with interment in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Wagoner, wife of the late Claude E. Wagoner, suffered a stroke of paralysis last week and her death, resulted from complications following the attack.

In addition to Mrs. Ramsey, survivors include, two sons, Pvt. Lacy Wagoner, in New Guinea, and Isaac Wagoner, of Person County, five other daughters, Mrs. Maggie Allen and Mrs. Eva Tuck and Misses Ruth, Mildred and Ouida Wagoner, two sisters, Mrs. Molly Ashley and Mrs. Minnie Wagoner and three brothers, Ira, Nat and Weldon Brown, all of Person County.

St. Mark's Will Have Duke Man

The Rev. Henry Nutt Parsley, of Durham, chaplain to Episcopal students at Duke University, will be special speaker Sunday morning at eleven o'clock at Saint Mark's Episcopal church, according to announcement made here this morning.

The Rev. Mr. Parsley has been a frequent Roxboro visitor and is well-known here.

Service Flag

Dedication of a church service flag for Roxboro First Baptist church, presented by the Woman's Missionary society, will take place with appropriate exercises Sunday morning at the church, according to announcement made today. The flag will honor men and women of the Sunday school and church who are now in military service. Family representatives are urged to attend and will be requested to stand when names from their respective families appearing on the Honor Roll are called.

Revival To Start

The Spring revival meeting at Longhurst Baptist church will begin on Sunday evening, March 18, and continue through the following week, services being held each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. J. N. Bowman, pastor of Providence and Ca-Vel Baptist Churches, will bring the messages during the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend according to the pastor, R. W. Hovis.

SAN TOMAS CONDITIONS NOT INTOLERABLE SAYS NURSE

Bushy Fork Girls Hear First Lady

Trip To Raleigh For Scouts Arranged By Citizens At Bushy Fork.

Bushy Fork Girl Scouts and their leader, Mrs. Robert L. Hester, were among the eight hundred or more scouts and leaders to whom Mrs. Roosevelt talked Monday at the United Church, at Raleigh.

"Feel your responsibility as a citizen and don't falter" was Mrs. Roosevelt's advice to scouts. The First Lady described to the Scouts conditions now confronting the children of France, Poland and Czechoslovakia in order to stress the importance of the part that Americans will take in future international relations. Mrs. Roosevelt urged the Girl Scouts to learn to give and take, to live and let live, and never to underestimate the value of being a good citizen.

Transportation was furnished by E. P. Warren and R. L. Hester. After arriving in Raleigh at three o'clock the Scouts had the opportunity to enjoy the museum and Capitol before Mrs. Roosevelt talked at 5:30.

Beside visiting places of interest they also saw Governor Cherry and Mrs. Cherry, former Governor Broughton and Mrs. Broughton, Joseph Daniels and Carl Goerch.

Troop 2 is composed of twelve girls namely: Peggy Jane Warren, Elaine Long, Sarah Allen, Lucy Turner, Bobbie Lu Winstead, Louise Chambers, Mary Jane Day, Louise Bowes, June Allen, Louise Carr, Annette Whitfield and Eleanor Hall.

The Bushy Fork Girl Scout organization is sponsored by the P. T. A. of their school and is doing work, according to its leader, Mrs. Hester.

Elbert Oakley Now At Bulner

Timberlake Man Returns After Overseas Duty.

Sgt. Elbert L. Oakley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Oakley of Timberlake, has returned from overseas after spending thirty months in England, Africa, Belgium, Italy, and Germany. Taking part in five different battles, he served with a tank division. He spent many months in a hospital in England.

While overseas he met several boys from Roxboro including Willie Strange and Dick Gentry.

Sgt. Oakley has two brothers in service, Pvt. Willard J. Oakley who is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. and Raymond Oakley, A. M. M. 3-C, who is stationed at Norfolk, Va. now having served two years in Bermuda.

Sgt. Oakley, who received his basic training at Fort Bragg, has been in service nine years. He served two years in the Hawaiian Islands before Pearl Harbor.

He recently spent a twenty one day furlough with his parents and his wife and daughter at Lakeview. He is now at Camp Butler for re-assignment.

Mason Appointment

Washington, March 13.—President Roosevelt has sent to the Senate the nomination of Clarence H. Mason for postmaster at Timberlake, North Carolina.

Roxboro Civic Club One Of First To Hear Bataan Heroine, Who Also Has Raleigh Ovation.

"Prisoner of War conditions under the Japanese in the Philippines as I experienced them were not too difficult," according to Evelyn Whitlow, 28, of Leasburg, and the Army Nursing Corps, Bataan, Corregidor and Santo Tomas (camp), who on Monday night in one of her first public appearances since landing recently in California, spoke at Roxboro Kiwanis club, beating by two days her talk at Raleigh yesterday, where she appeared before both the House and the Senate and received an ovation.

Program in Roxboro was arranged by J. W. Greene and took place in a question and answer form. Lt. Whitlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whitlow, of Leasburg, lives in Caswell County, close to the Person line, and is one of twelve children in the family, with five in military service. Four are overseas, among them a daughter, in Italy.

Lt. Whitlow, a graduate of Memorial hospital, Danville, Va. was the subject of extended comment this morning in the "Under the Dome" column in the News and Observer, where she was referred to as an "Angel of Bataan." Among those who joined in the ovation given her was Person Rep. R. P. Burns.

Quoting from "Under the Dome", this was said about Rep. Burns' remarks: "Lieutenant Whitlow, who has regained 20 pounds since returning to this country, first received from (Please turn to page eight)

B. W. Langford Serves In Unit With Gen. Dever

Is With Heavy Automotive Unit In French Area.

Now in France with a Sixth Army unit, the 905 Ordnance company, is Pvt. Beverly W. Lunsford, of Roxboro. The 905th company, a heavy automotive maintenance unit, supporting the U. S. Seventh Army in Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers' 6th Army Group, is one of the first to chalk up and maintain a 20-a-day score, 20 wrecked vehicles completely repaired or rebuilt, painted and tested, ready for delivery into Army stock depot.

Hitting and holding the 20-a-day mark, according to Capt. Fred E. Drew, commanding officer, of West Valley, N. Y., is an example of teamwork by ordnancemen, expert and willing at their tasks, and seasoned by 29 months' experience overseas.

"They don't miss a trick," the captain said. "For instance, an outfit like this faces a big job when time comes to move to a new locality. But in one day of 100 miles we lost just one day's production. Each man carried out his assigned task."

clerks, upholsters, machinists, clerks, upholsters, machinists, blacksmiths, painters, body-and-fender artists, radiator, tire and battery repair men, carpenters, inspectors, and supply men—all of equal importance to the company's "assembly line" technique of mass production. General purpose vehicle, from jeep to 12-ton prime-mover, furnish the company its principal rebuild jobs.

"These combat ordnancemen are adept at rebuilding heavy units with parts salvaged from irreparable units, meeting emergency shortages in supply. With typical American inventiveness, they have perfected shop aids that spur production. Confronted with a health hazard from carbon monoxide, they solved the problem by attaching lengths of hose to the exhausts of running motors and diverting the gases to the outdoors.

White And Negro Men Go To Camp

Robert Hester Wagstaff and Felix Elmore Chandler went on Friday to Fort Bragg for induction, according to announcement made today by Person Selective Service board.

Negro men who reported to Fort Bragg last week for induction were, Harding Hayes leader, Dewey Hardin Smith, Kelly Johnson, Henry Otis Whit, George Stewart, John Clayton, Jr., Major Graham Royce, Archie Debed Winstead and J. B. Hicks, while Negroes who went to Bragg last week for examination were, Edward Barnett, leader Ira Long and for another board, Marion Fox Norwood and John W. Johnson, Jr.

Pvt. Thomas P. Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gentry of Allensville, who was slightly wounded in action on November 28, 1944 for which he was awarded the Purple Heart, has now returned to the states and at the present time is at Camp Kilmer, N. J.

Pvt. Gentry, who was with an infantry unit with the First Army, went overseas in June 1944. He has been in service about two years. His brother, Cpl. Irel Gentry, of the Marine Corps, is now somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

BUTNER BOY IN GERMANY CAN'T SAY ENOUGH FOR RED CROSS

Boost for the Person and Roxboro Red Cross War Fund, reported today as at \$5,855.36 closer to the goal of \$8,900 is furnished by Cpl. Glenn D. Crowder, 26, Medical Technician of Camp Butler's 35th Division and Lincoln, California, now in Germany, who used to come to Roxboro almost every week for visits with his fiancée during the months the 35th Division was stationed at Camp Butler.

Break-down of total contributions officially reported as of today, is as follows: Special gifts \$2,767; Business district \$1,057.67; Woman's division \$729.56; White Schools \$659.55 and miscellaneous \$648.69.

Cpl. Crowder puts it this way: "The American Red Cross is a 'God-Send' to us boys over here. We've got a lot to thank them for, believe me. I used to think as a small boy that the Red Cross was to help little crippled children, but now since I'm a man and thousands of miles away from home in this 'Hell-Hole', I've really found out what that beautiful cross stands for: it is life, it is love, it is home to us G. I. Joes over here, and the workers are wonderful to us."

"I am sure that if people back home could see what a swell job plasma is doing, they would be only too glad to give more money to the Red Cross. I know I would be only too glad to give all the blood I possibly could. . . never regret it at all. I know it is kinda hard for people to believe these things if they don't see them with their own eyes, but its true, all of it, every word I have said. . . ."

Cpl. Crowder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crowder, Lincoln, Calif., where he helped his father with a cattle ranch, has been overseas since last June. He does not know that Roxboro, which he spells home and friendship to him and to a lot of other Butner lads, has no facilities for furnishing blood plasma, but that, in the opinion of Red Cross officials here does not lessen the effectiveness of his message.

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Lt. Wells Home

First Lt. Louise E. Wells, of Semora, returning from 22 months overseas in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations is expected to arrive at Ft. Meade, Md., prior to reaching her home on Route 1, Semora, where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wells.