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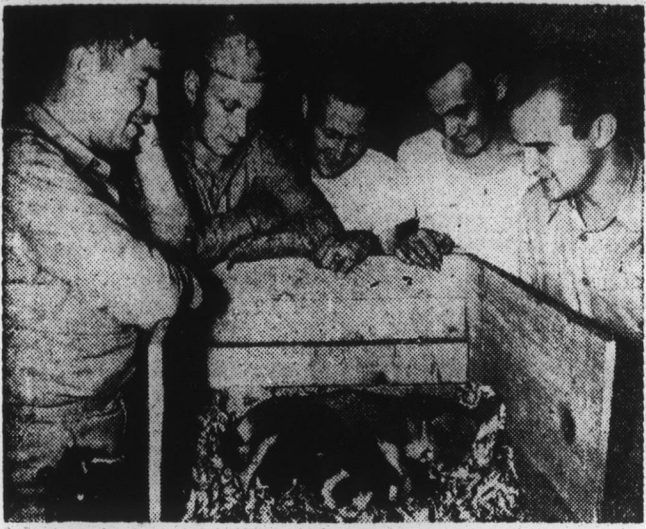
HOME FIRST, ABROAD NEXT

Fatal Highway  
Accidents  
IN PERSON COUNTY IN 1945  
HELP KEEP IT THAT WAY  
DRIVE CAREFULLY!

**\* RATION DEADLINES**  
MEATS—Red: Q5-S5, Mar 31; T5-X5, Apr. 28; Y5-Z5 & A2-D2, June 2; E2-J2, June 30.  
FOODS—Blue: X5-Z5 & A2-B2, Mar. 31; C2-G2, Apr. 28; H2-M2, June 2; N2-S2, June 30.

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## Pacific Pet Production



Tarawa, mascot of Marine combat photographers at a Pacific base, helped solve the pet problem recently by producing five pup offspring. Watching over Tarawa and their new pet quintet are, left to right, Corp. Arthur J. Kiely, Jr., of East Hartford, Conn.; Corp. George A. Matson of New York City; Staff Sgt. William H. Feen, Jr., of Detroit, Mich.; and Technical Sgt. William C. Fitch of Lake City, S. C., all combat photographers, and Sgt. Edward J. Pendergast of New Orleans, La.

## Roxboro Man's Cousin Jumps In Same Foxhole

### Strange Experience Related About Pvt. Donald Morris And Sgt. Apple.

It happened to Pvt. Donald Morris, 20, of Roxboro, son of John H. Morris, of this City, overseas in a fox-hole in the European theatre under a barrage of German artillery fire. Party of the first part, that is, original occupant of the fox-hole, was Pfc. Morris, who entered the Army some three years ago at the age of seventeen, and second actor in the scene was Sgt. Ezra Apple, of Danville, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Apple, of 632 Franklin street, Danville, recently returned home and discharged after having received nine wounds in action, but this story of the meeting of Pvt. Morris and Sgt. Apple (who are cousins) centers around one particular fox-hole—because the two men met in it, quite by accident—and then went on their respective ways.

The Danville Register and Bee, after a few preliminary remarks about Sgt. Apple and his background and present plans, puts it this way:

"One interesting sidelight on his (Sgt. Apple's) experiences is shown in his narrative of a reconnaissance mission in which he dived into a foxhole as a German artillery barrage began.

In the foxhole was another soldier, his face spattered with mud. The foxhole occupant quickly exclaimed: "Ezra Apple!"

"Who're you?" the Danville sergeant asked, failing to recognize his facial features beneath the mud and grime. Sgt. Apple swiped his hand across the boy's face, removed the mud, and recognized him as his cousin, Pfc. Donald Morris of Roxboro, N. C., whom he hadn't seen since long before he remounted took place in that muddy foxhole as shells screamed overhead and the barrage lifted a few minutes and each was on his way again, headed for different objectives. Pfc. Morris had been in the foxhole for six hours when his cousin jumped in with him.

A few days before, Sgt. Apple had been literally blown from a foxhole. He had plunged into it as a shell barrage began. A shell exploded ten feet away, hurling him completely out onto level ground and erasing (Please turn to page 6)

## Robert Brewer Has Bronze Star

Technician Fifth Grade Robert S. Brewer, of Roxboro, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John M. Brewer, and now overseas with the Third Infantry division of the Seventh Army in France, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious service in actual combat while fighting with the Third Infantry division in France," according to an official War Department message received here today by the Courier-Times.

In a letter to a sister here he revealed that the award was presented because of performance of duties connected with "patrolling behind enemy lines." He has a brother, John Wilson Brewer, in the Navy and a nephew, Pete Pridden, son of Mrs. Thomas J. Crutchfield, of this City, also in the Navy. Both are thought to be in the Pacific area.

Technician Brewer entered service in 1941 and has been overseas about two and one-half years.

## Pvt. Blackwell At Atlantic City

Pvt. Alfred Blackwell, age 22, (Negro) of R. F. D. No. 3, Box 154, Roxboro, son of Mrs. Lillian Blackwell has recently returned from service outside the continental limits of the United States and is now temporarily stationed at the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station, Atlantic City. While at this installation he will be given a series of tests to determine his fitness for future assignments.

Pvt. Blackwell served 9 months as Platoon Leader in the Asiatic-Pacific theatre of operations. He is a recipient of the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon.

## Has Purple Heart

Mrs. Cliff Winstead, of this City, has received the Purple Heart award from her son, Pfc. Cliff Winstead, Jr., who was wounded in action in the European theatre several weeks ago, but is now much improved and back at duty.

## SERVICE FLAG GIVEN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH YESTERDAY

The W. M. U. of Roxboro First Baptist Church presented the church with a beautiful service flag at the morning service Sunday. Presentation was by Mrs. R. A. Whitfield on behalf of the W. M. U. Mrs. Whitfield, a speaker of unusual force was at her best, and her remarks were beautiful.

The Pastor, Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, accepted the flag on behalf of the church. Following the acceptance, the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Victor Satterfield, with Mrs. Sam Byrd Winstead at the organ rendered a beautiful and appropriate anthem, "Our Own America."

On the flag were 74 stars, 72 blue and 2 gold, the gold representing two who have paid the supreme price, those two being Lt. Ransom Frederick and Pvt. Harold O'Brian. The flag was given honoring those who are or were members of Roxboro First Baptist Church.

Following the service, the Rev. Mr. Brooks chose his subject "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and delivered a most interesting and instructive sermon. As usual at the morning service the auditorium was filled to capacity.

## \$30,000 Pistol Saves Person Man

### Rites To Be Held This Afternoon For Person Resident.

Funeral for Sam P. Moore, 68, of near Flat River Church, whose death occurred Saturday at his home from effects of a stroke of paralysis, will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mount Zion Methodist Church with interment in the church cemetery.

Rites will be in charge of his pastor, the Rev. Floyd Vilines. A native of Person County, he was a son of the late P. B. and Sarah Sweeney Moore.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. H. E. Pearce of Richmond, Va., and a number nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers will be, Claude Moore, Garnett, and Graham Hicks, Paul Cobb, Oscar Jones and Irving Blackard.

Mr. Moore shared his home with the Norfleet Wrenn family.

## Joe D. Carver Gets Star Medal

Teo-5 Joe E. Carver of Roxboro, with the 8th Infantry Division in Germany has been awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry in action according to information received here today.

He is the husband of Mrs. Edna H. Carver, of Roxboro.

The citation reads as follows:

For heroic achievement in action against an armed enemy. During an advance, the battalion in which Teo-5 Carver was serving as an aid man, came under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Disregarding the danger involved, Teo-5 Carver, of his own volition, exposed himself to the enemy fire, in order to give first aid to the wounded. During the entire action, Teo-5 Carver displayed outstanding courage and skill in treating his wounded comrades.

## Schools To Get Many Apples

Within the next three weeks 38 carloads of apples will be distributed to schools of this State having approved lunch programs, according to George Ross, who represents the N. C. Department of Agriculture in the War Food Administration's cooperative program of distribution. There are at least five Person and Roxboro schools with lunch rooms.

Ross said the apples were purchased last fall and kept in cold storage. "Although they are small, they are fine apples and should mean much to the health of our school children," said Ross.

## War Prisoner Sends Message

S. Sgt. Harold Oakley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Oakley, who is a prisoner of war in Germany, writes to his parents that he is all right, getting a plenty of sleep, the food is fair and that he is being treated o. k. He asks that they not worry about him and sends his love to all.

## Along The Way

Kelly Eugene Paylor, better known as Kelly Paylor was signing his income tax blank the other day and when he came to the word "Eugene" he looked up at me and asked: "How do you spell 'Eugene'?" I wasn't quite sure so we both guessed at it.

If the weather that we have been having for the last week continues to hold it will be time for Roy Cates to take off his long underwear. He generally puts it on in October and keeps it on through April but since we have been having an early spring he will have to take it off or keep busy scratching.

The Whittlers Club that held meetings at the Winstead Warehouse last spring did not hold meetings this year. Reason for this was due to the shortage of wood. Tranyham Mitchell said that he could not furnish the wood this year. He had no one to cut it, no one to haul it and goodness knows he didn't want to do anything that could be classed as work.

## More Details Received About Pfc. H. Stephens

### Wounded Sergeant Writes To Wife Of Man Killed In Action.

Tribute to Pfc. Herman Stephens, of Person County, reported as killed in action in France in the Parry Forest near Luneville last October, is contained in a letter to Pfc. Stephens' wife from his Sergeant, Thomas H. Leuesque, who writes from England and gives additional details concerning Pfc. Stephens' death.

Sgt. Leuesque, who says that Pfc. Stephens was one of his most faithful men and like by all has been wounded himself.

He writes as follows:

"You probably have forgotten about getting an answer from me. Well, I've been hit and your letter just caught up with me. I will be glad to tell you all I can about Herman.

"He was sure a good boy and always did his job no matter what condition we were in.

"Everybody liked him very much. He was the best messenger I've ever had. We've always been together. This letter is very hard for me to write because I've seen you only once, but I saw your pictures a lot and Herman use to always talk about you and his little girl, so that makes me know you better.

"He got killed on Sept. 29th but we can't report him dead until he has been picked up and buried so that's why he was reported missing in action, but he didn't suffer at all. He was instantly killed by German (Please turn to page 6)

## Rites Held For Mrs. Oakley At Residence Here

### Mrs. J. Melvin Oakley Dies At Sanitarium After Long Illness.

Mrs. J. Melvin Oakley, 28, of Roxboro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richard Clayton, of Roxboro, died Friday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock at the State Sanitarium at Sanatorium after an illness lasting one year. Death resulted from tuberculosis. Her husband is a patient in the Sanitarium, but was here for the funeral.

Funeral was in Roxboro at the residence of her father-in-law, Harvey M. Oakley, by the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, of First Baptist church, at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, with interment in Burchwood cemetery.

The former Miss Lou Bettie Clayton, Mrs. Oakley is survived by her husband, of Sanatorium and Roxboro, two sons, Layton Sheen Oakley and Frederick Kent Oakley, her parents, a sister, Miss Mildred Clayton and two brothers, Pfc. Riley Clayton and Frank Richard Clayton, Jr., all of Roxboro except Pfc. Clayton, who is now at Mitchell Field, New York.

The Oakleys lived for a year or more in Norfolk, Va., before illness developed.

## Chief Robinson Loses Brother

W. G. Robinson, 43, brother of Police Chief George C. "Pat" Robinson, of this city, died at his home in Newton, Saturday night of a heart attack. Mr. Robinson had not been previously ill.

For a number of years the deceased had been assistant chief of police of Newton. He is survived by his wife and one son, Leon, who is with the armed forces in the Pacific. Other survivors are G. C. Robinson, brother of Roxboro, one sister, Mrs. Lefty Barbie of Roanoke, Va. and his mother, Mrs. J. W. Josey of Statesville.

Chief Robinson, of Roxboro, left Sunday morning for Newton but did not know the exact time of the funeral when he left. It will probably be held some time today and will be in Newton.

A half-brother, with the U. S. Army, was killed more than a year ago in England.

## Has Bronze Star

Sgt. Ersel O. Jones, who has been awarded the Bronze Star and Good Conduct ribbon, is now somewhere in France. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Jones, of Longhurst.

## Norway's Girl Scouts



Norwegian royalty joined in the 33rd anniversary celebration of the Girl Scouts of America at a reception in the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington, D. C., when over 200 Girl Scouts presented gifts to Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha to be sent to Norwegian Girl Scouts now in Scotland. Looking over some of the gifts, left to right, are Girl Scout Sally Ashley, 10, of Bethesda, Md.; Princess Ragnhild, who belongs to a Bethesda troop; Prince Harold, children of the royal couple; and Mary Beth Wright, 10, Washington, D. C.

## Red Cross Near Goal, Has Praise From Pacific Vet

### Only Few More Hundred Dollars Now Needed.

The Person and Roxboro Red Cross goal is almost over the top with \$8,366.72 already collected out of a quota of \$8,900, so that the drive should be completed this week, says O. B. McBroom, finance chairman, and who breaks contributions down into the following brackets:

Special gifts \$2,777; Business district \$1,098.17; Woman's division \$1,052.53; White schools \$1,744.50; Negro schools \$1,045.84 and miscellaneous \$648.68, with a total of \$8,366.72.

That is an impressive record, thinks Mr. McBroom, but a boy who knows what the Red Cross does is Pvt. Wyatt J. Blalock, who can't say enough for the Red Cross and what it does for the wounded.

Pvt. Blalock, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Blalock, of Roxboro, wounded on Leyte, and now in Roxboro for a visit with his folks at three weeks at Oliver General hospital, Augusta, Ga., says he is so happy to see the streets of Roxboro after twenty-seven months away that he felt like kissing them when he got here.

Wounded at Leyte in the right foot on November 19, after landing there in October, Pvt. Blalock, a brother of Clyde Blalock, who is in New Caledonia, has vivid impressions of rice swamps and water but (Please turn to page 6)

## How's My Son? Question Asked Of Local Woman

Mrs. Barbara Bloxam Frank, daughter of late City Manager, Has Big Job With Red Cross.

How is my son?...is the question asked in hundreds of letters. Mrs. Barbara Bloxam Frank, of Roxboro, is reading letters which are received by social workers of the American Red Cross at Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S. C., from local Red Cross chapters all over the country.

A typical letter says: "The family of the above named servicemen received a wire from him telling of his arrival in this country. They are not acquainted with the nature of his disability and are desirous of receiving a report relative to this. Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated."

Mrs. Frank, daughter of Mrs. Percy Bloxam, of Roxboro, will contact the medical officer charged with the information from him and forward it to the soldier's home town chapter, which will report to his parents. This is only one of the many ways in which the social workers of the American Red Cross help returning veterans at Stark. Mrs. Frank's husband is an officer overseas.

## Gates' Brothers Meet In Pacific

T. Sgt. Philip and Cpl. Dewey Gates, Roxboro brothers were somewhat surprised when they unexpectedly met one another somewhere in the Pacific recently, it was learned today.

They are sons of Mrs. Fannie Gates of Hurdle Mills and Sgt. Gates is the husband of Mrs. Irene Gates also of Hurdle Mills.

Both boys are in Infantry Divisions and both have seen lots of action. Cpl. Gates has been overseas since Dec., 1943, while Sgt. Gates has been over since March 19, 1944.

Another brother, Pvt. Dallas Gates in service is stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala. He left in December last year.

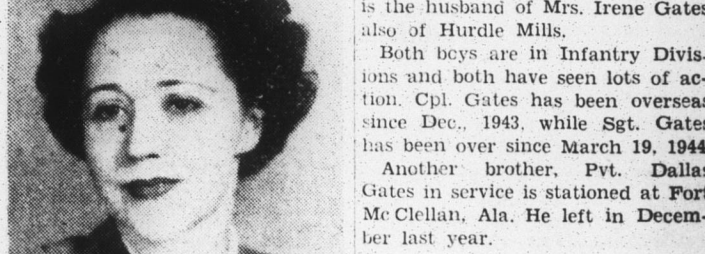
## Has Promotion

Pvt. Henry M. Turner, son of Mrs. Mamie Turner of Semora and the late Andrew Turner, has been promoted to the rank of Private First Class and awarded the combat infantry badge. Pvt. Turner was stationed in Germany but has now been transferred to France.

In 1889, Nellie Bly traveled around the world in 72 days; in 1913 the globe was circled in 35 days; now 120 flying hours can do it.

To lengthen a hemless dress, get one-fourth inch colored braid and sew in slightly overlapping rows to the narrow bottom seam.

## Speaks Sunday



MRS. E. L. MINOR

Mrs. Elizabeth Lott Minor, of Atlanta, Ga., and Edgefield, S. C., Prisoner of War Consultant, Southeastern Area, American Red Cross, will speak at a Next-of-Kin meeting in Roxboro at Person Court House Sunday afternoon, March 25, at three o'clock, according to announcement made today by Miss Nancy Bullock, local Prisoner of War chairman. The public is invited.

## Mrs. C. L. Brooks' Rites Conducted Here Saturday

### Prominent Woman, Wife Of City Commissioner Has Sudden Heart Attack.

Mrs. C. L. Brooks, 63, of South Main street, Roxboro, wife of C. Lester Brooks, Roxboro City commissioner, died Thursday night at 10:45 o'clock at the Brooks residence, Brookside, after a sudden heart attack. She had first suffered a heart attack last November, but had since improved until Thursday night.

Funeral was held here Saturday afternoon. Ministers were her pastor, Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, of Roxboro First Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. E. C. Winess, of Brookside Methodist church, with interment in Burchwood cemetery.

Daughter of the late P. S. and Virginia Satterfield Rogers, she was the former Miss Hettie Rogers, a native of Person County. Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Mrs. Robert B. Featherston and Mrs. C. P. Terry, both of Roxboro, and three grandchildren.

Also surviving are four brothers, Ira S. Rogers, of Mebane, and F. H., R. J. and W. P. Rogers, all of Roxboro, and six sisters, Mrs. J. H. Moore, Miss Bessie Rogers, Mrs. Addie Mae O'Brian, Mrs. N. H. Fox and Misses Leona and Nina Fox, all of Roxboro.

## Pfc. O. Y. Clayton At Miami Beach

Pfc. Otto Y. Clayton, Jr., 25, of Roxboro has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2, Miami Beach, Fla., for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

Pfc. Clayton will remain at the redistribution station about two weeks.

Pfc. Clayton was with a Medical Detachment during 29 months in the European and the China-Burma-India theatres. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Y. Clayton, Sr., Reams Ave., Roxboro. His wife, of 1204 Wilborne Ave., South Boston, Va., went to Miami Beach with him.

## Warren's Grove Having Services

There will be Pre-Easter Evangelistic Services at Warren's Grove Church each night through this week, the song service beginning at 7:45, and preaching by the Pastor, Rev. Daniel Lane at eight o'clock. The meeting will run through the fourth Sunday evening, March 25. The public is cordially invited.

## Board Wants Two

Miss Jeannette Wrenn, of the Person Selective Service Board, would like for Edd Clemmons, colored, 5-30-19, whose last address was 185 West Kinney St., Newark, N. J. and Howard James Wright, white, 11-22-17, whose last address was 327 Pouch St., Norfolk, Va. to get in touch with the Selective Service Board here or anyone knowing their present location are asked to contact

## Promoted In Italy

Corporal Roy B. Humphries, whose wife Geneva, lives in Longhurst, has been promoted to Sergeant on the Fifth Army front in Italy. He is a squad leader with the 85th "Custer" Division.

## Calvin C. Milam Now Sergeant

Calvin C. Milam, 21, son of the late Mrs. Lillie E. Milam, of Cave and Roxboro, engineer on a B-24 Liberator has been promoted to staff sergeant, according to an announcement received here today.

Since his arrival overseas Sergeant Milam has participated in numerous attacks on enemy aircraft factories, oil refineries, airbases, bridges, and other strategic targets in Rumania, Austria, Germany, Italy and France.

He is authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge as a member of a heavy bombardment group which has been cited by the War Department for "outstanding performance of duty while in armed conflict with the enemy."

Sergeant Milam was graduated from Bethel Hill High school in 1941, where he was active in all sports.

Before entering the service Sergeant Milam was employed by Glenn L. Martin, Baltimore, Maryland, as an aircraft mechanic.

## Ras Johnson, Jr., Has Promotion

Ras Johnson, Jr., 24, Negro sailor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ras Johnson of Roxboro, has been promoted to Seaman First Class. He enlisted June 22, 1942, received his training at Great Lakes, Illinois and left for overseas duty January 7, 1943. He is now serving on the West Coast of the United States. He has also served for a number of months in the South Pacific. His brother Cpl. Johnnie J. Johnson is now serving some where in the South Pacific.

## Slightly Wounded



GROVER J. RUDD

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Rudd, of Leasburg, have been notified by the War Department that their son, Pfc. Grover J. Rudd, 23, has been slightly wounded in action against the Japs on Luzon in the Philippines. Wounded January 25th, Pfc. Rudd has been overseas for fifteen months and is now reported to be improving.