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## Thursday Will Be Sugar Ration Day

### Person's Club Leaders Hear Dr. H. D. Meyer

#### District Gathering of Officers of Home Demonstration Council Takes Place of General Session.

Home Demonstration Council Officers from five counties, Person, Orange, Chatham, Durham and Wake, combined pleasure with business at Chapel Hill in a meeting held on Tuesday, at which Person County was represented by the Council Officers as follows: Mrs. B. B. Bullock, President, Mrs. Robert Anderson, secretary; Mrs. Dan Whitfield, treasurer; Mrs. C. T. Hall, Historian, and the Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Evelyn Caldwell.

This meeting replaced the annual district session, postponed this year because of the ban on large conventions.

Reports of work done in the five counties were given by the Council President from each county. The reports frequently serve as a stimulant to promote better work in the counties.

Guest speaker was Dr. H. D. Meyer of the University of North Carolina, who is now serving as Executive Director of the N. C. Recreation Committee, and who began his talk by briefly commenting on the point he considered outstanding in each of the county reports. He congratulated each county on a most successful year's work, but his talk was centered around the value of recreation, saying it should be included in the daily schedule of every person.

Immediately following Dr. Meyer's talk, the Orange County club members, as hostess, served a delicious picnic lunch to the delegates.

The afternoon session was highlighted by a talk by Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent, who reviewed the 1944 accomplishments of club members in the State, and explained how the blanket program is prepared for the monthly meetings of Home Demonstration Work.

Each County has been asked to submit recommendations for this planned program after each club in the county has had an opportunity to make suggestions.

The meeting adjourned early to give the delegates a chance to tour Chapel Hill.

### Better Than Average Souvenirs Received

Pfc. Robert M. (Tiny) Long, Jr., of Roxboro, now with a hospital unit in Germany, has just sent to his parents perhaps one of the best quality Nazi swastika flags ever received here. The cloth is of better than average texture and the white circle on which the black swastika is sewed is of double thickness, with the swastika stitched on on both sides.

Also in the box were an aluminum fork and spoon combination, joined together, and a high quality single-blade knife, with an inlaid swastika decoration in red enamel on a white background. Case of the knife is well-worn, particularly the leather belt-strap. Included in the package were two copies of the Nancy edition of the Stars and Stripes published for the use of American troops in Germany.

In boxes at top of copies of the paper are simple language lessons in French and German to help American soldiers get what they want in the way of food.

### Two In Germany

Pfc. C. J. White and Tec. Five Jack White, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. White, are both in Germany, according to information received here today. Another son, Bernard, is at Gallups Island, Boston, Mass., with the Merchant Marines and a fourth son, Lawrence, is at home, having served until a few months ago with the Army in Italy.

### Brother Killed

Pfc. Burtie Shell, of Harlan, Ky., and brother-in-law of Mrs. James Shell, of Roxboro, was killed in action in Germany on April 8th, according to a message received here. He volunteered for service December 8, 1941 and had been overseas only two months.

### White, Indian And Negro Schools To Serve As Registration Centers.

Home canning registration for sugar will take place in Roxboro and Person County on Thursday, May 3, at designated public schools between the hours of one to five o'clock, according to announcement made today by the Person OPA office.

Registrations will take place in the following schools: Roxboro high school, Roxboro Central Grammar school, East Roxboro, Ca-Vel and Longhurst schools, and Olive Hill, Bethel Hill, Cunningham, Allensville, Mount Tirzah, Helena, Hurdle Mills, Bushy Fork and High Plains (Indian) school, and Person County Training school, where various faculty members will assist with the registrations.

Applicants should go to the nearest school listed above and take with them their War Ration Books. The completed applications will be turned in to the local Board from the schools. After they are approved, the sugar coupons will be mailed out to the address shown on the applications.

The co-operation of the public is requested in that they (the applicants) go early and have ready the required information, as follows:

1. How many pounds of sugar did you use in 1944 for making jams, jellies, etc.?
2. How many quarts of canned fruit did you can with sugar in 1944?
3. How many pounds of sugar did you use for canning in 1944?
4. How many pounds of sugar did the Board grant you for home canning and preserving in 1944?
5. How many pounds of sugar will you use in 1945 for making jams, jellies, etc.?
6. How many quarts of finished canned fruit will you can in 1945?

Before using the 5-pound Home Canning Sugar Coupons a member of the family must sign each home canning coupon (OPA Form R-342). The person signing must enter the serial number of his War Ration Book Four thereon. For the purpose of identification, it will be necessary for the signer to take his War Ration Book Four with him when he purchases the sugar. These coupons are not transferable.

### Knight Speaker At Leasburg For Flag Exercises

Presentation of the American Flag and the Bible given last week to Solomon Lea School by the Junior Order was by the Rev. B. B. Knight, of Roxboro, a leader in the Order, who spoke in place of the State Councillor, who was unable to attend.

Other leaders at the exercises, in addition to Marvin Clayton, councillor of Longhurst Council, were the Rev. E. L. Burgin, pastor of Leasburg Methodist church, and Mrs. Penn Noell, principal of the school. Music was by Roxboro high school band under Miss Mary Earle Wilson, director. Much interested in the progress of the band is George Connolly, of Leasburg, who was instrumental in having it come for the Junior program.

Immediately after the presentation of the flag was raised on the flagpole near the school and was then lowered to half-mast in keeping with current tributes to the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

### Capt. Michaels Is Guest At Club

Capt. Robert P. Michaels, Jr., of this City, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Michaels, who returned to Roxboro last week after months of service in India and Burma with the China-India-Burma Air Forces, was a guest Thursday night of W. Wallace Woods at the Rotary club.

Slightly thin, but otherwise unchanged, Capt. Michaels says little about his overseas experiences beyond the fact that life in Burma has proved the most exciting. He arrived at Miami, Fla., several days before coming to Roxboro. Expected here soon is his brother, Lt. Bill Michaels, of California.

Only Roxboro man met by Capt. Michaels in India was Pfc. O. Y. Clayton, Jr., who returned to the States two or three months ago and subsequently visited his parents here before being reassigned to a post in the United States. Capt. Michaels says himself that he may be assigned to an instructorship in the States, but he does not know where he will go.

## May Meetings Of Demonstration Clubs Arranged

### Miss Evelyn Caldwell Suggests That All Members Should Be Thinking Of 1946 Plans Now.

Even though 1946 seems a long way off, Person's Home Demonstration Club members should begin immediately to make plans for their program of work for next year, says Miss Evelyn Caldwell, Person leader.

In the month of May, each club will discuss the type of demonstration they are interested in having in 1946. The suggestions will be tabulated for the twelve clubs in the county and then the recommendations for the county will be submitted to one of the two representatives of this District who will be called to Raleigh in the early summer to work with representatives of other Districts in making this State Program of Work.

This program is a direct outgrowth of suggestions made in each county. Each club member is needed in her local club meeting in May to help formulate plans.

The schedule of meetings for May is as follows:

- Chub Lake, May 1, 2:30 P. M., Mrs. John G. Clayton; Helena, May 2, 3:00 P. M., School; Providence, May 3, 3:00 P. M., Mrs. R. K. Young; Warren's Grove, May 8, 3:00 P. M., Mrs. Roger Crumpton; Bushy Fork, May 9, 3:00 P. M., Community House; Mt. Tirzah, May 10, 2:30 P. M., Mrs. A. S. Day; Velma Beam, May 15, 2:30 P. M., Mrs. Clarence Rimmer; Olive Hill, May 16, 2:30 P. M., Community House; Allensville, May 17, 3:00 P. M., Mrs. B. G. Crumpton; Olive Branch, May 22, 2:30 P. M., Mrs. Gabe Jones; Bethel Hill, May 23, 2:30 P. M., Mrs. Oscar Wrenn; Winplay, May 24, 3:00 P. M., Miss Mary Fulcher.

A County Council officer who attended the meeting in Chapel Hill will go to each of the meetings in May to report on State-wide plans formulated.

## A. K. Clayton Has Award At Luzon

The Purple Heart has been awarded to Sergeant Austin K. Clayton, 31, Timberlake, for wounds sustained in action against the Japanese in the Philippine Campaign, on Luzon, according to announcement received here today.

Clayton, an assistant squad leader in the 129th Infantry Regiment, was wounded in the leg and hip by hand grenade fragments during the battle for Manila. Climaxing the capital fight, his regiment made an amphibious assault into the old Intramuros (Walled City) that resulted in the capture of 400-year-old Fort Santiago, Spanish-built fortress along the Pasig River.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Clayton, Route 1, Timberlake, he has been overseas 23 months, serving also in the New Hebrides and the Solomons. He landed with his regiment—part of the 37th Infantry Division—at Lingayen Gulf on "D" Day, helping to make the initial beachhead.

On the rapid sweep to Manila, Clayton took part in the six-day battle at Fort Stotsenburg. Doughboys of the 129th, by smashing enemy resistance in the fort area, secured the airstrip installations at nearby Clark Field. Later, with Manila liberated, the regiment, although still a member of the 37th was shifted to Northern Luzon to fight temporarily alongside its parent unit, Illinois' 23rd Infantry Division.

Clayton's brother, Clifton, 28, is an Army Corporal in England.

### Has Purple Heart

Mrs. Ruby Clayton Garrett has received the Purple Heart that was awarded to her husband, S. Sgt. Charles D. Garrett, for wounds received in action in Germany on February 23rd.

## Native Chief Takes to Air



(U. S. Marine Corps Photos)  
Chief Mok, Micronesian head man of a Pacific island, has much to tell his people, for he recently had an airplane ride. The chief looks slightly apprehensive as a parachute is fitted to him by Marine Pfc. Raymond N. Bleser of Janesville, Wis. Looking on is Marine Maj. Edward Doswell, III, of Santa Barbara, Cal., commanding officer of the "Red Devil" Torpedo Bomber Squadron, who piloted the plane in which the chief was a passenger. In the lower photo, Chief Mok's relief was evident after the plane returned to the field and the radio gunner's compartment door was swung open. The chief is wearing Marine clothing which replaced his usual lap-lap, the native wrap-around skirt.

## W. J. Rimmer, Hurdle Mills, Dies At Home

### Rites Will Be Held This Afternoon At Berry's Grove.

Funeral for William Rimmer, 60, of Hurdle Mills, formerly of Jonesboro, whose death occurred Saturday night at 8:45 o'clock at his home at Hurdle Mills, will be conducted this afternoon at three o'clock at Berry's Grove Baptist church by the pastor, the Rev. R. W. Hovis, with interment in the church cemetery.

Mr. Rimmer, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James R. Rimmer, had been in ill health for the past two or three years. Death was attributed to a heart condition. A native of Person County and a farmer, he lived for the past several years at Jonesboro, but returned to Hurdle Mills about a year ago. He was a member of Eagle Lodge Number 19, at Hillsboro, and Masons will be in charge of rites at the grave.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Earl Roberts, of Jonesboro, and Misses Renie and Zenie Rimmer of Hurdle Mills, two brothers, J. I. and B. D. Rimmer, both of Durham, also a number of nieces and nephews, among them Arthur Rimmer, of Roxboro.

## Along The Way

Recently—Or should I say for a long time—I have been subjected to insults concerning my handwriting. Now, I will say that my writing is unique but not as bad as some people would have me think. I have no trouble reading it provided I wrote the item not more than ten minutes before I try to read it. A day or so ago I was insulted again, this time by a friend of mine. This friend was none other than R. D. Bumpass. I had been to the Rationing Board office and had a form that I was trying to fill out. I did fairly well on parts of it but then I came to the part that I did not understand so I went over to see Bumpass to get him to help me. He looked at the part that I had filled out and then he started on the remainder. As he started writing here's what he said: "I am going to write as bad as I can so they will not be able to recognize my writing from yours."

## Mad Dog Scare Prompts Warning To Canine Owners

### McBroom Given Certificate For Red Cross Job

#### Speakers At Person Red Cross Meeting Come From Henderson And Roxboro.

Presentation to O. B. McBroom of a framed service certificate for his leadership as chairman of the recently completed Red Cross War fund campaign here, where quota of \$8,900 was topped to tune of \$12,600, was high spot of April meeting of the Person Red Cross chapter Friday night at Person Court House, where speakers included Mrs. W. D. McInnis, of Henderson, and Mrs. Meadows, of Oxford, executive secretaries, respectively of the Vance and Granville chapters.

Election of officers for the Person chapter was delayed until the next meeting. Presiding was Dr. Robert E. Long, chairman, who called on various committee heads for reports.

Brought out in discussions by Mrs. McInnis and Mrs. Meadows were an analysis of Red Cross services, including a more completely organized home service corps, a nurses aid corps and a Gray ladies unit, it being indicated that the Person chapter is in need of additional, trained volunteers in home service and that a profitable program could be developed through nurses aides, provided both women of the City and County as well as doctors and nurses of Community hospital are willing to work out a cooperative plan.

In addition to the chairman and the speakers of the evening, those present included, Mrs. Sue Featherston, executive secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Hester, Mr. McBroom, W. Wallace Woods, Tom Shaw, Mrs. W. R. Woody, Miss Nancy Bullock, J. W. Greene and Sidney Marsh.

Mr. McBroom in expressing thanks for the certificate said that he felt that the solicitors who got the funds in the drive were really the ones deserving the award. In presenting the certificate, Dr. Long expressed the hope that Mr. McBroom will again serve as the fund raising chairman in 1946.

### Seaman Puryear Now At Norfolk

Thomas Edward Puryear, seaman, second class, UNR, of Roxboro, arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., on April 1, to undergo training for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet. He recently completed a period of training at Miami, Fla.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Puryear of Virginia, Va., Seaman Puryear is married to the former Velma Gentry of Roxboro. They have two children, Peggy Ann, 2, and Rennis, 6. Before enlisting in the Navy, he was employed by the Waterfront Lumber Co. He attended Bethel Hill High School in Woodsdale.

### Reported Better

Pfc. Melvin J. Ashby, of Timberlake, son of S. T. Ashby, who has been wounded twice in battles in France and Germany, is now receiving treatment in a European hospital for a nervous condition, but is reported to be improving. Pfc. Ashby's youngest brother, Pvt. Robert Ashby, has gone to Fort Meade, Md. A third brother is in the Pacific area.

### SPEND SUNDAY HERE

Mr. Edward L. James, of Newport News, Va., and her brother, Charles Gentry, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., returned to their respective home today after visiting their families here over the week-end.

### Four-Year Old Ca-Vel Child Receiving Pasteur Treatment, Says Sanitarian.

Warning to Roxboro and Person dog owners particularly those living in or near Ca-Vel to keep dogs confined, was issued this morning by Person Sanitarian Winston B. Taylor, who said that report has come back from Raleigh that a Ca-Vel dog which on Saturday reportedly bit a four-year-old Ca-Vel child, had rabies. The child, Nancy Ford, daughter of the Pulliam Fords, of Ca-Vel, is taking the Pasteur treatment according to Taylor. The dog is property of Harvey Britt, also of Ca-Vel. The dog was killed and the head sent to Raleigh for examination.

Dog owners, according to Taylor, are advised to keep their canines confined for at least two weeks, allowing enough time for symptoms of rabies to develop. This is the first rabies case reported here in several months.

State law calls for dogs to be vaccinated against rabies and clinics for such vaccination are held in various counties, according to Taylor, who said this morning (Please turn to page 6)

## H. G. Oakley, Of Semora, Freed From Nazi Camp

Sgt. Harold G. Oakley, 22, of Semora, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Oakley and first reported as a prisoner of war near Frankfurt, Germany, December 21, has been released from prison by advancing allied forces, according to information received here last week by his parents.

Sgt. Oakley, in the service about two years, thus becomes the third Person soldier known to date to have been released from a prison in Europe. Probably the first was Robert Montague, Woodsdale man, in the Air Corps, who was released last year, while first to be reported this year was Pvt. W. A. Wilson, Jr.

Sgt. Oakley writes his parents that it is good to be back with the American forces and to have something besides black bread and boiled sugar beet tops as food. He also says:

"While lying around and nothing else to do, thought I would drop you a few lines. Hope this finds all well and feeling fine. As for myself, I feel somewhat better today. It has been so I could keep nothing on my stomach, but I am getting along pretty good, now. Some of the boys were lucky enough and in good enough condition to head for the States.

The way I felt when they left, I was willing to stay, but I sure hope it won't be too long before I'll be heading that way. They came around yesterday and gave us candy and cake, chocolate drinks, egg-nog, and cake. It sure was a treat, too, after not having anything like that for five months. It is really a pleasure to be back where you can get something besides black bread and boiled sugar beet tops.

"It is hardly believable how we existed on the food they fed us, but I am still here, thanks to the good Lord. I've trusted in him for too long a time and I feel like he won't let me down. I'm just praying for the day when I can return home and start the life of a human. Well, guess I'll close for this time, as it is time for some egg-nog."

### Elbert R. Horton At Camp Butner

T-4 Elbert R. Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Horton, of Roxboro is stationed at the Redistribution Station, Camp Butner, where he will spend two weeks before reporting to his new assignment in the United States.

Sergeant Horton was returned recently to the United States after having served 37 months in the Southwest Pacific theatre of operations, where he served as a cook. He holds the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon, Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star, and the Distinguished Unit Citation.

Sergeant Horton has two brothers in service. T-5 James V. FA, recently returned from overseas and T-5 Thomas Horton, Inf., now in Germany.

## Life As Torch Race Theme Of John Holmes

### District Governor of Rotary Stresses Youth Service And Club Growth.

Describing life as sustained, cross country race like the torch race of the ancient Greeks, John Holmes, of Edenton, district governor of Rotary International, who was here last week for an official conference with Roxboro Rotary officials, later told the club members in an address at Hotel Roxboro that Rotary International is this year putting special emphasis on youth service and that all club members are under obligation to preserve for young people a clear comprehension of the American way of life.

The speaker also said that Rotary is being asked to do extension work this year, either in the formation of new clubs or through invitations to membership to new but suitable business and civic leaders. Presented by club president Fred Long, the speaker also praised the Roxboro club for its own qualities of leadership, adding that Rotary has through the years become a tested and a substantial organization, so much so that if a member feels critical of the club aims and purposes it can be said that the man himself and not the club is at fault.

Continuing the symbolism of the torch, Mr. Holmes, who is principal of the Edenton schools, quoted the Col. John McCrae poem, "In Flanders Fields", and observed that McCrae was not thinking of the poppies or of the crosses as he wrote, but of the torch from failing hands, and of the obligation of the living to carry it forward, to hold it high. In the opinion of Mr. Holmes, Rotary can do much to hold high the torch of the American way and of civilization and to pass on to young people to proper concepts.

It is a job which falls upon all of us, and not upon the home, the church, the school alone, said Mr. Holmes. Earlier in the afternoon he met with President Long, the board of directors and committee chairmen for a conference on the Rotary program as it is applied in Roxboro. He commended especially last fall's Anniversary night, which he attended.

## Mussolini Dies Coward's Death

Milan, April 29.—Italian patriots executed Benito Mussolini Saturday and on Sunday a howling mob was kicking and spitting on his remains lying in the center of this city where Italian Fascism was born.

Mussolini's face wore a disdainful snarl. He died shouting "No! No!" to a firing squad which took his life, and that of his mistress, near the village of Dongo on Lake Como at 4:10 p. m. Saturday.

The body was taken by truck to Milan and dumped in the city's square. A bullet penetrated Mussolini's bald head through the left forehead and passed entirely through it, tearing out part of the skull above and behind the right ear.

The brains which took Fascist Italy into the war oozed onto the filth of a dirt plot in the center of Milan.

Along with Mussolini, the patriots killed his mistress, Clara Petacci, and 16 other Fascists, many of them members of his cabinet.

The bodies of all were brought to Milan, which American Fifth Army troops entered today. A mob of over 5,000 persons immediately set up the corpses marking the final end to Fascism which carried Italy to its doom.

All bodies were strewn about a small area. A few patriot guards tried to hold the crowds back, but the guards were shoved back so they stepped on the bodies.

### Daily Services At First Baptist

Revival services which began yesterday morning at Roxboro First Baptist church will continue through the week with a service at 9 a. m. and 8 p. m. The pastor, Rev. J. Boyce Brooks will do the preaching, with A. E. Lynch leading the song service. The public is cordially invited to any or all of these services.

## TRUMAN SPOILS SATURDAY NIGHT TEA PARTY

With everything set to carry the good news to the readers of the Courier-Times President Truman steps in says it ain't so. When the news was broadcasted to the world Saturday evening that Germany had surrendered we got busy, called to our force and said an extra was due, and preparations were begun to carry the good news, and lo, it all had to be called off, as the President

said the rumor was unfounded. With thousands surrounding the White House he personally denied an Associated Press report that Germany had surrendered. The White House permitted the President's verbal announcement to be quoted directly. Here it is: "Well, I was over here as you can see doing a little work and this rumor got started. "I had a call from San Francisco and the State Department

called me. "I just got in touch with Admiral Leahy (Adm. William D. Leahy, his personal chief of staff), and had him call our headquarters Commander-in-Chief (General Eisenhower) in Europe—and there is no foundation for the rumor. "That is all I have to say." But that was a plenty, and we were let down flat. However, while we should not pay too much attention to rumors, for the air is

full of them, still, undoubtedly the surrender is expected at any minute. It may not come as soon as we expect, but if it does not we will not be alone in our expectation, for even those in high authority in Washington and London are expecting the same thing. However, we warn again, do not accept any rumor as true unless it comes from headquarters in Washington.