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First Of Recent War Prisoners Tells Of Experiences

Pvt. W. A. Wilson, Jr., Returns Home Tuesday From Bad Orb Camp.

Now back at home and immensely glad of it is Pvt. W. A. Wilson, Jr., of Timberlake, who has for the past several months been a prisoner of war of the German government. Pvt. Wilson, 21, and an alumnus of State College, was released from Camp 9, Bad Orb, Germany on April 2, near Frankfort am Main, by advancing American tank corps, of the 7th Army, who crushed the Bad Orb gate down just about the time of the fall of Frankfort.

Captured December 17, at Clauvaux, Luxemburg, while on leave at a hotel when the German bulge of that date started, young Wilson was forced by his captors to march for three days through snow and rain and then spent four more days, including Christmas riding in a crowded boxcar to the camp. The cars held seventy men each, whereas they were designed to accommodate forty men or eight horses. Horses, says Wilson, had been in the cars not long before the Americans were pressed in.

Barracks at Bad Orb were of wood and the meagre heat was furnished by wood cut by the prisoners. Guards were chiefly old men. Wire fences separated various nationalities, says Wilson, and Jews were put in a still more separate enclosure. He had no mail from home while in camp. First Red Cross packages were received January 30, through a Serbian agency.

Food was poor and got worse as allied armies drew nearer. Breakfast was hotwater tea, lunch a thin soup, and supper a slice or two of black bread. Wilson lost nearly fifty pounds, but has gained part of it back. German guards took Red Cross food packages with them when they fled as Americans approached, says Wilson, who was himself flown to France when released and then came to the U. S. by boat.

Pvt. Wilson, whose father was in the last war, says he never gave up hope and could have continued to live on the prisoner of war diet. There were about six thousand prisoners at Bad Orb, half of them Americans. Having first reported to Fort Bragg when he returned, Wilson will be on leave until July 8, when he reports to Camp Butler. He is the first of recent prisoners to return home here.

Winners Named For School Band

Gordon Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Allen, of this City, will be new drum major for Roxboro high school band, having been elected to that position here Monday afternoon at a band field day staged on the athletic field at the high school, according to report received today from Miss Mary Earle Wilson, band director.

Assistant drum major and chief majorette, elected at the same time, is Miss Janie Dickerson, while winning majorettes are Misses Nancy Daniel, Noma Lee Barrett, Mona Lee Morrell and Mary Katherine O'Brian, all of whom will serve during the coming year.

Miss Wilson, whose band gave a capacity audience concert Sunday afternoon at the high school, expects to go to the Interlochen, Michigan Summer School of music again this summer. The school has a reputation for training public school band and orchestra pupils and directors. It is expected that Miss Mabel Massey, also of Roxboro high school faculty, will go to Interlochen with Miss Wilson.

Person First

Cpl. Gilbert Pearce, of Roxboro and Timberlake, an overseas veteran with many months of service in the European theatre, is, so far as is known, the first Person soldier to receive his discharge under the point system. Cpl. Pearce wounded in France and decorated there for bravery in action, returned home a few months ago under a rotation furlough which was later extended.

A few days ago Cpl. Pearce reported to Fort Bragg, presumably to end his furlough. While at camp he was informed that he could be released under the point system. He was Cpl. Pearce, who is married, has one child.

Presbyterians To Have Minister By Next Month

Roxboro Presbyterian church, without a pastor for the past several months since the resignation of the Rev. Paul K. Ausley, is to have a new minister by next month and is, in addition, considering plans for the construction of a new church building, including Sunday School quarters, it was learned here yesterday.

Call to become the pastor has been extended to the Rev. G. W. Heaton, of the Presbyterian church, Springfield, W. Va., who has accepted, the acceptance to be effective June 4. Call to the new minister was extended on March 25, after he had preached at the morning service at Roxboro Presbyterian Church on that date.

The period of time between the extending of the call and the coming of the Rev. Mr. Heaton is being used to make necessary major repairs to the Manse, with time for the recent occupant of the Manse to obtain another residence.

The Rev. Mr. Heaton comes to Roxboro highly recommended, according to church officials, who point out also, that his wife is an accomplished musician, expected to be of valuable assistance in the training of the church choir. The Heaton's have one child, a daughter, Henrietta, seven years of age.

In announcing the consideration of plans for the new church and Sunday school building, which, with its equipment when completed will cost approximately \$45,000, church officials said yesterday that William Henley Deitrick, prominent architect, of Raleigh, has been engaged as designer for the proposed new church and that preliminary plans have already been presented for consideration.

All Presbyterians in Person County, as well as the citizens of Roxboro in general, are looking forward to the coming of the Heaton's as a great forward step in the religious life and spirit in the city, according to church officials.

The Rev. Mr. Ausley is now a Navy Chaplain.

Memorial Hospital Group To Meet

The Executive Committee of the Person County Memorial Hospital, of which R. L. Harris is chairman, has called a meeting of representatives for tonight at eight o'clock in the Grand Jury room at Person Court House, according to announcement made yesterday by George W. Kane, general chairman. It is expected that the Executive Committee will at that time make a report with recommendations as to the size of the proposed hospital and the methods of financing.

In addition to Mr. Harris, other members of the Executive Committee are, R. P. Burns and J. A. Long, Jr., and Drs. B. A. Thaxton and J. D. Fitzgerald.

Commissioners Consider Budget, Are Sworn In

Budget matters for the new fiscal year, expected to receive still further consideration at the June meeting when a tax rate may be set, occupied the attention of Roxboro's City Commissioners Tuesday afternoon at their May session. Members were sworn in by Mayor S. G. Winstead, this having been first session since the City election of May 8, returned all members to their respective positions.

Mayor Winstead, who is also judge of City Court, had been sworn in several days earlier because of his court duties. All commissioners, together with City Manager Guy Whitman, were present.

Present City tax rate is \$1.35 and is expected to remain the same. Present County rate of \$1.20 will be considered by County Commissioners at their June meeting. General feeling is that the County rate may be increased.

IKK, CHURCHILL MEET

London, May 16.—General Eisenhower called on Prime Minister Churchill at 10 Downing Street today.

Tanks Liberated



PVT. W. A. WILSON, JR.

Lt. L. R. Holeman Has Air Medal

Second Lt. Lawrence R. Holeman, 21, Roxboro, co-pilot in the 48th Heavy Bomb Group in Italy, was awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement during aerial flight," shortly before V-E Day, according to announcement received here today.

A veteran of missions to oil refineries, air fields, and railroad yards throughout Southern Europe, Lt. Holeman is authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge as a member of a veteran B-24 Liberator group commanded by Lt. Col. Chester C. Busch, which was awarded the nation's highest group award for the bombing of underground oil storage installations at Vienna, Austria.

Lieutenant Holeman says his missions to the marshalling yards at Linz, Germany, were in the "hottest flak area I've been over."

Lieutenant Holeman was graduated from Roxboro high school in 1940, where he was a member of the varsity football and baseball teams. Prior to entering the service he attended the University of North Carolina where he participated in football.

Entering the Army Air Corps in December, 1942, he was graduated from preflight, primary, basic and advanced flying schools. Before leaving for overseas duty he was stationed at Chatham Field, Ga.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Holeman, live in Roxboro.

W. R. Rogers, Jr., Hospital Corpsman

At a U. S. Naval Hospital, Alca Heights, Oahu, T. H. hospital corpsmen care for casualties from the Pacific battle areas and one of the trained corpsmen is William Richard Rogers, Jr., of Roxboro, pharmacist's mate third class, USNR, who recently reported to the naval hospital for duty. Prior to his transfer here he was stationed aboard the USS Catron.

Rogers attended Helena high school, and before entering the Navy in November, 1942, was in business with his father.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rogers of Timberlake.

Rogers, like other hospital corpsmen, has been trained at a Navy hospital corps school.

Tobacco Gas

Person OPA office, closed yesterday, for the purpose of clearing up canning sugar ration applications, has also been a busy place because of gasoline applications for eastern travel to buy tobacco plants. The applicants have been crowding the gasoline permit counters ever since last week, but heaviest demands were on Tuesday.

Midwives Clinic

Second meeting of the Person Health Department's clinic for midwives will be held Friday morning, May 18, at nine o'clock in the Health Department offices, it was announced here today. Third meeting of the group will be held on Friday, May 25.

Commencement On

High Plains Indian school, of which E. L. Wehrenberg is principal, will have its finals exercises this Saturday at the school. Other schools, both white and Negro, will finish next week and will be having baccalaureate sermons on Sunday, followed Monday and Tuesday by commencement addresses. Gov. E. Gregg Cherry speaks at Roxboro high school Tuesday night. Final examinations in that school are now in progress.

SPECIAL MESSENGER WITH USO LIST IS FAITHFUL BLACKIE

Miss Hilda Shoemaker, who lives with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. Reade Jones, on Court Street, is occasionally charged with the duty of designating hostesses for the week to serve at the Roxboro USO Service Center. Yesterday afternoon Miss Shoemaker prepared her list for this week, but it is a long way from Court street to the Courier-Times office and so Miss Shoemaker employed a messenger, Blackie, faithful dog of the Jones family and the constant companion of Mr. Jones.

Blackie started out from home with the Service center list, neatly folded in a clean white envelope. Blackie kept the envelope just as neatly in his mouth, but could not quite decide where the Courier-Times office was. He trotted by it and went on to Mr. Jones, who was in his office at Hyco warehouse. Back up the hill of Depot street came Mr. Jones and Blackie, the envelope still in his mouth. They came in the newspaper office and Blackie sat up gravely at his master's command and delivered the still clean and pristine envelope with its list to the editor.

The job was done. Blackie and Mr. Jones returned to the warehouse, and here is the list, the women who will serve at the USO this Saturday and Sunday:

Saturday 2 to 4, Mrs. W. Y. Pass; 4 to 6 Mrs. R. F. Burns; 6 to 8, Mrs. David Carver; Sunday 12 to 2, Mrs. O. T. Kirby; 2 to 4, Miss Helen Latta and 4 to 6, Mrs. David Brooks.

Attendance Loss Cuts Six Teachers

Four Person County Public schools, two white and two Negro, are to lose teachers for the coming year by reason of decrease in attendance, it was reported today by Person Superintendent, R. B. Griffin.

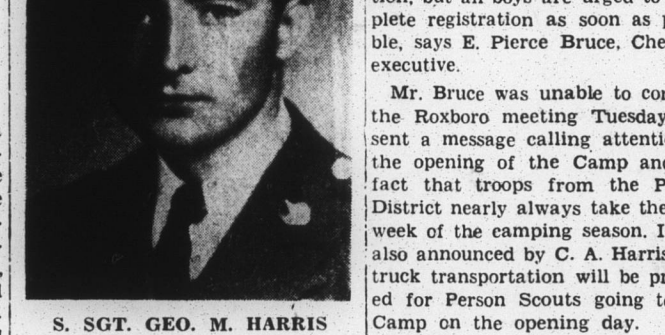
White schools affected by the ruling are those at Alensville and Helena, where two teachers each will be dropped from the rolls, while Negro schools are Person County Training school and the school at McGhee's, where losses of teachers will be one each. Total faculty losses expected now total six.

Mr. Griffin at the same time has reported re-election of E. B. Isley as principal at Hurdle Mills, where all members of the faculty have also been re-elected. Only white schools not yet reporting on faculty elections are Helena and Cunningham. Person Superintendent Griffin this morning (on Thursday) reported that a faculty re-election has now been held at Helena high school, with all members, including Principal L. M. Yates, re-elected.

Few Weeks Left For Camp Line-Up

Rules Set For Number Of Merit Badges Acceptable At Honor Court.

Camp Cherokee, near Wentworth, will open on Sunday, June 10, it was reported Tuesday night at April meeting of the Person District. Troops here will have the remainder of the month of May in which to complete applications for registration, but all boys are urged to complete registration as soon as possible, says E. Pierce Bruce, Cherokee executive.



Sgt. George M. Harris, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Harris, of Timberlake, according to an official War Department message died in a Mindoro Island hospital, April 15, from wounds received in action. He was a brother of Paul Harris and was a member of Providence Baptist Church, which he joined in boyhood. He entered the Army in 1941, and was with the Air Corps.

H. K. Sanders Has Corn As Theme

Person Farm Agent H. K. Sanders, guest speaker last night at the Exchange Club, at Hotel Roxboro, had as his subject the production of corn, with particular reference to its growth and its economic value in Person County. Pointing out that corn was for many years a neglected crop in this section, Mr. Sanders in a humorous way referred to its possible production now, or in the future, without work. On the serious side, however, he advocated more recognition for corn as a staple crop under a varied agricultural program.

Pfc. Bill Greene In California

Pfc. Bill Greene, veteran of three years of overseas service in India and Burma with the Army Air Forces ground crew, who has been in Roxboro on a rotation leave for a visit with his parents, left here Wednesday morning for California, where he will be stationed for two weeks or more. He may then have an extension of leave and return to Roxboro for another visit.

Award Sent



PFC. BERNARD WHITFIELD

Whitfields Get Award For Son

Letter From Pfc. Bernard Whitfield's Commanding Officer Also Received.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Whitfield, of this city, have received the Purple Heart, posthumously awarded to their son Pfc. Bernard R. Whitfield, who was killed in action in Germany March 16, it was revealed today.

Pfc. Whitfield was also awarded the Infantry Combat badge for meritorious action in combat.

A letter from Maj. Gen. W. S. Paul, Pfc. Whitfield's commanding officer, to Whitfield's parents, recently received by them, reads as follows:

"I know only too well that words cannot bring comfort to your heart in these hours of loss. However, as your son's division commander, I want to tell you that all of us who remain in this division grieve with you in the loss of our comrade.

Your son, Private First Class Bernard R. Whitfield 44019785, was killed in action 16 March, 1945 during our advance near Britten, Germany. He was buried in Luxemburg, after an appropriate service at which a Protestant Chaplain officiated.

You may secure more detailed information concerning the location of the grave and the disposal of your son's remains and effects by communicating directly with The Quartermaster General, Army Service Forces, Washington, D. C.

He did his duty splendidly and was loved and admired by all who knew him. We will not forget.

He gave his life in battle in the service of his country—these simple words cannot lighten our sorrow, but they bring great pride and inspiration to us all.

Former Captain With Conservation

Joseph R. Adair, of Morganton, a graduate of Clemson College, has come to Roxboro to be junior conservationist with the Dan River Soil Conservation service. Mr. Adair, who served overseas in Europe in World War II and attained the rank of captain, succeeds Joe Ellis, Jr., who since the first of this year has been on the Island of St. Croix with the conservation service.

Mr. Adair, who had three and one-half years in the Army, spent part of his time in France. Before going to Morganton with the soil conservation service he was also at High Point in that work. In Roxboro he will work with Supervisor Neal and other officials serving Person County. He arrived here Tuesday afternoon.

Pageant To Mark School Finals

Person County Training school's commencement program which will be given next Tuesday night in the school auditorium, will be presented entirely by students and will feature the 20th anniversary of the founding of the school, first consolidated high school for Negroes in Person County, according to T. C. Tillman, principal.

Exercises will begin at eight at night. A special song, "Just Twenty Years Ago," will be sung twice during the presentation of the anniversary pageant, which will have six scenes and an epilogue.

Free Man Now

Sgt. James Pentecost, of Roxboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pentecost, in the Air Corps and for many months a prisoner of war in Germany, has recently been liberated according to information received here this week.

Some Hope Seen For Plants From Person's Sources

C. T. Hall Urges Production Of More Chickens

Farmers of Person County can make a definite contribution toward increasing the nation's supply of meat by raising chickens for meat during the coming weeks, according to Claude T. Hall, Chairman Person County AAA Committee.

Pointing out that civilian consumption of red meat during 1945 is expected to be no more than 120 pounds per person, compared with about 147 pounds last year, Chairman Hall declared that one of the "quickest ways to increase the total meat supply is to increase the number of chickens raised and marketed for meat."

Civilian consumption of chicken in 1944, he said, was 24 pounds per capita, but present prospects for this year are only about 20 pounds per person. One of the principal reasons for this is that military purchases now are taking practically all the broilers produced in the four major producing areas and all the canned chicken. Military requirements for this year are estimated at 670,000,000 pounds, he added.

"To encourage production of more chickens for meat, national ceiling prices on broilers, fryers, and roasters will be advanced an average of 1.0 cent per pound in the ceiling price," he said.

"Farmers who get their chickens now can have them ready for market before the usual fall supply of brooder houses, feed, and other production facilities for farmers; to increase substantially their production of chickens for marketing for meat during the summer," he added.

Mr. Hall also declared that War Food Administration has contacted hatcheries to encourage them to expand hatching operations this spring to supply extra chicks needed for marketing this summer and that the numbers available to Person County producers should be sufficient to meet demands.

Pvt. Mack Burch Dies In Germany

Pvt. William M. (Mack) Burch, son of Mrs. Salaria D. Burch, of Roxboro, "died in the service of his country, April 24, in Germany," according to an official War Department message received recently by his mother. Pvt. Burch, who entered service May 4, 1942, served overseas for thirty-three months, having been in England, North Africa, Sicily, France and Germany. No details have been received as to how he met death, says Mrs. Burch.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, are three sisters, Mrs. Iola Davis, of New Hill, Mrs. Myrtle Gilliam, of Burlington, and Mrs. Ruth Smith, of Cameron, and four brothers, O. L. Burch, of Roxboro, J. O. Burch, of Jasper, Fla., Green Burch, of Live Oaks, Fla., and Irvin Burch of Kenansville.

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Capt. Zerkle Has Praise For Soldier From Leasburg

Captain Bruce A. Zerkle, of the Quartermaster Corps, commanding officer of James Raymond Bradsher, Jr., of Leasburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Bradsher, writes a letter of commendation for Bradsher's career in Patton's Army in Germany, according to information received here today.

Capt. Zerkle's letter, sent to Mr. and Mrs. Bradsher, reads as follows:

"Your son James is a member of my company and I just wanted to take this opportunity to drop you a line and let you know what a fine job he is doing and how proud we all are to have him in this organization. He is a credit to his country and family and you have every reason to be proud of him and what he is doing. Your frequent letters are in great part responsible for his high morale and for his cooperative attitude. Mail is a big thing over here and I know James appreciates letters from home. I hope we can all come home soon."

Demands Still Heavy For Gas To Go After Plants, However, Says OPA.

Continued heavy demands for supplementary gasoline for farmers to go east to such regions as Goldsboro and Wilson to buy tobacco plants is reported today by the Person OPA office officials of which say they are being swamped with applications. Overall picture of the plant situation, however, is considered as gradually improved here, judging by comments from farmers, some of whom believe that favorable proportions of rains and sun in the next few days will increase the quality and productivity of plant beds in Person County.

Person Farm Agent H. K. Sanders said last night that probably as many as seventy-five percent of plant beds here are retarded or non-productive. Other tobacco leaders say the percentage of growers who are going east to buy plants or are buying them from tobacco men and neighbors who have gone in search of plants is even higher. Some say 80 to 90 percent of growers will have to depend on imported plants.

The season is not expected to be greatly delayed. Person County has some fifteen to sixteen thousand acres devoted to tobacco and the crop is considered of major importance. Blue mold is the chief cause of plant failure. Never before in the history of this section of the Old Belt has there been such a wide-spread failure of plant beds. Plants in the East are reported as plentiful, but prices are rather high.

Zimmerman's Program Pleases

Playing difficult MacDowell, Schumann, Poldini and Chopin selections, as well as compositions by Moszkowski, Gounod-Cain, Haydn, Rachmaninoff and Scharwenka, Wallace Zimmerman, of this City, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zimmerman and piano pupil of Mrs. W. Wallace Woods, gave his recital Monday night in the auditorium of Roxboro Central Grammar school, where assisting artists were members of the Roxboro high school sextet, with Miss Ann Fountain director.

Warmest applause for Mr. Zimmerman was reserved for his solo rendering of the familiar Chopin "Polonaise, Opus 40, No. 1, while appreciation was also shown for duet numbers played with Mrs. Woods, including Rachmaninoff's C Sharp Minor Prelude. The young soloist, heard by a capacity house, showed, in the opinion of many, a technical excellence made more impressive because of an instinctive feeling for tone and touch and varying moods.

Ushers were Nathan Fox and Eugene Wade and Misses Jane Dickerson and Jean Paylor. The sextette was composed of Mona Grachel Clayton, Elizabeth Newell, June Woods, Alleen Barnette, Jacqueline Abbott, and Edriel Knight.

A general recital for other pupils of Mrs. Woods will be presented late this month.

Special Service

Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Sunday, May 20, will observe Mother's Day with a service at 11 o'clock. In this service, flowers will be presented to the youngest and oldest Mothers present. There will be dinner on the grounds at noon. Everyone is welcome, according to the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., pastor.

\$116,531

Total War Bond sales in the Seventh Loan here now stand at \$116,531, out of an overall quota of \$548,000, with an E Bond quota of \$244,000, reports District Chairman Gordon C. Hunter. Theatre premieres of last week represented \$91,000, while V-E Day sales, with Mrs. W. H. Adair and Mrs. T. T. Mitchell assisting in Peoples Bank, reached a total of \$61,225, of which \$64,225 was in E Bonds. Overseas soldiers are still buying bonds, says Mr. Hunter, adding that citizens at home must do more if the quota here is to be completed by the end of June. He itemized reports have as yet been received from the public schools.