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Girl Escapes Hurts Last Night After Bike-Auto Run-In

Miss Ann Briggs Moore Has
Slight Injuries In Main
Street Collision.

Miss Ann Briggs Moore, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Moore, of South Main Street, who was knocked from her bicycle last night in a traffic accident about eight o'clock, is reported to be resting comfortably at her home this morning, according to her mother, who said that her daughter remained at Community hospital only a short while.

Miss Moore, who had no broken bones, but suffered from shock, was knocked from her bicycle when the vehicle collided with a car on North Main street near the George W. Walker residence, the car being operated by Pvt. Bobby Booth, of Roxboro and Camp Lejeune, who is home on furlough from service in the Marine Corps. Pvt. Booth is a son of Mrs. Elizabeth Cheek.

Investigation was by City police and according to Officer George W. Walker no charges will be preferred against Booth, the accident being regarded as unavoidable, according to Mrs. Moore, mother of the young girl.

Considerable local excitement was caused by the accident for which an ambulance was called. Second accident of the week involved three Camp Butler soldiers who allegedly crashed their machine into the rock wall of a South Lamar street residence on Tuesday night. Also on record was a minor fight at the softball game last night at Roxboro high school in which Calvin Coates, of the Army, was knocked down by a sailor after Coates had allegedly started to create a disturbance.

Not Certain Adolf Dead Yet, Say Russian Generals

Berlin—"There is no definite proof that Hitler is dead," Col-Gen. Alexander Gorbatov, Russian chairman of the Allied Kommandatur for Berlin, told Allied newsmen today, declaring he did not rule out the possibility that he is alive and in hiding.

"But," the general added, "the saying goes in the Red Army that he definitely is nowhere in Russian territory."

Gorbatov said he had heard reports that Hitler's dentist had taken a human jawbone to Moscow and identified it as that of Hitler, but said he knew nothing beyond that.

Recapitulating achievements since Berlin was captured, the general said 700 establishments producing consumer goods had reopened and 11,000 stores, 8,000 tailor shops, 4,000 other shops 528 schools and 162 libraries now are open.

In feudal England, freedom of the highways was won only after a long struggle extending over centuries.

Roxboro To See Wood Motorcade

The Army's "Wood for War" motorcade under the command of Lt. Joseph H. Mitchell, veteran parachutist, with six wounded fighting men who have just returned from European and Pacific battlefronts, will come to Roxboro on Saturday, August 11, it was announced today.

The motorcade is on a 1,500 mile tour of North Carolina's wood producing areas for the purpose of bringing to the farmers and workers in the woods and the mills a message of appreciation to those who have been responsible for North Carolina's production of pulpwood and saw logs during the past year. Lt. Mitchell said he hoped that the direct message from the motorcade's combat veterans would influence any workers who have not been carrying their share of the production load to stay on the job and get out the urgently needed lumber and pulpwood products.

While in Roxboro and Person County the motorcade will visit woods and mill operations where walk-throughs, assemblies of community rallies will be held. If a night meeting is held the War Department's special combat film, "San Pietro," will be shown.

The veterans traveling with the

Roxboro Kinder Than Most To Visiting Soldiers

So Says Pfc. Robert Schaeffer,
Regular Program
Planned Again.

There are soldiers who go to church when they come to Roxboro on week-ends and one of them, Pfc. Robert Schaeffer, of Camp Butler, greatly appreciates the courtesies extended by citizens here, as he tells Dr. Robert E. Long, USO director, in a recent letter.

"The people of Roxboro are very hospitable and seem to take more interest in servicemen than a lot of towns I have been in," says Pfc. Schaeffer, who adds, "I enjoy very much the picnics, Sunday afternoons at the lake and the suppers served by church organizations and junior hostesses."

Expressing his appreciation and enjoyment of the services furnished to him and to other soldiers by the Roxboro USO, Pfc. Schaeffer has this to say about the churches: "Church services are excellent and I have had the privilege of attending the Sunday dinners sponsored by Long Methodist church, which were very good and wish to thank you and the church for inviting me to dinner. I'm sure the rest of the fellows could say the same things I've said, and I know, I, for one, have enjoyed myself very much."

Junior hostess groups three and four, with Misses Mary Alice Thornton and Leatha Osner, will be in charge of the USO program here this week-end, and plans include the regular Saturday night dance, the Sunday picnic at the Fred Long Cabin at Chub Lake and supper served by women of Helena and Mount Tirzah Methodist churches. Vespers speaker will be the Rev. Floyd J. Villines, Jr., pastor of these churches. Groups will go to the Lake Sunday afternoon at 2:30. In case of rain, supper will be at the USO Center in town at six P. M.

Speaker at vespers last Sunday was the Rev. A. C. Young, of Calve Methodist church and supper was served by women of Concord Methodist church. Music was led by Wallace Woods and transportation by R. D. Bumpass.

Oscar C. Hull Sees Gay 'Paree'

Sgt. Oscar C. Hull, of Roxboro, has been promoted from Corporal, according to a message received today from him by his wife, Sgt. Hull, a graduate of Duke University, is now in France and writes that he has had many visits to Paris, although he will take Roxboro, small as it is, as a place to live.

motorcade have all been in the thick of the fighting in Europe and the Pacific and wear many decorations for gallantry in action. Lt. Mitchell holds the Purple Heart, European Theatre Ribbon with two stars and the Presidential Unit citation for assault landing on the beaches at Anzio. He fought in Sicily and Italy for 14 months where he served with the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

The motorcade is a fully equipped field unit with staff car and sound truck equipped with motion picture projector and loud speaker facilities. Mr. Robert Patterson, the Undersecretary of War, authorized the 1,500 mile tour at the urgent request of the War Production Board.

"The War Department has sent this motorcade on a combat mission into the South to bring to the farmers and workers in the woods and mills an assurance that they are performing a vital war production job in getting out urgently needed pulpwood and saw logs.

Civic officials, religious leaders, representatives of federal and state agencies as well as members of fraternal organizations are expected to participate in the motorcade's activities when it reaches Roxboro.

From England By Air To Meet Japs



Many more than 10,000 Tommies a month will soon be reaching India by air from the battlefields of Europe, where for nearly six years they have been fighting the Germans. This picture shows 22 soldiers entering the Dakota transport plane which will fly them in seven days from England to India. They will be given two 48-hour rest periods on the way to get used to the changes of climate. Bigger planes will soon join this ferry service and when the system is working fully, they will be landing the Tommies in India every ten minutes to join in defeating the Japs.

Juniors To Have Supper At Church

Longhurst Council of the Junior Order will have supper on Saturday, August 18, at seven o'clock at Oak Grove Methodist Church, where the meal will be served by women of the church, according to announcement made today by Marvin Clayton, of the ticket committee, other members of which are Zan Pulliam, Jack Satterfield and Bohanon Blanks. Tickets may be secured from the committee. New head of the Longhurst council is J. W. Whitfield.

D. P. Dameron New President

Concord Man Succeeds Durham Resident As Head Of Person.

Annual reunion of the Featherston family was held Sunday at Concord Methodist church and new president of the group elected at that time is D. P. Dameron, of Concord, Cabarrus County, it was announced today.

New vice president is Robert Featherston, according to Mrs. C. E. Brooks, secretary. Devotional was by Mrs. N. L. Winstead, of Leasburg. Presiding was E. C. Dameron of Durham, retiring president.

Eighty relatives and family members, together with eight visitors, were present. Immediately after the luncheon an informal social hour was enjoyed and round-robin letters were written to send to men of the family who are in military service.

Tire Quotas To Stay Unchanged

Raleigh—August quotas of 2,500,000 passenger car tires and 386,862 small truck tires for civilian motorists, exactly the same as for July, and a reduced quota of large truck tires were announced yesterday by OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson.

"It will be a long time before new tires can be granted to 'A' book holders," Johnson advised. "I should be emphasized that these motorists may have to roll along for a long time on their present tires and should use every conservation aid."

He recommended, (1) having tires recapped while they can still be saved (2) check tires and air pressure frequently (3) drive carefully at the victory speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

Hugh J. Cates Has New Award

Corporal Hugh J. Cates of Hurdle Mills, now in Italy, recently was awarded the Medical Badge in recognition of hazards and hardships of combat while serving an infantry unit on the Fifth Army front.

Cates is a driver with the 350th Infantry Regiment of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division. He is the son of Mrs. Annie Cates of Hurdle Mills.

From New York

Capt. and Mrs. Frank E. Dunbar, of New York, are visiting Mrs. Dunbar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wehrenberg at Bethel Hill. Capt. Dunbar is expected to return to New York tomorrow, but Mrs. Dunbar will remain here for several months.

Border Belt Has High Range For Yesterday's Start

Mitchell Reports \$44.96 Average
From Conway At Opening,
With Heavy Sales.

Traynham T. Mitchell, of Roxboro, now on the Border Belt market at Conway, S. C., reported today from that City that yesterday's opening was marked with "lots of tobacco" selling at an average of \$44.96.

Press reports from Florence, S. C., Lumberton and other points indicated the same high trend, with average \$1 to \$4 per hundred higher than the opening last year, according to the United States Department of Agriculture and the departments of North and South Carolina. Most markets are reported blocked, with farmers satisfied.

Bulk sales ranged from \$44 to \$46 with a few lots selling up to \$48. The lowest price reported was \$22 for the poorest nondescript. Estimated general average on all markets ranged from \$44 to \$45.50. Last year's general average for the opening day was \$43.12 for 4,283,736 pounds.

Sales were heavy at all points, most markets being reported blocked. The quality of the marketings was slightly inferior to last year's opening, and there was a larger proportion of lower qualities and less choice and fine. Offerings were composed principally of fine to fair lugs and fair to low primings and cutters, lugs predominating. Because of the recent rains, considerable damaged tobacco appeared on some floors.

Heavy sales are expected to continue throughout the marketing season as most growers have completed harvesting their crops.

Sales reports from some of the markets included:

Mullins—opening sales for the 1945 season amounted to 614,666 pounds, being about the same as for the opening day last year with an average of \$44.

Growers were well pleased with prices.

Dillon—warehouse floors were almost cleared today as approximately 220,000 pounds of primings and lugs went to strongly competing buyers at an average price of about 45 cents per pound. There were no tags turned.

Clarkton—sales of tobacco here today amounted to 150,000 pounds at an average of \$43.50. Farmers were well pleased.

Kingstree—farmers were well pleased with prices received for their 1945 tobacco offerings here today. Sales aggregated 252,000 pounds at an average of \$45.30.

Lumberton—approximately 750,000 pounds of tobacco sold on the local market today brought an average of 44 cents per pound.

State OPA Man Gets New Job

RALEIGH, Aug. 1.—Norman C. Shepard, for three years, chief attorney for the Raleigh district office of price administration, has resigned to accept a position as legal adviser to the United States group control council in the European theater of operations.

Shepard will leave Raleigh August 10, District Director T. S. Johnson said. His successor has not been named.

Mrs. Oakley Of Moriah Dies At Keats' Home

Mrs. Nancy Oakley, 88, wife of the late G. W. Oakley of Moriah, died last night at 11:50 o'clock at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Essie Oakley Keats, from heart trouble and complications. She had been seriously ill for four weeks. Her husband died in January 1944.

Funeral will be held at the residence of Mrs. Keats Friday afternoon at four o'clock by Elder L. P. Martin, of Roxboro, with interment in the Thomas Hobgood family cemetery near the Keats residence.

Surviving are four sons, G. N., Lester and F. D. Oakley, all of Durham, and R. P. Oakley, of Roxboro and one daughter, Mrs. S. H. Keats, of Vernon Hill, Va. Also surviving are twenty-five grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

American Books Being Sent To German Readers

New York—Nearly 4,000,000 copies of American books will be distributed throughout Europe at the request of the Army's Psychological Warfare Branch, it was reported today by Harold K. Guinzburg, Chief of the Overseas Publications Bureau of the Office of War Information.

Many of these books have been printed not only in English but also in French, Dutch, Italian and German editions. They are intended to fill the vacuum created by the years of Nazi suppression of "undesirable" literature practically all over Europe.

The OWI book program calls for the distribution of the books of American origin at no cost to the United States. Preliminary sales reports from the countries where the books are on sale indicate that the entire supply will be sold in record time. Sales are made through normal commercial channels at a price which repays the United States Government for the total book expenditure.

In the liberated countries the American books are being received with enthusiasm.

Good Leaf Crop Seen For State

Raleigh, Aug. 1.—One of the best smoking leaf cigarette type tobacco crops in a number of years was forecast here today by tobacco marketing specialists.

The tobacco crop in eastern North Carolina was reported to be in good condition, with more body and weight to the leaves than last year's crop. Although recent rains damaged some tobacco, some grades were helped by the rain.

Practically all of the eastern North Carolina crop is expected to be harvested about August 17, two weeks earlier than last year.

Acute Labor Situation Here Aided Slightly By Few Going To Canada

Exchange Club Benefit Show To Come Saturday

Miss Davis Of Health Department Says Person Has
Eighty Crippled Children.

There are around eighty crippled children in Person County, many of whom can be aided by the Exchange Club's crippled children's program, according to Miss Evelyn Davis, senior staff nurse of the Person Health Department, who spoke last night at the meeting of the club at Hotel Roxboro.

Miss Davis, who was introduced by program chairman Arch Jones, chairman of the club's committee for crippled children, said that her figures included both white and Negro children. She also broke the figures down into age groups.

Chief business at the session at which President J. H. Lewis presided, was discussion of the South Boston, Va., "Frolics Minstrel" to be sponsored here Saturday night at 8:30 at Roxboro high school as a benefit for the Exchange Club's crippled children's project. The show is composed of skits, dance routines and music, both vocal and instrumental, all by residents of South Boston, many of whom are well-known in Roxboro.

Redeployment Change Expected

Raleigh, Aug. 1.—Release by selective service local boards of registrants classified in II-A, II-B, II-A(F), or in IV-F does not serve as a release from the war manpower commission's employment stabilization controls or in the place of a statement of availability from the local employment service office.

Due to confusion in the minds of several registrants who consider the selective service release as the equivalent of the war manpower commission's statement of availability, frequently referred to as a release, this explanation is made by Dr. J. S. Dorton, state director of the war manpower commission, with the concurrence of Brig. Gen. J. Van B. Metts, state director of the selective service system.

It also should be pointed out that some registrants have mistakenly assumed that if they obtain a release or statement of availability from a local USES office it is not necessary that they report to their local board and obtain a determination that it is in the best interest of the war effort for them to change jobs, Dorton said. Selective service registrants should be careful to report to their local boards and present their statements of availability, or releases, from the USES and ask for the necessary determination and receive it before actually making the transfer, under penalty of being classified under I-A.

Selective service registrants classified in any of the classes mentioned above may be issued certificates by local draft boards, authorizing them, so far as selective service is concerned, to change jobs, General Metts explains.

However, under the WMC employment stabilization program, which requires that all male workers must be employed through offices of the employment service, a statement of availability, frequently called a release, is required from the local USES office before a male worker is permitted to change jobs, Dr. Dorton stated.

Fertilizer Sales Establish Record

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—Fertilizer sales in North Carolina during the fiscal year just closed topped all records at 1,468,277 tons.

In releasing the announcement, Assistant Agriculture Commissioner D. S. Coltrane pointed out that last year's sales were 1,393,687 tons.

"This is rather significant," said Coltrane, "when one takes into consideration the fact that this State uses more fertilizer than any other State in the nation."

Feed sales for the fiscal year 1944-45 amounted to 836,865 tons compared with 893,000 tons for the previous year. This is a decrease of 56,135 tons or approximately seven per cent.

Some Help Comes From Fact That Few Sign Up To Go To Canada.

Not more than eighteen to twenty Person men are expected to go to Canada this year to work in tobacco fields there, it was revealed here today and it is thought that most of the men who go will be in older brackets, and not actively engaged in work here, although quite a few younger men and women were among those at the Court House yesterday to try to sign up.

A more acute shortage of labor in Person County than that reported at any other time, exists here now, according to Claude Luquire, director of the Roxboro USES office, who yesterday discussed the Canadian tobacco labor angle as one of the problems connected with local labor shortages. From another authority here it was learned this morning that as many as a hundred men formerly went to Canada for tobacco work from Person.

It is understood, however, that local farm leaders are deeply gratified that the number going to Canada this year is to be so much smaller. Considerable in the way of discouragement of such migrations has been voiced here this time and it was reported that not even the Canadian government representative who was here yesterday would sign up certain textile workers who wanted to go to Canada under a reciprocal agreement.

The employment situation in Roxboro and Person County, according to Luquire is creating heavy demands for textile workers, construction men and farmers and the Roxboro USES office is seeking to cooperate in every way in meeting the demands. Farm leaders say, however, that citizens here are expected to get their tobacco crop handled without too much difficulty.

While the Roxboro office of the U. S. Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission, together with 4,000 other local USES offices in the Nation, is continuing its greatest efforts toward supplying manpower for the most urgent of the war activities until V-J-Day, it is also planning for reconversion to civilian pursuits and production, it was announced today by Mr. Luquire.

Luquire points out that the immediate job of the local USES office is to help man the railroads, the shipyards, particularly on the west coast, the Maritime Service, and other activities classified as "must" operations, until the war with Japan has been won. Naturally, that is the "first" of all activities in the Nation.

At the same time, Luquire stresses, North Carolina has many industries which are in the "must" class and must be furnished workers to meet their schedule. These include all kinds of textiles, both for war and for civilian uses, lumber, pulpwood, and other products and services contributing to the war effort and the civilian needs. Just now, and for two or three months, one of the important needs is for workers to handle and to save the State's great money crop, tobacco.

In many areas, Luquire says there can be found both shortages and surpluses of workers—shortages of (Turn to page eight)

Mrs. Hidy Talks At Civic Club

Miss Billie Vogler Will Represent
Club At Institute
Program.

Semi-monthly meeting of the Roxboro Business and Professional Women's Club was held Tuesday night at Hotel Roxboro, with Miss Billie Vogler, new president of the club presiding. Miss Laura Penny, program chairman, introduced to the club Miss Elizabeth Lovell, District Supervisor of Health Education, who in turn, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Catherine Hidy, health educator in Person County.

Mrs. Hidy explained the functions of the health education program and its work in the community and the necessity that people in the community should realize their health problems and help in solving them. "A Health Educator is a worker trained to do all things in the community that others are trained to do but do not have the time to do; she supplements each but replaces none," said Mrs. Hidy. North Carolina has gone a long way in its health program and now a new field is being opened to the women of the state.

The institute program of the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women to be held August 17-19 at the University of North Carolina was discussed by the group. This meeting will be attended by the president, Miss Vogler.

Other guests at the meeting were Miss Mary Nichols of Wilmington, Mrs. Sue Featherstone, Miss Evelyn Davis, and Miss Zella Harris.

Roosevelt Said Britain Would Change Leaders

Montreal, Aug. 1.—Sen. Joseph P. Guffey, of Pennsylvania, said in an interview here that President Roosevelt had predicted to him in 1941 that the labor party would come into power in Britain after the European war.

"I visited the White House in January, 1941, to make a recommendation for an appointment of an ambassador to Great Britain," he recalled. "The President said then that he wished to choose a man who knew the labor situation, so he chose John Winant. He believed that when the war was over the labor party would be dominant in Britain."

W. M. Gravitte To Go To Miami

Sgt. William M. Gravitte of Roxboro, Route 3, who is here on a sick leave furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gravitte, will leave on August 13, for Miami Beach, Fla., where he will stay at the Albion Hotel. Sgt. Gravitte has been at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Fort Bragg in hospitals there. Another son, Pfc. John David Gravitte, is in Germany, it was reported today.

Will Stay Out Of Weed Controversy

RALEIGH, Aug. 1.—J. M. Broughton, general counsel for the Bright Belt Warehouse association, has said that the association could not step into the heated controversy now being waged between South Carolina farmers and warehousemen and North Carolina and Virginia tobacco companies.

The issue came to a head yesterday when Gov. Ransome J. Williams, South Carolina, made a formal protest to North Carolina and Virginia tobacco companies for alleged anticipated "discrimination" against South Carolina tobacco farmers and warehousemen.

Williams was referring to an earlier agreement by which South Carolina consented to reduce the sets of buyers and selling time, provided additional buyers were not placed anywhere else in the bright belt.

However, Broughton said it was understood that eight tobacco companies planned to ignore the "gentleman's agreement" by putting an