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Lag Seen As War Fund Enters Second Week; Few Report

Curtis H. Oakley Represents City

Local Druggist Named To Aid Association In War Fund.

Curtis H. Oakley, of Thomas and Oakley drug company, this city, has been named Person County chairman for the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association's special United War fund committee, according to announcement received here today from the State chairman of the Pharmaceutical association.

The plan to cooperate with the United War fund, was organized by a committee of 10 leaders in the pharmaceutical profession and drug industry working as a unit in the United War Fund of North Carolina.

Advertisements and posters were prepared by the committee and will be placed in local newspapers and stores by county chairmen. In addition, the county chairmen will assist Community War Fund campaigns in their local drives.

North Carolina's quota in the National War Fund is \$1,900,022. This amount does not include money for local agencies, the appeal for which is combined with the National War Fund in many counties.

J. L. Crumpton, of Durham, formerly of Roxboro, general campaign chairman of the United War Fund of North Carolina, hailed the druggists' cooperation as an outstanding example of public service.

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Dark City

Breaking of a Main Street power company wire by a passing automobile or truck, probably one piled high, or with a high top, threw the better part of downtown Roxboro and a large section of the residential area in darkness for over an hour Friday night, it was reported Saturday by T. Miller White, manager for Carolina Power and Light company.

Holding Revival

Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, pastor of the First Baptist church of Roxboro, is in Fair Bluff this week, where he is doing the preaching in a series of meetings. He will return here for his regular services next Sunday.

Blind Veteran Keeps On With Pre-War Task

Baton Rouge, La.—The sociology class that Vernon Parenton taught before the war was about to start the fall quarter's work at Louisiana State university.

There was the usual sliding of chairs, the boisterous chatter of students. It was like the start of almost any college session.

The confusion quieted as the professor entered the room.

It was Parenton, back to his lectures after nearly four years of war. At his side was Trixie, a big patient dog.

Parenton was blind.

There were no speeches and no excuses. He walked into the room and started his lecture as if he had not been away.

Students, forewarned of his condition during several weeks he had been on the campus prior to school opening, took it all in stride.

He listened attentively to his lecture and when the period was over, filed out as they had always done, perhaps just a little more quiet than usual.

Parenton left the L. S. U. faculty at the start of the war to accept a navy commission. He went to the Pacific and wound up at Noumea, New Caledonia. He was blinded in both eyes when an ammunition depot exploded while he was standing on a loading dock. He was returned to the United States and given a medical discharge.

But Parenton did not give up his life's plan. He practiced classroom routine at home, coached by his pretty wife whom he had married only six weeks before he went into the navy.

It took him 10 long and weary months to learn to teach without eyes. He believes now that he can do it, with help from his wife who will grade the examination papers and help with the reports.

Polio Pictures Shown Rotarians By Dr. Raney

Dr. Beverly Raney, of Durham, child specialist, who presented a film dealing with the work of the National Infantile Paralysis foundation, was guest speaker Thursday night at Roxboro Rotary Club at Hotel Roxboro, where program chairman was Dr. A. F. Nichols, of the club's crippled children's committee. Special emphasis in the film was devoted to the 1944 polio epidemic in North Carolina and many of the shots were concerned with the "Miracle of Hickory," where an emergency hospital was set up for polio cases.

Presiding was the club president, Dr. John Fitzgerald introduced the speaker. Meeting of the club this Thursday will also be at Hotel Roxboro and will be the club's annual "Teacher's Night" for which an interesting program has been planned.

Many Seamen To Be Released

Washington—The Navy estimated about 1,800,000 Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard officers and men will be brought home from the Pacific before Sept. 1, 1946.

When the withdrawal is complete, only about 200,000 Navy and Marine officers and men will be on duty in the Pacific. All will be replacements, since the number to be returned is about equal to the number now on duty in the Pacific.

Movement of Army personnel out of the Pacific will be slightly smaller, so that the total number of men to be embarked for home from Pacific areas in the next 11 months will be about 3,400,000.

More than 300 naval vessels, capable of carrying about 500,000 men at once, have been assigned the job of bringing men home. The peak is expected in January when Navy ships will return about 290,000 of the month's estimated total of 455,000.

Navy and Army airlines will fly home about 100,000 officers and men during the next eight months.

Aid Pinion Boys

Valdosta, Ga.—Valdosta teenagers aren't forgetting the three Pinion boys of Salisbury, N. C., victims of incurable muscular dystrophy.

Junior high school students have collected \$45 for the brothers and more contributions are expected.

APPEAL MADE FOR WORK WITH CAMP BUTNER PROGRAM

Mrs. R. H. Shelton, Roxboro's hostess chairman for dance programs at Camp Butner and at Butner hospital, said this morning that thirty Roxboro girls will be needed for a dance to be held Wednesday, October 10th at the General hospital. The dance will be formal and will be under auspices of the Camp Butner Red Cross chapter, says Mrs. Shelton.

There will also be a dance on Tuesday night, October sixteenth at Butner at Service club number one. This will also be a formal affair and thirty Roxboro young women are to be invited to attend. Girls who go to the dances from Roxboro are to meet Mrs. Shelton at Hotel Roxboro at seven o'clock on each night that the dances are scheduled.

Mrs. Shelton, who has been the Butner dance hostess chairman here for 3 years, pointed out this morning that the need for girls to go to Butner's social affairs is as great, if not greater, than it has ever been. There has always been in Roxboro a loyal corps of girls attending, says Mrs. Shelton, but there is need for additions to the groups going from here and all interested young women, particularly new arrivals, are requested to register with Mrs. Shelton, who can be reached by telephone at her home for an appointment.

New Billion Mark Listed In Roxboro

Collins M. Abbitt, city engineer for Roxboro and mainly concerned with the municipal water supply, thinks a billion gallons is a lot of water.

Here is what he says: "In late September our raw water meter registered one billion gallons. This was done over a period of 50 months. Now billion, is a word used mostly in speaking of our war debt or lend lease totals, but we have a billion of our own which is a million of some kind. A billion of any-

Close To Three

Total sales through Friday on the Roxboro market stand at 2,843,428 pounds at an average of around \$42, while sales for the past week stood at 935,516 pounds at a \$42 average, it was reported today. Thursday and Friday sales last week combined to total 472,324 pounds at a similar average. Quality is reported as improving.

Bunard R. Laws, Rites Conducted

Rougemont Man Was Member Of New Bethel Methodist Church.

Funeral for Bunard Russell Laws, 63, of Rougemont, a native of Orange County, whose death occurred Wednesday afternoon at his home from complications after a long illness, was conducted Saturday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock at New Bethel church by the Rev. W. B. Pettway, with interment in the church cemetery.

Son of the late David N. and Lula Hall Laws, he spent his entire life in Orange County and was a member of New Bethel Methodist church. Survivors are, his wife, Mrs. Mrs. Fattie Gates Laws, five daughters, Misses Jeraleen and Pattie Mae, of the home, Miss Effie Laws and Mrs. Coley Laws, of Durham, and Mrs. J. O. Moore, Jr., of Lufkin, Texas; two sons, Pfc. Felton R., and Sgt. Wilbur H. Laws, both of the Army and recently returned from overseas; five brothers, Joseph W., Walter H., Hubert N., and Albert Laws, all of Rougemont, and Charlie Laws, of Mebane.

Active pallbearers were George R. McKee, Sr., Robert Gray, Bunn Miller, Raymond Woodlief, Joseph Aiken and Willis C. Chambers.

Fire Prevention Stressed By Chief

Hotel Roxboro Has Face Lifted

Roxboro's One Hotel Has All-over Paint Job, New Furnishings.

Hotel Roxboro has just completed a program of renovation extending over a period of several months. It was revealed today. Included in the project were both inside and outside painting, according to Manager Karl Burger, who said this morning that service was continued during the clean-up time without interruption, although there were difficulties.

Included in the renovation was the kitchen in which a new refrigerator and a new electric dishwasher have been installed. Also overhauled is the sprinkler system. Some bedrooms have been painted and some papered and considerable new furniture has been bought, as have new curtains.

Chief operating headache, aside from uncertainties of help, is the smallness of the dining room, where one hundred persons are normally fed, although the room can be stretched to accommodate over two hundred diners on special occasions.

Master bedroom of the forty-two room hotel is the "Earl of Roxborough" room, furnished with Victorian antiques, including a hundred and twenty-five year old bed. Decorative feature is a French print said to be two hundred and fifty years old.

Manager Burger, who is assisted by his wife, was a mess sergeant in World War I, and was overseas many months. He is a native of Natural Bridge, Va., while Mrs. Burger is from Beckley, W. Va. The Burgers have been in Roxboro as hotel operators for seven to eight years.

Road Meeting

Geo. W. Kane, district Highway Commissioner, announces a meeting of the commission here on Wednesday, October 10th. The meeting will be held in the court house and will meet at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Along The Way

Some time ago Brodie Riggsbee got deaf. He got so deaf that he could not hear you unless you were right under his ear. This all happened suddenly and even Brodie didn't know what caused it. Of course his friends did not know that he was even deaf since he had been hearing OK all the time. So here's what happened—People would say something to Brodie and he would not even answer. People of course he did not hear them, but a number thought that he was getting very "snooty" all at once. He wouldn't even speak when spoken to and that made his friends and acquaintances mad. One day I told him that he was certainly acting like a cad and then he told me what had happened. A few days later he had a specialist to look at his ears and then it was discovered that he had some trouble that was quickly taken care of. Now he can hear and will speak back to you unless he feels unusually bad that day.

Roxboro Fire Chief O'Briant, Issues Reminder That Week Has Started.

National Fire Prevention Week began yesterday, according to Roxboro's Fire Chief Henry E. O'Briant, who said this morning that although no special program will be carried out here, regular school fire drills are conducted in the schools and efforts made at all times to instill lessons of safety.

Householders, too, are urged to check flues and chimneys and furnaces before starting fires in the Fall season, and special efforts should be made to remove hazards such as piled up leaves and papers and trash, says Chief O'Briant.

In connection with Fire Prevention Week, which originated in 1910, Gov. R. Gregg Cherry has issued the following proclamation:

Whereas, although our armed forces are victorious overseas and our industries are rapidly forging the tools essential to our peacetime economy, there is one enemy that still shows no signs of yielding—the homefront enemy Fire. The past twelve months has seen new highs reached in the national toll exacted by catastrophes of fire and explosion, while thousands of our citizens have suffered cruel death or agonizing injury from fire, and

Whereas, each unit of our civilization strives to do its share in building in all ways a happier tomorrow, it is the duty of all private citizens as well as constituted authorities to do their utmost to stop this needless sacrifice of human lives and this waste of our vital resources.

Now, Therefore, I, Gregg Cherry, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby designate the week beginning October 7, 1945, as Fire Prevention Week, and I urge every patriotic citizen, every public authority, all civic bodies and all educators, the pulpit, the press, and the radio to emphasize and dramatize for the benefit of our people the grave dangers attendant upon uncontrolled fire in the home, on the farm, in industry and in business; and I further direct the appropriate agencies of the State to cooperate with all our citizens in initiating programs for the emphasizing of these objectives.

Foreign Wars' Veterans To Meet

Lewell T. Huff Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Tuesday night at seven forty-five o'clock at the USO Service center, according to announcement made this morning by Adjutant J. A. Jordan, who says that important business, including the election of new officers, will be a part of the program. Huff post now has twenty-nine active members and about that many more who are in active military service. Commander of the Post is C. C. Garrett.

Masons To Meet

Person Lodge No. 113, will have its regular communication on Tuesday night at seven-thirty in the Lodge hall, according to C. C. Garrett, secretary. Worshipful master is J. W. Greene, who will preside.

Teachers Plan For District Session Of NCEA Monday

Former Roxboro Woman Will Be Speaker At Durham Gathering Attended By Person Teacher.

Mrs. John B. McLeod, of Chapel Hill, a classroom teacher, daughter of Mrs. A. S. deVlaming, of Roxboro, will be one of several speakers at the North Carolina Central District convention of the North Carolina Education association, Durham, on Friday, October 26, date of the twenty-third annual meeting of the North Central district.

Election of North Central District officers is now being held by mail ballot. The results will be announced October 26, at the meeting.

Candidates are: For President: W. M. Jenkins, Superintendent Durham County Schools, Durham. M. W. Weaver, Principal, Bailey School, Bailey. For Vice President: J. W. Talley, Principal, Roanoke Rapids High School, Roanoke Rapids. For Secretary: Louise Sitterson, Classroom Teacher, Sanford.

Numbers of Person and Roxboro teachers are expected to attend the session, as there is an active county chapter here.

North Central District includes the following seventeen counties: Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Nash, Northampton, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake, Warren, and Wayne.

Sessions will be at Central Junior High School, Durham, and will continue through Friday night. Featured speaker will be Dr. Frank Graham, of Chapel Hill, president of the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. McLeod, will take part in a panel discussion Friday afternoon on "What kind of a Merit System for Teachers Do We Want in North Carolina?" Discussants will be Dr. H. Arnold Fetty, Associate, Division of Instructional Service, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, Chairman; Mrs. J. B. McLeod, Classroom teacher, Chapel Hill; J. Edward Allen, Superintendent, Warren Schools, Warrenton; Dr. A. M. Proctor, Professor of Education, Duke University, Durham; David N. Hix, Principal, Oxford High School, Oxford; Rosina Pittman, Classroom teacher, Roanoke Rapids; and Dr. James E. Hillman, Director, Division of Professional Service, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh.

Sgt. Welford Payne Receives Discharge

Sgt. Welford Payne, of Halifax, Va., and Roxboro, a veteran of over three and one-half years of service with twenty months overseas in Europe, has received his discharge and returned home. Sgt. Payne had as companions while overseas four Roxboro men, Lambert Gentry, Gilbert Pearce, Errol Morton, Jr., and G. C. Vickers, Jr., all of whom have now returned home.

Sgt. Payne is the son of C. E. Payne, of Halifax, Va., and his wife is the former Miss Doris Scarborough of Roxboro. The Paynes have a fifteen-months-old son, Charles Welford, Jr., born while Sgt. Payne was overseas. Formerly in business in Roxboro, Sgt. Payne has not yet announced his future plans.

Legion Men And Wives To Meet

Lester Blackwell Post, the American legion, will have its regular October meeting Saturday at the Legion hut, Chub Loke street. It was announced this morning by Commander Joe Y. Blanks. Time of the gathering will be at five-thirty in the afternoon, with wives of the members as special guests. Each member is also asked to bring a new member.

Commander Blanks also said that plans for Armistice day are in progress and that a speaker has been invited, although he has not yet received the invitation. Also to be discussed at the meeting this week will be further details for the Legion's sponsored showing of the documentary war film, "The True Glory," next month, Monday and Tuesday after Armistice day.

Football Crowds Overflow Here

Roxboro's hotel and the restaurants and cafes here did a land-office business here Saturday night as aftermath of the football games in Durham and nearby points. Places normally crowded by just average week-end visitors, were simply swamped Saturday night and there was more of a pre-war atmosphere than has been observed in many years.

All States But One Send Letters

Raleigh—The only state which has not been in correspondence with North Carolina in the past three months was Montana, the State Advertising Division said today. The quarterly report of the division reveals that 2239 inquiries from 47 states and 22 foreign countries were answered by the division. As usual, New York led all the states in inquiries, with Pennsylvania and Ohio running close behind.

Truman Urges Seaway Action

Washington—President Truman, calling the St. Lawrence seaway "one of the great constructive projects" of the world, asked Congress today for speedy enactment of legislation permitting a start on it.

In a message to the legislators, Mr. Truman said that opening the Great Lakes to ocean navigation and developing 2,200,000 hydroelectric horsepower, as the project envisions, would:

1. "Furnish lucrative employment to many thousands of our people,"
2. "Make it possible to utilize our war expanded factories and shipping facilities in the development of international economic co-operation and enlarging world commerce."
3. Increase consumption of electricity which "will mean more jobs, more income and a higher standard of living."

He backed up this argument with the assertion that timely development of the Tennessee, Columbia and rivers of the central valley of California "shortened the war by many years and saved countless American lives."

"Without the power from these rivers the goal of 50,000 airplanes a year—considered fantastic only five short years ago but actually surpassed twice over—would have been impossible," he said. "Nor could we have developed the atomic bomb as early as we did without the large blocks of power we used from the Tennessee and Columbia rivers."

Legislation to carry out the President's recommendation had been introduced 24 hours earlier in both house and senate.

It seeks to compromise what has been a main point of controversy—whether a 1941 agreement with Canada for construction of the seaway could be approved by legislation or must be treated as a treaty.

The difference is that legislation requires approval by a simple majority of house and senate. A treaty must be ratified by two-thirds of the senate.

No End To Shoe Rationing Seen

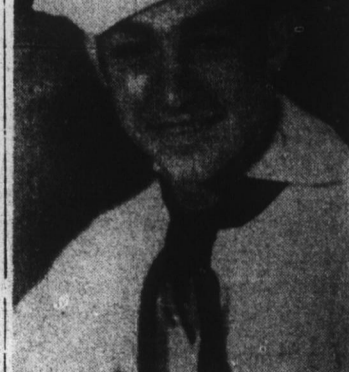
Shoe rationing must continue until production more nearly equals unrestricted demand, it was announced yesterday by Chairman Philip L. Thomas of the Person War Price and Rationing Board.

"No date can yet be fixed for the termination of shoe rationing," he declared.

Production of rationed-type shoes during September was "about 23 million pairs," Mr. Thomas said, adding that this was "considerably less" than had been anticipated early in the month.

He said that OPA and the War Production Board were both anxious to get shoes off the ration list "as soon as possible" but repeated that the exact time when this will be possible could not yet be determined.

Out On Points



GEORGE W. TAYLOR
George W. Taylor, 36, son of Mrs. A. Y. Taylor and the late Mr. Taylor, of Roxboro, recently received his discharge on points. In service since 1940, he was overseas over two years and attained rank of Private First class. He was in the North African campaign, in Sicily, Belgium, France and Germany. His mother lives with a son-in-law, Fletcher Lee.