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Person Buys Huge Sums In War Bonds Over Long Period

Large Investment Reported As Plans Are Made For Victory Loan Drive.

"Person County has invested a large amount in Government bonds," said Gordon C. Hunter, of this City, district chairman for War Loan drives in a statement issued today in connection with plans for opening of the Victory Loan drive at the end of this month.

"Since May 1, 1941 through July 7, 1945, Person County has bought \$5,991,734.25 in War Bonds. Of this amount \$2,609,396.75 has been in the E Bonds of the type of bonds the individual buys," says Mr. Hunter, who adds that the figures cited do not include over \$3,000,000 in bonds bought by Peoples bank, of which he is executive vice president. Such bank figures are never included in county totals, according to Mr. Hunter.

The remainder of Mr. Hunter's statement reads as follows:

"The citizens of the county have not only helped win the war in purchasing these bonds, but they have, also, laid away a nice nest egg for the future.

"This amount is quite a savings for the county, and many of the holders are planning to build a home, fix up the farm, build a new house, buy a new car, or electrical equipment as soon as these things are available.

"The longer these bonds are held the more interest they pay, and the holders of these bonds know that they have the safest investment in the world that they can own.

"The Eighth and last Victory Bond Drive starts October 29th.

"Since Person County has never fallen down on a War Bond Drive quota, a Red Cross quota, or a United War Fund Drive quota, I am quite sure that the county will raise the Eighth War Loan Victory Drive quota.

"The boys in the service have finished their job. It is up to the home front to finish theirs. It will take a lot of money to bring all the boys home, and everyone wants to bring them home as soon as possible."

Pfc. G. L. Davis Shares In Honor

Pfc. George L. Davis, of Roxboro, whose father is a veteran of World War I, was wounded several months ago while on duty in the Pacific area. He did not want anything said about his injuries then, and nothing was, but now he is sharer in unit citation, the award of a meritorious service plaque and he wants the home-folks to know it.

The plaque has been presented to the 91 AAF Base Unit, Section F, 141 Army Airways Communications System squadron, with which Davis is connected. The award comes for difficult tasks in connection with the liberation of the Northern Philippines and for similar work in the Southern Philippines.

Rites Held For Mrs. M. A. Walker

Funeral for Mrs. Martha Ann Walker, 83, of Longhurst, whose death occurred Friday morning at her home from complications and infirmities of age after an illness lasting nine weeks, was held Saturday afternoon at her home at 2 o'clock by the Rev. C. G. McCarver with interment in Providence Baptist Church cemetery.

Surviving are four sons, Major, Norman and Jesse of Longhurst, Charlie of Ca-Vel, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Bessie Dixon of Ca-Vel.

Mrs. Clayton Ill

Mrs. Alvis Clayton, wife of the manager of the Person County home who has been ill for several months, is still confined to her room, it was reported today. Here for a week-end visit with her was her niece, Miss Mary Elizabeth McKinney, daughter of Mrs. Maude McKinney and a student nurse at Memorial Hospital, Danville, Va.

HAS BRONZE STAR

S. Sgt. Charles D. Garrett, husband of Mrs. Ruby Clayton Garrett, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Germany.

Former Person Man Tennessee School Official

Baxter E. Hobgood Changes From College To Public School System.

Baxter E. Hobgood, 37, formerly of Roxboro and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hobgood, of this City, has become city superintendent of schools and principal of Central high school, Murfreesboro, Tenn. It was learned here today, Hobgood was formerly a member of the Tennessee State Teacher's college faculty.

He began his new work in Murfreesboro the first of last week. The following account of the Hobgood appointment is taken from the October 8, issue of the Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro:

Mr. Hobgood succeeds J. C. Mitchell, CHS principal and city schools superintendent for 26 years, who has tendered his resignation due to ill health.

The new school head is fully acquainted with local school problems, having first served here as principal of McFadden school in 1930-31, following his graduation from TSC in the class of 1930. In the fall of 1931 he joined the Central High school faculty as history teacher, remaining there until 1940 when he was made high school supervisor for Middle Tennessee with headquarters at the college.

He served as research director for (continued on page 6)

HARTZ PRAISES MILITARY POLICE FOR JOB BEING DONE IN JAPAN

"Tokyo and Yokohama are bombed, blasted and burned to the earth, particularly in those sections where essential military installations were located," says Chaplain Edwin R. Hartz, formerly of Roxboro, in a letter to J. W. Noell, editor of the Courier-Times.

Chaplain Hartz, now on Pacific duty with the U. S. S. Dionysus and the U. S. S. Argonne, adds that "the sight of Japanese instruments of torture leaves American lads thankful that Nipponese dreams of world conquest were 'nipped in the bud'."

Fartz, who sends a printed program for services aboard his ships, says also that he was recently at a service with Eugene Tuck, of Roxboro. Frequently men aboard submarines, destroyers and cruisers without chaplains come to ships served by Chaplain Hartz.

Ivy Division To Send Officers For Civic Club

Lt. Col. Strickland Will Be Speaker At Rotary Thursday.

Lt. Col. E. H. Strickland, of Fourth (Ivy) Division, Camp Butler, commander of the Eighth Infantry regiment, who was with that regiment when as battalion commander it spearheaded landings in France on D-Day in June 1944, will be guest speaker Thursday night at Hotel Roxboro at next meeting of Roxboro Rotary club, it was revealed today by G. Lemuel Allen, club secretary.

Coming with Col. Strickland are Major Miles A. Warren, executive officer, 29th Field Artillery battalion; Captain William E. Boyce, 22d Infantry regiment; Lt. Noble V. Borders, intelligence officer, first battalion, 12th Infantry regiment; and Lt. James H. Huff, division public relations officer for the Fourth Division.

Program for this past Thursday was Teachers' Night with teachers of the Roxboro District system as club guests for a program in charge of O. B. McBroome who presented R. P. Burns as guest speaker. Principals of various schools introduced their teaching staffs. Spokesman for this part of the program was Superintendent R. B. Griffin, club member. Gifts were furnished by Rotarian J. D. Mangum, of Peebles Department store.

Praising the teachers for their work in guiding children and young people, Mr. Burns declared that on the work of teachers rest the future welfare of Person County. He said that worth of their services cannot be underestimated, particularly in this present time as a bulwark against juvenile delinquency and a decline of moral standards.

Along The Way

Our partner and fellow sufferer, J. W. Noell, left last week for a nice vacation. He said that he was going to Shelby and then in the western part of the state. Where he is actually going I do not know. Even at that he was rather smart. All this summer he refused to take a vacation. He sat in the office and sweated it out. Now when it is nice and cool and just right, to enjoy things he takes off while we have to stay here and work. I wish that I had put my vacation off till fall.

Whether he had any money or not I could not find out. I think that he had a little and I warned him before he left not to trust strangers and to keep his money buttoned up or to put it in his shoe. Above all I warned him not to play poker. If he comes back with a lot of money I will know that he did play a little.

Battle Of Hugenoten Forest Is Related

Writer of a sort of autobiography of his overseas experiences in Europe is Sgt. William Ira Wheeler, 23, of Roxboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wheeler, of this City, and nephew of Mrs. R. W. Benson, of Oxford, the former Miss Lorena Dixon, to whom he has sent his narrative, which takes in the June 1944 invasion in Europe, his fighting through France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany with the Fourth Division, and finally, back to Fort Lewis, Washington, after a furlough here in Roxboro with his parents.

Sgt. Wheeler, who was inducted at Fort Bragg in September 1943, got to France in time to participate in the fall of Cherbourg, the fighting at Brest and the entrance to Paris. An incident near the Selgred line was the interruption of the making of a cup of coffee by grenade throwing from the enemy. "Two of his men were hit," writes Wheeler, who adds that he and his friends began to get

rid of souvenirs they had taken from Germans they had captured. Describing a German attack on his pillbox, Wheeler says that only seven guys in his platoon got out. The struggle lasted several days before reinforcements came. Hugenoten Forest, which followed, "was the worst battle I was in," he writes, "fifty square miles of forest, where you could see only about twenty-five yards in front of you."

"And the shells would hit in the tops of the trees, so we would take big logs and put tops over our foxholes so the shrapnel wouldn't come through," he adds, saying also, "Then on Thanksgiving Day we were surrounded by the Germans. . . . We had nothing to eat, no water, no blankets, and it snowed and sleeted and the water came through into our foxholes, so that we were wet for three or four days. . . . it was cold."

"Then into the attack again. We got to the edge of the forest. The

sun came out, and our Air Force came. Boy, that was what we were looking for. The planes started bombing and we started the attack again, but the Germans had their tanks dug in, and as we came out, they started shooting. We went back into the forest again and spent a couple of days, while our artillery and air force gave them a going over."

The narrative continues, "We were so close to the Germans we could have hit them with rocks, but we couldn't see them. Then we started out again. They opened up with everything they had. We were ordered back to our foxholes. A shell hit about two feet from the hole I was in. It covered me with dirt and concrete. . . . hurt my back, so I started to the aid station. Another shell came. I ran back to my foxhole and it hit just behind me. I was hit (again) breaking my arm, and hit in five places in my back with shrapnel."

Chaplain Hartz, formerly a pastor of Methodist churches in Roxboro, was for many months assigned to a station on Long Island before he went to Pacific duty and Japan.

Tobacco Market To Start Five Day Week Selling

Beginning Monday, Oct. 22nd the Roxboro tobacco market will begin selling tobacco five days a week. The selling days prior to this have been for only four days. There has been no tobacco sold on Mondays.

Sales continue heavy on the local market. Last Thursday and Friday the market sold 435,508 pounds of tobacco for an average of \$42.50. Total sales for the season now stand at 3,723,696 pounds for an average of \$41.61. Quality of the leaf is improving state warehousemen and prices are pleasing.

Oxford Man To Talk At Grange

Brent Meadows, of Oxford, master of the Granville grange, will be guest speaker Thursday night at a meeting of the Person Grange which will be held in the USO Service Center, according to announcement made this morning by Errol Morton. A good attendance is requested.

STATIONED IN MANILA

Pfc. Ira Oakley, son of Mrs. S. T. Oakley, Roxboro, is with the 249th Port Company in Manila, serving as assistant pier supervisor.

Pfc. Oakley participated in the New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon campaigns. His message was brief, but forceful, purposely made short because of his expressed belief that teachers are "too much talked at whenever they gather together."

Presiding was Dr. John Fitzgerald, club president. Members of the club introduced themselves. The program was at Hotel Roxboro.

Miss Harris To Welcome Truman At Statesville

Miss Zelle Harris, Person Sanitarian, Named To Reception Committee.

Miss Zelle Harris, of Roxboro, Person County sanitarian, formerly of Wilkes county, has been asked to be a member of the State-wide reception committee next month in Statesville during the appearance there of President Harry S. Truman, it was learned today.

Miss Harris, who has accepted the appointment, will have as her committee chairman Mrs. R. S. Ferguson, of Lileadon, Taylorsville, famous in her own right as a Tar Heel hostess. Miss Harris will be in Statesville on November 2 and 3rd. Her invitation was extended by Hugh G. Mitchell, of Statesville, chairman of the committee on arrangements.

President Truman will speak at Statesville at a session of the State senate and will then go to Raleigh for a night address. Also on the program at Statesville are to be Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson and Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson. Many Tar Heel notables are expected to be present.

Memorial Shelf Created By Library

First persons to be honored in a new "Memorial" shelf collection begun last week at Person County Public library are the late Miss Miss Evie Long, of Roxboro, prominent church woman, and Pfc. Bassett Poole, of near Virginia, killed in action overseas in World War I.

Announcement of the beginning of the "Memorial" collection of volumes for the library, a project long considered, was made Saturday by Mrs. Margaret Howard, chief library clerk, who has arranged an attractive shelf space back of her desk, where white, purple-trimmed columns frame a top-piece bearing the word "Memorial". Centered lower down over the shelf is a portrait of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, flanked by the American flag and a service flag. The portrait is the incomplete one on which Mrs. Elizabeth Shoumatoff was working at time of the late President's death at Warm Springs.

Donors of the first books in the memorial collection are Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Long and family, for Miss Long, who was Dr. Long's aunt, and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Long, for their cousin, the late Pfc. Poole.

Books given by Dr. and Mrs. Long are three books for children, Walt Disney's "Surprise Package", Earl and Linnette Burton's, "The Adventures of Waldo", and Walter Foley's, "The Black Stallion", while the volumes given in memory of Pfc. Poole are Roy J. Snell's, "Sally Scott of the WAVES" and Norma Kent of the WACS', two books for young people.

Persons interested in adding to the memorial collection in tribute to members of their families or in memory of friends, are requested to see Mrs. Howard, who has charge of the collection and who has already the promise of several more volumes. Each book in the memorial collection bears a book-plate with the name of the person honored and that of the donor.

Court Delayed To Afternoon; Judge Puts Off Arrival

Gain Shown In War Fund Total

One School, Mount Tirzah, Listed As Among Those Over Top.

\$2,859.22 has been reported this morning as total so far in the Person and Roxboro United Community War Fund, which has a goal of \$10,050. Co-Chairman J. A. Long, Jr., pointed out that the collected total as of today represents over one-fourth of the amount to be collected, but that much work must be done to bring in the remainder.

In this connection W. Wallace Woods, business district and public relations chairman, has requested all collectors to complete their assignments and turn in reports as soon as possible. Numbers of citizens last week said they had not yet been approached by solicitors. Only one school, Mount Tirzah, (continued on page 6)

Johnson Negro Murder Case Put On Calendar. Few Other Cases Listed.

Delayed until this afternoon was the opening of Person Superior court because of lateness of arrival of Judge Henry L. Stevens, of Warsaw, who notified Person Sheriff M. T. Clayton yesterday by telephone that he would be unable to reach Roxboro until noon today because of distance of travel from the jurist's home at Warsaw.

Sheriff Clayton did his best to notify members of the bar and others concerned with court affairs, but despite this many interested persons could not be reached and so came on to Roxboro this morning, expecting court to open at ten o'clock as scheduled. It was expected, however, that Judge Stevens would begin court immediately as soon as he arrived and would begin the business of selection of a grand jury to be followed by his charge to that body.

Calendared on the criminal calendar for trial is the case of Aubrey Johnson, Person Negro, charged with the murder of another Negro, Stephen Johnson, a kinsman, in a church fight, Aubrey Johnson, who was to have been tried at August term of court, which was cancelled, has been in jail for several months. Facing trial as an accessory after the fact in the same case is George Washington Rogers, also a Negro. His bond was fixed at \$500.

Other cases expected to be reached shortly are those against Thomas Self, charged with robbery, Clarence Locklear, charged with larceny of an automobile, and Wilson Lockhart, listed as charged with rape. Scheduled on the civil docket are a number of divorce cases.

Affairs of Court Clerk R. A. Bullock, who is ill in Watts hospital, Durham, will be handled by Miss Nancy Brasher, his deputy, assisted by W. Roy Cates, county surveyor, who frequently helps in such matters. Mr. Bullock, however, is reported as improving and is expected to return home from the hospital this week.

Junior Hostesses Tighten Program

USO Service Center junior hostesses in a meeting held Thursday night at Person Court house, agreed to continue the present arrangement of Junior hostess groups to serve each week-end at the Center. They further agreed to a greater program of cooperation and at least twelve girls from the group serving on a specified week-end will be in attendance.

Presiding was Dr. Robert E. Long, chairman of the Board of Directors, of the USO Center. Also present in an advisory capacity was Lawrence Featherston, entertainment chairman. Plans were discussed for a Halloween dance and a committee was named to select a suitable date.

Ten Register For Service

Eight young white men and two Negro youths registered during the past week with the Person Selective Board on becoming eighteen years of age, it was reported today. White men who have registered are: Stephens B. Ellis, Arnold T. Gentry, Ralph O. Harris, Arch M. Suits, Hassell T. Blalock, John W. Pass, Horace D. Knott, George E. Harris and Johnnie O. Jordan, while Negroes who have signed are, Ezra Bowman and Flint P. Johnson.

Longhurst Revival

The revival at Longhurst Baptist Church conducted by the pastor, Rev. Auburn Hayes, with music under the direction of A. E. Lynch of Campbell college continues to draw large crowds each night. Last night there was one of the largest crowds in the history of the church according to the older members. The meeting will continue through next Wednesday night and the public is invited to attend.

Providence Revival

The revival meeting which began yesterday at Providence Baptist church will be continued each night this week through Saturday, with time of services at seven o'clock. Speaker will be the pastor, the Rev. J. N. Bowman. The public is generally invited to attend.

Women Here To Edit Club Sheet

November issue of the Tar Heel Woman, monthly publication of the State Federation of Business and Professional Women, is to be edited by members of the Roxboro club, it was reported Saturday. Members expected to act as editors are Mrs. A. F. Nichols and Miss Nancy Brasher. The magazine is expected to contain a number of pictures and articles about Roxboro, according to Miss Billie Vogler, president of the Roxboro club.