

Lieutenant Points Out Importance of Observation Posts

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to Norfolk. Lieutenant Manchec enlisted in the service right after Pearl Harbor, leaving a wife and small son behind. While on a mission over New Jersey some months ago, the plane in which he was traveling crashed about two miles from the shore, seriously injuring him. He later stumbled to a home. "We were within a quarter of a mile of an observation post and if the observer had been awake at the time, we would have been found and my best friend would possibly be alive today," the officer said.

"There is one thing we must not forget and that is this country is at war," Lieutenant Manchec continued, "and it's a war of blood, sweat and tears to end it. Whether our boys are in Africa, Guadalcanal or some other post far away, they feel they have nothing to worry about back home, for it is their belief that the home front is functioning properly. Unfortunately that is not true in all cases. While over a million men, women and youngsters are giving their time in manning the 7,500 observation posts, there are millions of others who are holding back and calling the volunteers suckers. With the need for men everywhere urgent, the Army must waste a minute bothering with the observation posts unless they were considered necessary. This is one time the Army is not wasting time or money, for without the posts it would be necessary for the Army to keep twenty planes at home for patrol duty where only one is necessary now. The million observers are making it possible to release 75,000 men for other duty on the far-flung fronts, for without the observers, the Army would have them manned."

It was apparent that the officer is not at all satisfied with the response to the observation post calls to duty when he said, "Men are in the Army 24 hours a day. They are giving up their lives, time and jobs, and yet there are those civilians who feel it isn't worth the trouble to surrender an hour or two once a week or every other week to help man the observation post. When you hear a plane roar over head, it may be your son, your brother or sweetheart and when you are on the job in the observation post you are helping protect him. We must realize this is all-out war, that everyone must get behind the ball and do his part."

By way of expressing his opinion as to whether this country will be bombed, the officer said Hitler has

Parents - Teachers To Meet Next Week

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting of the new year next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the grammar school auditorium. Important matters including discussion of projects for the spring, will be considered at the meeting.

A playlet on "Safety" by the sixth grade will open the program. Association members and parents of the school are urged to be present. The association is now planning to recognize the value of the use of automobiles for transportation to meetings.

Hundreds Of Items Made By Red Cross Production Forces

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units, made 96 Army sweaters out of a quota of 106, 99 mufflers of 106 asked for, 32 helmets or the full quota and 21 pairs of socks, or one more pair than the original quota.

All told, the combined production forces made nearly 900 garments for needy war victims and members of the armed forces during last year. The record, to say the least, is a splendid one, but more will be asked of the unit this year.

The chairman, spring sewing project for refugees calls for 150 women's petticoats, 100 w. . .

150 women's blouses. The material for these garments has just been received, and the chapter badly needs volunteers to help cut and make them. The new production quota for the armed forces calls for 33 sweaters and 50 mufflers for the Army and 22 turtle-neck sweaters for the Navy. The wool has not been received for this project, but it is expected shortly.

Complementing highly those in other communities who aided the work, Mrs. Green said that Hamilton, under the supervision of Mrs. Fred Poole, had done excellent work in both the sewing and knitting projects, that the ladies of Jamesville and Everetts and a number in the rural areas had helped a great deal in meeting the knitting quotas.

In addition to the sewing and knitting projects, the chapter has made and fitted 270 kits for the boys leaving the county for the armed services. "We hope to continue this as the boys seem to greatly appreciate the kits," Mrs. Green said, adding that a number of the boys had expressed their appreciation in letters received by the Red Cross chapter. The local civic clubs recently contributed to the project. At the present time 144 service kits are being made and fitted for distribution among men at embarkation points.

In making her report for the year, Mrs. Green expressed in behalf of production unit personnel, much appreciation to everyone who so willingly cooperated in making the record possible.

A rule of his own and that is to do unto others as they do unto you. "American planes have bombed German soil. I do not need to say more. Win, lose or draw, that fact remains and we know that Hitler has the equipment and that he does not mind sacrificing his men. We need to guard against it."

Concluding his remarks, Lieutenant Manchec pointed to the group of little children occupying the front seats in the school auditorium and said, "We are fighting to protect them 25 years from now, and if they aren't worth fighting for, then what is? This observation post work is serious business."

Sergeant Jones of the Norfolk office described the work of the filter center and a special picture, seen for the first time in this state, showed the workings of the center.

Rev. John W. Hardy read the list of names of boys in the Hamilton and Oak City areas who are serving their country and those who have made the supreme sacrifice or are still missing.

Not very well located, the Hamilton post is to be moved to a new site, it was stated, but considering present conditions the post is functioning very efficiently under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Poole, chief observer.

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the entire nation, the authorities make proper allocations to the nation's fighting forces, allies and to the home markets.

In addition to the production program, the mobilization plan embraces a survey of possible increases in local farm efforts, general farm products, and the like.

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The 1943 program will be carried to Martin County farmers on Friday and Saturday of next week, January 22 and 23, when the community committee will be stationed at convenient centers in the several townships.

Tuesday was general farm mobilization day throughout the nation, and President Roosevelt and other international leaders released timely statements.

"As never before the entire nation is looking to its farmers," said a message from President Roosevelt.

American food is helping the Russians "destroy Nazis by the hundred thousands, and drive them back," declared Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff.

Lord Woolton, the British food minister, said Axis leaders were depending on American farmers to fail their job but the United Nations were counting on them not to fail.

"In spite of the handicaps under which American farmers have labored this year, the production victory they won was among the major victories of the United Nations in 1942" said President Roosevelt in a message read by James F. Byrnes, the economic stabilization director. "Free people everywhere can be grateful to the farm families who made that victory possible."

"This year the American farmer's task is greater, and the obstacles more formidable. But I know that once more our farmers will rise to their responsibility . . ."

"Food is a weapon in total war—fully as important in its way as guns or planes or tanks."

Mr. Roosevelt said the United Nations are pooling food resources "and using them where they will do the most good." Australia and New Zealand help feed American soldiers there, he pointed out, while Canada and Latin America send nourishment to Britain.

Ambassador Litvinoff, explaining that Germany had overrun some of Russia's most fertile lands, said Russian troops could keep on fighting only with food and munitions from the outside. Lord Woolton emphasized that no American food shipped to England would be wasted.

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, thanking farm families for their devotion to their tasks, said the government would help all it could this year "but I know how short that help will fall on many occasions."

Col. William Capers James brought a message from Guadalcanal—"I can tell you that guns and bullets and fighting hard are no more important than proper food."

Judge Calvin Smith Makes An Unusual Ruling In Court

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fore the noon hour.

Proceedings in the court: Charged with drunken and reckless driving, Abraham B. Pierce was adjudged not guilty.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with assaulting another with a deadly weapon, O'Brient Winborne was adjudged guilty, the court continuing the action under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in June, 1943.

His case having been continued under prayer for judgment at a previous session, David Simpson, charged with non-support, was ordered to pay \$10 into the court now and \$5 before the first Monday in February for the benefit of his child. He was also directed to appear before the court on the first Monday in February and show that the judgment has been complied with. Bond in the sum of \$200 was required.

Dallas Godard was in the court Monday, charged with disorderly conduct and assaulting Joe Mobley with a deadly weapon. He was adjudged guilty over his own plea of innocence and was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs. He appealed to the superior court and bond was required in the sum of \$100. According to the evidence offered at the hearing, Godard was at the Sunny Side Inn, near Williamston. Some spilled a quantity of beer and the proprietress wiped it up. Some more beer was spilled and Godard was ordered to leave the place. He objected and used strong language, it was said. Mobley reached behind the

GAS SAVER

Working to save gasoline, Mr. esse T. Price, memorials salesman, caught his company's truck here early one morning recently and made a trip to a point down in Beaufort County, thinking he would complete his work in time to get back to Washington to catch a bus home. The last bus had departed, and Mr. Price thinking he could catch a ride, sent the truck on to its home base in New Bern.

"I started walking toward Williamston about 11 o'clock," he said. "I was a bit sore for a while, but I saved about four gallons of gas."

Britishers Express Great Appreciation For Entertainment

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had the swiftest of swiftest times in your wonderfully hospitable community and I do feel grateful to you and Mrs. Hardy especially and to all the people in your community. You have given our boys so much—and they have given us a very memorable day.

"I was sorry to have caused you the embarrassment of three of them overstaying their leave. It will amuse you to hear that they almost required throwing out of the ship to persuade them to go away on leave at all and when once they had discovered what they had been missing—they couldn't bring themselves to coming back. It was a very fine tribute to the hospitality they were given because they knew that they would have to pay for it when they got back and it simply seemed to them to be worth it. I sent the telegram to them care of you because I knew that if they stayed another 24 hours they would come into the category of deserters which is an infinitely more serious offense. It was sad of them, and I feel annoyed because it put you in such an awkward position. They both got the regulation punishment, namely 40 days stoppage of pay and stoppage of leave. This was a light punishment with so long an absence, but they were all first offenders. I have had quite a yarn with Wenham since he came back and this 'incident' has been the means of my getting to know him a good deal better than before. He'd a very nice lad, too, and his leave has done him a lot of good."

"I was a little alarmed to hear that you had been asked by the Padre of another ship here if you could manage to take some of his men. It's entirely my fault as I had, when first he arrived, told him that you might be able to fix up one or two places for his men, but please don't let us impose upon you, and ask for more than your kind people can really manage."

Russians Begin New Drive Against Nazis In Leningrad Sector

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North Africa a political fight is still brewing, and it is admitted that trouble is in the offing.

In New Guinea, the Australians have started an attack on a new area about 10 miles north of Salamaua, the commandos leading against the strong Jap point. Over in Guadalcanal, American forces wrecked and drove back another attempt to reinforce Jap troops on the island.

British submarines, operating in the Mediterranean, dealt the Germans a heavy blow when seven Axis ships were sent to the bottom, including three cargo vessels.

An encouraging report came from General Wavell today when he declared that the Japs are beginning to feel the pressure from their far-flung battle fronts.

Officers Wreck A Still In County

Raiding in the Hassell area of Hamilton Township Tuesday, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck, assisted by Deputy Roy Peel and ABC officers from Pitt County, wrecked a small liquor plant and placed out about three hundred gallons of molasses beer. The plant was established after a crude fashion, the operator using an old gasoline drum for a kettle and pipe for connections and coolers.

The plant accessories were of little value, according to the raiders. It was the second successful raid made in the county so far this year by members of the ABC enforcement unit.

Last year the average wage earner, driving for necessary purposes, made 385 trips covering 3,782 miles. counter for a pistol. Godard left the place but on his way out he was said to have cursed Mobley. Mobley put the gun up and followed Godard out and got cut, but not badly.

NOTE OF THANKS

We extend our most sincere appreciation for the sympathy and the many kind and thoughtful acts rendered in our behalf during the recent illness and death of our mother, Mrs. Sarah Chesson.

Mrs. Walter Gurganus and Family

Number Tires-Tubes Allotted This Week By Rationing Board

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tioned to the following:

A. Corey, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes for ministerial work and government employee.

W. T. Hurst, Robersonville, one tire and two tubes for farm.

G. Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for farm.

L. Whitehurst, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for farm.

WANTS

FOR RENT: APARTMENTS NO. 6 and 10, Tar Heel Building. Apply Mrs. Jim Staton. j15-4t

FOR RENT: BUILDING ON Railroad Street, suitable for store and apartment. Apply Mrs. Jim Staton. j15-4t

FOUND ON MY PROPERTY—ONE male hog. Owner can get same by paying for costs. M. B. Barefoot, Williamston RFD 3. j15-4t

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FOR SALE—ONE 520 EGG KERO-sene incubator in perfect condition. See me at my home in Poplar Point. It's going cheap. Mrs. Zeno Beddard, Williamston Route 3. j15-4t

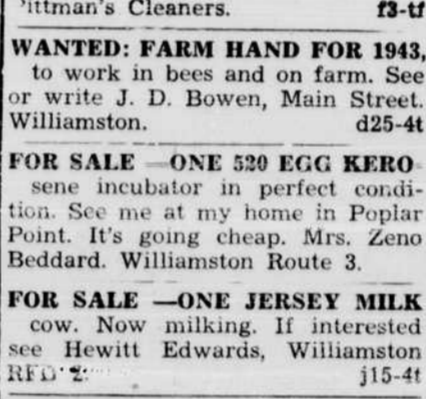
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FOR SALE: ONE LOT 60x100 FEET located on White Street. Colored residential section of Williamston. Write or see T. K. Slade, 205 South Street. j15-4t

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above has been commenced in the Superior Court Martin County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce on account of two years' separation and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk, Superior Court, said County, at the Courthouse in Williamston, N. C., within thirty (30) days from the date hereof and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint.

This 13th day of January, 1943.

L. B. WYNNE, Clerk Superior Court.

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