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Plans For Invading European Fortress Made by Eisenhower

Red Army Continues Sweeping Drive; American Fifth Near Cassino

Reporting in London following a secret trip to this country, General Dwight Eisenhower is now apparently formulating final plans for the invasion of Hitler's European Fortress which is almost certain to be launched within the next two or three months. While there has been much talk about a possible invasion of the continent, time and place and other details have been closely guarded. Observers have done a bit of guessing, and if they are right, Hitler can expect blows from all sides at one and the same time.

Lt. General Omar Bradley has been named by Eisenhower to lead the American land forces for the all-out invasion, the appointment completing the western invasion command in all its important details.

Meantime, there is talk about a possible invasion of the continent through Southern France and possibly through the Balkans, too.

During the meantime, the Red Army is continuing its sweeping drives on the Eastern Front and the American Fifth is knocking at the doors of German-defended Cassino in Italy. No late developments have been reported on the land fronts in the Pacific theater, but Allied air-men are still busy dishing out blows against the Japs there.

Churchill returned to London early this morning and went almost directly to the House of Commons where he was cheered. He is expected to issue a statement on the war soon.

The Russian newspaper Pravda created great sensational news over the week-end when it carried a story claiming that German and British officials had met presumably some where in Spain and discussed peace proposals. Official government papers in Moscow did not recognize the report, and while British officials denied such a meeting had been held or even considered, the implications drawn from the story are running wild. Some think the story is related in some way to the Russo-Polish boundary dispute, but just why the story was carried by the newspaper remains unknown.

In Russia, the Red Army last week-end launched about the thirtieth offensive in a little over six months, the latest drive pointing to the Latvian border about 70 miles away. General Vatutin's army is some over 100 miles from the Russo-Polish border and is still going strong, unofficial reports stating that the Ukrainian Army had killed 100,000 Germans and captured 7,000 more in a little over three weeks.

In Italy, the American Fifth Army has just about wiped out the last of its defenses and is within two miles of Cassino, its immediate goal. During the meantime, Allied air-men have been pounding the objective and also attacking rail communications further to the north with great success. British patrols, experiencing terrible weather and a stubborn resistance on the Adriatic side, were reported to have made satisfactory progress during the past few days.

On the home front, Congress is considering appeals for eliminating the contract renegotiation law which was designed to hold down war profits, and which has already saved around five billion dollars to the taxpayers.

Miss Sallie Leggett Dies in Cross Roads

Miss Sallie Jane Leggett, numbered among the oldest citizens of this county, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Jodie Ayers, in Cross Roads Township this morning at 8 o'clock, following a long period of declining health.

Born in that township 91 years ago, Miss Leggett had lived there all her life, spending many years with a sister, and later making her home with her nieces. While she had been in declining health for a number of years, she was able to be up most of the time until about four months ago when she fell and broke her hip. She had been confined to her bed since that time, but her condition was not considered critical until just a short time ago when she suffered an attack of influenza which was followed by pneumonia and which, with complications resulted in death.

Miss Leggett was the daughter of the late W. A. Leggett and wife. She was a member of the church at Christian Chapel for about three-quarters of a century, and remaining faithful in its service down through the years or until failing health limited her activities. She was the last member of her immediate family.

Services will be held in the church at Cross Roads Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. Dennis Warren Davis, and interment will follow in the Wynne Cemetery in Cross Roads Township.

Will Submit New War Food Plan To Farmers This Week

The new 1944 War Food program will be submitted to Martin County farmers on Friday and Saturday of this week in their respective districts following an instructional meeting being held for county and township committees here today.

Farmers will be asked to list their 1943 acreages planted to all crops, plan their production practices under the soil building program and inventory their livestock and poultry as of January 1, this year. They will then be asked to list their intended acreages for 1944 and anticipate their inventories as of January 1, 1945. In addition to that information they will be asked to list the names and ages of every man and boy, 12 years or over, who lives or works on the individual's farm, giving correct address.

The 1944 farm plan, it is to be re-

membered, will again be closely related to the manpower problem and the draft. As for the proposed program itself, an actual decrease in the production of most food and feed crops is suggested, with an even greater offset increase asked for in tobacco acreages. The tobacco allotment has now been boosted by twenty per cent, but before any farmer holding a "C" draft classification boosts his tobacco acreage he should remember that only three acres will be recognized when it comes to allowing production credits. In other words, an individual farmer may have four acres of tobacco, but only three of them are recognized, meaning that he will find it necessary to diversify his farm program and include other crops if he desires to maintain his preferred rating with the draft board.

Bond Drive Is Off To Good Start In County

ROUND-UP

For the most part, crime is taking a holiday in the county at the present time. A week ago, officers arrested and jailed no one, and last week-end only two alleged violators found their way into the hoosegow at the direction of officers.

One of the two was arrested for public drunkenness and the other was booked for allegedly operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Both were colored men and were over 35 years of age.

Mrs. Jno. D. Lilley Dies at Home Near Here Last Evening

Funeral Services Will Be Conducted at 2:30 P. M. Tomorrow

Mrs. John D. Lilley, highly respected county citizen, died at her home near here on the Washington Highway last evening at 8 o'clock following a stroke of paralysis suffered while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hubert Biggs, on Warren Street here last Friday afternoon. Left in a semi-conscious condition, she gradually grew worse and the end was not unexpecting. Mrs. Lilley had been in declining health for a long number of years, but her condition had shown some improvement in recent months and she was able to be up and attend to many of her household duties up until she was stricken last Friday. She was feeling possibly better than usual that morning and came in to visit her two daughters here.

The daughter of the late John Gray and Prudence Corey, she was born in Griffins Township on April 15, 1890. She attended the schools in her community, and following the death of her parents she made her home with a sister until her marriage to Mr. Lilley on June 23, 1912, when she moved to make her home in Jamesville. About ten years later the family moved to Farm Life, located in Williamston about 1920 while Mr. Lilley was deputy clerk of the Martin County Superior Court. For the past several years they had made their home on the farm near here.

Mrs. Lilley joined the Christian Church in Jamesville more than a quarter of a century ago, remaining faithful in its service until she experienced failing health, but then

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First Mule Clinic Is Well Attended

A mule and horse clinic, the first ever held in this county, met with marked success down at Dardens yesterday morning. Assistant County Agent L. L. McLendon said today. Eighteen animals were delivered there for examination and treatment, and the owners were said to have been very well pleased with the plan. Nearly every one of the animals were treated for bad teeth and parasites. Drs. A. J. Osteen and R. G. Hicks, who is associated with the county veterinarian, working until almost 2 o'clock handling the clinic work. The clinic prices were declared unusually reasonable by the animal owners, and it is believed that even larger patronages will follow at other clinics to be held in various parts of the county during the remainder of this month and a part of February.

Several Townships Announce Special Campaign Workers

Considerable Interest Is Being Shown in Task to Float \$729,000 Bond Issue

First reports coming from the Fourth War Bond Drive, opening in the county today, were very encouraging, according to a first statement issued at noon today by Chairman Herman A. Bowen. Nearly everyone of the townships had completed its organization for the all-out, nook-and-corner canvass, and work was well under way in several of them at the start early this morning.

Considerable interest is being advanced by various civic organizations and school children are already behind the drive to raise the \$729,000 county quota. It is proposed to raise \$315,000 of the \$729,000 in Series E bonds.

The most encouraging report on the drive so far was released just before noon today when Williamston Township chairman reported over \$30,000 in E bond sales during the early hours of the campaign.

No other reports could be had today, but it is understood that several districts had started a preliminary work before the campaign even got underway, that they were planning to push the drive to an early and successful close.

It has been claimed that the task is a big one, but compared with that others are doing the assignment is most reasonable. In addition to helping finance the war, the successful handling of the drive will have its moral effect when the approximately 1,750 Martin County boys in the service learn what the home front is doing. For that reason, if no other, Martin County must not fail in meeting its quota.

Chairman Chas. Davenport announced his canvass committee last week. Chairman Paul Bailey announced his yesterday and he will be ably assisted in Cross Roads by W. L. Ausbon, J. Frank Bailey, G. H. Forbes, Mrs. A. P. Barnhill and Mrs. Van G. Taylor.

Chairman D. R. Everett announces an able committee to help put the drive across in Robersonville, the group including Rev. J. M. Berry, L. W. Anderson, I. M. Little (Rotary Club), Chas. R. Gray, Marvin Everett, Rev. E. C. Wilkie, I. L. Smith, J. H. Gray, B. L. Stokes, V. L. Roberson. Mrs. Vernon Page is serving as chairman of the ladies' division.

The drive in Williamston was noticeably boosted when the Woman's Club accepted the task of canvassing the residential sections. In addition to the club workers, Township Chairman D. V. Clayton will be aided by Dr. John D. Biggs, John L. Goff, V. J. Spivey, N. C. Green, L. B. Wynne, Wheeler Martin, J. C. Manning, Join

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Local Boy Believed To Have Been In Big Battle

Ned Cunningham, former local young man, is believed to have participated in the bloody battle at Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands, according to information contained in a letter received by friends here this week. The young man, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cunningham, expressed the hope that he'd never see another battle as "bloody as Tarawa." The drive on the beach was described as the bloodiest he had ever seen and was rated the bloodiest in Marine history. It could not be learned where the young Marine is now stationed, but he was said to be getting along all right.

"C" Classifications Are Announced For Farmers In County

Total of 1,609 Placed in the Preferred Classes By Draft Authorities

Completing the review of production records a short time ago, Martin County Draft authorities are announcing more "C" class farm registrants today.

The men, having successfully "negotiated" the draft hump in 1943, are soon to be asked to submit their 1944 plans. If their plans come up to expectations, the farm registrants now holding "C" classifications can well expect draft immunity for another year. "C" classifications not previously announced follow:

Williams Township
Marvin M. Hardison, w; Walter Moore, c; Major Barber, w; James Henry Perry, w; Elbert Davenport, w; Jack Hardison, w; David W. Hardison, w; B. C. Pate, w; Howard E. Moore, c; Wendell W. Griffin, w; Joe David Smithwick, c; Joseph Bell, c; J. S. Pate, w; Alton L. Lilley, w; Clyde Knight, c; Millard J. Holliday, w; A. Woodrow Jones, w; J. A. Perry, w; Arthur Dewey Simpson, w; L. R. Long, w; Albert G. Tyre, w; J. H. Hoggard, w; L. K. Reason, w; Jimmie G. Tyre, w; W. Woodrow W. Holliday, w; W. C. Lyons, c; Floyd A. Lander, c; George Duggin, c; Irvin Roberson, w; W. Harry Barber, w; Raymond Williams, w; Ben E. Griffin, w; Grady C. Godard, w; Irvin D. Coltrain, w; J. D. Williams, w; Clyde Barber, w; Dennis R. Barber, w; Colton Perry, w; J. Dempsey Roberson, w; Joe J. Johnson, w; R. J. Hardison, w; Daniel G. Griffin, w; Irving D. Gurganus, w; James Moore, c;
Poplar Point and Williamston Townships
Louis E. Ruffin, c; Walter Andrews, c; S. L. Mendenhall, w; H. W. Holliday, w; George Williams, c; William Baker, c; C. T. Edmondson, w; Grover Alton Wynn, w; S. L. Purvis, c; Robert L. Evans, c; J. H. Brown, c; Jeff Slade, c; W. T. Coburn, c; Ralph E. Taylor, w; Bennie Wilkins, c; Levi Jones, c; Sam Thos. Williams, c; Matthew Crowell, c; William H. Lloyd, c; Bernis Fagan, c; Warren U. Reddick, c; H. F. Cherry, c; Willie Gus Woolard, c; James Wilson, c; Thos. Martin Whitaker, w; William S. Peele, Jr., w; R. P. Edmondson, w; John L. McKeel, w; Harry Roberson, w; C. E. Taylor, w; Robert E. Modlin, w; George Stanley, c; Luther E. Griffin, c; Wendell C. Gardner, w; Walter W. Brown, w; Jesse J. Outerbridge, c; Andrew Hube Brown, c; J. W. A. Brown, c; Leroy Robertson, w; Albert Clarence Biggs, c; Isiah Perkins, c; Garland T. Roberson, w; James Robert Brown, c; James C. Grimes, w; Simon A. Perry, Jr., w; James H. Reid, c; W. L. Williams, c; S. C. Griffin, Jr., w; Luther Edward Nicholson, w; Melvin M. Evans, c; E. C. House, w;

W. C. Rogers, c; Robert Earl Stanley Bonner, c; Harrison Bond, Jr., c; Slade R. White, w; Malachi Bonds, c; E. Purvis, c; Willie Gray Lee, c; Luther Perkins, c; Willis Williams, Jr., c; James Robert Biggs, c; Robert Williams, c; Columbus Williams, c; J. R. Edmondson, w; U. A. Bonds, w; Jas. Outerbridge, Jr., c; W. Joseph Bland, c; Earl Cortez Roberson, c; Charles H. Williams, c; Raymond Fagan, c; James D. Hollis, w; Leslie King Roberson, w; E. Dennis Modlin, w; Anthonel Beatty, c; W. Howitt, c;
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Income Tax Blanks Now Available At Courthouse

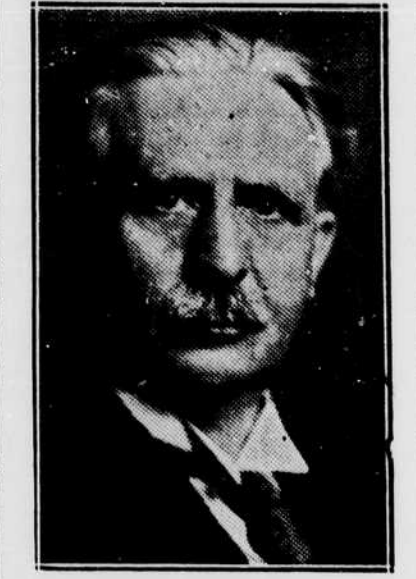
J. Roy Overby, deputy collector, North Carolina Department of Revenue, states that all income tax blanks are available at his office in the Martin County courthouse. Mr. Overby will assist any individual or business firm in making out 1943 income at any time called upon. There is no charge for this service.

SPREADING

The fame of Bear Grass continues to spread, and it is nothing to walk into a store as far away as Chicago and have some one ask you about the thriving little county center, according to a report released last Friday evening by Martin County delegates to the Farm Bureau Federation's annual convention held in the windy city last month. "We walked into a store to buy some more gun shells and the clerk asked us about Bear Grass," one of the delegates said in making his report to the county organization in the courthouse. "We told him we knew Bear Grass and its good people, but nothing else was said," Mr. Chas. L. Daniel, the spokesman, declared. It was intimated that the delegates brought back quite a few gun shells.

Special Service Is Held Here Sunday Evening

DR. W. R. BURRELL



Dr. Wm. R. Burrell, pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church, completed fifty years of work in the Gospel ministry here last Sunday evening when a special service was held commemorating the splendid record.

Defendant Is Bound Over At Hearing In Manslaughter Case

Jas. Garland Rogers To Face Superior Court as Result of Fatal Car Accident

James Garland Rogers, young Bear Grass white man, was bound over to the superior court by Justice J. L. Hassell here last evening when probable cause of guilt was found in the case charging him with reckless driving and manslaughter. The \$500 required bond was raised and the defendant was dismissed under a pledge to face trial in the superior court convening here on March 20.

Rogers was a bit bewildered as he sat with his attorney, E. S. Peel, in the office of the justice and heard the several witnesses offer what was considered as damaging testimony. Attorneys Wheeler Martin and Clarence Griffin appeared for the private prosecution, and it is fairly apparent that the case will be vigorously contested.

The hearing last evening was a short one. The State called four witnesses, but the testimony of one was indirectly ruled out.

Taking the stand first, Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident, described weather and road conditions and reviewed his findings when he reached the scene shortly after Herbert Harrison, 28-year-old Bear Grass white man and a passenger in the Rogers car, was fatally hurt. The wreck took place late in the afternoon on Sunday, January 2, near Old Mill Inn on the Washington Highway.

Emma Moore, the second witness in the case, stated that she went out on her back porch to get some wood and heard a car roaring up the highway, traveling possibly between 30 and 60 miles an hour. According to her testimony, the automobile was zig-zagging up the highway just before it went out of control, swerved off the road, hit a tree and came to a stop on Marshall Savage's lot fence. She was among the first to reach the wreck and helped remove the injured man. Rogers, apparently dazed, crawled from the wreck and ran around the lot fence, the witness said.

Hazel Wynne, at whose home the boys had stopped, saw them drive off, and when she saw them speeding away she commented that they would get their wheels broken. William Sheppard, colored man, was called by the prosecution, but his testimony was ruled incompetent.

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Funeral Services Held For Roebuck Youth Sunday

Funeral services for Larry Moore Roebuck, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roebuck of near Hamilton, were conducted last Sunday afternoon in the Hamilton Baptist Church by Rev. E. C. Wilkie assisted by Rev. J. M. Perry. Interment was in the Hamilton Cemetery. Young Roebuck died in a Tarboro hospital last Wednesday afternoon following an illness of short duration. The last rites, scheduled to have been held last Saturday afternoon, were postponed until Sunday on account of bad weather. The services were well attended despite the change in time, proving the high esteem in which the youth was held.

Bureau Gets Report From Delegates To Chicago Convention

Urge Continuation of Quotas For Tobacco; Predict Livestock Decrease

Attending the annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago last month, four Martin County delegates reviewed the work of the meeting before members of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the courthouse last Friday evening. An unusually large crowd was present, and while the delegates limited their review to the convention's business, the reports were heard with much interest. A fifth delegate, Carl Griffin, was unable to attend the meeting and report.

Immediately after the meeting was opened, D. V. Clayton reviewed Martin County's record maintained in past war bond drives and urged the Farm Bureau members to get behind and work for the Fourth War Bond sale now underway in this county and throughout the nation. "It's our war and we want to do our part," Farm Bureau President Chas. L. Daniel commented following Mr. Clayton's plea for an all-out support of the campaign.

In his report on the convention, Mr. Clayton stated it was a great meeting. He attended the Rural Youth Committee conference and was greatly impressed by the leadership assumed by the nation's farm youth. "They discussed and worked for solutions to vital questions," Mr. Clayton said, suggesting that the Martin County Farm Bureau could render a valuable service by sponsoring a similar movement for the rural youth in this section.

"I attended as many meetings as possible," Farmer Linwood Knowles, a second delegate to the annual meeting in Chicago, said, but we centered our time on the tobacco and peanut committee conference.

"There were heated arguments over tobacco quotas," Mr. Knowles said. "One representative from Kentucky alleged that some sections have a monopoly on tobacco acreage. After the problem was discussed at length, the meeting and the convention later going on record for the continuance of quotas for both tobacco and peanuts, the body also recommending parity prices for peanuts."

Mr. Knowles told of conversations he had with other farmers while in Chicago. "A farmer from Iowa explained that he had been farming for 35 years and had never sold a dollar's worth of crop. He generally sold about 100 head of hogs and 15 or 20 beef calves annually," Mr. Knowles said. "The hogs farrowed on cement and stayed on cement until they were loaded for market, the farmer fattening them to about 225 pounds in four months. The farmer was able to do that by raising about 90 bushels of corn to the acre and without using much fertilizer. He practiced a perfect system of rotation," Mr. Knowles said.

"A Virginia farmer told me how a group of farmers had bought an old peanut mill and operated it last year at a profit, and I believe that similar cooperative undertakings could be handled in this section," Mr. Knowles pointed out, adding that he went all the way to Chicago to learn that a neighbor from Plymouth had

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Former Resident Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Charles Leonard, former resident of Williamston, died in a Washington hospital at 10 o'clock last Saturday morning following an illness of about two weeks.

The former Miss Virginia Dixon, she was born in Raleigh 34 years ago, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dixon, of Raleigh. Following her marriage to Mr. Leonard she made her home in Williamston several years, later moving to Sanford and locating in Windsor a few years ago. She was removed to the hospital last Friday when her condition became worse.

Besides her husband and parents she leaves two children, one an infant son, and three brothers, Haywood Dixon and John Wesley Dixon, both of Wilmington, and Fred Dixon, of Raleigh, and a sister, Mary Dail Dixon, of Raleigh, and a half-sister, Mrs. Harry Goode, of Charlotte. She was a niece of Thomas Dixon, author and federal court clerk, Raleigh.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Raleigh by Rev. Howard M. McLamb, Methodist minister, assisted by Rev. J. H. Smith, former Williamston Baptist minister, now of Greensboro. Burial was in Raleigh's Mountlain Cemetery. Mrs. Leonard made many friends during her residence here, and news of her death came as a shock to them.

Dr. Wm. R. Burrell Completes Fiftieth Year In Ministry

Noble Record Commemorated at Union Service in Baptist Church Here Sunday

Commemorating fifty years of untiring work in the Gospel ministry by Dr. William R. Burrell, a union service was held in the local Baptist Church last Sunday evening. The service, a most impressive one, was attended by a large congregation made up of representatives of the various denominations. Few events here have received a greater response from all people regardless of church affiliation than the service commemorating an able, unselfish and untiring work handled by Dr. Burrell during the past half century.

Rev. John L. Goff, of the Christian Church, and Rev. B. T. Hurley, Methodist minister, conducted the service, Rev. Hurley reviewing the "Values of a Lengthy Ministry." "It has compensations and rewards far greater than pecuniary returns," Rev. Hurley said, adding that what a great value experience and wise leadership carry in troublous times. The Rev. Mr. Goff talked briefly on the "Value of a Minister to His Community."

The brief messages blended beautifully with Dr. Burrell's life in the ministry, for he is remembered here as a guiding force during those uncertain days in the early part of the last war. It was then that he consoled the troubled, worked untiringly at his own tasks and found time to handle other duties. But even with the heavy schedule of duties, the minister was not content to remain behind and he volunteered for service that carried him to distant parts of the world.

His leadership was welcomed when he returned here as war again engulfed the world, his presence and counsel allaying the fears and uncertainties of a troubled people. Despite his half century of devoted service, the minister is still young enough to see young Martin County men off on the early buses for duty in the armed forces, to distribute small Red Cross kit bags and wish the young men Godspeed in their new assignments.

Dr. Burrell has moved forward with the times, dismissing the accumulated years and finding strength and encouragement in his daily tasks as they relate to the work of the church, the welfare of his people and the upbuilding of his community.

Near the close of the service, Dr. Burrell occupied the pulpit to express his deep appreciation for the kindness shown him by his friends here. Speaking of his wife who died just a week before and who said a short time before the end how she wished to be present at the service marking the completion of his fifty years in the ministry, Dr. Burrell paid a brief but fitting and touching tribute to her memory. "Had it not been for her, I could have been short of nine-tenths of what little power I have had," he said, adding, "And while she is not with us here this evening in person, she is with us in spirit."

The minister, still young and active even though he has passed the three score and ten mark, declared that his greatest compensations were found in the privilege to walk with the members of the Christian churches, "and I thank God for the office bearers of His churches."

The able churchman, though it was evident that he was impressed by the service and that sorrow weighed heavily upon his heart, arose to the occasion and in striking but mellow voice, counseled his people. "There have been times when the way was

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County Young Man Now a Lieutenant

Aviation Cadet Robert A. Haislip, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Haislip, Sr., of Oak City, was commissioned last Saturday a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces after completing bombardier training at the Carlsbad (New Mexico) Army Air Field, it was announced this week by the field's commanding officer. Lieutenant Haislip now becomes one of the Army Air Forces new "triple-threat men" airmen who have completed instruction in dead-reckoning navigation and aerial gunnery in addition to the regular bombardier course. As an officer in the Army Air Forces ready for active duty, his destination was not disclosed. He is a graduate of State College, Raleigh.