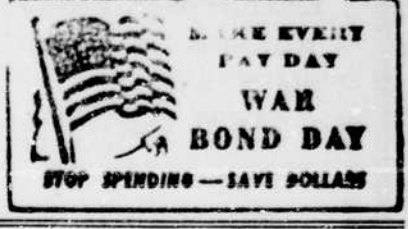


Men Offer Their Lives on Battlefronts—Have You Bought a Bond?



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County Boy Writes From Somewhere In South Pacific

W. Ronald White, AOM 2-C, Is One of the "Death and Glory Boys"

Writing from some place in the South Pacific under a fairly recent date, W. Ronald White, AOM 2-C, said:

Dear Friends:

I cannot begin to tell you how much the Enterprise means to me. I wrote you once before telling you how much I enjoyed it, but as I get further away from the United States I appreciate it even more. I am sure that it is the greatest and biggest little paper in the world. The proof is in all of the letters you receive from the home boys in the service in the United States and overseas. I really enjoy reading all these letters, and I hope some of my friends get a kick out of this one, if you can find space for it.

It seems a great many of the fellows that write the paper tell their experiences and service history. I can tell most of my service history, but I am afraid that most of the fellows overseas will have it all over me for experiences. If I could tell all that has happened, I might be able to give some of them a race for their money.

I was sworn into the United States Navy on May 29, 1943. From here I went to Bainbridge, Md., for seven weeks of boot training, which I thought were tough at the time. After spending seven glorious days at home and all over Martin County, I went back to Bainbridge where I spent three days in the Outgoing Unit. These three days were spent in wondering where I would go from there. I was then a seaman second class, and felt pretty salty. I soon found out different.

Sixty men were given a lecture on the second day of our stay in O. G. U. (Outgoing Unit) by a lieutenant about a school in Washington, D. C. He said that it was a very dangerous school and that the work was completely voluntary. Twenty men, including myself, stayed to see what it was all about, but the lieutenant said that he did not know a thing about it except that it was a hard school. I found out later that it is the hardest school in the entire Navy. The third day the twenty salty seamen second were sent to Washington, D. C.

We found the school located on the American University campus. It was very pretty and quiet. We all liked it from the start. To top it off we ate chow at the WAVES mess hall, two blocks away, with twelve hundred of the female sailors. Woo! Woo! To prove that the school was hard, only six of the twenty that began the course finished the nine weeks course.

This school that I have harped on so much is the Bomb Disposal School of the United States Navy. We dispose of the unexploded bombs, and I wish that I could tell you of some of the exciting times that we have had. We are known as the Death and Glory boys, but if they go together, I hope that I never get either one. All the glory that I want is my hide. It is the only good hide that I have, you know.

I finished school along with some swell liberties in our nation's capital, and received second class petty officer's rating. I was really proud of those stripes, and I nearly broke my arm trying to show them off.

After finishing school about the 20th of September, I had four days at home on my way to California, where I shipped out after spending

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Servicemen Express Thanks For Smokes

The local Lions Club continues to receive cards from members of the armed service serving on the front lines, thanking the club for the cigarettes which were sent to the fighters by the club. Below are a few more quotations taken from recently received cards.

Pvt. Wilfred E. Pelletier said, "Thanks very much for the free smokes. We appreciate them."

Capt. E. J. Donnelly wrote, "Thanks to you for a very fine gesture—greatly appreciated by the men."

Sgt. Robert M. Rosenbluth said, "Thanks, there are other words but they all mean the same."

The local club periodically collects the contributions from their cigarette fund jars, which are scattered through the lower end of the county, and they have just completed their first round. The club wants to salute the patrons, friends and management of Mrs. Joe Johnson's store for having the largest collection for this period, a total of \$7.00. This store is located in Griffins Township near Piney Grove Baptist Church. Second high honor goes to Central Cafe with a collection of \$5.70.

Remember, a dime will send two packs to a man on the front line.

First Report From Local Boy In French Invasion Received

The first report involving a local boy in the week-old invasion of France was received here over the week-end, the general belief being that the brief account leaves to be told a great story in which possibly many other Williamston and Martin County young men figured.

The story at hand is not quite clear, but it is fairly apparent that Lt. Zeno Hardy Rose, Williamston young man, was among the very first to figure in the invasion. The brief account, filed by Howard Cowan of one of the press associations, reads: "Lt. Zeno Rose of Williamston, N. C., Mustang escort pilot, saw one P-51 fighter attack a German gun position almost head on.

"It looked like one of those Chicago pianos—or more like a pipe organ," Rose said. "It was throwing up a dozen streams of tracers at once. This P-51 peeled off and came in blazing away. That German gun position didn't give anybody any

trouble anymore."

Lt. Rose was thought to be a navigator in the AAF, but possibly he had changed over and was serving as an escort pilot.

In the same story carrying Lt. Rose's brief interview, Cowan said, "Capt. Frank Lillyman, the first Allied soldier to touch France in the assault from the west, didn't know when the invasion would come, but he had been informed days in advance that whenever it came he would draw the No. 1 spot. The cigar-smoking 29-year-old parachute troop officer from Syracuse, N. Y., was told of his trail blazing assignment along with Lt. Col. J. L. Crouch of Riverside, Calif., and their hand-picked crews. Crouch was the first pilot of the big Douglas C-47 which was the lead plane of the parachute troop carriers. Crouch delivered them safely in daylight to the airborne army on the Cherbourg Peninsula."

DRAFT POOL

Effective immediately, all men passing the pre-induction physical examinations will be placed in a common draft pool, meaning that the draftee will have little or no service preference. While the new ruling just about eliminates service preferences, it is possible that married men will gain a slight advantage, it was pointed out. In other words, a married man in the Navy pool would answer a final induction call before a single man would go from the Army pool. Now that all men passing the examination are being placed in a common pool, the single man will go ahead of the married man.

Co-Op Shipment Of Wool Will Be Made Here Next Monday

Williamston Is One of Three Shipping Centers In North Carolina

The first shipment of wool, planned on a large scale and after a co-operative plan, will be made here next Monday, Assistant County Agent L. L. McLendon announced yesterday. Arrangements for handling the deliveries, sorting and grading and making the shipment have been completed. Representatives of the State Extension Service, including Messrs. L. I. Case, in charge of animal husbandry extension, and H. L. Meacham, extension marketing specialist, State College, Raleigh, and K. A. Keithley, manager of the United Wool Growers Association, Harrisonburg, Va., will come here to handle the shipment, it was learned. Other shipments will be made from Raleigh and Asheville later in the month.

Farmers throughout northeastern North Carolina or those in about twenty or twenty-five counties in this section of the State are expected to make deliveries here that day. Possibly some of the deliveries will be made by express or freight, but most of them will be handled by group farmers.

"We expect to receive and handle at least a carload of wool here that day," Mr. McLendon said yesterday. It is roughly estimated that the few wool growers in this county will offer between 2,000 and 3,000 pounds of choice wool. The shearing season was ended in this county several weeks ago and the crop is now ready to move to the markets.

Just what the market price will

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Swimming Lessons Are Offered Free

Beginning next Tuesday, June 20, W. S. Hunt will offer free swimming lessons at the municipal pool here. No charge will be made for the instruction, but applications must be filed at the swimming pool office before next week. The course is open to all who register, it was announced. Already fifteen children have registered, and it is possible that the classes will have to be limited in number.

The pool will be closed to the general public each Tuesday from 10 to 11 while the classes are being held, it was announced.

Incidentally, the pool reports a record business Sunday when 355 people, mostly little folks, went swimming, the number not including those who had season tickets and servicemen who were admitted without charge. Suits are being furnished the servicemen by the USO, and no fee is asked either for the suit or use of the pool.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

Invasion Cuts Civilian Supplies

Recent shortage of many civilian supplies may be attributed to military demands of the forces of liberation. Examples are radio tubes and parts, gasoline and oil. In spite of a radio manufacturing output over 10 times as great as pre-war, military demands for radio tubes and repair parts have increased. This explains why civilians are finding it hard to get these items, the War Production Board says. Every military plane has radio equipment, some as much as \$100,000 worth each. Ships, tanks and other mobile equipment also use radio equipment. A five-month supply of 100-octane aviation gasoline is required for each of the 11,000 planes backing up Allied liberation forces, the Petroleum Administration for War reports. Heavy and imperative demands for oil by General Eisenhower as early as last winter almost made New York, Boston and Philadelphia the first indirect invasion casualties. Increased production by East Coast refineries, the "Big Inch" and "Little Big Inch" pipelines, and emergency deliveries helped avert civilian shortages of oil and gas in the East.

Farmers Help in Fifth War Loan

The nation's farm army of six million along with their town and city neighbors went into action this week on the Fifth War Loan, the War Finance Division of the Treasury announces. Total goal for this loan is 16 billion dollars by July 8. Last year farm people bought \$1,200,000,000 in War Bonds—about 10 per cent of their net income. With an estimated net farm income of 13 billion dollars for 1944, bond purchases by farm people are expected to be higher this year than last. The War Bonds bought during the Fifth War Loan will enable our Government to get more and better war equipment for its fighters than the bonds bought a year ago, according to a compilation of war equipment costs by the War Department. A heavy bomber, which a year ago cost \$500,000, today costs half that much. A Bofors anti-aircraft gun

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Mrs. W. S. Lee Dies In County Saturday

Mrs. Susan Blanche Mayo Lee died at her home in Bear Grass Township last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. She had been in declining health for seven months or more and her condition was critical for some time before the end.

The daughter of the late J. W. Mayo, of Beaufort County and wife, Katie Moore Mayo, of Florida, Mrs. Lee was born in Beaufort County on September 7, 1884. In early womanhood she was married to Jarvis Harrell of Beaufort County. He died in Greenville in 1918. Seven children survive the union. They are Walter, Roy, Joseph Harrell and Mrs. Maybelle Peoples, all of Norfolk; Daniel Harrell, of New York City; Mrs. Beulah Purser, of Scotland Neck, and Cpl. Johnny B. Harrell, of San Marcos, Texas.

In 1921 she was married to W. Sam Lee of Beaufort County and located in Martin in 1932. Besides her husband and children by her first marriage, she leaves seven step-children, Henry, Walter and Johnny Lee, of Philadelphia; Charlie Lee, of Greenville; Mrs. Leon Rose, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Mary Hux, of Littleton, and Mrs. Thelma Bridley, of Greenville, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Lee was a member of the Holiness church and Rev. H. M. Pope, pastor of the local Pentecostal Holiness Church, conducted the last rites at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Purser, 412 East Fourth Street, Scotland Neck, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was in the Episcopal Cemetery, Scotland Neck.

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Chas. Ben Wilson Is Ill In Hospital

According to reports reaching here, Charles Ben Wilson, local colored man who has served about sixteen months in the United States Navy, continues quite ill in a government hospital at Hampton, Va. Few details about the man's condition could be learned here, but one report stated that he had undergone an operation, that he was not able to receive members of his family and that possibly his condition was critical.

He had seen sea duty, but it could not be learned immediately if he had been in any battles.

Local School Faculty Appointment Announced

Miss Lucille Bell of Rocky Mount, has accepted a position as a member of the local school faculty, it was announced this week. Succeeding Mrs. Gover Crosswell, resigned, Miss Bell is a graduate of the East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, and has taught in the public schools for three years, two terms in Pitt County and last year in Roanoke Rapids.

The appointment leaves one position, that of home economics to be filled in the local schools, it was learned.

Early Indications Point To A Decrease In Tobacco Acreage

According to preliminary reports coming from the office of the farm agent this week, there is a fairly sizable reduction in the county's tobacco acreage this year compared with the plantings a year ago. No official or complete figures could be had immediately, but judging from reports filed by well over one-third of the farmers in the county, the crop acreage will be lower than it was a year ago. To mention an extreme case, one farmer reported that he had an allotment of slightly more than 20 acres, that he had been able to plant only about eight. It was explained that the scarcity of plants was responsible for the decrease in most cases while in other instances there wasn't sufficient acreage to handle the full quotas.

At the same time, it was pointed

out that quite a few farmers had exceeded their allotments, but the excess in most cases was limited to a mere fraction of an acre and in no case was the excess larger than four-tenths of an acre.

These estimates are based on reports received from 625 out of 785 farmers in five of the ten county townships, and are subject to change. Those farmers who failed to report their acreage measurements are expected to call at the office of the county agent, get the proper forms, list their acreage measurements and have their respective community committeemen to approve them. The grower is responsible for getting the report into the agent's office. No marketing card will be issued until this simple requirement is met, it was pointed out.

Fifth War Bond Drive Is Off To A Slow Start

Crucial War Period Offers Challenge To All Persons At Home

Martin County People Asked To Raise \$856,000 Before July 8th

Although a few scattered sales were reported in the county, the Fifth War Bond Drive got off to a mighty slow start in this section yesterday. While the task is no small one, leaders point out that the danger to the drive comes because so many people have not yet really recognized the seriousness of the situation and are not quite willing to make the first sacrifice. Sales amounting to possibly \$20,000 were made in the county yesterday, but as a whole the public was too busy planning its vacations, handling business as usual and boasting about buying gadgets, improving property where delayed improvements would have done just as well, to give some honest-to-goodness thought about investing money in support of the war program and in keeping, in a small way, with the great sacrifices Martin County men and millions of others are making on the Coast of Normandy, in the Pacific, in India, Burma, China, Italy and other places far from home and loved ones.

It is still believed that Martin County people will come across and not let the fighting man down, but they will have to wake up and wake up fast if they are to deliver the goods before the eighth of next month when the Fifth Bond Drive is scheduled to close.

There are those who suggest the drive can't be handled just now, that it comes at an inopportune time. There was no opportune time for the youth of this land to face the cold steel of the enemy on the coast of France, but they went and they conquered. And it is up to us at home to make certain that those who saw the sun rise on that eventful morning for the last time did not die in vain.

Between 800 and 1,000 Martin County servicemen will read the reports on the progress of the bond drive. The reports will be broken down by townships. It is already pointed out that while we wait for

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VEHICLE USE TAX

It doesn't seem as if another year has rolled by since the little stickers were bought, but according to Uncle Sam it is now time to buy the \$5 motor vehicle use tax stamps or windshield stickers.

The stamp were placed on sale at the local post office last Saturday, but the sale that day was light. The new little stickers must be displayed on the windshield of each vehicle not later than July 1 if the vehicle owner is to make certain that he will not be subjected to court action and penalties.

Peanut Prices Are Fixed by Commodity Credit Corporation

Use of the New Crop Will Be Determined by the Government

Tentative prices for merchantable farmers' stock peanuts for use in determining payments to producers have been announced by the War Food Administration in a release designating the Commodity Credit Corporation, or its designated agencies, as the sole purchaser of farmers' stock peanuts from the 1944 crop.

The order, issued recently, is now in effect.

The CCC will also provide authorization for the use of peanuts for crushing, cleaning, shelling or otherwise changing farmers' stock peanuts from their natural state in order to assure a proper distribution and use of peanuts for defense, for private account, and for export, the order said.

According to the scale of tentative prices, Spanish type peanuts with a sound mature kernel content above 75 per cent will bring \$171.50 plus \$2.50 per ton for each 1 per cent above 75 per cent; 75 per cent content, \$171.50; 74 per cent, \$169.20; 73 per cent, \$166.90; 72 per cent, \$164.50; 71 per cent, \$162.30; and 70 per cent, \$160.

Runner type—\$167 per ton plus \$2.20 per ton for each 1 per cent above 75 per cent sound mature

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Lt. W. B. Watts, Jr. Summarizes Travel In The Far Pacific

Local Young Man Is Greatly Impressed by People In Australia

In a very interesting letter written to The Enterprise under fairly recent date, First Lieutenant Billy Watts briefly summarizes his travels in the far Pacific. The local young man went through the entire Solomon campaign, and while he doesn't say so, it is fairly certain that there's been some tough going at times for him and the many others. His letter follows:

"Just thought I'd drop you a much belated line and say how much I've enjoyed The Enterprise. A mail call without the paper is not complete.

"I've followed with interest the many letters from home-town boys relating their journeys and experiences. From the looks of things the Martin County boys have been doing a darn good job. About the only contact I've had with any of them has been through The Enterprise.

"As you probably know, Navy censorship regulations are much stricter than Army. But of late they have relaxed a little and allow us now to mention a few of the places we've been in the two years since we left New River. The first sounds like a "Fitzpatrick" travelogue—New Zealand, Australia, New Britain, New Hebrides, Fiji, Solomons Islands, Goodenough, New Guinea and several that I'm not allowed to mention yet. I participated in the Solomons Island campaign on Guadalcanal from beginning to end. Also took part in the more recent operations at Cape Gloucester, New Britain. I could relate many interesting items concerning those campaigns but in doing so would evade censorship. My job has been since I left New River with the Regimental Staff as an intelligence officer. My work is very interesting and carries with it a few of the comforts and privileges that are otherwise denied.

"Of all the places I've been, Melbourne, Australia, was by far the most interesting and enjoyable. The people there took us in with open arms. Never have any troops been afforded such hospitality and good will.

"Melbourne is like many cities in the United States, but at the same time keeps enough of the English atmosphere to make it different. The people there are frank, friendly and broadminded possibly to a fault. Sydney, Brisbane, Newcastle and other Australian cities are much similar, but lack the more sedate atmosphere of Melbourne. Sydney is wide open, modern and tries to remind one of New York. Australia is a big place with a big future and the people there won't let you forget it.

"Another interesting place that I had the good fortune to spend a few days was Wellington, New Zealand—a beautiful, quaint, rambling 19th century metropolis fringing one of the loveliest harbors I've ever seen. The city is built up on hills surrounding the harbor. My stay in Wellington was short and in the worst season, but never the less, I was much impressed by its simplicity and charm.

"Practically all Southwest Pacific islands are the same—lush tropical growth, steaming, treacherous jungles, beautiful, rugged mountains, towering waterfalls, lazy, sluggish rivers, stately cocoon palm, dirty, smelly natives, myriads of insects,

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Mrs. Lizzie Hinson Passes In Hospital

Mrs. Lizzie Wright Hinson, widow of Charlie Hinson, died in a Washington hospital early last Saturday following a long period of declining health. She was 74 years old.

She was born in her home in Jamesville Township to a Washington hospital, she developed pneumonia, death following a short time later.

The daughter of the late William Wright and wife, Frances Waters Wright, she was born in this county on August 9, 1871, and lived all her life in the Dardens Community.

When a young woman she was married to Charlie Hinson who died some years ago. She was a member of the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church at Dardens, and was active in its service and as a member of the Ladies' Aid until her first fall four years ago.

She is survived by three daughters Mrs. Adelle Tetterton and Misses Addie and Ethel Hinson, and one sister, Miss Nora Wright, all of the home.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. Lee A. Phillips of the Plymouth Baptist Church. Interment followed in the Hinson Cemetery near the home.