

Seaman Monk Cobb Meets A Friend And Tells Of Chow Line

Former Draft Board Clerk Is Darned Tired of Spuds, But Doesn't Complain

Making one of his sporadic but always enjoyed reports on his career in Uncle Sam's Navy, Seaman "Monk" Cobb, writing from Newport, R. I., met an old friend a short time ago, and after touching briefly on that meeting, branched off on eats and chow lines. He appealed for a slow down in the production of spuds, but there wasn't a complaint in the whole letter which follows:

"Just as I finished chow today I was walking more or less indifferently to the Ship's Service store with possibly nothing more on my mind than ice cream when I felt a slight tug on my left sleeve. Well, I practically paid no attention as I thought it was just another sailor who wanted to play. Then comes a jerk that nearly decapitates me. I looked around and who do I see, Fenner Wallace. Boy! I was glad to see him. We spent the afternoon together talking over our Navy career up until now. He has been here three days and I have been here three months. I just didn't have the heart to tell him what he was in around up here, you'd think we for. Why, the way they run us were physically fit.

"I don't know whether you have any idea what a chow line is like, but it has a lot of bad points. If you follow Navy procedure in getting to your meals, the hour given for that purpose would be used in its entirety and there would never be any time left for the much needed sack (sleep) duty. Fifteen to twenty minutes of this is absolutely necessary for maximum efficiency and should come after every meal. The Brass Hats don't seem to agree, as this would interfere with tradition. You know how it is, John Paul Jones didn't get to sleep after each meal; so Seaman 2/c Cobb can't either. Well, brother, that's where ingenuity,—all Southerners have it—comes in.

"First, the chow line is about 200 yards long and invariably you're the last man. The chow hall has four entrances and one exit. Each ship's detail goes in its particular entrance. I'm on the Apollo, but I've also been known to be on the Bennington, the Burias, the Savannah, the Atlanta and various others. I've also learned to enter in the exit and pretend that I'm on mess duty and slip right in line. In fact I was always through within twenty to thirty minutes at most. Just to show you what a reputation I've made for myself, I walked right through the line the other

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Seventy-Eight Tires Allotted In County

Seventy-eight tires—seventy-four for passenger cars and four for trucks—were issued by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday evening.

Grade I tires were issued to the following:

G. P. Hughes, H. H. Worsley, Oscar B. Roberson, E. C. Stevenson, J. D. Knox, Dr. J. E. Ward, R. F. Crawford, Everett and Williams, Edgar H. Harrell, J. A. Roberson, P. P. Holliday, Kader Lilley, D. O. Weaver, H. M. Ayers, Cleveland Wilkie, W. T. Hurst, L. L. Whitfield, David A. Boyd, W. I. Watkins, L. S. Davis, S. T. Wynn, George Hopkins, E. N. Hardison, Mrs. S. W. Mendenhall, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Sol Mobley, Mrs. Pitt Roberson, Joe Everett, Justus B. Coltrain, J. S. Bullock, E. L. Fields, S. B. Brown, Willie W. Bailey, Fenner Respass, J. W. Taylor, Saunders Revels, J. E. Davenport, Rev. Dennis W. Davis, Fred Taylor, E. D. Peele, Kneezzer Harrison, Herbert Lassiter, Rufus H. Taylor, H. L. Purvis, Z. S. Cowin, Abbie Haislip, Zeno Council, Simon J. Barber, J. D. Hardison, B. B. Biggs, J. H. Hopkins, Seth J. Williams, G. W. Lee, C. E. Jenkins, Jasper James, W. L. Bryant, June Bland, William Warren, A. B. Bullock, Arthur Simpson, F. F. Pollard, Vance L. Peele, G. C. James.

Four small truck tires were issued, one each to the following: Williamson Package Mfg. Co., Roberson Slaughter House, R. J. Hardison and John A. Manning.

Lions Place More Signs On Highways Near Town

The publicity committee of the local Lions Club has recently placed two Lions road signs on two of the highways leading into town. This addition gives the club a total of five or one on each incoming highway. The two erected last week were on the Plymouth and Windsor roads.

These attractive signs, made of Masonite, are a large Lions Club emblem with a panel beneath on which is painted the time and place of the club meetings. The club purchased them through Lions International from a Michigan firm.

Plans Series of Tobacco Seed Bed Experiments in County

Beginning next Tuesday, agricultural agents and specialists will conduct a series of tobacco seed bed demonstrations. It was announced

McLendon. Each of the demonstrations will be started at 2 o'clock on the days and at the places designated as follows:

Tuesday, October 3, H. U. Peel's in Bear Grass Township.

Wednesday, October 4, Coy Roberson's in Griffins Township.

Thursday, October 5, T. B. Slade's farm in Poplar Point.

Monday, October 9, C. Abram Roberson's in Robersonville Township.

Tuesday, October 10, A. B. Ayers' in Bear Grass.

Particular attention will be given the demonstration at H. U. Peel's in Bear Grass Township next Tuesday. A representative of the manufacturers and State Extension workers are

to attend. Chloropirin will be used there, the assistant agent explaining the use of the material. Chloropirin or cyanamid will be used.

It is claimed that the chloropirin will virtually free the tobacco plant bed of weeds and grass, virtually rendering unnecessary the mean task of hand picking the bed in the spring. About the same results are to be expected following the use of uramon and cyanamid. All three preparations have other valuable properties, but the manufacturers of chloropirin claim that the material has been found to be toxic to most disease-producing fungi and bacteria and soil insects.

It is believed that the materials will be in general use before very long, and farmers are urged to attend the demonstration nearest them.

HIGH WATER

After remaining within its banks for several days following warnings of high waters, the old Roanoke crawled out last night when a rise of nearly two feet was reported in the stream at this point. The river, now about twelve or fifteen inches over its banks, this morning stood at 11.6 feet on the gauge, the weather bureau predicting that the stream would rise to a point between 13 and 14 feet some time tomorrow.

Last night the river was rising at the rate of almost two inches an hour, but this morning the rate was hardly an inch an hour. At Weldon where the river reached a crest of 48.6 feet late last Friday, the stream started falling rapidly early Saturday, and the river had reached a stand in the Palmyra area yesterday.

Lewis A. Thompson Dies Near Palmyra

Lewis A. Thompson, well known Martin County farmer, died at his home near Palmyra at 3 o'clock last Saturday morning following a stroke of paralysis suffered a few days before. Mr. Thompson had visited here early in the week and was apparently in his usual health at that time.

The son of the late P. J. and Lucy Anthony Thompson, he was born in this county fifty-four years ago. He farmed all his life and in early manhood was married to Miss Emily Roberson, who survives with five sons, Alfred and Bill of Wilmington, Larry and Albert of the home, and Thomas, who is now stationed with the U. S. Army Air Force in Italy; the other, R. R. Thompson of near Palmyra and a sister, Mrs. Graham Allgood of Hamilton.

Mr. Thompson was a prominent member in the Methodist church for a number of years, and Rev. L. C. Lee, pastor of the Scotland Neck Methodist Church, conducted the last rites at the home Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment followed in the family cemetery, near the home.

Youth Critically Hurt In Accident

Jimmy Hoard, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hoard of Williams Township, was critically hurt on U. S. Highway 64 about four miles southeast of here late yesterday afternoon.

Riding his bicycle in the direction of Jamesville, the lad suddenly turned to the left and crashed into the front left fender and headlight on Ralph Davenport's car. Knocked about twenty feet, the boy suffered a compound fracture of the left thigh and the same limb was badly cut between the knee and ankle. He also suffered a concussion.

Removed to the local hospital by Davenport, the boy was unconscious several hours and it could not be determined how badly he was hurt about the head.

Very little damage was done to the car but the bicycle was smashed. Still unconscious, the youth was said to be in a critical condition shortly before noon today.

WARNING

Lt. Vincent Vehar, commanding officer of the local prisoner of war camp, announced this week that prisoners released to farmers under contract would be returned to the camp in those cases where preparations had not been completed for placing the prisoners at work immediately upon their arrival on the farms. It was pointed out that in several instances the farmers had not buried the stack poles or even started plowing up peanuts.

TRUCK GAS

The local office of the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board will start issuing truck gasoline rations for the fourth quarter on Wednesday, September 27, it was announced today by the chief clerk, Mrs. Iva G. Gentry.

Applicants who report for their allotments on or before October 15 will get full allowances. Those who report after October 15 will have their allotments reduced by one-sixth and those cases where the applicants call for their allotments after October 31 will be referred to the Office of Defense Transportation.

MARTIN COUNTY In WORLD WAR I

(Reviewed from old Enterprise files twenty-seven years ago)

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It will be interesting to his many friends in Martin County to know that Dr. W. H. House of Oak City has been cited for bravery by the British Government. He treated more than 35 wounded English and French while the building in which they were in was being shattered by shots and bombs from German airplanes. Though a great part of the building was totally destroyed and many people killed, Dr. House stood at his post until every man was treated and all were rescued.

Mary G. Watts and Elizabeth Hassel made \$10.00 this week for the Junior Red Cross selling sandwiches.

James Edwin Harrell, Clyde Anderson and Roland Crawford left Tuesday for Raleigh to take military training at the A. and E. College.

Misses Essie Peele and Daisy Manning, Messrs. Herbert Peele, Ben Barnhill and Captain Julius S. Peele drove to Rocky Mount Sunday for Captain Peele to take the train to Columbia, S. C.

Counties that have received their War Savings Honor Flags, or will have received them by September 21, are requested to celebrate the occasion by holding a patriotic rally on that day at the county seat. We are proud to say that Martin County is one of the sixteen counties of the State to receive a War Savings Honor Flag. The honor flag is eight feet long by five feet wide and is similar in design to the National Service Flag. In the large white center in place of the stars are the blue letters and figures "W. S. 100 per cent."

Food Administrator Hoover says that the United States is prepared to ship this year more than five and one-half millions of tons of foodstuffs over and above the quantity supplied our boys and those of our Allies last year.

James T. Thomason who is stationed at Camp Gordon spent a few days in town this week with his wife.

The scarcity of cars out Sunday last certainly shows the Eastern Carolina patriotic spirit to be commendable. Not an automobile was seen in this part of the county that could not give a good excuse for being used.

In a brief message, the first to come directly from him in his own handwriting, Staff Sergeant R. J. Hardison, a prisoner of war somewhere in Germany, told his mother he was getting along all right and hoped all at home were well. He declared that he was missing every one at home.

The young man, writing on a special card, stated that he was going to church every Sunday and asked his mother to tell everyone hello. In conclusion he said, "The war will soon be over and I'll be back home with you."

Sgt. Hardison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hardison, was shot down in a raid over Austria at 12:20 o'clock in the afternoon of May 10. He was reported missing on the 28th, and on June 26th he was reported a prisoner of war.

Martin County's first polio victim of the 1944 epidemic, Otis Lee Edmondson, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Edmondson of Oak City, was removed to Hickory last week, reports stating that the child stood the trip very well. According to an indirect report, he died here.

The case was not as mild as it was first thought. The victim was examined at Duke and it was said quite a few of its muscles were affected.

It was first thought that the child would be left at Duke and the ambulance driver was given only enough gas to make the trip to Durham and back. Duke doctors advised the removal of the child to the emergency hospital in Hickory, and they gave the driver a note to the Durham County Rationing Board for gas. Some delay resulted, but when it was learned that a case of infantile paralysis was in the ambulance right in front of the rationing board, the rations were soon placed in the driver's hands.

To Open Typing Classes In School For Adults

Typing classes for adults will be opened in the local school, beginning tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced today by Miss Evelyn Baker, head of the school's commercial department.

Those interested in the instruction are directed to contact Miss Baker immediately.

Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge

Year	Killed	Dam'ge
1944	2	0 0 0
1943	0	0 0 0
1942	0	0 0 0
1941	52	24 1 9050
1940	32	16 5 5350

Motorists on Martin County highways last week continued to boost the accident record figures. However, the figures last week were less than half the size of those of the week before.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and each year to the present time.

First Salary Checks Going To County Teachers This Week

First month salary checks, amounting to \$27,574.31, will be delivered to the 194 white elementary school teachers in the county Monday.

The checks, representing the largest amount ever paid the teachers in this county in any one month, are being distributed two weeks ahead of the regular payday, possibly because some of the teachers' finances are in a poor way following the summer vacation.

Checks are being drawn as follows: for the 75 white elementary teachers, \$10,032.62; for the 76 colored elementary teachers, \$10,782.31; for the 17 white high school teachers, \$2,704.99; for the six colored high school teachers, \$835.33; for the one white elementary school principal, \$174; for the six white high school principals, \$1,492.48; for the two colored high school principals, \$513.33; for the eight white vocational teachers, \$1,247.45, and for the three colored vocational teachers, \$1,639.45, a total of \$27,574.31.

Last year, the 188 white and colored teachers, exclusive of those in the vocational departments, received

\$24,898.59. This year there are only 183 teachers exclusive of the vocational departments, and they received \$27,574.31 more. The increase is most without exception, goes to the colored teachers, and salaries for white and colored teachers being based on the same salary schedule for the first time this year. The salaries of the 75 white elementary teachers range from a low of \$71.33 for those holding masters' degrees, and average \$133.77. The salaries of the 75 colored elementary teachers, averaging \$141.87, range from \$111.33 to \$164, the colored holding an advantage of \$8.10 over the white teachers, on an average.

The figures are based on base pay plus bonuses and are subject to a retirement and withholding deductions amounting to about four and ten per cent respectively.

A brief study of the first-month payroll shows the colored teachers possessing a shockingly high number of dependents, meaning that a far-removed uncle or a distant aunt will lower the amount of withholding taxes.

Red Cross Bandage Room Now Working On September Quota

Material Has Been Delivered To Workers In Several Other Areas

Starting work on the September quota last Friday, volunteers at the local Red Cross Bandage Room have already made over 4,000 surgical dressings and the work is progressing fairly rapidly. Material has already been distributed to several other communities where volunteers have done a very effective work in the past and where impressive reports are expected during the course of the next few days.

A record, it will be recalled, was established on the August quota out at Macedonia a few days ago when fifty persons, including several men, handled over 2,000 of the 4x8 dressings in a single night.

Quarters on the third floor of the town hall are a bit crowded, but there is still room for more volunteers, and others are asked to support the project. There are approximately 10,500 dressings to be made by the local unit, and the supervisors are anxious to complete the task as soon as possible.

The names of those who volunteered since last Friday follow:

Friday: Mesdames G. E. Thorpe, J. F. Weaver, Anna Harrison, R. E. Manning, W. E. Old, John Peele, B. S. Courtney, H. E. Harrison, Sr., G. G. Woolard, G. P. Hall, K. D. Worrell, V. E. Brown, J. C. Eubanks and Misses Mary Louise Taylor and Mildred Watkins.

Sunday afternoon: Mesdames G. (Continued on page six)

County Young Man Wounded In France

Cpl. Roger "Kitty" Riddick was wounded in France some time during the month of August, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Riddick, of Everetts, a short time ago. Written jointly by the young man and his nurse, the letter stated that he was wounded in the leg by shrapnel, that the wound was not serious. While he is not able to walk, the young man stated that he was recovering and expected to be up and walking in a short time.

His nurse, a Californian, declared that the young man was receiving the best of attention, and that there was no cause to worry about him.

It was not stated how the young man was wounded. Prior to the receipt of the letter stating he had been wounded, Young Riddick told his parents about six weeks previously that he had been in two big battles and went through them without a scratch.

After spending a short time in a hospital close to the war zone, the young man and his nurse were flown to another one, possibly somewhere in England.

"Kitty" entered the service on December 16, 1942, and went overseas last March.

He is about the 35th Martin County young man reported to have been wounded in the war to date.

Few Austrian Peas Still Available To Farmers

Most of the 600 bags of Austrian winter peas shipped into this county for soil building practices have already been distributed, it was announced by the county agent's office this week.

Farmers wishing to carry out the soil building practices are asked to call for their seed immediately and plant them as soon as possible.

Court Term Brought To Unexpected End Last Friday Noon

Loved Brethren Settle Church Case

The regular September term of the Martin County Superior Court scheduled to run for two weeks for the trial of both criminal and civil cases was brought to an unexpected close last Friday noon after parties to a religious dispute applied the doctrine of brotherly love and reconciled their differences. A few cases, including divorce actions, were continued, the court placing two in preferred positions for trial at the November term of the superior court. It was ruled that the calendar for the second week hardly merited the re-opening of the court Monday.

The end of the term was hurried by action taken in the case brought by the Primitive Baptist Corresponding Association of Eastern North Carolina, Incorporated, against Julian Callier and others. It seems that the Association developed some differences over the frequency of washings were held. The differences broadened until the controversy was pushed into the civil courts and an array of counsel was lined up on each side.

Last Thursday afternoon, Judge Leo Carr, presiding over the court, appealed to the parties to the dispute, urging them to apply Christian principles and settle their difference out of court. Brief conferences were held by the parties with their attorneys present. It was agreed at that time that they could not agree and plans were made to continue the trial of the case the following morning.

Apparently the litigants prayed long and earnestly Thursday night, for early Friday morning the leaders of the group opened a joint meeting on the courthouse lawn. When court was opened later, the spokesman for both groups explained to the judge that they were trying to reach an agreement and asked for a little more time for their deliberations. "Take all the time you want and try to settle it out of court," Judge Carr told them.

About an hour later, the litigants lined up before the bar and George Wimberly, "state" deacon, told the court that all issues advanced in the complaint had been amicably settled and the case went off the docket. Judge Carr congratulated the group and said that their acts exemplified real Christianity.

The case attracted attention over (Continued on page six)

Williamston Youth Buried In France

Onley Shepard Cowan, Metal-smith, third class, U. S. Naval Reserve, who was killed in action in the European Theater of Operations on August 18, was buried in a military cemetery in France, according to information recently received from Commander C. O. Comp.

Commander Comp's letter reads as follows:

"Please accept my deep personal sympathy in this hour of bereavement caused by the death of your son, Onley Shepard, Jr., while serving under my command on the U. S. S. "

"Your son died on the evening of August 18, 1944, in the line of duty, as a result of action with the enemy.

"On August 20, 1944, your son's body was buried in an official United States Military Cemetery with a religious service conducted by this ship's chaplain, accompanied by the doctor and a group of your son's former shipmates. . .

"I want you to know that I am proud to have had your son on my ship. He was a splendid young man. He was a conscientious worker and was well liked by his shipmates. His death was a great loss to the highest traditions of the Naval Service. The supreme sacrifice which he has made will remain as a precious memory to all of us on this ship.

"May God comfort you in your grief and give you the deep satisfaction of knowing that your son has the last full measure of his devotion in duty to his country and to the cause of human freedom."

It was not revealed by the Commander, but it is understood that the young man's body was buried in France.

Robbers Enter Garage Here For Third Time

Entering the Dixie Motor Company building on Washington Street for the third time in recent weeks, robbers last Friday night stole an undisclosed number of gun shells and .22 calibre rifle bullets and several motor vehicle parts.

Police Chief Chas. Mobley said yesterday that he went to the scene of the robbery the following morning but could learn nothing about it. One report stated the robbers entered the building through a rear window.

SATURATION POINT

Tobacco deliveries reported by the local tobacco market reached the saturation point last night, and it was estimated this morning that approximately one million pounds of the leaf were on the floors ready for sale. Hardly before selling was resumed this morning, farmers were unloading for the first sale next Monday. It is quite certain that unless farmer slow down their grading work that they will have to wait their turn in the streets, possibly overnight.

Sales on the local market will nearly reach the four-million-pound mark today. Up until this morning, 3,725,030 pounds had been sold for \$1,574,017.47, or an average of \$42.26.

Officers Drive On Griffins Township

Working in Griffins Township last Sunday morning, Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel and Patrolman W. E. Saunders rounded up a number of alleged law violators.

Closing in on Charlie Worsley, the officers received three pints of liquor. They had no search warrant, but Worsley was very obliging and brought out a gallon jug with three pints of white liquor and handed it over to the law. He is to appear in court next Monday.

Orange Peel, Jr., and Jesse V. J. Peel were cited to the courts for operating motor vehicles without licenses.

Driving down the road, Jerry Gorham was halted, but he went quite some distance before he could stop. He was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here last evening.

Cases charging Jesse Lewis and Clarence McCotter with operating automobiles without drivers' licenses, are pending as a result of the officers' work Sunday morning.

Henry Bond was arrested by local officers Saturday night for reckless driving.

Reported Victim Of Fire In Coal Mine

Writing to Mayor J. L. Hassell, a resident of Powhatan Point, Ohio, stated that a man by the name of Samuel Larkin or Daniel Williams lost his life in a coal mine fire there on the fifth of last July.

According to the letter, the man was believed to have been from Williamson. After a thorough check, local police have found no trace of anyone who left here for the coal mines in Ohio. A Daniel Williams is living and working here now, but nothing could be learned here about another person by that name.

The letter signed by Dave Moncell and dated September 14, also stated that the bodies had just been recovered and were being removed that day from the mine.

OLD CLOTHES

The collection of old clothing for the destitute in war-torn countries is progressing very slowly here this week, according to first reports coming from the collection center at the Baptist Church.

Underway throughout the nation where it is hoped at least fifteen million pounds of clothing will be collected, the drive headquarters are being maintained at the Baptist Church and will be brought to a close within the next few days.