

County Boy Writes Interesting Letter About Experiences

Coxswain Clayton Revels Has Been in Several Invasions, Including Okinawa

In a very interesting and highly entertaining letter, Coxswain Clayton Revels, Martin County young man who has been in several Pacific invasions, including Okinawa, tells of life as he finds it at sea and a few of his many experiences. His letter follows:

"Hello Everybody:
"Well, here it is Sunday again, or I should say almost gone, for it is about sunset. It has been a very quiet day. Reveille at 6 o'clock and breakfast at 7. The menu was pan cakes, pork sausage, cereal, butter, bread, coffee and apples. We muster at 8. Holiday routine. No wash. Attended divine service at 10. Ate dinner at 11:30. Menu, oyster soup, and I saw the oysters in it,—baked beans, jam, cake and coffee. This afternoon one of my crew and I gave out the laundry for our division which took most of the time. Again I was in the chow line early. 'Chow-hound Revels, they call me. We had baked young chicken. Each chicken was cut or torn into four pieces. We also had mashed potatoes with thick chicken gravy, string beans, pickles, ice cream, cake, butter, bread and coffee. After giving out the laundry I was hungry and the first time through the chow line just whetted my appetite. Well, I came up on the boat deck where I spend most of my spare time and read a couple of chapters in the Bible, which is my daily custom, and dashed back down and went through the chow line again.

"I thought I would sneak through kinder quiet and not attract any attention and was doing O. Keh until the following passing out the ice cream said to the next fellow who was serving cake, 'there goes Chow-hound Revels through for the third time'. Of course, I corrected him and told him it was only twice. Well, we are all good buddies, so everything was all right. The second helping hit the spot, or filled all the spots, so I came back up on the boat deck and settled down in my new easy chair which I built out of a cot, and decided to catch up with the news back home.

"With my copies of The Enterprise, dated November 10 and December 19, which I received in the last port, I forgot where I was, and drifted back home to the days on my farm when I would read the paper. As I read the different articles, especially the ones listing the names of people contributing to the United War Fund, some of them brought back to memory a lot of happy days I spent with these people, especially those in Griffins Township. I thought of going to church at Maple Grove and Piney Grove, the big dinners and the general fellowship with those people. I thought about how nice it would be to see all those people again.

"I guess that helps makes The (Continued on page six)

Review Year's Work By Welfare Agencies

As the state and its counties prepare to go into another fiscal year next week, North Carolina public welfare agencies look forward to even greater accomplishments in 1945-46 than in the year coming to a close this month.

During the past 12 months Martin County has increased its average payment monthly to needy aged persons from \$10.96 to \$11.73. The statewide average has gone up from \$10.96 to \$12.50, according to Miss Mary W. Taylor, county welfare superintendent.

In this county there were 214 persons receiving old age assistance last June as compared with 224 this month.

Martin County has increased its monthly average grant to families of dependent children from \$21.56 to \$28.42 for the 33 families now receiving aid. A year ago there were 41 families receiving this aid. The state average payment to dependent children is \$24.76 for the month of June, 1945. A year ago it was \$18.29.

A year ago there were 91 private homes in North Carolina in which children could be boarded temporarily while arrangements were being made for their permanent care. Now there are 121 homes, although a good number of them are in some of the more populous counties. Martin County has not established such a home within the past year but every effort is being made to provide at least one during the coming year.

Minor Accident On The Main Street Yesterday

No one was hurt but considerable damage was done to two cars when they crashed on the main street here in front of The Enterprise office early yesterday afternoon.

David Seacright stopped to discharge a passenger when a car driven by Miss Bernice Ward crashed into the back of the Seacright car.

Five Districts Go Over The Top in Bond Drive

BILL OF RIGHTS

Meeting in the county courthouse on Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, members of special committees and boards, bankers, unemployment office representatives, Red Cross workers and other interested citizens will hear a discussion of the GI Bill of Rights, R. C. Godwin, head of the program in this state, will address the group, and explain the terms of the bill which guarantees returning veterans certain rights and privileges under special act.

Public representatives include: W. W. Walters, Charlie Davenport, Glenn Norman, S. L. Roberson, G. W. Barrett, J. B. Whitfield, J. D. Woolard, A. J. Manning and others. The public is invited to attend.

Fun Festival Opens For Week's Run Here

The Firemen's Fun Festival, now playing on West Church Street here, is expected to attract large crowds after being rained out yesterday afternoon and last night.

The local fire department has brought here, in all its entirety, the popular "R and S Amusements" with its many and varied shows, concessions and rides, augmented by a free thrill circus staged every night at 1:30 o'clock which features the "All-American Thrill Girls"—two daredevil pretty sisters who perform sensational and death defying stunts 125 feet in midair on a steel ladder, minus the protection of any nets or other safety devices.

Among the R and S Amusements feature shows are the "Artist and Models", de luxe musical revue with gorgeous "pin-up" girls, lovely models and lavish lighting effects. "The War is Hell" exhibit features the Jap and Nazi atrocities.

There are many thrill rides, including the octopus, sky rocket, Ferris wheels, mile-a-minute ride, chair-o-plane, tilt-a-whirl, and others. A children's matinee will be held Saturday afternoon and the event will end on Saturday at midnight.

County Young Man Writes To Parents

Stationed in Germany, Pfc. Louis A. Rogers, county young man, expressed the hope that crops were growing and that he would be able to help grow the next one at home.

"Bruckenan is a nice place to live," he said, adding that it was a health resort in peace time.

"I joined my company March 18 and went into battle for the first time on March 22nd. It was mighty tough, but with God's help I came through without a scratch. I got scared more times than once, however.

"I hope the war with Japan will soon be over so all the boys can return home.

"Germany is a pretty place, but these mountains are hard to climb. I went fishing a while the other day and caught three fish. It made me feel at home. Don't have much time to write, and I wish I was home to see the people instead of having to write."

Farmers Ship Over 14,000 Pounds Of Wool Last Week

Farmers in this and several other eastern Carolina counties shipped 14,250 pounds of wool to the markets last week, the shipment netting them \$5,239.67. The shipment was made on a cooperative basis and additional income is expected.

Local Young Man Promoted To First Sergeant Recently

Leslie F. Fowden, son of Mrs. Susie P. Fowden and the late Leslie T. Fowden, was recently promoted to the rank of first sergeant over in Europe where he participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Belgium and Holland, German, Ardennes and Rhineland Campaigns.

INJURED

Irving Hyman, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Needham M. Hyman of near Oak City, was injured a short time ago in France. Few details could be learned here, but it is believed he was hurt in the back since he was said to be in a cast from the waist up. He was said to be getting along very well, according to a message received last week-end by his parents.

The young man entered the service last September and left last March or April for overseas service.

Chairman Clayton Believes Campaign Will Exceed Quota

Sales of \$52,170 Last Week Leaves Drive \$57,162.50 Short Of Its Goal

Boosted by sales reported in the sum of \$52,170.25 last week, the Seventh War Loan Drive is now pushing on toward its goal in this county, Chairman D. V. Clayton stating yesterday that he believed the people would make a last and mighty effort to push the campaign to a successful close during the next few days.

According to the drive chairman's weekly report, "E" bonds in the sum of \$318,837.50 have been sold to date, leaving the drive in this county \$57,162.50 short of its goal. The chairman is calling upon 500 people in the county to invest \$18.75 in bonds, 200 to buy \$37.50 bonds, 100 to purchase \$75.00 bonds, 50 to invest in \$500 bonds and others to finish the task by buying the limit. Time is getting short and if the goal is to be reached, bond buying cannot be delayed longer. The campaign is lagging and it is possible that a few days' extension will be asked, but it isn't at all certain that extra time will be allowed and Martin County citizens are earnestly asked to help carry the drive over the top this week.

Since the last report was made, several townships in the county exceeded their quotas. Robersonville, with the second largest quota in the county, sold \$19,676.50 last week to boost the total to \$116,118.75. Chairman Durward Everett explaining that the district had nearly \$5,000 to spare. Any one of the five districts still below their quotas would gladly borrow some of the excess. Williamston handled sales in the sum of \$19,068.75 last week to boost its figures in excess of \$103,000, leaving the district pitifully far behind, or \$53,531.25 short of its goal. District Chairman H. A. Bowen is still confident that the \$157,500 figure will be reached.

Jamesville added \$750 more to its total, Chairman Chas. Davenport reported. The district has almost \$5,000 in excess of its quota.

Chairman Chas. Daniel made a right good report for Williams last week when sales were boosted by \$1,312.50.

Chairman George Griffin reported sales in Griffins were almost doubled the last week, leaving the district less than \$10,000 to go. Cross Roads, Hamilton and Hassell reported small sales.

Bear Grass bought an additional \$2,662.50 to go over the top with \$725 to spare.

Chairman John Hassell reported sales in the sum of \$4,387.50 last week, the purchases pushing Goose Nest over the top with about \$2,600 to spare.

At the present time six townships, Jamesville, Bear Grass, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Poplar Point, and Goose Nest, are over the top. The remainder of the bond picture with the exception of one or two dark spots, isn't so bad. Chairman Clayton was very optimistic in commenting upon the drive to date, but points out that it is not yet time to slacken the traces.

The following figures show the "E" bond quotas and sales by districts through last Saturday:

District	Quota	Sales
Jamesville	\$ 11,250	\$ 16,200.00
Williams	7,300	4,593.75
Griffins	18,500	8,793.75
Bear Grass	13,000	13,725.00
Williamston	157,500	103,968.75
Cross Roads	11,300	12,337.50
Robersonville	111,300	116,118.75
Poplar Point	7,300	8,212.50
Hamilton	14,750	14,306.25
Hassell	7,500	2,362.50
Goose Nest	11,300	13,218.75
Total	\$371,000	\$318,837.50

County Boy Is Graduated From School In Florida

U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.—Noah T. Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Roberson, RFD 1, Williamston, N. C., recently graduated from the Aviation Electrician's Mate school here and was promoted to Seaman First Class (AEM) in the U. S. Navy.

Entering the Navy Sept. 28, 1944, he received his recruit training at Bainbridge, Md., later being transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training Center here.

Roberson is now a qualified Aviation Electrician's Mate and will probably see service with a Naval Air Unit.

Issuance Of Tires Delayed By Certificate Shortage

The issuance of automobile tires is being delayed a few days in this county as a result of a shortage of certificate forms, it was explained by the office of the War Price and Rationing Board this week.

No Great Damage In Hurricane Wake

Corn and tobacco crops and gardens were blown and battered badly and a few trees fell, but no great damage to property is believed to have been caused in this immediate section by a hurricane that skirted the North Carolina coast late yesterday and last night. No direct reports could be had immediately from points right on the coast, but it is believed that the center of the storm coming out of the Caribbean traveled a few miles off shore.

Strong winds blew here, and driving rains fell from about 12:45 yesterday afternoon until late into night. Hugh Spruill, bridgekeeper here, reported 3.68 inches of rain during the storm. As many as nine inches of rain were reported in Florida, while only 3.68 inches were recorded at this point. The rain was described as one of the largest recorded here in years, the fall month of June to 6.60 inches, the greatest value for any month in more than a year, and three times more than the total recorded for the past three months.

The Roanoke, holding to a low point for weeks, rose more than a foot during the night.

Mrs. Rogerson Dies In County Friday

Mrs. Sallie Rogerson, 60, died at her home in the Bear Grass community Friday morning at 11:45 following one week of illness.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister from the Farm Life section. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Rogerson was born, reared and spent her entire life in Martin County. She was a member of the Christian Church at Macedonia.

Surviving are three daughters, Mamie Clyde Rogerson of the home, Mrs. John Wobbleton of Williamston, and Mrs. Clarence Bailey of Williamston; three sons, William Bryant Rogerson and Rubin Rogerson of Williamston, and Foy Rogerson of Robersonville; 14 grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. J. E. Edmondson of Williamston, Mrs. Tom Prichard of Jamesville, and Mrs. David Haislip of Plymouth.

County Boy Given The Purple Heart

Wounded in Belgium last January, First Sergeant William R. Harrison, son of Mrs. Nora Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, was recently awarded the Purple Heart. The award along with souvenirs were forwarded to his mother just a few days ago, the young man stating that he had fully recovered from his wounds and was getting along all right.

Sgt. Harrison was a member of a tank crew during a long period of the fight against the Germans in Belgium, but is now handling a desk job, he told his mother.

County Boy Meets Friend In The Pacific Theater

Entering the service last September, William E. Early recently met the first man he knew. Stationed in the Pacific Theater, the young county seaman was walking along when Fenner Wallace slapped him on the back. The young men had an enjoyable chat, young Early said in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Early of Oak City.

Undergoes Operation For Removal Of Nail From Throat

Johnnie Leggett, small son of Pfc. and Mrs. John Bill Leggett, underwent a dangerous operation in a Durham hospital Sunday for the removal of a nail from his throat. Last reports state that the little fellow is getting along very well. The child is only sixteen months old. His father is now stationed in Germany.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

One more accident was added to the record last week when Elmond A. James of the Dardens area last Saturday morning missed the curve in Highway 64 at Dardens and plowed a streak into a corn field. James, driving his brother-in-law's car, was booked for drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a license. Damage was estimated at \$100 by Patrolman W. E. Saunders.

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

Week	25th Week Comparison	Accidents in'd Killed Dam'ge		
1945	1	0	\$ 100	
1944	2	1	0	\$ 825
Comparison To Date				
1945	29	13	3	\$7000
1944	25	9	1	\$500

New Partnership Completes Plan For The Immediate Construction Of \$100,000 Peanut Factory Here

Forty-three Veterans of War II File Discharges In County

"You may drop the 'Pvt.' now and just call me Mr. Dukse Ward," Wheeler Martin Ward smiled yesterday morning just after he had his honorable Army discharge recorded in the office of the Martin County register of deeds. He is one of about four Martin County men to have been discharged from the Army under the point system. Dukse spent four years, three months and one day in the service. He was overseas more than three years, spending much of that time on the lonely Ascensions. He participated in the Northern France and Normandy campaigns.

George Lee Roberson dropped the title of sergeant last Friday when he was given his point system discharge at Fort Bragg. The young man had been in service three years, eleven months and four days, and spent nearly two and one-half years

in foreign service, according to his discharge which was recorded in the register of deeds office here yesterday. The young man, a crew chief in the Army Air Corps, participated in the campaigns of the Rhineland, Northern France, Tunisia, Sicily, Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, Southern France and the Balkans Air Offensives.

It is estimated that approximately 300 Martin County men have been discharged from the services since Selective Service was created, but the county records show that only forty-three discharges have been recorded to date in the office of the register of deeds. No fee is charged for recording the discharges, and Martin County men returning to civilian life will almost certainly in time find it to their advantage to have a permanent service record available.

Site For The Dixie Peanut Company on Washington Street

Gurkin, Langley, Windley, Manning and Edmondson Form New Firm

Forming recently a partnership under the firm name of Dixie Peanut Company, Messrs. Johnnie Gurkin, W. C. Windley, Carlyle Langley, John A. Manning and W. R. Edmondson yesterday announced plans for the construction of a \$100,000 peanut factory and storage for Williamston. It was also announced that construction work on the new plant is tentatively scheduled to get under way next week. Material for the large building and storage houses is being placed on the site on the Washington Highway and Plymouth branch of the Coast Line Railroad just across from the Williamston Lumber Company plant.

Plans for the new factory have been under consideration for some time, but it wasn't until last Friday that priorities were granted and final plans were handled yesterday morning. Several loads of building material were placed on the lot yesterday afternoon and contracts, calling for the immediate delivery of a large lumber order, have been signed. Workmen started yesterday cleaning off the lot and several shanties are to be moved in time for the builders to start laying the main plant foundation next week. Due to uncertain conditions, the partners explained that they could not tell how long it would take to complete the building, "but we are going to make every effort to have it ready for operation early this coming fall."

Orders for modern machinery have been placed and deliveries are virtually guaranteed, it was stated.

The new plant, in addition to the mill measuring 224 by 96 feet, will have two storage houses, measuring 144 by 64 feet each. The main factory building will be four stories high and will have a milling capacity of approximately 4,000 bags daily. Construction work will be centered first on the large mill and one storage unit, the owners explaining that possibly only one of the storage units could be completed along with the main factory before the current peanut crop starts moving to market some time next October.

Williamston, at one time, was the largest wagon market for peanuts in the world and the construction of a second modern plant will make this one of the largest peanut centers in this section of the county.

The new firm includes among its personnel experienced peanut men, both buyers and millers, and the construction of the big plant is in keeping with a program of closer cooperation between industry and agriculture in this section.

HOG SALE

Farmer T. C. Griffin a few days ago moved to help relieve the meat shortage when he sold twenty-two hogs weighing 6,938 pounds. The hogs were just eight months old and sold for \$1,069.47.

Commenting on the sale, Mr. Griffin stated that he made some money, but that the margin of profit was small, and that one would find it hard to make a living raising hogs.

Pvt. Jos. G. Forbes In Czechoslovakia

Writing to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Grimes, RFD 3, Williamston, Pvt. Jos. G. Forbes, Martin County young man, states he is now in Czechoslovakia, and that's a long way from home.

"I have traveled through France and Germany and have seen the scars of battle. Whole cities were destroyed, and I know that war is terrible. Some parts of France and Germany are beautiful. Their farm land is pretty and the hills are green.

"I had quite a bit of fun talking to the French people. I studied French in school, but I had forgotten most of it, but with the aid of a little book I have, I managed to carry on a fair conversation with them. I can't do anything with this German, though. I guess it is a good thing because it is a \$65 fine to be caught associating with the German people. You know I can't afford a price like that."

Closing his letter, the young man expressed the belief that it would be a long time before he could return home.

Helps Destroy Nazi Tank With A Jeep

First Lieutenant James L. Harris, Jr., of Williamston, and his crew of three men pitted a jeep against a Nazi Tiger tank and lived to tell the tale of destroying the behemoth.

The quartet had rounded a curve in a lonely German road when they came face to face with the Tiger. Said the driver of the jeep afterwards, "The barrel of that gun looked as though we were driving into the entrance of the Holland Tunnel."

"We had gone too far to stop at that point," related Lt. Harris. "I shouted to the driver to step on the gas. As he did, I noticed that the German tank crew was sitting in the grass sunning themselves. As we approached, I drew my pistol and emptied it in their direction. The Germans scrambled to their feet and ran off into the woods."

When the Americans drew up beside the empty tank, they halted and destroyed it with a few well-placed grenades in the engine compartment, setting it afire.

ROUND-UP

Little activity was reported on the crime front in this area last week-end, the records showing that only three persons were arrested and jailed during the period.

One was detained pending an investigation in connection with a stolen motor vehicle. One was jailed for non support and one was arrested for alleged violation of the liquor laws.

One of the three is white and the ages of the trio range from 24 to 46 years.

Jamesville Opens Cannery July 2nd

Beginning July 2, the Jamesville Community Cannery will be open from 8 a. m. to 12 noon and from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The cannery will be open to anyone in the community who wishes to can either meats, fruits or vegetables.

The cannery will be operated on a non-profit basis and only a small fee to cover expenses will be charged. Canners may use either glass or tin for their canning. If the canners use their own glass jars a fee of two cents per quart will be charged. If they wish to use cans which they can secure at the cannery, five and one-half cents will be the fee for No. 2 cans, and six and one-half cents for No. 3's.

People wishing to use the cannery should prepare their produce at home if possible before going to the cannery; however, fruits or vegetables that lose their color easily should be prepared at the cannery.

The community cannery offers many advantages over canning at home, especially in the volume that can be canned in the time involved and in improved methods.

Robbers Enter Building Supply Company Offices

Breaking into the offices of the Williamston Supply Company on Elm Street here some time during the past week-end, robbers wrecked the safe and stole fifteen cents in cash and several gasoline ration coupons.

Entering the building from the rear, the robbers broke a glass in an office door, reached in and unlocked the door and entered. The door to the safe was prized off and badly battered.