

Roosevelt At Lejeune



Inspecting the Base Artillery Battalion during his recent visit to Camp Lejeune, Monday a week ago, President Roosevelt stops to talk with Capt. Herbert S. Gibson, commanding officer of a replacement unit.

American Forces Reach Bastogne; Bring Relief

Paris, (AP)—Field reports today indicate that Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's whole southern flank is being attacked, lessening the menace in the Belgian bulge.

American Tanks and Infantry have crossed the Sure river in several places and are holding a narrow but firm relief corridor open to the garrison of Bastogne.

Allied forces to the North and South of salient are within 20 miles of a junction that would cut off the enemy within a few miles of the Meuse. Here the Germans have been held for 48 hours without any significant gain and enemy pockets on northern head of the offensive have been surrounded.

The southern flanks are reported retreating under heavy shellfire, southwest of Echternach.

Series E Purchases Short of Quota, But County Is Over Top

Although far exceeding its overall bond quota during the Sixth War Loan campaign, Onslow County will show only about 50 percent of its quota on Series E bonds, Chairman J. C. Thompson reported yesterday.

He expected, however, that purchases during the last days of December and allotments of out-of-county E sales would put the figure at little, but very little, to the E bond quota of \$303,000.

U. S. Submarine, "Seawolf", Announced Lost by Navy

Washington, (AP)—The U. S. submarine, *Seawolf*, which is overdue from a patrol has been assumed lost, it was announced today. The *Seawolf*, a 1,500-ton, submersible, normally carries a crew of 62 men. No mention has been made of the number lost. The loss of the *Seawolf* brings the total of U. S. submarines lost during the war, to 34.

Mrs. Mary Whaley, 72, Mother of Local Woman, Succumbs

Warsaw—Mrs. Mary L. Whaley, 72, widow of Thomas G. Whaley of near Beulaville, died at the home of her son, Owen Whaley, last Thursday morning after a short illness.

Funeral services were held from the Owen Whaley residence last Friday at 3 p. m.

She is survived by three sons and five daughters; Owen, John Harmon of Beulaville, Leon of Kenansville, Mrs. Eugene Taylor, Kinston, and Mrs. Lucy Rhodes, Jacksonville; Mrs. Elva Groves, Seven Springs, Mrs. Vernon Basen and Mrs. Della Houston.

Gunnery Sgt. Charles J. Plemmons, Jacksonville, Wounded in Action

Gunnery Sgt. Charles J. Plemmons of Jacksonville has been wounded in action. He is now in the hospital at Camp Lejeune.

Mrs. E. W. Clement Still on Top in Blue Star Brigade

Mrs. E. W. Clement still retains the lead in the Blue Star Brigade in the current Sixth War Loan Campaign and holds the rank of Lieutenant General according to the latest report of Mrs. D. C. Sabiston and Mrs. C. E. Warn, co-chairmen of the Onslow County Women's Division.

Mrs. Clement has sold a total of 137 bonds with a maturity value of \$45,475 which places her at the top of the list again.

- Mrs. J. C. Thompson also has attained the rank of Lieutenant General with the sale of 120 bonds having the maturity value of \$29,075.
- Other members of the Blue Star Brigade, together with their new ranks and total sales to date are as follows:
- Mrs. H. M. Ennett, Sneads Ferry, Colonel, 57 bonds, \$3,575.
 - Mrs. W. L. Ketchum, Major, 34 bonds, \$2,575.
 - Mrs. C. D. Koonce, Major, 31 bonds, \$8,225.
 - Mrs. W. L. Humphrey, Captain, 24 bonds, \$2,000.
 - Mrs. W. Y. Richardson, 1st Lt., 1 bond, \$5,900.
 - Miss Mary Stefanou, 1st Lt., 19 bonds, \$2,375.
 - Mrs. David Sabiston, 1st Lt., 17 bonds, \$4,750.
 - Mrs. T. Newton Cook, 1st Lt., 13 bonds, \$650.
 - Mrs. Leon Gray, 1st Lt., 15 bonds, \$1,750.
 - Mrs. J. D. Warlick, Major, 38 bonds, \$3,150.
 - Mrs. Vernon Allgood, Swansboro, 2nd Lt., 12 bonds, \$150.
 - Mrs. Lillian Russell Ray, Bear Creek, 2nd Lt., 12 bonds, \$3,100.
 - Mrs. J. R. Gurganus, 2nd Lt., 11 bonds, \$8,025.
 - Mrs. C. E. Warn, 2nd Lt., 10 bonds, \$875.
 - Mrs. Gussie Rawls, Vernon, 2nd Lt., 10 bonds, \$625.

Coleman's Restaurant, Now Open, Is Doing Rushing Business

Coleman's Restaurant, which opened for business last week, seems to be doing a rushing business and may be the answer to at least one part of Jacksonville's need for additional, first rate, eating places.

Completely modern throughout and all newly equipped, the restaurant can seat 123 persons at one time. The new dishwashing machine can handle 1,000 dishes per hour and each dish goes through a steam bath at 180 degrees F.

The color scheme, eggshell and red leather make it most attractive. Both the table tops and the large soda fountain have a linen like finish.

Long needed here, the new restaurant should be a real success.

Joshua S. Yates, 78, Swansboro Farmer Dies Christmas Eve

Swansboro—Joshua S. Yates, 78, died at his home at Swansboro Sunday after a year's illness. He was a prominent farmer of this section.

Funeral services were held in Pine Grove Baptist Church near here Christmas Day with the Rev. A. L. Benton in charge.

Surviving are his wife, Swansboro; a daughter, Mrs. Lee Rogers Hubert; three sons, Hubert of Swansboro and Ralph V. and Joshua Yates, both with the Army overseas; one sister, Miss Sallie Yates of Massville.

Mrs. Robena Williams Dies Near Richlands On Christmas Day

Mrs. Robena Williams, 70, widow of the late John Williams of Onslow County, died at her home near here Monday morning, December 25, following a stroke of paralysis.

She was a devoted member of the Christian church and was highly respected in her community.

Funeral services were held at the home December 26 by Rev. W. T. Hamlin, Christian minister, assisted by Rev. W. A. Crow, Methodist minister, both of Richlands. Burial was in the family cemetery.

She is survived by one son, James Williams of Richlands, and one daughter, Mrs. Vera Center of Swansboro.

Pvt. John Holley, Jacksonville, Is Wounded in Action

Pvt. John Holley of Jacksonville has been wounded in action according to word received from the War Department by his father, Walter B. Holley of Jacksonville.

BOX RENTS DUE
Post office box rents are due. They must be paid by January 1.

1944 Year Of Contradictions

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What a year, sister, what a year! The last twelve months, as if you didn't remember, were full of contradictions... an increase in the birthrate, and a shortage of diapers... a scarcity of candy, and a corresponding scarcity of sugar so you couldn't make your own even if you felt like it... the luxury tax, and the disappearance of leather pocketbooks to carry the money to pay the tax.

It was a year of rayon stockings, wrestling with ration tokens, and learning 500 different ways to make utility beef into stew. You painted your legs, and went without stockings, while the appearance of nylon slips, bras, blouses and even baby's panties just made your legs jealous.

You bought real elastic garters for the first time in months, and attached them to elasticized girdles. You were properly grateful for more can openers, household glass- and bobble pins, and blast-aided forth in pink make-up that made you look healthier than you felt.

All of a sudden, in 1944, you were feminine again. Evening dresses reappeared, blouses went frilly and there was a great to do about wearing your hair up, down, or medium. Hats got bigger, and at the same time ribbon headbands were popular. You wore old-fashioned dog collars, and slick, shiny raincoats grandma never dreamed of. Home sewing was all the vogue, and you'd rather not think of all the material you wasted trying to be economical.

The Army had nothing on you when it came to waiting in line. You queued up for butter, cigarettes, brown sugar, the movies, plays and even children's shoes. And no amount of patient waiting could get you a maid, an apartment or a bicycle to give Johnny for Christmas. You bought second-hand toys and electric toasters in swap shops for the first time in your life, and were glad to get 'em.

Hundreds of women just like you tried to make some sense out of the juvenile delinquency vs. war-working mothers dilemma, wondered about all the fuss over working women in slacks, and giggled at the dictum handed down from a judicial Olympus branding twin beds as the cause for divorce... when you weren't trying to interpret the latest on-again-off-again draft ruling in terms of your own husband.

You bought more war bonds, paid higher prices, and wondered who had enough money to buy all that expensive perfume you heard about. You learned that the customer is always wrong, and discovered woman's best friend is her butcher. But you got along, didn't you?

Stores To Close New Year's Day

Jacksonville merchants have announced that the stores in town, including the A.B.C. store, will be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

Harvey Boney, 61, Father of Local Attorney, Passes

Harvey Boney, 61, of Rosehill, pioneer produce merchant of Eastern North Carolina, died at 8:45 Friday morning in Goldsboro Hospital. He had suffered with heart trouble for several years, but had been critically ill in the hospital for only a few days.

Mr. Boney was a member of a prominent Duplin County family. His wife is superintendent of the Duplin County Welfare Department.

Surviving besides his wife are one son, Harvey Boney, Jr., judge of recorder's court at Jacksonville; a daughter, Mrs. Fred Hamrick of Miami, Fla.; four brothers, Luke Boney of Wallace, Roland of Fayetteville, Carl of Florence, S. C., and Arthur of Rocky Mount; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Carr of Wrightsville Sound, Mrs. Edgar Powell of Elizabethtown and Mrs. Newton Carter of Wallace and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at the home. Interment was in Rockfish cemetery at Wallace. The Rev. Mr. Bain, pastor of the Rosehill Presbyterian Church and the Rev. C. T. Rogers of the Methodist Church in charge.

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Williams Brothers Together for First Time in 2 Years

Sgt. Willard Williams and Seaman Florby Williams spent their first Christmas together here in two years.

The brothers had been in the Mediterranean war theatre but hadn't seen each other in that time.

Floy was wounded in Italy and has been at a hospital at White Sulphur Springs. He arrived in town December 17 on a 30-day furlough. And, without advising anyone of his coming, Wilbur got in December 20, also on a 30-day furlough.

He is a radioman on a landing craft and has been in action in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

U. S. Restaurant Is Sold by Stefanou To High Point Men

The U. S. Restaurant here has been sold by Steve Stefanou to Pete Petrides and Marx Metas, both of High Point, effective last Wednesday.

Stefanou, who has been a popular resident of the town for the past two years, said he had no plans for the present, that he intended to rest awhile. Mr. and Mrs. Stefanou and family have taken an active part in the life of the community.

Marion C. Meadows, Father of Local Woman, Succumbs

Marion C. Meadows, prominent resident of Trenton and father of Mrs. W. C. Capps of Jacksonville, died at his home there Wednesday morning, December 20.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, December 21, by the Methodist minister of Trenton with burial following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Meadows was 61 years old. He is also survived by his widow; one, Kleber Meadows; and one sister, Mrs. Pauline Meadows of Swansboro.

Varied Observance Of Christmas In County

Camp Davis will be abandoned by Army on midnight Dec. 31.

ACL to Abandon Station at Verona As of December 31.

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad will abandon its agency at Verona as of December 31 for the first time since the Wilmington-New Bern line was built.

Service at shippers-risk will be afforded, but there will be no agent on the site. G. L. Sandlin has been acting agent for some time.

According to L. A. Pittman, the decision to abandon the agency came as result of a decline in freight and passenger revenue.

For years, the agency at Verona was almost as large as that in Jacksonville, for that station served large logging enterprises in Stump Sound township as well as handled freight for a major part of the lower end of Onslow County.

Varied Observance Of Christmas In County

Onslow County, including Camp Lejeune, appropriately observed the Christmas holidays with little to mar the celebration except doleful news from the European battlefronts.

However, one person was killed in a traffic accident, deemed unavoidable by Coroner G. W. Jones, and there were minor infractions of the law that come with any general holiday, but everything considered, the holiday went off all right.

The customary services in the churches attracted hundreds of worshippers, and the citizens including the Marines, too, got back into stride on Tuesday.

Robert White, colored, of Gum Branch, was struck by an automobile driven by Hubert Taylor of Richlands on the Richlands-Jacksonville road Christmas eve, and died as a result. He was reported to have walked from behind a bus and into the front of the approaching car.

The Clarence Meadows Post of the American Legion and the Onslow County Chapter of the American Red Cross contributed to spreading cheer at the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune by distribution of 1,050 Christmas gifts. Collected by the Legion and distributed by the Red Cross, the gifts contained useful articles as well as fruits and candy and smokes for the patients.

Camp Davis Will Be Abandoned By Army on Midnight Dec. 31

Camp Davis, the army's huge anti-aircraft training command, will be formally abandoned by the War Department on the stroke of midnight, December 31.

Future disposition and use of the huge camp was not known here or at Camp Davis this week, but there was a general feeling that it is being formally abandoned, so that something can be done with it by either the Navy Department, Veterans Administration or some other governmental agency or department.

Only a handful of troops have been at the base in recent weeks, under the command of Col. Adam A. Potts.

Thousands of troops trained at Camp Davis, and millions of dollars were spent in its construction and training facilities, all of which turned the once wide ridge in the road called Holly Place into a thriving community, but now left with numerous stores, buildings, roominghouses and hotels, and a housing project. Many of the rooming accommodations have been taken over by Marines at Camp Lejeune.

Numerous reports of plans for the future of the camp have been forthcoming from various sources, but none have developed into actualities as yet. It was felt at Holly Ridge this week, however, that something will be done shortly after the Army evacuates the camp.

Cpl. Gordon J. Walton, Jacksonville, Is On Italian Front

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Cpl. Gordon J. Walton, truck driver, is a member of the 328th Field Artillery Battalion, which has repelled several recent German counterattacks on the Italian front south of Bologna.

The 328th, whose 105-millimeter howitzers and three-inch guns are usually operated in support of the 85th "Custer" Division's 337th Infantry Regiment, is a unit of Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army.

The battalion had an active role in the Gustav, Hitler and Gothic Lines. Its first combat round was fired on April 10, 1944, in the Minturno area, shortly after it left North Africa and joined the Fifth Army.

His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Walton, lives on Route 1, Jacksonville.

George H. Taylor, 61, Passes at Richlands; Funeral Conducted

George H. Taylor, 61, died at his home near Richlands Tuesday after an illness of several years.

Funeral services were held from the home at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Rev. E. M. Howard, Holiness Baptist minister.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Donie Taylor of the home; eight children, Mrs. Hubert Taylor of Jacksonville, Mrs. W. K. Garner of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Russell Riggs, Mrs. Horace Humphrey and Archie and Roscoe Taylor of Richlands; Mrs. Thomas Tucker of home; and George, Henry Taylor of Massville; three brothers, Charles and John Taylor of Richlands, Roy Taylor of the U. S. Army; and one sister, Miss Lucy Taylor of Kinston.

Christmas Seal Drive Still Short of Quota", Says Knight

K. T. Knight, chairman of the Onslow County Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Drive, announced yesterday that only \$1,710.87, which represents 85 1/2% of the county's quota, had been returned to date.

Of this total, \$750.00 was brought in by Reese Walter of Jacksonville, from the sale of Health Bonds.

Knight expressed the hope that now that Christmas is over and people have a little more time after the rush, that the returns will come in more quickly and that the quota of \$2,000.00 will soon be met.

Service Personnel Guests at Gala Christmas Party

One of the many lovely social gatherings held here during Christmas week was the party held for service men at the Presbyterian Church, sponsored by the hosts and hostesses of the Recreation Center.

Eighty five service people turned out to the holly bedecked hall and enjoyed an evening of games and contests.

Santa was present in the person of Sgt. William Roy, of Camp Lejeune, who presented each guest with a gift.

After the singing of Christmas carols, refreshments, consisting of cocoa, cookies, fruit, nuts and candy were served.

The refreshment committee was made up of the following: Mrs. Stacy Walton, Mrs. Adrian Aman, Miss Aiese Petteway and Miss Margaret Sewell.

Miss Elizabeth Smith was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Addie Taylor, Stepmother of Virgil Taylor, Dies

Kinston—Funeral services for Mrs. Addie Mosley Taylor, 58, wife of W. O. Taylor of 106 West Grainger Avenue, who died at her home at 5 a. m. Tuesday after an illness of some time, were held from Garner's Funeral Home here at 3 p. m. Wednesday with burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Her pastor, the Rev. Paul Parker, Disciples of Christ pastor of Hookerton and the Rev. J. Wayne Drash, pastor of Gordon Street Church of Christ here, officiated.

Surviving are her husband, four stepchildren, Mrs. John Shackford of Hookerton, Virgil Taylor of Jacksonville, Ernest of Grifton and Vaughan Taylor of Kinston and a large number of other relatives in Kinston and Lenoir County.