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Unconcerned Attitude Is Scored At 7th War Loan Kick-Off Supper

Addressing a kick-off supper at Coleman's Restaurant for the 7th War Loan Drive in Onslow County Wednesday evening, Lt. W. Charles Goe, USN, chaplain at Camp Lejeune, pleaded that we cast aside an attitude of unconcern and give all-out support to the men fighting the other half of this terrible war in the Pacific.

Wounded on Tinian after going through the bloody Saipan campaign, Lieutenant Goe gave first-hand experience with fighting men, natives and Japs, and declared that the 7th War Loan drive was "an opportunity for a determined effort to get this war over."

He pointed out that the Japanese is a different enemy, who lives and dies by what he believes, that with him there is no surrender. To lick him, vast quantities of men and material, more than were even needed at Saipan, will be necessary.

J. C. Thompson, campaign chairman, explained that Onslow's quota of \$510,000 with an "E" bond quota of \$400,000 was higher this year because there will be two campaigns instead of three this year and the time of the drive has been extended from four to six weeks.

He reported that already \$35,000 had been credited to the county quota, and disclosed that civilian payroll deductions during April, May and June would count on the quota.

Community directors for the campaign he announced as follows: Mrs. Lillian Ray, Hubert, D. G. Shaw, Richlands area; C. Bruce Hunter, Dixon area; C. Graham Jones, White Oak section; Lions club, town of Holly Ridge; Alton Capps, Sneads Ferry; K. T. Knight, Jr., Midway Park; and N. N. Matlock, Swansboro.

Mrs. Deane C. Taylor, chairman of the county women's division, W. J. Arthur, B. J. Holleman, M. A. Cowell, stunts; M. L. Ferguson, Sam Leder, J. C. Petteway, booths and advertising; W. W. Cunningham, Maurice Margolis, Gaudier Jackson, movies; W. J. Arthur, Mrs. Mary Lily Blake, newspaper publicity.

Lieutenant Goe, who is chaplain (Continued on Page Six)

REA Will Observe 10th Birthday Today; Accomplished Much

The Rural Electrification Authority, of which the Jones-Onslow Electric Membership cooperative is a part, today observes its tenth birthday.

It was almost on the fifth birthday of the REA that the five-year-old Jones-Onslow unit began furnishing electric power to rural families and business places in this section.

The lines of the Jones-Onslow were energized on June 1, 1940, and the cooperative grew until it now has more than 300 miles of lines in Jones, Onslow, Duplin and Lenoir counties carrying electricity to more than 1,200 customers, according to Fred Harman, superintendent.

Recently the Navy Department purchased the physical properties within the boundaries of Camp Lejeune and the generating plant at Northeast Creek. That, too, had been a part of the co-op's expansion.

Since 1941, wartime shortages of materials and labor have virtually halted construction of rural power lines. All service connections have been limited to those qualifying under War Production Board Regulations.

The Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation is getting its long range postwar program into shape for quick action when new federal loans and necessary materials can be obtained. Co-op officials estimate that it could build 250 miles of line in Onslow, Jones, Lenoir, Duplin and Pender counties to serve 800 consumers within three years after full-scale construction can be resumed.

REDUABLE EFFORTS

Washington—(AP)—In a V-E Day statement, acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew called on the nation to redouble its energy "to the unfinished business in the Pacific."

Utilities Commission To Conduct 'Phone Rate Hike Hearing May 18

The State Utilities Commission will conduct a hearing on Friday, May 18, on proposed increases in telephone rates by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company in Jacksonville.

Notice of the hearing, to be held in the commission offices, was given this week in letters addressed to all subscribers in Jacksonville.

The CT&T sets forth in the notice that the rates it proposes have been approved by the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Aldermen of the town.

Hospital Auxiliary To Hold Tag Day In County Saturday

The first contribution to the Onslow County Hospital Tag Day fund came from the Women's Auxiliary of St. Ann's Episcopal church. It was announced yesterday by Mrs. M. A. Cowell, chairman. The contribution amounted to \$10.00.

Tag Day throughout the county tomorrow, sponsored by the Onslow County Hospital Auxiliary, will raise funds with which to carry on much needed services and work at the institution.

In the past year, the Auxiliary has spent approximately \$1,000 on improving the appearance, comfort and service of the hospital and Nurses Home.

Among the many items purchased for the hospital include: Glass tops for dressers in the hospital and nurses quarters; two baby cribs for nursery; glasses and electric hot plate for hospital and nurses home; 49 baby shirts; table linen for dining room; large mirror for nurses home mantle; deck chairs for nurses quarters; shrubbery around both buildings; piano tuned; Christmas decorations in patients' rooms; refrigeration unit for keeping frozen items; and bed trays.

Directing the Tag Day in communities other than Jacksonville are Mrs. Julius Seegerman in Holly Ridge; Mrs. James Odum, Midway Park; Mrs. Nellie Smith, Sneads Ferry; Mrs. O. E. Bell, Richlands; Mrs. Edward Hurst, Swansboro; and Mrs. W. L. Humphrey, Verona.

Yearling Deer Are Plentiful In Forest, Stingley Reports

Yearling deer are plentiful in Hoffman Forest, according to Supervisor James M. Stingley. Stingley reported that he himself saw eight deer at one time or another one day last week, and that seldom a day passes that he does not sight one or two in his travels about the 84,000-acre N. C. State College experimental forestry tract.

The large number of yearling deer is attributed to the absence of fires in the forest in the early part of last year. "Not one acre of land was burned over at that time," Stingley said, "and that gave us a good crop of fawns."

NO CHANGE IN JAPS

San Francisco—(AP)—Surrender of Nazi Germany, the Japanese cabinet announced, will not make the "slightest change" in Nippon's war objective, which "lies in the interest of her (Japan's) self-existence and self-defense."

SUGGEST HARSH PACE

Washington—(AP)—Harsh peace for Germany and death to Gestapo agents and storm troopers are recommendations of congressmen just returned from viewing German concentration camps and devastated battle areas.

Pfc. Howard Horne, Richlands, Reported Missing In Action

Pfc. Howard Horne, son of Mrs. Susan Horne of Richlands, route one, has been reported missing in action in European regions.

63 Receive Red Cross Volunteer Corps Certificates Of Graduation

Sixty-three new members of the Hospital and Recreation Corps, the Motor Corps, and the Staff Assistance Corps of the Camp Lejeune Auxiliary, Onslow County Chapter, American Red Cross, received their certificates Monday in the Area 1 Theater.

Major Gen. John Marston, commanding general of the camp, gave the graduation address, telling the volunteer workers that they were doing "splendid work" and that the job of the Red Cross here at home would become increasingly important as the war in the Pacific gained tempo, now that full fury was turned against the Japs.

"The work of the Red Cross on this post is most encouraging," said General Marston. "I congratulate you all from the bottom of my heart."

Marking the end of a busy year as chairman of the Camp Lejeune Auxiliary, Mrs. John Marston, wife of the General, presented the certificates to the 37 Grey Ladies who had completed the Hospital and Recreation Corps training. After two hours of lectures and 24 hours of probationary work in the Naval Hospital and the dispensaries, the graduates are now qualified to work in any military or naval hospital.

Mrs. Albert H. Noble, whose husband, Brigadier General Alfred H. Noble, heads the training command here, was chairman of the Hospital and Recreation Corps graduates.

New Grey Ladies are: Martha Brown, Mildred Cobb, Mildred Crouch, Katherine DeVries, Rachel Elliott, Ageta D. O'yley, Mildred Elliott, Elizabeth Flett, Mary Glendennin, Ruth Guyanus, Margaret Hall, Margaret Hansen, Grace Henning, Helen Holly, Ida Howard, Jean Hutton, Rosemary Juan, and Elizabeth Landauer.

Also: Betty McAuliffe, Ethel McHenry, Etta Moore, Gladys Munsel, Addie Noble, Elizabeth O' Cain, (Continued on page six)

Kinsey Padrick, 42, Of Near Richlands, Dies; Funeral Held

Kinsey Padrick, well-known farmer of near Richlands, died at his home Tuesday night after a long illness. He was 42 years old.

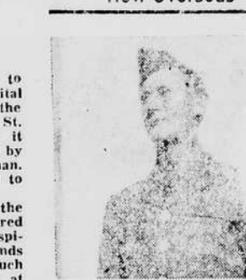
Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the home by Rev. Reuben Jones, holiness minister of Kinston, and burial was in the family cemetery.

Mr. Padrick is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sybil Padrick, and eight children, C. K. Stacy, Pearly, Theresa, Graham, Gray, Leslie and Linnie Padrick, all of the home; three sisters, Mrs. J. P. Coston of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. B. L. Lewis of Goldsboro; and two brothers, Fondos Padrick of Portsmouth, Va., and C. M. Padrick of Richlands.

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Guam—(AP)—Hinting of power blows to fleet, over the largest superfortress fleet ever to attack Japan bombed vital targets Thursday on the mainland of Honshu, Kyushu and Shikoku. These islands are southernmost of the home chain.

Now Overseas



Pfc. Robert F. Petteway of Richlands has notified his family of his arrival with the Army in France. Private Petteway has been in service since August of 1942. His wife, the former Lucille Mumford, lives with her parents on Vanceboro, Route 1. Private Petteway has three brothers in service—Sgt. Marvin Petteway, who is with the Army in Germany; Raymond Petteway, seaman first class, who is on a submarine; and William Petteway, seaman first class, who recently returned from France and is in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Deane C. Taylor Lists Committees for 7th War Loan Drive

Mrs. Deane C. Taylor, chairman of the Women's division of the seventh war loan drive in Onslow County, which opens Monday, has announced the following committees who will assist in the drive throughout the county: Mrs. Wesley Conkling, assistant chairman, and in Jacksonville, Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Mrs. L. P. Matthews, Mrs. Meri Ferguson, Mrs. Carl Hiles, Mrs. T. Newton Cook, Mrs. W. E. Sabiston, Mrs. John Warlick and Mrs. J. C. Petteway.

In Richlands, Mrs. Victor Venters and Mrs. Nathaniel Sylvester; Swansboro, Mrs. Vernon Allgood; Holly Ridge, Mrs. Heywood Campbell; Sneads Ferry, Mrs. Nettie Mills; Dixon, Mrs. L. E. Dixon; Polkton, Mrs. Nora Everett; Gum Branch, Mrs. Albert Venters; Hubert, Mrs. S. S. Starling; Verona, Mrs. W. L. Humphrey; and in Midway Park, Mrs. James A. Odum.

Mrs. Taylor has called the first meeting of these ladies for this afternoon at three o'clock at the USO Pine Lodge.

Cpl. Earnest Justice And Unit Are Hailed For Technical Skill

Air Service Command Depot, England—Hailed by leading civilian aircraft authorities for scoring one of the outstanding production triumphs of the war Cpl. Earnest A. Justice, of Jacksonville, N. C., and his fellow technicians at an Air Service Command depot in England, recently overhauled their engine after one year of operation.

Cpl. Justice, Sneads Ferry, N. C. was a farmer before joining the armed forces in February 1943.

Tide Water Power Will Open Offices Here On Monday

The Tide Water Power company will open an office here Monday to give better service to patrons of this section, it is announced today.

The office will be located in the Capps building, diagonally across from the Atlantic Coast Line railroad station, and there applications for service will be made and, of course, bills paid.

With the opening of the office, the accounting work for Jacksonville, Swansboro, Myrtleville and Belgrade will be moved here, and service will be rendered from the local office, according to Roy McFatter, local manager.

Additional employees will be sent here to supplement the six already in the TWP employment in Jacksonville now.

Miss Betty Johnson, who has been associated with the Onslow County Hospital since it was opened will be office secretary.

Campbell Is Elected Holly Ridge Mayor; Others Are Named

Haywood Campbell, barber, was elected mayor of Holly Ridge, in the town's third municipal election, with 92 votes. He defeated incumbent L. E. Coleburn, real estate dealer and farmer, who polled 68 votes was reported.

Leon Sessoms, American Express Co. employe at Camp Davis, drew the highest number of votes among the 10 candidates seeking election to the town board, with a total of 110. J. D. Jenkins, cafe operator, polled the second highest amount of votes with 96.

The other three elected were all incumbents. They were E. F. Sanders, grocery store operator, 66 votes; John Simthson, grocery store operator, 73 votes; and C. Bruce Hunter, high school principal, 92 votes.

Those defeated were Allen Stafford, high school teacher and incumbent, 45 votes; N. H. Modinos, real estate dealer, justice of peace and incumbent, 57 votes; J. J. Hubbard, hotel operator, 62 votes; D. Darrah, Camp Davis employe, 62 votes; and Dave Cohen, restaurant operator, 44 votes.

Results of the election were hailed as a victory for what was known as the People's Ticket. On it, Campbell, Hubbard, Hunter, Jenkins, Darrah and Sessoms were running as a group. Of them, Campbell and a majority of the board were elected.

Carl W. Hales and Mrs. G. P. Johnson to Head Druggists' Drive

Carl W. Hales and Mrs. G. P. Johnson have been appointed chairmen of the men and women's divisions to direct in Onslow County the support of pharmacists and drug stores in the 7th War Loan drive.

They were appointed this week by W. A. Gilliam, Winston-Salem, president of the N. C. Pharmaceutical Association, which is hoping to sell at least \$1,000,000 in "E" bonds throughout the state.

The quota for Onslow County has been set at \$5,000 in "E" bonds.

School Board Rejects Bids For Improvements

If The Dead Could Speak

By ED CREAGH,
Of The Associated Press

I wish I could join you in this celebration.

I wish I could fall down on my knees, as many of you are doing, and thank God that it's over in Germany—at least the worst of it.

Yes, I'd like to throw my hat in the air, like the rest of you, and drink a victory toast, and sing in the streets that this is V-E Day.

But I can't because I'm not there with you. Oh, don't stop what you're doing. I never was a killjoy, and believe me, I'd join you if I could.

You're entitled to a little time out after the first half—or the first quarter, if it turns out to be that.

But don't let it last too long, will you? The other side—the other enemy, you know—isn't taking time out. The Japs have nothing to celebrate . . . unless you give them something.

I'm afraid I won't be around for the rest of this war. You'll have to win it without me . . . without quite a few thousand of us.

We didn't mean to let you down, dying the way we did. We sort of hoped to be in on the finish—to laugh and pray and maybe cry a little on the big V-Day, the real one.

Well, you'll have to take our places, you the living. The guys in uniform are on the job already. Some of them will be joining us before this V-E Day is over.

You'll be back on your job tomorrow, won't you, bright and early? I thought so, pal. We'll be looking for you.

V-E Day Brings Little Change; Marston Speaks For Pacific War

Except for a merchants' half-holiday, V-E day brought comparatively little change in the pace of Onslow County, residents of which sadly felt that the war was but half over.

At Camp Lejeune, the rigid training schedule of the Marines whose force has been devoted to the battle with the Japanese, Maj. Gen. John Marston said "any thought of a victory celebration must be set aside if we are to keep faith with our comrades . . . in the Pacific area."

No sirens were blown here, and celebrations, if any, were confined to living rooms and kitchens, because the gradual disintegration of the European front did not come so spectacularly as to provoke spontaneous reactions.

Of course, there was rejoicing on the streets, in the stores and in the homes by everyone, but it was a reserved joy. Even many whose sons and husbands still were in Europe suddenly realized the job of securing peace but half finished.

For completing the task, there are equally as many families represented in the Pacific. For them, General Marston spoke: "Germany's surrender is gratifying news."

"But though it is the news of a war won, our sobering thoughts still must be on the other war yet to be fought to a victorious conclusion."

"The great majority of Marines and Naval personnel at this camp already have taken an active part in the conflict with our Japanese enemy. A great many Marines who have trained here in the past, are at present engaged at close quarters with that enemy."

"Any thought of a victory celebration at this time, or any slackening of work or of training, must be set aside if we are to keep faith with our comrades who are fighting—and those who have died—in the Pacific area."

"We will keep that faith." In a V-E Day proclamation, President Truman said "Our blows will continue until the Japanese also lay down their arms in unconditional surrender."

The president told the nation that he had set aside next Sunday—Mother's Day—as a day of prayer, in which he wanted everyone to go to his church and pray for continued guidance and a speedy cessation of hostilities in the Pacific.

In rejoicing over the victory in Europe, he asked the nation not to forget that "sorrow and heartache abide in thousands of homes throughout America."

"This is a solemn but glorious hour. General Eisenhower has informed me that the entire forces of Germany have surrendered to the United Nations. The flag of freedom flies over all of Germany. For this victory, the United Nations join in offering thanks to Providence."

Thus was brought to a close the titanic struggle in Europe which cost 132,000 lives and more than 550,000 more casualties in three years, four months and seven days of fighting the Axis in Europe and the Mediterranean theater.

In Jacksonville and throughout the county church services were opened on Tuesday and on Wednesday evening special services were held.

Radios were turned on in school auditoriums and rooms Tuesday morning to hear the proclamations, and a special service was held at Camp Lejeune Tuesday noon.

Local merchants observed a half-holiday Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock, and the Jacksonville Kiwanis club heard a special prayer for continued peace by Rev. A. D. Leon Gray after having stood a moment in silent prayer of thanksgiving.

The Onslow County Board of Education Monday unanimously rejected all bids for proposed school improvements at Dixon, Swansboro and White Oak on the grounds that the construction costs were too high and in excess of an appropriation voted by the Board of Commissioners in February.

Fast as a result thereon, the Dixon school faculty, headed by Principal C. Bruce Hunter, tendered its resignation as a group, declaring that the liabilities at Dixon were unfit for instructional purposes and detrimental to the health of students and teachers.

The long fight for school improvements in the county, particularly Stump Sound township, has been led by Dixon school patrons.

The resignations would be reconsidered, it was said, in immediate letting of the contract for improvements, and a statement in writing from the board of education as to an approximate date for completion of the work.

Bids for improvements at the three county schools totaled \$252,251 when they were opened and canvassed by the Board of Education Monday. That was some \$60,000 in excess of the \$190,000 appropriation voted by the commissioners, and Education Board Member Hugh Ragsdale of Richlands moved they be rejected. The vote was unanimous after the motion was seconded by R. L. Williams, Sr. of Swansboro.

Supt. of Schools A. H. Hattell said that even after the specifications were modified, to eliminate drains and change plumbing the total figure approximated \$239,000.

He said that the board could, however, go through with the work at either one or two of the schools and be within the budgeted amount fixed by the county, if it desired.

But he added, some members of the board felt that the commissioners should express themselves since they set aside the money for improvements at all three institutions.

The funds appropriated for the improvements came from a sinking fund which was established by the board of commissioners which retired in December to pay off the bonded indebtedness of the county.

For the improvement at the separate schools, a bid of \$33,519 was tendered for six additional classrooms and cafeteria for Swansboro, \$83,027 for six classrooms and cafeteria and repairs at White Oak, and \$135,705 for 13 additional classrooms, cafeteria, sewer system and repairs at Dixon.

Hattell said Dixon school was in a bad state of repair, that comfort facilities were on the outside necessitating travel from one building to another in all types of weather, and was poorly heated.

In the 1945-46 budget, an appropriation of \$10,000 to make repairs and needed improvements was approved.

The Dixon faculty resigned for "The reasons being: that we cannot continue to teach under the present handicaps of inadequate building equipment, poor seating equipment, and all lack of those accommodations that are necessary for the efficient operation of a modern school."

The statement was signed by Principal Hunter, Allen H. Stafford, Manly Fulcher, Mrs. Guy Smith, Edith La Kay, Kathleen Hansley, Mrs. Lydia Jackson, Mrs. Theodore Ottaway, Matalie Kellum Wilson, Lola P. Lanier, Cresie Mills, Margaret Pearsall Dixon, Mrs. Lola McCreer, Mrs. Allen H. Stafford, Margaret McNeill, Melvin Robinson, Paul S. Merritt.

Goering, Quisling Taken Into Custody By Allied Forces

Kurtzuebel, Austria—(AP)—Reichsmarshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, whose Nazi air force once frightened the world, and Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, German commander-in-chief on the Western Front, have surrendered to Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's American Ninth Army.

Oslo, Norway—(AP)—Nazi Puppet Premier Vidkun Quisling of Norway, the man whose name has become a synonym for traitor, was locked in the Oslo jail today and two high German officers were reported to have taken their own lives as a result of Norway's liberation.

Douglas Earl Mills Of Richlands Stationed At Camp Peary Now

Seaman Second Class Douglas Earl Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mills of Richlands, Route 2, took his basic training at Bainbridge, Maryland, and is now stationed at Camp Peary, Virginia.

Telegraph Restriction Lifted In Part For Service Personnel

Ray Patterson, manager of the Jacksonville Western Union, announced yesterday that he had been officially notified that the restriction banning the sending of congratulatory, anniversary and greeting messages, within the United States has been lifted.

Patterson pointed out however, that this only applies to members of the armed forces, so far.

One place that V-E day was almost in second place in the enthusiasm of the townspeople was Holly Ridge. Down there Monday, the fellows were talking first about the town election that was coming up on Tuesday, and second about the Germans giving up.

Nathan Katzin is complaining about his trip to New York.

When he left here it was raining something terrible, and he found it the same in New York. On the way back, his railroad tickets were made out wrong, there was no heat on the train. Near Rocky Mount, the train was stopped a long time by a wreck. On the way here, a tire blew out the other side of Kinston, and he had to change it. On this side of Kinston, his spare tire blew out. He located an old discarded tire, and the man charged him \$12 for that and \$2 to put it on the car.

"I can't understand it," he declared.

Sam Munch brought his automobile in to have it worked on the other day, and while he was standing around the garage, the mechanic inquired if there were any jobs open at the base.

"They're always needing good mechanics over in the motor transport section, so I hear," Sam replied.

"I don't want no mechanics job," the man said, as he worked on the automobile. "I'm a carpenter by trade."

I went out to Camp Lejeune school to make them a little spell the other morning. Tuesday morning to be exact about it. And, they had the radio turned on to hear the V-E day proclamations by President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill.

It was the first time I ever competed against a president.

"Was also the first time he ever appeared on he same bill with me.

Not since the First Marine Division left Tent Camp in the summer of 1942 had I attended a flag raising ceremony. Tuesday morning it was with a great deal of patriotic enthusiasm that I witnessed the raising of the flag at the Camp school.

As the students and teachers stood at attention, the flag was raised to the top of the mast and then lowered to half mast, as the bugle sounded. Then, the group gave the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the Star Spangled Banner.

As the flag waved in the breeze, even as cold-hearted a person as I just admit something occurred within me. A glorious feeling of pride.

Brother J. P. Boyd looked at the red headline atop Wednesday's News and Observer and observed: "Well, the war's now officially over. Josephus has got out his pokeberry juice."

A lady called the City Hall the other morning shortly after 9 o'clock and inquired why in the world Jacksonville wasn't blowing its siren like they were in Wilmington. "It's V-E day," she declared. "Why don't you blow the siren?"

A military policeman who had answered the phone didn't know the answer himself, and asked others in the City Hall.

Some one suggested: "Tell her the war's only half over, and that's the reason we're not blowing our horn yet."

He did. The woman hung up.

Jacksonville's always one up and ahead of the rest.

President Truman, in his V-E day proclamation, called for fitting thanksgiving prayers and services on Sunday. Governor Cherry asked that they be held Thursday; therefore, Jacksonville had its services and prayers Wednesday night.

In the cafe the other day, one of the waitresses brought me a cold plate like she was eating.

"But you got a hard boiled egg, and I didn't," I told her, noticing the absence of the vitamin pill.

"You got sardines," she countered.

"So did you," I came back.

"But you can't have both," she advised. "You're a customer."

The sign on Ketchum's Drug store attracted and amused a lot of passers-by Wednesday afternoon. It read:

"Closed. Gone Fishing."

Yep, the "h" was omitted.

D. T. Miller, Beulaville, Barber, Passes Away; Funeral Conducted

Dunn—D. T. Miller, 55, former Dunn barber, died at his home in Beulaville Monday afternoon after a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held from the Hallsville Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock with the Rev. N. E. Gresham and the Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald officiating. Burial was in the Bostic-Sandlin cemetery at Maple.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Kate Bostic Miller; four sons, James Miller of Winston-Salem, Harry Miller of the Army in Germany, Charles Miller of the Navy and J. T. Miller of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Fannie Mae Miller of Beulaville and Katie Gray Miller of the home; two brothers, Henry Miller and Ethro Miller of Beulaville.