

SNAP SHOTS

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Mrs. Gratton had taken full charge of the reception. Mrs. Gratton was the type of woman who always took charge of everything. That is, she did all the talking, planning and, if there was any, prancing for the success of the affair. But she managed, somehow, to get the glory and let the others do the work.

So when it became known that Lt. Ronald (affectionately known as "Red" to his old friends) was coming home for a few weeks' rest after fifteen months' service in the Pacific, Mrs. Gratton immediately got busy. She appointed committees to meet the train upon which the hero (oh yes! Lt. Ronald had been given the Purple Heart, Congressional Medal of Honor and several other marks of honor for valor in action) would arrive. Then there was a committee to provide transportation from the station direct to Town Hall, where Mrs. Gratton intended to graciously, smilingly and personally introduce the guest of honor to a waiting audience who had gathered to hear Lt. Ronald tell of his harrowing experiences, as far as military restrictions would allow.

Then there were the various committees Mrs. Gratton had assigned to take up from that point in further entertainment of Lt. Ronald. Of course this would include some selections on the piano by the guest of honor who was known far and wide as one of the most talented young men, musically, this small town had produced. In fact, "Red" Ronald had made a name for himself as a pianist of great promise. By that time, Mrs. Gratton opined, the crowd would be tired enough to call it an evening and then Lt. Ronald could follow his own desires. Oh yes! As Mrs. Gratton planned it, this was going to be a gala occasion and would reflect great glory upon Lt. Ronald—and Mrs. Gratton.

There was, however, one little detail that Mrs. Gratton had overlooked—or ignored—and that was asking the widowed mother of Lt. Ronald for an information about her son. In fact, Mrs. Gratton had carefully avoided having any conferences with Mrs. Ronald, knowing too well the retiring and dignified manner in which Mrs. Ronald had borne the loss of her husband and then the loneliness since her son had entered the service. So Mrs. Gratton went sailing on her usual high-minded way.

The eventful day arrived and all the committees, letter perfect, took their indicated posts. Everything was 100% intact, and Mrs. Gratton was in her glory. The train puffed into the little station as the welcoming committee, flags poised for the signal from Mrs. Gratton. But that signal never came.

The black-garbed figure of a tiny little woman got through the crowd somehow and was at the steps waiting when Lt. Ronald came out on the platform. He was not alone; another soldier was leading him gently along and whispering instructions. Lt. Ronald's left sleeve was neatly pinned up half way. Never again would he play his left arm in action—and was blind. With her arm around her son's waist, Mrs. Ronald helped him down the steps and then she

STATE OR NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

To All to Whom These Presents May Come—Greeting:

WHEREAS, It appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the BRIAR-BLOCKS, INCORPORATED, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated at No. 108 North Main Street, in the City of Waynesville, County of Haywood, State of North Carolina (H. Rotha being the agent thereon and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 55, General Statutes, entitled "Corporations", preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

NOW THEREFORE, I, THAD EURE, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 15th day of February, 1944, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders, thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my office as provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 15th day of February, A. D. 1944.

THAD EURE, Secretary of State. No. 1344—Feb. 24, Mar. 2-9-16

6 Men In Company Of Capt. S.C. Welch Buy \$8,800 In Bonds



(Picture courtesy of Spartanburg Herald—U. S. Army Signal Corps photo)

Trainees stationed in Company A, 31st Battalion of the Camp Croft training center, have concretely proven that they intend to make the Fourth War Loan drive something more than a mere advertising poster slogan. The six men shown in the above photograph have contributed a sum total of \$8,800 in war bond purchases—enough to furnish each of the six a complete heavy machine gun as illustrated together with 14,000 rounds of ammunition per man. Company A, which is under command of Capt. Samuel C. Welch, scored the highest figure in bond sales of any other company in the entire Ninth regiment, with the total bond sales for the company amounting to over \$12,000. The men, with the amount of bonds purchased, are: Front row (left to right) Pvt. Samuel Kudroff, Philadelphia, Pa., \$500; Pvt. John S. Demas, Washington, D. C., \$5,000, the highest single bond purchase in the regiment; Pvt. James E. Johnson, Alexandria, Va., \$1,000. Back row (left to right), Pvt. Charles H. Van Buren, Hudson, N. Y., \$500; Pvt. James F. Hughes, Philadelphia, Pa., \$500, and Pvt. Nicholas P. Corodimas, Plattburg, N. Y., \$1,300.

Captain Welch, of Waynesville, volunteered in the service shortly after Pearl Harbor and was inducted at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and from there sent to Camp Wolters, Tex., for his basic training. He was graduated from Officers Candidate School, Fort Benning in December, 1942, and from there sent to Camp Croft, where he has since been stationed. At the time he entered service Capt. Welch was senior examiner of the Federal Home Loan Bank, Tenth District, with headquarters in Topeka, Kan.

Tannery Offering Men Cash Prizes For Suggestions

Each month this year, January through June, the A. C. Lawrence Leather Co. is supplementing regular suggestion prizes with \$100, \$50 and \$25 bonds for the three best suggestions received and adopted in all plants.

Since Pearl Harbor this company has received over 1,300 suggestions of which over 300 have been adopted and for which nearly \$10,000 has been distributed in cash and war bonds. Several employees during this period have received awards running well over \$500.

During the year 1943 individuals have received as high as \$300 for suggestions at our different plants.

The company has just announced that a suggestion emblem award will be given out with the regular cash award this year to each employee whose first suggestion is adopted. The company is urging all employees to submit their ideas for:

- Improvement of quality of product.
- Elimination of waste.
- Improvement of equipment.
- Reduction of cost of production.
- Selection of better materials.
- Increase of production.
- Improvement of safety and health conditions.

This secret weapon, "Suggestions," is doing much to win the war. Thousands of employees throughout the country are helping the war effort in this manner and are not only winning substantial amounts in cash, but are deriving a great deal of satisfaction from the fact that they are, in his manner, contributing to the war effort.

This is "getting behind the man behind the gun."

turned to the awed crowd.

"I am going to speak for my son," she said in a firm, even tone, "and I want you to know how deeply we both appreciate the kindness that was in your heart when Mrs. Gratton and you, our friends, planned this reception. Had I known in time, I would have explained the circumstances to Mrs. Gratton. My son wrote me that all he wanted was to come home and rest. He wanted to forget the horrors he had known; the knowledge that men's lives lay in the touch of his finger; that orders to kill were given as casually as he had once ordered a milk shake. The people here who read of what happens on a firing line, cannot see it as the man does who lies next to a fallen comrade.

"The greatest kindness that the home folk can do when one of the boys comes home on leave, is to forget that he had seen service. That is the one thing he wants to have taken away from him, the recollections that naturally are brought to mind when he is asked questions. So many questions cannot be answered, as you know, and those they do answer call for a re-living of the scene. When 'Red' has rested a little, won't you all come and see him? We'll have a wonderful time if you'll just tell him all the things that YOU have been doing. Good bye."

Back the attack. Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

CIVIL WAR VET VISITS TARAWA KIN



HEARING THAT HIS GRANDSON Marine Pfc Floyd M. Penland, 20, of Waynesboro, Va., who was wounded at Tarawa, was at the San Diego, Calif., U. S. Naval Hospital, Civil War veteran Theodore A. Penland, 99, flew from Portland, Oregon, to visit his hero kin. The older Penland's father was killed at Bull Run. Marine Corps photo. (International)

CHAPLIN-BARRY CASE PRINCIPALS



THREE OF THE SIX persons indicted along with comedian Charles Chaplin on criminal conspiracy charges by a Federal grand jury are shown (top) in Los Angeles. They are (l to r.): Capt. W. W. White, Police Matron Jessie Billie Reno, and Lt. Claude Marple. The 55-year-old film star (bottom, left) was also indicted for violation of the Mann Act. The charges are the outgrowth of his association with Joan Barry (bottom, right), 24, his ex-protege, who accuses the white-haired actor of being the father of her child. (International Soundphoto)

Local Vocational Class Makes Outstanding Record

A recently completed report mailed to the State Department of Education shows that for the year 1942-43 the Waynesville department of vocational agriculture had 18 boys to complete projects, only 19 were enrolled for the year.

The report showed that among the produce harvested for the Food For Victory Program there were: 2,189 bushels of corn, 1,527 bushels of vegetables, 8,080 pounds of pork, 85 pigs (for breeding), 75 acres of pasture, 854 bushels of Irish potatoes, 10 lambs, 26 beef animals (breeding), 2,197 dozen eggs, 200 pounds of broilers, 200 pullets (breeding), 2,170 bushels of apples, 6,046 pounds of milk, 292 pounds of butter, 95 tons of corn silage, 1,500 pints of raspberries and many other foods and feeds as well as 17 acres of soil improvement crops.

The 18 members of the local chapter of Future Farmers had a labor income of \$13,064.11, and they worked 9,194 hours producing the crops and animals making up their supervised practice program. In addition to their own projects they each worked on the home farm as a farm laborer in the production of crops and animals. Some did additional work in "war plants." They had an average of nine projects per boy.

The chapter now has 115 former members (since 1935) in the armed services of our country and those enrolled this year have, in their own name, \$7,466.25 in war bonds and stamps.

J. C. Brown is instructor of the class.

Their Needs Over There May Delay Your Getting Telephone Service Over Here



Telephone Switchboard in Dugout in New Guinea —U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Here at home we have restrictions on telephone service, so that our men at the front may have what they need in telephone equipment.

BECAUSE metals and other communication materials are so badly needed in war, it is becoming more and more difficult for the telephone company to fill service requests. In fact, facilities are now insufficient to meet the demands for service. So unless you qualify as an essential user — one whose telephone usage is essential to defense or public health, welfare or security—we regret that you may experience delay in getting service.

When facilities are available, they must be employed first for essential users. Then, from any facilities remaining, others will be served in their regular order. We will be glad to take your application for service, but a reasonable time may be required to determine if service can be furnished.

Everything possible is being done to lessen the effect of wartime restrictions on telephone service. And we look forward to the time when materials will be available, and we can again furnish the service you want when you want it.

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2% Added After March 1st and before the 1st of April

After the 2nd day of April, 1-2 of 1 per cent each month, in addition to the 2 per cent, until date of tax sale. Pay your taxes NOW and avoid penalty and costs.

JOHN BOYD

Tax Collector for Town of Waynesville