

Negro Woman Cremated Home Burns In Warsaw

Head, Arms Legs, Burned Off Della Durant, As Burning Home Falls In.

Della Durant 58 year old Negro woman of Warsaw was burned beyond recognition Monday afternoon when her house burned down...

Home Folks Writing Guide For Soldiers

The Office of War Information offers these pointers for home-folks writing to soldiers, sailors and marines—based on suggestions gathered in a survey among servicemen at home and overseas...

Editor Gets A Letter From Duplinite in Africa

Dear Mr. Grady: I wish to call to your attention that I haven't received your paper since the April 16th issue. I am very much concerned with the happenings back home...

Warsaw Girl Graduates To Yeoman

Stillwater, Okla., June 23—Two North Carolina WAVES recently were graduated with the rating of Yeomen third class from the Naval Training school for yeomen here...

Sgt. Carr Newton Gives Good Report On Tar Heels

The following letter was received last week from Carr Newton, son of E. C. Newton of Kenansville.

Several times I have written you asking a bill be forwarded me for your (our) paper which I receive each week. I have been wondering why I never received it and not until I read S/Sgt. Woodrow Blackburn's letter that you published on the front page of the June 4th issue did I realize what you are doing...

In regards to morals, I want to say this also, every day I hear men making statements as to their wishes about being stationed in different parts of the United States, some say they would not like to be stationed in certain sections of the country because the Civilians were not too friendly towards them...

In speaking of this I would like to say that I have been very fortunate in my assignments. Every city I have been in the people have been 100 per cent towards the men in uniforms.

I guess I have said enough for this time. In mailing my next issue of The Duplin Times, please address it to Sgt. E. C. Newton, Jr., 1st Heavy Bombardment P.O. Station Headquarters, Communications Office, Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kansas:

Sincerely, "Newt", Sgt. E. C. Newton, Jr.



Flier Writes Father How Plane Came Home on "Wing and a Prayer"



(The following article is from a New York newspaper and written by Lt. Henry Allen West, son of Chief Quartermaster and Mrs. Joshua H. West, formerly of Warsaw. Lt. West is the nephew of Messdames J. W. Quinn and J. J. West.)

A Winchester county youth, whose father is attached to the Navy recruiting bureau, South Kenosco Ave., was navigator of a Flying Fortress that limped home "on a wing and a prayer" from an air raid on Sicily, it was learned recently. Pictures of the riddled bomber were released by the army a few days ago.

First Lt. Henry Allen West, son of Chief Quartermaster and Mrs. Joshua H. West, described in a letter to his father how the crew brought the bomber home with half the tail and all its instruments shot away, and most of the controls damaged.

"Only by the grace of God, your prayers and mine, and the excellent gunners of my crew, am I able to write you this morning," Lt. West wrote.

"Yesterday I grew about 10 years older. I wasn't scared at all but I sure was apprehensive as hell."

The objective was Palermo, Sicily. The squadron was greeted with strong anti-aircraft fire and later German planes appeared.

"It was wonderful bombing. I saw some bombs hit. It must have been a naval gas storage tank, for flames spread over the harbor and smoke came up 15,000 feet. Then the trouble started."

Flak burst in our bomb bay which looked like a sieve. It cut our rudder control cable, locking the rudder. We fell out of formation. After about 10 seconds that seemed like eternity we regained control, but were all by our lonesome and two ships came in at us. One got a B17 on our right, the first loss in our squadron. The pilot had 29 missions to his credit, and had just come back from a rest camp. He caught fire and spun down and collided with an ME-109 at about 15,000 feet and exploded.

"The other ME-109 shot up our rudder, put a few bullet holes in the elevators, a cannon hole in the right wing, another in the No. 3 propeller, and others in the leading edge of the left wing that shot all our instruments away from the No. 1 engine. No 2 engine was out, too."

"I saw a big flash and thought, 'There goes Lt. Jordan,' because it looked like it hit up around him, but actually it came nearer me because I found four holes in the navigation compartment heading right for me."

"There were about 20 ME-109s attacking us now, and to top it off the ball turret man yelled, 'I'm out of ammunition.' What a spot. I told him to keep turning his turret as if he still had bullets."

"To make a long story short, we got two more ME-109s. When we landed we found the flak had so riddled the main spar of the plane that the engineering section marvelled at it coming back. So did we."

Lt. West comes from a fighting family. A brother, Pvt. Richard M. West, is at Camp Pickett, Va. Both parents were in the first World War. Mrs. West was a yeomanette at the Fleet Supply Base, Brooklyn, where Chief West first met her. He served nine months on a destroyer and the rest of the war in transport service. Chief West enlisted in 1916 and was recalled in 1940, but was recalled three days after Pearl Harbor and is one of the few in his age group still qualified for combat duty.

Army Calls For More Women Volunteers

The Army and Civil Service Commission have sent out an urgent call for 120 women between the ages of 21 and 44, inclusive, to receive specialized training as WAACS, the WAAC enrollment station Fort Bragg announced this week. These women are vital to the U. S. Army Signal Corps to serve as radio telephone and radio teletype operators and repairmen.

Applicants must be high school graduates, meet WAAC requirements, and pass a Civil Service examination. Accepted applicants will be placed in the enlisted reserve corps of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and will be sent to the Signal Corps radio school at Livingston, Ala. They will take courses in radio operator, radio telephone and repair work.

While learning, these trainees will be paid at the rate of \$1020 a year for the first three months and at \$1440 per year for the second three months. At the completion of their radio training, these women will be sent to WAAC basic training centers for a five-week period and then be assigned to duty with the Signal Corps as specialists. In addition, these women are eligible for officers training if they demonstrate leadership ability.

Applications and additional information regarding these positions may be obtained from Lt. Mary J. Norton, WAAC Enrollment station, Fort Bragg.



CHESTER C. DAVIS

Major responsibility for feeding the nation's armed forces and civilians and keeping a steady flow of strength-giving food moving to our allies rests upon the shoulders of War Food Administrator Chester C. Davis, above. Davis came to his war food post on leave from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, and his agricultural background includes service as administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration from December, 1933, to June, 1936, and as agriculture's representative on the National Defense Commission in 1940-41.

The biggest part of the job, he believes, rests in the hands of farmers themselves. In a recent statement Davis declared that "a program of food production and distribution—or any other national program for that matter—must stand or fall, succeed or fail, according to the way it is understood and the way it is administered right out in the country."

8 Year Old Girl Killed As She Leaps From Truck

Announcing Duplin County's Day of Dedication

Pursuant to "A Proclamation by the Governor of North Carolina," a dedicational meeting is hereby called to meet in the Duplin county court house, on Monday, July 5th at 11.00 a. m., for the purpose of studying conditions and organizing to take steps to effectually end any idleness or loafing that may exist in the county during the present war emergency.

It is very important that our county, along with the other 99 counties in the state, develop the ways and means for properly utilizing the entire available labor supply.

All leaders and citizens of the county in the agricultural, official and business lines of service, are urged to attend this meeting and join wholeheartedly in this campaign for production.

C. E. Quinn, Chairman on arrangements for meeting.

"Peanut" Harrison is Buried in Kinston

William Asa Harrison 68 died Monday evening at 9 o'clock at the home of his son William Harrison, Jr., in the Scott's store section, after a brief illness following a stroke of paralysis.

Funeral services were conducted at the Tyndall-Wood funeral home in Kinston at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery in Kinston. The Rev. Clifton Rice, Baptist minister, officiated.

Surviving are three sons and five daughters, H. H. Harrison of Cantonville, Md.; William Harrison Mount Olive; Robert Harrison, of Chesapeake, Md.; Miss Margaret Harrison of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Louis Rosendahl, Ridge Park, N. J.; Mrs. Tom Wood, Dover; Mrs. Hubert West, Warsaw, and Mrs. Paul Swain, of Jacksonville, Ala. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive.

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Invasion Is Costly Fighting Your Boy Gives 100 per cent How about your bond buying?

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WOOD IS CRITICAL Because otherwise there will not be enough containers to pack all of next year's fruit, vegetable, egg and poultry production, the state Food Distribution Administration is asking all North Carolina retailers, food processors and housewives to save every wooden box, crate, basket hamper and barrel.

TOOLS FOR FARMERS Wrenches, pliers, screwdrivers and other mechanical hand service tools should be more generally available to North Carolina farmers and home mechanics, as a result of an amendment of Order E-6 by the War Production Board, which is designed to bring about a better distribution of the tools among consumers, sets aside from 20 to 25 per cent of the regular monthly production of specified tools for commercial distribution.

NO MORE ELECTRICAL REFRIGERATORS The WPB offices in this state say that they have been swamped with requests for purchase orders for mechanical refrigerators. The WPB says, however, that North Carolinians might as well relax, because there are no mechanical refrigerators available to civilians.

He's expecting a combat assignment soon. Chief Quartermaster West is a brother of Mrs. J. W. Quinn and Mrs. J. J. West of Warsaw and was rearred here.

Louise Bailey Dies In Front of Mothers Eyes at Charity Crossroads

Louise Bailey, 8 year old child of Mrs. Betty Bailey of Charity Crossroads, leaped to her death from a moving truck as her mother and two girl companions looked on about dusk last Friday.

According to reports from Charity, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Teachey after having their supper, decided to drive to a neighbor's house for some milk. The Bailey girl and her two young girls were playing in the yard. As they prepared to leave the three young girls crawled into the rear of the pickup truck. They made the trip to the neighbor's.

As they were returning home, just as the truck passed Louise's home Mr. and Mrs. Bailey heard the children holler but paid no particular attention to them thinking they were playing. As the truck came to a stop just a short distance from the accident they discovered what had happened. Mr. Teachey rushed to Louise but she was dead when he picked her up.

The girls said that as the truck passed her home she saw her mother standing in the yard and it was presumed she became afraid and jumped out to go home. When she jumped she landed on her forehead.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Saturday afternoon with burial in Kinston. She is survived by her mother, three brothers Johnnie and Clem Bailey and Woodrow Rouse and one sister, Edna Rouse.

Magnolia Man Dies After Long Illness

W. L. Chestnut, 60, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Chestnut, died at his home in Magnolia Monday morning following a lingering illness of many months, and poor health all his life.

On Oct. 19th, 1932 he married Miss Marie Cavenaugh who survives him with three small children, his parents, one brother, Jack and two sisters, Mrs. Ada Casteen of Magnolia and Mrs. Mildred Wilson of Carolina Beach.

He was well known around Magnolia, he and his brother Jack were in business there several years. The funeral was conducted at the home at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon by Rev. K. D. Brown, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church and interment was in the family cemetery two miles from Magnolia.

Violinist to Give Concert in Warsaw on July Sixth

Circle No. 3 of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Warsaw Presbyterian church will present Miss Mary Graham Herring, Violinist, and Miss Marie Chesson, accompanist, of Rocky Mount, in a recital at the Church on Tuesday evening, July 6th, at eight thirty p. m. Admission will be twenty five cents.

Miss Herring will be remembered so pleasantly for her skillful interpretations of both classical and sacred music in her recital in Warsaw last summer, which so many enjoyed. This year her program will be made up of classical sacred and patriotic numbers.

Honor Son at Father's Day Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Chancey Nethercutt entertained a number of guests at a Father's Day dinner Sunday, June 20 in honor of their son, Pfc. Audrey L. Nethercutt, who is home on furlough. He is stationed at Randolph Field, Texas. They had as their guests at the dinner Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Whaley and children, Mrs. John Butts and children, also Resse Nethercutt and Mrs. Emma Hall of Warsaw; Mrs. J. F. Tucker of Kenansville, who is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Chancey Nethercutt. They had, in the afternoon, some of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lanier and children of Warsaw; and they all reported a nice time.