



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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OUR BOYS IN SERVICE Letters And News

NORTH AFRICA

Dear Violet: We are getting along just fine, and have been doing so ever since we came across, and I think we will from now on it has been rough some of the time, and we have had a lot of fun along with it, too.

We can write some of the things we have done and seen now so I will tell you a little about it. As you know Oran was about the first place we saw in North Africa. The first month we were here it must have rained every day and night. It was rough then, but we went through it just fine. There wasn't anything else to do.

We stayed around taking life easy, going on a few passes until the last of February we moved up on the front to help run the Germans out of here, and we did. When we first got up on the front everything went easy for a while. As you know, we wanted to see all we could not to get too much. We saw where a few bombs and shells went off.

Not long after then as the Germans kept retreating, we kept moving up until we finally got right up there where some of everything was going on.

We were out working, and a few shells dropped around us and we would see German planes some times. One evening we were lying around where we stayed, near our foxholes. A foxhole is the best thing I have ever seen when you need one. One of the boys yelled out—planes on the way—so we hit our holes and they came over about ten times in about three hours trying to bomb and knock out some of our equipment, but they didn't get any to amount to anything. They put one bomb about two hundred feet from my foxhole. Along then you will be thinking about everything and do things you haven't ever done if you don't have a deep well you will have one in a few days, you won't get tired either.

For two or three nights after then the planes would come over and drop flares that would light up everything for a few miles around, trying to find a place to bomb, and again I think they missed. Now nights like these is when you will sleep in a foxhole, or at least stay in one. There may not be much sleeping going on in a few days things quietened off. I reckon the Germans were retreating then. All that time they were getting the worst end of it, though. For we were really dropping a lot of large shells on them. When you hear a shell buzzing toward you, you have time to drop before it bursts. Your knees will bend fast, too. I could really go in a foxhole, and it doesn't hurt to hit the bottom, either. The worst I mentioned above was the time we had.

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Pink Hill Man Cited For Tunisian Actin

Pvt. Gordon M. Smith, son of J. M. Smith and the late Mrs. Smith of Rt. 2, Pink Hill, has been cited for his share in restoring a broken telephone line in the vicinity of Maknassy, Tunisia, on March 29.

"Under very heavy fire and continuous enemy artillery fire," the citation reads "they (a group of three) searched until they located the trouble and then quickly repaired the line. By their prompt and timely action, they were responsible for the reestablishment of vital communications at a critical time."

Good Conduct Medal Awarded Sgt. Turner

Sgt. Ernest F. Turner of Kenansville and Potter's Hill, was recently awarded a Good Conduct medal for one year's service with ratings of "Excellent" in conduct and efficiency. He is now company clerk and acting first sergeant.

Sergeant Turner was born at Potters Hill February 6, 1912. Prior to entering service he was railroad fireman on the Atlantic and Carolina railroad. He attended school at Warsaw.

Says Hello to Brother Who is Now in Africa

Mrs. B. E. Jarman of Wallace writes The Times as follows: "I would like for you to publish in your paper, for my son, in Africa, and for Mrs. Gardner Hatcher of Sparta, Wisc. that Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher are home. He has an eleven days furlough, and wishes to say hello to her brother in North Africa. Your paper goes to him and he is very proud of it, as it is wonderful paper. Thanking you, Mrs. Jarman."

Wallace Church Provides Recreation Room for Men

The men's class of the Presbyterian church at Wallace, has turned their class room over for a recreation center for service men. It is open on the week-ends with some person in charge.

Home on Leave

Robert Hill Evans of the U. S. Navy, is home on leave. He has been stationed in Portland, Maine and is now being transferred to Washington, D. C., for further training. Upon completion of his course in Washington, he will be made a chief petty officer.



JUDGE HENRY L. STEVENS

Monday was appointed by Governor Broughton as State chairman of an organization which will sponsor showings of the movie "This is the Army". Judge Stevens saw service over seas in World War I and has served as National Commander of the American Legion. Proceeds of the movie will go to the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

Six Year Old Boy Killed While He Lies in Bed helpless, Sick

LeRoy Branch, six-year-old child of Joseph Branch, Scott's Store section Negro, was accidentally killed Wednesday when an older brother, playing with a shotgun, accidentally shot LeRoy as he lay in bed sick. The family was in the field at work, and did not learn of the accident until they returned to the house at the end of the day. Coroner Ralph Jones investigated and ruled that it was accidental shooting.

Jones Says Lapedeza Hay Should be Out Immediately

Farmers growing lapedeza for hay this summer should cut it immediately if it has as much as 12 inches in height. By cutting it now the hay crop will be more valuable and at the same time the crop will grow out and produce a seed crop or either a growth for turning under for a soil building crop. By waiting later in the season we will not get this additional growth for a seed crop.—G. E. Jones, C. F. A.

Chas. R. Gavin Post Names Officers

The monthly meeting of the Chas. R. Gavin Post No. 127 of the American Legion, at Warsaw, was held in the Legion home on Friday night, July 30. State Commander Bob Stevens, of Goldsboro presided over the installation of the 1944 officers. Pep talks were made by several of the members present, emphasizing the value of the Legion in war effort and in the peace that follows. The collection of 1944 dues was discussed and plans were made not only to get our old membership, but to get an additional number of new members. A delightful fish dinner was served. Guests present, in addition to Commander Stevens were Emmett Robinson, Herbert Horne and Louis Humble, all of Goldsboro.

The following officers were installed: Frank Thomas, commander; James Whitfield, 1st vice commander; E. D. Pollock, 2nd vice commander; C. Beams, 3rd vice commander; A. L. Cavanaugh, adjutant; E. F. Strickland, finance officer; E. T. Turnley, guardianship officer; Ralph Jones, service officer; Eddie Benson, sergeant-at-arms; Edger D. Pollock, chaplain; E. Walker Stevens, historian; John Croom, athletic officer; Tracy Brown, child welfare officer; Henry L. Stevens, Jr., American officer; Robert Winders Graves, registration officer; Tom Waters, employment officer; Annie Croom, boys state officer; Roy Cates, publicity officer; Norwood Boney, chairman Sons of Legion; John Croom, chairman membership.

Outlaw's Bridge AWW to Meet Sat.

It has been announced that the Outlaw's Bridge AWW will meet in the church Saturday afternoon, August 7, at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to attend, and visitors are cordially invited.

Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller of Beulaville, announce the birth of a daughter, Judith Carol, on Sunday, July 25th, at Parrotts Memorial hospital, Kinston.

Chairman Thirty-Three Years



ALBERT TIMOTHY OUTLAW

Register of Deeds and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, was signally honored by the Board Monday, when the following resolution (self explanatory) was passed:

RESOLUTION

August 2, 1943

WHEREAS, it has been called to the attention of this Board that A. T. Outlaw, Clerk of the Board, has been in service at the Courthouse for a period of thirty-three years today; First he was an assistant in the office of register of Deeds for many years, and, as such he usually served a Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners; After long service as an assistant he became Register of Deeds and ex-officio Clerk of this board, and, as such, he is faithful and efficient; His public service, covering an unusually long period of time, is worthy of public mention.

THEREFORE, we the Commissioners of Duplin county, deem it fitting and proper to offer a word of appreciation for his long service, and hereby order that a copy of this resolution be recorded in the minutes as evidence of our estimate of him as a public servant.

BOARD OF CO. COMMIS. Jno R Croom, Chairman, Tyson Lanier, S. K. Chesnut, A. C. Hall, G. D. Bennett

Engineer's Report Electricity at Rose Hill is Inadequate

Rose Hill, Aug. 5.—The electric current supply in Rose Hill appears to be both inadequate and unsteady, according to the initial report of Isaac Fidler, power engineer of High Post, retained by the town to investigate load conditions of the Tide Water distribution system within the town. Recording voltmeter readings showed that current dropped in voltage on the 220-volt, three-phase line feeding the municipal pumping station during a 24-hour survey to 170 volts, with amperes 45 on an electric installation rated by construction engineers for 20 amperes.

A preliminary investigation tended to show that Tide Water has not replaced its transmission lines with heavier gauge wire, although during the past decade the use of electric appliances has multiplied so as to make the load demand out of proportion to the supply available over the small transmission wires now in use, Fidler stated. Town officials sought immediately to begin negotiations with the power company in an effort to secure improvement of the distribution system. In a resolution adopted at a meeting held today, commissioners requested Tide Water Power to set up proper transformer facilities at the pumping station, objecting heatedly to the "makeshift methods that endanger vital public property such as pumping station at a time when replacement parts are not available."

"I hate to think of the consequences of a break-down in the town's water supply," said L. J. Teachey, town clerk. "More than 75 per cent of the population would be without proper sanitary facilities and even the necessary supply of water for cooking, laundering and drinking would not be available in many cases, to say nothing of fire protection." It was understood that Fidler intends to continue to investigate load conditions and to make further recommendations to the town officials after the survey is completed. The full report has not been made public.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION NOW

Border Belt Opens With \$42 Average Farmers To Ask Higher Ceilings

Social Security Agent To Be Here Every Third Tuesday

The Social Security Board has announced the closing on August 1st of the Goldsboro field office as a war time measure. Arrangements have been made to serve Duplin County by a field representative who will be at the Post Office in Kenansville, the third Tuesday of every month.

The nearest Social Security Board field office which will continue to operate full time is located at 130 Custom House Building, in Wilmington. It will be responsible for service to Duplin County. It will not be necessary, however, for persons in this section to travel to Wilmington, on matters relating to old-age and survivors insurance. Any resident of Duplin County who should telephone or visit the itinerant office of the Social Security Board, Kenansville, at the Post Office, the third Tuesday of every month, or he may visit, telephone, or write any week day to the field office at 130 Custom House Building, in Wilmington.

The field representative who will be available at Kenansville on the third Tuesday of each month, will take applications for social security account number cards which will be delivered to the applicant's home by mail. He will render any assistance, desired, to persons who wish to file claims for old-age and survivors insurance benefits. He will aid workers in checking on their individual social security accounts; and answer questions about any phase of the old-age and survivors insurance program.

N. A. Avera, manager of the Wilmington office, said today that he has been advised that in addition to the Goldsboro office, a number of other offices of the Social Security Board are to be closed to bring about war-time economy.

12 Boys From Draft Board Two Accepted

During the past two weeks the following boys from the Kenansville draft board have been sent to Fort Bragg for examination and were accepted by their army: Jack Smith, Len Edward Kornegay, Hubert Timothy Brown, John Ivy Sandlin, Lawton Rogers Albertson, Julian Winifred Dale, Levi Jay Savage, Dorson Lee Creech, Willie Ekum Sholar, Jesse James Outlaw, Jr., Osborne Gordon Blizzard, William Thomas Barwick, Edward Sloan Welis, Gene Kirby Herring and J. B. English. The last three were accepted into the Navy.

Revival Announced at Dobson's Chapel

Rev. J. B. Sensoms, pastor, announced this week that a 10-day revival service will begin at Dobson's chapel on August 16th. Rev. W. H. Poole of Carboro, will do the preaching services each week day at 8:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Correction

Last week The Times was informed that a wreck which occurred between Warsaw and Magnolia involved a young Herring boy, son of Walter Herring. Someone ran into a telephone pole, snapping it in two.

This week we received a communication from Melvin Herring, who says he is the son of Walter Herring, and that he was not involved in the wreck. We are glad to make this correction. Melvin, we are still wondering who was the driver of the car.

Recruiters Enjoy Stay in Kenansville

The Ft. Bragg recruiters, Lt. Olga B. Taylor and Pvt. Esther M. Wood left Kenansville this week for magnolia. They expressed much gratitude over the hospitality Kenansville showed them and especially their host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jerritt. They said their visit was so pleasant that the WAACS would have liked to stay much longer. "If any of the women of the County still have questions to ask us about the requirements for enrolling in the WAAC," said Lt. Taylor, "they can write the WAAC enrollment station at Ft. Bragg."

Outlaw's Bridge Church

Service of worship at 12 o'clock Sunday August 8. Rev. Gustave H. Ulrich will preach. Sermon: "Man's Relationship to the Soil."

Wounded



Cpl. James Edward (Bud) Westbrook, son of M. S. Ella and the late James Westbrook of Seven Springs, Route 1, has been wounded in action in the European Theatre of War. His wife, the former Miss Hazel Aman of Mt. Olive, Route 2 has been notified. Cpl. Westbrook has also been awarded The Purple Heart.

Inducted March 15, 1941, he received his training at Ft. Jackson, S. C., Ft. Benning, Ga. and Fort Bragg, N. C.

Duplin Schools Begin Opening Next Week

Supt. Johnson this week gave out the official school opening dates for Duplin's ten white high schools. They are as follows:

Wednesday Aug. 11, E. F. Grady; Thursday Aug. 12, Calypso, Rose Hill, Magnolia, Wallace and Beulaville; Thursday, Aug. 19, Kenansville, Warsaw and Faison.

Resurfacing No. 24 to Sampson Line

Work was commenced this week on resurfacing the highway between Kenansville and the Sampson county line. Sufficient asphalt has been secured for the work by approval of the OPA. Streets on the highway through the corporate limits of Kenansville and Warsaw will not be resurfaced.

By SAM RAGAN

Tobacco sales opened on the seventh North Carolina markets of the Border Belt Thursday, with an average of close to \$42 per hundred pounds being recorded for the initial offerings.

Exceptionally light sales were reported from all markets, and the quality of the leaf was described as very "fair." Yesterday's average was a little better than \$4 a hundred above last year's opening mark of \$37.50. Growers appeared well satisfied with returns for lower type leaf but general dissatisfaction was expressed with the prices being paid for better quality grades. Trashy grades were selling from 10 to 30 cents per pound, with the bulk of the offerings going under the hammer's hammer at 37 to 45 cents.

Highest price reported from any market in the State was \$49 per hundred. Top quality offerings were ground primings and second class grades from drowned out crops.

Light sales are expected to predominate for several days yet, only about half the poundage of usual opening day was disposed of Thursday, and there wasn't one blocked aisle in the belt. In fact, several markets reported all floors cleared by noon. Market officials and warehousemen said they expected sales to be light for another week or 10 days yet, with a further reason for this belief the fact that many farmers are still busy with housing the fall and winter crop and the desire on the part of growers to await any possible further action on lifting the price ceiling by the Office of Price Administration.

Negro Farm Agent Coming to Duplin

It has been announced that within a short time a Negro County Farm Agent will locate in this county. Duplin is one of the few counties to secure a Negro farm agent.

Direct Descendant Poses at Statue of Famous Forebear



Twenty-two year old Lucy Hays of Carlisle, Pa., stands beside the memorial to her ancestor, Molly Pitcher, Revolutionary War heroine, as symbol for the Modern Molly Pitchers who will tag all War Bond and Stamp purchasers on Molly Pitcher Day, August 4th. Lucy is a supervisor at a local War Plant that turns out radio crystals for planes, tanks and walkie-talkies. She's investing steadily in War Bonds.



Advertisement for 'Joe' bonds. Text: 'Do you know a fellow like Joe? JOE'S my kid brother. We've always stuck together and I've sort of watched out for him these last few years. Well, Joe's in Africa now. His wife gets her allotment from him, and I guess when that's taken out of his check he doesn't have much left. Privates don't get paid much you know. I figure this way. Here I am, making more money than I ever did before. You bet I work for it! I work hard. But Joe's working hard too... and not just from 7 to 5, either. We've been taking 10 per cent out of my check every week for War Bonds... they're going to come in mighty handy when the War's over, we figure. But I got to thinking about Joe. What's he going to have after the War? So we talked it over, my wife and I. We think Joe should get a cut of the bigger money, too. So now I'm buying an extra bond every month—in Joe's name. Maybe you've got somebody in the War, too. If you have, couldn't you squeeze out an extra bond now and then, for your "Joe"? YOU'VE DONE YOUR BIT — NOW DO YOUR BEST! BUY YOUR BOND BUYING THROUGH THE PATROLL SAVINGS PLAN'