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DUPLIN WAR FUND DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY MON.

Captain H. D. Maxwell Outfights Two German Planes, Two Motors Shot Up And Land Into The Sea

DUPLIN FLYER

OUTFIGHTS NAZIS

CAPT. MAXWELL MANEUVERS LIBERATOR LIKE FIGHTER PLANE IN BATTLE OVERSEA

The story of how American airmen successfully put the Army's giant Liberator bombers through the paces of fighter planes was revealed today by the First Bomber Command.

In three battles over the Atlantic, while on anti-submarine duty, the massive, four-engined Liberators have "written a new chapter of flaming death in the record of aerial combat," the command said.

One Liberator, piloted by Capt. H. D. Maxwell of Pink Hill, N. C. came upon two Focke-Wulf 200 Kuriers, Germany's most powerful bombers, making a parallel bombing run on a convoy.

Maxwell attacked both Germans simultaneously and the convoy saw a great show as the big Liberator, chasing and being chased, maneuvered like a fighter plane while its light cannon roared and machineguns chattered continuously.

Finally, one F-W knocked out two of the Liberator's engines. After a defiant effort to ram the other German, Maxwell's plane plunged downward, but was followed into the sea less than a minute later by the first F-W. Seamen on convoy vessels saw the German dive into the water. Maxwell and his crew, who had been in rubber rafts, were rescued.

Thompson Releases Official Figures In 3rd War Loan Drive

J. C. Thompson, chairman of the Third War Loan drive for Duplin County yesterday released official figures for Duplin, showing a total sales passing \$1,000,000 in maturity values.

Mr. Thompson wrote the Times as follows:

"Duplin County exceeded the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in bonds purchased (Maturity Value) and certainly every participant should be highly commended."

I am listing below sales for the various towns in Duplin County:

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| KENANSVILLE | \$150,277.06 |
| WALLACE | 167,008.50 |
| WARSAW | 181,256.25 |
| ROSE HILL | 130,887.50 |
| FAISON | 68,888.25 |
| BEULAVILLE | 54,137.50 |

Other bonds sold for which no town received credit \$168,000.00.

I would like for you to give the people of Duplin County full credit for their participation in this drive because it is certainly the greatest piece of financing that has ever taken place in Duplin County. Then too, Duplin County is also one of the few counties in the state of North Carolina to meet their quota in the sales of "E" Bonds, and as you already know Duplin's total quota was \$2,400,000."

Very truly yours,
J. C. Thompson
Chairman War Finance Comm.

NOTICE

The Ration office will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is necessary that the door be closed, due to added work that must be done on time. If you have business with the Board come at the hours it is open.

Go to your High School next week, 25, 26, 27, and 28 for War Book 4, and be sure to carry war Book 3, with you.

TO OUR READERS

We wish to thank those, who warmly commended us on our last week's issue.

Remember the saying, "When the cat's away, the mice like to play." Well, it doesn't hold true in our case, as each and everyone of us have been striving to give you the kind of service you have a right to expect.

E. J. Nazlerod.

The Duplin Times welcomes letters from readers upon any subject; make 'em brief and to the point.

Hundreds of boys in service would enjoy our paper. If someone would send it to them.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO ALL REGISTRANTS IN CLASS III-A AND THEIR EMPLOYERS

All registrants now classified in Class 3-A are subject to call for induction in the ARMED FORCES of the United States. The fact that a registrant is a FATHER is no longer any ground for deferment - the only thing between a registrant and his call for physical examination and induction now is his occupation. It is the responsibility of the registrant and his employer to file for a deferment before the registrant receives his call for examination, the best time is NOW.

Class 3-A is to be eliminated, and all registrants now in that class will be subject to review and reclassification as soon as their Order Numbers are reached. If you are a farmer in Class 3-A it will be necessary for you to secure a Farm Work Sheet showing the number of WAR UNITS you produced in 1943.

REMEMBER IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REGISTRANT AND HIS EMPLOYER TO SECURE THIS DEFERMENT. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW YOUR STATUS, CONTACT OR VISIT YOUR LOCAL BOARD AND FIND OUT. THE LOCAL BOARD MUST CLASSIFY YOU ON WHAT YOUR FILE SHOWS AND IF YOU HAVE CHANGED JOBS, NOTIFY YOUR LOCAL BOARD AT ONCE.

Paul B. Potter, Clerk,
Local Board No. 1,
Duplin County.

Annual Meet of 11th Dist N. C. Federation of W Cs

The Annual Meeting of the 11th District, N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at Burgaw, Wednesday, Oct. 27th with the Woman's Club of Burgaw as hostess. Mrs. N. C. Blake is President of the Burgaw Club and the District Officers are Mrs. L. Clayton Grant of Wilmington, President, Mrs. G. L. Clendenin of Wilmington, Secretary. The 11th District comprises the counties of Brunswick, Duplin, New Hanover, Pender and Sampson.

Each club president will give a report of accomplishments during the past year, and tell of projects undertaken for the present year.

Mrs. K. K. McLoughlin of Rankinville, second Vice President and Director of Districts, has a refreshing youthful charm and enthusiasm to help her put over a discussion of such practical things as "Rating Sheets".

Mrs. John D. Robinson of Wallace, General Federation Chairman, U. S. Bonds and Stamps will bring a message from this committee.

The high-light of the luncheon session will be the address of Mrs. J. O. MacClellan of Maxton, State Federation of Education.

A most enjoyable musical program has been arranged.

A delicious luncheon will be prepared by the Methodist Woman's Circle and served at nominal price.

The opening session at 10 a.m. in the Superior Court Room of the Pender County Courthouse. All members of Junior and Senior Federated clubs are cordially invited to attend.

Forest Fires

Raging In County

T. R. McMillan of Fayetteville, district forest fire warden, is in the county this week with County Warden Ralph Miller helping to direct the fight against forest fires. The severe drought makes the work hazardous. Many fires are now raging but some are under control. Mr. McMillan says he will remain in the county until all fires are under control.

A fire has been raging in the Potters Hill section burning over hundreds of acres. During the week it has been brought under control three times.

Two railroad fires broke out during the week but are now under control. It is reported that Kenansville yesterday a huge fire was raging at dusk and still out of control.

Warden Miller states that most of these fires are started by hunters and railroads and urges all to be careful - our forests are war material.

Ye Editor Visits

The Southwest

Ye editor this week returned from an eleven day vacation, visiting parts of the southwest United States. His trip covered parts of Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, New Mexico and Mexico.

He was accompanied by Oliver Stokes of Kenansville and W. E. Currie of Warsaw.

The prettiest country, from the standpoint of farming and attractive homes encountered was in Alabama, a stretch reaching about 50 miles west of Montgomery.

The most disappointing city visited was New Orleans, perhaps because too much was expected and perhaps time would not allow to visit many noted places and buildings.

At Waco Texas he encountered a six inch rainfall in a half hour's time. The press stated that it was the first rain in over a year. Ft. Worth Texas to me bears out its reputation "Out where the west begins". Ft. Worth is a city definitely influenced by Western culture while Dallas, only 30 miles east of Ft. Worth is definitely Southern. It is called the New York of the South.

Waco, 30 miles south of Ft. Worth is the home of Baylor University, Dallas is the home of Southern Methodist University and a huge cotton center and Ft. Worth is the home of Texas Christian University and the largest cattle center in the world.

At Ft. Worth we saw Lt. Robert C. Weiss of Kenansville and at Waco we visited W. E. Currie, son of Warsaw who is stationed at an air base there. When he completes his training at Waco he will receive his wings to pilot a P-38 pursuit plane.

Leaving Ft. Worth traveling west, one looks out over thousands and thousands of acres of pasture, thickly dotted with white faced Hereford cattle. It is a breathtaking sight, especially to a cattle man. Only recently, Assistant County Agent, Lucy Weeks, went to Ft. Worth and purchased a car load of young Hereford cattle for Duplin and Lenoir County 4-H club boys. Incidentally the largest rodeo in the world is held at Ft. Worth annually.

From Ft. Worth the train took us to El Paso, the largest city in southwest Texas. From there we went into New Mexico, riding through the barren deserts of the southwest. Down into Mexico we visited Juarez, a city of about 100,000 population; we saw oil wells burning, running and visited one well that was being drilled.

We visited my brother, Capt. E. C. Gray who is stationed at Ft. Bliss in El Paso.

It was interesting to note that the press of Texas and Louisiana were criticizing the national administration and particularly, our administrator James about the so called shortage of oil. The Southwest-er Press contended that there is no shortage of oil, that low prices resulted in a shortage of labor. Yes, gasoline was rationed just as it is here. Only three gallons for an "A" coupon and two gallons for "B and C". In one rather large city in Louisiana a filling station operator told us he had not seen a new tire in over two months.

An interesting sight in El Paso was a mountain of coal. It was said to be good coal and was being dug and shipped. We are told that about a hundred miles down into Mexico one could see mountains of pure silver ore.

In the Rio Grande valley, west of El Paso, it was cotton picking time. Negroes were seen in the fields dragging a cotton sack that were at least 8 feet long. The stalk was full of lint and also full of blooms at the same time. The irrigated Rio Grande valley appeared to be very rich. We were told that the farmers in Texas hardly knew what fertilizer was. They use none. The soil is very rich.

El Paso and the upper Rio Grande are at the southern end of the great Rocky Mountains. The mountains bear out the name rocky. They are merely barren rocks reaching high into the sky. The atmosphere was very dry and high. A steady wind blew all the time. It was warm in the day but very cool at night.

In Mexico, just across the border, believe it or not, you could buy anything you wanted without (continued on back page)

Promoted To Sergeant



Sgt. JAMES M. BROWN

son of Mrs. J. M. Brown, of near Charity, is sure hankerin' to perforate something and we "don't mean maybe". We hope it's the enemy.

James entered the service, Aug. 13th, 1942, at Fort Bragg and has attended Armament and Aerial Gunnery Schools. He has now graduated from the Wendover Aerial Gunnery and Fire Control School at Wendover Field, Utah. During his six-weeks course at Wendover, he received basic training, daily drill, lived under combat conditions, received training in the firing and maintenance of machine guns and all theoretical and practical courses vital to aerial gunnery. He will now be assigned to a tactical unit and receive actual experience in combat.

Luck to-yuh James.

Wendover Field is situated on the edge of the great Salt Lake desert in Utah, which was made famous by the world's greatest automobile race drivers, who established, on the Bonneville Salt Flats, the world's speed records. It has been in operation for approximately a year and is now one of the nation's most important training schools for heavy bomber crews and aerial gunners. There is, on the great salt flats at Wendover, a natural bombing range of 1,900,000 acres upon which simulated targets of every type have been constructed for precision bombing.

Oh, I almost forgot, James received his rank of Sergeant, Sept. 25th, 1943.

RATION DEADLINES

Foods: XYZ, Nov. 20.
MEATS: Brown C,D,E,F, Oct. 30
Shoes Stamp 18, no date.
Sugar Stp. 14, 5lbs., Oct. 31.
Gasoline: 6-A coupons, Nov. 8.

COUNTY BRIEFS

To Milton West

My hunting days are over. My bird dogs are for sale. To my friends who want to see me, They will find me home in jail.

The old adage that it pays to marry young, it followed, might have saved Milton much kidding and chiding. Anyway the above, composed by one of his Warsaw friends is printed all in good natured fun.

OUR BARBER TO RETURN

word was received here a day or two ago that Pvt. Hubert Brown has been given a medical discharge from the A. M. Y. He is now on his way home. Maybe snaggy heads and unshaven beards will not be seen around here so much in the future.

Charged With Larceny

Wooten Potter, 19, Deep Run Route 1, was charged with larceny of \$1,040 from William Sutton, a neighbor.

Sutton it is said gave Potter a lift into town and on the return trip he missed his wallet and a number of personal papers. He immediately returned to Kinston, so the report goes and retraced his steps in an effort to locate the money. Potter appeared to help in the search. When they failed to find the wallet, they again started home. Potter's actions, it is said, became suspicious and stopping at a filling station, Sutton asked Potter to submit to a search. When he refused, Sutton and several others searched him forcibly and found the wallet stuck in the waistband of his trousers. Potter claimed to have been keeping the wallet for Sutton, but when it was recovered, only \$994 and the papers were in it. Sutton returned to Kinston and preferred charges against Potter who was picked up a short time later.

We do not know all the answers and we suspect that nobody else does.

3rd. District Postmasters Hold Meeting Warsaw

Wallace Postmistress Is Named Chairman

Of District:
J. L. Williams and

Walter Bridgers, Hosts

The Third District meeting of Postmasters was held in Warsaw on Oct. 15th at 7:30 p.m., in the American Legion Home, with W. E. Bridgers and J. L. Williams, Kenansville as Co-Hosts.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bridgers, who presided, and after the singing of America, the Rev. D. L. Jones, gave the invocation.

Mayor A. J. Jenkins in a few well chosen words welcomed the Postmasters and their guests to our town. R. R. Eagle of New Bern responded to the address of welcome.

Mrs. Macy Ipoek of Ernul, District Chairman, at this time brought greetings to the Association and expressed her appreciation of the splendid cooperation and outstanding work done by the Postmasters of the District.

The highlight of the evening was an address by J. Tracy Moore of Greensboro, State President, who gave an inspiring report of the work done by the State and National Officers. Miss Pearl Linville, of Oak Ridge, State Sec. Treas. gave an interesting report of the membership, stating that Craven, Sampson and Duplin Counties were one hundred percent.

A message from Graham A. Barden was received extending his greetings and expressing his regret of his inability to be present.

On motion of F. B. Johnson of Clinton the Association stood while the Rev. D. L. Jones offered a prayer in memory of the beloved "Bob" Edwards, late Postmaster of Goldsboro.

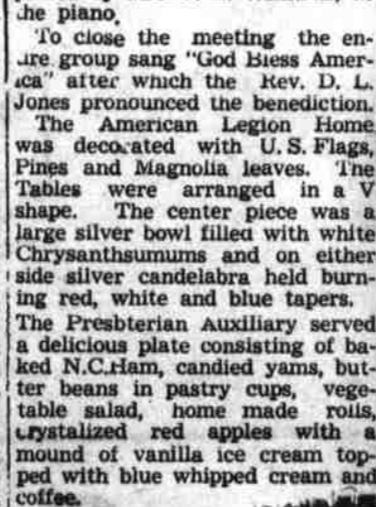
The nomination committee composed of J. L. Williams, Chairman, Robert Mattocks and Sam Ingram recommended that the following Officers be selected for the en-

uing year.
Miss Margaret Colwell, Postmaster at Wallace, Chairman; Matt Elmore, V. Chairman; Miss Betheny Cowpen, Secretary; F. B. Johnson, State Director.

On motion of Mr. Williams they were unanimously elected.

An added feature of the program was the singing by Miss Nell Bowen of two lovely numbers, Trees by Rasbach and Who Knows?, by Ball. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Williams, at the piano.

To close the meeting the entire group sang "God Bless America" after which the Rev. D. L. Jones pronounced the benediction. The American Legion Home was decorated with U.S. Flags, Pines and Magnolia leaves. The Tables were arranged in a V shape. The center piece was a large silver bowl filled with white Chrysanthemums and on either side silver candelabra held burning red, white and blue tapers. The Presbyterian Auxiliary served a delicious plate consisting of baked N.C. Ham, candied yams, butter beans in pastry cups, vegetable salad, home made rolls, crystallized red apples with a mound of vanilla ice cream topped with blue whipped cream and coffee.



FREE MAIL FOR LOST RATION BOOKS

If you find a lost OPA ration book - owner is just as near as the nearest mail box. Here's all you do to return it to the owner:
Drop any found ration book into the mails without wrapper or postage and the postoffice will deliver the lost book to the owner whose name appears on the cover. The postoffice will collect a five cent "postage due" charge from the owner. If the owner cannot be found, the postoffice will deliver the book to the nearest war price and rationing board, Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh



William S. Harrison Avalton Radio technician F.I.S.T. Class has been accepted by the navy for officers training school. He graduated from St. F. Grady H.S. in 1940 and joined the navy in October 1941. He is now spending a 15 day leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harrison of Mount Olive, Rt. 2, before reporting to his next station.

PROMOTED

Durwood Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Walker of Seven Springs, R-1, has recently been promoted to Corporal at Camp White in Oregon where he is stationed for training in the Medical Corps. Cpl. Walker with his wife, are home this week on furlough.

From One Of The Boys

S/Sgt. Woodrow Blackburn Hq. Btry. 131st. F.A. Bn. A.P.O. No. 38 c/o P.M. New York 1 3rd. Oct. 1943

Mr. Bob Grady Kenansville, North Carolina.

Dear Bob,
I am in a "strange country." I just wish you could get a picture from here. I cannot tell you where I am, but I think you know. I was eating pickles today and they ate like Cates'. I looked at the label and true to form they were from Faison, N. C.

Enclosed are a couple of the labels. I sure felt as if I was home. Received two newspapers from you today. They did hit the spot. It is the news from back home that gives us courage and strength to carry on. I cannot explain just how much I appreciate them. I know the other fellows feel as I do. Keep them coming and it won't be long before we will be back home and try to pay you for the good work you are doing. You should feel proud for doing so much. Convey my best wishes to every one.

Sincerely,
Woodrow Blackburn

Attempts To Steal Auto

Postmaster Les Williams started to work early this morning and discovered that his car, parked in the driveway at his home was gone. On investigating he found it parked across the sidewalk in front of H. M. West's store. Apparently someone had pushed it there and were unable to get it started.



Burlington Minister

To Preach In Warsaw

Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Burlington First Presbyterian Church, will hold a week's revival in the Warsaw Presbyterian Church commencing November 1st. Rev. D. L. Jones is the pastor.

Serious Fire

Averted Wednesday

A serious fire was averted in Kenansville Wednesday afternoon when it was discovered that a can containing some burning material was found under a kerosene tank in the garage of school principal Ralph Carlton. The blaze had reached high enough to scorch the top of the garage. Had it not been discovered probably several homes in the area would have been destroyed.

\$8,000 is Goal Set

For Duplin County

\$7,500 GOES TO NATIONAL FUND: \$500 FOR DUPLIN BOY SCOUT FUND

DRIVE CHAIRMAN

DALLAS HERRING

PREDICTS SUCCESS

Everything is set for the United War Fund drive, which opens Monday, October 25th, according to an announcement of the Duplin County committee. Workers have been recruited in each of the ten school districts of the county and the literature has been distributed to each local chairman. Last of a series of personal interviews with the committee members was held today by representatives of the county canvass committee. The drive has as its goal in Duplin County \$7,500.00 for United Nations Relief and aid to the Service personnel and \$900.00 for local Boy Scouts.

Of particular interest to the drive in Duplin County were letters received from foreign missionaries who are natives of this section. Miss Katie Murray, a Baptist missionary to China, has repeatedly stressed the deep appreciation of the Chinese people for the gifts which have been sent them through United Chinese Relief, one of the seventeen agencies represented by the United War Fund. The need in China, very often acute, has reached new heights with the severe conditions of war and famine. It is most difficult, Miss Murray writes, to convey an accurate understanding of the extremes to which these hardships have driven the people of oppressed China.

Another phase of the United War Fund is the aid to war prisoners, which provides for packages of necessary supplies to be sent to American and foreign service men who are prisoners of the enemy. A number of Duplin County's boys are prisoners of the Japanese, and Germans, and it is this need which the gifts from Duplin County will help to answer.

Still another part of the Fund is assistance to the United Service Organizations and United Seamen's Service, which are two leading agencies that contribute to the morale of our own service men.

"I've found out what a nice thing the USO is since I got back from my leave," writes Huston Pierce of Chinquapin. "During the two week ends I spent in Washington I bought only one meal and I slept each night for only fifty cents. All you have to do is to go to the USO and they treat you like an old friend. They take you back to the kitchen the first thing and give you something to eat. About the only time you can get a place to sleep on Saturday night in Washington is through the USO." Mr. Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Pierce of Chinquapin, was an engineering student at North Carolina State College during the past college year. Early in the summer, he enlisted in the Navy and is now stationed at Baltimore, Maryland.

D. L. Wells has been selected as the chairman of the Wallace drive, Dr. G. V. Gooding, Kenansville; Rev. Richard Gammon and H. M. Wells, Chinquapin; Willie Jones and Miss Kathryn Dobson, Beulaville; Hubert Boney, Teachey; Mrs. E. P. Blanchard, Rose Hill; Homer Taylor and John R. Croom, Magnolia; Ed Strickland, Warsaw; Roy Cates, Faison; F. M. Grubbs, Calypso; and Rev. Mr. Ulrich, Potter's Hill. Miss Ruth Murray is chairman of the county canvass committee.