

Warsaw Woman Gets Citation For WAC Recruiting Campaign

Mrs. Gladys S. Chatham of Warsaw is one of the civilian personnel on duty at the Durham Army Recruiting Station who was commended for her work in the recent WAC hospital technician recruiting campaign.

Maj. Gen. Frederick E. Uhl, Commanding General, cited Mrs. Chatham for her service in the Charlotte Recruiting District, which enrolled WAC technicians in North and South Carolina, as follows:

"For outstanding performance of duty from February 1945 to April 6, 1945. In an hour when the care of increasing numbers of returning casualties necessitated the taking of urgent measures, the Commanding General directed that a three months' WAC Hospital Technician recruiting program be completed in 48 days. Through untiring effort this District accomplished this objective in just 42 days. In addition to this achievement which helped make this Service Command a WAC recruiting leader in the nation, this district continued until April 6, 1945 to obtain enlistments in a manner which the Adjutant General has termed 'an incentive to WAC recruitment throughout the nation'." (Signed) F. E. UHL, Major General, U. S. Army.

The citation reflects the energy and initiative of Mrs. Chatham and other military and civilian personnel assigned to the district office in presenting the Army appeal to qualified young women of the two states.

Mrs. Chatham is the daughter of Mrs. Nora Strickland of Warsaw. She attended Louisburg College and graduated from King's Business College in Raleigh. From January to October 1943, and from May 1944, Mrs. Chatham has done secretarial work at the Durham Army Recruiting Station. Her husband, Pfc. Bob Chatham, has been with the U. S. Army in the South Pacific for the past year. The son of Mrs. Richard Chatham of Elkin, he was a student at State College in Raleigh prior to his induction into the Army.

Minors Can Not Work During School Hours

Raleigh, May 23 — "Interpretation and enforcement of the Child Labor Law has not been effected by the amendment to the compulsory school attendance law," F. H. Shuford, State Commissioner of Labor, said today in a memorandum to all County Superintendents of Welfare. "The Child Labor Law provides that minors 14 and 15 years of age can not be employed during the hours when school is in session. The only exception to the provisions of this law is for minors who are employed in domestic or agricultural work under the supervision or direction of their parents," Shuford said. "The amendment by the General Assembly of 1945 to the compulsory school attendance law provides that during the 12 months following July 1, 1945, children between the ages of 7 and 15 shall attend school. On July 1, 1946 and thereafter, children between 7 and 16 must attend school. For the duration of and six months following the end of World War II, children living on farms or working in commercial fisheries are exempted and Superintendents of Schools may excuse any male child 14 to 16 years of age for employment that is permitted by the labor laws of this State.

Considering the two laws together, one can readily see that during the coming fiscal year minors 14 years of age, since they can not work under the provisions of the Child Labor Law, cannot, as heretofore, quit school and roam the streets. On and after July, 1946 this will be true of all minors up to 16 years of age.

Work permits are issued by County Welfare Superintendents. Application must be made and permit issued before any minor under 18 years of age can be employed.

Pfc. Carson A. Merritt Liberated in Germany

Pfc. Carson A. Merritt has notified his sister, Mrs. Leon Teachey of 1405 Courtland Drive, Raleigh, that he has been liberated from a Prisoner of War Camp in Germany. Private Merritt had been a prisoner for 27 months.

LETTERS FROM BOYS

This letter was written by Sgt. Gurney C. Chambers, who is with the 9th Army in Germany, to his mother, Mrs. Hattie Chambers of Warsaw, after the fall of Germany:

Germany, May 6, 1945
Ninth Army
My Darling Mother,

This letter I can write in perfect relaxation. I am going to tell you for the first time, something I've been wanting to tell you ever since I put on my first uniform. Peace at last has fallen in Europe! Oh! God, how I feel, I'm sure I cannot explain. There's millions that can say the same, I am proud to announce that Nazism is and has been demolished from all sources of the earth!

If only the other had been finished. But we can feel sure it won't take so long. I am ready to go and help finish it off, so when I go home I can forget a world of killing and slaughtering. For there has been quite a bit of it done on both sides.

It will continue to be so until every bloodthirsty Jap is beaten until he cries for mercy.

But I have complete faith and comfort in saying that I've been so far without a scratch, and I'm not afraid to face what else there is in store for me. Thank God!

No one knows the satisfaction it has given me to fight and serve my country for such people as I have for parents. It makes a guy feel proud to know that he's helping to defend his country for such loving people as I have for a wife and mother and devoted sisters and friends.

I feel as if I can face you all without a shameful face and say I've done my best. I've asked God to guide and bless me until the end. And I'm sure he has! I only hope it won't be long until I can stand with you all and know I am home to stay.

I can never explain the celebration that has been filling every building that uniforms have occupied. The walls trembled and seemed to bulge.

I don't feel half as happy as lots of the guys, because they are in another world. And it can't be said that I choose their paths. Although I think they should come out and celebrate once more, it's been so long. — I must say good-night and May God Bless You Forever.

Your loving son,
Gurney.

LETTERS from Sgt. James Miller
Sgt. James Miller, who has been a prisoner of the Germans for

Pickett Releases The Names Of Persons Aid In Farm Work

Farmers of this county were aided in securing more than 1100 laborers for different crops last year by volunteer labor, reports Richard Pickett, Farm Labor Assistant of the County Agent's office. Following is a partial list of men and women who helped last year and are helping again this year: Mary Best, Victoria Wilson, Warsaw; Amelia Moore, Mollie Carr, Magnolia; Eliza Carr, Dannie Robinson, Eliza Ray, Rose Hill; John and Line Rogers, Edna Huffman, Joe McMillan, Maggie Carr, Mary Powell, Wallace; D. T. Pickett, Eva Hall, Chinguapin; Willie Kenan, and Clara Kenan, of Kenansville.

several months has been released. There was great rejoicing in the Miller family and among friends when these letters were received as they were the first real messengers of joy:

May 5.

This is the first letter that I have written in so long I hardly know what to say.

You have no doubt been very worried about me in the past months, but I am O. K. and hope to be home soon.

I just finished listening to the broadcast from New York and it sure sounds as though the war is finished.

Tell everyone hello, especially Joyce and Sue and maybe I will be there sometime real soon.

I am in as good health as ever and believe I can eat more. So maybe I will get to be a big fat man like Albe Grady some day.

Well it's about time to eat so I had better get ready, it would be awful to miss chow.

Love,
James.

REVIVAL MEETING Kenansville Methodist Church

May 27th to June 3rd.

Services each evening at 8:30. Preaching by the Rev. Harvey L. Davis. Please, this is your meeting, let us support it.

COME, BRING OTHERS.

Cpl. Raymond Mercer Returns To Hospital

Cpl. Raymond Mercer left Tuesday for Battery General Hospital, Rome, Ga. He recently returned from the European War Theatre where he was presented the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.



Pvt. Rashie W. Sanderson of Beulaville, Rt. 2, is serving with the Army in France. He entered service in September of last year and went overseas in March. A brother, Pfc. Nancy F. Sanderson, has been overseas since February of 1944. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sanderson of Beulaville, Rt. 2.

OLD RECORDS TELL AMAZING STORY

Dig a dollar bill, or maybe a five spot, out of your pocket and take a good look at it. Then read this story and weep. It's from an old ledger sheet, yellow and brittle with age, that was recently unearthed in the Seaboard Railway's station at Thelma, N. C. The prize entry is as follows: GASTON HOTEL-GASTON, N. C. March 31, 1840

To Raleigh & Gaston Ry., Co. Dr. Captain, Engineer, Trainhand - breakfast and dinner for each - .75 Extra Engineer and Fireman - breakfast for each - .25

Total - \$1.00

Petersburg Railroad Co. Dr. Captain, Engineer, Fireman, Thainand - dinner supper and breakfast for each and two lodgings - \$1.88 Extra Engineer - supper, lodging and breakfast - .38

Total - \$2.26

Grand Total - \$3.26 We hate to rub it in, Gentle Reader, but that \$3.26 covered 24 robust meals and three lodgings! And rationing didn't mean a thing in those golden days.

Beulaville Soldier Receives Citation

The Meritorious Service Unit insignia has been presented to Cpl. Isaac J. Sandlin, Jr., of Beulaville, a statistical control clerk in the 21st Statistical Control Unit at Eighth Air Force headquarters.

Cpl. Sandlin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Sandlin and husband of Mrs. Joy Sandlin, all of Beulaville. He is a graduate of Beulaville High School and attended Wake Forest College before working as a bookkeeper for the I. J. Sandlin Co., in Beulaville. He entered the Army in August, 1942.

He arrived in the European Theater of Operations in September, 1943 and assists in the preparation of daily statistical reports for Eighth Air Force headquarters.

Sgt. Larry Bostic Arrives IN New Jersey

Sgt. Larry Bostic has notified his wife and parents that he has landed in New Jersey and after transferring to Ft. Bragg will be home on furlough.

Proclamation President Truman Proclaims Rehabilitation Week; Graham Barden Father of Bill.

President Truman has proclaimed the week of June 2nd, as Rehabilitation week in the United States for returning vets.

Congressman Graham Barden, representing Duplin's District is father of the idea and original drafter of the bill to render such aid to returning veterans. President's proclamation is as follows:

With the attention of the Nation rightly focused on the welfare of men and women returning from service in the armed forces and the emphasis placed on benefits provided for them through Congressional action, we must not let our interest flag in discharging our obligation to the increasing thousands among our civilian population who, through accident, disease, or congenital conditions are unable to hold a place in the ranks of the American working force. Even in the midst of war their condition calls to us for renewed effort to bring about their restoration that they, too, may maintain their self-respect through self-supporting work.

On June 2, our Nation-wide program for the vocational rehabilitation of such disabled men and women will have been in operation a quarter of a century. Less than two years ago, the Congress expanded this program by amending the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1920. The New Law - the Barden-LaFollette Act, passed in 1943 - makes it possible for the Federal and State Governments, working as a team, to bring to the mentally disabled and the blind and all other groups of the disabled, the many services necessary to make them employable, including physical restoration, vocational training and placement in suitable employment.

Over the past twenty-five years it has been demonstrated that this program for the restoration of disabled men and women is paying dividends, not only in humanitarian terms but in dollars and cents. Thousands of men and women annually apply to the rehabilitation service for help. Because of disabilities they are able to contribute little to the national income. Many of them are forced to accept public aid. Refitted for work, they begin to pay their own way. No longer then are they tax consumers: they are tax payers.

That we may not fail to discharge our obligation to help every man and woman who needs vocational rehabilitation services in order to become self-supporting, it appears appropriate at this time that I should urge the able-bodied citizenry of the United States to unite in a concerted effort to bring about wider knowledge and use of the services for physical and mental restoration of the handicapped provided under the Barden-LaFollette Act, which applies to all civilian disabled.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare the week beginning June 2, 1945, as National Rehabilitation Week.

And I urge all churches, educational institutions, health and welfare services, civic organizations, chamber of commerce, boards of trade, industry, labor, public-spirited citizens, and the radio and press throughout the United States to observe National Rehabilitation Week, to the end that handicapped men and women throughout our Nation may be located and advised of the benefits to which they may be entitled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 5th day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth.

[s] HARRY S. TRUMAN

A And B Gasoline Holders Get Increases Next Month

REICH RULER



Maj. Gen. Lucius Clay has begun taking charge of civil affairs in Germany under the Allied occupation. He was named deputy to General Eisenhower for the purpose. (International)

WARSAW COMMUNITY CANNERY NOW IN OPERATION

The Warsaw High School and Community Cannery, supervised by R. F. Wadkins, Ag. Teacher, is now equipped to do good and efficient canning for the season. Plenty of table space is now provided for the preparation of garden and orchard products. New wash vats with drainage connections have been installed to facilitate thorough washing and rinsing of fruits and vegetables. New cooking equipment has been installed for the convenience of thorough cooking and processing.

Canning days are at present on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 5:00 each week. The public is cordially invited to visit the cannery and take advantage of the equipment installed. The school has plenty of cans for fruits, vegetables and meats and every family is now asked to grow and conserve as much food as possible.

This is the second year of the Community Cannery and last year proved a great asset to Warsaw and community. This year numerous improvements have been completed. Mr. Wadkins has spent numbers of untiring hours in building and perfecting the cannery and assisting the public in conserving their foods. Warsaw is indeed grateful to Mr. Wadkins and deeply appreciates his efforts.

"Club Livestock" Slaughter Provision

To further the programs of 4-H Clubs, FFA etc., in Eastern North Carolina, OPA called attention to a provision in the meat control program which enables them to apply for authorization to have "club livestock" custom slaughtered for them.

Frequently "club livestock" is bought by persons who can not have the animals custom slaughtered because they do not have quotas.

Under this provision, buyers of livestock at sales authorized by OPA may apply to WP&RB for permission to have the animals custom slaughtered.

Stationed at Miami

Q. M. 3/c Russell Lanier is stationed at Miami, Fla., for a few months and Mrs. Lanier and little son, Rusty, will leave today to be with him while he is there.

Duplin Composer's Song Be Broadcast Sunday

"Maytime In Carolina", composed by Rommie O'Daniel of Fort Worth, Texas, and native of Duplin County, will be broadcast over Radio Station W. P. T. F., Raleigh, on the noon program Sunday, May 27th. Kingham Scott will play the song on the pipe organ.

Washington, May 24.—That extra gasoline motorists were promised after V-E Day will come to them in June. But it won't be enough to do much extra joyriding.

"A" gasoline rations will be increased only about a gallon a week. "B" rations will be increased, but only if card holders can demonstrate increased need to their local ration boards.

Announcement of the increase was made jointly by Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes and the Office of Price Administration. Ickes said he took "great satisfaction" in giving civilians more gasoline for the first time since rationing began in July, 1941.

"We in the Petroleum Administration have looked forward to this day for a long time," he said. "The victory in Europe, together with the amazing performance of the petroleum industry, makes it possible."

Canadians got a similar increase effective immediately. It amounts to a 33 1-3 per cent boost for all types of coupon holders.

Throughout the United States, "A" rations will be increased 50 per cent on June 22 when A-16 coupons become valid. This means the values of the new coupons will go up from four to six gallons each. Six coupons are validated at a time, all good for three months. "B" ration will be increased a little earlier—on June 11 — by varying degrees throughout the country, bringing them everywhere up to a new countrywide ceiling allotment of 650 miles a month.

"Many 'B' ration holders now have all the gasoline they need," OPA Chief Chester Bowles said. "Unfortunately there is not enough gasoline to give them more than the increase in their 'A' rations."

"But those who do need more gasoline will be able to get it by applying to their local War Price and Rationing Board after June 11, and showing their need for it up to a ceiling of 650 miles a month."

Deputy Petroleum Administrator Ralph K. Davis stated that at least 20 days would be needed to supply all service stations with the increases.

Duplin Soldier Captures Jap Equipment

Advancing rapidly up the rocky Heights of Carabao Island, S/Sgt. William T. Smith, with his 151st rifle company, secured the hill in less than twenty minutes and captured six 20MM anti-aircraft guns, ammunition, and several pieces of electrical equipment which the Japs abandoned in the assault of the victorious troops as they recaptured the Manila Bay outpost.

Sgt. Smith is the son of Mrs. J. D. Smith of Rt. 1, Beulaville. He has been overseas for the past 17 months.

Winners Listed In Piano Audition

Winners in the Kenansville Division of the Annual National Piano Playing Auditions held in Kenansville last week, with Mrs. J. P. Hendrix of Durham as judge, are:

National Roll for playing ten pieces; Jimmie Bowden, Lena Brinson, Mary Sue Burch, Angela Daughtry, Millie Burch, Ventress Daughtry, Harley Hines, Millie Ivey, Ernestine Jones, Sallie Newton, Sarah West Outlaw, Kathryn Quinn, Dianne Stokes, Betty Whitfield, and Carolyn Williams of Kenansville; Annette Boyette, Jack Middleton, Betty West, Elizabeth West, George West, and Mary Ellis West of Warsaw; Margaret Ann Brock, Ruth Brock, Evelyn Miller, Alice Sylvester and Wilena Whaley of Richlands; Graham Newton and Betty Ray of Faison.

State Roll for playing seven pieces; Janice Draughton of Warsaw.

District Roll for playing four pieces; Anne Stroud, Faison; Laura West, Warsaw; Janet Honey, Joseph West, and Cornelia Quinn



LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Workers chasing war news as stern section is begun for 450th ship being constructed at Los Angeles yards for California Shipbuilding corporation. With Germany out of the war, Allied might is being concentrated on the Japs.