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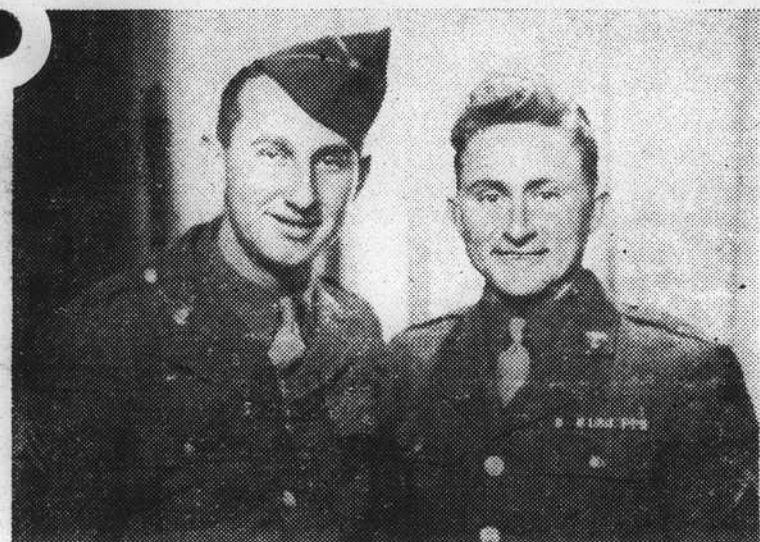
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12 Pages This Week

Felton Landing and Clayton Horton Meet On Street of English Town



Felton Landing, left, and Clayton Horton, right.

To meet someone you know away from home always brings a touch of happiness to any occasion, but to meet your first cousin on the streets of a large city in England is a joy few of us ever have.

But that is what happened to Felton Landing and Clayton Horton recently in England, according to a letter from Landing who wrote the Woman's Missionary Society of the Cool Springs Baptist Church to thank them for a Christmas present sent to him.

Landing's letter said: "One day I was walking the street. I met someone—Clayton Horton, my first cousin. I almost fainted. So did he. He was so glad to see me. He asked how every-

thing was around Scratch Hall (Eure). I was with him two days and one night. I wish you could have heard our conversation. He has been away from the states nineteen months. He said that he received his Christmas package from you.

Other parts of Landing's letter are:

"I wish to thank you for the Xmas present you sent me. I cannot express in words the appreciation for it.

"As most of you know, I'm in England, well and in the best of health.

"There are lots of things I would like to say, but I guess you understand."

Landing is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Landing of Eure.

Five File for May 27 Primary; Registrars and Judges Named

Democrats Name Ellenor Chairman Of Organization

Gates county Democratic organization has been perfected with E. S. A. Ellenor of Gates named chairman and Miss Ethel Parker of Gatesville vice chairman, according to a report from S. P. Cross, secretary-treasurer.

Executive committee is composed of C. C. Savage of Corapeake; George B. Morgan of Sunbury; S. C. Baines of Gatesville; W. J. Rountree of Hobbsville; W. L. Askew of Eure and S. P. Cross of Gatesville.

Township organizations are: (First name is chairman, second name is vice chairman):

Holly Grove—George B. Morgan and Mrs. Walter Ward;

Hunters Mill—S. C. Baines and Mrs. William John Hayes;

Mintonsville—W. J. Rountree and Mrs. W. L. Riddick;

Hall—W. L. Askew and Mrs. T. C. Lawrence;

Reynoldson—E. S. A. Ellenor and Mrs. Edward Miller;

Hasletts—C. C. Savage and Mrs. Blackwell Eure.

Township meetings will be held Saturday, April 22, at which the organizations will be perfected and delegates appointed the county meeting on Saturday, April 29. The county organization will be perfected at the April 29 meeting and delegates appointed for the State Convention in Raleigh May 4.

Harry Liniger Aerial Gunner

Harlingen Army Air Field, Texas.—Pfc. Harry A. Liniger, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Liniger of Gatesville, was graduated this week at this field as an aerial gunner and was awarded his silver wings.

After a delay enroute to visit his relatives, he will join an aerial combat team, unless retained at Harlingen to serve as a gunnery instructor.

Icy Touch



Raymond Dandrea, RCNVR, walks through ice covered Royal Canadian Navy corvette. His ship battled heavy seas in sub-zero weather while on North Atlantic convoy escort run.

Gatesville Boy Ends Training

Great Lakes, Ill.—Among those graduating from an intensive course of Gunner's Mate training at recent Service School exercises here was Shirley Clinton Baines, Jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Baines, Sr., R.F.D., Gatesville, N. C.

This Bluejacket was selected for his specialized training on the basis of his recruit training aptitude test scores. Graduates from the 20 specialized courses taught here at the Service School are sent to sea, to shore stations, or to advanced schools, for active duty or further training.

THURSTON JOLLIFF SAFE IN ENGLAND

The Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Jolliiff of Gatesville received a message Monday from their son, Pvt. Thurston Jolliiff, that he had arrived safely in England.

Five men through Monday afternoon had paid their filing fee with J. A. Eason, chairman of the Gates county board of elections, for nomination to offices in the May 27 Democratic primary.

They were: N. J. White, constable for Holly Grove township; J. E. Gregory, county commissioner from the Sunbury school district; W. J. Rountree, representative in the General Assembly; Hubert Eason, county solicitor; and Tazewell Eure, register of deeds.

Between Tuesday morning and Saturday it was expected that candidates would have filed for all the offices in the county which are to be filled this year.

Under a new law adopted at the last session of the General Assembly Gates county will have a five-man board of commissioners instead of the present three-man board. The men will be elected from each school district. The present board is elected at large.

Although they had not filed late Monday afternoon, present members of the board—all whom are in different school districts—were expected to file for re-election. They are W. L. Askew, Eure; A. H. Russell, Gates; C. H. Carter, Gatesville. Willie Spivey and Tom Stallings, both of the Hobbsville district, were being mentioned as possible candidates from that district.

Registrars and judges named by the board of election for the townships are: (First name given is the registrar, the other two names judges.):

Gatesville—Edgar Cross, W. H. Lawrence and D. F. Rountree;

Hall—D. C. Eure, Q. R. Eure and K. R. Harrell;

Holly Grove—Mrs. Louise Kitrell, W. A. Ward and C. F. Copeland;

Reynoldson—M. P. Gatling and Gattis Gatling, second judge not named;

Hasletts—J. M. King, T. C. Ward and E. B. Speight;

Hunter's Mill—B. H. Ward, Willie M. Spivey and Maywood Spivey;

Mintonsville—Ned Rountree, J. H. Bunch and J. N. Carter.

Closing Dates For Schools

White schools in Gates county will close Thursday, May 11, and Negro schools Friday, May 12, Superintendent of Schools W. Henry Overman announced this week.

Trustees Named for Hospital To Serve Roanoke-Chowan

Board of trustees for the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, Inc.—name given to the hospital to be constructed in Ahoskie—was named and other business matters handled Friday afternoon at a meeting in Ahoskie of the donors of money for the construction of the building.

Friday was Good Friday and it was certainly a "good" Friday for the people of Ahoskie and the Roanoke-Chowan section when the citizens of the area who have pledged \$100,400 to a fund for the construction of a hospital to serve Gates, Hertford, Northampton and Bertie counties met in a general session and named the trustees, selected a name for the hospital, approved a charter and heard reports from the committee

tee which had handled the solicitation for funds.

W. H. Basnight, chairman of the committee named from an Ahoskie post-war planning committee which had handled the plans for the hospital, presided over the meeting attended by nearly 200 people from Hertford and adjoining counties.

Opened With Prayer

Calling attention to the fact that six weeks earlier on February 18 when the committee met for the first time and initiated the plans for the hospital the meeting was opened with a prayer, Basnight asked C. S. Godwin to offer a prayer.

Following the opening prayer, the group in rapid succession se-

lected Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, Inc., as the name for the corporation; adopted a proposed charter; accepted tracts of land offered by Dr. George Mitchell of Wilson and J. B. Early of Ahoskie for the location of the hospital; and heard numerous speeches from citizens of different communities on the value of the hospital for the section.

Trustees named were: W. R. Lawrence of Colerain, C. B. Griffin of Lewiston, Edwin P. Brown of Murfreesboro, W. A. Taylor of Aulander, T. D. Northcott of Winton, H. H. Taylor of Harrellsville, J. B. Early of Earlys, H. O. Raynor of Powellsville, and W. H. Basnight, J. N. Vann.

Rainless Weather Brings Increase In Farming Work

Roanoke-Chowan farmers, hampered in their spring planting progress for the month of March, turned out in large numbers Easter Monday—a day of inactivity for many people—and plowed more land in one day than was plowed during March, a survey revealed.

With excessive rains during March preventing most all farm work in the fields, the farmers of the section took advantage of the change in the weather over the Easter weekend and turned out in large number Monday. The activity was still continuing in all sections of the Roanoke-Chowan Tuesday and Wednesday as the farmers worked overtime in an attempt to catch up on their farm chores and get a crop planted.

Schools in Gates county Monday started dismissing at 2:30 m. in order to give the students time to do their farm chores after school hours. W. Henry Overman, school superintendent, said that most students would have four hours in which to work after getting home.

One of the first crops farmers in the section will plant is corn which is to be followed with cotton and peanuts. John Artz, Gates farm agent, also said that people were behind schedule in the planting of their gardens. Getting the garden planted and at the same time planting the

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Gregg Cherry Visits County

Gregg Cherry, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina in the May 27 primary, was a visitor in Gates county last Saturday.

Accompanied by his district campaign manager, Merrill J. Evans of Ahoskie, Major Cherry visited Gatesville, Hobbsville, and Sunbury, in a swift tour through the county.

The Democratic candidate saw many friends in the sections, shook hands with many other people in the county. His visit was the first of a gubernatorial candidate in this primary.