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William Holloman Reported Missing Is Nazi Prisoner

Missing in action since D-Day when the Allies invaded the Normandy coast of France, Pvt. William H. Holloman, son of E. B. Holloman of Colerain, was taken prisoner by the Germans, according to a telegram received Monday morning by his wife, the former Miss Otelia Meeder of Gatesville.

The telegram from J. A. Ulio, the adjutant general, said: "Report just received through International Red Cross that your husband, Pvt. William H. Holloman, is a prisoner of war of the German government. Letter of information follows from provost marshal."

Pvt. Holloman is 23 years of age and was a paratrooper. Mrs. Holloman who lives in Gatesville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Meeder, has heard nothing direct from her husband. The message Monday was the first indication she had that her husband is living since he was reported missing. She works in the AAA office in Gatesville.

Ruritans Hear Halstead, Past State Senator

Sunbury.—Former State Senator W. I. Halstead of South Mills spoke to members of the Ruritan club at their dinner meeting last Tuesday in the high school library.

His address was given in praise of organizations which will help steer America through another crisis. "We have had wars before but we have never had such stabilizers as civic organizations to keep America from running amuck. In World War I there were no such bodies as the Ruritans to steer the way. Therefore, you Ruritans have a deep obligation to fulfill, and a heavy responsibility in the future to keep harmony and peace among all classes," he said.

Graham Byrum, president, presided. J. E. Gregory was chairman of the program and presented the speaker, and also Mrs. Margaret C. Riddick who served as accompanist for a song service which was led by Joe Byrum. The dinner was served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Philadelphia Methodist church.

The Hows, Wheres And Whens About Basic "A" Books

Contrary to various statements on the subject, new gasoline rationing "A" books valid in November 9 at 12:01 a. m. will not increase the basic allotment. Per coupon value is greater, according to Norfleet Hoffer, chief clerk of the Gates board, but the actual basic allotment over a rationing period is the same.

Application forms may be obtained at any time at the following places in Gates county: H. A. Pierce, Old Chapel; Hathaway's place, Hobbsville; C. T. McCotter, Sandy Cross; A. A. Hurdle, Muddy Cross; Hill Brothers, Sunbury; H. L. Barnes,



LEADS TASK FORCES.—Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, commander of famed U. S. Naval Task Force 58, watches the results of his boys' great strike against Manila Bay. Scored showed 110 Jap planes shot out of the sky the first day.

Grape Vines Set Out in 1908 Paid Off This Season

T. J. "Tom" Stallings of the Sandy Cross neighborhood when in the office of John Artz, county agent, recently revealed that he and Mrs. Stallings had sold \$525 worth of Muscadine grapes (James variety) from their vines. The arbor, Tom told the county agent, consists of three separate vines covering between two and three tenths of an acre and was set out in 1908 by his father.

These are facts that sound like fiction, but Mr. Artz knows they are true because they originated with one of "our best known and highly esteemed farmers."

The grapes which all ripened about the same time were picked within three days. Mr. and Mrs. Stallings with the help of a few others put them into baskets furnished by the purchaser and sold them by weight. This is a county record of sales from one arbor in one season, according to Mr. Artz.

Throng Present At PTA Meeting Held at Sunbury

Sunbury.—There was a very large attendance at the Sunbury Parent-Teacher Association monthly meeting and Mrs. John Payne, the president, thanked the association for its cooperation.

Miss Ethel Britt, teacher of English, gave an address on "The Kingliness of Kindness".

In closing she said: "It is the task of us who are parents and teachers to show today's children by our good living that there is nothing so kingly as kindness, and nothing so royal as truth".

Mrs. Otis Corbitt was in charge of the program and conducted the devotionals.

Joe Byrum, membership chairman, urged those present to attend the next meeting and bring one new member.

A social hour followed with Mrs. Waverly Parker, Mrs. Will Hoffer, Mrs. Eugene Kidauck and Mrs. Harvey Speight serving as hostesses.

The attendance was outstanding over other meetings.

Two Missing; Third in German Prison Camp; One is Wounded

Will of Gates County Native Gave \$15 to Wife and Children; \$4,500 To Housekeeper; Family Protesting

Clyde W. Briggs who was born in Gates county in 1889 died September 26 in Philadelphia following a truck accident in the Philadelphia Navy Yard where he had been a civilian employe for 20 years. He wove his attitude toward life into his will, it was revealed recently in Camden, N. J., where an action has been entered against the testament of the 53-year-old machinist.

The will is being contested by his widow, Mrs. Fannie L. Briggs of Gloucester, N. J. Written six weeks before his death, Briggs' will leaves \$5 each to his wife, a son, Clyde, Jr., employed on the West Coast, and a daughter, Mrs. E. Griffin of Norfolk, "so they can't say they were overlooked," according to a clipping from the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

The balance of the estate, listed as \$3,500 in real estate and

\$1,000 in cash, is left by the will to Mrs. Margaret L. Holmes, of Philadelphia, described as his housekeeper. Mrs. Holmes also is directed to take charge of Briggs' funeral with the injunction:

"No flowers. No singing. No clergy. To be buried in working clothes."

And the housekeeper is further enjoined to have a monument erected on the machinist's grave, inscribed:

"I was born September 28, 1889, in Gates County, N. C.

"Glad I was born.

"Glad I have lived.

"Glad I am no more of this wicked world.

"Never could understand human beings—so-called human beings."

Mrs. Briggs and her children testified today that Briggs had suffered a brain illness before his death.

Major Cowper's P-38 Helps Disable Jap Freighter in Southwest Pacific

According to information from headquarters of the 13th AAF in the Southwest Pacific, a Gatesville fighter pilot, Major William R. Cowper, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cowper, was in the attacking formation when 13th AAF Lightnings knocked out a 6,000-ton Jap freighter recently.

Homeward bound after dropping thousand pound bombs on Namies, enemy stronghold in the Netherlands West Indies, Major Cowper and other members of the outfit sighted the freighter and several smaller ships in an anchorage at Ceram Island.

The P-38s dived through a heavy flak barrage sent up by the vessels and shore batteries. Explosions rocked the large freighter and fires were started on eight cargo barges.

"The water was full of Japs trying to get off that burning freighter," the pilots reported on their return from the mission. Many Japs were believed killed or wounded after the low-flying Lightnings raked the anchorage with machine gun fire.

Major Cowper's unit sent to the Southwest Pacific after victories in the Solomon Islands and Rabaul, is harrassing enemy shipping in the net-work of Jap bases east of New Guinea and south of the Philippines.

Finishing at Gatesville high school in 1936, Cowper finished at the University of North Carolina in 1941 and joined the AAF the same summer.

He is 25 and unmarried.



DOUGHNUTS AT FRONT. In Red Cross clubmobile, "General Lee", Barbara Ridgeway, New York City, sets out trays of doughnuts before moving to front lines to serve troops fighting in Luxembourg, Germany.

Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Mrs. Edwards

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Gatesville Methodist Church for Mrs. Mattie Hinton Edwards, 76, who died Monday afternoon, October 16, at her home in Gatesville following an illness of three and a half years. The Rev. J. M. Jolliff, her pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. T. Sloane Guy, pastor of the Gatesville Baptist Church. Burial was in the Gatesville cemetery. Mrs. Edwards was a native of

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Gates county youths are missing another missing since D-Day has been reported a prisoner of war, and a fourth has been wounded, according to information reaching Gatesville in the past week. Pvt. Willie N. Jones of Corapeake who was wounded in France, treated in England and returned to the front, has been missing in action since September 19.

Sgt. Harry A. Liniger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Liniger of Gatesville, waist gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress and recently awarded the Air Medal, is missing following a flight over Germany on September 28.

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\$2,160 Collected In Campaign For United War Fund

Four townships have met their quotas in the United States War Fund drive, according to the Rev. J. M. Jolliff, chairman of the Gates county committee.

Holly Grove, Mintonville, Hunters Mill and Hall townships have reported to Mr. Jolliff a total of \$2160 against the county's quota of \$3500. Partial reports have been received from two of the three remaining townships and Mr. Jolliff is under the impression that the goal will be reached by the end of the week.

The Negro division under Howard Mitchell, which accepted a quota of \$500, also has yet to make a final report.

Club Hunters Bag Three Big Bucks; Dress 500 Pounds

The Gates county Hunt Club has recently staged another big deer hunt in which 30 members took part, bagging three big bucks from which they dressed more than 500 pounds of deer meat.

The lucky huntsmen were Perry Tyler, Curtis Greene and Taldmage Vaughan.

Two bucks provided other hunters fair targets, but failing to bring them down, the unfortunate hunters lost part of their shirts as is the custom with hunters who miss fair targets.

At Welfare Session

Gates county welfare superintendent Miss Clarine Gatling was in Raleigh last week to attend the sessions of the 25th annual Public Welfare Institute held at the Sir Walter Hotel.

HEALTH OFFICE TO CLOSE

The regular Wednesday morning venereal disease clinic will not be held November 1 in the Gatesville health department office. The office will be closed on that date as the personnel of the department will be attending the health meeting in Raleigh.

CAST YOUR VOTE WITHOUT FAIL

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