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Langston Is Killed Overseas

Staff Sergeant Thomas H. Langston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Langston of Gates, was killed in action in France on December 16, according to word received from the War Department by his wife, the former Miss Mildred Coble of Greensboro.

Entering service two years ago, he received early training at Camp McCain, Miss., and Fort Jackson, S. S., later going overseas in October.

Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by three brothers, David Langston and Harry Langton, Jr., of Gates, and Richard Langston of Norfolk, Va., and two sisters, Miss Maline Langston and Mrs. Edward Miller both of Gates.

Estate of G. D. Langston Wins \$10,865 in Suit

Among 22 opinions handed down last Monday by the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals was a decision reversing the Nansemond County Circuit Court on a ruling involving Mills E. Godwin, Jr., and the Camp Manufacturing Company of Franklin.

In reversing the county court's decision, the Court of Appeals awarded damages in the sum of \$10,865 to Mills Godwin, Jr., administrator of the estate of George Dempsey Langston, who was fatally injured in the collision of his automobile with a railway car at a crossing on the Suffolk-Whaleville highway.

Gates Youth

Langston was the son of Mrs. M. E. Langston and the late Sheriff Langston. He was 22 years of age at his death four years ago. He was returning from the President's Birthday Ball in Gatesville to his work in Newport News where he was employed in the shipyard. The fatal accident occurred at about 2:45 on a Sunday morning early in February.

The judgment was against the Camp Manufacturing Company. The opinion said there was credible evidence to prove there was no one at the scene of the accident to warn the approaching motorist except two travelers who had previously been stopped.

It was testified that employees of the company had left the scene after flagging these two travelers.

Tyner Youth Said Missing In Action

Pvt. Elbert L. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams, of Tyner, has been missing in action since December 20 according to a telegram from the War Department received by his parents Wednesday.

Pvt. Williams had been in service since May 20, 1944 and was serving in an infantry outfit in the Luxembourg area at the time he was reported missing.



PENICILLIN FOR DAIRY CATTLE—A doctor holds the penicillin, a type unfit for human use, to be administered to prize bull which is shown in its oxygen tent suffering from pneumonia. This drug has worked wonders with dairy cattle.

Collins Explains Methodist 'Crusade for Christ' Program

By Rev. T. A. Collins



NEW HERO UNLIMITED—

If ever there was a truly home-spun hero, Pfc. Leo J. Powers, limited service soldier from Fort Lawton, who received the Congressional Medal of Honor, qualifies for the title. He is 35, under height and weight, with false teeth. But the citations which he received and the stories told by his few surviving buddies, prove that he rose to almost superhuman heights on February 1, when, single-handed, he made it possible for his battalion to take Hill 175, near Cassino.

D-Day has come to the Methodist front! The task is before us; bathed in prayer and christened in faith, the Crusade for Christ has been launched. Gates county must have a part in this program if Methodism is to succeed.

The Crusade for Christ has five major spearheads. They are not disjointed but like the fingers of a hand—each finger with its separate function but with a relation to the whole hand.

The thumb is the Crusade for A New World Order. This has been known as the "Bishops Crusade" for the past two years in Methodism. It is to continue through the quadrennium and its purpose is to register in Washington the opposition of Methodism to isolationism and our deep desire for machinery of cooperation among nations in the post-

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Polio Fund Movie

"The Kansan", starring Richard Dix, Jane Wyatt and Albert Dekker, is the title of the picture which will be sponsored by the Gatesville Home Demonstration club for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis drive.

This picture will be shown Tuesday night, January 30, at the Gatesville theatre, Gatesville. The door will open at 7:30, the show starts at 8 o'clock.

Treasury Department Commends Newspapers and Bond Ad. Sponsors

The Sixth War Loan was the most successful sales promotional program ever known in the history of the world—War Bond sales totaled \$21,621,000,000.

Your outstanding support, with sponsored War Bond advertising was a major factor in the success of the drive. All America should give thanks to you, to your newspaper and your sponsoring advertisers. The Treasury is most sincerely appreciative of the job you are doing.

These War Bond drives continue to demonstrate again and again the powerful force of newspaper advertising. The greater the sale of War Bonds in your community, the greater will be your financial backing to help absorb any post-war reverses for your people and your local merchants.

Just as the fighting must go on until final victory, so must the war financing program continue. A maximum amount of sponsored War Bond advertising, on a consistent week after week basis, is most essential to this vital program.

If we can be of any assistance in helping you build up your regular sponsored War Bond advertising lineage, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Secretary Morgenthau, Ted Gamble, Frank Tripp and Tom Lane all join me in expressing the most sincere thanks of the Treasury for the excellent support your newspaper and your sponsoring advertisers have given this total war financing effort.

Sincerely yours,
S. GEORGE LITTLE,
Special Consultant War Finance Division.

Wartime Meetings Of Farm Leaders For Each Neighborhood

Eugene Hoffler Home; Saw Service In Three Zones

Lieut. (jg) Eugene Hoffler has arrived here at his home after service for the past several months in the South Pacific.

Lieut. Hoffler has been in service 22 months and wears the Atlantic War Zone, the European Middle East, the Pacific and the Combat bars showing active service under heavy bombardment in these areas.

The son of J. C. Hoffler and the late Mrs. Pennie Hoffler of Gatesville, and the nephew of Mrs. Dixie Smith, he graduated from Gatesville High School and attended Louisburg College.

Rountree Bill To Make Buses Safer Passes Readings

Representative W. J. Rountree of Gates forwarded the first bill from an Albemarle solon to the reading clerk of the house Tuesday.

Mr. Rountree's measure is designed to safeguard Gates county school children from being late to school or getting involved in an accident because of mechanical trouble with the bus.

His measure would require the chairman of the Gates County Board of County Commissioners or a member of the board, appointed by the chairman, to inspect the school buses 10 days before each term of Superior Court in Gates county.

He would have the service of the county mechanic in making his examination of each school bus.

After inspection of every bus before the court term the chairman of the board or the commissioner, appointed by him, would make a report to the Superior Court judges about the condition of the buses.

The chairman of the commission whom he appointed to make the inspection would be paid his regular per diem as a county commissioner and would also receive money for his traveling expenses to the county's various schools.

The bill will apply only to Gates county.

Mr. Rountree's bill (HB36) was reported favorably by the House on Thursday, passed second and third readings in the House on Friday and on Saturday was received by the Senate and sent to the committee on counties, cities and towns.

284 Vote For Soil District

To date a total of 284 favorable ballots have been returned to the county agent's office for organizing and including Gates county in the Roanoke-Chowan Soil Conservation District. After Wednesday, today, no more votes will be counted.

The county agent feels that the State Soil Conservation Committee will approve the total vote as being sufficient to justify being included in the district.

All of the 130 leaders in the 34 neighborhoods in Gates county are requested to meet with the home and farm agents in various communities this week and next week. The date, time, place and hour of these "informal discussions" are given below and it is hoped that every man and woman leader, will try to be present even through the time may be inconvenient.

"The leadership, influence, advice and cooperation is needed now more than ever before to help in the various war winning activities, such as War Bond drives, salvage collections, victory gardens, etc," according to John Artz, county agent. "The Extension workers feel that they made a mistake last year by not requesting the service of all leaders in all neighborhoods to assist in the war efforts. A closer association between the leaders and the agents and a better understanding of the wartime work to be done is anticipated in 1945."

Leadership Essential

Matters pertaining to the individual neighborhood will be

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Wilbur L. Smith Keeps Transports Flying At Miami

Nine North Carolinians including Pvt. Wilbur L. Smith of Eure are among the hundreds of soldiers making up the skilled maintenance crews that keep the huge transport planes flying out of AAF Transport Command's Miami Army Air Field.

Not many of these nine have been higher off the ground than a double-deck bunk, and their glory comes second-hand. But they form the grounds crews whose industry and ingenuity in the records ATC is setting every day in carrying high priority material and personnel to war theatres all over the world on such runs as the famed Fireball Express between Miami and India.

Pvt. Smith, classified as C-54 mechanic, is the son of Willie T. Smith of Eure.

Jethro Brinkley Dead at Age 74; Buried Sunday

Funeral services for Jethro Brinkley, 74, who died at his home near Corapeake Friday morning, were conducted Sunday afternoon at Eureka Baptist Church, the Rev. R. E. Brittle, pastor of Cypress Chapel Christian Church near Suffolk, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Brinkley is survived by five sons, O. R. Brinkley of Shawboro, Ben of Corapeake, and Willis E. of Corapeake; one daughter, Eunice Brinkley of Corapeake; one sister, Mrs. Missouri Brinkley of Corapeake; and a half-sister, Mrs. Pennie Asbell of Corapeake.

The body was removed to the Rountree and Hoffler funeral home in Gatesville where it remained until the hour of the funeral.