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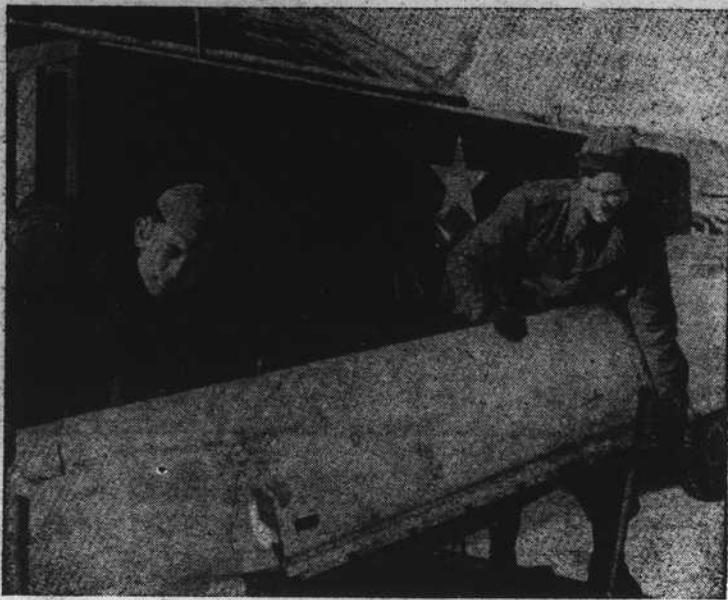
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BUNCH IS SUPPLY MAN. At a Ninth Air Force Service Command Base in France, a new Douglas A-29 Invader, one of the latest and deadliest American medium bombers, is in need of a new aileron. Supply men in the Ninth Air Force Service Command, Technical Sergeant Elmer Bunch, left, of Gatesville, and Sergeant Charles Haswell of New York, prepare to deliver the necessary replacement. Sgt. Bunch is the son of Mrs. Darli Bunch of Hobbsville.

Bill Lays Foundation For Broad Medical Care Program For State

Raleigh.—The introduction of the long-awaited "Hospital Bill" in the General Assembly last week laid the foundations for a far-reaching medical care program for all the people of the State, designed to raise North Carolina from near the bottom to near the top among the 48 states in this vital matter.

The revised bill, which is the product of a year of painstaking study and planning by Clarence Poe and his 50-man commission, would enact all the major objectives of the commission's program, if passed, but there would be varying times of fulfillment and construction, depending on which are feasible now and which would be more practical later.

In view of the State's urgent health needs, the tremendous

potential benefits at stake, and the keen state-wide interest in this measure, the Index is carrying below a brief summary of the complete bill for the benefit of citizens who would like to communicate their views and wishes to their local Legislators.

The major provisions of the act, now before the full Assembly, follow:

1. NOW—Would establish a permanent State Medical Care Council, composed of 20 doctors and laymen, and direct it to make a thoroughgoing survey of the hospital needs in each county, to ascertain how these needs can be met and what State aid will be necessary to each county, and to report its recommendations to the next Assembly.

2. NOW—Would establish a

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Ervin Speight Is Back In States; Injured Overseas

Pvt. Ervin B. Speight who was wounded in action in France on November 11, is back in the States in a Massachusetts hospital, he has advised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Speight of Drum Hill. He said in a telegram Monday that he expects a furlough soon.

He was moved from a hospital in France to one in England where he wrote that his condition had improved. His parents learned Monday that he is back in the United States. The nature of his injury was not disclosed.

Attend Meeting

Mrs. A. D. Ward, Sr., Mrs. A. D. Ward, Jr., Miss Lorinda Ward and Miss Agnes Ward spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mrs. Ward, Sr., who is superintendent of the Elizabeth City Division of the N. C. Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, attended the annual meeting of the state executive committee and divisional superintendents.

The meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Huggins.

Rain, Rain And Yet More Rain; Colder Tonight

A popular comment Saturday while the sun shone bright and warm ran something like this: "Well, it looks like spring's here at last. Honest, it's so bright my eyes feel like I've just come out of a dark room. Yep, it looks like spring is here to stay at last."

Most folks, basking in the shirt-sleeve morning, noon-day and afternoon sun, forget for a day what the groundhog promised last February 2. It was about 2 o'clock Sunday morning that the drizzle began again. It drizzled and downpoured and then drizzled again all day Sunday and all day Monday.

Though the weather bureaus say there has not been an excessive amount of moisture thus far this spring, many people will agree that it has been one of the most consistently wet springs in many a year. The earth has scarcely dried before it was soaked again and then, again. The rains have not been short warm spring showers; instead they have been cold, uncomfortable wintry wettings.

Fields and roads have been soaked almost continuously over a period of several weeks, ditches and creeks having more than

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Superlative List Of Gates Seniors Is Released Today

Biggest procrastinator, William Darden; most affectionate boy, Fred Jackson; most affectionate girl, Neldia Council; most serious, Dorothy Lee Hayes; most loquacious, Billie Greene.

Most romantic boy, Dick Tyler; most romantic girl, Julia Mae Lassiter; best dancer, Nelda Council; most graceful, Julia Mae Lassiter; most polite, Dorothy Lee Hayes; cutest, Ray Buck; biggest giggler, Nelda Council.

Most dignified, Gillette Holland; best dressed girl, Margaret Taylor; best dressed boy, Fred Jackson; most athletic girl, Julia Mae Lassiter; most athletic boy, Dick Tyler; most studious by, Ray Buck; most popular girl, Nelda Council.

Most popular boy, Dick Tyler; best sport, Dick Tyler; wittiest, Dorothy Lee Hayes; most likeable, Fred Jackson; loudest, Billie Greene; quietest, Gillette Holland.

Biggest flirt, Vivian Baker; most intelligent, Jackie Whitehurst; most dependable, Julia Mae Lassiter; friendliest, Nelda Council; best looking boy, Fred Jackson; best looking girl, Vivian Baker; best all around by, William Darden; best all around girl, Billie Greene.

Sales Tax Battle Was On 10 Years Ago In Assembly

"Resolutions and letters of protest against re-enactment of the 3 percent sales tax without exemptions are coming in every mail now." These words appeared in the Gates County Index of March 6, 1935, exactly ten years ago. Representative E. Hathaway Cross spoke the words and they were written in the Index Bureau at the Mansion Park Hotel in Raleigh by Louise B. Parker.

Representative Cross, like most other legislators, hadn't committed himself on the tax measure. He expected the sales tax to be re-enacted, as most everyone else did, but whether it would be 1, 2 or 3 percent, he was not willing to say.

Mr. Cross, in voting for the 5 percent beer bill a week earlier had voted as did all other lawmakers in adjoining counties, Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank, as well as Camden and Currituck. Representative White of Chowan was credited with having a large hand in bringing the beer bill back to life after it had been killed. He had moved that it be reconsidered.

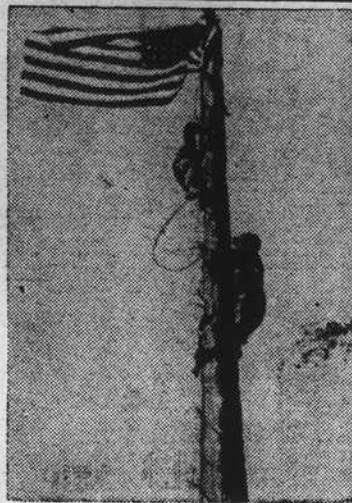
Visits Home First Time In 16 Years

Drum Hill.—R. C. Dale of Forrest City, Ark., is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. T. White. Mr. Dale has been away from the United States for more than 16 years. He is a veteran of World War I and saw action at the Rhine River in the first war.

His father, Jimmie Dale formerly of Chowan County, lives at Drum Hill with his daughter. He is 84 years old, and until recently had not seen his son in 16 years.

VISITOR FROM KANSAS

—Carlos Cavallaro of Kansas City, Mo., spent a few days in Gates county last week as the guest of Mrs. Phillip Cavallaro.



FLIES OVER BASTION.—

Drawing the fire of Japanese snipers, two members of the 503rd paratroops, Pfc. Clyde I. Bates of Evansville, Wis., and T/5 Frank G. Arrige of East Chicago, Ind., plant the American flag over the historic bastion on Corregidor.

Home Club District Meeting Not To Be Held

A meeting of Sixteenth District Home Agents and County Council presidents was called by Mrs. C. H. Carter, district president, in the ball room of the Virginia Dare Hotel, Elizabeth City, on Thursday afternoon. Counties represented were Hertford, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Camden and Pasquotank. Due to illness Dare was the only county not represented. Mrs. Carter announced that there would not be a district meeting this year on April 12 as previously scheduled, but an executive meeting of county council officers and home agents would be held instead.

Other business matters discussed were district dues, cancer control, Chinese War Relief, Penny for Friendship campaign, James S. McKimmon Loan Fund and plans for an executive meeting.

Eure Brother And Sister Meet And Talk In Germany

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Eure of Gates learned recently that their daughter, Lieut. Emma Eure Ware, and their son, Pfc. Sawney Cecil Eure, have met and talked in Germany.

A member of the Army Nursing Corps, Lieut. Ware followed instructions given her by a patient and after a long search found her brother. Pfc. Eure was located in a sector near her station at the time and she borrowed a jeep, sought her brother out and enjoyed about three hours with him.

Lieut. Ware entered the Army in April, 1943, and has been overseas for 13 months.

Pfc. Eure entered the Army the same month and went overseas in January, this year. As soon as he entered Germany, he wrote his sister.

Home On Furlough

Drum Hill.—W. C. Draper, chief petty officer, is at home with his parents for the first time since October, 1942. He is on 30-day leave, having been in service since July 1939. He came across country to visit here from Seattle, Wash.

Sawyer Verdict Upheld By Carr Higher Court

A case involving a Gates county man drew a considerable amount of interest in Hertford County Superior Court last week. Judge Leo Carr presided.

In the case of W. L. Sawyer, lumberman of Gatesville, and Janie Smith of Winton, who plead guilty to charges of fornication and adultery and whose case was appealed from recorder's court, Judge Carr upheld Judge W. Dare Boone's sentence in regards to Sawyer except in one point, Sawyer is not barred from entering Hertford county.

Sawyer was given one year's imprisonment and work on the roads with prison sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$1,000 fine and costs of court and provided that he be of good behavior and not associate with Janie Smith for three years.

Prayer for judgment was continued for three years for Janie Smith, who was placed on probation for that period of time. The judge further decreed that she sell and dispose of the trailer in which the crime was committed and have it moved from her parents' premises by the end of 30 days and that she not associate with Sawyer for three years.

Judge Carr, in sentencing the pair, said, "I see no reason why the lawyers appealed this case from recorder's court. It is an offense which is shocking and a serious crime against society."

Gates Overhauls Polio Quota By More Than \$188

The campaign to raise funds for the fight against Infantile Paralysis ended successfully a few days ago under the chairmanship of Mrs. C. C. Parker, who has announced that in Gates county the quota was overtopped by more than \$188.

"I think we should be very proud of this record," Mrs. Parker said. The county quota was \$780. Gates county people contributed a total of \$967.53 to the fund. This sum does not include dimes sent to the White House in the "March of Dimes."

Corapeake Club To Stage Dance

Corapeake.—At the Corapeake Home Demonstration club on Wednesday plans were made for a square dance and cake walk to be held Friday night at the Holly Grove Hall beginning at 8:30 o'clock. There will be refreshments and string music.

During the business a report of collections for Corapeake community of \$108 for the Infantile Paralysis was made.

Mrs. C. H. Benton served salted peanuts and apples. Those present were Mrs. R. O. Speight, Mrs. J. L. Lassiter, Mrs. W. K. Parker, Mrs. Elton Taylor, Mrs. Lewis Mathias, Mrs. Hallett Rountree, Mrs. L. J. Small, Mrs. M. A. Perry, Mrs. R. P. Baker, Mrs. C. H. Benton, Mrs. H. A. Eure, Mrs. Willie Byrum, Misses Ona Patterson, Treena Rountree, Joyce Anne Byrum and Mary Lee Lassiter.