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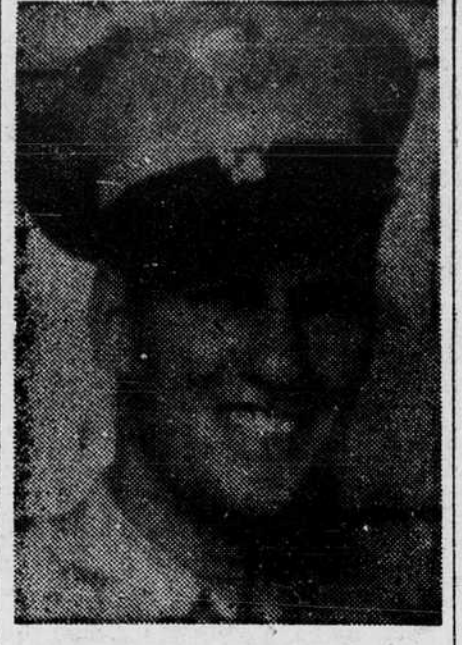


IS PRISONER — Pvt. David L. Bell who was reported missing in action in France last September when he participated in the invasion of Southern France, is a prisoner of the Germans, according to a message received by his father, Lon A. Bell of Hamptonville. Private Bell volunteered for paratrooper service in November 1943. In making his fifth practice jump he suffered an ankle injury and was transferred to the infantry. He went overseas last June, serving in Italy before taking part in the invasion of France.

Body Found In Lake Believed Surry Man

Near West Palm Beach, Florida On December 23

The body of an aged white man, believed to have been Jesse Couch, 80, of Surry, was fished from a lake near West Palm Beach, Fla., on December 23, 1944. It has been learned from county welfare authorities.

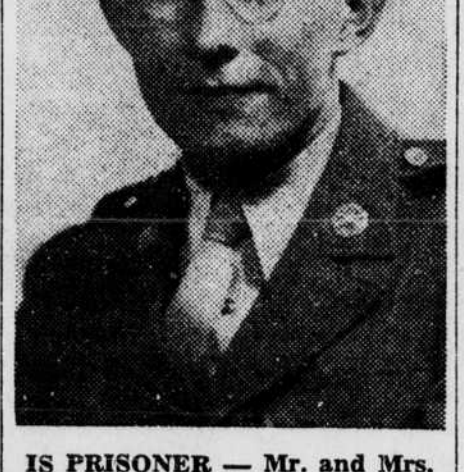


AWARDED BRONZE STAR — Pfc. Henry G. Tubert of the Medical Division of the United States Army has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on November 10. Without regard for his own welfare, he left his place of safety under enemy artillery fire to render first aid to a wounded man and evacuate him to shelter. Pfc. Tubert entered the service in February 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Tubert of this city.

The man was tentatively identified through pictures of his body forwarded here by Florida police, and the fact that he was known to have left Elkin on December 21 for West Palm Beach leads welfare officials to the belief that their identification is correct.

Couch, who was said not to have had any near relatives, had been making his home with George Pardue, of near Little Elkin church. He was said to have lived in this section for the greater part of his life.

Surry welfare officials were contacted by Florida police when an envelope, containing the address of the Surry Welfare Department, was found in the clothing of the body pulled from the lake. The envelope was empty.



WOUNDED THIRD TIME — Lt. Bill Pardue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Free Pardue, was wounded in action in Germany, December 31, and awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster, it was learned last week by a notice from the War Department to his wife, the former Miss Ermyr Langley, of Charleston, S. C. This is the third time Lt. Pardue has been wounded. He received the Purple Heart and the Oak Leaf Cluster last October for wounds received in France. He has been overseas since July, 1944, and is stationed with an Infantry Division. Mrs. Pardue and their small daughter reside in Charleston.

It was said that the old man had often been heard to say that he believed he would "go to Florida where it is warm." Police said that he had made his appearance at the West Palm Beach police department a short while before his body was found in the lake, but that he would answer no questions as to his identity or where he was from.

It is not known how he happened to be in the lake. It is not thought probable, considering his circumstances, that he had been robbed and thrown in. It was thought possible, however, that he might have accidentally fallen in. Couch was the son of the late Oliver and Adeline Prather Couch.

IS PRISONER — Mr. and Mrs. George Stokes of Cycle have received notice from the War Department that their son, Pfc. Ronnie C. Stokes, is a prisoner of the Germans. Pfc. Stokes was wounded at Salerno last September and was awarded the Purple Heart. He has also won the Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes have received a letter from their son stating that he was in good health. They also have two other sons in the service. Pvt. Truman Stokes of the Army Air Forces, and Odell Stokes of the United States Navy.

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 23.—The tremendous sweeping powers of Adm. William S. Halsey's Third fleet throughout the waters of the China sea—Japan's lake—was emphasized with the revelation today that his carrier-borne fliers carried out another devastating attack against Okinawa in the Ryukyus. The powerful enemy base at Japan's front door-step was hit on January 21. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced, partially confirming a Japanese Formosan communique which said American carrier planes struck Okinawa on January 21 and 22. "Reports of the damage inflicted are not available yet," the communique said. However hard fighting is believed to have resulted as strong enemy defenses are known to be located on these islands.

ARE HALF WAY TO GOAL HERE IN POLIO DRIVE

Contributions By Chatham Employees Total About \$500.00

OTHERS UNREPORTED Drive In Business Section Of Town Is Now Under Way, Chairman Neaves Says

ASKS FULL SUPPORT The drive for funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is now in progress in the business section, with "March of Dimes" jars located in the various stores and business houses, Sam Neaves, local chairman, said Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Neaves stated that the drive had been completed in the Chatham Manufacturing Company, and that approximately \$500 had been contributed. He said this figure amounted to approximately half of the local quota.

Reports from other districts have not yet come in, he said, but it is hoped that the section will meet and surpass its quota. The drive ends January 31.

Goal of those in charge of the drive is a dime from every person, but it was said that in order to really meet the goal, those able to give more would have to do so. However, it was pointed out, no person should be ashamed of giving only a dime if that was all they could afford, as every cent contributed will go to a cause that has the eventual stamping out of childhood's most terrible enemy as its goal.

ARE TO RAISE POST-WAR FUND Special "Crusade For Christ" Service To Be Held At Methodist Church

SEEK MINIMUM OF \$5,000 Sunday, January 28, the local Methodist church will observe the Crusade for Christ, a movement in which Methodism is asked to raise \$25,000,000 for post-war relief and rehabilitation. Other Methodist churches throughout the Western North Carolina Conference will hold similar services on the same date.

The Elkin church has been asked to contribute \$3,600 toward the over-all goal, and the local committee, which is headed by R. G. Smith as chairman, will seek a minimum of \$5,000 with a view toward joining hundreds of other congregations that have already oversubscribed their quotas.

It is pointed out that the post-war world needs are far greater than can be met by a minimum response on the part of the church members. Elkin Methodists are being asked to come to the Sunday morning service prepared to leave their pledges. These pledges may be paid at any time between now and January 31 of next year.

The Crusade headquarters in Chicago reports that present indications point to at least a 20 per cent over-subscription of the \$25,000,000 goal. Dr. J. Lem Stokes, pastor of the local church, said that this is gratifying to all who have sensed something of the challenge which presents itself from among the war sufferers. He also stated that other denominations are taking up the matter of relief and will share in the tasks that loom so large ahead.

The local Crusade committee includes, in addition to Chairman Smith, the following: W. M. Allen, Dr. E. L. Rice, Hubert Parker, Dr. E. G. Click, Clifton Leary, Charles C. Weaver, Jr., T. A. Redmond, Claude Farrell, Eugene Spainhour, Dave Smith, George Royall, and R. W. Harris.

John P. Burch Said Missing In Action Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burch of Mountain Park have been notified by the War Department, that their son, John Phillip Burch, has been missing in Germany since December 16.

Young Burch was a member of the Infantry Division, and had been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He is a graduate of Mountain Park high school, and of State College where he majored in agriculture.

He is well known by the members of the college group in this section.

Pvt. Fred C. Reece Is Reported Missing The War Department has notified Mrs. Fred C. Reece that her husband, Pvt. Fred C. Reece has been missing since January 7th at Luxembourg. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Reece of Jonesville and took training at Camp White, Oregon.



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MEN ARE SENT TO FORT BRAGG

Left Dobson On Wednesday Morning To Take Pre-Induction Examination

SEVERAL FROM ELKIN The following list of men left Dobson Wednesday for Fort Bragg where they were to receive their pre-induction physical examination for military service. It has been announced by the Surry county draft board No. 2, at Dobson:

Clayton Willie McCann, Mountain Park; Carlie Elmer Atkins, Route 2, Dobson; Otis Odell Atkins, Route 4, Mount Airy; Arthur Johnson Booth, Jr., Route 2, Pinnacle; Raymond Nance, Route 1, Elkin; Roy Lee Lowe, Lowgap; Theodas Daniel Hardy, Route 1, Siloam; Delbert Alex Simmons, Route 1, Pilot Mountain; Raleigh Pinckney Brim, Jr., Route 2, Pinnacle; Marshall Ray Norman, Rt. 2, Dobson; James Elbert Smith, Siloam; Cranford William Phillips, Route 2, Dobson; Robert Thomas Bryant, Dobson; Alvin John Stanley, Route 2, Dobson; James Wearn Mooney, Route 2, Dobson; Arlis Milton Coe, Route 2, Dobson; Marvin Elbert Chilton, Route 2, Pinnacle; John Raymond Tucker, Siloam; Robert Rufus Bledsoe, Route 2, Dobson; Amos Norvale Lowe, Lowgap; James Ray Puckett, Route 2, Pinnacle; John David Cheek, Dobson; Roby Durmond Stanley, Route 2, Dobson; Jessie Albert Vernon, Route 2, Dobson.

William Richard Byrd, Elkin; Louis Glenn Tucker, Pilot Mountain; William Junior Hutchins, Siloam; Eugene Caldwell Schuyler, Lowgap; Morgan Durmond

Explosion Causes Much Excitement Near Elkin

They said it was exciting while it lasted! Maybe because folks have been reading so much in the papers about the German buzz-bombs.

Anyway, a call went out for any and all available police late Saturday afternoon when a sudden and terrific explosion, of mysterious origin, shook the countryside several miles north of State Road.

Chief of Police Corbett Wall was contacted by Mayor J. R. Feindexter, who was at his farm north of Elkin when the explosion occurred, and said officers of some type were needed. Chief Wall then got in touch with Patrolman Patt McKinney by the simple method of calling Salisbury and asking the Highway Patrol radio station there to call Mr. McKinney up via the radio telephone he has in his patrol car. The patrolman was back in town 15 minutes later.

Chief Wall, who has as much curiosity as the next man, decided he had better go along inasmuch as during the recent Civilian De-

Breach Last Natural Defense Line In Big Assault Along River

TO HALT RISE APPAREL PRICE

OPA Program Expected To Reduce Cost of Clothing In Next Few Months

BOWLES GIVES DETAILS The Elkin ration board has been notified by Chester Bowles, of the OPA, that controls are to be tightened within the immediate future to stop and decrease the prices of wearing apparel.

Mr. Bowles stated that the alarming rise in the price of clothing shows no sign of abating, with the rate of rise accelerating. Unless firm action is taken now the entire stabilization program will be in danger, he said.

Principal reasons for the increase in clothing prices are: Shifting by manufacturers to higher price lines and consequent disappearance of low-cost clothing from stores; actual price increases; deterioration in quality of many garments, causing a further price increase that cannot be measured.

The controls which will be placed in effect within the next few months were outlined as follows: 1. Within the limits of supply, textiles will be channeled into more essential and lower priced types of apparel.

2. Manufacturers will produce in

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WOUNDED — The former Miss Geneva Corder, of this city, has received a message that her husband, Pvt. Samuel M. Bullin, Jr., above, has been wounded in action in Germany on December 12. Pvt. Bullin entered the service in June, 1944, and trained at Camp Croft, S. C., and Fort Meade, Md., going overseas last November. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bullin, of Rusk.

WAGGONER IS CLUB SPEAKER

Pastor of North Wilkesboro First Methodist Church Guest of Kiwanians

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK "My Philosophy of Life" was the subject discussed at the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis Club last Thursday evening by Rev. A. C. Waggoner, pastor of the First Methodist church of North Wilkesboro, guest speaker for the evening.

In the absence of President T. C. McKnight, Vice-President Hoke Henderson presided. Dr. C. C. Weaver introduced the speaker.

The program for the Kiwanis meeting this evening has not been announced.

No meeting of the club will be held next week, due to an inter-club meeting which will be held at Salisbury Wednesday. A majority of the members of the Elkin club are expected to attend to hear a talk by Ben Dean, advertising executive and president of Kiwanis International. The meeting will be held at the Yadkin Hotel.

YANKS WHITTLE DOWN BULGE IN HARD FIGHTING

Attempt To Overtake and Destroy Retreating Nazis

BULGE NOW SIX MILES Artillery and Fighter Bombers Destroy Thousands of German Vehicles

CATCH ARMY ON MOVE London, Jan. 24. — Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukraine Army forces have crossed the Oder River in Silesia, Reuters News Agency said today in a dispatch from Moscow.

The dispatch said the Russians had "established at least one bridgehead across the Oder," last natural defense line for the heart of Germany.

The report did not specify where the crossing was made, but it may have been at Brieg, 25 miles southeast of Breslau where Berlin earlier reported the Russians were attacking in force.

Brieg is on the west bank of the Oder about midway between Breslau and Oppeln.

The German High Command, acknowledging wholesale setbacks from end to end of the blazing eastern front, said that the "decisive battle" was nearing a climax, and had reached a pitch of ferocity and violence "which cannot possibly be surpassed."

Nazi military spokesmen, confirming Moscow reports that Poznan was under assault, said two columns of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's Army were storming the city from the east and south. The tenor of the spokesman's comment and a High Command admission of "embittered fighting" there indicated the city's fall was imminent.

Soviet field dispatches reported the attack on Konigsberg and said that other Russian forces pushing up through the western belt of East Prussia were within 15 miles of Eilbing, the fall of which would slam the door on some 200,000 Nazi troops in the province.

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YADKIN GROUP GOES TO CAMP

Leave Yadkinville Early This Morning (Thursday) For Camp Croft, S. C.

ARE TO BE INDUCTED Twenty-three Yadkin county boys will leave Yadkinville early this morning for Camp Croft, S. C., where they will be inducted into the various forces of the armed service. They are:

Worth Kitchen Burgess, Route 1, Cycle; McCree James Walters, Jonesville; John Robert Turner, Route 1, Booneville; Homer Columbus Welch, Route 2, East Bend; Arvin Lameul Harris, Route 2, Yadkinville; Garvin Cook, Route 1, Jonesville; Ivin Cecil Chappell, Cycle; Richard Rober Joyner, Route 2, East Bend; Emory Paul Windsor, Hamptonville; Corbett Reavis Hoots, Union Grove; John Wesley Adams, Route 1, Yadkinville; James Roy Howell, Route 1, Cana; Wilbert Free Harrison, Route 1, Yadkinville; Allen Enos Brown, Booneville; Joseph Henry Cranfill, Hamptonville; Mcalpin Wood, Route 2, Yadkinville; Daniel Lee Gilley, Route 1, Jonesville; Clay Lamea Parker, Jonesville; Allen Clay Dobbins, Cycle; Ray Junior Collins, Route 1, Booneville; Paul Vernon Beane, Route 2, East Bend; Alex Leroy Shore, Route 1, Cycle; Coolidge Harold Shore, Yadkinville; Hiram Thomas Willard, Route 1, Yadkinville; Joe Harold Holcomb, Route 1, Jonesville.

Plans for an eventual new wing of approximately 30 rooms to Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital here, were discussed Saturday at a meeting of hospital committee members, it was learned Monday from Dr. C. C. Weaver, superintendent of the hospital.

Dr. Weaver stated that a committee made up of J. W. L. Benson, Dr. E. L. Rice and himself was named to investigate plans for such an addition. He said that before any definite move was made it was important that a survey be made to determine the actual needs that could be incorporated in such a structure.

Should such an addition, which is badly needed, be constructed, it would increase the capacity of the hospital by about 32 and one-third per cent.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. — The war production board and the office of price administration today jointly proposed a program to save civilians \$500,000,000 a year on their clothing bill and to make available more low-cost, essential clothing of better quality. Price Administrator Chester Bowles and W. F. B. Chairman J. A. Krug told a press conference that they were in complete accord on the project and that they believe it holds definite promise of ending inflated prices and keeping the nation decently clothed in the face of dwindling supplies of cotton, wool and rayon goods.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. — Henry A. Wallace's nomination to be secretary of commerce was shoved on to a senate side-track today, while his critics sought to hack away the job's vast financial responsibilities. The commerce committee voted 10 to 2 to defer consideration of the nomination and take up first the proposal by Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, to strip the government's most lending agencies from the commerce department. Hearings on the George bill were called for 2:30 p. m. tomorrow. George and Wallace were invited to testify as was Jesse Jones, the banker President Roosevelt removed as commerce secretary to make room in the cabinet for the former vice president. Jones accepted the invitation, but there was no immediate word whether Wallace would be present.

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INTERNATIONAL 21ST BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Jan. 23.—American Superfortresses flying in tight formations for protection against fierce Japanese air resistance bombed factories at Nagoya, Japan, to-

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DRAFT STATUS OF MEN GIVEN

Number of Classifications and Re-Classifications Announced By Board

IN CHARGE THIS AREA The following men have recently been classified and re-classified by the Dobson draft board No. 2, which holds jurisdiction over this area:

Andrew J. Williams from 1-C enlisted to 1-C discharged; Wesley N. Gwyn from 4-F to 2-V (F); Willie A. Kennedy from 1-A to 2-B (necessary in war work); Otis C. Boles from 4-F to 2-B (F)

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