

BOYS HAVE AN EXCITING CANOE TRIP ON THE HAW AND CAPE FEAR RIVERS ENDING AT ELIZABETHTOWN INSTEAD WILMINGTON

Mishap Near Fatal to One When Canoe is Swamped; Mebane, Reidsville, Roxboro Boys Return Home

Two Boy Scouts from Mebane were in the quartet of explorers who made a canoe trip down the rocky Haw and Cape Fear rivers this summer. Nick Bartis and William Floyd of Mebane joined Elbert "Phil" Peters, of Reidsville, and Bobby Currier of Roxboro to voyage the rivers from Bynum to Elizabethtown where an accident forced them to turn back.

This is the story they told: "If you were to go down and look at the river where we started you would wonder how we did it. The first four miles were nothing but rocks. We had traveled only 400 yards when we came to waterfalls where we had to get out, float the canoes, and lift them over the falls and rocks. After traveling five miles the first day, we camped that night under the bridge outside of Pittsboro on Highway No. 64.

"Starting off in rocky waters and going over falls, the second day we covered 16 miles. A hole was knocked in one canoe which was repaired on a big rock in the middle of the river. We had to stop many times during the day when we would hit rocky waters. The second night we spent at the bridge outside of Haywood on Highway No. 1.

"We reached Lillington the third night. That day for the first two miles the water was very rocky and then after getting into the Cape Fear river the water was much smoother. At Lillington we pitched camp under the bridge. Rain poured that night and all the next day, so we had to stay there another day and met many nice people. A Boy Scout troop from Lillington visited us. We left Lillington at 10:00 in the morning and at 2:00 p. m. reached Erwin where we stopped to buy bread. The trip was slow that day as there was some rocky water and falls.

"Leaving Erwin at 2:30 p. m. we set out for Fayetteville, not realizing the danger to come. We had our first and only accident at the point where the Upper Little River runs into the Cape Fear. Little River was the wildest water we went through. The current was so swift that it took one of the canoes to the bottom and three of us had a long, hard struggle getting it off the bottom. The occupants of the canoe were Nick Bartis and Bobo Pulp. When the canoe turned over both boys were thrown from the canoe. Pulp was holding the canoe and went under with it. Bartis grabbed a tree overhead and a log which had caught up under the bank. All of his equipment was tied to a rope around his arm. Thinking fast when he saw that Pulp was drowning by the undertow, Nick turned loose of his equipment (all of his clothes, rifle and watch) and went after Bobo, just in the nick of time to save him from being crushed between the canoe and a tree and also from drowning. The main reason for the boys being swept into the bank was a sudden whirlpool that swept clear across the Cape Fear River. Bobo's clothes were still tied to the canoe when it was retrieved but Nick had lost all that he had except the bathing suit he was wearing and one in another canoe.

"We had to make Fayetteville that night since all our clothes and blankets were wet. Before daring to travel at night we acquired information about the dangers of the trip to Fayetteville on the river who assured us that it would be a safe trip. All three canoes were tied together broadside and we paddled on and reached our destination at 3:00 a. m., where we got a good night's sleep at the hotel.

"The next day our trip was delayed because of occasional showers. On the following day we left Fayetteville at 11:30 a. m. between Fayetteville and Elizabeth we had

to go through the coral locks. Rain began to pour and we traveled on until we hit the ferry at Tarheel. We camped on the ferry that night. At 8:00 a. m. we set out once more and arrived at Elizabethtown at 11:05 a. m. After our accident we were short of funds and food so we didn't proceed to Wilmington as we had previously planned, but spent two nights back of the Bladen county court house. A truck came from Mebane and brought us back home.

"Every moment was packed full of excitement and it was a never-to-be forgotten experience. We saw many animals, birds, and snakes all along the way. People had read of our plans to make the trip and came from the nearby villages to the river banks to see us."

Clarence McDaries Slashed By Relative In Affray Saturday

Henry G. McDaries Held For Assault With Attempt to Kill; 240 Stitches Close Wounds

Clarence F. McDaries, young white man, sustained serious knife wounds about the body in an alleged affray at 4:30 Sunday morning, and the police department is holding the victim's uncle, Henry G. McDaries, for the assault.

Both the victim and his uncle are residents of the Old Alamance road section of Burlington. Clarence McDaries is a patient at Alamance General hospital where he was reported today to be in a satisfactory condition, although he has chest wounds that are still serious. About 240 stitches were required to close all the cuts.

Henry McDaries was in the county jail this morning on a charge of assault with intent to kill, and assault with deadly weapon. Officers said they had not ascertained full details of the case.

Early Saturday night the police department conducted a liquor raid on Logan street, where they seized 11 pints of whiskey and arrested L. H. Gibbs. The latter faces charges of possession of liquor for sale.

Nine defendants were arrested during the week-end for public drunkenness, five for fighting, two for fornication and adultery, and one for careless and reckless driving. H. C. Hutchins, of Highway 70, reported the theft of his bicycle.

District Supervisors Of FSA Will Meet For Study Of Reconversion

James W. Simpson, Alamance county supervisor of the FSA, will leave here tomorrow to attend a meeting of the 17 county supervisors composing the third district of the Federal Security Administration to be held in the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem August 28-31 inclusive. County Supervisor R. Robinson will represent Durham county.

The purpose of the convention is to draw up plans for the reconversion of the wartime program of FSA to a full peacetime program and to map plans for peacetime activities. Besides the county supervisors attending the meeting, State and regional officials will also be present, with Theodore S. Royster acting as chairman.

"The entire FSA supervisor personnel, as well as FSA programs has been geared up to war time production," said Mr. Simpson, "and now we must make a rapid switch to peacetime conditions, as have several other government agencies. Our postwar plans must take into consideration the farmer looking for assistance plus World War II veterans who will be returning soon."

The Alamance county supervisor also added that plans for the future must also include rural rehabilitation farm ownership, and many other phases of the FSA program for postwar work.

Christopher Wren was the architect for London's famous St. Paul's Cathedral which still stands amid the ruins of the blitz.

The U. S. Coast Guard's flag was adopted in 1799.

Deaths and Funerals

SAMUEL NEWTON WARD

Funeral services for Samuel Newton Ward, who died at the age of 68 years after a three weeks illness in Alamance General hospital today, will be held at his residence on route No. 5, Burlington, at 4 p. m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Mt. Zion cemetery, with Rev. L. T. Edgerton officiating.

Born and raised in Alamance county, Ward was the son of William and Clara Ward, both deceased.

Surviving his death are eight sons, six daughters, 19 grandchildren, one brother and one sister. Sons and daughters surviving are: L. Ward of Burlington; A. E. Ward of Hillsboro; C. N. Ward, Burlington; Clyde Ward, city; Cecil Ward, Mass.; Roosevelt Ward, Burlington; Norman Ward, Burlington; Mrs. Leon Cashwell, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Albert Reavis, Greensboro; Mrs. Gordon Hargrove; Miss Doris Ward, Miss Jewell Ward and Miss Thelma Ward, all of Burlington.

MRS. PEARL THOMPSON

Final funeral rites were held yesterday for Mrs. Pearl Wagoner Thompson at the residence of her father, H. A. J. Wagoner, at 309 N. Mebane St. Mrs. Thompson, aged 53, died on August 24.

A member of Cane Creek Friends church, her services were conducted by Rev. D. Virgil Pate and Rev. Robert O. Crow, both of Graham Friends church, with music being furnished by a member of the choir of the same church in Graham. The body was interred in Pine Hill cemetery, Burlington.

Pall bearers were: H. L. Gallo, Thomas Turner, James Faulkner, John Barnwell, James Dixon and Clevis Hinshaw.

Mrs. Frances Boone and Miss Grace Pickett were in charge of flowers, with the following acting as bearers: Mrs. James Moser, Mrs. W. M. Phillips, Mrs. W. I. Underwood, Mrs. W. L. Hester, Mrs. James Andrews, Mrs. Frank Harvell, Mrs. G. C. Strange, Mrs. C. M. Smith, Mrs. Ruth Wilson, Mrs. Iona Dollar, Mrs. Glenn Hobbs, Miss Lorena Florence, Miss Mary Turner, Miss Lela Loy, Miss Hilda Kirkman, Miss Helen Isley.

INFANT BLACKWELL

Graveside funeral services were held in Pine Hill cemetery this afternoon at 3:30 for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blackwell, of Kirkpatrick Heights, who died early today.

MRS. FRANCIS BOOTHE

Funeral services for Mrs. Francis Holloman Boothe, aged 80, who died Sunday at her residence at 510 Grove street after a three months illness, were held in Col. Line Grove Baptist church in Wake county at 3:30 p. m. today. She was the wife of the late Thomas W. Boothe of this city.

Burial were in Collins Grove church cemetery, with Rev. Mildred Stephens, pastor of the First Christian church of Burlington, and Rev. A. D. Kinnett, pastor of Burlington Baptist church, conducting the rites.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Sloane and Miss Lizzette Boothe, both of Burlington, and one son, Ralph Boothe of Princeton.

RAYMOND HOLT MAY

Last rites for Raymond Holt May, who died in Duke hospital Saturday at the age of 22 years after a year's illness, were held at Webb Avenue Methodist church here today at 4 p. m. Interment was in Pine Hill cemetery, with Rev. C. J. Andrews, pastor of Webb Avenue Methodist church, being assisted by Rev. M. D. Smith of the Haw River Christian church.

Big Staging Area Around Kunming Is Mushrooming

Kunming, China, Aug. 27 — (AP) — A few miles from Kunming a huge staging area for the reassignment of American personnel in the China theater is mushrooming into shape.

Maj. Gen. Henry S. Aurand, chief of the U. S. services of supply in the China theater, told the officers under him that "nothing is too good for the men going home or those being processed for further duties in the China theater."

The air transport command is scheduled to provide all transportation from the Kunming staging area for shipment back over the Hump to India, until other staging areas are opened on the China coast.

Col. Norman C. McNeil of Fayetteville, N. C., said soldiers with 85 points would go home first unless needed during the post-sur-render period in China. Personnel going home will get sea transportation at Calcutta after flying the Hump.

Polo is the most ancient of games with stick and ball; earliest records of the game are Persian.

Low Cost Balanced Lunches Are Planned For Schools In City

Maximum of 15 Cents Per Lunch With Possible Exception of High School; Trial Success Last Year.

Balanced lunches at the lowest possible prices will be offered through the government-backed child feeding program this year at each school in the Burlington city school system, Dr. L. E. Spikes, superintendent, disclosed this week.

A possible exception will be the high school grades at Broad Street school, and they will be included unless prohibited by government regulations, Dr. Spikes said.

Providing a balanced plate lunch, including sweet milk and dessert for each child at a cost not to exceed 15 cents, the child feeding program was tried at four schools here last year. Because of its success at Elmira, Fairgrounds, Glenhope and Glen Raven, it was recommended for all schools by the PTA this year, and was adopted by the board of trustees.

Schools at which the program will be new are Hillcrest, Maple Avenue, Fisher Street. Meals will be served in rooms formerly occupied by the school-operated cafeterias, and much of the cafeteria equipment will be used. Mrs. R. Lee Barham, former manager of the Hillcrest school cafeteria has been named supervisor of the entire program, but each school will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of its lunch room and program.

The board of trustees is requesting Dr. Spikes said, that the principal of each school and one PTA representative assist with the individual school programs.

Dr. Spikes said the child feeding program is looked upon by the government as a "self preservation measure" in that it provides health-building nourishment that many children customarily would not get at lunch time during the school year. Provisions are made for free lunches for children whose parents cannot afford the small fees; however such cases will be carefully investigated before lunches are given, he said.

Sponsored through the U. S. department of agriculture, the program is administered through the state department of public instruction under the direction of Mrs. Louene Moore. The government will pay as high as nine cents a plate to each cafeteria to supplement the small fees paid by consumers, but profit is impossible because the government will need only up to the amount required to strike a balance in operation. Thus: If a plate actually costs 16 cents and the pupil only pays 10 cents, the government refund will be six cents.

Milk will be provided at two cents a glass for pupils who carry their lunches from home.

Regulations require that 60 per cent of all income be spent for food, 30 per cent for labor, and 10 per cent for equipment. If equipment is needed in excess of the allowed funds, it must be purchased with school funds. In case the expenditure for food drops below 60 per cent, the director will require that cafeteria to provide more food on each plate to make up the full amount.

Dr. Spikes said children will still be welcome to bring lunches from home, but he pointed out that a meat and vegetable plate for 10 cents offers a challenge to any home prepared lunch.

Dean Acheson Takes Office In Ceremony

Washington, Aug. 27 — (AP) — Dean G. Acheson was sworn in today as undersecretary of state in a simple ceremony in the office of Secretary of State Byrnes.

James E. McKenna, special assistant to the secretary of state, administered the oath to the tall, mustachioed, 52-year-old lawyer, who succeeds Joseph C. Grew.

Acheson has been assistant secretary of state in charge of congressional relations and international conferences.

NOTICE

PRIVATE SALE OF REAL PROPERTIES.

Until and including September 10, 1945, the undersigned Commissioners will receive offers for the real properties belonging to the estate of John Shoffner, deceased, including the Holt Farm of 170 acres, more or less, located near E. M. Holt School and the Homeplace in Alamance, North Carolina, containing 12 acres, more or less, upon which is located the last residence of the said John Shoffner.

J. DOLPH LONG, Graham, N. C., CLAIRBORNE C. YOUNG, Burlington, N. C., Commissioners.

BOMB DISPOSAL CREWS HAD HAZARDOUS JOB TO PERFORM DURING THE WAR THAT TOOK A HEAVY TOLL OF LIFE WITH IT

Germans Set Traps In Dud Fuses to Fire When Unscrewed; Captain Price Makes Discovery

By Sgt. MAURICE LEADERMAN

Air Technical Service Command in Europe: Four years ago, English reporters took pictures of a British officer sitting astride an unexploded German block-buster as he unscrewed the bomb fuse. Ten days later, British bomb disposal crews suddenly began to disappear. The alert Germans, seeing that the British were voiding their bombs by unscrewing the fuse, had set traps in the fuse chambers.

From that day, slightly over four years ago, until now, no story on the disposal of unexploded bombs was allowed to leave the European Theatre of Operations. The British had learned their lesson the hard way, but they had learned it well.

The German bomb trap was discovered by Captain R. Price, G. M. bomb disposal expert of the Royal Engineers.

On the morning after one of the heaviest raids of the blitz, Capt. Price took his satchel of tools and went out into a field to defuse a 1000-lb block-buster. The bomb, which had failed to penetrate the ground, was pointing due East, so the rays of the low morning sun struck it flush on the nose. Capt. Price deftly unscrewed the detonating fuze and pulled it out. As the sun was shining squarely into the socket, he noticed a strange gadget. It had a striker or firing pin poised and ready to plunge. He looked again. A microscopic particle of iron filing was blocking the striker.

Reaching into his satchel for a bottle of quick-setting dental cement, Capt. Price cautiously poured it into the cavity. In a few minutes, the German trap which had cost the lives of many British bomb disposal crews was frozen in a solid cone of strong cement.

Dealing with unexploded bombs, the most hazardous job behind the front lines was handled jointly by British and American bomb disposal crews. Strictly speaking, the RAF personnel removed duds and the bombs striking British fields and installations, and the AAF handled those landing on U. S. army sites. But owing to the density of the U. S. installations in war-torn England, American and RAF bomb disposal crew usually worked together.

Captain Wyatt R. Stanley of Amarillo, Texas, bomb disposal officer of the Air Technical Service Command in Europe, coordinated the work of American personnel with the British Air Ministry.

According to Captain Stanley, the deepest bomb recovered by Air Technical Service Command bomb disposal crews was sixty feet under the ground. "Excavating bombs," Captain Stanley says, "is a highly technical engineering task, entailing shoring and cribbing of holes and delicate handling of explosive."

The average bomb will penetrate ten to thirty feet. A bomb striking the ground can move in a number of directions under the surface. It may continue in a straight line at the angle at which it struck; it may inscribe a circle under the ground like an inverted question mark; it may turn to the right or left; it may go straight down ten or twelve feet and then veer upwards; sometimes it will dig a fifteen foot hole and bounce up out of the ground to the surface again.

"Big fellows are fixed to detonate on impact," said Captain Stanley. "They are not anti-personnel bombs and are not usually designed to trap personnel but to destroy buildings by blast or concussion. If one of the big boys fails to go off we usually can assume it is a dud."

"Yet the fact that it is a dud is not evidence that it will not go off when tampered with. The explosive, after it has been dropped is in a dangerous state, and there is no way of knowing what the condition of the internal components of the fuze is, either," the Captain continued.

Both American and British bomb disposal crews have had some narrow escapes, but the story of the most exciting experience comes from a British Captain and an RAF Corporal.

In the early days of bomb disposal, the main procedure for getting rid of unexploded bombs was to grab them up as quickly as possible, load them into trucks and cart them to open fields.

One night a 2200-lb. "Hermer" (named for Herman Goering because of its girth) landed in a British factory district. Shortly afterwards a British Captain and his bomb disposal squad arrived.

As the bomb had a clockwork fuze that was ticking continuously, the officer had it loaded upon a small lorry and took the steering wheel himself. He allowed only one man to start out with him to the bomb "cemetery."

On the way through the black-

ed-out streets of a small village, the lorry crashed into a building and was wrecked. The 2200-lb. bomb, still ticking, broke through the front cab and nuzzled the Captain's legs.

A glance at the nearby frame houses showed the Captain that this was no place for the bomb to go off. He commanded a large truck with a hoist and loaded the wrecked lorry, bomb and all, on it.

Since the bomb "cemetery" was at the bottom of a steep hill, bomb disposal crews usually stopped their trucks at the top of the hill and walked down to open the gate.

On this night, the officer sat in the truck while the Cpl. went to unlock the gate. Unfortunately, it had been wired shut with a piece of tangled cable, and the Cpl. was having difficulty opening it. The bomb was still ticking merrily away, and the Capt. grew impatient. He decided to help the Cpl. climb down from the truck and run down the hill.

Just as he reached the gate, the bomb exploded.

A man went in a hollow, the bomb blast went over their heads and their only injury was temporary deafness. All that was left of the truck was two wheels. The Capt. said he never noticed whether they were front or rear wheels.

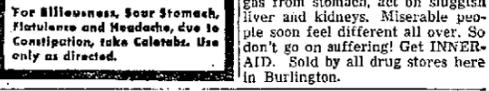
The most elusive bomb ever dropped, landed in a block of flats in a crowded residential district. It sank only 30 feet at first, but as it was embedded in running sand and water, it kept moving. Every time the bomb disposal crew caught up with it, sand and water would collapse the timbered sides of their tunnel and the bomb would slide out of reach. After two months of night and day work they gave it up.

Six months later, the British Air Ministry, desiring to reclaim the houses made useless by the presence of the bomb hazard, sent another crew to excavate the elusive bomb. This time, after three months of trailing it under many blocks of British tenements, the crew succeeded in pulling it up—far from the scene of the original entry.

Sir Alexander Fleming, British discoverer of penicillin, has dedicated his discovery to the welfare of the public and has asked that it not be patented.

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Dr. Paul Brown To Speak To Rotarians At 6:30 This Evening

Dr. Paul Brown, of the School of Commerce, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, will speak to members of the Rotary club this evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Alamance hotel.

"World Trade and Implications On Peace Prosperity" will be the subject discussed. A native of Oklahoma, Dr. Brown received his M. A. from the University of Illinois, his B. S. from Oklahoma A. and M. and his Ph.D. from Ohio State. He has been on the faculty of U. N. C. approximately two years.

Dr. Brown will be accompanied by Bob Madry, past district governor of Rotary. The program was arranged by Everett Jordan.

Firemen Answer False Fire Alarm

The Burlington Fire department answered a call on Webb Avenue extension yesterday afternoon, but after a search failed to find any fire the call was marked "unnecessary." Saturday night the firemen checked a car fire on Church St.

CHARTER IS ISSUED.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 27.—(AP)—The Congaree Construction company of Columbia, with \$15,000, today was chartered by Secretary of State W. P. Blaskewell. Officers of the firm are President W. S. Homan, vice-president, B. A. Jordan, and secretary-treasurer, C. E. Page.

The Siberia-Manchuria boundary is marked for nearly all of its course by the rivers of Argun, Amur and Ussuri.

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