

Signs Indicate That Youth

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 Identification of the skeleton through the teeth.

State Theatre
KERSHAW, S. C.

Friday, September 27
"THE BLUE DAHLIA"
 Alan Ladd—Veronica Lake

Saturday, September 28
"SHERIFF OF REDWOOD VALLEY"
 Red Ryder

Sat., Sept. 28—10:30 P.M.
"SHE WROTE THE BOOK"
 Joan Davis—Jack Oakie

Mon.-Tues., Sep. 30-Oct. 1
"COURAGE OF LASSIE"
 Elizabeth Taylor—Tom Drake

Wednesday, October 2
"THE RUNAROUND"
 Ella Raines—Rod Cameron

Thurs.-Fri., October 3-4
"THE GREEN YEARS"
 Charles Coburn

It was learned at the scene that a year ago Game Warden Broughton had found a canopy from a plane in the swamp and while he notified Shaw Field no action was taken. Later a negro is reported to have found a small parachute, used to open the regular chutes. Nothing ever was done as a result of reporting this find to the air base. Held's basic training plane crashed near the home of Joe Bates, Camden polo ace, at Wateree, on the morning of November 24. Bates lives on Highway 76, north of the Wateree river. Held had been on a routine training flight from Shaw Field. Bates reported the crash to Shaw Field and the hunt for Held was taken up. Fear was expressed that he was lost in the tangled maze of the swamp area.

What location is described as be-

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ing the most extensive man hunt in the history of South Carolina. Marcel F. Held, father of the missing flyer, came on a plane from New York and took part in the search. On November 30, 1,500 persons, military and civilian, were combing the swamp area and planes from Shaw Field and the Southern Aviation school here in Camden were flying low over the area in an effort to find the missing cadet.

Three amphibious jeeps from Fort Jackson together with hundreds of soldiers were sent to the scene to take part in the hunt. Rewards were offered for information that would lead to the finding of the body.

The swamp area involved in the search is 49 miles long and at points is from four to five miles in width. Dense cane brakes, thorny vines and heavy undergrowth impeded the searchers.

Cadets and other military personnel from Shaw Field, a company of army engineers from Camp Sutton, N. C., a company of colored marial control troops from Fort Jackson armed with jungle equipment, consisting of bolos and machetes, members of Sumter auxiliary police force, rural police, etc., all joined in the search.

The searchers penetrating into the jungle-like recesses of the swamp wore red arm bands and neckerchiefs to avoid being shot by accident. Long lines were formed and to prevent loss of anyone, consecutive numbers were continually called out.

The hunt which continued for many weeks failed to locate the missing cadet. Wild rumors that he had parachuted from his plane and landed on a highway near the swamp, to be picked up in a car and whisked away, gained circulation. It was even reported he had been seen at various places about the country.

These wild stories were always discounted by Shaw Field.

The skeleton of Held was placed on a stretcher and taken to Shaw Field. It will be sent to the home of the young man's parents at Chappaqa, N. Y., where it will be interred following a military funeral.

Positive identification of the skeleton as being that of Cadet Gerard T. Held was made from a dental examination, according to a statement from Shaw Field officials.

BETHUNE YOUTH SERVICE
 Bethune Youth Service at 11:15 a. m., Sunday, September 29.
 The three churches of Bethune will unite for a union service. Representatives from each of the churches will appear on the program which will be given in the Bethune Baptist auditorium. The public is cordially invited.

Liberty Hill News

At the Presbyterian church—the Sunday morning services were conducted by Elder L. P. Thompson. At a congregational meeting following the services it was decided to continue the efforts to secure the services of a minister—if for only part time in the Sunday school. Supt. Cunningham asked for a report of the "Youth Meeting" at Chester on the previous Sunday. John Henry Clements reported a very pleasant and interesting meeting, and in behalf of the members wished to return thanks to the Sunday school for making it possible for them to go.

Pat Thompson, Jr., recently accompanied his brother-in-law, Austin Butler, on a trip to New York. Mrs. M. C. Wilson of Darlington is visiting her father, Capt. N. S. Richards, who celebrated his 80th birthday on Tuesday. His friends are wishing for him many happy returns of the occasion.

Misses Margaret Richard and Elizabeth Jones attended church here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Anderson of Columbia returned home Sunday afternoon after a visit with the L. P. Thompsons.

John B. Cureton and Cleary Cunningham left Sunday afternoon for Maxton Junior college to enter as G. I. students.

Mrs. Lidle Cunningham of Chester is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cureton and other relatives.

Mrs. J. Austin Butler and daughter, Nancy, were with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Thompson over the weekend.

Mrs. Mesdames Selwyn, Edward and Charles Cunningham, accompanied by Mary E. Cunningham, spent Thursday in Cheraw with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eskridge and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Duda of Camden spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Cunningham.

Mrs. F. A. Drennan visited her daughter, Mrs. M. B. Williams and family in Camden last week.

Mrs. M. L. Sauls of Manning was a visitor last week of her mother, Mrs. J. G. Richards, who accom-

panied her home for a visit.

Miss Annie Jones was quite sick Monday last week, but is some better now.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Folk and two little granddaughters, Dian and Barbara Sullens, were here with relatives on Sunday evening. They have been living in Charleston for some years, but have bought a home

and moved to Lee county, near Bishopville now.

John R. McCrae, noted singer, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. McCrae. He sang in church Sunday and also rendered a beautiful solo to the delight of his hearers.

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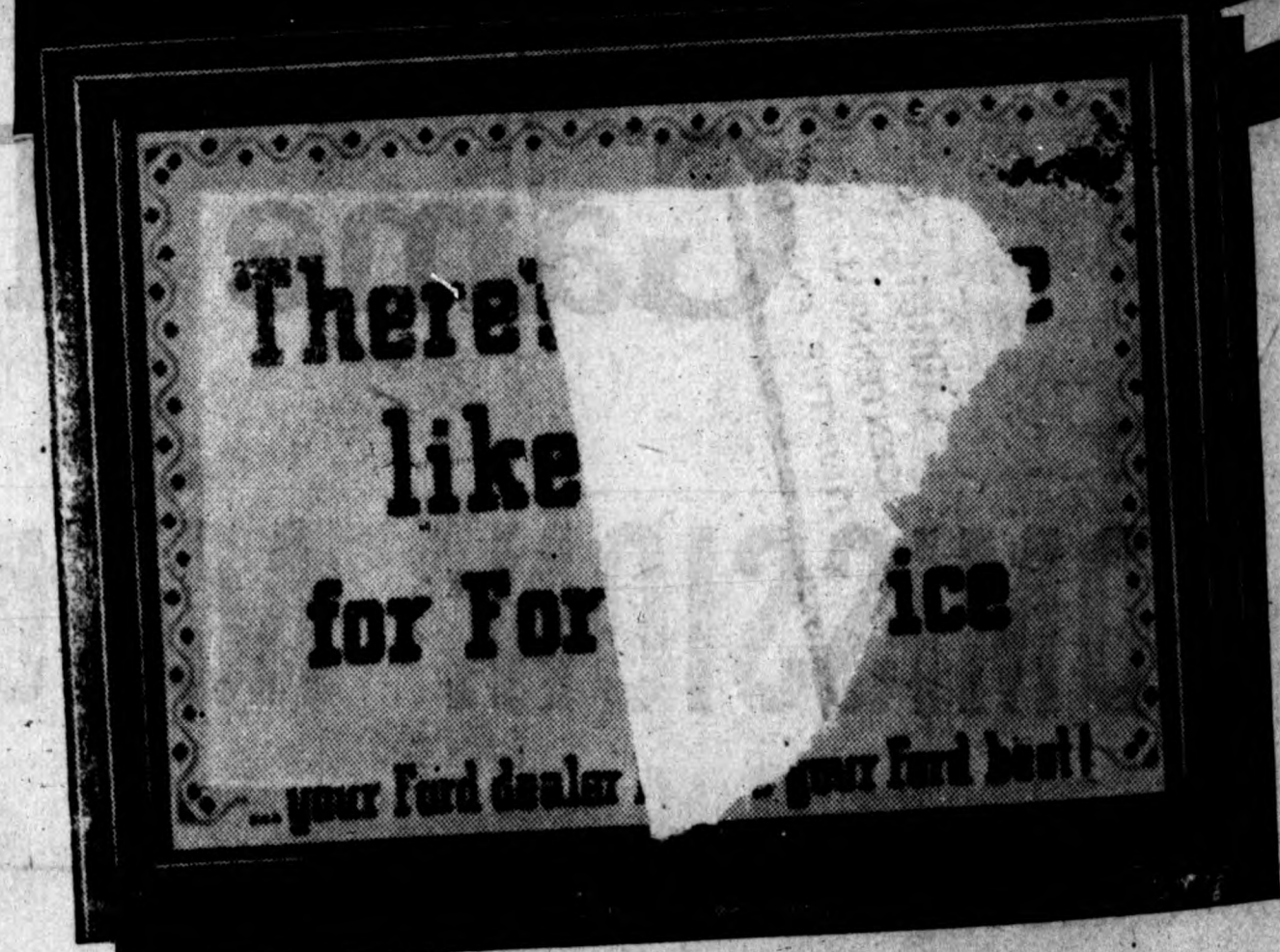
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