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Huddleston, VA. 24104
May 28, 1994

DEAR MR. LAMB,

I WATCH C-SPAN WHENEVER I CAN.
ENJOY AND APPRECIATE ALL THE PROGRAMS.
ENJOYED VERY MUCH YOUR SERIES ON THE
D-DAY INVASION.

ENCLOSED ARE SEVERAL ARTICLES WHICH
APPEARED IN THE BEDFORD, VIRGINIA WEEKLY
NEWSPAPER, DATED APRIL 27, 1994, PERTAINING
TO THE MANY BEDFORD SERVICEMEN WHO WERE
IN THE 29TH DIVISION, COMPANY A OF THE 116TH
INFANTRY.

I WAS VERY PLEASED THAT ONE OR TWO OF
YOUR GUESTS ON THE D-DAY SERIES MENTIONED
THE SMALL TOWN OF BEDFORD, VA. THAT LOST
MORE MEN AS A PROPORTION OF POPULATION
THAN ANY OTHER TOWN IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE OTHER ARTICLE HERE ON EX-POW'S IS
AN ARTICLE ON BERNARD SAUNDERS (A COUSIN
OF MINE) WHO SERVED IN THE PACIFIC THEATER
AND WAS IN THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH.

I ALSO HAVE A BROTHER-IN-LAW [REDACTED]
WHO WAS IN THE INVASION OF NORMANDY. HE
WAS ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES TO RETURN.

I WORKED IN WASHINGTON (IN THE DEPT.
OF LABOR) FROM 1943 TO 1975. REMAINED IN
THE WASHINGTON D.C. AREA UNTIL 1988 WHEN
I RETURNED TO MY HOME TOWN. HUDDLESTON
IS A VERY SMALL PLACE IN BEDFORD COUNTY,
NEAR SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE WHERE I NOW
HAVE MY HOME. Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Va. Guardsmen to participate in D-Day events in France

By GREG EDWARDS
STAFF WRITER

Veterans of the Virginia National Guard's 116th Infantry Regiment and other 29th Division units returning to France this June for the 50th anniversary of D-Day will be joined by present-day National Guardsmen when they get there.

About 40 Guardsmen from Virginia's 116th and a like number from Maryland Guard units will travel to Normandy, where they will serve as honor guards and color guards and march in parades during several ceremonies planned to honor U.S. servicemen who took part in the Allied invasion of Nazi-occupied France.

Capt. David Williams of the 116th Infantry's 1st Battalion headquarters company in Roanoke said he was "on the edge of my seat" in anticipation of the trip to France. "Ever since I was a kid, D-Day has fascinated me," Williams said. He described it as the "pivotal battle," at

least for Americans, in the European theater during World War II.

Units of the 116th, including the 1st Battalion, were in the first assault waves attacking Omaha Beach on D-Day. Losses were staggering. All but 15 of Bedford's Company A's 200 officers and men, for instance, were killed or wounded when it landed on the heavily fortified beach in the first assault wave.

The 116th traces its roots back to troops of George Washington and Stonewall Jackson. Its nickname is the "Stonewall Brigade." The regiment, with the rest of the 29th Division, composed of other Maryland and Virginia Guard units, was taken into federal service in February 1941.

Ten soldiers from the 116th's headquarters company in Roanoke and Company A of Bedford will make the trip to France with the rest of the 29th contingent, Williams said. "They're keyed up; they'd probably swim if that was the only option."

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May 14, 1994

But the impact of a longer school day, week or year would be felt outside the classroom, too.

"You would run into conflicts with many activities after school — recreational activities, dance lessons, music lessons and others," said Deanna Gordon, who will become Roanoke County's school superintendent when Bayes Wilson retires this summer.

"There are issues that would have to be explored before any decision to extend the school day," Gordon said.

Roanoke School Superintendent Wayne Harris said there is no question that a longer day would improve students' performance in the core subjects.

But Harris said he's not ready to recommend a longer day.

Roanoke already follows one of the commission's recommendations: block schedules that permit longer periods during the day.

Many schools have seven 50-minute periods a day. The federal commission recommended that school divisions switch to block schedules, in which two or more

Ecklund, 44-year-old parents in Floyd County, spent the past few years continuing their own education.

Liz graduated first in her class Friday from Virginia Western Community College. Rick, a United Methodist pastor in Floyd County, will receive a master's degree in divinity next Saturday from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg.

And if hearing "Pomp and Circumstance" twice in one month wasn't enough, the Ecklunds are attending another graduation ceremony today, when Liz's 70-year-old father, Eugene Walt, gets a degree in finance from Longwood College in Farmville.

For Liz Ecklund, returning to college took courage and confidence, which she said she did not have two years ago when she began classes at Virginia Western.

"It's amazing that she, after these years, went back and did so well," Rick Ecklund said. Liz graduated in 1971 from Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

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Allen

Radio

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surviving veterans of the assault (Elisha Ray Nance is the second), lost his twin brother, Ray, the same day the Hoback brothers fell.

According to war historian Douglas Southall Freeman, no unit on the beaches faced worse odds, or suffered more casualties than Company A of the 116th Infantry. Subsequently, military policy was changed so all men from an area would no longer be assigned to the same company.

Bedford families—200 from the small community died during World War II—waited in agony as casualty reports trickled into the town.

"We were told on a Sunday that Bedford had been killed—he is buried in a cemetery in France—and that Raymond was missing," and presumed dead, Mrs. Boggess, one of seven children, said. "We were devastated. Everyone was. It was a big loss to lose so many local men in one day."

As with many casualties of the invasion, Raymond's body was not recovered.

His Bible was, however.

"A few weeks after we received the telegram, my mother received the Bible that had belonged to Raymond. He apparently made it to shore, and made it far," the soldiers' sister said.

She held the Bible in both hands, opening it to a letter from a West Virginia soldier tucked inside.

"The Bible wasn't even wet."

As the West Virginia man walked the beach after the conflict, he discovered the Bible in the sand. He quickly penned a letter, which explained the circumstances of his find, and enclosed it and the Bible in a parcel destined for Bedford.

"He didn't know how my brother had been killed, but knowing the Bible was precious,

he returned it to my mother," Mrs. Boggess said. "I asked to have the Bible after Mother and Father passed away."

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the invasion, Bedford will serve as a focal point for Memorial Day Weekend observances. The Bedford City/County Museum will host a special exhibit of wartime memorabilia from the battlefield as well as the homefront. Among the artifacts are uniforms worn by Bedford servicemen and women, a U.S. soldier's dress sword, a Japanese flag, a samurai sword and a French paratrooper's gun with the name "Georgette" inscribed on it.

On May 27 and May 28, local theatre director Nancy Johnson will direct a multi-media production at Bedford Middle School. On May 29, the museum will open from 2 to 5 p.m., and that evening, veterans will gather for their annual reunion dinner at the Terrace House Restaurant.

The museum and Bedford Main Street, Inc. will host a public concert on Memorial Day on the steps of the Bedford County Courthouse. This event will showcase the 29th Division Band, Company A 116th Division Color Guard, veterans from area companies A, B, and C, and a wreath laying service by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW also will sponsor a special commemorative D-Day stamp, postmark and envelope with the 29th Division insignia. Nationsbank is the corporate sponsor for the Memorial Day event.

Anyone who wishes to participate in the Memorial Day events, or loan memorabilia to the museum should call Ellen Wandrei at the museum, 586-4520, or Elizabeth Berry-Moseley at Bedford Main Street, 586-2148.

POW

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"Prison camp taught us a lot of things about the things we take for granted," Saunders related to 120 students assembled for the Wednesday program at Bedford Elementary School. "Like soap, a towel, a toothbrush. We were always hungry; we learned the value of water. You can live a long time without food, but not without water."

With the patriotic zeal of thousands of men from Main Street America, Saunders volunteered for military service before he was drafted. He was stationed on the Bataan peninsula in the Philippines as an infantryman when Japanese planes rained down Hell fire on Pearl Harbor, igniting an inferno in the Hawaiian Islands that raced around the world. Right after the Pearl Harbor disaster, soldiers from the land of the rising sun swarmed over the peninsula, killing and capturing thousands of troops from the U.S. and the Philippines.

"They surrendered us," Saunders remembered. "We didn't surrender ourselves."

Saunders, then only 21, trudged 100 miles down an oppressive route of subtropical heat, stinging insects, starvation and misery now called the "Bataan Death March". During the ordeal, soldiers died of malnutrition and exhaustion, or were shot by their captors and left to rot along the side of the road.

At the end of the march, POWs were packed into stinking holds in unmarked craft dubbed "hell ships" and transported to Japan.

Thousands more perished.

"This was one of the worst ordeals for the POWs," Saunders said.

He and his comrades spent 17 days aboard the ships with barely enough food or water to keep them alive.

"When we arrived, we were in very poor condition," Saunders said.

He was moved to five different

camps during the years he endured as a POW.

"We took care of each other and bonded together. We were beaten if we didn't do work. It was like slave labor," Saunders said.

Saunders was still imprisoned when the United States dropped the atom bomb on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, virtually wiping out the cities and bringing an end to Japanese involvement in World War II.

"We saw the American planes flying over," he recalled. "We even hoped one time they'd drop one on us."

Even those on the homefront sacrificed to channel the nation's resources to soldiers. Some foods and gasoline were purchased with ration stamps. Even in urban areas, people planted "victory gardens" to feed themselves so farm goods could be shipped abroad.

Saunders, who came home from the war with a Bronze Star medal and Presidential citation, stressed the love of home and country that helped shore up his spirits while he labored in a prison camp.

"We called ourselves survivors," he said. "The heroes didn't come back."

"I'd like to impress on you how important it is to be loyal to your country and never take anything for granted. Honor your flag; don't desecrate it."

Students posed questions to Saunders after he finished his talk. One boy asked what the POWs thought about during their imprisonment and the arduous hours spent digging in the fields or hacking away at a rock face deep in a mine.

"Home! It gave us the will to live," Saunders said without hesitation.

"Were you scared?" another pupil asked.

"I was scared all the time," Saunders, now a grandfather, replied.

FOREST



Brownies buy library books

As a service project, Brownie Troop 336 from Bedford Service Unit, purchased library books for their school library at Otter River Elementary School in Goode. They purchased "Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus", "Berenstain Bears and the New Girl in Town", and "Just Me and My Puppy." The girls presented the books to Mrs. Susan Layne, librarian, in March. Front row: Amanda Hull, Sarah Harris, Tara Hotaling, Allison Stanley, Mandy Overstreet, Tracey Shelton, Frances Hughes. Back row, Crystal Fielder, Anna Turpin, Samantha Booker, Katie Vrobel and Mrs. Susan Layne, Otter River Elementary school librarian. Not pictured, Mrs. Althea Stanley, leader, Mrs. Susan Hotaling, assistant.

Evening of eleg

One of the major cultural events for the Lynchburg community is the annual "Evening of Elegance" performance as presented by the Virginia School of the Arts. This exciting annual event will take place on Saturday, April 30, at E.C. Glass High School Auditorium, in Lynchburg. The performance is scheduled to start at 7:30 sharp.

Artistic Director Petrus Bosman has choreographed the Russian classical ballet *La Bayadere* to showcase his students who have come to Lynchburg from all over America as well as from Japan and Taiwan. Joanna Starkey, a Lynchburg resident, will dance the leading role in this highly technical, demanding ballet. She will be partnered by special guest dancer, Thom yzaguirre, from The Nashville Ballet.

Bob Rizzo, the famous New York jazz teacher and choreographer, is already known to the "Evening of Elegance" audiences as several of his exciting pieces have been performed by VSA students over the last couple of years. Mr. Rizzo has been commissioned by the Virginia School of the Arts to set an original work on the VSA students as a special attraction for this year's Gala. On a recent visit to Lynchburg, Mr. Rizzo repeatedly stated how amazed he was at the incredible talent, training and performance technique demonstrated by the students at the Virginia School of the Arts.

Science Fair at Seven Hills School

The entire Seven Hills student body participated in a Science Fair on March 23. The fair was coordinated by Leo Racich, Chair of the Science Department. Judging was

and place, Vic Hailey.

Eighth Grade:

First place, Mindy Richardson and Leslie Synn; second place, Kathryn Dodd.



OPINION

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50 years have passed, memory of D-Day will never perish

There is a modest stone monument on the lawn of the Courthouse which all Bedford people should note reverently, as they pass, with prayer that they may be worthy of the magnificent and tragic sacrifice it represents. This will be especially true on June 6, for that will be the 50th, the half century anniversary of D-Day, a day the Bedford community can not, should not, ever forget. There has been no other to match it for bitter sacrifice, also for reason for pride, in the history of this community, which for two centuries has given generously of her bravest and best when the call to arms and to duty came.

D-Day almost certainly will remain the greatest feat of arms in history, the conquest of beaches which opened the way to reclamation of an enslaved continent. It will not be duplicated nor surpassed, because there can not be that kind of war again between major powers. The terrible forces unlocked by science have made sure that there can be no such test of course and fortitude again, for the next world war, if it comes, will be over in hours and this planet will be seared and desolated.

D-Day marked the peak of that phase in military history in which human qualities counted. It was the greatest amphibious operation of all time. But it was costly; the beachheads were bought at a terrible price. Nearly every community in America paid part of that price, but probably none had so great a share as Bedford, town and county.

Company A, 116th Infantry, 29th Division, came from Bedford County and even after it had been swollen during its training in England still con-

tained a high proportion of Bedford men, perhaps forty in all. On that monument on the courthouse lawn is a bronze plaque bearing the names of 23 Bedford men who paid for that beachhead with their lives. If there were some way to measure, it is doubtful that any other community could have suffered such a grievous loss in proportion to its size. The monument is carved from stone brought here from Vierville-sur-Mer, the objective of the forces which stormed Omaha Beach that day, and was dedicated on the tenth anniversary of D-Day with high officials in France and the United States taking part.

It was many days before Bedford was aware of its sanguinary contribution to the noble cause. The dread telegrams from the War Department came one by one, over a period of many days, mercifully, perhaps, for had the news broken all at once it would have been a stunning blow, almost unbearable. But in time, Bedford knew the sum total. It had given greatly in the cause of freedom, liberty, justice, the dignity of men. Never was a war fought in a more worthy cause.

No memorial could do justice to Bedford's part in breaching Hitler's Fortress Europe, no patriotic eloquence or music could express the feelings of those who know the full story. But there is that modest stone on the Courthouse lawn, bearing its 23 names, most of them long honored in the history of this county and community. We hope many will pass it this 50th anniversary and pray they may be worthy of the sacrifice this monument represents.



MRS. BRENT ALLISON MCCRAW

McCraw — Thaxton

The marriage of Laura Easley Thaxton to Brent Allison McCraw took place at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 23, 1994, in Court Street United Methodist Church, Lynchburg, with the Rev. James John officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Easley Thaxton of Lynchburg. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hale Allison McCraw of Bedford.

Miss Nancy Nelson Carrington of Richmond was honor attendant.

Mr. McCraw was best man for his son and ushers were John Reed Coble of Lexington, N.C., Telsie Lamie Haga Jr. of Asheboro, N.C., Robert Jeffreys Thaxton, brother of the bride, and Ryan Christopher Davidson, cousin of the groom, both of Goode. Eric John Hazelrigg of Richmond, and William Marshall Carroll Jr. of Lynchburg.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Boonsboro Country Club.

The bride is the graduate of

Lynchburg College with a B.A. degree in business administration and accounting. She is a CPA and treasurer of Imperial Coal Sales Company Inc.

She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jeffreys Thaxton and the late Mrs. Victor Joseph Duplin Jr. and the late Robert Samuel Stevens, all of Lynchburg.

The groom is a graduate of James Madison University with a B.B.A. degree in marketing, and received a M.Ed. degree in counseling from Lynchburg College. He is a consultant with Employee Assistance of Central Virginia, Inc.

He is the grandson of Mrs. Ernest Lyle McCraw and the late Mr. McCraw of Madison Heights and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark Davidson of Naruna.

After a wedding trip to Virgin Gorda, the British Virgin Islands, the couple will live in Lynchburg.

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Memorial jar contains items pertaining to Bedford's Company A

On Thursday, June 3, 1954, when the D-Day memorial stone was placed on the courthouse lawn, a jar containing various documents connected with the division was sealed into the foundation.

The jar was placed in the foundation by Clyde Powers, commander of the Parker-Hoback post which sponsored the memorial.

Outstanding items in the jar are the military insignia of three men associated with the 29th Division and the 1944 invasion. There is a SHAEF shoulder patch with a drawing of the patch autographed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Dr. Editha von Rundstedt, daughter-in-law of the late Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, German commander-in-chief in France in the 1944 invasion, sent from the uniform of the deceased von Rundstedt his field marshal sticks. Maj.-Gen. Milton A. Reckord of Baltimore, Md., sent a 29th Division shoulder patch. He was commanding general of the division when it was federalized in 1941 and in 1921-1922 was the first commander of the 29th Division Association.

Included also are packets of soil from each of the training areas of the division from its induction in 1941 up to the invasion period. The packet of soil from Fort George G. Meade, Md., was sent from the Headquarters of that base. Col. F. J. Gillespie, commanding officer of Camp A. P. Hill, Va., sent that from the A. P. Hill Military Reservation near Fredericksburg. Maj.-Gen. Joseph P. Cleland, commanding general of Fort Bragg, N. C., sent a pack of soil from that base. General Cleland has a home, Lone Pine Farm, in Bedford County. J. R. Wainwright, mayor of Starke, Fla., sent the pack of soil from the old Camp Blanding site near his town. T. H. Morris, assistant postmaster of Andover, England, and W. Le Boutillier, postmaster at Tidworth, England, sent a pack of soil from the Tidworth Barracks area where the division was stationed in the British Isles.

Photographs

Photographs contained in the box were an official U. S. Army photograph of the invasion of Normandy France, a photograph of the stone being unloaded at the dock in New York City and one of the stone on the freight car on its arrival in Bedford.

A copy of the organization of Company A when it was federalized in 1941 was deposited with a picture of the company made at Fort George G. Meade, Md., in July of that year.

The August, 1949, issue of The Twenty-Niner, official publication of the 29th Division Association, carried an illustrated story on the fifth anniversary observance of the invasion of Company A and a copy was deposited in the box.

Original Sketch

The original sketch of the memorial by H. L. Terry, World War I veteran, was included along with a program of the dedication service; also a copy of The Congressional Record issue of April 20, 1954, containing a speech by U. S. Senator A. Willis Robertson of Lexington delivered in Staunton on April 10 citing the history of the 116th Infantry Regiment in World Wars I and II.

A first day of issue cover of the National Guard postage stamp issued Feb. 23, 1953, at Washington, D. C., with a history of the stamp design was included in the documents, also a picture of the Courthouse showing the present memorials, a New Testament and various issues of The Bedford Democrat with articles on the memorial.

An envelope bearing the APO 29 postmark in England prior to the invasion and a V-mail letter from a Bedford officer in the 29th Division in England before the invasion were included in the items.

A folder of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce on the county was also included among the documents.

Story reprinted from the Bedford Bulletin-Democrat, June 17, 1954.

Auto Buffs to show their stuff

The fourth annual Bedford Educational Center Car Show will be held Saturday, April 30 on the campus at 600 Edmund Street.

The event is sponsored by the BEC chapter of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America which will receive the benefit of all proceeds from the contest.

Over 100 trophies and plaques will be awarded in categories which include drag racers, antique vehicles, trucks, pro-street racers, streetrods, mini-truck, and numerous special entries.

Competitive entries will be accepted until 11 a.m. when judging will begin. Admission to the event is free to those under 12, and \$1 for those more aged auto buffs.

Doug Nelms, BEC collision repair instructor, envisions a truly interesting and enjoyable day. "We have more door prizes than ever, more free goodie bags, and we hope to have even more entries than ever before," Nelms said. "Contributions from this event will help our VICA contest winners to get to the state level in May."

Preach a crusade against ignorance; establish and improve the law for educating the common people.

—Thomas Jefferson

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Four-year-old study says consolidation would cost city

By BILL HOY
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Any option that dramatically changes Bedford's status as an independent city will cost its taxpayers money, an unreleased four-year-old study commissioned by City Council concluded.

The report, prepared by governmental consultant Thomas Muller of Fairfax has been kept under wraps since it was presented in April, 1990. It was commissioned shortly after Council placed a moratorium

on new water and sewer connections to county customers. At the same time, the state was looking closely at restricting annexation for smaller cities like Bedford. In Virginia, annexation is the only way a city can grow and expand its tax base.

A statewide annexation moratorium remains in effect, as does the city's utility moratorium.

The study's conclusions may have even greater significance today. City Council and the county's Board of Supervisors are scheduled to meet Thursday for the first

time to decide how to proceed on a citizen's-initiated consolidation drive. Under state law, citizens can force localities to come up with a consolidation plan if 15 percent of voters in both jurisdictions sign petitions. A Forest couple, H.F. and Anita Garner, succeeded in gathering the required signatures in February. Now Council and the Supervisors have one year to agree to a plan to be put before the voters in a referendum. If they can't come up with a proposal, the Circuit Court judge will appoint a citizen's committee to do it for them.

The study looked at three options other than to remain an independent city: reverting to a town, consolidating with the county and consolidating as a tier city with the county. (Also considered was forming a utility district for county customers to help solve the problem of growth outside the city limits).

All three options would cost city taxpayers money if they wanted to keep the same level of services they now enjoy, Muller concluded.

Reverting to a town was the least costly

of the alternatives, but that option would require a 29-cent tax increase to maintain current services as of 1990, the study said. At that time, about \$4.3 million in real estate taxes, personal property taxes and sales taxes would be paid to the county rather than to the city. That amount would be partially offset by about \$3.3 million in reduced outlays that the town would no longer have to pay for. Overall, more than \$438,000 would have to be raised by town

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Radio France focuses on D-Day sacrifices of Bedford's sons

Ex-POW tells students of life in prison camp

By REBECCA JACKSON-CLAUDE
EDITOR

With a Veteran of Foreign Wars cap perched atop his graying head and his hands stuffed deeply in the pockets of his dark trousers, Bernard Saunders addressed a roomful of sixth graders with the same casual demeanor he might use with a gathering of old war buddies.

Saunders told a story, his blue, bespectacled eyes peering into a 50-year-old memory only he could see.

It wasn't a fairy tale, nor the stuff of fantasy embellished with gleaming yarns as the years passed.

Saunders told a true story of life at the edge of a bayonet.

The 74-year-old garden and feed store owner was held prisoner for three and one-half years by the Japanese during World War II.



Regine Godard of Radio France, right, interviews Lucille Boggess

Sister recalls loss of two brothers in beach assault

By REBECCA JACKSON-CLAUDE
EDITOR

Fifty years have passed since 23 Bedford soldiers died in the World War II beachfront invasion of Normandy, France, a rugged apron of sand that unfurls against the waves of the English Channel.

Two the men—Bedford and Raymond Hoback—were brothers of Bedford County Supervisor Lucille Boggess, who remembered her older siblings last week during a program that will air in late May on the Normandy affiliate of Radio France.

Just as allied soldiers stormed the beach on June 6, 1944, media crews from the United States and France began their own infiltration of Bedford last week to begin commemoration of the men's supreme sacrifice. Veterans

involved in the assault, and the survivors of men who did not return will relate their stories on TV, radio and through countless newspapers as the 50th anniversary of the invasion approaches.

Mrs. Boggess told hers Thursday to Radio France reporters Regine Godard and Vincent Richard. Godard and Richard were accompanied to Bedford by audio technician Yves-Eric Paquiet.

The supervisor, who entered local politics a few years ago after retiring as the county's longtime commissioner of the revenue, quietly recalled the news that devastated her family.

"Our family was the only one that lost two members on the same day," Mrs. Boggess remembered.

Roy Stevens, one of only two

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ON RECORD

Police Report

4/4/94
Assault: 500 block Blue Ridge Ave.

Domestic: 800 block Peaks St.
Failure to appear: Dean Dr. Arrest made.

Suspicious activity: 600 block Pinecrest Ave.

Habitual Offender: 1600 block Link Rd. Arrest made.

Drinking in public: 400 block W. Washington St. Arrest made.

Drunk in public: 700 block E. Main St. Arrest made.

Telephone Harassment: 800 block Randolph St.

Suspicious Activity: 500 block 4th St.

Suspicious Activity: 800 block Randolph St.

4/5/94
Suspicious Activity: 1200 block Walnut St.

Confiscated property: 200 block W. Washington St.

Drunk in public, resisting/interfering, & assault on a police officer: 800 block Burks Hill Rd. Arrest made.

Property damage: 500 block Blue Ridge Ave.

4/6/94
Suspicious activity: 700 block Blue Ridge Ave.

B & E & Property Damage: 500 block Longwood Ave.

Domestic: 800 block Short St.

Failure to appear: 800 block Short St. Arrest made.

Confiscated property: 1100 block E. Main St.

Discharge a weapon: 700 block Blue Ridge Ave.

Suspicious activity: 700 block Blue Ridge Ave.

Domestic: 1400 block Link Rd.

Trespassing: 600 block Pinecrest Ave.

4/7/94
Traffic Collision: 1600 block Forest Rd. Vehicle pulling from a parking lot struck another vehicle. Minor damages. No injuries, no charges.

4/8/94
B & E: 200 block N. Bridge St.

Suspicious activity: 1900 block North Hills Dr.

Suspicious Vehicle: 800 block Jeter St.

Hazard Material Spill: 800 block Blue Ridge Ave.

Telephone Harassment: 700 block Vine St.

Suspicious person: 900 block Longwood Ave.

Driving under the influence: Whitfield & Peaks St. Arrest made.

Confiscated property: 500 block Bedford Ave.

4/9/94

Assault: 1100 block E. Main St.
Noise complaint: 600 block Pinecrest Ave.

4/10/94
Traffic collision: Vehicle backing from a parking space struck another vehicle. Minor damages. No injuries, no charges.

Telephone harassment: 700 block Blue Ridge Ave.

Discharge a weapon in the City: 800 block Short St.

Assault: 900 block Smith St.

Assault: 600 block 2nd St.

4/11/94
Traffic collision: 800 block Orange St. A vehicle struck a deer. Major damages. No injuries, no charges.

Noise complaint: 600 block Pinecrest Ave.

B & E: 200 block W. Washington St.

Forgery of a document: 100 block E. Main St. Arrest made.

Accidental injury: 900 block Peaks St.

Assault: 600 block Pinecrest Ave.

Stalking: 800 block Jeter St.

4/12/94
Traffic collision: W. Main and Washington St. A lawn tractor struck a rut and overturned while mowing the right of way. No injuries, no charges. Minor damages.

Noise complaint: 1800 block Dawn Dr.

Dog bite: 800 block College St.

Domestic Dispute: 1500 block Longwood Ave.

Carry a concealed weapon: 200 block N. Bridge St. Arrest made.

4/13/94
Unauthorized use of a vehicle: 2100 block McGhee St. Arrest made.

Disorderly conduct: 100 block W. Main St. Arrest made.

Assault: 700 block Smith St. Arrest made.

4/14/94
Assault: 800 block Short St.

Domestic Disturbance: 600 block Pinecrest Ave.

Property Damage: 900 block Westchester Ave.

Stalking: 600 block North St.

Traffic collision: 1500 block Longwood Ave. Vehicle struck a parked vehicle while attempting to back from a parking space and then left the scene. No injuries, no charges, minor damages.

Noise complaint: 700 block Blue Ridge Ave.

4/15/94
Drunk in public: 100 block E. Main St. Arrest made.

Recovered stolen property: 500 block Crenshaw St.

Driving under the influence: 400 block Bedford Ave. Arrest made.

Possible child neglect: 700 block Blue Ridge Ave.

Trespass: 400 block Edmund St.

Noise disturbance: 100 block W. Main St. Arrest made.

Trespass: 700 block Blue Ridge Ave.

Recovered stolen property: 700 block Longwood Ave.

4/16/94
Noise disturbance: Lyle St. & Pinecrest Ave.

Domestic: 800 block Short St.

Property damage & assault: 400 block Short St.

Property damage: 600 block Plunkett St.

Property damage: 300 block South St.

Property damage: 500 block Blue Ridge Ave.

Cruelty to animals: 900 block Burks Hill Rd.

Assault & battery: 600 block Pinecrest Ave. Arrest made.

Cruelty to animals: 800 block Randolph St.

4/17/94
Suspicious activity: N Bridge & Peaks St.

Noise Disturbance: Pine & Jeter St.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle: 500 block Cook St.

Animal bite: 700 block Longwood Ave.

Traffic collision: Independence Blvd. Vehicle struck by a turkey. Received minor damages. No injuries.

Domestic: 700 block Blue Ridge Ave.

Noise disturbance: 800 block Burks Hill Rd.

Traffic Collision: 700 block Blue Ridge Ave. Vehicle backing from a parking space struck another vehicle. Minor damages. No injuries, no charges.

Noise disturbance: 1500 block Longwood Ave.

Neighborhood disturbances: 800 block Randolph St.

Assault & battery: 1500 block Longwood Ave.

Fight: 200 block E. Washington St.

Weapons offense: 300 block South St.

Disturbance: 600 block Orange St.

Three arrested in Dave's Sport Shop break-in

City Police have arrested three local men in connection with breaking into Dave's Sport shop in downtown Bedford on April 7. The suspects also were charged with breaking and entering and grand larceny of Coffey and Saunders' Farm and Hardware Store nine days earlier, according to Police Chief Milton Graham.

Charged in connection with the incidents were Michael Lamont Anderson, 19, of Bedford County,

Michael Anthony Haworth, 33 and Robert Junior Wright, 18, both of the city.

Police said several chain saws were stolen from Coffey and Saunders.

During the period the offenses took place, Haworth was out on bond awaiting trial on two other charges of breaking and entering, and one charge of grand larceny, police said.

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