



### Watauga Men With The Colors

#### Sergeant

Joseph Grimes, son of Jack Grimes has been commissioned Sergeant in the army, at the aviation base Walla Walla, Wash.

#### Master Sergeant

Clint Cannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cannon of Boone, who is with the Base Ordnance Office at Walla Walla, Wash., has been promoted to the rank of master sergeant.

#### Goes to Camp Bowie.

Corporal Dudley Swift, son of Mrs. R. S. Swift of Boone, was recently transferred from Camp Cook, Calif. to Camp Bowie, Texas.

#### In From Navy

Mr. Vaughn Mast of the U. S. Navy, Williamsburg, Va., spent Christmas week with Mrs. Mast in Boone, and with relatives in Johnson City, Tenn.

#### Holiday Visitor

Lieut.-Commander P. O. Brewer, of Chapel Hill, joined Mrs. Brewer and small daughter, here last week while on Christmas furlough.

#### Visit Home Folks

Private Alton M. Cook and Private Charles M. Hodges spent the Christmas season with home folks. They are stationed at Camp Sutton, N. C.

#### Major Thomas A Visitor.

Major John H. Thomas, of the U. S. Marine Corps, is with Mrs. Thomas in Boone on a 30 day furlough. Major Thomas has recently returned from the southwestern Pacific battle area.

#### Return to Charleston

Pharmacist Richard E. Kelley, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Kelley returned Christmas day to Charleston, S. C. from a visit with relatives and friends in Boone.

#### Coach Garbee a Visitor

Lieutenant (jg) Eugene Garbee, former Appalachian College Athletic coach, is visiting this week with his family here. Lieut. Garbee is located at Athens, Ga.

#### James Storie a Visitor

James Storie, chief petty officer, U. S. Navy, left on his return to New Orleans Sunday, from a Christmas visit with Mrs. Storie, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Storie.

**Returns to Camp Rucker**  
Sergeant R. K. Bingham, Jr. has returned to Camp Rucker, Ala. from a Christmas furlough with home folks in Boone.

#### In Puerto Rico

Mr. Carl Lewis, son of Mr. Chas. L. Lewis of Sherwood, who enlisted in the Coast Guard several weeks ago, is in Puerto Rico, according to news reaching a sister, Mrs. Rob Rivers. The trip from the U. S. was made by plane in about nine hours, he states. His address is Carl Smith Lewis, AS (R), 10th Naval Dis., San Guan, Puerto Rico.

#### Gels Commission

James L. Tester, Watauga man, who is stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., has recently been commissioned a lieutenant.

**Spends Furlough at Blowing Rock**  
Sergeant Ford G. Miller, who is located at Tallahassee, Fla., spent a holiday furlough at the home of his father Mr. J. C. Miller at Blowing Rock. Sergeant Miller has been in the army fourteen years and is a bombardier.

#### At Camp Robinson.

The following local men, recently inducted into the army, have been assigned to the medical replacement training center at Camp Robinson, Ark. Their training will embrace eleven weeks, after which they will be assigned for duty to some medical department organization: Otis E. Reese, Vilas; Carl Presnell, Valle Crucis; Joe Aldridge, Banner Elk; James E. Hicks, Sherwood.

#### Transferred to Camp Sutton

Charles M. Hodges and Alton M. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Finley P. Hodges, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cook, respectively, of Boone Route 2, who enlisted in the 304 Ordnance Regiment which was formed in Charlotte, N. C., consisting of volunteer technicians only, have been transferred from Fort Bragg, N. C., to Camp Sutton, Monroe, N. C., where this regiment is being supplied for immediate service.

#### To Receive Wings Soon

Aviation Cadet, Reid Kellam, has been transferred from Sumter, S. C. to Moultrie, Ga., where he will receive his wings at Spence Field, within a few weeks. Mrs. Kellam, the former Miss Annette Beach of Boone, and baby, Helen, are with him.

**W. H. Smith, Jr. Enlists in Navy**  
Mr. W. H. Smith, Jr., who has been in charge of the engineering corps on the Blue Ridge Parkway in this area for more than a year, has been accepted into the navy, as a volunteer specialist, with a farrant officer's rating. He left Tuesday for Raleigh, for final physical examina-

tion, and will take his basic training at Norfolk. Mrs. Smith will remain in Boone for the time being, and will join her husband, when he becomes located. Since the work on the Parkway is practically completed for the duration, Mr. Smith thinks his office here will likely close.

#### Studies Aviation Mechanics

Russell D. Hodges, Jr., of Boone, has begun an intensive course of study in aviation mechanics at Amarillo Field, Texas, one of the newest of the schools of the army air forces technical training command.

He will spend several months at this great mechanics school and upon graduation will be sent to one of Uncle Sam's air bases, where he will serve as a member of a crew of ace mechanics who will keep our fighting airplanes in condition to assure an early allied victory.

#### Soldier Says, Buy Bonds

Somewhere Away From Home  
December 20, 1942.

Dear Watauga County:  
I don't want nuts and candies and cookies this Christmas. I don't want pen and pencil sets, toilet articles, kits, radios, cigarettes, lighters, stationery, socks, sweaters, scarfs or ties.

I am asking for something really important this year, something that means more to me than the most expensive present I ever received on any previous Christmas morn, something you won't have to wrap in red and green and put in the earliest mail. Something that costs so little.

I want the privilege of seeing my friends and answering their greetings as I meet them on the street.

I want to ease down to a leisurely meal with friends or family and talk about yesterday's football game or tomorrow's election.

I want the chance to work a little harder at my business and worry about honest competition, new shelves and paint.

I want to go with my pals to see a movie or a county fair.

I want to be with my family and friends and quiet their needless fear. I want to go to church and worship and pray just as I please.

But I am not going to ask for these things right now. For there is something far bigger to think of. Listen!

Don't let them buy candy, let them buy bonds. It means another bullet for Berlin.

Don't let them spend for sentimental things, let them spend for stamps.

In the meantime, I shall not lose faith in my convictions nor will I tarry at my task. God willing.

Now, what more could I ask?  
ERNEST C. HODGES

### WATAUGA SAILOR

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and left this afternoon  
Coxswain Howard had served on the West Virginia from the time he entered the Navy until December 7, Pearl Harbor. Regarding this day he said: "I was asleep when the Japs arrived—I'd been gone, and was getting ready to leave again. However, the raid started, so I started rounding up my gun crew. Before I had my crew together we had been torpedoed four times, but we started right in giving it back to them, double. Soon the ship was listing badly so we began getting off. It looked like she might turn on her side to go down, but she went down straight. The wounded had been taken care of in a short time, but we spent four days taking check-ups to see that there were no internal injuries. After that I applied for a position on the USS Lexington, boarded her on December 13th, and took part in five battles until we abandoned her.

"On the morning of May 7th, we were ready for action. All night we'd known where the Japs were and our planes left to attack them. I guess that at the same time our planes were over them, their planes were over us. The Japs seemed to pick on the Lexington, for in five previous tangles with her they had reported that she had been sunk. Still, out of the eighteen planes attacking, between our guns and planes, we shot down sixteen. The other ships with us I cannot name, for reasons which need not be told—you understand we aren't putting out anything that might lead the enemy in the direction they want to go.

"I think we had one bomb hit and a number of torpedoes, but after the battle we guys all ganged up and had a pretty good time; those who could get to their quarters got a few keepsakes, but there was fire all through the ship, and not many could make it down below. We steamed over a hundred miles before disembarking. After we left the ship we were picked up by others in our group and put on rescue ships, that, of course, I'll not name. After about 27 days we landed in the states.

"The record of the U. S. S. Lexington up to and through May 7, was 67 planes, 16 ships, and approximately 8,000 Japanese sailors and 900 Jap officers."

When asked, "Where would you prefer to be next?" Howard first looked at pretty Mrs. Howard, grinned and replied: "Supposing you mean in action, I guess just take me to Tokio, and get it over with."

### SEAL SALE

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W. C. Lentz, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Winkler 50c.

Mrs. W. L. Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartley, 50c, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Icenhour, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Icenhour, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Young. Sale of Emblems \$2.55.

#### Cove Creek

Dock Mast, David Farthing, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sherwood, Mrs. Gerd Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mast, Mrs. Stanley Harris, Clarence Watson, Miss Evelyn McLean 50c. Paul Bingham 50c, Cove Creek School \$10.78, Mabel School 75c.

Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Horton, Mrs. Dare Strother, Miss Mildred Thomas, Ivy Wilson.

#### Bethel High School

Claud Watson, Mrs. Devene Green E. H. Greene 50c, C. C. Critcher, Russell Henson, Emma Jean Setzer, H. Earl Norris, Mrs. Mary Wellborn, Valle Crucis  
Father and Mrs. Leach, Mr. and

Mrs. Clint Baird 50c, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Baird, Mr. McKaraber, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hermon 30c, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baird 25c, Mrs. C. D. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Aldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carender.

### Obituary

Mrs. H. C. Hollifield, age 51 years, died at the home at Shulls Mills on Tuesday after a long illness. Funeral details had not been completed, but it was stated that services would likely be conducted at Boone Fork Church by Rev. Frank Knight. The husband, one son and two daughters survive: Hobart Hollifield, Miss Rosetta Hollifield, Shulls Mills; Mrs. Blaine Phillips, Lenoir. The mother, Mrs. John A. Gragg of Shulls Mills, also survives.

### WANTED

Elgin, Bulova, Gruen, and Hamilton watch boxes. 25 cents each. Must be new.

B. W. Stallings  
Boone, N. C.



We are grateful for the splendid patronage which has been accorded us during the year 1942. It has been a pleasure to serve each one of you, and we respectfully ask for your continued cooperation. On behalf of each member of our organization we extend the season's greetings and wish for you . . .

A Happy New Year

Boone Steam Laundry

W. H. GRAGG, Owner.

## WANT ADS

"OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS HERE"

DR. C. G. BAUGHMAN, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Elizabethton, Tenn., will be at the Hagaman Clinic in Boone the first Monday in each month for the practice of his profession. 12-1tf

WANTED—HAMS, Chickens, Highest market prices paid. Groceries and feed sold cheap. Plenty cotton meal on hand. Come and bring your produce, and if we can't trade will pay cash. S. A. Norris, Boone, N. C. 1c

WANTED—To contact the man, through the bank, who found money in Northwestern Bank December 19. Reward. Mrs. L. B. Hardin, Boone, N. C. 1p

LOST—Black leather zipper bill fold on Main Street, containing check, cash and Boy Scout registration card. Return to James O. Cooke, Jr., at Hotel Watauga for reward. 1p

WANTED—Girl at once, to do general housework in family of three adults. Good pay. See or write Ed G. Farthing, Boone, N. C. 1c

LOST—Gas certificate in or near Boone. Finder please return to Dave Henson, Sherwood, N. C. or Watauga Democrat, Boone, N. C. 1p

FOR SALE — 5 teacups, one still house handle, also six saucers, one 3rd handed coffee pot. R. W. Smith Deep Gap, N. C. 1p

FOR SALE—One steel overshot water wheel, 36 feet in diameter, factory made. Odes Wilson, Zionville, N. C. 1p

WANTED — TEN GIRLS, HIGH School graduates, to work for Board, Room and Tuition, and attend our evening classes. This is an opportunity for you to get a business education if you don't have the money. Write for information and application blank at once. Mid-winter term begins on January 4, 1943. Draughton Business College, Winston-Salem, N. C. 12-17-tfc

TAXIDERMY OF ALL KINDS— I specialize in bird mounting, small animals, heads, etc. Hides tanned. Ask for estimates. Ralph Gwaltney, Banner Elk, N. C. 12-11-4p

WANTED — ONE HUNDRED young women, High School graduates and married women to train for immediate employment. Our government needs you now, and a position awaits you upon completion of your course. Are you patriotic? Then consider business training at once. Midwinter term begins January 4, 1943. Write for application blank and information at your very earliest convenience. Draughton Business College, Winston-Salem, N. C. 12-17-tfc

DR. L. E. WELLMAN, optometrist, invites you to come to Mountain City, Tenn., for your next glasses. You will receive a thorough scientific examination and the finest of lenses. The latest styles in frames or rimless mountings at a very moderate cost. Office days, Wednesday, Thursday each week. 12-1-1f

REPAIR PARTS—Owners of farm tractors, other machinery, sawmill tractors, power units: We have the most complete line of L.H.C., McCormick-Deering and Athens plow repair parts in Western North Carolina and our shop is staffed with men specializing only in repair of such equipment. We will give your repair problem immediate attention. Prompt service is given mail orders on repair parts.  
NEWTON IMPLEMENT CO.  
NEWTON, N. C.  
12-17-3-mc

TYPIST, BOOKKEEPER, Secretary Experienced. Expert. Desires position in Boone, N. C. Best references. Apply Watauga Democrat, stating salary you can offer. 1p

OLD GOLD WANTED—We buy old gold watch cases, rings, dental gold etc. Highest prices paid. Walker's Jewelry Store. 12-1-1f

#### Chestnut Wood

Wilkes Extract Works, North Wilkesboro, N. C., are in the market for Chestnut Wood in any quantity. Price \$9.00 for 160 cubic feet delivered at their mill. Can be delivered any day except Sunday. Wood is needed to make tannin extract to tan leather for shoes needed for our men in service.  
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## A New Series of Stock in the Watauga Building & Loan Opens With The New Year

Take out some shares of installment stock in our new series which opens on January 1, and lay the groundwork for a home of your own. Although the lumber and nails, and various other things used in home construction in normal times, are now being fed into the war production machine, in order that our boys may have all the things which they need to defeat the enemies to our homes, our families, and our American way of life.

But the day will come, we know not the date, when again our people will be building new homes, and going about their affairs in a normal way. When this time comes we will again be helping to build homes for the people of Boone and Watauga County. Takeout your stock now, and be ready to own your own home through Building and Loan aid when the war clouds lift. At any rate, you can be laying aside a small amount regularly for the rainy day, whether or not you anticipate building. Let us tell you about it. Due to present conditions we are not issuing any prepaid stock, but want to insist that you buy War Stamps and bonds with your surplus money. We are selling bonds now, and want to insist that you do your full share toward winning the war by putting your idle dollars to work.

In grateful appreciation for all the favors of the past year, and soliciting your future cooperation and good will, we are,

Very truly yours,

## WATAUGA BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION

W. H. Gragg, Secretary

Boone, N. C.