



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Important Notice

Henceforth complete addresses of soldiers and sailors outside the United States will not be published in these columns. In the case of a soldier the designation of his unit will not be used, or the name of a ship on which a sailor serves will not be published. This is in accordance with our understanding of the censorship rules, voluntarily subscribed to by American newspapers, and is solely for the protection of men in the armed services.

The Publisher.

PFC. JOHN S. HOUCK, of the Base General Depot, Los Angeles, Calif., is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Houck, in Boone. Mr. Houck came as far as Charlotte by plane.

PFC. RUSSELL L. THOMAS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Thomas, of Mabel, has returned to Camp Adair, Oregon, after spending a

furlough here with his parents and friends.

PFC. HUNTER STORIE, who has been on army maneuvers in the State of Tennessee, was a week-end visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Storie, in Boone.

JAMES E. RAY, U. S. Navy, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., recently spent several days at his home near Boone. He returned to Camp Peary Tuesday.

CPL. R. K. BINGHAM, JR., of the 4th Armored Signal Battalion, Camp Polk, La., was a visitor last week at his home in Boone.

RICHARD F. BINGHAM, hospital apprentice first class, Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va., was a week-end visitor at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Bingham.

PVT. CARL SMITH, Ashford General Hospital, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., was a week-end

visitor with his wife and daughter in Boone.

PFC. BURL W. THOMAS graduated Jan. 25 as an airplane mechanic from the Sevinour Johnson Field Technical School of the Army Air Force Training Command, and while awaiting assignment to factory school or other duty, spent a short time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Thomas at Mabel last week-end.

SGT. COUNCELL C. COOKE returned to 182nd La Grude General Hospital, New Orleans, La., after spending a 15-day furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cooke, of Boone.

CPL. WILLIAM L. MILLER, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Amanda Miller, of Zionville, for a few days, has returned to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is stationed. Anyone wishing to write him can do so at this address:

Cpl. William L. Miller, 8th Base Hqs., 8 AB Sq., Flight C, Bks. 15-01 AAF, Salt Lake City, Utah.

PVT. DARREL R. ELROD has returned to camp after spending 15 days' furlough with his wife at Rogersville, Tenn., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Elrod, and friends of Boone. His address is: Pvt. Darrel R. Elrod, Base Ordnance Office, Walker Army Air Field, Victoria, Kansas.

RILEY GREENE, of Baltimore, Md., formerly of Stony Fork, was inducted in the U. S. Army Jan. 12. After his induction he was sent back to Baltimore and Mrs. Greene came back with him to Deep Gap. He left on Jan. 24, and Mrs. Greene accompanied him as far as Charlotte. After spending a few days with her parents at Deep Gap, she returned to Baltimore where she is employed. It is not known yet where Mr. Greene will be stationed.

At Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Feb. 4.—Sgt. Clyde A. Greene, son of Clark Greene, is a newly-arrived soldier at Jefferson Barracks. This historic military post, on the Mississippi River, is a basic training center for the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Sgt. Green was a farmer before entering the service. He attended the Bethel High School.

REQUIEM

Editor Democrat: I would like for you to print this requiem in The Democrat. Thank you.

PFC. ARGUS G. WALLACE, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Whenever the brave lie sleeping, no matter how far the sod, Some heart is vigil keeping above each son of God. It may be an aging mother, a sweet-heart, sister or wife, A child or a friend or a brother, someone he loved in life Who today is feeling lonely and thinking of other years, But able to give him only the tribute of silent tears. The Bodies of men die swiftly, but the deeds of the brave live long, Their glory shall ring forever in epitaph, story and song. So, wherever the brave lie sleeping, no matter how far the sod, Each grave is a temple to courage which shelters a son of God.

Sgt. Alexander on 47 Missions Miami Beach, Fla., Feb. 5.—Sgt. Preston S. Alexander, of Blowing Rock, N. C., recently returned from service outside the continental United States, now is being processed through the Army Air Force Re-

Overseas



Staff Sergeant William R. Lovill, Jr., of Boone, who is on duty in the Mediterranean area, cables relatives here that he is well and all right. Sgt. Lovill has been in the army for two years, about half of which time has been spent in overseas duty.

distribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be recommended.

This is one of the redistribution stations within the command of the AAF Redistribution Center, at which returnees from theaters of operation are examined by specially selected medical and classification officers whose joint findings are used in determining new assignments.

Sgt. Alexander, 27-year-old B-25 punner and engineer, flew 47 bombing missions in the China-Burma-India theater; had two forced landings. For his achievements, he was awarded the Air Medal. He is the son of Mrs. Ernestine Alexander, of Blowing Rock, N. C.

Ten Watsugans at Great Lakes

New recruits at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., are ten Watauga County men.

They are now receiving instruction in seamanship, military drill and naval procedure. Soon, they will be given a series of aptitude tests for determining whether they will be assigned to one of the navy's service schools or to immediate active duty at sea.

Upon completion of their recruit training, these men will be home on a nine-day furlough. They are: Alton E. Hodges, Jr., Stacey L. Bingham, Jordan W. Cook, Thomas W. Moretz, Rufus A. Shull, Charles W. Dotson, Boone; Jacob S. Snyder, Jr.; Reese; Henry E. Johnson, Sherwood; Schyler L. Wilson, Vilas, and Robert E. Day, Zionville.

Born—A Daughter

By VIRGINIA B. SMITH, County Nurse

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Doe, a daughter, May 1st.

A newspaper notice, terse and simple, announces an accustomed event. But behind many a birth notice lies a story of struggle and anxiety that probably had its beginning long before. Then what about those births that are not announced, or even registered. Deliveries are taking place in homes without even a midwife (let alone a physician. Some folks say, "These people are on relief; they should not be having babies if they cannot afford to pay to bring them into the world properly and support them after they get here." As a nation we are thankful for every able-bodied man and woman who can help with the war effort and for every healthy child who is born and lives.

The purpose of this article is to impress upon parents the importance of seeing that the birth of their baby is registered. This is of the utmost importance and should be done within 36 hours after the baby's birth.

The physician, midwife, nurse or other attendant is required in every state to report the birth to the local registrar who will see that the date of the birth and the child's name, together with other related facts, are made matters of permanent record.

Birth registration is necessary in order to prove the date of your child's birth and his citizenship. His right to enter school; to go to work; to inherit property; to marry; to enter the armed forces, and to hold office depend upon proof of age or citizenship or both, and this proof is most readily established by means of birth certificates.

Proof of age is also necessary in order to obtain benefits under the social security act, such as aid to dependent children and old age and survivor insurance.

If no copy of birth certificate of a child has been received an inquiry may be sent to the state board of health where the records are filed. By making sure that the birth of every child born to them is registered, parents are protecting the fundamental right of their children.

Having recently completed a survey of Watauga County, it might be of interest to review the following report. These statistics were obtained from the combined registrar's reports. Your attention is called to the total number of births occurring in 1943 in contrast with the 436 reported in 1942. It is well known that there has been a definite increase in the birth rate in the county as a whole during 1943. Should not Watauga's birth rate report increase accordingly?

Total number of births..... 456
No. delivered by physicians..... 401
No. delivered by midwives..... 65
No. delivered by others..... 8

Of this births 349 occurred in hospitals; 107 occurred in homes.

BUY WAR BONDS

WILD BILL ELLIOTT
GEORGE "GABBY" HAYES
ANNE JEFFREYS

"OVERLAND MAIL ROBBERY"

When His Courage Was Challenged
..... His Gentleness Turned
To Iron

ALICE FLEMING WELDON HEYBURN

SATURDAY
Appalachian Theatre

APPALACHIAN THEATRE

Shows at 2:15, 4:00, 7:15, 9:00
Phone 170 Boone, N. C.

THURSDAY—LAST DAY

JOHN WAYNE
JEAN ARTHUR

—in—
"LADY TAKES A CHANCE"

MARCH OF TIME
NEWS OF WORLD

This picture will run regular performance matinee and one show at 7:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

THURSDAY NIGHT 9:15

BOND SHOW
Admission by Special Tickets Only

Richard Tregaskis'
GUADALCANAL DIARY

Preston FOSTER · Lloyd NOLAN
William BENDIX · Richard CONTE
Anthony QUINN

BARGAIN DAY—FRIDAY

99c and 15c All Day

AL PIERCE AND ALL
HIS RADIO GANG

—in—
"HERE COMES ELMER"

(Remember Elmer Blurb
I Hope—I Hope—I Hope)

MUSICAL — NEWS
BATMAN, Chapter No. 6

MONDAY-TUESDAY

Terrific Twosome!

FUN! MUSIC! GIRLS!

Mickey ROONEY and **Judy GARLAND**

"GIRL CRAZY"

GERSHWIN'S Famed Musical!

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

EXCITING SAGA OF A FIGHTING ALL-AMERICAN

FRANK CAVANAUGH
football player, coach, warrior, father!

PAT O'Brien
The IRON MAJOR

WILD BILL ELLIOTT
GEORGE "GABBY" HAYES
ANNE JEFFREYS

"OVERLAND MAIL ROBBERY"

ALICE FLEMING WELDON HEYBURN

SATURDAY

Starts at 11:00 A. M.

Wild Bill Elliott, George Gabby Hayes, Anne Jeffreys, Alice Fleming Weldon Heyburn, in a Thrilling Picture, Cast in Packed With Gun, Play and Prizes!

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BUY WAR BONDS

YOU ASKED FOR TOP PICTURES!
Here They Are . . . Two of the Best!!
Both in One Week

MONDAY-TUESDAY
Rootin' - Tootin' Rhythm!

MICKY ROONEY
JUDY GARLAND

"GIRL CRAZY"

GERSHWIN'S FAMED MUSICAL!
Fun! Songs! Hits! Girls!

TOMMY DORSEY
and his Orchestra

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

THE AMAZING STORY OF A MAKER OF HEROES! Thrilling exploits of fighting Frank Cavanaugh, football player, coach, warrior, father!

PAT O'BRIEN
in
The IRON MAJOR

RUTH WARRICK · ROBERT RYAN



Top scene is from "Girl Crazy", starring Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland and Tommy Dorsey and his band, playing Monday and Tuesday. Bottom, left, is Bill Elliott, a big favorite among the boys and girls of Boone, plays Saturday in "Overland Mail Robbery." Bottom, right, is scene from "Iron Major," starring Pat O'Brien and Ruth Warrick. One of O'Brien's greatest roles, plays next Wednesday and Thursday. All-out for this great entertainment at Appalachian Theatre next week.