

JONES ATTENDS COURSE
 Marine Pfc. Johnnie R. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Jones of Suit, is attending the demolition course conducted by the Engineer School Battalion here.

The eight-week course includes instruction in the storage and handling of explosives, calculation of explosive charges, tactical employment of demolitions, and the laying and lifting of mines and booby traps.

North Carolina farmers added nearly 100,000 acres of improved pasture from 1951 to 1952 (from 799,034 to 884,492 acres).

DOCKERY IN CORPS
 Albert Harry Dockery, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dockery, of Rt. 1, Marble, N. C., has been enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and been assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island S. C. SSgt. Wm L. Stephens local Marine Recruiter announced today.

United States farmers produced 352.8 million pounds of clean alfalfa, lespedeza, timothy, and red, alsike and sweet clover seed during 1953, some 29 per cent less than the 1952 total.

100 Year Olds Sought In State

Information concerning all persons in the Tar Heel State who have passed their 100th birthday is being sought by the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina. The information about centenarians existing in our state is being made for research purposes throughout the country.

Recent estimates have placed the probable number of North Carolina residents who are past their 100th birthday at slightly more than 200.

Anyone in the state having information about persons of 100 years of age or more are invited to communicate with the Medical Society of North Carolina, Post Office Box 790, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Texana Group Has Methodist Guild Program

LAST WEEK

Members of the Womans Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, and the faculty and Glee Club of Texana School were guests of the Wesleyan Service Guild at its meeting Monday night in the church.

Mrs. E. B. Ragsdale gave the devotional, and Miss Elma Rai Dennis talked on Christian Brotherhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper Pearson presented the Glee Club in two numbers, "Set Down Sinner", Kipling's "Recessional". Mrs. Pearson accompanied the group at the piano, and played two piano numbers.

After the program, the group went to the basement where refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. W. C. Witt, Mrs. Neil Davidson, Mrs. Neil Sneed, Mrs. John Bayless, Miss Hattie Palmer, Mrs. H. A. Mattox, Mrs. Hobart McKeever and Mrs. Asmond Maxwell, and a social hour enjoyed. About 75 were present.

Miss Heighway Has Regal Club

LAST WEEK

The Regal Club was entertained at the home of Miss Josephine Heighway Friday, Feb. 12, with Miss Heighway and Mrs. Ruby Hill as hostesses.

The Regal Club will furnish refreshments for the Bloodmobile on its next visit. Miss Phyllis Snyder reviewed the book "Who Cooked Mother Goose?" by Dick Ashbaugh. Mrs. Edwina Hagaman was received as a new member.

The house was decorated in the Valentine motif. Refreshments were served to the some 15 members and four guests present.

Guests included Miss Mary Akin, Mrs. de Calongne, Mrs. Bertha Bates and Mrs. Hagaman.

mechanic for 13 years.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in Robbinsville Baptist Church with the Rev. Joel I. Orr officiating. Burial was in the Old Mother Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Bertha Nichols Slaughter; one daughter, Nancy of the home; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Slaughter.

Also one sister, Mrs. A. R. Johnson of Atlanta, Ga., three brothers, Arnold, and Ed of Robbinsville and R. B. of Atlanta.

DECKER

Cpl. and Mrs. Clyde Decker of Murphy and Fort Campbell, Ky., announce the birth of a daughter, Donna Kaye, Feb. 14. Mrs. Decker is the former Aileen Head of Andrews.

Cpl. Decker has been serving with the 88th Airborne in Fort Campbell since his induction in the army Oct., 1952. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Decker of Murphy.

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McLEAN SERVING

SANTA ANA, CALIF.—Marine MSgt. Otis D. McLean, of Topton, N. C., is serving as an assistant engineering chief with Station Operations Squadron 1 at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, here.

McLean attended Mills River High School before entering the Marine Corps in 1943.

Slaughter Dies In Robbinsville

James D. Slaughter, 47 died Tuesday night, Feb. 9, in his home in Robbinsville after a long illness.

He had been employed by the State Highway Department as a

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