

# Urge Broad Medical Care Program For Rural Areas

The rural sub-committee of the State Commission on Hospital and Medical Care has just released its formal report, analyzing the urgent needs of country areas, and urging a broad program of improvements for rural people.

Its recommendations included an annual State Fund "to help the counties and other local units meet their expenses for the medical care of indigent and low-income families."

"Our medical care problem is largely a rural problem," the report stressed. "Nearly 75% of our people live in rural areas or towns under 2,500. The cash income of farm people is low compared to town people. And rural areas are relatively isolated from towns, hospitals, and often physicians."

The committee's findings and recommendations, which covered 16 printed pages, were signed by a group of the State's foremost farm and medical leaders:

Thomas J. Pearsall, Rocky Mount legislator and chairman; Dr. L. D. Bayer, State Experiment Station; Harry B. Caldwell, State Grange; Dr. G. M. Cooper, State Health Department; Dr. W. C. Davison, Duke Medical School; Dr. C. Horace Hamilton, State College; Dr. S. H. Hobbs, Jr., University of N. C.; J. G. K. McClure, Farm Federation; Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, Home Demonstration Clubs; M. G. Mann, N. C. Cotton Growers Association; R. Flake Shaw, Farm Bureau Federation; J. B. Slack, Farm Security Administration, and Dr. E. Washburn, Rutherfordon.

The problem and need are four-fold, the Committee emphasized. "More rural physicians must be trained. More rural hospitals must be built. More educational and preventive work must be carried on. Convenient methods of paying for medical care must be devised. All four aspects must be worked on at once."

The Rural Committee joined with the main Commission in its recommendations for a \$5 million fund for helping local units to build or expand district and local hospitals and health centers where needed; a central hospital, four-year medical school, and loan fund for rural medical students; and the encouragement of group medical care plans, and particularly the Blue Cross plan.

"The proposed fund for indigent and low-income families would give some aid to approximately 720,000 North Carolina people most in need," the Committee estimated. "It would not help possibly another 720,000 who are now not getting adequate medical and hospital care."

"It is planned that these funds would also be used," the report continued, "to help those parents of school children who are unable to pay all the costs for correcting defects or in treating diseases revealed in the regular school health examinations."

During cold weather, care must be exercised to see that hogs butchered and hung up to chill are not permitted to freeze. A frozen carcass must be thawed out before the meat is put in cure.

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## Sgt. Jessie B. Cogdill Will Wear Distinguished Unit Badge With Cluster

15TH. AAF IN ITALY, Jan. 1.—Sgt. Jessie B. Cogdill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Cogdill, Route 1, Sylva, N. C., waist gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, has been authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge with one cluster as a member of a veteran group which twice has cited by the President of the United States "for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

The group received its original gold-rimmed blue ribbon for an attack on the Prufening aircraft factory at Regensburg, Germany, on February 25th. The cluster was added for a mission over the Ploesti, Rumania, oil refineries on April 5th.

The citation read, in part: (For Regensburg)

"Notified to prepare maximum aircraft . . . personnel worked feverishly, enthusiastically, and with untiring intensity . . . The tremendous material damage inflicted . . . contributed greatly to the curtailment of aircraft production by the enemy at a time of great importance."

For Ploesti:

"Under the most difficult and trying conditions on the ground and despite extremely adverse weather conditions in the air, the group . . . successfully delivered a devastating blow to the important enemy oil installations."

"The grim determination . . . and heroic courage of the combat crews, together with the professional skill and devotion to duty of the ground personnel . . . are outstanding in the history of aerial warfare."

Before entering the army Sgt. Cogdill was employed as a truck driver. He arrived in England last April, and was transferred to the 15th Air Force in November.

## Funeral Service Held For Mrs. Martha Pierson

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Caroline Pierson, 86, of Norton who died Tuesday afternoon following a long illness was conducted Thursday morning at the home by Rev. W. T. Medlin, pastor of Highlands Methodist Church.

Mrs. Pierson was a member of the Baptist Church. She is survived by four daughters, Mys. Fannie Henson and Mrs. Lawton Zachary of Norton, Mrs. Olive Bryson, Cullasaja and Mrs. Susan Whitmire of Asheville. Surviving also are one brother and two sisters, a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Moody funeral home had charge of arrangements.

## ADDIE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blanton gave an oyster supper on last Friday night for their son, Vernon, and some of the other boys who are home on furlough. They were Lincoln Shuler, L. V. Green, Charles Snyder and Charlie McClure. About thirty guests attended the supper.

Mrs. Eloise Shuler, Lincoln Shuler and Milas Shuler are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wiley in Atlanta, Ga., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Passmore of Asheville visited Mrs. Passmore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Green last week.

Mrs. L. E. Murray visited Mr. and Mrs. Rick Henson and family at Willets Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mull have moved to Oak Ridge, Tenn., where he is employed.

Mr. Charlie Bryson of Waynesville visited his father, W. E. Bryson, Sunday.

Harrison Dillard is spending a few days' furlough with his wife, the former Kathleen Bryson, and small son.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bryson and daughter, Nancy Caroline and Mrs. Raymond McClure visited Miss Irene

## ARMOR RELIEF REACHES BASTOGNE



IN A SNOW-COVERED SQUARE of Bastogne, Belgium, vehicles of the U. S. Third Army's 4th Division, which broke through to the relief of the U. S. troops in the Belgian town, are interspersed with vehicles of the 10th Armored Division, one of the three trapped American divisions. U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)



Bryson in Clayton, Ga., Sunday.

Miss Gretchen Johnson finished a Bible Study Course here last week and we certainly do appreciate what she has done for us and enjoyed having her in our homes.

## Mrs. Margaret L. Sellars Passes

Mrs. Margaret Louise Sellars, wife of Pvt. Homer Sellars, who is serving with the armed forces in Germany, died Sunday at 6 A. M. in the C. J. Harris Community Hospital. Mrs. Sellars had been ill about two weeks.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Long Branch Baptist Church with the Rev. R. S. Hensley officiating. Interment was in the Franklin cemetery near the church.

Pallbearers were: George Wilkie, Joe Wilkie, Julian Mills, Paul Gass and Roy and Harley Sellars.

Besides the husband Mrs. Sellars is survived by two small children, Larry and Clyde, the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lawing, nine sisters, Mrs. Roy Sellars, Mrs. Julian Mills, the Misses Juanita and Winnie Mae of Jackson County, Mrs. Frank Crisp, Mrs. Martha Lawing, Miss Bessie Lee Lawing of Gastonia, Miss Clara Belle Lawing and Mrs. Marshall Wilkie of Stanley.

## WILMOT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Bradley of Whittier have received word that their son, Pvt. Kenneth Bradley has arrived safely in Scotland. He has brother in service, Pfc. Watzell Bradley.

Mrs. Morrie Potters and small son, Wayne, of Gastonia are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Laws, at Wilmot.

Miss Frances Bradley, who has been employed by the Dayton Rubber Plant, has resigned to go to Paducah, Ky., where she has accepted another job.

Mr. W. R. Settlemyre has gone to Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Mr. Thad Bradley has gone to Washington, D. C., where he has accepted a position.

Mr. Hughie Nations has returned to his work in the Norfolk Navy Yards after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Nations.

Pfc. Venoy Settlemyre of Camp Stewart, Ga., is home on a three-day leave.

S. I-c Laborn Nations is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seagle, of Wilmot.

Miss Dorcas Bradley has gone to Moore General Hospital where she will enter training for a nurse.

## QUALLA NEWS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service held its January meeting at the home of Mrs. J. L. Hyatt. Mrs. C. P. Shelton was in charge of the program. The Feb. meeting will be held with Mrs. C. O. Newell at Bryson City.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Miller Hall gave a shower for Mrs. Vinson Jenkins. About fifteen ladies attended. Refreshments were served by the hostess and a social hour was enjoyed.

Mrs. C. O. Newell, Mrs. C. P. Shelton and Miss Jennie Cathey attended Laymen's meeting at Cullowhee, Jan. 8.

The Qualla Home Demonstration club held its Jan. meeting with Mrs. Frank Hall Jan. 16.

Among the Qualla folks, who attended the Quarterly Conference at Whittier Sunday morning, were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hipps, Mr. W. O. Sherrill, Mrs. Bonnie Bradley, Mrs. John Cathey, Mrs. Emerson Cathey, Miss Jennie Cathey and Mrs. J. K. Terrell. The next quarterly meeting is to convene with the Qualla Methodist church.

Misses Gertrude Ferguson and Jennie Cathey attended teachers meeting at Bryson City Jan. 13.

## Three Reed Brothers Overseas

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Reed now have three sons serving overseas.

Cpl. James L. Reed, a member of a medical unit stationed in Italy, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. While on the Anzio beach head Cpl. Reed ran a distance of more than 200 yards under heavy enemy fire to administer first aid to wounded soldiers. He is also reported to have carried two wounded soldiers some distance to a tank that evacuated.

Before entering the army in June, 1941, he was employed by the Day Zimmerman Co. of Penn. He was inducted at Fort Bragg and took further training at Camp Polk, La. From there he went to New Orleans and then to a port of embarkation.

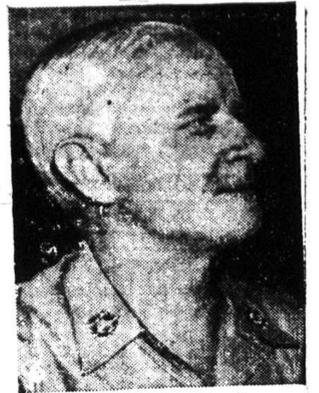
T-4 Robert V. Reed, Medical Detachment of the 314th Inf., has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action against the enemy on June 26, 1944, in France. Without hesitation T-4 Reed crawled into an area which was under an intense concentration of enemy artillery and machine gun fire in order to evacuate two wounded men who were lying in an exposed position. He succeeded in moving the first man into a shell crater where he administered medical aid and then went to aid the other. Four times he was forced to take cover from the intense enemy fire as he was treating the wounded men but he continued his hazardous task until he had carried and dragged the soldier to a position of safety. His dauntless courage and devotion to duty reflects highest credit on himself and the military forces of the U. S.

T-4 Reed entered the service in Oct. 1942. He was inducted at Camp Croft, S. C., and received further training at Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Phillips, Kansas, and from there to a port of embarkation. Before entering the army he was employed by the Sylva Pharmacy.

Sgt. Kenneth Reed worked with the Maple Springs Wood Work Shop in Sylva before entering the army in March, 1942. He was inducted at Fort Bragg and then received his training at Camp Grant, Ill. From there he returned to Fort Bragg and was sent to a port of embarkation.

If a clear broth or consommé is desired, heat the strained broth, from which all fat has been removed, with the crushed shell and beaten white of an egg. The egg white collects the solid particles in the broth.

## With New Insignia



THIS IS THE FIRST PICTURE showing Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz wearing his new insignia, five stars point-to-point in a circle. The fleet admiral rank was created recently by Congress. (International)

## Savannah PTA Meets

The Parent Teacher Association of the Savannah School met Thursday afternoon with twenty-four members present.

The President, Mrs. Bragg Allison, presided. Several numbers were given by the Glee club. All grades had raised the required amount to belong to the Junior Red Cross—100 per cent. The association has voted to spend \$100 for supplementary readers and books for the library.

Miss Martha Barnette, field worker for the F. S. A., was the speaker for the afternoon, speaking in a most interesting and instructive way on the work of the FSA in Jackson County.

## Eyes Examined, Glasses Fitted

Dr. Alden C. Downs

will examine eyes and fit glasses in Sylva at Sossamon's Furniture Company Friday, Jan. 19 from 9 o'clock to 4 o'clock

If you have eye trouble or don't see well you should consult Dr. Downs on above date



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