

My Job and Your Job

"We are all from Waynesville, and we left with Company H on September 15, 1940. It's pretty lonesome here and a long ways from home, and we would appreciate it, if you would put our addresses in The Mountaineer and the folks to write to us.

"We are ready and willing to do our part, but everything seems to have forgotten us as soon as we left.

"It doesn't seem like it would take much of their present time to drop us a line. Our address is Company H, 4th Inf. No. 30, U. S. Army, Camp Blanding, Fla.

Signed,
Sgt. S. Willie Messer, James Knight, Walter Frank Charles Burgess; Private Leon Morrow; Sgts. Larry Harrington, Jack Smith, Kermit Murray, Grover Robinson, Lester Boone, Dave Edwards; Cpls. George Milner, Ray Smith, Felton Huffman, Cecil Singleton, Wiley Williams.

"We get The Mountaineer every week, and believe us every line of it is read over and over, for that's about the only way that we have of knowing what is happening in our home town. All of us are glad of the way Waynesville and good 'Old Haywood' are going about helping in every way. We all have been following the scrap drive and contribute all of you."

The foregoing are excerpts from a letter received this week by The Mountaineer and signed by the 16 boys as designated . . . boys who two years ago were leading normal lives far from the thoughts of war.

Suddenly Fate took them away . . . War clouds gathered darker and darker, and they left home and familiar scenes, while you and I remained at home to continue the American way of life . . . that these boys are going to fight to reserve for us . . . two years is a long time to be away from home, with no promise when you will be back to stay . . . (if ever).

This appeal from these boys brings sharply to mind the part the civilian will have to take in this war. . . . Our responsibility is greater than we yet realize. . . . Buying bonds that will come back to us with a bonus, and doing war work at home is not all. . . . It is up to us to give something of the spirit of those boys that will make every last one of them feel that what they are fighting for is worth the price . . . and that those back home are supporting them to the last shot . . . by their appreciation of what they are doing.

One of the leading military authorities has recently said that it will be the folks back home who will have to help win this war by giving their moral support to the men in our armed forces.

Put yourself in their places . . . It is said that there is loneliness in the world like the nostalgia that overcomes men in crowds. . . . These boys are surrounded by thousands, but their thoughts and hearts turn homeward . . . America to them is symbolized by home, family and friends. . . . It is for their own folks that they are fighting . . . for their mothers, their wives, their sweethearts, their sisters, their brothers, their younger brothers and their friends.

Suppose you got in line at mail time . . . which we are told is the peak point in the army day, and you went down that line, only to be told, "Nothing doing, today, buddy, nobody loves you" . . . you came in for a lot of kidding . . . the fellows all about you had mail . . . somebody had a box of cookies from home.

You turn away empty handed . . . you may be a full grown adult, but suddenly you become a little boy . . . you are surprised at your juvenile feelings. . . . How could you expect bitterness from creeping into your soul? . . . Of course you assure yourself that you are not really forgotten, it sounds to reason that they have thoughts of you . . . and that they are just busy back home. . . . But you wanted some mail like the other lucky devils . . . you wanted positive proof that somebody was thinking about you.

On the other hand suppose you had received "one sweet letter from home" . . . you walked out of that line with a million dollars, proud as punch. . . . Shucks, bring back Hitler and the whole little island of Japan. . . . You had a job to do, and you were impatient to get at it. . . . There was somebody at home wanting you to finish up and come back. . . . They missed you like nobody's business . . . and they were counting the days until you came home with Hitler's scalp. . . . Come on, boys, let's get goin'.

There are a lot of civilians who are wanting to do some war work . . . maybe you can't buy as many bonds as you would like . . . maybe it is not convenient for you to get to the Red Cross rooms to roll bandages . . . maybe you can't be as active in the civilian defense program as you would like. . . . Don't worry . . . there is something for every American citizen to do in this man's war.

One of the biggest jobs to be done takes only a few minutes and can be done without even leaving home and with mighty little effort. . . . Get yourself a "mailing list" of some of Uncle Sam's boys. . . . Suppose you do not have a member of your own family in the service? . . . that makes no difference. . . . Adopt yourself a soldier . . . maybe a marine . . . perhaps a marine . . . or you might prefer the air corps . . . but get going on your morale program . . . and give your boy in the service what it takes in a friendly letter to convince him that those back home care . . . and have faith.

To keep the fires of the fighting spirit burning in the hearts of our boys . . . and make them understand that somebody back home is depending on them personally to win this war and bring Peace to America and the world . . . MY JOB and YOUR JOB. . . . Let's start today!

Rationing Board Makes Report Of Grants For Week

Forty-four firms and individuals received favorable action from the local rationing board on their applications during the week, according to an announcement by the executive clerk.

The list included the following: J. H. Davis, of Clyde, route 1, farm and livestock hauler, 1 truck tire and 1 truck tube; Frank H. Leatherwood, of Waynesville, minister, 1 passenger tire; State highway patrol, highway patrol, 1 passenger tire.

K. N. Palmer, of Cove Creek, mail service, 1 passenger tire; J. C. Brown, of Waynesville, vocational agricultural supervisor, 2 passenger recaps; Thomas Ferguson, of Clyde, route 1, farm hauler, 1 passenger recap; B. H. Burress, of Waynesville, defense worker, 2 passenger recaps.

Scott Reeves, of Waynesville, taxi service, 1 passenger recap; Jason Smiley, of Waynesville, taxi service, 2 passenger recaps; O. L. Yates, of Waynesville, farm produce, 2 passenger recaps; Wilkie Rabb, of Waynesville, defense worker, 4 passenger recaps; S. R. Crockett, of Hazelwood, minister, 1 passenger recap; George R. Boyle, of Waynesville, lumber operator, 1 passenger recap; Dr. A. C. Earley, of Waynesville, public health dentist, 1 passenger recap. Mrs. Anna B. Siler, of Waynes-

Marines Put Japs to Work



These members of a Japanese labor unit, captured when the U. S. marines invaded the Solomons, are shown at work under the watchful eyes of American sentries. In all probability, they were building defense installations which are helping to repel a huge force of their countrymen who were landed on Guadalcanal under the protection of a large naval armada. Navy Secretary Frank Knox said that a "real stiff, tough fight" is now raging in the Solomons. (Central Press)

ville, WPA supervisor, 1 passenger recap; Lowdermilk Brothers, of Waynesville, highway construction, 2 truck recaps. H. B. Milner, of Waynesville, service, 1 passenger recap; Lige Franklin, of Waynesville, whole sale and farm produce, 2 truck

truck recap; Thomas A. Long, of Waynesville, route 2, defense worker, 2 truck recaps; John Brown, of Lake Junaluska, fuel, wood and farm products, 2 truck recaps.

Thomas S. Freeman, of Waynesville, route 1, farm products, 2 truck recaps; V. E. Arrington, of Hazelwood, farm products, 1 truck recap; Charlie Ross, of Clyde, route 1, farm products, 1 truck recap; Earl Messer, of Waynesville, route 2, taxi service, 1 passenger recap; Waynesville Hardware, of Waynesville, fertilizer and farm products, 1 truck recap; Ellis Sorrels, of Hazelwood, wood hauler, 2 truck recaps.

Frank M. Bryson, of Waynesville, route 2, farm hauler, 2 truck recaps; Boyd Wholesale Company, of Waynesville, wholesale food hauler, 2 truck recaps; Bryson M. Smith, of Hazelwood, fuel hauler, 4 truck recaps; Jess Ross, of Waynesville, fuel hauler, 1 truck recap; Haze Franklin, of Hazelwood, fuel hauler, 1 truck recap.

Floyd Davis, of Waynesville, lumbering operation, 2 truck recaps; Underwood Lumber Company, of Waynesville, lime and lumber hauler, 2 truck recaps; Bolling Hall, of Waynesville, farm hauler, 1 truck tire and 1 truck tube; Grace Lumber Mills, of Lake Junaluska, lumbering operations, 1 truck tire.

Carl Rogers, of Clyde, route 1, lumbering operations, 2 truck tires; Lake Junaluska Assembly, Lake Junaluska, garbage hauler, 1 truck tire, 1 truck tube; J. Glenn Fincher, of Clyde, route 1, farm

Rev. B. Cunningham Is Now Hazelwood Resident

Rev. B. Cunningham and son, Phillip, have moved into the Ferguson house on Mississippi avenue, Hazelwood.

Mrs. Cunningham is a minister of the Pentecostal church whose headquarters are in Springfield, Mo. For the past few years she has retired from active service after spending a number of years in ministerial and mountain mission work in Mitchell county, and has been living in the Pigeon valley section.

haulier, 1 truck tire and 1 truck tube; J. M. Caldwell, of Mt. Sterling, transportation of school children, 1 truck tire and 1 truck tube; Carr Lumber Company, of Mt. Sterling, lumbering operation, 1 truck tire; J. T. Russell, Jr., of Waynesville, mail service, 2 passenger recaps.

POOR

The 1942 harvest of bread grains in Continental Europe probably will be considerably below average and below the sub-normal crop of last year, according to recent reliable reports.

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To Our Customers

We are constantly being asked if clothing, shoes, blankets, etc., are going to be rationed.

To this we can only answer—

We Do Not Know

We do know though, that merchandise is getting harder and harder to get. More and more mills are going every day entirely on Government orders.

Having anticipated just this months ago, we bought heavily on many kinds of staple merchandise and had it shipped early.

We feel that we have a definite responsibility to take of the needs of our many thousands of customers who have depended on us for many years. This we intend to continue to do to the best of our ability.

Our Advice To You

Is not to hoard or to buy anything you do not need, but those things you know you or your family need or will need soon should be bought now.

Lay-Away Plan

If you wish you can use our "Easy Lay-Away Plan" on anything in our store and still get the benefit of our low cash prices.

These are some of the many things you need now or that you will need later that you can very wisely BUY NOW in any quantities you want:

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| MEN'S AND BOYS' OXFORDS | LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SLIPPERS |
| MEN'S AND BOYS' HEAVY WORK SHOES | LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S COATS |
| MEN'S AND BOYS' WOOL JACKETS AND LEATHER COATS | UNDERWEAR FOR THE FAMILY |
| MEN'S AND BOYS' LEATHER BOOTS | MEN'S AND BOYS' OVERALLS AND WORK CLOTHES OF ALL KINDS |
| MEN'S AND BOYS' PANTS | |
- CURTAINS, DRAPERIES, BLANKETS, SHEETS, PILLOWS, COMFORTS, TOWELS, RUGS, BED SPREADS, ETC.

According to government ruling there will be no more suspender back or button back overalls when the present stocks are gone. The manufacture of these now being prohibited. No more overalls larger than size 12 when present stocks are gone either.

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