

### Sgt. Smith Back After 32 Months In Air Force

Member Of Ground Crew, Has Helped Keep Planes Flying In Southwest Pacific.

Tech. Sgt. Charles Smith is home for the first time since he entered the Air Force 32 months ago. During these 32 months he has seen a greater part of the world, especially much of that area in the Southwest Pacific.

For 18 months Sgt. Smith was in New Guinea, and for eight more months was in Australia, for a total of 27 months in all in the "land down under."

He gets a 20-day leave at home before leaving for a rest period in Miami. From there he does not know where he will be sent.

While down in the South Pacific area, it was his job to help keep the big war birds in the air. Motors would be overhauled out in the open, rain or shine, and the planes kept ready for action, and during a raid, the ground crew stayed on the job and saw that not a precious minute was lost.

"There have been changes made here in the 32 months," he said, "but I know almost everything that has happened because I've kept up through The Mountaineer. Sometimes I would not get a copy for six weeks, then here would come in six copies along with a lot of other mail. I would start with the oldest issue and read every word in it and go right through every copy. I sure enjoyed seeing those papers come. I don't believe I missed a single issue during the entire time."

Before entering the Air Force, Sgt. Smith worked for Smith's Transfer Company here. He has a brother, Pvt. Francis Smith, in the medical corps in England. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, of Waynesville.

Private (to his fiancée, in an outburst of self-abnegation)—I'm utterly unworthy of you, dear.

Local Girl—I know it, love, but where can I find a man who is worthy of me?

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and relatives for their kindness and sympathy, and the beautiful floral offerings during the death of our son. Seaman and Mrs. David Parris.

## RINGS

### THE BLACK BEAUTIES OF THE TROPICS

The ring that is carved by hand from the nut of the corozo tree, from the land of the Boriquen Indians. The im. pearl is inlaid with great skill, and to make one of these rings, a native must work all day long. Many legends are heard about this ring, many natives believe it to be a token of good luck, and that when they give one to the best girl then no other guy can get that girl. If all the natives claim about this ring were true, it would be some ring. All we know is that before the war we purchased several hundred of these rings, and sold them for \$1.00 each. We have about 100 of them on hand and we are going to sell them

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### Jap 'Gift'



WHEN THE MARINES moved in on the Japs in the Cape Gloucester area, they found this slightly damaged anti-aircraft gun. Now that it has been repaired, Sgt. Charles McElhenry of Wilkinsburg, Pa., is itching to turn it against its makers. U.S.M.C. photo. (International)

### Local Church Host To The Asheville Presbyterian Meet

The women of the local Presbyterian church will entertain the Asheville Presbyterian at a one-day meeting on next Tuesday. Women from all the churches of the Presbytery are expected to gather for this day of inspiration and fellowship.

The meeting will open at 9:30 in the morning and will adjourn in the late afternoon. Luncheon will be served to the more than 100 women who will be in attendance by the women of the Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church here. The luncheon will be at 12:30 o'clock.

A feature of the meeting will be an address in the early afternoon by Dr. Donald W. Richardson, of Richmond, Va., who is the moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States.

Mrs. Preston Thomas, of Asheville, is president of the Presbyterian and Mrs. L. M. Richeson is the recording secretary. Registrations for the meeting are being handled by Mrs. Ruth Beaty. Mrs. W. H. F. Millar is president of the local auxiliary and will extend greeting to the women in behalf of the Waynesville church.

### Junaluska News

Mrs. Ed Allen and Mrs. Rufus Downs, of Newport News, Va., spent the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown, at Lake Junaluska.

Colomen Medford and Ben Walker, who are employed on defense work in Virginia, spent the Easter holidays with their families at Lake Junaluska.

Miss Mabel and Miss Evelyn McCracken, who are attending Western Carolina Teachers College, spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McCracken. They had as their guest Miss June Osborne.

Miss Phyllis Terrell, who is a student at Western Carolina Teachers College, spent the week-end with her parents.

## CHURCHES

### WAYNESVILLE FIRST METHODIST

J. C. Madison, Pastor  
Church school with classes for all ages opens at 10:00 o'clock.  
This church is cooperating in the pulpit exchange throughout the county, and consequently a visiting minister will lead both services.  
The Methodist Youth Fellowship meets at 6:30.

### GRACE CHURCH IN THE MOUNTAINS

Rev. Robert G. Tatum, Rector  
First Sunday after Easter.  
Celebration Holy Communion, 8:00 a. m.  
Morning prayer sermon at 11:30.  
St. Mary's Chapel, Mica Dale  
Evening prayer sermon at 3:00.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

H. G. Hammett, Pastor  
Pulpit Exchange Sunday will be observed by our church Sunday.  
The preacher for the morning worship will be unknown until the time of worship. At the evening worship Rev. F. H. Baker will preach.  
The morning worship will be at 11:00 o'clock. The evening worship is at 8 o'clock.

The Bible School will meet at 9:45 a. m. The Training Union will meet at 7 o'clock p. m.

### LONGS CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH

Lake Junaluska  
Pastor, Miles A. McLean  
Sunday school at 10:00, with R. H. Terrell, Superintendent.  
Church service at 11:00 at which time the pastor will take as his topic, "Peter Tried Again," and the scripture lesson will be Mat. 26:69-75. There will be an anthem by the choir.  
Evening service at 8:00 at which time Rev. John B. Tabor, who has been the visiting preacher in the revival, will bring his closing message.

The young people will meet at 7:30 p. m.

### WAYNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Pastor  
Whitener Prevoast, Superintendent of Sunday School.  
Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock.  
Morning Worship, 11:15 o'clock.  
Sermon by visiting minister under the direction of the Haywood County Ministerial Association.  
Pioneer boys and girls meet at 6:30 p. m.  
Young Peoples League meets at 7:00 p. m.  
Mid-week Hymn Sing Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Church rooms on second floor of Masonic Temple.  
Authorized Christian Science literature available from lending library after Sunday service.  
Sunday service at 11 a. m. "Doctrine of Atonement" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon on next Sunday. The Golden Text will be taken from John 16:32-33, "I am not alone, because the Father is with me. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but he of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Waynesville, every Sunday, 11:00 a. m.  
Bryson City, every 1st Sunday, 5:00 a. m.  
Franklin, every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 8:00 a. m.  
Cherokee, every 3rd Sunday, 4:00 a. m.  
Sylva, every 5th Sunday, 8:00 a. m.  
Fantana Dam, every 1st Sunday, 4:00 a. m. C.W.T.

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### Navy Ace



LT. IRA C. KEPFORD, 24, Muskegon, Mich., former Northwestern University football star, is credited with downing 16 Jap planes, twice scoring four kills in a single action. He is a member of the famous "Skull and Crossbones" squadron. U. S. Navy photo. (International)

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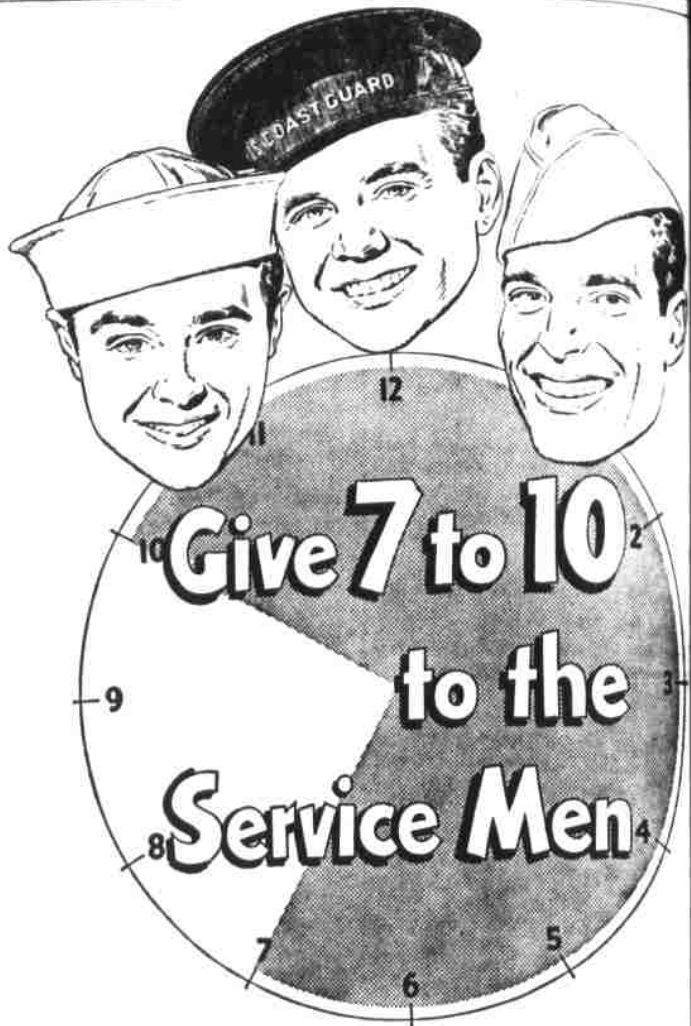
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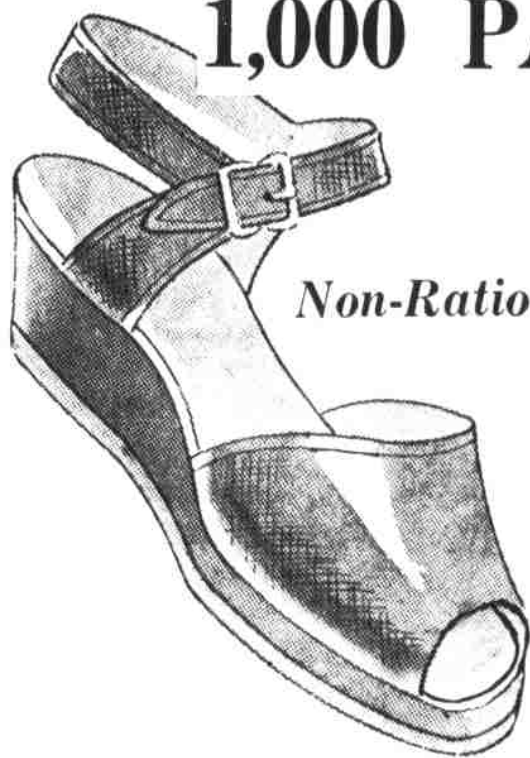
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