

T-5 McCracken Didn't Have Buckeye Or Rabbit's Foot, But 4 Leaf Clover

"You must have had a rabbit's foot or a buckeye with you," was the remark we made to Tech. 5/G Moses McCracken, who is spending a several days furlough with his family in Hazelwood as we noted his five overseas service stripes on his sleeves.

"No, but I did have a four leaf clover," he said and grinned, "but I saw plenty in my time in Africa and Italy."

Technician McCracken, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McCracken, is entitled to wear in addition to his five overseas stripes, three stars for major combats, a Pearl Harbor ribbon, a Good Conduct medal, and European War Theatre ribbon.

"Anzio beachhead was the toughest spot I saw over there. We got bombed every fifteen minutes," he said in answer to the question of what he remembered as a tight place.

Technician McCracken, who is spending a 21-day furlough with his sister, Mrs. Clyde Calhoun, and other relatives, volunteered in the service in November, 1941, and was inducted at Fort Bragg. From the latter he was sent to Fort Knox and then to Fort Dix and overseas.

Serving in the artillery he was attached to the First Army and left the States in the spring of 1942. He was first stationed in Ireland and then England before his group was sent to Northern Africa.

He was in the invasion of Oran and in the battle of Faid Pass and took part in the Tunisian campaign. He fought at Cassino and was in the Anzio beachhead combat, fighting all the way to Leghorn. After this he was sent home.

"You folks over here in America just can't take in how much mud there is in Europe. It just holds back the fighting. Right now you can't get anywhere, you just sink down in the mud and can't travel," he said in describing conditions.

"After I have seen the places I have in the countries over there, I am all for America. We've just got a country that can't be beat," he said, "and I am coming back here to live the rest of my days, for traveling hasn't made me want to live anywhere else."

He arrived in Hazelwood three years and one day after he entered the service.

From the time he left the States until he arrived home he saw only one person he had known before, Lt. Rufus L. Carswell, of Hazelwood and Waynesville, who is now in Italy.

When his furlough is up here he will report to the rest center in Asheville.

"I will have at least fourteen days good rest at one of those fine hotels in Asheville," he said in speaking of where he would report after his 21 days were up.

"Maybe I have earned a little rest from the government," he said with a smile, to which we agreed with two words, "AND HOW!"

Gen. Metz Reviews Fort Bragg Camp To Local Guard

The local unit of the State Guard has received a letter of review of the camp of instruction held at Fort Bragg, from Gen. J. Van B. Metz, Adjutant General. He outlined the work and congratulated the unit on the program of training and progress carried through the camp.

He quoted the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, who had the following to say of the camp, "Your guard is capable of performing any mission assigned it." He also quoted a representative of the Fourth Service Command, who visited the camp for several days, "After what I have seen here at Fort Bragg I am satisfied that you have the outstanding State Guard in the Fourth Service Command."

General Metz also pointed out that it is anticipated that "in the course of time the State Guard might see active service within the state and every officer and man should be prepared to meet the emergency, with discipline training, level heads, and diplomacy."

Rev. Walter B. West To Attend General Methodist Board Meet

Rev. Walter B. West, superintendent of the Waynesville Methodist District, leaves Friday for Buck Hill Falls, near Cresco, Pa., where he will attend the General Board meeting of the Methodist church general board of missions.

Mr. West is one of five ministers from the Southeastern jurisdiction composed of nine states and 18 conferences. Mr. West is a member of the nominating committee of the joint division of education and cultivation, and also of other groups on the general board. His duties demand his attendance quarterly at the meetings. He will be out of town ten days.

Mrs. Dave L. Schulhofer has gone to Aiken, where she will spend the winter with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Schulhofer.

Pvt. Rex Lee Messer Home On Furlough

Private Rex Lee Messer, son of R. L. Messer of Crabtree, who is now stationed at Camp Livingston, La., is spending a several days furlough in the county with his family. Pvt. Messer entered the service in April of this year and was inducted at Camp Croft. From the latter he was sent to Camp Sibert, Ala., for his basic training and then to Camp Van Dorn, Miss., from which he was transferred to his present post.

Prior to entering the service Pvt. Messer was employed as a cabinet maker at the Jones Woodwork Shop in Canton.

Parish Meeting And Supper To Be Held Wednesday, Dec. 6

There will be a Parish Meeting and supper at the Parish House of Grace Church in the Mountains on Wednesday, December 6, 1944, at 7:00 p. m. All communicants are invited and urged to be present.

Edith Camp In Cast Of Meredith Play

Miss Edith Camp is a member of the cast of the Meredith College Little Theatre, which will present "Stage Door" on Saturday night at the college. This is the first of two major productions given during the year.

Miss Camp is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Camp of this city.

St. John's To Meet Robbinsville On Armory Court Here Friday Night

The second home basketball game for St. John's will be against Robbinsville at the local armory Friday night, December 1, at 7:30. This will be the second game between the two teams. The first was played at Robbinsville on Friday the 24th of November. The game, a double-header, was split between the teams with the boys' score being 23-15 in favor of St. John's, and the Robbinsville girls winning 25-19.

In their first home game, played at the Waynesville armory, St. John's lost a double-header to Fines Creek with the score of 23-13 for the boys and 17-7 for the girls.

The boys' lineup: Fines Creek (23) St. John's (13) F. Leiford F. Dunbar

F. James B. Dunbar
C. Rogers Mills
G. Dotson Resor
G. Ferguson Ryan
Sub: St. John's, Sutton.

Girls' lineup:
Fines Creek (17) St. John's (7)
F. Messer Furtado
F. McElrath A. Ensley
F. Noland Klutz
G. Walker Chickalelie
G. Price Greer
G. Moore Ensley
Subs: St. John's, Frazier, Summerow, Kleman, Furtado.

Uneasy is the tooth that wears a crown.

Masonic Lodge Will Hold Meeting Friday Night

Waynesville Masonic Lodge No. 259 will meet Friday night, December 1st for the regular communication.

The program will be in honor of all Past Masters of the lodge. The Past Masters will fill all offices and stations and conduct the opening and closing of the lodge in the old-time way.

Past Masters of the other lodges of the district are cordially invited to attend.

It is especially requested that all the members of the lodge be present at this time to elect officers for the incoming year of 1945.

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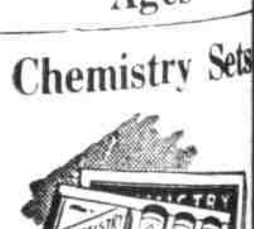
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