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\$1.75 in Advance in Haywood and Jackson Counties

Wellco Is Opening Plant No. 2 Monday

Kraft Building Is Renovated For Local Manufacturing

Merchant Marine



WILLIAM V. WALKER, U. S. Merchant Marine, son of N. H. Walker, of Clyde, is home after completing his seventh trip on the high seas. He entered the service in Baltimore as a volunteer and at the time was employed by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. Upon leaving here he will report to Norfolk, Va. for reassignment.

T. S. Sutton Home After 18 Months Overseas

Corporal Taylor S. Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sutton, of Asheville, who was seriously wounded in Germany on October 1941, is home after 18 months overseas. Sutton is entitled to wear the Purple Heart for bravery on the Good Conduct Medal, the European war theater.

Williamson Asks To Lions Club Thursday

M. R. Williamson was the speaker at the meeting of the Lions Club on last Thursday. He is the business session upon the subject of the business of the club. He is the business session upon the subject of the business of the club.

R. H. Breese, AAF, On Furlough

Corporal R. H. Breese, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Breese, is spending a several days home with his mother here. Breese volunteered in the service while he was a student at College. He enlisted in the service at Greenville Air Base, S. C., in 1943.

L. Moody, S-2c, On 30-Day Leave

L. Moody, seaman 2/c, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moody, of Asheville, R.F.D. No. 2, is on a 30-day leave here. He returned to the States after four months of sea duty in the U. S. Navy.

Boys Meet In Jan. 12

Boys of the Odr Ray and Pfc. Ray, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Odr Ray, of Canton, met in France on Jan. 12, and were together. The boys had not seen each other in 16 months.

Rev. J. Smith, Native of England, Buried Here

Retired Minister Studied Under Chas. H. Spurgeon, English Preacher.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon at the Garrett Funeral Home at 2 o'clock for Rev. J. Smith, 82, native of Appleby, England, retired Methodist minister, who died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Helen Dawson, on the Dellwood Road.

Rev. Smith entered the ministry at the age of 21 and studied under Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon, famous Baptist minister at the Tabernacle in London. He organized Young Men's Bible Classes in many of the cities of England and also in Canada.

He came to America in 1905 and located in Montreal, Canada in 1905 and served one church there until his retirement a few years ago. He served as pastor of a church in Albert Village, England, prior to coming to America. In all he was in active work for fifty years.

He is survived by one sister, with whom he lived and one brother, George Smith, of Montreal, Canada.

The Garrett Funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Former Local Man Dies In Tacoma, Wash.

Relatives here have been notified of the death of Alfred Wymer Siler, 77, native of Macon County, who was born near Franklin, on January 31 at the Olympia Hospital, Tacoma, Wash. Mr. Siler is widely connected throughout Western North Carolina.

At the time he went to Washington State in 1888 where he became a well known stockman and farmer, he was a resident of Waynesville. He and his brother, Judson Swain Siler, were pioneers in the development of the Big Bottom section of Cowart River, Lewis county, Wash. The country, which is now widely settled and developed was inhabited only by Indians at the time the Silers brothers took up their residence.

Mr. Siler was also prominent in the religious affairs of this adopted county and had been a Sunday school and church leader for many years.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Lema Lewis, of Lewis county, Wash.; one daughter, Doris, and one son, Frank Siler, both of Seattle, Wash.; three sisters, Mrs. John LeRoy Davis and Mrs. H. B. Freeman, of Waynesville, and Mrs. J. B. Brewer, of Asheville, and a large number of nieces and nephews.

St. John's Loses To Maroons

St. John's Rangers failed to stop the Asheville High Maroons in their toughest cage tilt of the season, losing to the Maroons on Tuesday afternoon, February 13, in Asheville with a 55-36 score.

The Maroons were heavy favorites over the Rangers, having played 12 games and lost only 2.

The lineup:
St. John's (36) Maroons (56)
F. Dunbar (8) Resean (10)
C. Resor (6) Warthen (10)
C. B. Dunbar (7) Carson (22)
R. Ryan (7) Mitchell (2)
G. Mills (2) Plank (2)
Subs: St. John's, Martin (8), Cagle, Nicholson, Minett, Wilson, Maroons, Callahan, Pitilo (7), Marlowe, Rudeen, Fontaine.

Referee: Brown.

Cpl. A. W. Burchfield Sent To Fort Thomas

Cpl. Arthur W. Burchfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Burchfield, of Waynesville, has recently been transferred from Nashville, Tenn., to the Army Air Forces' new activated convalescent hospital at Fort Thomas, where he now serves as a member of the post's permanent party personnel.

Cpl. Burchfield is now aiding the Fort Thomas staff in preparing arrivals of AAF convalescents transferred from general or regional hospitals, or other cases sent there from AAF redistribution stations.

Slightly Wounded



PVT LEO E. HILL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Hill, of Waynesville, who has been reported slightly wounded in action in Germany on January 11. He entered the service in June 1944, and was inducted at Fort Bragg. At the time he went into the army he was assistant foreman at the Unigast Manufacturing Company, Hazelwood.

Board Places Eight Men In Class 1-A

Out of sixty-nine men reclassified during the past week by the local draft board eight were placed in class 1-A as follows: Clyde Smith, Winfred J. Hannah, Berlin C. Shelton, Lewis C. Whitmore, Hampton Webb, John H. Messer, John H. Stuck and Billy Russell.

Placed in class 2-A were: Ernest Shuliner and Floyd L. Davidson.

Continued in class 2-A were: William F. Lampley, James R. Platt and Bryan Smith.

Placed in class 2-A (F) were: Farmer T. Rogers, Marcus E. Davis, Jacob D. Moore, James R. Beck, Algie M. Fowler, Clarence J. Martin, and Charles S. Chambers.

Continued in class 2-A (F) were: Melford D. Caldwell, John S. Webb, Henry Elarks, Edward R. Rogers, Claude C. Haynes, James O. Cochran, Gilbert L. Gregory, Corbett Hannings, and Ernest C. Cochran.

Continued in class 2-B were: Donald Medford and Arvis E. Carver.

Placed in class 2-B (F) were: Ben J. Parrish, Fred J. Price, John W. Davis, Ralph Leatherwood, Willie A. Wright, James D. Crawford, Deuelde Cagle, Lawrence E. Greene, and Burnette D. Crawford.

Continued in class 2-B (F) were: Bernard R. Caldwell, Thomas L. Campbell, Jr., Eugene Kuykendall, Jr., Milburn L. Gillett, and Jackson Bradley.

Continued in class 2-B were: Glenn Trantham, Harrison S. Greene, Waldo Green, Daniel S. Young, John E. Owens, Wiley A. McElrath, Woodrow McElroy, Charles E. Blair, and Henry Hembrere.

Placed in class 2-C (F) were: Max E. Cochran, John L. Rathbone, Frank J. Hannah, Ralph L. Duckett, Kenneth D. Miller, and Hughes Messer.

Placed in class 1-C (discharged) were: Spencer H. Walker and Vonn R. G. Warren.

34 Men Go For Pre-Induction Examinations

Thirty-four men from the Waynesville area of the county left here on Tuesday morning for pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg. Lloyd Albie Blanton was named leader of the group and David Russell Riley was named assistant leader on the trip to camp.

There were three transfers in the group as follows: James Raymond Abernathy, from Blairsville, Ga.; Elbert Roberts, from Hot Rock, Mich.; and Clayton Lloyd Massie, Glassboro, N. J.

Others in the group going from the Waynesville area of the county included: Henry William Sutton, Fred Herbert Calhoun, Claude Hogen, James Herbert McHaffey, George Clifford Styles, Earl Reno Franklin, Herbert Junior Lanning, Carl Leonard, Julius Jones.

John William Haneey, Jr., Doyle Sutton, James Donaldson Kelley, Lawrence Vaughn Fullbright, Haydin Eugene Green, R. L. Ledford, Charles Ellen Parton McHaffey, Bruce Arthur Briggs, Bob Rogers, Arthur Turner Ferguson, Claude Avery Medford, Roy Ray Morgan, Arthur Junior Early, Gordon Cecil Rames, Howard Lee Sutton, Billy Russell, Berlin Columbus Shelton, Paul Ray Clark, Noble Jonas Wyatt, and Lewis Julian Parker.

Pvt. James Owens Reported Slightly Wounded In Italy

Private James Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Owens, of Cove Creek, has been slightly wounded in action in Italy in January according to a message received by his wife, the former Miss Pearl Phillips, from the War Department.

Pvt. Owens was inducted in the service at Camp Croft in November, 1943. From Camp Croft he was sent to Fort Jackson and then to Camp Wolters, Tex., for his basic training.

At the time he entered the service he was engaged in farming in Haywood county.

City Bus Line Buys New Buses

Tom Lee, owner of Twin-City Bus Service, announced yesterday that he had bought two new buses for his firm, and would get them in May.

The buses are the latest city type buses, and will seat 30 passengers, having standing room for 50, giving a maximum load of 80.

The bus line now operates five buses.

Cpl. J. G. Glance Reported Slightly Wounded, France

Corporal John R. Glance, of Waynesville, son of Mrs. Margaret Glance Fender, of West Marion, has been slightly wounded in action in France on January 3, according to information received by his family from the War Department.

Cpl. Glance has been in the service for some time and has been overseas for several months.

Waynesville To Play Dayton Friday Night

The two high school basketball teams will meet at Dayton Rubber teams at the armory Friday night for a doubleheader. Both teams have put in hard practice for the game, and a close score is predicted.

Awarded Navy and Marine Medal



CLIFFORD HOWELL UNDERWOOD, coxswain, with his wife and son, of Clyde, is spending a 30-day leave with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry C. Underwood, at their home in Ratcliff Cove. He entered the service in May, 1943, and took his boat training at Bainbridge, Md. From Bainbridge he was sent to Norfolk, Va., for special training and from there sent to Orange, Tex. From the latter he was assigned to sea duty.

He has had 15 months of active sea duty and has made three trips across the Atlantic and back. For the last seven months he has been serving in the Mediterranean and was also in the invasion of Southern France.

He received the following recommendation from his commanding officer: "The commanding officer has recommended the award of the Navy and Marine Corps Medal in recognition of your heroism and outstanding performance of duty while this vessel was engaged in escorting a convoy during the period from 25th March to 19 April, 1944. The courage and excellent seamanship demonstrated by you on this occasion reflect great credit upon the Naval Service. It is directed that an entry be made in your service record of this recommendation for award."

Coxswain Underwood had one brother, Pvt. Joseph D. Underwood, in the service, who was killed in action in Germany on September 13, 1944, and posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

Many Students On Honor Roll At Hazelwood

The following students made the honor roll at the Hazelwood school for the fourth month, according to Lawrence Leatherwood, principal:

Grade 1 — Charles Houston Caldwell, Mary Sue Creaman, Amelia Curtis, Joe Frazier, Nancy Long, Betty Owenby, Barbara Rogers, Ernest Robinson, Calleen Smith, Fannie Smith, Sonja Snyder.

Grade 2 — Louise Arrington, Ann Grant.

Grade 3 — Juanita Kelly, Barbara McClure, Wanda Mills, Mary Morgan, Emily Smiley, Patsy Hall, Hugh Buchanan, Barbara Fortner, Paul Sherry.

Grade 4 — Glenda Lee Berry, Marjorie Early, Betty Lou Kohler, Adelaide McLenn, Effie Sue Reagan, Grace Blanton, Mary Davis, Nancy Bischoff, Patsy Brendle, Thomas Earle Nichols.

Grade 5 — Betty Sue Hargrove, Suzanne Hensley, Carroll Swanson, Doris Queen, Patsy Smiley, Mary Sue Sparks, Catherine Bell, Kathleen Creamore, Camron Greene, Joyce Caldwell, Wibe Early.

Grade 6 — Anne Bischoff, Betty Farmer, Clyde Greene, Sall Lee Rhinehart, Jimmy Swift, Juanita Wright.

Music Club To Meet At Home Of Miss Terrell

The Waynesville Music Club will hold the February meeting at the home of Miss Margaret Terrell on Friday evening with Mrs. Troy Wyche and Miss Sue Willard Lindsey as associate hostesses. Miss Nancy Killian, president, will preside.

The program will consist of the playing of a miscellaneous collection of classical records owned by Mr. Plowetz, of the Welco Shoe Corporation.

John M. Queen Will Be Guest Speaker Of Civic League

The members of the Waynesville Civic League will be guests of Mrs. Rufus L. Allen, president, of a buffet supper to be held at her home on next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

John M. Queen will be the guest speaker of the meeting which will follow the serving of supper. The president will preside over the business session.

14 Teams Entered In Championship Cage Tournament

Playing Starts At The Armory Here Next Monday Night, Much Interest Shown.

Cpl. J. W. Pafford Missing In Action In Germany

Corporal Jefferson Wilcox Pafford, Jr., U. S. Army, son of Mrs. Charles Ramsey, of Waynesville and Mrs. J. W. Pafford, head of the veterans' hospital, Montgomery, Ala., is reported missing in action in Germany since December 17, according to a message from the War Department. Cpl. Pafford is also a brother-in-law of Capt. Samuel C. Welch, U. S. Army, of Waynesville, now overseas.

He entered the service in 1942, a few months after his graduation from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and was sent to the air base at Miami, Fla., and later to Selman Field, Baton Rouge.

He was assigned to the engineers and sent to college for special training in construction engineering, after which he was sent to Camp Billings, and then to Atterbury.

He has been overseas for several months and at the time he was reported missing was attached to the 106th Artillery Division.

When he volunteered for service he was an architect in Montgomery, Ala.

Legion And Auxiliary Hold Joint Meeting

The American Legion and Auxiliary met in the offices of the U. S. Employment Service on Friday night at the invitation of Mrs. D. D. Alley, manager of the office. A discussion of the problems of the returning veterans was held.

Other features of the program included the reading of a number of letters from Warrent Officer Bobby Sloan, which were read by his father, Hugh J. Sloan and Rev. S. R. Crockett. The letters covered the period from D-Day to the present critical period.

The following new members were welcomed into the group: Mrs. Seay, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Francis, James Francis, Mrs. Henry Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Phillips, and others.

Mrs. Hurst Burgin was named as chairman of the annual Founders Day which will be held at the Legion Home on March 9th.

Special guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Sloan. Hostesses during the social hour were Mrs. Hurst Burgin and Mrs. W. A. Bradley.

World Day Of Prayer Observed

The World Day of Prayer will be observed jointly by the Women's organizations of the churches of the community in a service at the Waynesville Presbyterian church at four o'clock on Friday afternoon. The public is invited to attend this union service which is being observed throughout the world on the same day.

Lucky To Be Alive

BLOWN from the waist blister of a B-29 while on a mission over Tokyo, Sgt. James B. Krantz, Hickory Point, Tenn., was pulled back into the plane by crewmen after he had been suspended by one leg in his safety harness. He hung for fifteen minutes at an altitude of 29,000 feet. He's shown at a Pacific rear base hospital where he is recovering from frost bite. Army Air Forces photo. (International)

Pvt. Herman A. Free Has Arrived In States

Private Herman Albert Free, formerly of Waynesville, has recently arrived at Welch Convalescent Hospital, the Army's new reconditioning center at Daytona Beach. The carefully planned reconditioning program will speed his convalescence and assist his return to the best of health.

Pvt. Free is the son of John E. Free, of Waynesville, and entered the army in November, 1943, and has since served six months in France and England, where he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat. His wife and two children reside in Bessmer City. At the time he entered the service he was employed by the Osage Mfg. Company.

Pvt. David M. Smith Now In Paris

Private David M. Smith, son of Mrs. John M. Smith, of Waynesville, who is attached to a hospital train unit, is now in Paris, according to information received by his mother.

Pvt. Smith was inducted at Camp Croft in November, 1943, and from there sent to Fort Jackson. Before being sent overseas, he was stationed at Camp Lee, Camp Reynolds, Camp Ellis, and Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island.

At the time he entered the service Pvt. Smith was employed with the TVA at Fontana Dam.

Pvt. Bill Balentine Back From Italy

Pvt. Bill Balentine is home on furlough after spending six months in Italy. Pvt. Balentine was sent home to the Woodrow Wilson Hospital, in Staunton, Va. He has been in service for a year.

"The mountains of Italy are not as pretty as ours, and don't you believe anything you read or hear about 'sunny Italy'," he said.

Sgt. John J. Williams has arrived somewhere in Italy.



THE FALL OF BERLIN would not necessarily mean that fighting in Germany would end. Military experts point out that the Reich will still be strong enough to carry on for some time after the loss of the German capital. As shown on the map, a number of vast industrial areas would still be in Hitler's possession and it has been hinted that Hanover might be a future capital. Areas where war materials can be turned out for some time are (1) west and southwest of Berlin, such as Leipzig, Magdeburg, Chemnitz and Brunswick. A huge arsenal is said to be located in the Lüneburg Heath region (2) south of Bremen; the Ruhr Valley (3) and the Thuringian Forest (4) also are active. (International)



LITTLE Margaret O'Brien, child film star, stops for a moment on her way into the Mayflower Hotel in Washington to give her autograph to Billy Jacobson, 8, who lives in the capital. The young actress was attending the President's birthday ball. (International Soundphoto)