



J. T. Fox rejoined his family. Mrs. Fox and daughter, Barbara June, here Saturday after receiving his discharge from the U. S. Army. Mr. Fox served two years in the Army and just recently returned to the States from Stuttgart, Germany, where he served 17 months. At the time of his discharge, he was Specialist 3rd class.

Mrs. C. E. Laurents returned to Burnsville recently after spending two months in Miami, Fla. Mrs. Laurents plans to leave this week for Eureka, Kansas, where she will visit her brother for several weeks and join in the celebration of his 80th birthday on the 25th of this month.

MISS SILVER GIVES DEMONSTRATION

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 10 — Miss Beverly Silver, a student at the University of Tennessee, gave a demonstration on "Finding % Protein in Foods" to a group of 600 Knoxville high school students on Feb. 8.

Miss Silver calculated the per cent of protein in milk by the use of the Kjeldahl's method for

Miss Fisher Is Bride Of Paul Atkins

Miss Shirley Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fisher of Spruce Pine, became the bride of Paul Atkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Welzie Atkins, also of Spruce Pine, on February 15th at 7 p. m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Angel in Burnsville.

Attending were brothers of the groom, Bernard and Clarence Atkins; brother-in-law, Earl Carroll; and his sister, Miss Jewell Carroll.

Mr. Atkins will return on Tuesday to Navy duty for six months, after which the couple will reside temporarily in Spruce Pine.

WEDDING

The demonstration was a part of the program being used by the University to encourage young people to enter the field of science and scientific research.

Miss Peggy Ray Is Wed To Neal Holland

Miss Peggy Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ray of Burnsville, RFD 1, became the bride of Neal Holland, son of C. V. Holland of Goldsboro, N. C., and Mrs. Bill Harns of Miami, Fla., on February 2nd in a ceremony performed by Dr. Thomas Fryer at the Stanton Memorial Baptist Church, Miami, Fla.

The bride, given in marriage by Bob Kent, wore a gown of white satin and Chantilly lace with full length train and fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of white orchids and carnations.

Miss Betty Ray, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore an evening length gown of Nile green and carried a bouquet of pink baby roses. Miss Glenna Humphries served as a bridesmaid, and her costume was identical of that of the maid of honor.

Miss Myra Morris was flower girl; and Gary Harns, brother of the groom, was ringbearer. Bob Hale Coover served as best man.

Wedding music was provided by Miss Rosemary Bolton, organist; and Buddy Davis, soloist. Ushers were Mack Balkcom, Sonny Jordan, Raymond Nau and Larry Sapp.

A reception was held in the church reception hall following the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Mars Hill College and is now employed at the Ace Beauty Shop, Miami, Fla. The bridegroom attended Mars Hill College and is now studying for the ministry at the University of Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. Holland will make their home at 1040 S. W. 66 Ave., Miami, after their return from a wedding trip.

Pat Boone, Shirley Jones In "April Love"

Pat Boone and Shirley Jones combine their golden voices and refreshing personalities in "April Love". Twentieth Century-Fox story of youthful romance, which will be premiered on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Yancey Theatre.

Five songs of Paul Francis Webster and Sammy Fain brighten this story of young love and the authentic beauty of scenes filmed on the lush breeding farms of Kentucky, plus exciting harness races and a County Fair sequence, give "April Love" an up-to-the-minute appeal. The young attractive cast headed by the nation's Number 1 recording star, Pat Boone, adds freshness and charm to George Agnew Chamberlain's novel from which Winston Miller fashioned the screenplay. The songs which Pat and Shirley sing are "April Love," "Clover in the Meadow," "Give Me A Gentle Girl," "Bentonville Fair" and "Do It Yourself."

DISTRICT OFFICER TO BE HERE FEB. 27

Jack C. Winchester, District Officer of North Carolina Veterans Commission, will be in the Courthouse, Burnsville, on Thursday, February 27, from 11:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., and he will be in the Courthouse, Bakersville, on Friday, February 28, from 8:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m., to assist veterans and their dependents.

Mr. Winchester states that PL-209, 85th Congress, approved August 28, 1957 liberalized eligibility requirements of veterans' widows for VA benefits. FIRST, it establishes a uniform marriage requirement of five or more years, or for any period of time if a child was born of the marriage (applicable where marriage took place after cut-off date for the particular war period of veterans' service). SECOND, this law allows payments to some widows heretofore ineligible because of a legal impediment to her marriage. This would apply only in cases where widow can prove to satisfaction of Veterans Administration that she married the veteran without knowledge of the legal impediment, such as a prior undissolved marriage on his part, and where no claim has been filed by a legal widow.

Spotlight on HEALTH

Science Features
Return To Life

In a recent report on one of the newer drugs for mental illness, often called tranquilizers, a case history deals with a 62-year-old woman, a victim of schizophrenia, who has been an inmate of a large state mental hospital since 1928. The impact of mental illness on our society is perhaps best understood by thinking of the sentence meted out to her as a young woman — thirty-four years of confinement as a human vegetable.

This particular drug, one of many developed in the past four years by pharmaceutical manufacturers, helped to free this patient from most of the terrifying delusions which had made her by turns angrily aggressive or dull and stuporous. Unfortunately, no drug now known can set her completely free, but, after 34 years, she is able to care for herself and observe the world around her.

For this patient, as for half a million like her, new drugs from the laboratories of pharmaceutical companies constitute progress but no final answer. But for patients now being diagnosed earlier and, because of the new agents, receiving intensive treatment sooner, there is an even brighter outlook.

Although half of U.S. hospital beds are still occupied by the mentally ill, the new drugs are changing the trends of admissions and releases. In 1955, for the first time in history, the number of hospitalized mental patients was a few hundred less than in the previous year. In 1956 came another reduction, this time of 7,000 patients, and last year another reduction of about 5,000 was observed.

At last year's meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, two physicians from the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene unhesitatingly attributed this stunning reversal of a seemingly unchangeable trend to the use of the new mental action drugs. They noted that the use of straightjackets and other forms of restraint had



also dropped by 75 per cent during the period.

More important, perhaps, than the immediate effects of new drugs are their uses as tools to aid researchers in understanding the basic causes of mental illness. From this research there may yet come victory over the great plague of mental disease.

Meanwhile, drugs now available from laboratories of the pharmaceutical industry have already reduced our mental hospital population by about 12,000 patients.

At an average cost of three dollars a day, each of these patients cost U.S. taxpayers some eleven hundred dollars each year. Multiplied by 12,000, their release from hospitals means a total saving of thirteen million dollars.

There is also to be considered the fact that most of these dismissed patients are again productive members of society, producing goods, buying goods, paying taxes — enjoying life.

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