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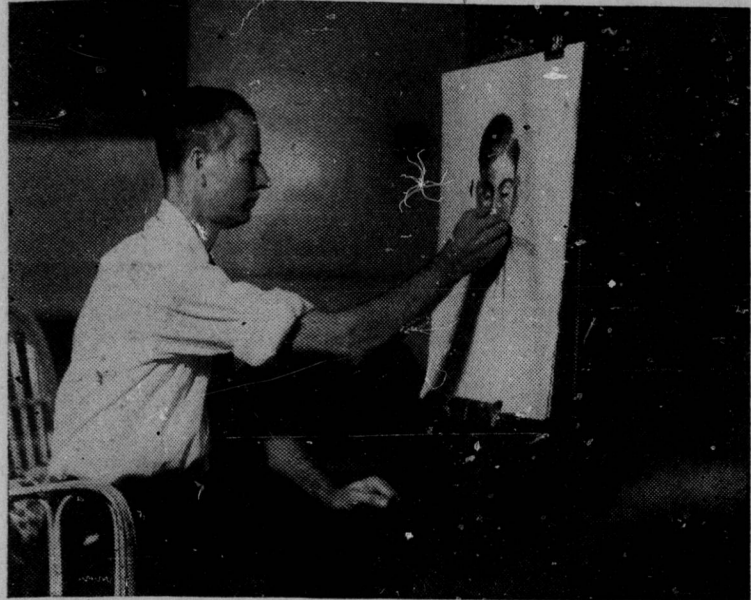
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ARTUS M. MOSER, NATIVE ARTIST AND FOLK-LORE COLLECTOR AT WORK



Artus M. Moser.

Artus M. Moser, of Swannanoa well-known throughout Western N. C. for his painting of mountain scenes and his life-size portraits...

Thank You Neighbor

It's mighty nice that we can "holler" over the fence and say "Howdy Neighbor," Hi Roy, Hi Parks, Hello there Mr. Young and Coonely, hows the boy or girl getting along with their music?

We can help each other to the extent that we can make the local weekly a thing to look forward to. And as neighbors all in one group we can fight better for the freedom of opportunity that it might be preserved so that our sons and daughters may enjoy the right to shape up and achieve their ambitions according to what they like best.

The Black Mountain News wishes to thank you for making the Swannanoa section what you have. We want you to know that we are interested in each of you, and most assuredly appreciate the news you send in.

Two Swannanoa Boys Freed from German Camp

Mrs. Leora Peek and Mrs. Lucy Knupp received letters a short time ago that their husbands were both missing in action. Recently they were freed by the Americans from German Prison Camps.

Local Boy Completes His 20th Mission

Staff Sargent Edward Howell son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Howell, of Swannanoa was recently awarded the Air Medal.

Killed in Action

Pfc. Cecil P. Hill, age 19, husband of Mrs. Frady Hill of Skyland, RFD 1, was killed on Luzon, March 14th.

Pfc. William Plemmons Wounded in Action

Pfc. William Plemmons of Swannanoa, was wounded in Germany on March 28, 1945. Bill was recently awarded the Purple Heart.

Lt. Alvin Vicks Visiting Folks At Home

Lt. Alvin Vick, of the United States Air Corps, is home on a 30-day furlough after one years service in the European Theatre.

FILLING STATION UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Swannanoa Service Station has changed hands and is now under new management. Mr. Smith the new owner is planning on some improvements before long and wishes to extend an invitation to all the old customers as well as the new.

KEEP ALL THE BONDS YOU BUY



E. N. HOWELL

In 1925 Edward N. Howell came to Swannanoa as principal of the two schools and his patience, poise, his friendly counsel, his stick-to-it-tiveness, enthusiasm, loyalty and cheerfulness have endeared him to hundreds who have passed out of Swannanoa as graduates.

He and Mrs. Ivy Brown, the journalistic teacher are responsible for the publishing of "The Swan" the school's monthly paper.

It seems that Mr. Howell has made every effort to make the Swan a weekly paper, instead it is published once a month.

The school really needs equipment for this project. They really have the makings of a good force to put across a good little weekly school paper.

The staff of the "Swan", is a good hard working bunch of kids that make some of the old timers sit up and take notice.

Betty Sue McGraw editor in chief, Kathryn Steadman, Ass. Editor, Kenny Mills and Harold Eller, Advertising Managers, Betty Jane York Business Mgr., Joan Stone and Betty Duckett, Art Editors.

All of these fine boys and girls are the future business men and women of our community, and some, no doubt will follow the avocation that they are now doing, newspaper work.

If the school had a small printing press, they could print their own paper and it would also add another line to their education.

It is not only for now that this is needed, but the children of tomorrow will be using it.

An increase of 505 farms in Buncombe county in the last five years is noted in a preliminary count of returns of the 1945 agricultural there are 5981 farms in the county.

Railroaders Needed

Raleigh, N. C. Urgent and immediate need of 35,000 railroad workers on railroads in the western half of the nation to handle troop and supply trains in increasing numbers has placed recruitment of such workers in top priority with Army, Navy, WMC, ODT, OWI and the railroad retirement board.

Dr. J. S. Dorton, State director of the War Manpower Commission, reports that the need is so great that local U. S. Employment Service offices in areas that are not too short on manpower will join the Railroad Retirement Board in its efforts to furnish some of the urgently needed railroad workers.

Releases will be granted both skilled and unskilled workers, with few exceptions, who will take jobs on the western railroads.

The western railroads will pay all expenses, without obligation on the part of the workers, Dr. Dorton has been advised. At points where no Railroad Retirement Board is available, the local USES offices will refer the workers.

Many thousands of our fighters are now moving to the west coast for transfer to the Pacific Islands to knock out the Japs while they are on the ropes. Many thousands of tons of materials and equipment must go at the same time, said Dr. Dorton.

North Carolina has been called upon to help provide the men and we shall devote our best efforts toward furnishing our share, he said.

Paul Vanover Discharged From The Army



Pfc. PAUL VANOVER

Marine Pfc. Paul Vanover of this city, has been discharged from the service. Paul has seen 26 months of service with a marine unit in the Pacific.

He enlisted February 20, 1942 and was wounded in action, in December 1943. Paul has seen plenty of action in the Guadalcanal section taking part in several skirmishes.

When he first returned his nerves were in pretty bad shape, but are improving rapidly. Paul is now engaged in the restaurant business in Swannanoa across from the Beacon Manufacturing Company.

CARL BRIDGES Home On Furlough

Carl Bridges of the U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bridges, of Swannanoa is home on a furlough. Carl is located in California and is going back soon. He says that these old mountains sure look good to him.

REV. V. R. MASTERS SICK

Rev. V. R. Masters Minister of in bed sick for the past three weeks, with peptic ulcers. He hopes to be able to attend the dedication of the church, which is to be Sept. 2.

North Carolina Firms Help Make Atomic Bomb

WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION

J. S. Dorton, State Director

Several North Carolina firms, at least four or five, have been and are still engaged in making component parts or supplies and materials used in the production of the atomic bombs, some of which have spread, havoc in parts of Japan, it is revealed by Dr. J. S. Dorton, State Director of the War Manpower Commission.

Dr. Dorton admits that he knows very little about what was being produced in this State for use in connection with these bombs, since their production has been one of the greatest secrets of this war, but he does know that some North Carolina firms, as a part of the so-called Manhattan District secret project, have been so engaged.

He has revealed that 6,000 North Carolina workers have been recruited by WMC's United States Employment Service offices for the Oak Ridge project in Tennessee, 792 as construction workers in building the plants and 5,416 in making some parts of the bombs, in 1943 and 1944.

Recruiting for this project has been difficult, and the turnover in workers large, due, according to reports, to the practice of putting a man on one job and keeping him there, without change or promotion on the theory that if he worked at more than one place he would learn too much about the secret weapon.

Work for the secret weapon is done in some of the carbon plants and machine tool plants in North Carolina, and probably in other plants, some of which very likely did not know that they were contributing to the production of the bombs, Dr. Dorton said.

North Carolina has had important connection with the new destructive bombs, by supplying some of the materials used in their production, by furnishing several thousands of workers for plants actually producing them and furnishing the men, Major Thomas W. Ferebee, of Mocksville, who actually launched the first bomb from a superfortress on its way to the destruction of the city of Hiroshima in Japan.

S.Sgt. D. J. Franks, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gibson of Swannanoa recently returned from the European theatre of war.

Sgt. Franks has spent two and a half years in the service and has taken part in 5 major invasions.

The invasions started in Sicily and ended in Germany. Sgt. Franks was awarded the purple heart, together with other decorations for bravery. Sgt. Franks is a paratrooper.

Mrs. E. N. Howell of Swannanoa was elected president of the North Carolina Congress of parents and Teachers and Mrs. Maude Raynor Foy of Kinston was elected vice-president, officials have announced after an executive board conference.

The election was conducted by mail.

Mrs. Paul Davenport of Pacetous, Mrs. B. T. Williams of Stedman, Mrs. Jesse L. Willis of Raleigh, Mrs. Claudius Dockery, Jr., of Guilford College, and Mrs. Worth Morgan of Forest City were elected to the board of directors.

Election of a new first vice president and a secretary and treasurer will be conducted next year. C. W. Phillips, retiring president, was in charge of today's session. The two-day conference opened April 18 with approximately 40 board members attending.

KEEP BUYING BONDS SAVE YOUR BONDS

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MOORE GENERAL Discharges 275 Patients In The Past Week

WINS BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Moore General Hospital is now sharing the work of treating tropical diseases with seven other Army hospitals in the country. Patients from the Southwest Pacific continue to arrive with about 450 entries during the past seven days but the number of patients treated remains at less than 2,000 due to the large number of discharges, about 275 during the same interval.

Continuing the study and research into the treatment of tropical skin disease, several medical officers have been assigned on temporary duty to the hospital for refreshed courses in dermatology. Among these are Lt. Col. William G. Preas and Capt. Joseph Atkins.

Additional office space is being provided with a building under construction which will be an addition to the main administration building. The post engineers are in charge of construction which is estimated to amount to about \$8,000 office space has always been at a premium at the installation and the increased activities of the separation-Classification section, which handles discharges, makes more room imperative in the near future.

The personnel who operated the Reconditioning Center at Sand Hill and the men who were undergoing training there, were transferred back to Moore General last week where they are continuing to work. Maj. Ferdinand Piazza, who was in charge at Sand Hill, has been made commanding officer of the detachment of patients and T/Sgt. Fred S. Reifer, who was acting first sergeant at Sand Hill, is first sergeant for the Detachment of patients.

The decrease in age limit, making enlisted men and women who are 38 eligible for discharge, has resulted in about 25 applications for discharge from the duty personnel at the hospital.

Col. Frank W. Wilson has resumed his work as commanding officer of the post after orders for overseas service were revoked. The announcement of his departure came shortly before V-J day and he was on leave for a week later when he was again placed in charge. Col. Chauncey E. Dovel, commanding officer of the Ft. Benning Ga., hospital, was the temporary commanding officer.

Lawrence W. Mc Cracken, who has been contact representative for the Veterans' Administration at Moore since March 20, 1944, has been transferred to Greensboro and his place at Moore has been taken by Harry A. Ficken, who has been transferred from the civilian personnel department at the hospital where he has been job analyst.

The state soft ball championship was won by the Moore General team last Saturday night in the tournament at Greensboro where Dick Zimmerman pitched another shut out for the team against Burton of Greensboro and the score was 3-0. In the semifinals during the afternoon Moore had to play an extra inning to nose out Wilmington 1-0.

Tech. Sgt. Betty Tucker, who is secretary to Maj. Oscar T. Nations executive officer of the hospital, left yesterday for Ft. McPherson Ga. where she joins a Fourth Service Command WAC Softball team which will play the various army hospitals in the seven southeastern states in the command.

Tucker is the outstanding player, captain and second baseman on the MGH WAC team and was active in sports during her tour of duty in North Africa. There she was a star on the basketball team. Tech. Sgt. Virginia Manzi of the pharmacy department became the bride of T/Sgt. Tommie R. Plummer of the finance department Saturday night at a wedding in the post chapel. The attendants were S/Sgt. Robert Schneble, and S/Sgt. Vivian DuCarme, a wedding reception followed at the home of S/Sgt. and Mrs. William Alfano.

First man to join the American Legion post in Nashville Tenn. after the V-J news came through, was Lt. John L. Bowers, formerly of Moore and at that time a resident of Black Mountain. He is still in Special Services and has been stationed at Thayer General since he was commissioned.