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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 throughont Western N. C. for his painting of mountain scenes and his life-size portraits and for his collection of old ballads and fiddling tunes, has recently returned from Chapel Hill to his home in the Buckeye Cove Section of Swannanoa. during the past few weeks Mr. Moser has been at the University of N. C. working on his Ph.D. and participating in the folk lore program of the English Institute, for which he played victrola recordings of famous old mountain tunes including some of the original Childe Ballads.

Mr. Moser's paintings in oil and water color have been exibited nun erous times by the Asheville Artists' Guild and the Black Mountai Art send in. Club, and hav also been shown by the Pennsylvania Acadamy at Philadelphia and by various museums in New York. His works are in many private and public collections in America. He has studied art at the Chicago Art Institute, the Metropolitan Art School, and the Pennsylvania Art Shool,

At the present time a number of his canvases are on exhibit in Asheville at the Buckler Studios— for whom the artist has been painting portraits rom photographs. Many relatives of men in the pervice have desired lifesize oil portrates of the boys, and Mr. Moser has been supplying some wonderful likenesses of these men in beautiful, life-like colors that will never fade.

No Immediate Relief G. Gordon Mahy Appointed Dean Of New Institute

Wilson were pleased with the an-No immediate or general relaxtions of manpower control under nouncement that Rev. G. Gordon War Manpower Commission's Mahy had been chosen to head the Employment Stablization Plan in newly created Institute of Rural North Carolina or in Region IV, em- Church Work which is expected to bracing North Carolina, 'Virgin- accept its first students this com-West Virginia, Maryland and ing summer. With the high school the District of Columbia, is con- and junior college divisions the templated, Dr. J. S. Dorton, State Institute will make the third major rector, announces, following a unit to be located on the Warren

# 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 Coonnely, hows the boy or girl gett. ing along with their music? Hows the new baby girl Mr. Porter There is nothing like having an interest in your fellowman's welfare.

You people in Swannanoa have shown whole heartedly that you appreciate the News. You have supported The Black Mountain News in your kind, co-operative way by giving us the local news to print, as well as your support in the advertising. We can help each other to the ex-

tent 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 of the two schools and his pa laughters may enjoy the right to tience, poise, his friendly counsel shape up and achieve their ambitions according to what they like best.

The Black Mountain News wishe 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 of students would require a lot assuridly appreciate the news you

Again we say "Thank You Neighbor"

# 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. Mrs. Peek's husband, William Owen Peek, was

reported missing in Germany, the to put across a good little weekly Students and faculty of Warren 2nd of March. Knupp was taken school paper. They have a journal- Paul Vanover Discharged prisoner December 22, in Belgium when the Germans made the counter-attact.

#### Local Boy Completes His 20th Mission

Staff Sargent Edward Howell son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Howell,

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#### **Railroaders** Needed

Raleigh, N. C.

#### Urgent and immediate need of 5,000 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 Commision. 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 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 al

In 1925 Edward N. Howellexpences, without obligation on the Swannanoa as principa part of the workers. Dr. Dorton has been advised. At points where no Railroad Retirement Board is avhis stick-to-it-tiveness, enthusiasm, ailable, the local USES offices will lovalty and cheerfulness have enrefer the workers.

deared him to hundreds who have Many thousands of our fighters passed out of Swannanoa as grad. are now moving to the west coast uates. The influence he has exfor transfer to the Pacific Islands exted as a moulder of the lives to knock out the Japs while they are on the ropes. Many thousands of space to tell. Students usually of tons of materials and equipment remember mostly his kindness to must go at the same time, said Dr all of them, and his personal in-Dorton. This greatly increased amterest in every student. He has ount of men and materials is crebeen a friend to all. ating a bottleneck at a time and He and Mrs. Ivy Brown, the place when and where it hurts most

journalistic teacher are responsible. The railroads must have operating for the publishing of "The Swan" and repair personnel at once to keep the flow of men and materials the school's monthly paper. rolling to and through the Pacific It seems that Mr. Howell has made

said Dr. Dorton. every effort to make the Swan a North Carolina has been called weekly paper, instead it is published upon to help provide the men and we shall devote our best efforts toward furnishing our share, he said. ment for this project. They really

# **From The Army**



WAR MANPOWER COMMISION WINS BASEBALL TOURNAMENT 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 mat-

North Carolina Firms

Help Make Atomic Bomb

erials used in the production of the atomic bombs, some of which have spread, havoc in parts of Japan, it s revealed by Dr. J. S. Dorton, State Director of the War Manpower Com-

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. Due to the G. Preas and Capt. Joseph Atkins veil of secrecy little is known about

this work and Dr. Dorton is not sure he is at liberty to reveal what e does know, at this time. He has revealed that 6,000 North building The post engineers are in Carolina workers have been recrut

ployment Service offices for the Ridge project in Tennessee 792 as construction workers in parts of the bombs in 1943 and 1944. Most of them were from the western part of the state. It is likely, he believes, that many on the project.

Recruiting for this project has

Work for the secret weapon is lone in some of the carbon plants and machine tool plants in North 38 eligible for discharge, Carolina, and probably in otherplants, some of which very likely did not know that they were con- at the hospital. tributing to the production of the ombs. Dr. Dorton said.

North Carolina has had importtant connection with the new destructive bombs, by supplying some announcement of his departure came of the materials used in their pro- shortly before V-J day and he was duction, by furnishing several thous- on leave for a week later when he the first bomb from a superfortress ing officer. on its way to the destruction of the city of Hiroshima in Japan.

Moore General Hospital is 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 disharges, about 275 dur ing 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 Additional office space is being provided with a building under construction which will be an addition to the main administration charge of construction which is es timated to amount to about \$8 000 office space has always been at a premium at the installation and the increased activities of the sepabuilding the plants and 5.416 in ration-Classification section, which handles discharges, makes more room imperative in the near future. The personnel who operated the Reconditioning Center at Sand Hill others went into Tennessee for work and the men who were undergoing training there, were transferred back

to Moore General last week where been difficult, and the turnover in they are continuing to work. Maj workers large, due, according to Ferdinand Piazza, who was in charge reports, to the practice of putting at Sand Hill, has been made coma man on one job and keeping him manding officer of the detachment there, without change or promotion of patients and T| Sgt. Fred S. on the theory that if he worked at Reifert, who was acting first sermore than one place he would learn geant at Sand Hill, is first ser oo much about the secret weapon. geant for the Detachment of patiens. The decrease in age limit, making enlisted men and women who are sulted in about 25 applications for discharge from the duty personnel

> Col. Frank W. Wilson has resumed his work as commanding officer of the post after orders for overseas service were revoked. The



Dr. Dorton admits that he know

Region IV.

commendation: for relaxation of experience in rural church work; he 20th combat mission. manpower controls in North Car- should be familiar with the work olina which had been considered of the Presbyterian church as a and approved by the State Manage- whole and the traditional attitudes ment-Labor Committee, composed of its seminaries; he should be an of C. A. Cannon, Concord and inspiring teacher for those young Kannapolis; W. J. Dantorf, Canton; men who will come to discover the of Mrs. Frady Hill of Skyland, RFD R. Grady Rankin, Charlotte; K. need and the appropriate message I, was killed on Luzon, March 14th. L.; Betty Hall. Hazel Owens. Ken-R. Grady Rankin, Charlotte; K. Religeous Education in the middle He received his training at Fort Mc-Clyde Council, Wannanish; C. A. Religeous Education in the middle Clellan Ala and most average in neth Mils, and Joan Stone, ; Ser-Fink, Salisbury; J. E. Baumberger, and foreign countries as well; he Clellan Ala. and went overseas in Asheville; E. L. Sandefur, Wins- must have a vision of what can be March 1944. ton-Salem, and L. B. Cox, Raliegh. done with the facilities at hand and

Regional Director Treide is to a deep aquaintance with the surof WMC at the earliest possible moment.

Dr. Dorton expressed his appre- sionary. cation and that of the War Man\_ power Con.mission for the wholehearted support given this voluntary program in this State, and asks that North Carolina employers and pport as a means of supplying manpower to essential war industries, thus hastening the end of the war

soon as it is feasible, manpower ton Seminary for three years to controls will be relaxed or removed in North Carolina and to the extent ed dean of Witherspoon College at that snch relaxation or removal does not interfere with the war ed for six years, with one year out effort", said Dr. Dorton.

## INVISIBLE NET-WORK AID

It is the unseen net-work of radio communications and navigational remained for five years. aids operated by the Army Airways Communications System that Mahy's credit is the starting of a nakes possible the take off of a Rural Lay Training Institute in military plane every 15 minutes 1939. During his furlough year he The Swannanoa Service Station for a flight across the Pacific and studied in the department of rural has changed hands and is now unsick and 560,000 tons of cargo, son in 1941. Mrs. Mahy, Helen Scott shes to extend an invitation to all there are 5931 farms in the county. nail and passengers were flown the Unit of Evangelism under the lege class of 1930. board of National Missions.

conference with Henry E. Treide, Wilson College campus. The man of Swannanoa was recently awardof Washington, Regional Director of who should guide this new venture ed the Air Medal. Edward has been cludes the following: must have a unique combination serving as a tail gunner on a B-24

Dr. Dorton stated, however, that of qualities. He should of course be Liberator in the Mediterranean Kathyrn Steadman, Ass. Editor. Dr. Dorton stated, however, that he had made certain definite re- a minister; he should have successful war theatre. He has completed his Kenny Mills and Harold Eller, Ad-

# Killed in Action

Pfc. Cecil P. Hill, age 19, husband Betty York, Harold Eller, Charles

discuss these recommended relax-Wounded in Action

lucrative berths to become a mis-

students will do supervised field

rural work

He is more; he is the director of on March 28, 1945. Bill was recent\_ work. Anybody can do a good job parationn for those who go into been in Germany, Belguim and press, they could print their own France.

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# Mr Mahy graduated from the

earn his B.D. He was then appoint-States Air Corps, is home on a 30- is needed, but the children of to-Buckhorn, Kentucky where he stayday furlough after one years ser- morrow will be using it. to study in the graduate school of vice in the European Theatre. He is Twenty five cents given now by

he was appointed, under the board of Swannanoa. TO PLANES "TAKING-OFF" of Foreign Missions, as director of Difference of Religeous Education in the middle and the 356th Squadron. Glad to on its feet to print their little school School at Weihsien, China, where he see you back Alvin.

> A notable achievement to Mr. FILLING STATION UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

An increase of 505 farms in Bunevery thirteen minutes for Europe. rural church work with Dr. Ralph der new management. Mr. Smith combe county in the last five years These devices protect the routes Felton at Drew Seminary. Mr. Mahy the new owner is planning on some is noted in a preliminary count of over which 8000,000 wounded and and his family came to Warren Wil-

> new. KEEP ALL THE BONDS YOU BUY 273,577 acres.

are all well written. The staff in-

The school really needs equip

have the makings of a good force

ism class of which a lot of schools

cannot boast. The sponsor of this

little paper is Mrs. Ivey Brown whose untireing effort has help

The staff of the "Swan", is

good hard working bunch of kids

that make some of the old timers sit

once a month.

to make it what it is.

up and take notice.

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man, Joan Stone, Selma Allen and Clivia Laurence, Sale Mgrs.; W. W. Brown, Sponsor, E. N. Howell, Principal.

Marine Pfc. Paul Vanover of this All of these fine boys and girls city, has been discharged from the are the future business men and service. Paul has seen 26 months women of our community, and some, of service with a marine unit-Pfc. William Plemnons of Swan- no doubt will follow the avocation in the Pacific.

nanoa, was wounded in Germany that they are now doing, Newspaper He enlisted February 20, 1942 and was wounded in action, in December religeous education and pastor of ly awarded the Purple Heart. He with plenty of tools, but these young 1943. Paul has seen plenty of action the campus church at Warren Wil- entered the Army, August 10, 1944. men and women are doing a good in the Guadalcanal section taking son College. He knows the land His basic training was taken at job without tools. They have to part in several skirmishes. He was like a farmer and has been keenly Camp Wheeler Georgia. Bill has have their paper printed for them. also in New Guenea. He suffered employees alike continue their su- interested in the idea of special pre- seen quite a lot of action, he has If the school had a small printing a broken foot from a fallen tree. When he first returned his nerves paper and it would also add another were in pretty bad shape, but are

line to their education. A printing improving rapidly. Paul is now enof North Carolina that just as soon as it is feasible, manpower and received his M. A. two years later. Thereafter he attended Prince-

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raised.

future.

Lt. Alvin Vick, of the 'United It is not only for now that this CARL BRIDGES Home On Furlough

Religeous education at Yale. In 1935 the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Vick each of six thousand people in the valley would buy all the equipment

> paper every week. Think it over neighbors its for your youngster too in the very near

> > Base Co. 140. . Almeda California. -0-

#### REV. V. R. MASTERS SICK

Rev. V. R. Masters Minister of in bed sick for the past three Mahy is a graduate of Wilson Col- the old customers as well as the The total land in farms, accord- weeks, with peptic ulcers. He hopes ing to the greliminary count, is to be able to attend the dedication HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED YET

European theatre of war.

taken part in 5 major invasions. ily and ended in Germany. Sgt.

Franks was awarded the purple heart, together with other decorations for bravery. Sgt. Franks is

S.Sgt. D. J. Franks, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gibson of Swannanoa recently returned from the Sgt. Franks has spent two and a half years in the service and has

The invasions started in Sic-

a paratrooper.

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Mrs. E. N. Howell of Swannanoa was elected president of the North ence.

The election was conducted by mail.

Mrs. Paul Davenport of Pac-Carl Bridges of the U. S. Navy, Worth Morgan of Forest City were son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bridges, elected to the board of directors. pharmacy department became the Carl is located in California and ident and a secretary and treasuris going back soon. He says that er will be conducted next year. C. night at a wedding in the post these old mountains sure look good W. Phillips, retiring president, was chappel. The attendents were S|Sgt. to him. Write him a letter from the in charge of today's sesson. The Robert Schneble, and S|Sgt. Vivold home town, his address is- two-day conference opened April ian DuCarme. a wedding reception members attending.

> KEEP BUYING BONDS SAVE YOUR BONDS

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ands of workers for plants actually was again placed in charge Col. producing them and furnishing the Chauncey E. Dovell, commanding men, Major Thomas W. Ferebee, of officer of the Ft. Benning Ga., hos-Mocksville, Who actually launched pital, was the temporary command-

> Lawrence W. Mc Cracken, who has been contact representative for the Veterans" Administration at Moore sin March 20, 1944, has been transfered to Greensboro and his place at Moore has been taken by Harry A. Ficken, who has been transfered 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 Burtner 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.

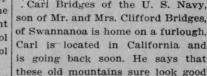
Tech. Sgt. Betty Tucker, who is secretary to Maj. Oscar T. Nations Carolina Congress of parents and executive officer of the hospital, Teachers and Mrs. Maude Raynor left yesterday for Ft McPherson Ga. Foy of Kinston was elected vice- where she joins a Fourth Service president, officials have announced Command WAC Softball team after an executive board confer- 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 tolus, Mrs. B. T. Williams of Sted- the MGH WAC team and was acman, Mrs. Jesse L. Willis of Ral- tive in sports during her tour of eigh, Mrs. Claudius Dockery. Jr., duty in North Africa. There she of Guilford College, and Mrs. was a star on the basketball team Teh, Sgt. Virginia Manzi of the Election of a new first vice pros- bride of T|Sgt. Tommie R. Plummer of the finance department Saturday 18 with approximately 40 board 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 of the church, which is to be Sept. 2. For The Black Mountain News? was commisioned.



Pfc. PAUL VANOVER



U. S. Navy Air Station,