

DOROTHY POTTER, USAHS, 'ST. OLAF' HERE ON LEAVE

Potter Has Been In Red Cross Services Three Years

Dorothy Potter, housewife of Mrs. Mary Aleshire of Knoll, is visiting here while leave from overseas assignment.

Potter has been in the Red Cross services three years and has spent one and a half years in Newfoundland. She has been a hospital recreational worker in both the Army and Navy in Argentina.

Miss Potter served there with Mrs. Ruth Aleshire, daughter of Mrs. Mary Aleshire. Miss Aleshire and Miss Potter were two of the original five Red Cross workers who were sent overseas to service our service boys and their first job was taking care of the survivors.

Miss Potter's next assignment was on the U. S. Hospital ship the "St. Olaf." The "St. Olaf" was commissioned in July, 1944.

Miss Potter was the only A. F. and only Red Cross worker on the ship. There were 600 beds for patients. She made ten Atlantic crossings, made 40 crossings of the English Channel. During this time Miss Potter gave out tons of supplies to the boys who were patients on board ship.

About a year ago the ship was assigned to the Pacific. "We took 23 nurses through the Panama Canal to Siapan," said Miss Potter.

"We stayed at Siapan, 5 weeks anchor, doing nothing, waiting to take part in the invasion of Japan which didn't happen."

"We then went to Hollandia in Dutch Guiana and to Biak, picked up medical detachment and took them to Manila."

From there they went to Shanghai, China, and got there the first week of the American occupation where they acted as station hospital for the troops ashore until an army hospital could be set up. Here they brought back 100 refugees and service men.

They moved from here to pick up 500 patients at Tacovnan Leyte and brought them to Los Angeles, just before Christmas.

The hospital ship has been changed to a transport, and Miss Potter's duties are now terminated on board.

Miss Potter will report the first of February at Washington for another foreign assignment.

Miss Potter says that the supplies furnished by the Red Cross have been given out to men practically all over the world and they themselves could never find adequate words for the articles made available to them by the people back home.

Routine articles carried by her in her supplies included: knitted wool materials made by the folks back home, cases of coca colas, Hershey bars, cigarettes, matches, chewing gum, chewing tobacco, pipes and tobacco, ditty bags, soaps, razors, razor blades, shaving creams, tooth paste, tooth brushes and all little personal items needed for daily comfort.

On the ship itself we maintained a 2000 book library and an extensive craft program, providing materials and instructions for nylon, Hula skirts to picture frames and baby blankets."

Miss Potter, we thank you very much for our interview and wish you a real pleasant visit, and hope you get to come back to see us when your service as a Red Cross worker is done.

EICHELBERGER GETS RANK OF MAJOR GENERAL

Permanent Ranking Is Assigned
Asheville Man By President
Truman Saturday.

COM. OF OCCUPATION FORCES

Lt.-Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger of Asheville, was one of 11 general officers serving under temporary ranking who were nominated Saturday for the permanent rank of major general by President Truman.

Gen. Eichelberger, commander of occupation forces in Japan, left Asheville last week to resume his duties after having spent a leave in Asheville with his wife.

The nominee include six who were full generals under temporary war-time ranking: Courtney Hicks Hodges, Jacob Loucks Devers, George Churchill Kenney, Carl Spaatz, Thomas Troy Handy, and Mark W. Clark.

Four others were temporary lieutenant generals: Ira Clarence Eaker, Robert Lawrence Eichelberger, Walter Bedell Smith, and Robert Charlwood Richardson, Jr.

Maj.-Gen. Thomas Bernard Larkin was nominated to that rank permanently and for appointment as quartermaster general. He would serve a four-year period, succeeding Lt.-Gen. Edmund B. Gregory.

Brig.-Gen. Thomas Jefferson Davis was nominated for that rank permanently and as assistant to the quartermaster general for four years.

Mr. Truman promoted 23 temporary lieutenant generals and three major generals to the permanent rank of brigadier general.

BLACK MOUNTAIN LIONS CONTRIBUTE TO CLOTHES DRIVE

Speakers On The Program Included
J. W. Byers, J. C. Auer
And Miss Lena Seremetis.

Eight new members were received into the Black Mountain Lions club at the meeting held last Thursday night at the Monte Vista hotel at which the victory clothing drive was stressed and about 750 pounds of used clothing collected.

Speakers on the program included J. W. Byers, J. C. Auer and Miss Lena Seremetis, who also sang the official clothing drive song. She was accompanied by Miss Peggy Compton.

New members received into the club included Dr. H. C. Clapp, Dr. W. D. Gardner, Ted Holman, Dr. E. H. Knight, Dr. G. L. Kirkpatrick, J. E. Sylvester, A. J. Terrell and George Wrenn.

Sgt. Haynes Discharged

Staff Sgt. D. S. Haynes, son of Mrs. D. H. Burgin of Norfolk road, received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army. Sgt. Haynes enlisted in the army in 1940. He served 33 months in the Aleutian Islands. He holds the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Medal with 1 bronze star, American Defence Service Medal with one bronze service star.

Sgt. Haynes has re-enlisted for three more years in the Army and is now spending a ninety day furlough with his wife and small daughter, Christine.

A brother, Alvis Noblitt, is serving in the Navy on Okinawa.

Sgt. Haynes was a high school student of Black Mountain prior to entering service.

Truck Burned

Friday afternoon one of the All-red Mercantile Co. trucks, loaded with groceries, burned in Chocolate Town.

The fire department responded to the call. There was no insurance on truck or groceries.

Mr. Allred said the delivery service would be a little crippled for a few days, but are using extra trucks until they can replace the one burned.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. King, of Swannanoa announce the birth of a son, Saturday in the Mission Hospital, Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Burgin, of Black Mountain, announce the birth of a son Saturday in the Mission Hospital, Asheville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Taylor, of Black Mountain, a son Sunday in Mission Hospital, Asheville.

NEEDS FOR SERVICE MEN ARE GROWING IN NORTH CAROLINA

Small Industries Using Local Labor and Requiring Small Capital, Enumerated By Albright.

BRING WEALTH TO STATE

New local industries and service organizations should be established in scores of North Carolina communities if this State hopes to keep and utilize the services of many of its trained and valuable former service men, now returning home in increasing numbers, in the opinion of Major R. Mayne Albright just back from military service and in his former position of State director of the United States Employment Service.

Many North Carolina communities, even the smaller ones, have citizens who could, individually or in groups, set up small industries, rural industries, or service plants, which could furnish employment to hundreds of returning service men. Even servicemen could form many such small industries, Major Albright believes, which would utilize their own services and those of other veterans or returning war workers.

A few industries which can be operated in almost any North Carolina community, using local labor and requiring small capital, are enumerated by Major Albright, as follows: processing, dehydrating or canning poultry, fish, fruits and vegetables, peanuts, soy beans and other vegetables; producing and developing stone, concrete, clay, glass, sand, and other such products; manufacturing tents, awnings, mattresses, shirts, neckties, gloves, belts, shoestrings, and other garments; lumber, plywood, veneer, furniture and furniture novelties, caskets, venetian blinds, wastebaskets, book ends, and other novelty and souvenir items.

"The State Planning Board will cooperate with individuals in any communities in developing local industries," said Major Albright. "Our interest in the U. S. Employment Service is in developing jobs to use the workers we have and in making studies to determine the types of workers needed in local industries. Our local USES offices will cooperate fully in promoting any such activities," Major Albright said.

TAX COLLECTIONS BREAKING RECORDS WITH DAILY RUSHES

The Taxes For Last Year Are
About 80 Per Cent Collected.

Records are being broken almost daily in Buncombe County and Asheville tax collections, W. Z. Penland, tax supervisor, said Saturday. The taxes for last year are about 80 per cent collected and indications are they will reach 95 per cent.

During the past seven working days, city-county tax collections aggregated \$124,595.10, an average of \$17,795.30 per day. The tax offices were being flooded with returns Saturday.

Mr. Penland said the rate of collections is attributed to the fact that penalties will be imposed on persons who pay taxes after February 1, taxes becoming delinquent on February 2.

Moore Hospital Needs Laborers, Attendants

Ten laborers, 15 ward attendants, and 10 mess attendants are needed at Moore General hospital, Miss Fanny Brendle, of the hospital civil service board, announced Saturday. Applicants may apply at the civilian personnel branch's office at the hospital.

In Mission Hospital

Mrs. D. O. McDougle, of Black Mountain, underwent a major operation last week in the Mission Hospital, Asheville. Last report was that Mrs. McDougle is doing nicely and will be home soon.

Mr. McDougle is a mail carrier out of Black Mountain.

When using spices and herbs remember to let the original flavor of the food predominate.

SWANNANOA MAN DIES OF INJURIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

K. W. Noland, 36, Died In An Asheville Hospital Monday Afternoon From Injuries

R. R. MEADOR DRIVER OF CAR

K. W. Noland, 36, of Swannanoa, injured in an automobile accident on Martin Hill near Swannanoa Sunday night, died in an Asheville hospital at 1:05 o'clock Monday afternoon as a result of his injuries.

The State Highway patrol office announced that its investigation disclosed Noland was hit by an automobile allegedly driven by R. R. Meador, of the Farmers' Federation-Tobacco warehouse, now residing at the Langren hotel. His home is in Bayview, Fla.

They quoted Meador as saying that Noland walked directly into the path of his automobile at 6:45 p.m. Sunday. The accident occurred near Martin's store. Sgt. Nail and Patrolman Sullins investigated the case and made no arrest.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Harrison funeral home of Black Mountain. The services were held at Shoal Creek Baptist Church, Whittier. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary O. Noland; a daughter, Mary Jane Noland, both of Black Mountain; his father, Grover Noland, of Waynesville; two brothers, Cecil of Asheville and Robert of Richmond, Va., and two sisters, Mrs. Ben Watkins of Hampton, Va., and Miss Lucille Noland of Waynesville.

JOB COUNSELLING SCHOOL AT OTEEN OPENED MONDAY

Three Weeks' Course In Vocational Training Is Scheduled—
25 Expected To Take It

The Veterans' administration began a school for bedside job counselling and vocational training at the Veterans administration hospital at Oteen on Monday, it was learned last week.

The course will last three weeks and approximately 25 are expected to take it. There will be around 10 instructors, some from Oteen, some from the National Tuberculosis association, and some from the central Veterans' administration office in Washington.

Persons taking the course will be assigned later to Veterans' administration tuberculosis hospitals throughout the country.

Lt. Col. David E. Quinn, manager of Oteen hospital, said last week a number of specialists, widely known for work in various fields, would be among the instructors.

Students for the course will include vocational advisers, training officers, occupational therapists, social workers, and doctors from regional offices at Columbia, S. C., Fayetteville, New Orleans, Lexington, Ky., Outwood, Ky., and Alexandria, La.

Black Mountain College

Academic life at Black Mountain takes the form of private reading, small classes and individual tutorials. Intimacy between students and teachers has particularly happy results in the study of languages. For not only can students become familiar with foreign culture through foreign literature; they can also learn to speak any of the chief western languages through conversation. The shared experiences of community life vivify the study of the social sciences, philosophy, psychology, and literature, which is considered as an expression of the inner life of mankind. Through discussion and reading the motives, desires and experiences of men are seen in universal perspective. Serious writing is encouraged. Students write and produce plays, and each year are responsible for a series of radio broadcasts which originate from class materials.

HARRIS M. DAVIS DIES FROM HEART ATTACK TODAY

Went To Work As Usual This Morning But Was Not Feeling Well

WORKED FOR W. T. WRIGHT

Harry M. Davis of Black Mountain, died this morning at 8:15 of an heart attack while at work. Mr. Davis has been working for the Wright Feed Store of this city for the past 10 years.

He had been feeling bad for his past week. Mr. Wright asked him to go home and take it easy for a while, but he thought that he would be alright in a few minutes.

He sat down on a sack of feed and fell over dead. The body was taken to the Harrison Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements had not been made at our press hour. Further details will be given next week.

Higgins Is New Pastor of Church At Swannanoa

The Rev. Walter Higgins, formerly chaplain at St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines, Asheville, has come from Greensboro to be pastor of St. Mary-Margaret's Catholic church, Swannanoa, succeeding the Rev. Michael A. Carey, who was sent to Hamlet in the general transfer made this month by the bishop of the Catholic diocese of North Carolina.

The Rev. Thomas A. Roche, assistant pastor at St. John's Catholic church, Waynesville, and a former chaplain at St. Genevieve's, was sent to Carolina Beach. Father Roche will not be replaced at St. John's church where the Rev. Ambrose Rohrbacher is pastor.

Woodrow "Pug" Morgan To Resume Police Duty

Woodrow "Pug" Morgan will resume police duty here February 1st. Mr. Morgan had a leave of absence from the city of Black Mountain when he entered the service. He was recently discharged from the service.

Chief Smith says he is sure glad to welcome Mr. Morgan back to his old duties. Chief Smith has been assuming full time duties for the past 5 months.

Welcome home Mr. Morgan.

When in need of job printing come to see us. We do good work and give you quick service.



Bill Hill Says:
I heard two colored fellers arguing tuther day bout, when crap shootin started, one said it started in de Spanish-American war, tuther one said it stratred when a man wrote "Pair o' Dice Los", fore Gawge Washington wuz born.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF WILDLIFE ORGANIZATION

NEW OFFICES OF VETERANS UNIT OPENED

Sub-Regional Headquarters With Staff Of Fourteen Is In Asheville Courthouse

HARRY A. FICKEN IN CHARGE

New offices of the sub-regional headquarters of the Veterans' administration have opened on the seventh floor of the county courthouse, Harry A. Ficken, acting officer in charge of the offices in Asheville, announced Monday.

The Veterans' administration headquarters, formerly on the third floor of the Jackson building, were moved Saturday, and are now occupying 11 offices and the former county court room. For this space, the Veterans' administration will pay the county an annual rental of \$3,600.

The Asheville office, one of the six recently created North Carolina sub-regions, includes 19 Western North Carolina counties. It will serve the veteran and his dependents in this area by processing claims, advising on insurance protection and acting as liaison with the war and navy departments, the American Red Cross, and with veterans' and civic organizations on matters pertaining to the benefits veterans are entitled to under the law.

At present there are 14 persons in the sub-regional offices in Asheville in addition to Mr. Ficken, including P. G. Gallop, training officer in charge; Felix Seroggs, vocational adviser in charge; Oscar A. Clark, Carl B. Hyatt, Jr., and H. A. Donovan, training officers; Hardy Carrol and James Queen, associate vocational advisers; William B. Bell and Miss Helen Rankin, contact workers; and Lamar Gallo-way, legal advisor. Four stenographers complete the staff.

Veterans visiting the office are asked to report to room 708.

P. K. Gravelly, Of Rocky Mount, Was Elected President

Delegates to the first annual meeting of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, incorporated, at Sedgewick near Greensboro, on January 23 and 24, went home determined to intensify the drive for members and to educate the public generally about the federation's objectives.

P. K. Gravelly, Rocky Mount tobaccoist, was elected president, succeeding Col. Frank L. Page, Greensboro, who was made honorary president and elected a director for life.

The three new vice-presidents are Wayne Bramlette, Asheville; A. C. Davis, Greensboro, and S. B. Coley, Raleigh. The Constitution was amended to provide for three instead of two vice presidents, representing the mountain, central and coastal areas of the state.

E. J. Stoker, Greensboro, was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Ross O. Stevens, Raleigh, executive director, was re-named with recommendation that his salary be increased.

The delegates re-affirmed the federation's objectives — separation of the division of game and inland fisheries from the state department of conservation and development. It was unanimously agreed that in order to make a successful fight in the 1947 general assembly for separation, the federation's membership must be built up and the citizens of the state fully informed of their big task in the program for better management of the wildlife resources.

Game and fish programs in Pennsylvania and Michigan are the patterns on which the North Carolina federation has based its objectives. Seth Gordon, executive director of the Pennsylvania game commission, and Fred A. Westerman, in charge of the fish program in Michigan, spoke to the annual meeting on their respective plans.

Both Gordon and Westerman emphasized the non-political nature of their respective organizations. In Michigan and Pennsylvania, departmental personnel is selected on a non-political, merit basis under civil service, and effectiveness of the work being done is due to the permanency of organization and employment of highly trained men who carry out the dual functions of education and enforcement with 100 percent support of their departments.

Another nationally known speaker at the annual meeting was Dr. H. S. Swingle, fish culturist of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, who was the first to experiment with the use of commercial fertilizer in fertilization of fish ponds.

Judge Don Phillips, Rockingham, made one of the most vigorous talks of the annual meeting, and among other things he said that the federation is up against "arch politicians" if it hopes to bring about separation of the division of game and inland fisheries.

Reports to the annual meeting showed that the federation is in "comfortable" financial condition and has 94 affiliated clubs in 91 counties. Membership approximates 11,000 and the goal is at least 25,000 members by July 1.

CLOSING OF DEER HUNT FOR 5 YEARS FAVORED BY CLUB

Trapping And Shipping Of Deer Out of The Forests Should Be Stopped.

SELLING OF GAME STOPPED

Members of the Asheville Hunting and Fishing club voted at a meeting held Friday night in the Langren hotel that the Federal deer hunt in Pisgah National Forest should be closed for a five-year period, and that the trapping and shipping of deer out of the forests should be stopped.

It was also decided that the deer hunting season in Western North Carolina, outside of the national forests, should be opened 15 days later and closed 15 days later in order that hunting might go on through the Christmas holidays, thus closing the season on January 1, and that the selling of game should be stopped.

Approximately 100 persons attended the meeting.

Robber Tries To Enter Rices' Quality Store

A would-be robber was caught in the act of entering the rear window of the Quality Store last Friday night. He had broken the glass and was just entering when Findley Step, who had followed him, after the man had acted suspiciously at the cab stand.

The man went down the alley and Finley followed him and caught him, and took him to where he could call Chief Smith who placed him under arrest and took him to the county jail where he awaits trial.

Chief Smith wishes to thank Findley for his close observance and co-operation in upholding the law.

The U. S. now produces more soybeans than Manchuria, where they have been grown for centuries as the Chinese "staff-of-life."

Dr. Bell Speaker

A missionary service was held Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian church with Dr. Nelson Bell, speaker. Dr. Bell was, for 25 years, a missionary to China. The service marked the beginning of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions.

NOTICE

Beginning February 1 and ending June 1 burning permits are required by State law to burn any brush, grass, field or any other type of burning requires a burning permit which will be issued at the City Hall.