

**Bridges Finishes Infantry Training**

FT. ORD, CALIF. (AHTNC) — Army Private Clarence E. Bridges, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bridges Jr., 305 Lake St., Kings Mountain, N. C., completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training Feb. 1 at Ft. Ord, Calif.

He received specialized instruction in small unit tactics and in firing such weapons as the M-14 rifle, the M-60 machine gun and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

He was graduated from the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, in 1967 and is a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

**Hamrick Completes Artillery Course**

FT. SILL, OKLA. (AHTNC) — Army Private William H. Hamrick, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn B. Hamrick, 24 Bennett Drive, Kings Mountain, N. C., completed an eight-week field artillery basic course Feb. 1 at Ft. Sill, Okla.

During the course, he was trained in the operation and maintenance of the 105mm and the 155mm towed howitzers. He also received specialized training in firing such weapons as the M-60 machine gun, the M-79 grenade launcher and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

**Beatty Serving With 8th Marines**

Marine Corporal Norris D. Beatty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Therman G. Beatty of Rte. 2, Kings Mountain, N. C., is serving with the Second Battalion, Eighth Marine Regiment, Second Marine Division at the U. S. Navy Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

While at Guantanamo Bay his battalion will provide security for the naval units staffing the base as well as participate in routine training exercises.

Guantanamo Bay is the United States' oldest overseas naval base, acquired through a lease agreement with Cuba in 1903. The base includes a harbor, ship repair facilities, and two airfields. Guantanamo's wartime role is to support combatant naval forces operating in the Atlantic.

From this base, the southern approaches to the United States can be controlled. Its peacetime role is to support fleet operational training. Guantanamo's aerial gunnery range, which is available to the Atlantic Fleet, is the only one unhampered by commercial air traffic.

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**Questions and Answers**

Q. I have been told that the younger worker does not get back from Social Security what he pays in. Is this true?

A. No. Young workers, as a group, will get Social Security protection worth 20 to 25 percent more than they will pay in Social Security taxes.

Q. I am married and have 2 children under age 5. My earnings have been \$450 a month for years. How much would my family get if I should die?

A. They would receive \$354.40 each month—over \$4,000 each year. By the time the youngest child is age 18, your family could receive more than \$51,000. In addition to this, the children can receive payment until age 22 if they are in school. Later after the children are over 18 your widow may receive a disability payment on your record after she is 50 years old or a retirement check after she is 60 years old.

Q. My wife died 2 months ago and she worked under Social Security for the past 3 years. I now have 5 minor children to care for. Are we due any Social Security?

A. Yes. The children are eligible for monthly benefits and you are eligible for the Lump Sum Death Payment. Come to see us and bring your wife's Social Security number, her death certificate and your children's birth certificates.

**Bethware News**

Mrs. Oland Horn and Mrs. J. B. Stacey visited Mrs. Mattie Dixon of Rock Hill Thursday.

Mary Wright and Mrs. Horace Bell, Mrs. Jay Patterson and Gina Lee visited in Cherryville Saturday.

The Fannie Heck Circle met with Mrs. Elva McSwain Tuesday.

Mrs. Eugene Bell, Mrs. Sam Bell and Gail, and Mrs. J. B. Stacey visited Mrs. John Senter of Gastonia Thursday.

Miss Nadine Bell of Western Carolina University spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bell, Jack and Mickey.

Rev. Arnold Bell and family of Lenoir visited Mrs. Sam Bell and Gail, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stacey during the weekend.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Davis were Mrs. Lela Page from Morganton and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Goforth of Gastonia and Nancy Roberts of Grover.

Mr. and Mrs. Cravin Putnam and family of Charlotte visited Mrs. C. L. Putnam Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks Jones and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Putnam Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weaver and family were dinner guests of Mrs. Clarence Blanton Sunday.

Boy Scout Troop No. 93 took part in the morning worship service at the David Baptist Church Sunday.

**GIRL SCOUT NEWS**

Troop 4 of First Presbyterian Church held a weekly meeting Tuesday, February 6, 1968. After the business affairs were discussed and completed, they welcomed two visitors: Mrs. Bob Southwell and Mrs. W. C. Ballew. These two experts on making paper flowers taught the troop to make daisy flowers. These flowers will be used in Savannah for gifts in the Juliet Low Gift Shop.

Martha Weiss,  
Troop Scribe

**WIN HONORS**

Nine Kings Mountain Kiwanians are recipients of perfect attendance awards for 1967. They are H. R. Hunnicutt and J. H. Thomson, 28th year pins; B. Meek Ormand, 26th year in; J. H. Coggins, 20th year pin; Dan Finger, eighth year pin; John L. McGill, sixth year pin; Don W. Blanton, third year pin; Paul Ham, Jr., second year pin; and Hoyle D. McDaniel, one year pin.

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**Kevin James Hit By Cash Brothers Truck**

Kevin James, 7, of Kings Mountain was injured last week, when he rode his bicycle into the path of a Cash Brothers truck driven by Ken Yarbor, 29, of Kings Mountain.

Yarbor was taken to the Kings Mountain Hospital.

Investigating officer Bob Hayes stated that James rode from behind the bushes along the road. Yarbor tried to miss the boy by pulling to the right side of the road, but he failed.

The accident occurred at the intersection of East Ridge and Deal Street.

**Dixon 4-H'ers Assemble Lamps**

Dixon Community 4-H'ers conducted a lamp making workshop Friday at Dixon Presbyterian church.

The 26 young people purchased and assembled study lamps under the direction of Lewis Crabtree and Miss Ann Yarbrough, county extension agents. The lamps were made with 15-inch stems and 10-inch shades with a diffuser using a three-way switch. The study lamps are recommended by the Better Light and Sight Bureau and meets all qualifications for proper study.

4-T reporter Diane Greene, Leaders participating in the project were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Greene, Mrs. Gene Hughes and Miss Geraldine Humphries. Parents participating were Tom Berry, Mr. Howell and Mr. and Mrs. Greene.

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