

Veteran Of Corregidor In Enfield

Enfield — John B. Underwood, Chief Petty Officer, USN, was a visitor here a few days ago in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Mac Johnson and Miss Ella Johnson, his aunts and uncle.

Officer Jack was one of the many forced to surrender under the leadership of General Wainwright to the Japs on Corregidor. After the surrender he was made a prisoner on the Island of Luzon, and from there was taken to Hongkong through dangerous submarine waters where British and American subs were operating. However, he got through and lived to tell the tale.

Some time before the Armistice with Japan he was taken to Japan and was there when the Japs asked for peace terms. He worked under Jap guards, was at times treated roughly and lost considerable weight due to improper diet.

According to Underwood, Swiss authorities who handled American interests with the enemy would come around occasionally to see how American prisoners were being treated. On these occasions the crafty Japs would do a little window dressing and make things appear better than usual. Lack of grease, meats and even nuts caused sickness among the soldiers. Whenever chicken was served it would probably mean about four chickens divided among a thousand prisoners. The same with rabbits, a small number of rabbits being divided among several thousand prisoners. Jack stated that he had eaten dog meat, which sounded so repugnant that a newspaper reporter asked him the taste of it. "Not so bad, somewhat the taste of goat," he replied.

Underwood left for Fayetteville, and then probably visited his old home at St. Paul's in Roberson County.

Whitaker - Thomson

Enfield—On Monday evening of last week, Mrs. Robert Norman, and Miss Nina Whitaker, entertained in their home honoring their sister, Miss Emma H. Whitaker, and at the same time announcing Miss Whitaker's engagement to Lt. J. Curtis Thomson, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga.

Four tables of bridge were in play. Place cards with a silver ring attached, and upon which was written "Emma and Curt" announced the engagement.

In the bridge game Mrs. Herschel Murphy won high score prize and in the bingo games Mesdames Fred Hoyle, H. C. Murphy, John D. Beavens and Wiley Bradley won prizes.

The bride-to-be was presented

North Carolina Entries Win Junior Garden Awards



Mildred Jester Sheldon Murdock Marcelene Simmons

TWO North Carolina girls and one boy captured major awards for efficient production and marketing in competing with youths from 46 states in the fifth annual scholarship contest of the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association.

Marcelene Simmons of Mt. Airy, Mildred Jester of Durham, and Sheldon Murdock of Troutman were named southern sectional winners by the association's adult advisor, Prof. Grant B. Snyder of Massachusetts State College, during the junior growers' 11th annual convention in Cincinnati, O. The three champions received \$100 awards from the \$6,000 in contest scholarships provided annually by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company.

In addition to the sectional winners, a North Carolina boy and girl were named recipients of \$25 Victory bonds at the convention. Gerald D. Mann, 16, route 2, Newport, and Ethel Compton, 17, route 2, Collinsville, were the bond winners.

Marcelene, 17, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Simmons,

route 1, Mt. Airy in Surry County, is a sophomore at Meredith College. Her crops were raised on a small garden on her father's 70-acre farm and were worth \$623.

A one-acre plot that produced an income of \$320.25 in vegetables was the project of top-ranking high school senior Mildred Jester, 17, daughter of J. C. Jester, route 3, Durham. She has been in 4-H club work for eight years.

Thirteen-year-old Sheldon J. Murdock, son of Mr. John Carl Murdock, route 1, Troutman, worked a four-acre project on his father's Iredell County 360-acre farm. Plagued by a late spring, a summer drouth and a heavy infestation of ear worms in his two acres of corn, Sheldon still managed to harvest produce worth \$439.50.

James L. Ammon, 18, of Albany, Ore., was named 1945 national champion and won the top scholarship award of \$500. Jim Spell, 16, of Columbia, Miss., received a \$200 award as southern region champion.

crystal salt cellars, and Mrs. W. A. Hart, of Tarboro, (nee Miss Mary Shaw) a recent bride, was given a remembrance.

A congealed salad with hot coffee and salted nuts were served to the following guests: Misses Catherine Parker, Kiki Andleton, Elsie Kimball, Frances Nofler, Corinne Hoffer, Anne Pope, Eunice Cuthrell and Mesdames W. H. Garnett, Jr., J. H. Norman, III, Herschel Murphy, W. A. Hart, John Parker, John David Beavens, Wiley Bradley, Eddie Copeland and Fred Hoyle.

"By the way, who is that long and lank girl standing over there?"

"Hush. She used to be long and lank, but she's just inherited \$100,000. She's tall and stately now."

Ashley Garner Is Given Discharge

Ashley Garner, 29-year-old son of Mrs. Kate L. Garner of this city, received his honorable discharge from the army after serving for three years and four months. He was an anti-aircraft automatic weapons crewman, and participated in the battles of Sicily, Naples, Foggia, Romie Arno, Rhineland. Garner received the Good Conduct medal, Emet campaign medal with four Bronze service stars, and one Bronze arrow-head victory medal.

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Soil Conservation News

By J. B. WILKINSON

Farm plans for the establishment of Soil Conservation Practices have been completed for the following farms:

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The Triple A will make payments to farmers for some soil conservation practices. A list of those will be published as soon as it is available.

W. M. Shugart will come to Halifax County some time during December to take over the job of Work Unit Conservationist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. Mr. Shugart is well qualified for the job and will be glad to give assistance where needed.

Soil Conservation is claiming more attention everyday. Newspaper

ers and magazines are telling people of its advantages and benefits and some Radio Stations carry special programs on Soil Conservation.

People as a whole are beginning to see and realize that the soil must be saved and taken care of because from it comes most everything we have. Just stop a few minutes and think how many things come directly and indirectly from the earth. Without which we could do nothing.

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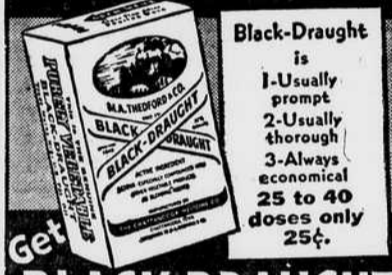
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