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LOCAL OIL DEALER HONORED FOR HIS **RECORD OF SERVICE**

Standard Oil Officials Play Host at Banquet for Local Distributor in First of Meetings Recognizing Leadership of Members of Organization

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was host at a banquet given at the Gateway Cafe in this city Monday evening in honor of their local manager, Mr. Lee H. Stout, at which a steak dinner was served to a party of about 40 of Mr. Stout's friends.

Mr. Stout's mends. The dinner was the first to be given by Standard Oil officials to members of their organizations who have rendered long and loyal serv-ice, and who at the same time have contributed outstandingly to the civic advancement of their respec-tive communities

tive communities. Nelson Presides Mr. Lewis M. Nelson. of North Wilkesboro, field supervisor of the Standard Oil Company, presided and welcomed the guestic on behalf of welcomed the guests on behalf of his company. He stated that the Esso company for ever 40 years has realized that leadership is dependent upon two major factors, name-ly, high quality of products and friendly service to the public. He stated that his company was ever mindful of this responsibility of leadership and assured their guests that they would continually strive in every way to merit their confidence.

Sketch of Life Mr. Nelson presented Dr. Amos Abrams, head of the Department of Abrains, head of the Department of English of Appalachian College, and past District Governor of Lions In-ternational. Dr. Abrams presented a very interesting talk and gave a short biographical sketch of the life of Mr. Stout, and of his very fine contributions of sorvice to this comof Mr. Stout, and of his very line contributions of service to this com-munity. Mr. Stout, he stated, was president of the Watauga County Wildlife Club, member of the city board of aldermen, officer of the Watauga District of the Boy Scouts of America vice president of the Watauga District of the Boy Scouts of America, vice-president of the Lions Club, past master of the lo-cal Masonic Lodge and a Masonic lecturer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Dr. Abrams stated that the major evaluation of any business organization was the type and quality of human relations con-ducted by the men representing it. He stated that Mr. Stout has con-tributed in many ways to help make the Standard Oll Company's suc-cess what it is today in the county. Mr. Clyde R. Greene, president of the North Carolina Merchants As-sociation, and Mr. A. R. Smith, pro-fessor of Chemistry at Appalachian State Teachers College, made brief remarks. complimentary to Mr. remarks, complimentary to Stout Mr

Gets Safety Award Mr. F. M. Fletcher, of Asheville, district supervisor of the Standard Oil Company, presented Mr. Stout with a gold and diamond button representing 18 years of driving a com-pany vehicle without an accident. Mr. Fletcher complimented Mr. Stout for his many years of effi-cient and loyal service to the com-new discommunity. pany and to his community





Here is a view of a small section of the Burma road. Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten has announced that the road, ground lifeline to China, is again open to traffic, climaxing a 14-month campaign. The road as it now operates runs from Ledo, Assam, in the west, to join the old Burma road in the vicinity of Mongyu. The Burma town of Myitkyina is the new springboard of the supply road.

Honored



Lee H. Steut, local Standard Oil manager, who was honored by his company Monday evening. his company at a banquet

POLIO FUND YET SHORT OF GOAL

\$1.300 Collected in March of Dimes Campaign: Many Reports Yet to Be Received

The infantile paralysis fund in Watauga county has reached the towatauga county has reached the to-tal of something more than \$1,300 against the quota of \$1,740, and Howard Cottrell, chairman of the campaign, states that he is confi-dent the full amount will be raised by the deadline on Feb. 15. Included in the total collection is \$95.16 representing contributions \$95.16, representing contributions made at the Appalachian Theatre. Numerous reports are yet to be received from the different sections of the county, and the campaign in the city has not been completed. All

WAC RECRUITERS **TO OPEN DRIVE**

Recruiting Team to Be Here All Next Week; Seeking Medical Technicians

As part of an all-out campaign to for transmost carbon campaign to for transmost as WAC medical tech-nicians those May 1, a Women's formy Corps recruiting team will be in Bonne all next week. February 12 19 12 - 19

The recruiting team, Lt. George B. Faulder, Sgt. Mary Norton and Cpl. E. Jane Brown, from the Asheville recruiting station, will make their headquarters at the postoffice and can be contacted there throughout the week, either personally or by phone.

In Boone Thursday and Friday to complete arrangements for the sta-tioning of the recruiter shere, Lt. Lucian L. Davis, assistant recruiting officer at the Asheville station, voiced a strong appeal to women of Watauga county to enlist for army medical training and binted that a medical training, and hinted that a national conscription of the nation's woman-power might soon become a necessity unless ranks of the wom-

en's army are swelled perceptibly. "We fully realize that many wom-en are doing all they can in buying war bonds and giving blood and time to the American Red Cross," Lt. Davis said, "but figures show these women to be those who are normally beyond the age limit for military service. The women we need in our service hospitals are the \$20 a week soda girl, the drug clerk, sales girl and non-essential secre-

tary. "General George C. Marshall has "issued one final call.' We must en-list a vast number of women for training as medical technicians im-medicately or we will have to resort mediately, or we will have to resort to our only alternative. On the basis of reports I have seen, I look for congress to initiate 'Draft the Women Bill' almost any day," the officer deelored



New Structure Same Size of One Now Used to Be Constructed in East Boone; Practically Fireproof; Work to Start Soon as WPB Permit Granted

The Mountain Burley Warehouse Corporation, at a meeting held last Thursday evening, definitely decided to erect another huge tobacco warehouse in Boone, to have approximately 66,000 square feet of selling space, about the same as is contained in the present plant.

The big new house is to be erect-ed on the property bought by Mr. R. C. Coleman for the purpose, on the Blowing Rock road in the east-ern part of the town. The huge building is to be of cinder block and concrete construction and will be concrete construction and will be almost fireproof, officials of the

The management and operation of the new house will be under the su-pervision of Mr. Coleman, who has operated the present warehouse with

operated the present warehouse with such success and developed the local market to the present high standing in the burley belt. Application has already been made for the WPB building permit, and officials entertain no doubt but that approval will be forthcoming. Then, it is believed that materials can be assembled and work started on the building at once on the building at once.

MIL!TARY AWARD PROGRAM GIVEN Legion Completes Program for

Awarding Posthumous Decora-

monies which will mark the posthumous award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Sgt. Carroll D. Eggers of Vilas, who lost his life, after a heroic stand in the face of super-

John T. Kennedy, in command at John T. Kennedy, in command at Fort Bragg, will present the award to Mr. George Eggers, of Vilas, in memory of his heroic son. The complete program for the evening is as follows:

Presiding, Lionel Ward, 17th disttrict commander, American Legion. America, assembly, Miss Virginia Wary, pianist. Prayer, Rev. J. C. Canipe. Remarks, S. F. Horton and W. C.

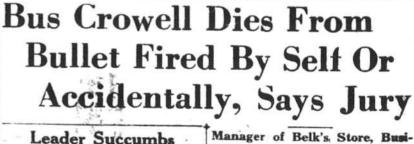
Greene. Special music.

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Presentation of award, Gen Ken-

bly. Benediction, Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr.

Posthumous Military



Leader Succumbs



L. H. (BUS) CROWELL

LAUDS LOCAL SEWAGE PLANT

State Sanitary Engineer Praises City Council on Operation Treat-ment of Plant

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler is in receipt of a letter from E. C. Hubbard, principal sanitary engineer, State Board of Health, giving a report of a recent inspection of the sewage disposal plant near this city, in which he stated:

"I wish to congratulate you and your board on the manner in which this sewage treatment plant is being maintained and operated. Frankly it was a pleasure to observe this plant in operation, and I sincerely feel in operation, and I sincerely feel that the excellent maintenance **Ge-**ing given this plant by Mr. Shoe-make will result in the highest de-gree of sewage purification that can be expected from this type of sew-age plant."

age plant." Mayor Winkler states that Mr. Shoemaker and Carl Teague have had their hands pretty well full in the operation of the water and sew-age plants, and the collection of garbage, but that the town has recently succeeded in employing one extra man, and that a strong effort will be made to effect some much needed street repairs in the city as soon as possible

Introduction of Gen. Kennedy, De-partmental Commander Geo. K. CHAS. NORTON

Star Spangled Banner, by assem-ly. Benediction, Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr. Son of Late Professor and Mrs. Nor-ton Dies After Long Illness; MRS. SPAINHOR

Rites Today

ness and Civic Leader, is Dead; Body Found in Store Early Wednesday Morning; Funeral Plans Have Not Been Arranged

The body of L. H. (Bus) Crowell, manager of Belk's Department store here, and one of the leaders in the business, civic and religious activities of the community, was found in the basement section of his big retail store at 2 o'clock this morning, a bullet wound in the chest, and a .32 calibre revolver lying near the body.

Coroner J. V. Caudill, investigated the death, and impanelled a jury, which decided that "death was caused by a gun shot wound in **the** chest, inflicted by deceased, or **from** accidental causes. There is no in-

dication of foul play." The suicide theory was discounted to some extent by the coroner due to the fact that Mr. Crowell had left no message, and there was no ap-parent reason for suicide. Funeral Not Arranged

Funeral plans have not been for-mulated, pending the arrival of Mr. Crowell's parents, who reside in Charlotte, and it was thought that

Charlotte, and it was thought that likely the rites might not be held before Friday. Mr. Crowell was a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Crowell, of Charlotte, and had resided here for about 15 years, He had been the manager of the Belk-White Company store here for the past two years, and was recog-nized as one of the area's most suc-cessful young business men. He was a devout member of the Graee Lutheran Church and had been councilman in the congregation for the past three years. He was presi-dent of the local Retail Merchants

the past three years. He was presi-dent of the local Retail Merchants Association and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He had been a leading figure in the activi-ties of the Boone Lions Club. Mr. Crowell was widely known not only throughout Watauga coun-ty, but the state as a whole. He was a deeply religious man, and con-tributed a full share to every move-ment for the moral betterment of his community. He was a leader in civic thought and public enterprises, and was one of the principal figures in the mercantile business of this city. Possessed of a kindly disposi-tion and pleasing personality, he had tion and pleasing personality, he had large numbers of friends throughout the area, who are saddened by the news of his tragic death. The survivors include the widow,

the former Miss Martha Hardin, of Boone; two children, Sallie and Tommy Crowell; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Crowell, of Charlotte; S. NORTON DIES TUESDAY All MIS. 1. L. Crowell, of Charlotte; three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. J. W. Byrum, Charlotte; Mrs. A. W. Tolbert, Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. Henry Adams, Monroe; T. L. Crow-ell, Jr., Washington, D. C., and A. M. Crowell, Jackson Miss.



tion to Sgt. Eggers Plans are complete for the cere-

a heroic stand in the face of super-ior German forces in France, this be-ing the first ceremony of its kind ever held in Watauga county. The event to which the public is invited, will take place Thursday evening, Feb. 8, at 8 p. m. at the Legion hut, and Brigadier General John T. Konnedy, in connected at

CITED BY CHIEF

State Laws Provide Penalty for Running Vehicle Over Hose During Fire

Fire Chief Joe Crawford states that during the recent fire at the Boone Steam Laundry, some mo-torists in utter disregard of the state haw drove automobiles over the fire hose carrying water to the burning structure, and warns that penalties involving fines of as much as \$50 and the cost are provided for such violations.

Mr. Crawford states that the damage to hose, and danger of breaking connections seriously hinders firemen in their work and endangers additional property. The law is go-ing to be rigidly enforced hence-forth.

Deep Gap Man in **25** Combat Missions

15th AAF in Italy-T. Sgt. Lane B. Greer, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Baleigh Greer, of Deep Gap, N. C., has flown 25 combat missions against enemy installations in Europe. Arriving in Italy several months

ago, Sgt. Greer has become a vet-eran combat man with missions over many of Hitler's more savagely defended industrial centers. Member of a group which has flown more than 100 combat missions against the enemy, Greer has played a major role in the support given the Allied armies in Northese Kale Allied armies in Northern Italy, Marshal Tito's forces in Yugoslavia and the advancing Russian forces in Hungary.

Hungary. Entering the air force in May, 1943, Sgt. Greer won his wings aft-er an intensive course in gunnery. Now in Italy, he flies under the command of Col. John P. Tomhave, of Montevideo, Minn.

Valparaiso, Chile, has appointed a woman as official inspector of chil-dren's swings and other equipment in playgrounds.

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who haven't contributed are asked to send their checks to Mr. Cottrell at once.

Boone Man, Missing Since November 1, is Safe and Back on Duty



Staff Sgt. Ira Dell Richardson. son of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Richardson of Boone, who was reported missing in action in a bomber flight over Yugoslavia on Nov. 1, is now officially reported as being safe and back on active duty with his bomber command. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson received the following telegram from the office of the Adjutant General under date of Feb. 3: "Am pleased to inform you that your son, S-Sgt. Ira Dell Richardson, Jr., returned to duty on Jan. 19." Mr. and Mrs. Richardson had felt for some time that their some additional their some time that their son had tell for some time that their son had survived the plane crash, due to information received from the wife of the pllot on the bomber, Lieut. Rooser Bodycomb

officer declared. Lt. Davis emphasized that no particular skill is necessary for training in the medical work, and asked that all women in Watauga county who meet the qualification-between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two office.

Sgt. Norton will remain in Boone throughout the week, while Lt. Faul-der and Cpl. Brown will see eligible women at their homes.

Hunting Season Will End On February 10

The hunting season for game in Watauga county comes to a close on Watauga county comes to a close on February 10, it is announced by County Game Warden Walter Ed-misten, who states that despite the acute shortage of ammunition, li-cense sales made a considerable gain over those of the last season. June 1, 1944.

Warden Edmisten wishes to express his appreciation to the sports-men and landowners of the county for their co-operation, and states that Watauga is steadily climbing in her standing with the state game

department. Outlook for legal size fish this year is splendid, says Mr. Edmisten, who adds that the stocking of the streams of the area will begin soon.

Grant Glenn Parsons **Dies With Pacific Fleet**

Mrs. Grant Glenn Parsons of Lynchburg, Va., has received word from the War Department informng her of the death of her husband Grant Glenn Parsons, seaman first class, while on duty in the South Pacific. Seaman Parsons was a son of Mr.

Va., and Mrs. T. E. Parsons of Evington, Va., and his mother was reared in Watauga county, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Culler of Zion-ville ville.

Cocoa exports from the Domini-can Republic exceeded \$5,000,000 in value during the past year.

Awards Are Made to Lt. R. Hal Binghgam

First Lieutenant Robert Hal Bingham has been awarded posthumously the Purple Heart and Purple Heart certificate. He was at the same time awarded the Presidential Unit Citation awarded members of the Fourth Marine Division for service in action against the enemy in the Mariana Islands, and the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon bar with blue enameled star. Six months after the war, the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal will be awarded for his service in that area. First Lieut. Bingham, a graduate

of Appalachian State Teachers College, joined the Marine Corps Dec. 17. 1942, and commissioned a sec-ond lieutenant before going to the

He participated in the battle on Roi and Namur, Kwajaline Atoll, Marshall Islands, beginning Feb. 1, 1944. He then remained in the Pa-cific an advance merine have be cific at an advance marine base before going to Saipan where the 4th Marine Division fought 25 days be-ginning June 15, 1944. Lieut. Bing-ham led a platoon in the first wave to land on Saipan and was wounded in the initial day of bettle which to land on Saipan and was wounded in the initial day of battle, which resulted in his death June 16, 1944. He was buried in the 4th Marine Di-vision Cemetery on Saipan. His grave was visited by Lieut. Flucie Stewart of the navy, who is a for-mer coach at Appalachian College. En route to Saipan he performed outstandingly in an accident when he saved the lives of several men. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bingham, reside in Boone, and a brother, AC Gene Bingham of the Army Air Force, is in training in Texas.

Texas

Mops and other cleaning material should have their own hooks or shelves in the closet. Built-in metal containers for such things as oil mop-heads lessen the danger of spontaneous combustion.

Charles Norton, 34 years old, son of the late Professor A. M. Norton of Appalachian College, and Mrs. Norton, died at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, Tuesday evening, after an illness which began several years

ago. Mis mother and one brother, Allen Norton, of the army, survive. Funeral details hadn't been com-

pleted this morning, but it was stated that Dr. E. K. McLarty would conduct the rites at the Methodist Church here Thursday at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in the city cemetery.

Wounded



Pvt. Ivey Edwin Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Church, who served six months oversees, and was severely wounded July 16, 1944, is spending a few days with his wife and parents. He will return to Walla Walla, Wash., for another operation. He was in a foxhole when a shrapnel hit him in the head, went into his neck and lodged near his heart. He was unconscious for two days, but is showing splendid improvement at this time.

Former Resident of Boone, Wife of Founder of Democrat, Succumbs at Age 78

Mrs. Susan A. Spainhour, promi-nent Morganton citizen, sister of Mrs. E. S. Coffey, of Boone, and many years ago a resident of this city, died Saturday at a Morganton hospital from an extended illness.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist Church in Morganton Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and interment was there. A number of friends and relatives from Boone attempted to attend the rites but had to return due to a glaze of ice on the highways across the mountain

Mrs. Spainhour was born at Mouth of Wilson, Va., and was married in 1883 to J. F. Spainhour ,distinguished Western North Carolina attorney. who died five years ago. They es-tablished their residence in Boome, where Mr. Spainhour had served as district solicitor, and established the Watauga Democrat in 1888. Mrs. Spainhour was well known by the older residents of the community, who held her in high regard.

who held her in high regard. Surviving are four sons and four daughters: Mrs. P. W. Hamlet of Morganton, former missionary to China: Mrs. I. G. Greer, Thomas-ville; Lt. Col. C. M. Spainhour, with the army in Europe; Mrs. Ernest Walker of Morganton; J. F. Spain-hour, Jr., Knoxville, Tenn.; Cpl. Ralph A. Spainhour, with the army in Italy; Mrs. Hal E. Teague of Mos-ganton, and Walter J. Spainhour of Lenoir. One brother and one sister, Fred M. Parks, of Pittsburgh, Pa, and Mrs. E. S. Coffey of Boone, also survive. survive.

Pvt. Chester Johnson Is Wounded in Belgium

Pvt. Chester W. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson of Vilas, was slightly wounded in Belgium on January 11. He has been in serv-ice for two years and two months. He finished his training at Camp Barkley, Texas, and has been over-seas for 17 months. No details have been received as to his condition.