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## TEN SENT ARMY INDUCTION POST; OTHERS CALLED

Watauga's Current Quota in Draft is Filled; Large Group Go For Pre-Induction Exams; a List of Those Being Inducted

Ten Watauga county men have been sent to an induction center of the army under the terms of the selective service act, and at the same time 30 have been sent for their pre-induction physical examinations, it was revealed at the office of the local selective service board today.

Those sent to the induction center follow:

Martin Luther Moretz  
Orvall Odell Teague  
\*Floyd William Tester  
Glenn Wilson Brown  
Thomas Cecil Swift  
Dillard Charlie Reese  
\*Roy Cleo Kilgore, Jr.  
William David Glenn  
Fred Ernest Hollar  
John Rufus Presnell  
Dick Henson  
Grant Edward Phillips  
Physical Examination List  
Dean Bruce Carroll  
Russell Dean Oliver  
Smith Alfred Rominger  
Thomas Newt Hartley  
\*Ronda Horton Hardin  
James Brinkley  
Liniard Heath Smith  
\*Carl Edward Deal  
Fred Wilburn Earp  
William Broadus Norris  
Gorge Herman Hollars  
Allison Claude Teague  
Harold Moody  
William Staple Collins  
Floyd Elmo Hayes  
Hobart T. Gross  
Radford Harrison Townsend, Jr.  
Thomas Bert Swift  
Larkin Harrison Townsend  
William Greenville Greene, Jr.  
Owen Junior McLean  
Lewis Arnold Craig  
Arlon Burl Simmons  
Charles William Vannoy  
Kermit Walter Jones  
Howard Carlyle Watson  
Benjamin Ray Townsend  
Edward Lee Hayes  
Thad Noland Maltba  
Elsie Swift Brown  
Olen Ivan Cook  
James J. L. Sherwood  
\*Transferred to other boards.

## FFA TO AID IN VICTORY GARDENS

High School Group to Do Plowing For Local Gardeners This Spring

Members of the local chapter of Future Farmers of America have purchased a horse and plowing equipment to assist local Victory gardeners in preparing their plots for planting this spring, it is announced.

This enterprise is being conducted on a co-operative basis providing all members of the chapter with valuable experience in working together on a common problem.

Plans are being formulated for the management of the business and the group hopes to begin work next week. Any gardener desiring the services offered by the Future Farmers should call Dr. Orby Southard at the High School building.

## Deputy Collector to Aid Federal Taxpayers In Preparing Returns

A deputy collector of internal revenue will be at the postoffice in Boone, February 19, 20 and 21, to assist tax payers in filing Federal income tax returns for the year 1944.

All those who received a gross income of \$500 or more during the year 1944 are required to file a return, and severe penalties are provided under Federal statute for those who fail to file, who file late, or who file a false or fraudulent return.

## Ration Guide

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2, now valid, expire March 31.

C2, D2, E2, F, 2, G2, now valid, expire April 28.

H2, J2, K2, L2, M2, now valid, expire June 2.

MEATS, FATS—Red stamps Q5, R5, S5, now valid expire March 31.

T5, U5, V5, X5, now valid, expire April 28.

Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2, D2, now valid, expire June 2.

SUGAR—Sugar stamp 34, good for five pounds, expires Feb. 28.

Sugar stamp 35, good for five pounds, expires June 2.

SHOES—Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 in Book 3, good indefinitely.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons from last season. Periods 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 from this season—all valid for 10 gallons each.

GASOLINE—A-14 coupons valid through March 21. Rationing rules require that each car owner write his license number and state on each coupon in his possession as soon as it is issued to him by his local rationing board.

## Led Luzon Rescue



Lt. Col. Henry A. Mucci, who led the gallant American and Filipino commando group which rescued the Americans from Jap prison camp on Luzon.

## B. G. LEAKE FREE FROM JAP CAMP

Husband of Valle Crucis Lady One of First Liberated in Manila Capture

Mrs. B. G. Leake of Valle Crucis, who is now residing in Mountain City, Tenn., was cheered last week by the news that her husband is free, after having been held prisoner in Santo Tomas internment camp in Manila since the Japs occupied the city.

Mr. Leake was mentioned in an Associated Press dispatch as having been one of the directors of the leadership and guidance program which was conducted for 50 youths between 8 and 16 years, whose parents were not interned at the camp.

Mrs. Leake received her first word of the release of her husband through press dispatches, and had not heard from him since a cable arrived last July.

Mrs. Leake's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull, reside at Valle Crucis, and Mr. and Mrs. Leake and their son, Billy, now a student at Porter Military Academy, Charleston, S. C., spent most of the summer of 1941 visiting there. Mrs. Leake is residing with her sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. R. O. Glenn, at Mountain City.

Mr. Leake was in the cocoanut oil business in Manila where he had resided since 1924, and when time came for him to return to his business Mrs. Leake and son were not permitted to accompany him.

He arrived in Manila Nov. 16, 1941, before the Japs came in December. Mrs. Leake heard from him through persons returning on the Gripsholm and the last message was a cable last July.

The Associated Press dispatch reports that during the long months of confinement Mr. Leake and his two associates maintained a schedule of two hours of school classwork daily for the boys and a regular sports program until insufficient food made sports unwise. Moral training was one of the outstanding features of the program.

The story says that the acute shortage of food made it difficult to curb petty thievery among the hungry youths but the teachers managed to ingrain in them the basis of respect for honesty and fair dealings.

Mr. Leake's mother resides in Charleston, S. C.

## American Legion and Auxiliary to Meet

The regular meeting of Watauga Post No. 130, and Legion Auxiliary will be held in the hut February 16. The business part of the meeting will begin at 8 o'clock sharp.

Commander Steelman urges all ex-service men and their wives to be present. There will be some business of much importance to decide upon.

We have in the hut now a good piano which the post is considering buying. Mr. J. R. Craven, owner of the Craven Furniture store in Boone, has made the post a very liberal offer on the piano. We plan on having a short social hour with piano music after the business part of the meeting. It is not only your privilege but your duty to attend these meetings.

## YANKS TAKE CAVITE

Manila, Feb. 14—Capture of the Cavite naval base and Nichols airfield were announced today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who said the end of Japan's trapped Manila garrison was "in sight."

MacArthur reported enemy casualties of more than 68,000 for the five weeks of the Luzon campaign as compared with American casualties of 9,683, including 2,102 killed.

Capture of the Cavite naval base put the Yanks on the shores of Manila bay for the first time.

## REDS TAKE BUDAPEST

London, Feb. 13—The shattered remains of Budapest fell to the Red army today after 49 days of street fighting that cost the enemy 49,000 men killed and 110,000 captured in the greatest individual disaster since Stalingrad, while some 300 miles to the northwest the Russians slashed 10 miles farther westward through German Silesia toward Dresden.

## D.S.C. PRESENTED TO FATHER LOCAL WORLD WAR HERO

Gen. Kennedy Makes Posthumous Award to Father of Vilas Soldier; Offers Praise of Local Man Who Died on Fields of France

Brigadier General John T. Kennedy, commanding officer at Fort Bragg, presented the Distinguished Service Cross to Mr. George Eggers, of Vilas, for his son, Sgt. Carroll D. Eggers, who died in France after pouring withering machine gun fire for a third time into the ranks of a superior German force.

The program was arranged by Watauga Post American Legion and held at the Legion hut Thursday evening, and despite unfavorable weather, a considerable crowd gathered for the ceremonies, the first of their kind to be held in this city.

In making the second highest military award posthumously to Sgt. Eggers, General Kennedy briefly reviewed Hitler's bloody path to power, and the present plight of Berlin, brought on by the courage and devotion of the American soldier and civilian. He praised the courage of the mountain people, which has been exemplified on every field of battle, and told Mr. and Mrs. Eggers they were to be congratulated for rearing a son, upright and courageous, who had carried on the fine traditions of the armed services.

State Legion Commander Frank Snow, of Mount Airy, introduced General Kennedy. Also present was Lieut. Vanderslice of Fort Bragg, Rev. Mr. Canipe and Rev. Mr. Parker took part in the ceremony.

## WATAUGA SCOUT GROUP MEETING

Watauga Department of Old Hickory Council to Meet This Evening

The Watauga District of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be organized at a meeting to be held at the Gateway Cafe Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Jim Thomas, assistant Scout executive, will be present, and the following operating committees will be set up: Organization and extension, health and safety, advancement, camping and activities, leadership and training, finance and publicity.

Dr. R. C. Busted is the Scout commissioner for the new district, Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the district organization, and Lee Stout, vice-chairman. These men were elected at the annual meeting held in Winston-Salem recently.

## Charles W. Culler Is Claimed by Death

Charles W. Culler, 75 years old, native Watauga countian, who for more than 30 years had resided in Wilkesboro, died at a Statesville hospital Friday night. He had been in poor health for the past few years, but the fatal illness was of brief duration.

Mr. Culler was born in Boone, a son of the late Benjamin and Mary Culler. He received his education in the schools of Boone and went to Wilkes in his younger manhood. He taught in the schools of that county for a number of years, following which he engaged in the carpenter trade.

He was first married to Miss Myra Clark, who preceded him in death. He was later married to Miss Bessie Adams, who survives. The only surviving member of his immediate family is a sister, Mrs. John Law, of Pores Knob.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Edgewood Baptist Church by Rev. B. F. Peeler, and interment was in the Edgewood cemetery. Attending the rites from Boone were Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Mr. Bernard Dougherty and Mr. J. E. Culler.

## S-Sgt. Coffey Slightly Wounded in France

Staff Sgt. Joe L. Coffey was slightly wounded in action in France on Jan. 21, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Coffey, of Laxon.

Sgt. Coffey is with an infantry division and has been in the army for 21 months, and overseas since last December.

## OUT-OF-STATE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Although the price of The Democrat to out-of-state civilians has been \$2.00 per year for almost two years, some subscribers still send \$1.50 for renewals. In these cases 9 months credit is given. The local rate of \$1.50 is in force to all members of the armed forces—army, naval, marine corps and coast guard—wherever they may be located.

An American 200,000-volt X-ray unit has been supplied under lend-lease to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary in Scotland.

## Siegfried Line Used for Bagpipe



W. O. Millard Grary plays his bagpipe in the "Dragons Teeth" of the Siegfried line on the 9th army front, while German shells whine overhead. His buddies refuse to let him practice near their foxholes.

## LOCAL WOMEN SOUGHT BY WAC

Watauga County Women Are Needed as Medical Technicians; Recruiting Team Here

By CPL. WALTER CROWLEY

Declaring the need of trained personnel in army general hospitals to be more critical than at any other time since Pearl Harbor, Lieut. Geo. B. Faulder, Asheville army recruiting officer, today appealed to Watauga county women to enter the service for training as medical technicians in the Women's Army Corps and hinted that a draft of the nation's women-power might soon be necessary unless enlistment quotas are filled.

Pointing out that the problem of hospitalizing and caring for American wounded fighting men is rapidly approaching the stage where personnel in uniform will not be sufficient to adequately handle America's war wounded, Lieut. Faulder said that the national recruiting drive now in progress is the last attempt before a women's draft law may be put into effect.

Himself a combat veteran, and wearer of the Purple Heart, Lieut. Faulder said that army hospitals today are filled with battle-torn casualties who have fought their country's battle—the battle which concerns the very safety of we here at home—and that the medical attention these men require is the solemn duty of every eligible American woman. "The government has spent thousands of dollars and man hours in attempting to illustrate this need," the officer declared, "but response of women throughout the land has been practically nil. It's a terrible thing to have to announce to the world that American women refuse to help their men in time of need, but if things continue as they are I am sure that a draft of women will be put into effect," the lieutenant said.

Outlining the WAC medical technician drive now in full swing, Lieut. Faulder pointed out that unskilled women—women who have not the slightest knowledge of the medical field—can enlist in the WAC and in a period of three months be trained to fill a position in an army hospital. Women between the ages of 20 and 49, with no dependents under 14 years of age, who possess a high school education are eligible.

In Boone since Monday to enlist women for the medical assignments, Lieut. Faulder, accompanied by Cpl. E. Jane Brown and Sgt. Mary Norton, of the Asheville recruiting station, has his headquarters in the postmaster's office and urges that applicants contact him either personally or by phone. Sgt. Norton will remain in the postoffice during the day, while Lieut. Faulder and Cpl. Brown will make calls to the homes of interested women.

A quota of 185 women must be enlisted from North Carolina before May 1, the officer said.

## Rites Held Thursday For Charles Norton

Funeral services for Charles F. Norton, 34, son of the late Prof. A. M. Norton of Appalachian College, and Mrs. Norton, were conducted last Thursday from the Methodist Church in Boone, by the pastor, Dr. E. K. McLarty, and interment was in the city cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Bernard Dougherty, Bill Bingham, Howard Cottrell, Julian Yoder, Paul Coffey and Morris Casey.

Mr. Norton died in Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, Tuesday evening of last week after an illness of three years with acute arthritis. He was born in 1910 at New London, Stanley county. He was graduated from Appalachian College in 1933 and taught school at Old Fort, Marshall and Avon, N. C.

## CHAIN LETTERS TABOO SAYS P.M.

Postmaster Brown Says Use of Chain Letters Violates Federal Statutes

Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., has apprehended a number of the so-called chain letters going through the local office, and again calls attention to the senders of these missives that it is against the postal laws to mail them, and those using the mails for such purposes face heavy fines and even prison sentences if apprehended.

The "chain" letter has been frequently used to prey upon the ignorance and superstition of some people, and usually promises good fortune to those who keep the chain going, while predicting dire peril for those who break a link in the illegal correspondence.

Postmaster Brown would appreciate it, if those who may receive such communications refer them to his office. But at any rate, they are warned to disregard them and avoid the violation of the postal laws.

## EGGERS BILL IS GIVEN HOUSE O.K.

Measure to Fix Salary of Sheriff of Watauga County in Legislative Mill

A bill "to fix the salary of the sheriff of Watauga county," which was introduced by Representative S. C. Eggers in the House of Representatives, passed the house last Thursday, and following Senate approval, will be enacted into law.

The measure would fix the salary of the sheriff at \$2,500 per annum, in addition to the fees he now receives, and would allow him also the sum of \$600 per year for the employment of a chief deputy sheriff.

## State Income Tax Payers to Be Aided By Collector March 5

Mr. F. L. German, deputy collector, will be in the office of Clerk of the Superior Court at Boone on March 5, 6 and 7, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their state tax returns.

Any single person having an income of \$1,000 or more during the year 1944, and married man having an income of \$2,000 or more must file a state income tax return.

## U. S. AGENTS FOR WORLD PEACE PARLEY SELECTED

Washington, Feb. 13—President Roosevelt today named eight American delegates, including two Republican legislators, Cordell Hull, and a woman educator, to the united nations conference on world security at San Francisco next April 25. Hull, former secretary of state, also will serve as senior adviser to the Americans as they sit down with representatives of other nations to draft formally the plan for a peace-enforcing agency.

Besides Hull, the following have been asked to serve on the delegation: Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee; Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan; Representative Bloom, Democrat, New York, chairman of the house foreign affairs committee; Representative Eaton, Republican, New Jersey; Navy Comdr. Harold Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and mentioned as a possible Republican presidential candidate in 1948, and Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College in New York.

## PAYS TO ADVERTISE

R. H. Vannoy, prominent farmer and cattleman of Route 1, depends on Democrat want ads to sell surplus stock. Recently he advertised a heifer in the local paper, which was disposed of promptly the same day the paper was published.

## POLIO CAMPAIGN GOAL IN SIGHT CLOSING TONIGHT

Fifteen Hundred Dollars Raised to Combat Polio in Local Campaign; Dance to Be Held This Evening at High School Gym

Thursday marks the end of the campaign in Watauga county to raise funds for the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, and to combat polio at home, and the end of the campaign will feature a dance at the Boone High School gymnasium Thursday evening, starting at 9 o'clock. Proceeds from the dance will be used for the polio fund.

Howard Cottrell, chairman of the local effort, stated Tuesday afternoon that approximately \$1,500 has been raised against the quota of \$1,740, and that a number of reports from over the county are yet to be received, together with several contributions yet to be chinked up on behalf of the city's business establishments.

At any rate, Mr. Cottrell firmly believes that when the campaign is over Watauga county will be found among those counties who have exceeded their quotas.

He states that a number of schools of the county have not as yet made their reports, and he insists that these be turned in at once, in order that the campaign may be fully closed this week.

## POLIO CONTRIBUTIONS

Among the contributors to the infantile paralysis fund are those of Green Valley school in the amount of \$4.00, and Riverview school, \$5.18.

## MRS. J. L. LEWIS DIES ON SUNDAY

Prominent Resident of Meat Camp Section Succumbs to Brief Illness

Mrs. J. L. Lewis, 82 years old, prominent resident of the Meat Camp section, died at the home Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, after an illness of about ten days. The natural infirmities of advanced age, and possibly influenza contributed to her death.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 o'clock from the Meat Camp Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers, and interment was in the cemetery there, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home taking care of the arrangements.

Surviving is the husband and ten sons and daughters: Chas. Lewis, Mabel; Henry Lewis, Preston county, W. Va.; Mrs. Nannie Michael, Boone; Wade Lewis, Dilliner, Pa.; Mrs. Virginia Calloway, Bethel, Ohio; Mrs. Ada Gross, Route 2, Boone; Jim Lewis, Trade, Tenn.; Roy Lewis, Dilliner, Pa.; Fred Lewis, Point Marion, Pa.; Clint Lewis, Boone Route 2.

Mrs. Lewis was reared in Watauga county, a daughter of the late Jas. H. Taylor, Esq., and Mrs. Taylor, and was married to Jacob L. Lewis 68 years ago. She had been a member of the Meat Camp Baptist Church for more than 60 years.

## Fisherman's Banquet Set For Next Week Will Be Gala Event

The Gateway Cafe will be the scene of a gala event on February 22, when at 7:30, the winners of the B. W. Stallings fishing contest and other sportsmen of the county, gather around the dinner table for an evening of fun and entertainment.

Following the dinner hour, a moving picture will be shown, "Battling Bass." This is a technicolor film and should be a real treat to outdoorsmen.

The closing feature of the evening will be the awarding of prizes, the first being a \$25 War Bond. Don't miss this evening of fun and clean entertainment.

Those attending will be asked to pay for their dinners, and the price is 75 cents. Tickets may be procured at Boone Drug Co. or Stallings Jewelry Store.

## Pvt. Ila Reese Is Injured in Belgium

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Reese of Zionville, have received word that their son, Private Ila G. Reese, was slightly wounded in action in Belgium on January 10.

## WILKES MAPS OPPOSITION TO ANNEXATION PROPOSAL

North Wilkesboro, Feb. 13—Wilkes county will put up a determined and united fight against the Caldwell county annexation bill when it goes before the counties, cities and town committee for hearing Wednesday.

Many prominent citizens of Wilkes plan to go before the committee in opposition to the bill introduced by Representative J. T. Pritchett of Caldwell, and which would take from Wilkes and give to Caldwell all of Beaver Creek township and parts of Elk and Boomer townships.