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EARL WILLIAM WARD

EARL WARD DIES IN NAVY SERVICE

Watauga Native Loses Life in South Pacific Area; Parents in Caldwell

Earl William Ward, AR first class, 21 years old, a native of Watauga county, and son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Ward, of Lenoir Route 6, was killed in the South Pacific area, according to word reaching the parents. Details were lacking in the message from the War Department. Born at Sugar Grove, Sgt. Ward moved with the family to Caldwell county early in life, where he was later employed by the Caldwell Furniture Co. He entered the service in September, 1942, and went overseas as a radio gunner last October.

A brother, T-Sgt. Charles L. Ward, was recently wounded while serving with the American forces in China. Besides the parents and T-Sgt. Ward, he is survived by ten other brothers and sisters.

TROOP MOVEMENT FROM ETO STARTS

250,000 Men to Return From Europe During June; Many Now En Route

Troop shipments from Europe to the United States in June will number 250,000 compared to the 84,000 soldiers that will have left by the end of this month, an official statement said Tuesday.

Several hundred officers and men of General Courtney H. Hodges first army, which is being moved to the Pacific, via the United States, already have been alerted for redeployment in June. They will leave in the order named and will go to the Pacific by way of the United States, it was said.

Forces which have left the continent by the end of May will include 29,500 sick and wounded, 28,000 freed American prisoners, 15,500 potential discharges, and 11,000 in redeployed troop units.

Additional shipments which will have left the continent by the end of June will include 20,500 sick and wounded, 15,000 freed American prisoners, 35,000 potential discharges and 180,000 men in redeployed troop units.

It was emphasized that these figures do not include men being deployed directly to the Pacific. The transfer of troops to the United States by plane also is expected to begin in June.

County Singing To Be Held Sunday, June 3

The county singing convention is scheduled to be held at the Gospel Tabernacle in Boone, starting at 10 o'clock a. m., Sunday, June 3, with S. C. Eggers, president of the association, in charge of the program.

All choirs, quartettes and individual vocalists of the area are invited to come and take part in the singing.

Ration Guide

MEATS, FATS: Red Stamps Y5, Z5, and A2 through D2 expire June 2; Red Stamps E2 through J2 expire June 30; Red Stamps K2 through P2 expire July 31; Red Stamps Q2 through U2, expire August 31.
PROCESSED FOODS: Blue Stamps H2 through M2 expire June 2; Blue Stamps N2 through S 2 expire June 30; Blue Stamps T2 through X2 expire July 31; Blue Stamps Y2 through X2 expire July 31; Blue Stamps Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1 expire August 31.
SUGAR STAMP 35 expires June 2; Stamp 36 expires Aug. 31.
SHOES: Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2, 3, in Book Three, continue valid indefinitely.
GASOLINE: A-15 coupons valid through June 21.

OLDER MEN TO BE DEFERRED, SAYS GEN. HERSHEY

Blanket Deferment of Those Over 30 Years Old in Useful Occupations is Ordered by Selective Service; Draft Call to Be Cut 25 Percent

Indefinite blanket deferment of men 30 and over who remain in useful jobs was ordered Tuesday by the selective service.

This liberalized policy, effective at once, results from the narrowing of the war to one front, Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey, announced at his news conference.

He disclosed that the draft call will be cut about 25 per cent, or to 90,000 men per month beginning in July.

But Hershey predicted at the same time that as a result of the new leniency for older men, it will be necessary to call an increasing number of occupationally deferred registrants 18 through 29.

The policy change covering older men affects principally those 30 through 33, who up to now have been required in an essential activity. The change puts them on the same footing as men 34 through 37, who have been required only to be engaged in essential work.

In the future occupational deferments granted to men 30 and over no longer will be subject to review every six months, but will be good for an indefinite period, Hershey added.

Chamber of Commerce Ends Membership Drive

The Boone Chamber of Commerce has just ended an unusually successful membership campaign and it is revealed that there are now 51 members of the organization, as follows:

Wade E. Eller, Northwestern Bank, Parkway Company, Smith-eys' Store, Townsend Grocery, Rivers Printing Company, Watauga Hardware, Inc., Boone Tire and Bargain Store, Vance M. Calloway, Will C. Walker, Farmers Hardware & Supply Company, Wilson's Feed Store, Colvard Tire Company, Hunt's Department Store, Frank M. Payne, Belk-White Company, Boone Drug Company, Western Auto Associate Store, City Meat Market, I. S. Ayers, Gateway Cafe, W. J. Kelsey, Dr. E. T. Glenn, Mrs. E. S. Qualls, Dixie Home Store No. 173, Daniel Boone Shoe Shop, Hotel Watauga, Dr. Wm. M. Matheson, Craven Furniture Company, M. R. Maddux, Boone Super Cleaners, Mayflower Beauty Shop, Reins-Sturdivant, McGuire's Beauty Shop, Wilcox Drug Company, Daniel Boone Hotel, Bus Terminal, Boone Trail Cafe, Appalachian Book Store, Edmisten Furniture Company, Carolina Pharmacy, Crest Store, Appalachian Theatre, Appalachian Soda Shop, Baker-Mebane Hosiery Mills, Inc., H. W. Horton, Queen City Coach Company, John W. Davis, St. Petersburg, Fla., W. H. Gragg, Watauga Building & Loan Association, B. W. Stallings.

Messrs C. A. Price and Russell D. Hodges conducted the highly successful membership campaign and the officials of the Chamber of Commerce highly appreciate their outstanding accomplishment.

Officer Writes About Death of Local Soldier

Mrs. Bessie N. Ashley, of Boone, has received the following letter from Capt. Edward McCabe, regarding the death of her son, Pfc. Fred M. Ashley:

"I wish to express our heartfelt sorrow in the death of your son, Pfc. Fred M. Ashley, who was killed in action by enemy artillery fire in Germany on March 25, 1945. His untimely passing has been felt by all members of this command, and we all share your sorrow. Burial services were conducted by the Protestant chaplain at the military cemetery in Margraten, Holland.

"Pfc. Ashley was highly regarded and respected by all his comrades as a man and as a real soldier who was always devoted to his duties. I know that no words of condolence can bring him back, but when this struggle is over, and peace has been won, you may rest assured that your son and other heroes of this war will never be forgotten. Their contribution to the freedom of mankind has been the greatest sacrifice of all. Our prayers are with you at this time."

LIEUT. (JG) WADE E. BROWN, who has been on duty in the Pacific with the Navy for the past six months, arrived Tuesday to spend a two week leave with his family in Boone.

MOTHER AND SEVEN SOLDIER SONS



Mrs. M. C. Rominger, of Matney, and seven sons who follow army careers, thus practically setting a national record for members of one family in any particular unit of the armed forces. Top row, left to right, Mrs. Rominger; T-Sgt. Grady Rominger, who is in Germany, and has had seven years of service, two of them overseas; Pfc. Johnnie Rominger, France, who has been in the army seven years, 33 months overseas; T-Sgt. Clyde Rominger, Key Field, Meridian, Miss., 14 years service, 35 months overseas; second row, Cpl. Bennie D. Rominger, seven years, 18 months overseas; Cpl. Richard Rominger, four years, 2½ years overseas; Cpl. Howard Rominger, Dothan, Ala., four years, 33 months overseas; Sgt. Charlie Rominger, who received a disability discharge after 11 years in the army. The seven Rominger boys have served a total of 54 years in the army, or an average of seven and five-seventh years each, and at least some of them plan to stay on the job until their retirement.

HAL FARTHING IS KILLED IN ACTION

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Farthing Meets Death in Pacific Theatre of War

Ensign Hal Buckner Farthing, USNR, was killed in action in the Asiatic theatre of war, according to a telegram received by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Farthing, of Boone, last Sunday. The message, which was signed by Vice-Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of navy personnel, merely stated that Ensign Farthing was killed in the service of his country, and that no information is available as to disposition of body. It was added that "by reason of existing conditions burial was at sea or in locality of death highly probable."

Ensign Farthing, who was 27 years old, was an honor graduate of Appalachian College, taught in the schools of Leaksville, and worked with the OPA in Norfolk, Va., before going into service in January, 1943. He went to the Pacific last September and was on board a destroyer at last account. He was with Admiral Mischer's fleet and had seen action at Guam and Iwo Jima, and since he was heard from since the latter invasion, it is held probable that he lost his life in the assault on Okinawa.

Surviving are the parents, the widow, Mrs. Mavis Smith Farthing, who with her small son, Buckie, is with her parents at Highland Springs, W. Va.; three brothers and three sisters; Cline Farthing, Baltimore; Sgt. Joe Farthing, Lake Charles, La.; Harry Farthing, at home; Mrs. Dorothy Greene, Carrie Lee and Bettie Jean Farthing, of Boone.

Boone Man Is Given Navy Cross Decoration

Lieut. Wm. S. Ellis, of Boone R.F. D. 2, an officer of the U.S.S. Franklin, which limped home after a Jap bombing attack, was decorated for gallantry in action aboard the carrier's torn and charred flight deck, according to the Associated Press.

He was awarded a Navy Cross, third highest navy decoration. "Only by the outstanding skill, stamina and heroism of the officers and the crew could the Franklin, against what seemed like insuperable odds, have traveled the 12,000 miles from the scene of disaster to her berth in Brooklyn navy yard," vice-admiral Aubrey W. Fitch said in presenting the awards.

Memorial Services Are To Be Held Sunday

Memorial services are to be held at Grace Lutheran church here next Sunday, sponsored by the American Legion Post.

Rev. E. F. Troutman will deliver the address on this occasion and all soldiers of all wars are particularly invited to attend.

PVT. CALVIN GREENE, of Fort Dix, N. J., returned to camp Sunday after spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Greene, of Laxon.

Makes Record



FRANK M. PAYNE

INSURANCE MAN SETS RECORD

Frank Payne is Cited For Having Written Insurance Every Week For Ten Years

Frank M. Payne, general agent for Security Life and Trust Company in Boone and the surrounding territory, has just completed over ten years of membership in the company's weekly production club. Mr. Payne has secured one or more applications for life insurance every week during this period, a record which few life underwriters have attained.

At the present Mr. Payne is the leading representative in the company in the number of weeks of continuous membership. He has been a general agent for Security Life for over eleven years.

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Much Activity in Junior Order Here

Considerable activity has been noted recently on the part of Daniel Boone Chapter 129, Junior Order United American Mechanics, and the following new and reinstated members have been accepted: Fred A. Greene, Howard J. Cottrell, W. B. York, Blain Isaacs, Turner Storie, Chas. Osborne, Ira Ayers, Alfred T. Adams, G. C. Greene, Jr., T. M. Shore and W. S. Christian.

The council has also redecoreated its hall over the City Barber Shop. Regular meeting time is the third Monday in each month, but special meetings are being held. The degree team from North Wilkesboro recently came up and put on the three degrees in a very impressive manner. There are now 46 members.

The shortage of fats and oils is not likely to be materially eased before late spring or summer of 1946, says a Washington report.

YONABARU IS BEING TAKEN

Okinawa City, Now in Rubble, is Encircled by Grim Yank Fighting Men

Guam, May 23—Veteran infantrymen of the Seventh division speared into Yonabaru, eastern anchor of the stiff Japanese line across Southern Okinawa, in a surprise pre-dawn assault yesterday and threw an encircling arm around the rubble city.

Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's crack Seventh, back in action after a two weeks rest, made its quick thrust against light opposition, in bad weather and thick mud. Tank support was impossible.

The infantrymen who swept around Yonabaru reached heights overlooking the towns of Rioi and Itarashiku, about 1,000 yards south of Yonabaru. They were in the northern end of a long ridge line which dominates the communication road net south of embattled Shuri.

Yonabaru still was not fully secured up to last night, but the Japs apparently did not intend to try to hold it. Admiral Nimitz said today Yonabaru had been "thoroughly reduced by our gunfire and bombing."

Addition of the Seventh division to the Okinawa fighting bolstered total U. S. strength to five divisions—some 75,000 men. Until now maximum strength has been about four divisions on the Southern Okinawa front.

Instructors Needed For Red Cross Courses

The need for training homemakers in the simple care of the sick requires many more qualified instructors. The Red Cross has set aside a national fund for training nurses to teach Red Cross home nursing courses. Those who qualify will have all expenses paid while taking the course. The nurses who take this special training must promise to teach, either on a paid or volunteer basis, a minimum of 60 hours of Red Cross nursing.

George Peabody College is planning a five weeks' training period for college credit, June 12-July 18. Plans are being made for two non-credit workshops. These will be for four week-periods.

Any registered nurse who is interested in this special training may get further information by getting in contact with the local Red Cross office or Mrs. E. T. Glenn, of Boone.

Afghans Sought For Moore Army Hospital

Mrs. W. M. Burwell, Red Cross knitting chairman, is asking that volunteer knitters bring in odds and ends of yarn, from which to knit another afghan for the Moore general hospital. Four-ply yarn is preferred for this work but the two-ply can be used. This yarn may be brought to the Red Cross rooms or to the home of Mrs. Burwell at 203 Water street.

U. S. War production reached 64 billion dollars in 1944.

WAR BOND SALES REACH \$70,000 IN FIRST FIVE DAYS

Initial Showing in Seventh War Loan is Good, But Sales of E Bonds Represents Less Than One-third of Five-day Total

The Seventh War Loan campaign is starting off auspiciously in Watauga county, and Federal Reserve Bank clearings indicate that \$70,000 of the local quota of \$175,000 was sold in the first five days of the campaign.

However, Clyde R. Greene, local war savings chairman, is somewhat perturbed by the fact that sales of E bonds to individuals accounts for only a little more than \$20,000 of the total sales, and renews his plea to the people of the county to step up their purchases of this type of security, so that the county may reach her quota both as to individual sales and as to overall quota.

A well-organized group of volunteer workers in every section of the county are giving everyone a chance to buy bonds in the first of two campaigns to be conducted this year, and reports of increased sales are expected to trickle in daily as the campaign for money with which to lick the Japs gains momentum.

"Participation in the Seventh War Loan, in a sense, is not optional with loyal American citizens. It is a moral responsibility incumbent upon every citizen to help bear the burden of the prosecution of the war in which the survival of civilization itself is at stake. It is highly important that in this particular loan individual purchases be stressed, since only in that way can individuals show their appreciation of the sacrifices our men are making on the battlefields of the world, and at the same time, prevent the evil of inflation from falling with deadly effect upon our national economy," Mr. Greene said.

NAME LEADERS FOR WAR FUND

Clyde R. Greene of Boone, Given District Chairmanship By Governor Cherry

Governor Cherry, honorary chairman of the United War Fund for North Carolina, has appointed 13 of the 15 district chairmen who will serve in the annual campaign scheduled to be held in October.

Clyde R. Greene, of Boone, was named chairman of district four. Victor S. Bryant, of Durham, is state chairman for the War Fund. Dr. I. G. Greer, of Thomasville, is vice-chairman for the western division, and former Governor J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, is vice-chairman for the eastern section of the state.

Coal Hauler Arrested By State Dept. Official Here

Orville B. Mead, coal dealer, of Hansonville, Va., was arrested here Tuesday by J. P. Crawford, of the law enforcement division of the State Department of Agriculture, for violation of regulation 9 of the weights and measures act, as he was hauling a load of coal to Hickory, without duplicate tickets as required.

Mr. Crawford reports that Mead was tried before M. J. Williams, justice of the peace, and fined \$25 and the costs. Highway Patrolman Miles Jones assisted Mr. Crawford.

To the People of this Community

The 7th War Loan objective is four billion dollars in Series E Bonds. At this time last year Americans had oversubscribed two war loan quotas, each three billion dollars in Series E War Bonds. It is obvious your personal share must be greatest of any of the war loans. And yet it may be no higher than or even less than the combined amount you invested in bonds in the 4th and 5th War Loans.

Why should you continue to put every dollar above the cost of the necessities of living into extra bonds? 1. Uppermost you owe an obligation to your fighting men and women to back them to the limit as long as any enemy military strength remains. 2. Think about Iwo Jima for a moment—sacrifice on the battlefields is still a way of life for your relatives and friends in uniform. 3. The self-interest motive is at a new high. Civilian goods are now scarcer than ever before. Every dollar you spend for non-essentials works for higher prices.

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