



## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

**PVT. EDWIN DOUGHERTY**, of Kelly Field, Texas, has been spending the last few days at his home in Boone.

**PFC. GEORGE MCKARAHER** has returned to Paine Field, Everett, Wash. after spending a 17-day furlough with his wife and daughter, Barbara, of Boone.

**PVT. DALE AUTON**, son of Mrs. Novel Teague, of Blowing Rock, is Reim, Germany. Pvt. Auton entered the service November 22, 1942, and went overseas June 23, 1943. He received training at Camp Lee, Va. He is with the engineers.

**S. SGT. VANCE C. HARTLEY**, son of T. W. Hartley, of Boone, a glider artilleryman, is a member of the 191st airborne division which held out in the now famous defense of the city of Bastogne, Belgium. The defense of Bastogne, which has been classified with some of the epic stands of military history, was credited with holding five German divisions engaged and stemming the German advance through Belgium. He also took part in the Normandy and Holland invasion. He wears

the Presidential Citation awarded his artillery battalion.

**T-S FOREST GREENE**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Greene, of Boone Route 2, has arrived home, having received a discharge from the army under the point system. Mr. Greene, who participated in the invasion of the Philippines, was in the Pacific area for 37 months.

**PFC. JOHN D. CLAWSON** has been discharged from the army under the point system, and has returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Clawson, Route 2, Boone. Pfc. Clawson participated in the North African campaign, in the fighting for Sicily and Italy, and was in Germany when that nation was finally crushed.

**CPL. CHARLES C. GREER** and Cpl. Hiram Copeland, of Huntsville, Ala., are spending three days at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greer, at Vilas. On Tuesday evening, Messrs. Greer and Copeland, with members of the Greer family enjoyed a picnic at Blowing Rock.

**VAUGHT MAST**, BM 1c, has returned to Washington for further orders following 30 days spent with his family in Boone.

**CPL. JACK STORIE** is spending 32 days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shuford Storie, of Boone. Cpl. Storie, who returned to the states from Germany last week, is to be redeployed, likely to the Pacific theatre of operations.

### Blowing Rock Soldier's Unit Honored in Italy

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Cpl. Marshal B. Ruppert, of Blowing Rock, truck driver, is a member of the 347th field artillery battalion's service battery, recently awarded the meritorious Service unit plaque for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks on the Fifth army front in Italy.

As a member of the organization, he was awarded an insignia to wear on his sleeve.

The 347th is part of the 91st "Powder River" division.

Cpl. Ruppert is the son of Mrs. Rhoda J. Ruppert, Route 1, Blowing Rock.

**T-5 Eggers Awarded Bronze Star**  
Tech. 5 Jake C. Eggers, of Reese, recently was awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service. He is the son of Mrs. Lela A. Eggers, of Reese.

**The Battle of Furth**  
Pfc. Chas. B. Ward, son of Mrs. Ora Ward, of Reese, writes his mother as follows, concerning his part in the battle of Furth:

"The action for which this soldier has been recommended for an award took place at Furth, Germany on 25th April, 1945. As ammunition bearer in a heavy machine gun squad it was necessary that Pvt. Chas. B. Ward carry ammunition across the main river under intense small arms fire, supplemented by heavy sniper fire. After crossing the river it was necessary to cross a street in order to put the machine gun in action. This not only exposed him to sniper fire, but other small arms fire. Without heeding the danger to himself, Pfc. Ward faced all these obstacles to accomplish the mission which was to help secure a bridgehead across the river. Due to the speedy and efficient way in which Pfc. Ward brought the ammunition to the gun, the company was aided materially in securing the bridgehead."

**Gets Bronze Star**  
Pfc. George W. Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Townsend, of Valle Crucis, has been given the Bronze Star medal "for heroic achievement against the enemy April 13, 1945, in Germany. During the attack, Company A was halted by enemy fire from well concealed positions. Without regard for his personal safety and intent upon forcing the enemy to yield this strong point, Pfc. Townsend carried his machine gun 300 yards to a position where he was in clear view of the enemy position. His overwhelming fire power forced the enemy to flee and a squad of riflemen advanced, capturing the enemy position. His bravery and courage are particularly outstanding, reflecting credit upon himself and his unit."

### Blowing Rock Men Discharged

Staff Sgt. William P. Klutz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Klutz, is the first serviceman of Blowing Rock to receive his release from the armed forces under the point system. Sgt. Klutz, a volunteer for service, served his country for five years and nine months. On June 23 he received his discharge under the point system with 95 points to his credit. His record shows three years of continued service, and two years, three months of foreign service. He received his technical training in communications at Fort Sill, Okla., where he gained the rating of communications chief. During the New Hebrides campaign he volunteered for coast watcher duty, and for services performed in this sector he received a telegram of commendation from the prime minister of New Zealand and from the British resident commissioner of New Hebrides. He holds the American Defense medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Campaign medal, and Good Conduct medal.

Sgt. Klutz, now Civilian Klutz, with his wife and children, has taken a cottage in the Green Park section of Blowing Rock and, in his own words has "returned to Blowing Rock to live and be buried, never to leave again."

Mr. Klutz plans to enter some promising line of industry in this area at an early date. He is a member of the Ruple Memorial Church and, since his discharge, the pastor of this church has received a fine letter of commendation of his life and service while in the army, from his post chaplain.

### Control Diseases to Produce More Pork

Hog cholera, swine erysipelas, brucellosis and parasites will take a large toll of hogs this year just at the time when every pound of pork should be saved, unless growers vaccinate their hogs, grow them out in clean surroundings, and reduce digestive troubles among young pigs, says Dr. C. D. Grinnells, agricultural experiment station veterinarian at State College.

He points out that the hog cholera threat is especially serious this year and that spring pigs should be vaccinated against cholera around weaning time. Young pigs should also be vaccinated against erysipelas where this disease has been a problem.

These two diseases are often confused by the farmer and the best thing to do is to call for a veterinarian as soon as any sickness occurs among the herd, Dr. Grinnells suggests.

He points out that hogs with cholera will not eat while hogs with

erysipelas will eat. Cholera-sick hogs are dull while those with erysipelas are alert and have bright eyes.

If the sow has been losing pigs or giving birth to poor litters, she should be tested and this also goes for the herd boar.

Keep poultry out of the hog lots and fight infestations of lice, are two other suggestions made by Dr. Grinnells.

"Dirty as a hog" is an old saying

but progressive hog growers know that the hog lot should be put on clean ground and that the feeding troughs and waterers should be kept clean.

"The pig crop is distressingly short and we should make an honest effort to save an extra pig this year from every litter," Dr. Grinnells says.

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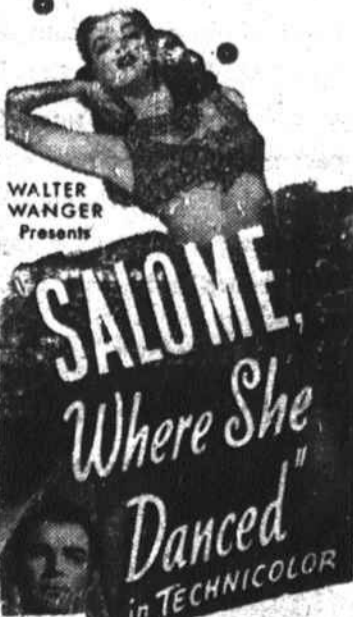
MONDAY-TUESDAY

Meet Me In St. Louis

STARRING **JUDY GARLAND MARGARET OBRIEN**  
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Tom DRAKE · Marjorie MAIN  
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WEDNESDAY

The Tale That Set the West On Fire



FRIDAY

09c—Bargain Day—20c



# NOTICE!

To the Taxpayers of Watauga County

Property of taxpayers on which 1944 taxes have not been paid will be advertised for sale during the month of August

and I am very anxious that these taxes be paid during July so that the people may save the cost which I am required by law to add when property is advertised.

Those who wish to pay their 1945 taxes may get a discount of 1 1/2 per cent on these taxes during the month of July.

I appreciate the past fine help of the taxpayers of the county, and solicit their continued co-operation.

## Earl D. Cook

Tax Collector, Watauga County



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