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News of Men and Women in Uniform

PVT. HARRISON MORETZ arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moretz, of Boone, last Thursday, after having spent 18 months in the European theatre of operations. He wears three battle stars in his campaign ribbon. He has been in the army for four years.

LT. (Jg) JAMES M. DEAL, USN, of Boone, is serving on the aircraft carrier Bon Homme Richard, which has been assigned to duty as part of the U. S. occupation fleet in Japanese waters. For 45 days preceding the end of the war, the vessel steamed up and down the Japanese coast as the third fleet staged 13 air raids and five bombardments on the Japanese islands—and fired her guns only once. That was when the almost perfect air cover permitted a Jap suicide plane to break through, only to be shot down just short of another carrier.

PAUL L. MILLER, seaman, first class, of Laxon, serves aboard the destroyer escort USS McConnell which landed troops for the occupation of Mille Atoll, Marshall Islands, completing first chapter of Jap surrender. The McConnell kept its guns trained on Mille while the American flag was raised in a simple, brief ceremony marking the war's first formal surrender of Jap territory to U. S. forces. The ceremony was the climax to surrender negotiations which had begun Aug. 19. The surrender agreement was signed by an American warship in Mille lagoon on Aug. 22. The McConnell previously had taken part in the invasion of Guam and the Palau, strikes on Formosa and northern Luzon and consolidation of Guadalcanal.

SGT. DILLARD J. STORIE, squad leader in A Company, 16th Infantry, was recently awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Stelberg, Germany, on Sept. 20, 1944. He is a resident of Shulls Mills. On Sept. 20, 1944, Company A was withdrawing to a more secure position in the vicinity of Stelberg, Germany. Sgt. Storie, squad leader, had a difficult mission to perform in conducting a successful withdrawal of his widely dispersed squad. During the withdrawal of the company, Sgt. Storie withdrew his squad to the next position through intense enemy fire from artillery and mortars. He returned several times to the enemy-held ground and personally led isolated personnel to safety. Sgt. Storie was one of the key personnel in this action which undoubtedly saved many lives. Sgt. Storie with utter disregard for his own safety and with fearless devotion to duty succeeded in accomplishing a dangerous and difficult mission, although the enemy were less than 50 yards away.

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Final Lamb Pool to Be Held October 5th

County Farm Agent Harry Hamilton announces that the fifth and final lamb pool for 1945 will be held on Friday, October 5th, in the railroad yards at North Wilkesboro. The grader will be on hand from 9 o'clock a. m. to 8 o'clock p. m., and it is hoped that checks may be handed to farmers just as soon as their lambs are graded and weighed. Mr. Hamilton says that a decision has been reached whereby all farmers will do their own hauling for this final pool of the season. He suggests that farmers who do not own trucks contact either Noah Johnson of Zionville, Burlie Cornett of Reece, Fred Yates of Vilas, or Clay Lawrence of Banner Elk. These men have double-deck trucks and may be in position to render assistance.

The marketing facilities at North Wilkesboro are splendid, Mr. Hamilton states, and he is anxious that farmers in Watauga take advantage of this last sale.

Plum Tree in Full Bloom as Winter Nears

Mr. W. J. Kelsey, popular manager of the Standard Oil station here, reports an unusual incident to the Democrat. A plum tree at his home on Oak street is in full bloom, and new leaves are appearing on the limbs of the tree. Mr. Kelsey opines that if Jack Frost will stay away a second crop of fruit will make its appearance.

Tojo Failed Again



Former Premier Tojo of Japan, shown slumped in chair, with bullet wound gaping after he failed to take his life in suicide attempt. It was one of many of a chain of failures chalked up against him in his attempt to conquer the allies.

68 ARE SENT FOR MILITARY EXAMS

Local Draft Board Releases List of Men Sent to Army Center for Initial Examinations

Sixty-eight Watauga county men have recently been sent to an army post for their pre-induction physical examinations, according to the Selective Service Board, and one has been inducted under the terms of the Selective Service act. The names of the men follow:

Arvil Frank Greer
William Howard Miller
Ernest McDonald Caudill
Edd Junior Bumgardner
Rona Robbins
Lloyd Filmore Snyder
Karl Wayne Berry
Charles Henry Townsend
Thomas Mastin Hayes
Dexter Bascom Hampton
Lincoln Ross Minton
Cinard Jones Townsend
Thomas Lee Klutz
Mack Rexford Hamby
Victor Hill Greene
Clive Hugh Yarber
Henry Talbert Hicks
Noah Vernon Shelton
Ted Blain Eller
Gerald Lynn Cook
Bruce James Lunsford
Robby Earl Miller
James J. Ward
Howard Junior Yates
Lloyd Carl Hagaman
Linville Paul Ward
Raleigh Howard Moretz
Jack Eggers
John Tallen Miller
John Everette Yates
William Harrison Alexander
Robert D. Hodges
Alfred Smith Wood
Dex Johnson Miller
Eugene Allen Lyons
James Everette McConnell
Earl Junior Colvard
Bynum Gordon
Almond Buster Brown
Hal Smith Cable
Andy Hicks
Gilbert Richard Dollar
Clonnie Richard Hendrix
John R. Hampton
William Edd Anderson
William Cleat Miller
Booney Jake South
Joseph Paul Lookabill
James Butler Hodge
Robert Lee Presnell
Earl Frank Rupard
Cecil Ralph Tester
George Sylvester Jones
Don Paul Greene
Earl Dean Townsend
Reed William Potter
Roger Roby Wilson
Norman Edward Harmon
James Ray Tester
Walter Ned Henson
James Don Lawrence
Fred Carlton Pitts
James Ernest Cornell
Claude Benjamin Harmon
Jones William Hendrix
Coolidge Cornett
Grant Franklin Felts
Rex Colan Payne
Lewis Earp went with this group for immediate induction.

Union Services To Be Held Next Sunday

Union services will be conducted at Grace Lutheran Church Sunday, Sept. 30, at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Fred E. Warman, of the Advent Christian Church, will bring the message. You are most cordially invited to come and worship.

The mangosteen, East Indian fruit tree, from 25 to 30 feet high, has dense, dark green foliage, and looks somewhat like a rubber tree.

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS; SMALL CIVIL CALENDAR

Several Divorces and Two Other Civil Actions Tried in Closing Days of Brief Term; Twelve Other State Cases Disposed of

The fall term of Watauga Superior Court, presided over by Judge Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville, adjourned Saturday after disposing of 31 criminal cases, several divorces and two other civil actions.

Solicitor Folger Townsend, of Lenoir, recently appointed by Governor Gregg Cherry to fill the vacancy caused by the death of L. S. Spurling, Lenoir, prosecuted the criminal docket.

Following is a list of the judgment rendered in the criminal cases tried during the last three days of the term:

George Coffey, assault on a minor, 4 months on roads.
Robert Ragan, Cecil Bumgardner, Dale Vannoy, Harry Michael, breaking, entering and larceny; Ragan fined \$50 and costs, Bumgardner 4 months on roads, Vannoy and Michael each fined \$60 and costs.
Charles Michael, driving drunk, fined \$100 and costs.
O. J. McLean, breaking and entering, 6 months on roads.
Frank St. John, assault with deadly weapon, \$50 and costs.
James Lewis, carrying concealed weapon, taxed with the costs.
Stanley Love, larceny of automobile, 4 months on roads.
R. J. Brown, assault on an officer, costs.
Dan South, damage to property, prayer for judgment continued for 2 years; not to pay costs.
Paul Klutz, resisting officer, costs.
Vance Trivett, driving drunk; to pay \$250 damage and costs, and placed under probation.
Wilson Eggers, larceny, 6 months on roads.

Recreation Center Planned for Boone

Representatives of different clubs of the town met at the Gateway Cafe Monday evening to hear reports on what had been done concerning a memorial community center project. Gordon H. Winkler, the chairman, presided.

The charter for incorporation of the organization was read and unanimously adopted. The by-laws were read, amended, and adopted. Plans were made for contacting an architect and purchasing a lot.

Mr. R. W. Watkins gave a report on the state program. Plans for financing the project were discussed. The executive committee consists of Gordon Winkler, chairman; Mrs. B. W. Stallings, secretary; Dr. G. K. Moore, treasurer; Dr. Amos Abrams, Clyde R. Greene, Mrs. F. E. Warman, R. W. Watkins, Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, Howard Steelman, Frances Teams and Ted Hagaman. All reports were accepted favorably.

Local Pipe Manufacturer Insists On Selling Burls

Mr. D. P. Lavietes, owner of the D. & P. Pipe Works, is insisting that farmers of this area sell their ivy and laurel burls at this time, while the prices are most favorable.

Mr. Lavietes has recently received a number of offers from foreign sources, quoting prices on imported pipe wood at approximately half or less what he is paying for the local product. He is anxious that the farmers who have burls deliver them to his plant and receive the top prices for them. He is anxious to protect the local folks from foreign competition.

Postal Notes Go On Sale at Local Postoffice

Postal notes will go on sale at the Boone postoffice on October 1, it is revealed by Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., who states that these notes are available in amounts from one cent to \$10, plus a fee of five cents for each note.

Postal notes, Mr. Brown states, do not take the place of money orders up to \$10 but were designated as a convenient and economical form of remittance. Postal notes are negotiable, it is said, and may be paid only to the person designated thereon, or repaid to the purchaser. The notes may be purchased at any window at the postoffice, Postmaster Brown states.

Backward, Time in Its Flight



With wartime going out of the picture, and standard time in effect beginning Sept. 30, girl in the photo has a busy time setting the clock and trying to figure out if she will lose or gain an hour.

"That Justice and Mercy Shall Prevail"

Nothing that we can add to the words of President Truman could possibly make any stronger or any clearer the "indispensable need" for the National War Fund and its affiliated agencies—except to ask and to urge that every American give his full support to our Commander-in-Chief, and share in this common effort to prove again that those on the home front stand ready to sacrifice for our own and our allies in the continuing march toward total victory.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

May 12, 1945.

There are at least three good reasons why everyone should approve heartily the decision of the National War Fund to carry on with an undiminished sense of responsibility to our own forces and to our friends who suffered most in the long and bitter war with Germany.

One reason, and reason enough, is that all efforts, like yours, related to ending war and bringing peace should go forward with full vigor.

Another reason is that our concern for the morale and well-being of our own forces must carry through beyond the days of surrender, to the happy hour when a proud America can take back to its hearts and homes the men and women who will have won the fight.

We have won the military fight in Europe, but are virtually just beginning the fight of famine, pestilence, and general distress. And I say to you, with full knowledge of everything UNRRA can do, and everything that can be done by other instrumentalities financed by public funds, that the private agencies of the National War Fund have a special ask to do that is indispensable and unique.

What these agencies have done, and can do, is important out of all proportion to the relatively small funds involved. In no other way can the American people themselves express so clearly their intelligent sympathy and active concern, and their determination that justice and mercy shall prevail in this world, with the help of every good man and woman, and with the blessing of God.

May I, therefore, wish success to the National War Fund, and all its associated state and community war funds, in the plans you are laying for a united appeal to a united people.

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

RED CROSS MAPS PEACETIME WORK

Plans for Enlarged Peacetime Services Are Made Public by Local Chapter

Plans for increased peacetime services, as well as continued aid to the armed forces, was announced by Mrs. Owen Wilson, Junior Red Cross chairman, who has just returned from a Junior Red Cross conference in Lenoir. Workers from American Red Cross chapters in this section attended the meeting of the junior organization, whose membership is enrolled through the schools.

Mrs. Wilson said that the Junior Red Cross plans to continue supplying military hospitals with recreation and comfort articles, sending toys and school supplies to children in war-torn countries, and other wartime activities. In addition, Junior Red Cross members will carry on correspondence with children in foreign countries and in other sections of the United States. Many projects curtailed by war will be stepped up.

The meeting in Lenoir was one of a series of Junior Red Cross conferences to be held in southeastern area during September and October. At these meetings Junior Red Cross workers will have opportunity to exchange experiences and to discuss plans for work within the chapters during the school year.

1,071,266 CASUALTIES
American war casualties, mounting slowly as late counts come in, stands at 1,071,266. This is an increase of 536 within a week. The war department put the latest army total at 922,386, a rise of 84 over a week ago. The navy total was 148,880, an increase of 452.

FAT CAMPAIGN IS STARTED BY LIONS

Local Club is Sponsoring Drive For Fats; Milk Men Are Co-operating

Frank M. Payne, chairman of the salvage committee for Watauga county, calls attention to the drive being conducted by the Boone Lions Club to promote additional waste fat during the next 60-day period.

Mr. Payne gives the local newspaper the following statement:

"The Boone Lions Club is sponsoring a 60-day fat drive. The milk delivermen are co-operating to make the drive a success with the least amount of bother possible to you busy housewives.

"Here's what you can do: Just put the fat in a glass jar and set it out with the empty milk bottle. The milk man will do the rest. Or you may turn in the fats individually at Hollar's Grocery or the City Meat Market.

"Let's go! Back to normal the fat way!"

John M. Greer Dies At Zionville Home

John M. Greer, 71 years old, died at his home at Zionville on Sept. 1, following a long period of declining health.

Funeral services were conducted from the Zionville Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers, and interment was in the Reece cemetery.

Survivors include three brothers and three sisters: Ben C. Greer, West Faire, Oregon; Charles A. Greer, Zionville; Monroe Greer, Bonnes Ferry, Idaho; Mrs. Sallie Roten, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Ettie Allen, Lenoir, and Mrs. A. J. Swift, Elizabethton, Tenn.

WAR FUND DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY ON NEXT MONDAY

Effort is Being Made to Raise \$4,600 as Watauga's Part of the Giant National Relief Fund; Organization is Being Formed

The National War Fund campaign gets under way in the county next Monday in an effort to raise \$4,600 to continue to provide entertainment for the men in service, and to give aid to the victims of the war in the various nations of the world, it is announced by Harry M. Hamilton, Jr., county chairman of the relief effort.

Mr. Hamilton is very anxious that the quota for the county be raised as early as possible, and hopes that Watauga will be the first county in

Truman to Make Appeal For National War Fund

President Truman will deliver a five-minute radio address Oct. 2 in behalf of the National War Fund, the White House said Tuesday.

The President will speak from 10:30 to 10:35 p. m., Eastern Standard time, over a nationwide hook-up.

the state to go over the top. A complete organization is being set up over the county, and the names of the canvassers will appear in the Democrat next week.

"The war is over," states Mr. Hamilton, "but the folks should rally to the support of the United War Fund, and consider their contributions as gifts of appreciation, and resolve to stay with the men in uniform, until they all return home. It is just as necessary now as previously to aid these men who are striving to give the world an enduring peace."

Mr. Hamilton asks everyone to contribute to the War Fund and Community Chest, and emphasizes that it should be considered a privilege rather than a duty to aid in this worthy cause. Circulars are being mailed out to all the people of the county giving details of the service being rendered by the War Fund, and the citizens are asked to read these circulars and acquaint themselves with the services being rendered. More complete information will appear in this newspaper next week.

EASTERN TIME TO PREVAIL AGAIN

Merchants Announce New Store Hours as a Result of New Time

Daylight saving time, instituted by the national administration in the early days of the war, is to be suspended next Sunday, Sept. 30th, and the directors of the Boone Merchants Association have announced new hours in line with the change of national time.

The stores will open henceforth at 8 o'clock, eastern standard time, and close at 5 p. m., it is announced by Mrs. Ruby P. Ellis, secretary of the Merchants Association, who further states that the grocery stores will open at 7:30 and close at 5:30 p. m., during the week days and close at 6 o'clock on Saturdays.

Small Amount Canning Sugar Is Now Available

A limited amount of canning sugar is now available to families until October 25. Those in need of this sugar are asked to call at the offices of the local rationing board and fill out their applications. Stamps will be issued at that time.

Sugar and shoe stamps are available to discharged servicemen, it is stated by Gordon H. Winkler, chairman of the local war price and rationing board. Ex-servicemen should have their discharge papers when making application for these stamps.

President Signs Act Putting U. S. On Standard Time

President Truman yesterday signed legislation returning the nation to Standard Time effective at 2 a. m. Sunday, Sept. 30. On that day, clocks must be turned back one hour to end daylight saving or war time.