

News Of Our Servicemen



BILLY G. WARREN

Gets Military Badges

Platoon Sergeant Billy G. Warren, husband of Mrs. Billy G. Warren of Mountain City, Tenn., is currently serving in Viet Nam as a Battalion Reconnaissance platoon Sergeant. Before going to the warfront, he and his family were stationed at Ft. Riley, Kan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Warren of Hudson.

Nations Service Medal, National Defense Medal and Republic of Korea Presidential Citation Award.

Billy J. Cook Is Commissioned Lieut. At Lackland, Texas

Sgt. Warren's awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Award, Vietnamese Service Award, Vietnamese Service Medal with three battle stars, United

Billy J. Cook Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Cook of Rt. 4, Boone, N. C., has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School (OTS) at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Lieutenant Cook, selected for OTS through competitive examination, is being assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., for training as a management analysis officer.

The lieutenant, a 1962 graduate of Appalachian High School, received his B.A. degree in mathematics in 1966 from North Carolina University.

Sgt. Johnson Is Outstanding Airman Of Year

T-Sgt. Dave Johnson, local Air Force Recruiter has been named "The outstanding Airman of the Year" for 1967. He was selected for this honor over 3,000 other recruiters in all 50 states. Johnson was selected by a unanimous decision by a panel of officers at Air Force Recruiting Headquarters in San Antonio, Texas. This is the first time a North Carolina recruiter has received this honor.

Being named the Man of the Year in this elite organization is a special honor, since all Air Force Recruiters are hand-picked volunteers with outstanding military records.

The award wasn't won by simply enlisting the most people in the Air Force. Also considered was community relations, ability to work with education officials at both high school and college level, news media, civic and many other organizations.

Sgt. Johnson has been assigned to the Hickory Air Force Recruiting Office since June 1963. His area of responsibility covers Burke, Caldwell, Watauga and Ashe Counties. He has won many Recruiting awards, including "Top Recruiter of the Year," his first year on the job, in Detachment 306, which covers parts of South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. This was the first time in recent years a recruiter has won this award his first year on the job. He has also been "Top Recruiter of the Month" six times. In May 1965 he enlisted 380 percent of his assigned objective. This is a Detachment 306 record which still stands.



JERRY W. SHORE Goes To Vietnam

Pfc. Jerry W. Shore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shore of Route 1, Blowing Rock, left for a tour of duty in Viet Nam, Jan. 5.

He graduated at Blowing Rock High School and received his basic training at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

His address is: U. S. 53445645 H. Q. Btry, 7th B. N. 11th Art. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96225

Ends Jackson Course

Army Private Robert L. Matsan, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Matsan, Route 1, Boone, N. C., completed a light vehicle driver course at Ft. Jackson, S. C., Feb. 24.

Dogs Ride Hood, Owner Indicted

The case of a North Carolina man charged with reckless driving in allowing five collies to ride on the hood of his car was continued last week until March 9.

At a Feb. 21 hearing in Deland, Fla., the defendant, John Alexander Bahnsen, a former resident of Blowing Rock, asked one of the dogs to go before Justice of the Peace Charles Lennon and pray for a continuance. The dog placed his nose between his forepaws and Lennon continued the case.

Bahnsen is expected to be back from a visit to Texas in time for the Thursday hearing in Florida.

Bahnsen was arrested Feb. 5 by a trooper who said he saw Bahnsen driving around Deland at 30 miles an hour with the dogs perched on a rug spread across the hood of the car.

Bahnsen, a minister and ski instructor, was seen in Boone in January with the dogs on the front of his car.

NUTMEG DANGEROUS

United Nations, N. Y.—Andrew T. Weil of the Harvard Medical School reports in the U. N. bulletin that nutmeg taken in large quantities can cause serious intoxication. The Aromatic spice may become an hallucinogenic drug when used in excess and can prove fatal.



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Big Increase In Requests For Unemployment Benefits

Except for a big increase in applications for unemployment benefits as a result mainly of coming high school graduations, the job situation in Northwest North Carolina was about the same last month as it was during January and the corresponding period a year ago.

Perry noted that the increase in the active file from 1,217 in January to 1,446 last month as compared to 1,510 the same month a year ago — was due primarily to a showdown in industrial activity.

Layoffs were reported in furniture and woodworking plants in the five-county area served by the North Wilkesboro office. However they are expected to be temporary.

Apollo vehicle is removed from rocket. Selassie seeks private investment in Ethiopia.

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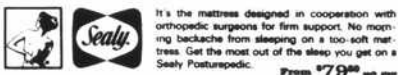
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Finishes At Jackson

Army Private George W. Ashley, 20, whose mother, Mrs. Edna L. Ashley, and wife, Janice, live on Route 4, Boone, N. C., completed a light vehicle driver course at Ft. Dix, N. J., Feb. 24.

During the course, he was trained in the operation and maintenance of military vehicles up to and including the two and one-half ton truck. Instruction was also given in the operation of the internal combustion engine and chassis assembly.

Trained In S. C.

Army Private Melvin J. Norris, 19, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Norris, and wife, Linda, live on Route 3, Boone, N. C., completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training March 3 at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

He received specialized instruction in small unit tactics and in firing such weapons as the M-14 rifle, the M-60 machine gun and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

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