



Recruiter To Be Here 22nd To Interview Applicants

ASHEVILLE — Yeoman Wayne W. Blanton of the Asheville Navy Recruiting Station will be at the Murphy Court House on June 22 and 23 for the purpose of interviewing applicants for enlistment in the Navy, Seabees, WAVES and SPARS.

Yeoman Blanton will be in Andrews June 24 to interview applicants.

Yeoman Blanton said today that he is particularly interested in interviewing 17-year-old youths or those who will be 17 soon. The recruiter pointed out that youths must register for Selective Service when they become 18 and added that they are not able to volunteer for any branch of the service after that time.

Complete information will also be available for women between the ages 20 and 50 who desire to enlist in the WAVES and SPARS, the women's divisions of the Navy and Coast Guard.

The SEABEES, construction division of the Navy, is now accepting for enlistment men between the ages of 17 and 50 who have the necessary experience and physical qualifications. There are 84 different trades which are needed in the construction battalions, and that list includes practically every phase of construction worker.

Those unable to report for a personal interview may receive information they desire by writing to the Navy Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, Asheville.

Montgomery Gets Promotion At Camp Haan, Calif.

Poley A. Montgomery, native of Murphy, has been advanced in rank from technician, grade five, to technician four, according to the Camp Haan, Calif., public relations office.

Sgt. Montgomery is serving with the 569th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center battalion at Camp Haan, which is the world's largest replacement training center of its kind.

Sgt. Montgomery's father resides at Route, 2, Candler.

Thos. J. Hughes Died At Age 13

Thos. J. Hughes, 13, died Wednesday of organic heart trouble, at his home in Martin's Creek section. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at Notla Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. John Green. He was the son of L. J. Hughes. Besides his parents, he is survived by five brothers and sisters.

A. A. Houts Gets A B.S. Degree

Alfred Alexander Houts, of Andrews, was one of the 185 students to receive degrees at the finals of George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., Friday evening. Mr. Houts was awarded a B. S. degree.

Lodge To Meet

The Cherokee Lodge No. 146 A.F. and A.M. will hold a special communication Monday night at 8:00 for work and instructions. All members are urged to be present, says R. R. Beal, Master of the Lodge.

LIONS MEET ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Murphy Lions club met Tuesday night, with little business to transact. The matter of cooperating in installation of a heating plant in the gymnasium was discussed, and a committee composed of K. C. Wright, A. Q. Ketter, and Frank Forsyth was asked to contact county, town and fair officials relative to the work before taking any steps toward raising money for the project.

SCENE IN THE 'ALEUTIANS'



U. S. Army Air Force Photo—The above photo shows a jeep being towed out of the mud at Amchitka, which is now occupied by a U.S. Army and Navy Expeditionary Force. The island, one of the Rat group, is 1,700 miles from Tokyo, 53 miles from Japanese-held Kiska and 300 miles from Attu, where American soldiers are waging a land offensive against the Japs.

Private Hill Writes of His Life With Arabs and French in Africa

Private L. C. Hill, who is in Africa with the U. S. army, writes the following letter concerning his life in the war zone.

Somewhere in Africa, "Hot More Ways Than One" May 2, 1943

Dear Miss Cooke:

Although it's a long time between papers due to my movements and distance, you don't realize how much I appreciate your continuing sending me the Scout, it's just like a long overdue friend from home — there are so many mentioned that I know.

I was among the first troops that attacked and landed in Africa on Sunday morning, November 8th. It was my first experience under fire — no, frankly I can't say I wasn't scared — for I sure was — it isn't very pleasant having machine gun bullets pass your head like mad hornets. It didn't take me long to dig a fox-hole. Ha! The funny thing was to see the Arab, dressed in rags, moving about begging for American cigarettes, chewing gum and bon bons or anything they could get to eat while the battle was going on. Probably they have been through so much in the past, that gunfire didn't bother them. Do you know an Arab will take a pillowcase or floursack, cut a couple holes in bottom for his legs, and strut around in his new pants just like an American boy with his first long trousers.

The French natives have been swell to us soldiers, inviting us into their homes for meals. I've made a good many French friends since I landed, especially among the boys and girls. Have traveled through some very beautiful sections of this country, countryside covered with orchards, oranges, tangerines, dates, etc., grape vineyards, fields of rye, and flowers grow everywhere, poppies, roses, violets, etc. and for miles and miles the highways are lined with beautiful shade trees, the houses are white with red tile roofs. Each house is enclosed with a high stone fence and strong gates which are locked at night. The French people are usually all in the home by 7 o'clock at night. There's no such thing as night life as we know it in America — French boys and girls can't go out after 7 unless accompanied by their parents. The Arabs, heck, they are everywhere, night or day — sleeping in the streets — yet they have been lifesavers for us soldiers — selling us fresh eggs which they seen to have in plenty, also oranges and tangerines. The trains are very small compared to our America, with a whistle that sounds like a peanut roaster, but you'll have to hand it to them — they are moving the material for the U. S.

Suppose there have been a good many changes in Murphy and Cherokee county since I left there four years ago. Naturally I don't know just what lies ahead of me but I only hope I come thru this mess, for I certainly want to see

LIGHTNING STRIKES MALLONEE HOME

Lightning struck the home of Arthur Mallonee at Peachtree during the storm Tuesday afternoon and caught the house on fire. Only small damage was done, and the fire was soon extinguished.

FIFTY MEN LEAVE FOR INDUCTION INTO ARMY

The following men left for induction station on Friday June 4:

- Walter Abram Zimmerman, Paul Woodrow Rogers, Ernest Hoyt Boring, Carlie Raper, James Neal Mateson, William Eugene Cook, Kimsey Harrison Hamby, Hobert Mitchell Coleman, James Junior Worley, Broadus Edward Dockery, Jr., Richmond Pearson, Sherrill, Jr., Earl Vaughn Smith, Hobert Grady Rose, Raymond Henry Carroll, Marshall Martin, Howard Wayne Rogers, Clifton Henry Whitener, Clinton Dockery, Fred Glen Earley, James Walter Dockery, Haskel Gibby, Howard Camerson Shields, Winfred Edward Stiles, Alken Hughes Haas, Horace McKinley Kent, Richard James Painter, Frank Varner Rogers, William Brock Grindstaff, Willard Ray Maughan, James Edward Graves, John Walter Piercy, Melvin Henry Crisp, Wayne Ladd, Arlin Edward oPsteli, Leslie Junior Graham, Herman Nelson, Charlie Jones Hedden, Loma Joe Barnes, Gordon John Koons, James Floyd Matheson, Frank Lloyd Hughes, Thomas oJe Simpson.

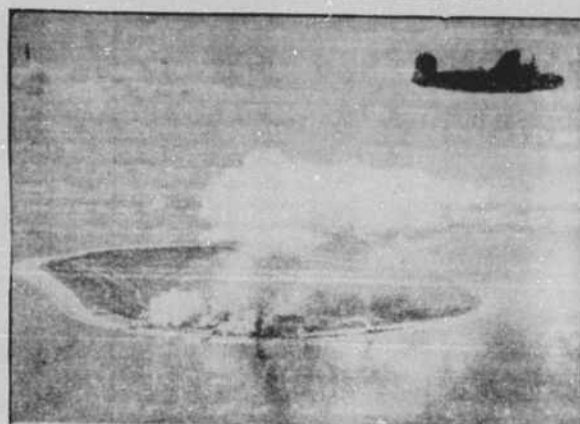
Transferred men: James Maxwell Sneed, Albert Gudger Kirkland, Johnia A. Hyatt, James Allen Cornwell, Buford Robertson Norris, Grover Charles Hampton, Ronald Lee Ensley.

McKeown Is To Supply Local Episcopal Church

The Rev. William Baker, retired Episcopal minister who has been serving the church of the Messiah here for several weeks, conducting services regularly, with Mrs. Baker, left Murphy Tuesday for Highlands where he has been transferred for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKeown have arrived to supply the vacancy. Mr. McKeown will be lay Reader in charge until September.

LIBERATORS BOMB JAP-HELD NAURU



IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—Official Seventh Air Force Photo—A four-engine U.S. Liberator bomber hovers over the smoking Japanese island of Nauru after a force of the American planes had made the longest aerial task force mission of the war to strike at enemy installations, which include a phosphate works and an air field at the outer defenses of the big enemy base of Truk.

Statement of Availability Is Necessary To Change Employment

A warning that workers in the 4th area planning to get jobs elsewhere will not be hired without a statement of availability from the local office of the United States Employment Service was issued today by C. I. Calhoun, manager of the Murphy office of the USES in discussing the new employment stabilization plan covering Region IV which includes North Carolina.

Mr. Calhoun called attention to provisions of the Region IV plan developed by representatives of labor and management which require that all workers whose most recent employment was in an essential activity must obtain a statement of availability from their present employer or the United States Employment Service before seeking other employment. He added that workers in activities without restriction, product need statements of availability unless they are planning to seek jobs outside the area.

"Workers in activities not designated as essential may be hired by employers engaged in essential activities without restriction, provided they work in the area where they are hired," Mr. Calhoun explained. "When a worker desires to quit or to be transferred under the conditions outlined in the plan, he shall notify his employer of that fact and give his reasons. If the employer fails to issue a statement of availability, the worker may apply to the local United States Employment Service office, which will investigate and decide if the statement is to be issued. Either employer or worker may appeal this decision to the area appeals panel. Further appeals also may be taken. Mr. Calhoun emphasized that a worker in an essential industry may obtain a statement of availability, if he:

- Is discharged by his last employer.
- Is laid off for an indefinite period or for a period of seven days or more.
- Can establish that his present employment does not utilize him at his highest skill or that he is not being employed full time.

Mr. Calhoun said that an area appeals panel will be established here. F. O. Christopher will serve as chairman of the appeals panel, which will be composed of an equal number of representatives of management and labor.

the good old mountains of Western North Carolina and my friends again. Will close with:

Of little things the past is made A spot beneath an elm tree shade

A memory house, a drowsy street

The drug store where the gang would meet,

The little church up memory lane,

(old Methodist Church),

The fragrance of a summer rain,

The Courthouse and Library— whose old cannon's roar

Still echoes from another war,

Memories of a father's voice, a Mother's face

Sweetheart's smile and gentle grace

How precious in their common way

Are small events of every day,

And my heart forgets the span of years and sea,

When little things come back to me.

Please extend my sincerest regards to all my friends, and may God bless them till we meet again.

Thank you again and good luck to you.

Sincerely, Lowry C. Hill

Town And Farm In Wartime

Ration Reminder

BLUE STAMPS — For processed foods) Blue Stamps, K, L, M, continue good through July 7.

COFFEE — Stamp No. 24 (1 lb.) is good through June 30.

RED STAMPS — (For meats, etc.) Red Stamps J, K, L, good through June 30.

FUEL OIL — Period 5 coupons valid in all zones until September 30.

SHOES — No. 17 Stamp in Ration Book One good for one pair through June 15. Stamp No. 18 (1 pair) will become valid June 16.

How to Get Farm Supplies

In a move to help farmers secure badly needed supplies of rationed commodities, the War Production Board has cut red tape, and now makes it possible for farmers to obtain over 1440 scarce items simply by giving their dealer a simple form certifying that the supplies desired are needed for operation of a farm.

The order is in line with WPB's program to extend all possible aid to farmers, and while it does not mean that a farmer will be able to secure everything he might want, it does mean that he stands a far better chance than he has had recently, for manufacturers have been instructed to get into dealers hands as soon as possible all stocks of the commodities named.

Whenever a farmer orders farm supplies on the list from a dealer who has them in stock, the dealer must fill the order if the farmer gives him a signed certificate as follows:

"I certify to the War Production Board that I am a farmer and that the supplies covered by this order are needed now and will be used for the operation of a farm."

However, if a farmer wants to

use a certificate to buy more than \$25 worth at one time of any item on the list, he must first get his certificate approved in writing by the County Farm Rationing Committee. WPB emphasized that the certificate is not a WPB form, but may be supplied by the dealer or simply written out by the farmer himself.

Under the terms of the order, a farmer is defined as "a person who engages in farming as a business, by raising crops, livestock, bees or poultry." A person who just raises food or other agricultural products entirely for his own or family use can not secure supplies in this manner.

May Still Reduce Points

State retailers may lower the point values of rationed meats and fats which are in danger of spoiling until July 31. OPA has decided. These emergency reductions must be accompanied by a cut of at least 25 per cent in the established ceiling price of the item. If the point value is lowered more than 25 per cent, the price must be reduced proportionately, but never more than 50 per cent below the ceiling.

Butter Price Reduced

A reduction of five to six cents a pound in the retail price of butter will go into effect Thursday, June 10. The OPA intends to effect the roll-back with a minimum of financial loss to the dairy industry, from the farm through the retailer. With the subsidy paid to them by the Government, buyers of butterfat will get as much for their butter as before, and will be expected to continue to pay going prices to farmers.

Butter shall include butter manufactured by a farmer on his farm from milk produced on his farm" according to an amendment to Maximum Price Regulation No.

289 under which maximum prices were established for creamery butter.

Flags For Flag Day

New flags for Flag Day, June 14, are still available, but there will not be enough to meet the demand, says the War Production Board. Manufacturers are still permitted to use four types of cotton fabric and two types of rayon in making flags for civilians. Silk, commonly used for high-quality flags before the war, has not been available for some time. Wool may be used only for flags for the armed services. Metal flag accessories for civilian use are out.

Fuel For Used Oil Stoves

Buyers of used oil stoves are eligible for fuel under the terms of a recent amendment to the fuel oil rationing regulations. Fuel oil rations for use in oil stoves acquired after December 19, 1942, have been denied unless the heaters were acquired under stove rationing provisions. Since only new stoves have been rationed, buyers of used or secondhand stoves have so far been ineligible for fuel oil allotments.

Go Fishing Without Gas

It's okay with Mr. Ickes if the State's ardent fishermen continue their sport, but, he says, "We still think it's a good idea for them to fish when they can and where they can without extra gasoline." Gasoline for fishing trips won't be available, no matter how productive of food the sport may be.

Don't Write "Round Robins"

Writing soldiers "round robins," or news letters, and inviting composite replies by the group is inadvisable, the Department has warned North Carolinians. Replies tend to become anthologies of military information, and a custom that arose from innocent motives becomes a security hazard.

Committee Is Appointed To Serve As Price Panel In County

H. Bueck, J. B. Gray and Dr. L. T. Russell, Jr., have been appointed by the office of price administration to serve as a price panel for Cherokee county. Purpose of the panel is for the active enlistment and stimulation of support for voluntary compliance with maximum price regulations.

Letters are being mailed by Mr. Bueck to presidents of women's clubs in Murphy, Andrews and Hiwassee dam, and the county home demonstration agent asking them to request their members to serve as "price aids."

Mr. Bueck requested that persons finding an article apparently above the ceiling first to call it to the attention of the merchant. If there is still a disagreement, the matter should be referred to the price panel, and if no settlement is reached, the case then goes to the office of price administration.

Creamery Grade Changed to C

Stating that it is his duty to protect the health of the people in this health district, Dr. M. P. Whichard, health officer, requests that the following statement be published:

"Because of unsanitary conditions, the Mountain Valley Creamery and Pasturization plant have been degraded from A to C. This was not done without warning and an opportunity being given to correct conditions. We have been working with this company for sometime to help them maintain their A Grade."

To Give Canning Demonstration On Thurs., June 17

Mrs. H. Bueck announces that the first of a series of canning demonstrations for Murphy will be held in the home economics building Thursday, June 17, beginning at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Carl Whiteside and others will assist Mrs. Bueck in giving the demonstration. Those who are canning for the first time are especially invited, and everyone else who is interested will be welcome.

Some of the vegetables that can be found in the gardens now will be canned. A dehydrator of an inexpensive type will be on display, and also the various types of canning supplies necessary. Both of the pressure cooker and hot water bath methods will be demonstrated.

Annual Singing Convention To Be held Sunday

The annual Cherokee County singing convention will meet Sunday, June 13, at the Martin's Creek School auditorium. The singing will start at 10:00 o'clock.

This convention will meet at Martin's Creek this year instead of Peachtree which has been the annual meeting place for several years.

All singers are invited to come and sing.

A large crowd, including many good singers, is expected despite transportation difficulties.

Have Three Sons In the Service

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hampton now have three sons in the service: Staff Sergeant Clyde Hampton, of Murphy, who is now stationed at the air base in La Junta, Colo.; Private Clarence Hampton, stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn., and Troy Hampton, who is in the Navy, stationed at Great Lakes, Ill.

Society Editor Is Granted Leave

Mrs. Ruby McCombs Winchester, society editor of The Cherokee Scout, has been granted a leave-of-absence, beginning this week. Those who have society news for the paper should leave it at the Scout office, in Regal hotel building, or Phone 20. All social news should be in the office not later than noon on Wednesday, and earlier when possible. The Scout will appreciate the cooperation of the people of Murphy in reporting any news they know.

Mrs. Stalcup Died Tuesday at Age 87, Rites Wednesday

Mrs. Lou Venia Stalcup, 87, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bright Raper, here Tuesday following an illness of some length.

Funeral services were held at Maggie's Chapel at Brasstown Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Alfred Smith, pastor of the Murphy circuit of Methodist churches, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with the Ivie Funeral home in charge.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Bright Raper; one grandchild, Porter Raper; of the U. S. Army; one great-grandchild, Edward Vance Raper of Spruce Pine; the following sisters: Mrs. Laura Shearer of Ranger, Mrs. Mary Sherin of Brasstown, Mrs. Rosa Hall of Athens, Tenn., Mrs. Julia Hampton and Mrs. Emma Mason of Brasstown; one brother, Dr. W. C. Mason of Murphy.