



Absentee Ballots Going To Those In The Military Service

Absentee ballots for the general election in November will be started this week to members of the armed forces all over the world by the Cherokee county board of election. Chairman Winslow McIver states that all absentee ballots for the election are in the hands of the board and they are now being mailed.

Applications for registration by members of the armed forces are being accepted by the chairman. It was pointed out that all members of the military services who applied for ballots for the May 27 primary are thereby automatically on the list to receive ballots for the general election. Families of these servicemen are asked to furnish the election board with the latest address of the applicants, many of whom have moved.

The person desiring absentee registration and vote must meet the following basic qualifications: He or she—

- Must be absent from his or her home county.
- Must be serving in the military, naval, auxiliary, merchant marine or other armed forces of the United States.
- Must be 21 years old or will become 21 years old by the date of the General Election on November 7, 1944.
- Must have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for one year and of the voting precinct for 4 months preceding the General Election of November 7, 1944 (temporary absence in military service does not interrupt voting residence).
- Must be able to read and write any section of the State Constitution.
- Application for registration and ballot:
- There must be an application addressed to the Chairman of the County Board of Elections of the applicant's home County or to be Secretary of State as indicated below. That application must be in writing. It must be signed by the applicant service man or by a member of his immediate family. It need not follow any regular or prescribed form, but it should give the information needed for action by the Chairman of the County Board of Elections, or copies may be made and furnished by any person.

County Sells 291 Per Cent Of Its Fifth War Loan

The final district report revealed that Cherokee county was second in the Fifth War Loan drive with total sales of \$690,041 worth of bonds, or 291 per cent of its quota of \$237,000, and was second on E bonds with a quota of \$76,000, and a total sold \$140,346, or 198 per cent.

Henderson county took top honors in total sales, while Graham county led in E bond total percentage with 208 per cent of its quota.

John R. Palmer Completes His Orientation Course, England

An Air Service Command Station in England — S/Sgt. John R. Palmer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard H. Palmer of Route 3, Murphy, North Carolina, recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and combat soldiering against the enemy in France.

At this Air Service Command Station S/Sgt. Palmer attended a series of lectures given by battle-wise veterans which included instructions on chemical warfare defense and pertinent tips on staying healthy in a combat theatre.

His next station will be one from which America's fighting planes cover our liberation of Occupied Europe.

Before entering the Army Air Forces, he was employed as a supervisor by the Goodyear Aircraft Co., in Akron, Ohio.

Franklin Smith Building Modern Grade A Dairy Barn

J. Franklin Smith, an area demonstration farmer who recently purchased the Wofford farm in the Peachtree community, is constructing one of the most complete Grade A dairy barns ever built in Cherokee county. His barn has eight stanchions, a feed room and milk room. The outside dimensions of the barn are 18 feet four inches by 45 feet four inches.

As a basis for milk production, Mr. Smith has recently purchased a small foundation herd of registered Guernseys headed by a fine sire from the Riegaldale Farms, Trion, Ga. This sire's half sister was sold recently to the Gayoso Farms in Mississippi for \$4,000.

Mr. Smith says that he intends to continue the use of the name "Smithmont" which he has used for a number of years in connection with his hatchery and poultry farm and that the farm on Peachtree will be henceforth known as "Smithmont Farm."

Chas. T. Wood Is Ill In Atlanta

ANDREWS — The condition of Charles T. Wood, who has been in a veteran's hospital in Atlanta for the past two months, was not very favorable when the last reports from him. His brother, E. A. Wood, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, visited him on Saturday. He stated that his brother did not readily recognize his acquaintances who visit him in the hospital. A complete diagnosis of the malady of which Mr. Wood is suffering has not been announced by Veteran's Hospital.



KILLED IN ACTION — Pfc. Floyd H. Stiles of West Gastonia, better known to his friends as "Bill", was killed in action in France on June 12, according to word received by his parents. He enlisted in the Army in September, 1942, and was sent to New Jersey for his basic training. He was sent overseas, and served for 19 months before his death. He was 23 years old. He was born in Cherokee County, and moved to Gastonia in 1938. He was employed by Firestone Mill before entering the service. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stiles, seven brothers, and three sisters. All live in Gastonia, except one brother, Pfc. Eugene Laker Stiles, who is serving somewhere in Italy.



IN ITALY — Pfc. Eugene Laker Stiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stiles of Gastonia, who is now stationed somewhere in Italy. Pfc. Stiles is a former resident of Cherokee county.

Mrs. John W. Campbell and sons, Johnnie and Billie, of Nashville, Tenn., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mattox.

Gibson Awarded The Purple Heart

ANDREWS — Mrs. Seth Gibson on August 2, received the Purple Heart, which her husband, Pvt. Seth Gibson, was awarded for military merit in France where he was seriously wounded July 11.

Earl Postell Is Wounded In Italy

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Postell of Culberson, Rt. 2, have received a telegram from the War Department, stating that their son, Earl, was wounded in action in Italy on July 12. Earl attended Sunny Point grade school, and Murphy high school. He entered the service in 1942.

Baptist Association To Meet Aug. 22-23

The 60th annual session of the Western North Carolina Baptist Association will meet at Peachtree Baptist church on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 22-23, announces the Rev. Paul Lovingood, moderator.

The morning session on Wednesday will be an address on "The Challenge of the Cooperative Program" by M. A. Huggins, executive secretary of the State Baptist convention.

The morning sessions will begin at 9:30. On the first day the devotional will be conducted by the Rev. T. D. Denny, following which business will be transacted. After the roll call of churches, the moderator and executive committee Clarence Hendrix will make a report on "Christian Literature", and M. L. Hall will make a report on Sunday Schools. Following appointment of committees, the Rev. Algia West will preach the morning sermon.

Lunch will be served at 12 o'clock, and the afternoon session will begin at 1:30. The Rev. Odie Rogers will conduct the devotional. Factual reports concerning the following will be given: "Ministers Retirement Plan", Rev. L. P. Smith; hospitals, Mrs. Pearl Arrowood; and orphanage, Harve Mulkey. A conference on the state of the churches by the pastors will be held, following which a report of committees will be made.

The Rev. Robert Barker will

lead the devotional for the evening session, which begins at 7:45. L. A. Martin will make a report on temperance, and an open discussion will be held.

The morning session on Wednesday will begin at 9:30 with the Rev. Pat Elliott conducting the devotional. Mission opportunities will be discussed by the following: State missions, Rev. R. Lane Akins; home missions, Rev. Blaine Ledford; and foreign missions, Rev. Paul Lovingood. The missionary sermon will be preached by the Rev. L. P. Smith.

Secretary Huggins will speak at the close of committee reports. Peyton G. Ivie will speak on "The Challenge Accepted". Lunch will then be served.

The afternoon program will be opened by the conducting of the devotional by the Rev. H. C. York. Reports on the following will be made: Training union, Miss Dale Sudderth; the brotherhood, Cyrus C. White; the W. M. U., Mrs. J. B. Hall, and Christian schools, Miss Addie Mae Cooke.

Reports of committees, report of the clerk, and reading of the minutes will close the two-day session.

SUNDAY SERMON SUBJECT

"Can Any Good Come out of this War?" will be the subject of the sermon by the Rev. Ralph Taylor at First Methodist church Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Army Commends Scout For Its Patriotic Service

The Cherokee Scout has received from Major General F. E. Uhl of the Army Service Forces, Headquarters Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, Ga., a "Certificate of Appreciation", commending the paper for public service rendered under adverse conditions in time of war.

The certificate states that the paper has "rendered valued patriotic service by keeping the civilian members of the national civilian-military team intelligently informed both of the news and the needs of the military. This sustained, energetic support contributes directly to our certain victory."

Superior Court In Session This Week



KILLED IN ITALY — Pvt. Troy L. Ledford, who was killed in action in Italy on June 30, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Louise Ledford, Pvt. Ledford was with the Signal Corps at the time of his death, having been overseas for 19 months. He entered the service in August, 1942. He first served overseas in North Africa, and then was transferred to Italy.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Louise Coker of Brasstown; a son, L. D. Ledford; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ledford, of Brasstown; two brothers, Orden and Lake Ledford of Pittsburgh, Pa.; five sisters, Mrs. Clinton Odom, Turtletown, Tenn.; Mrs. Frank Jackson, Mrs. Leslie Shore of Athens, Tenn.; Mrs. Almer Townson of Blairsville, Ga., and Mrs. Grady Postul of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Cherokee County superior court convened this week, with Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville presiding and Solicitor John Queen of Waynesville prosecuting. Miss Lessie Kelley of Franklin was court stenographer.

The principal cases set for trial three cases of ebezzlement and misapplication against John W. Doney, were continued to Tuesday of the November term of court. This was done at the request of counsel for the state and also for the defendant. Civil cases in the same matter are set for hearing before a referee in September.

The cases were tried were as follows:

- Wayne Truett, driving drunk, plead guilty and fined \$50 and costs.
- Luther White, driving drunk and violation of prohibition laws, \$50 and costs.
- Harley John, abandonment, plead guilty, prayer for judgment continued to November term, and he is to support his wife and six children.
- James Mashburn, possessing whiskey, \$25 fine and costs.
- Horace Raper, possessing whiskey, \$25 fine and costs.
- Jess Morgan, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.
- Charley Piercy and Jack Gibby, breaking and entering and carrying away, plead guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued for three years.
- Leonard Ashe, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.
- Howard Gaddis, Max Newman, Johnnie Patterson, mistrial, and case continued.
- Ralph Guthrie, suspended sentence of 12 months for breaking and entering, put into effect when provisions were violated.
- Jesse Reese and Bud Baker, affray, balance of cost to be paid by Baker.
- Frank Ramsey, affray, continued on probation.
- Clarence Carroll, violation of prohibition laws, plead guilty, \$25 and costs.
- Emory Anderson, operating a still, found guilty of aiding and abetting in operating a still, \$50 and costs.
- S. A. Stiles, allowing forest fire to spread, costs and \$21 fire fighting expense.
- C. C. Mull, stilling, \$100 and costs, six months suspended sentence.
- W. J. Pierce, carrying concealed weapon, \$50 and costs.
- Samuel P. Baker, assault, plead guilty, prayer for judgment continued for two years.
- John Byers, transporting and possessing whiskey, 24 months in jail, eight months put into effect and balance suspended.
- Vick Phillips, transporting whiskey for sale, \$50 and costs.
- Carl Hughes, public drunkenness, 30 days in jail, suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior.
- Charlie Wise, violation prohibition laws, 36 months on roads, 18 months put into effect and 18 months suspended on good behavior for five years.
- Bessie Loudermilk, violation prohibition laws, 24 months in jail, eight months put into effect and others suspended on good behavior. Whiskey was order confiscated.
- H. B. Anderson, affray, \$50 and costs.
- Helen Gregory, banished from the county several months ago, was found here a few weeks ago. The judge gave her three hours to get out of the county and state.
- Several cases were continued, several not pressed, and capias were issued in many.
- Court adjourned Wednesday.

Late News Bulletins

- Americans have captured St. Male and Le Mans, and are now within 87 miles of Paris.
- The motion picture "Wilson" dramatizing the career of president Woodrow Wilson, and the picture "Heavenly Days" starring Fibber McGee and Molly have been banned by the army for distribution to troops. It is claimed that the pictures contain material which might be construed as violating provisions of the soldier voting act.
- The Island of Guam in the Marianas is now in possession of the Americans. More than 10,000 Japanese dead have been counted. The island is 1,565 miles southeast of Tokyo, and 3,910 miles west of San Francisco.
- The personnel of the new army ground and service forces redistribution station in Asheville will be increased from 400 to 782. It has been announced. Making up the unit will be 520 enlisted men, 97 officers, and 165 civilian employees.
- Reports from Spain say that the entire families of the eight high German officers hanged for complicity in the bombing attack on Hitler's life were executed Tuesday. These included the wives, children and parents of doomed officers and in some cases, even cousins and intimate friends.
- D. M. Reece of Murphy recently was appointed a member of the Cherokee County Board of Elections, succeeding Don Witherspoon, deceased. Other members are: Winslow McIver, chairman, and Pearly Arrowood, Marble.
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Two Cherokee County Men Among Engineers Acting As "Hotel Men" In Liberating Force

Headquarters, European Theater of Operations — Used to doing all sorts of odd jobs, the United States Army Engineers had a brand new role in the assault on Europe.

They provided "hotel service" for the thousands of tactical troops massed in the marshalling areas before the take-off.

"I think we did a pretty good job as hotel-keepers," said Col. Shaw, smiling. Members of the Engineer unit included: Pvt. Lyle Robinson of Andrews and Pfc. Robert Rogers of Marble.

Up a gently curving drive bordered by flowering rhododendrons the officers and enlisted men of the Base Section Headquarters are catching their breath. In their Nissen huts, close by the white columns of what was formerly a country squire's abode, they are glowing over the fact that the Engineers have done it again.

"We claim to be versatile," said Colonel Car. R. Shaw, Base Section Engineer, "but this was something new, even for us."

In their peaceful garden retreat, the headquarters personnel seem to be very far from war. But they were furiously busy for weeks making all the plans for taking care of the troops while they waited at alert stations for D-Day. Since all of the housekeeping equipment of the invading units had been fully packed, someone had to give them food, beds, sanitary facilities and other necessities for living.

First of all, most of the camps had to be enlarged. In most cases, their capacity was increased many-fold. Then there was the urgent need to camouflage them well. There must be no chance of the camps being spotted from the air. All this was straight Engineer work and it was done with usual speed and thoroughness.

It was later that the Engineers took over as cooks. —Ps, supply men, and the like. Naturally, there was some grumbling about "the dirty old Engineers having to do the job nobody else wanted to", but before long, they got the spirit of the thing and actually had some fun. Besides, additional personnel came in to relieve them, leaving them as bosses.

Often there would be a lieutenant of the Engineers as camp commander. It didn't matter a bit that a general of the field forces was present. The lieutenant was strictly in charge. If he'd wanted to make a general

Lions Club Has First In Series Of Picnics Tuesday

Murphy Lions club held the first of a series of picnic suppers at the school lunchroom Tuesday evening, with Mrs. H. Bueck as chairman of the picnic committee.

J. B. Gray made a report on an investigation of fishing in Hi-wasee Dam, stating that it has been recommended by the TVA that the county request the State Board of Conservation and Development to allow fishing in the lake all year, which would guarantee better fishing. Vice-President Doyle Burch who was presiding was requested by the club to appoint a committee to make such a request.

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Murphy Market Is Re-Opened

Arden Davis has opened the Murphy market which has been closed for the past several months, and is now ready for business. The building has been repainted and thoroughly renovated. Mr. Davis will keep a complete stock of meats and groceries. The market was formerly operated by Mrs. Clyde Mashburn.