

Kyle D. Crowther Begins His Third Year Overseas

Friends of Sergeant Kyle D. Crowther, Jr., 332 E. Scott Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, will be glad to hear that he has begun his third year of overseas service in continued health and good spirits. The unit with which the Sergeant came overseas in September, 1942, after having served in England and Africa, is at present stationed in Southern Italy.

After enlisting in January, 1942, Sgt. Crowther was trained as an airplane mechanic at Parks Air College in East St. Louis, Mo., where he stayed for four months. Assigned to an Air Service Command unit, Crowther was sent to an airport near Macon, Ga. for four months before his outfit left for its overseas station. After a three-month stay in England, Crowther arrived with his unit at a large North African air base, where he stayed for twenty-one months. During this time, Sgt. Crowther worked at first as an airplane mechanic and later in the operations office of the field, which is concerned with the regulation of all flights. Working at this job at all hours of the day and night, at a time when his field was carrying the heavy aerial traffic connected with the Tunisian campaign and the Sicilian landings, Sgt. Crowther distinguished himself by his steadiness and accurate judgment.

Before his entry into the service, Sgt. Crowther completed two years of study at the University of Tennessee, where he made Transportation his major interest. A member of the Sigma Nu fraternity, Crowther was a popular cheerleader for the two years of his stay at the University. The Sergeant has hopes of completing his education after the war, but his plans for beginning home life with his wife, Mrs. Sarah J. V. Crowther, of Murphy, North Carolina, have priority.

Sgt. Crowther's brother, Corporal William J. Crowther, is also overseas, serving with an anti-aircraft artillery unit. He has seen service in all the campaigns of the European conflict, being at present in France.

Division W.M.U. Meeting Is 12th

The Bryson City division of the Baptist W. M. U. will hold its annual meeting at Scotts Creek Baptist church, near Sylva, on October 12, with a program arranged around the theme of "Today If Thou Wilt Hear My Voice". Miss Kathleen Mallory is one of the featured speakers, and so is Miss Margaret Marchman of Nizeria. Miss Jayne Ricks will represent the Murphy Y. W. A. and speak on "The Challenge of Y. W. A."

State Leaders Speak War Finance Meeting

By Martha Adams

A dinner meeting of the tenth district of the Woman's division of War Finances was held Wednesday night at the Terrace hotel in Andrews. Mrs. H. Bueck, regional chairman, presided at the meeting and introduced Mrs. Donald Shoemaker, state vice-chairman for western counties. Mrs. Shoemaker commended the Konnaheeta club on its outstanding accomplishments in previous War Loan drives, after which she introduced Mrs. J. S. Mitchener, state vice-chairman from Eastern counties, and Mrs. Karl Bishopric, state chairman.

Mrs. Mitchener spoke of the activities in eastern counties in bond drives, giving specific instances of unusual achievements. In her talk she included many valuable suggestions for selling defense bonds and promoting stamp drives. These suggestions were taken from experiences of different organizations in her territory.

Mrs. Bishopric also spoke of



PROMOTED — Cpl. Blaine Donley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Donley of Marble, Route No. 1, who has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant, while serving with an Anti-Aircraft battalion in France. Sgt. Donley holds the soldier's good conduct medal, which is awarded to the soldier for his exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity during his active military service. He also holds two other medals for expert rifling.

Sgt. Donley was inducted into the Army Oct., 1942, at Fort Jackson, S. C., and took his basic training at Fort Sheridan, Ill. He also served in several other camps before going overseas. He was sent to England in Oct., 1943, and on to France in July of this year. He attended Murphy high school and prior to his induction was manager of the Gulf Service Station at Murphy. His wife, the former Miss Geneva Dockery, resides with her parents.

Chas. A. Walker Reported Missing

ANDREWS — Pfc. Charles A. Walker, 31, brother of William Pitt Walker, of Andrews, is reported missing in action somewhere in France since September 8.

Pfc. Walker was with the Medical Corps, and entered service March 8, 1942, being sent to Ft. Bragg. From there he was sent to Camp Polk, La., then on desert maneuvers in California. He was sent to England around July 1st of this year, later landing in France. Pfc. Walker is a graduate of Andrews high school and was employed by TVA at Fanner, Tenn., prior to his enlistment.

Spelling Bee To Be Held Oct. 20

There will be an old-fashioned spelling bee at Murphy high school on Friday night, October 20, at 8 o'clock.

Words from pages 81 to 138 inclusive, in the Old Blue Back Speller will be used. All persons who can spell and enjoy spelling are invited to participate.

Permits Must Be Secured To Burn Brush This Fall

Forest Warden E. S. Burnett is urging people in this county to help prevent forest fires this fall by observing the laws relative to burning brush and other debris. The law states that it is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire in woodlands under the protection area between October 1 and November 30, without first obtaining from the state forester or agent a permit. No charge is made for the permit.

Hortons Move To Atlanta

The Rev. Fred Horton, District superintendent of the Free Methodist church is moving to Atlanta, Ga., this week. Mr. and Mrs. Horton have lived in Murphy the past year and during that time have made a number of friends who will regret to learn of their leaving; however, Mr. Horton, as superintendent of the Georgia district will be coming back to officiate at the Murphy church's quarterly meetings during the year.

Akin Is Cited For Outstanding Performance Duty

An Eighth Air Force Liberator Station, England — The B-24 Liberator Bomber squadron in which Cpl. Jack B. Akin of Dillard Street, Murphy, North Carolina, is an Airplane Mechanic recently was cited "for distinguished and outstanding performance of duty from May 12 to July 18" by Major General William E. Kepner, 2nd Bombardment Division commander.

During this period without loss of aircraft or crew the squadron commanded by Major Herman A. Laubrich of Green Bay, Wisconsin, "in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire and formidable enemy fighter opposition" bombed 20 targets in Germany and 34 targets in enemy occupied Europe. The squadron was further cited for its "tenacity of purpose, efficiency, determination and devotion to duty".

In addition to marking up the exceptional record of 54 missions without loss, the squadron during this period led all other squadrons of its Liberator group in the number of heavy bombers dispatched into battle.

The Group, commanded by Colonel Luther J. Fairbanks of Burt, Iowa, has itself been praised for combat performance. After its first mission, an attack against Berlin, the group was officially commended by Lieutenant General James H. Doolittle, commanding Eighth Air Force, for bombing achievement. It was the longest initial mission ever flown by any unit in the history of the European Theater and one of the heaviest daylight bombardments of the German capital on record.

Wm. B. Kephart Given Citation

With The Fifth Army, Italy — Private William B. Kephart, whose home is on Route 3, Murphy, North Carolina, has been cited by his regiment of the 88th Infantry Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat with the enemy on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Standards for the Badge are high. The decoration, which was recently authorized by the War Department, is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

YOUTH NIGHT

Youth night will be held Friday at 7:30 p. m. in high school gymnasium. Public is invited to attend and participate in the activities.



ARRIVES IN FRANCE — Pfc. Jack O. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robinson of Andrews, has arrived safely in France. He entered service on August 3, 1942, and took training at Fort Jackson, S. C., Fort Knox, Ky., Camp Campbell, Ky., Fort Story, Va., and Fort Meade, Md. He was then sent to England where he served two months before going to France.

Many Items Of Farm Machinery Are Released

According to information received today by H. N. Wells, Chairman of the County Triple A Committee in Raleigh, N. C., the following pieces of farm machinery and equipment have been removed from WPA rationing and distribution control: combines, corn binders, manure spreaders, mowers, side delivery rakes, hay loaders, pickup hay balers, wheel tractors, garden tractors, well water systems, power pumps, farm milk coolers, sheet metal, water well casing, farm stades, grain drills, potato planters, potato diggers, silo fillers, irrigation pumps, and power sprayers.

The only piece of machinery remaining on the ration list is the Corn Picker, Mr. Wells advised.

"The action now announced is in accord with the War Food Administration's policy to lift wartime restrictions as quickly as possible," Mr. Wells stated.

Mrs. McHan Dies At The Age Of 81

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha McHan, 81, of Slow Creek, who died at local hospital Friday, were held at Marble Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Algine West officiating. Burial was in the Marble cemetery.

Surviving are three sons, H. L. McHan of Lauada, W. J. McHan of Tellico and Walter McHan of Marble; three daughters, Mrs. Lattie Gragg of Marble, Mrs. Frank Barton of Welch Cove, and Mrs. Frank Fitz of Atlanta.

Ivie funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Vernon Lance Awarded Medal

An Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England — The Good Conduct Medal has been awarded Private Vernon H. Lance for fidelity and faithful performance of duty and having completed the required periods of military service.

Civilian occupation: Farmer. Parents' Name, Address, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Lance Culbertson, N. C.

Pvt. Lance, same address as above, is a military policeman in the highest scoring P-47 Thunderbolt group in Europe, commanded by Lt. Col. David C. Schilling of Traverse City, Michigan.

Escapes

R. S. Bell, who was reported missing last week, has been located. He recently was captured by the Germans but has escaped. He has an interesting story of his escape which can be published sometime in the future.

Free Methodist Revival Continues Through Oct. 11

The revival at Harshay Chapel Free Methodist church will continue until Wednesday night, Oct. 11, after which the revival will become a District Quarterly Meeting with people attending from different points in Georgia. The following preachers will preach:

Thurs., Oct. 12th, 7:30 p. m., Rev. M. C. Ballew, Macon, Ga.; Fri., Oct. 13th, 7:30 p. m., Rev. C. R. Simpson, Athens, Ga., 10:30 a. m., Rev. L. A. Hopkins, Macon, Ga.; Sat., Oct. 14th., 7:30 p. m., Rev. G. W. Gaines, Gainesville, Ga., 10:30 a. m., Rev. R. L. Wood, Atlanta, Ga.; Sun., Oct. 15th., 11:00 a. m., Rev. F. R. Horton, Dist. Supt., 3:30 p. m., Rev. M. C. Ballew, Macon, Ga., 7:00 p. m., Rev. W. C. Beatty, Young Peoples Speaker from Atlanta, Ga., 7:30 p. m., Rev. L. E. Latham, Murphy.

The public is invited.

Two Men Are Killed In Action

Pvt. Don H. Davis son of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Davis, Murphy, Rt. 3, recently was killed in action in France. He entered service on December 20, 1942.

Cpl. Garland Palmer son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Palmer was killed in action in France Sept. 16.

Missing

Pfc. Horace C. Crain is reported missing in action September 12. Word was received by his mother, Mrs. Jefferson Crain, Murphy, Rt. 3. Pfc. Crain entered service Nov. 8, 1943, took his basic training at Camp Walters, Texas. He went overseas in May, 1944, and since then he has served in Italy.

Mrs. Mary Alston Dies In Asheville

Mrs. Mary Alston, 73, formerly a resident of Murphy, died at St. Joseph's hospital, Asheville, Saturday afternoon at 2:04 o'clock after an illness of one week.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Murphy First Presbyterian church, with the Rev. R. E. McClure of Asheville, and the Rev. Ralph Taylor officiating. Interment followed in Sunset cemetery.

Pallbearers were: J. G. Green, J. J. McGuire, C. C. Richardson, J. W. Davidson, Tom Axley and Harve Elkins. Members of the Presbyterian Women's auxiliary served as flower bearers.

Mrs. Alston lived in Murphy for twenty-five years, and was a loyal and faithful member of the Presbyterian church and of the Woman's auxiliary.

She moved to Asheville two years ago where she made her home with her daughters.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. F. C. Hall and Mrs. Mayda Maloney, three granddaughters, Rebecca, Mary Elizabeth and Mildred Hall, all of Asheville; five grandsons, Elbert A. Maloney, C. M. 2/C U. S. N., Jerry M. Maloney, Coxswain, U. S. N., Robert M. Alston, P. M. 2/C U. S. N., Tommy and Gene Alston of Bryson City; one great-granddaughter, Perrie Lane Maloney of Murphy; two sisters, Mrs. E. B. Hughes of Tampa, Fla., and Mrs. C. R. Bronson of Miami, Fla., and one brother, Albert McKinley of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Townson funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

HIWASSEE SERVICES

Services for the Hiwassee Circuit for Sunday, October 8, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Medlin, Jr., will be: Ranger Chapel, Sunday School, 10:00, worship with the sermon at 11:00.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

J. W. Bailey returned Sunday from Atlanta where he underwent an operation at Emory hospital recently, and is improving satisfactorily.

Cherokee United War Fund Drive Starts On Monday



OVERSEAS — Pvt. Frank Don Dickey, son of Mrs. Leila Dickey and the late F. D. Dickey of Murphy, with the First Marine Air Wing, who has arrived safely overseas, somewhere in the Pacific, according to a letter received by his mother. He entered service April 20 and received basic training at Camp Miramar, San Diego, Calif.

Young Democrats To Hold Victory Dinner Oct. 14 In Asheville

A statewide meeting of the Young Democrats of North Carolina will be held at the Langren Hotel, Asheville, N. C., Saturday, Oct. 14. It is announced by Miss Henrietta Price, president.

The meeting will be in the form of a banquet or "Victory Dinner" in the Governor Vance room and Clyde R. Hoey, former governor, and R. Gregg Cherry, Democratic nominee for governor, are scheduled to speak.

Don S. Elias will serve as toastmaster and will preside at the meeting, which is expected to be attended by Democratic candidates for state offices as well as representative Democrats from all parts of the state. Mr. Elias is chairman of the program committee for the event.

E. S. Green has been named chairman of the reception committee, Miss Price said.

Service men are especially invited to attend. Miss Price said that one of the objectives of the Young Democrats in the state is to assist in getting applications from service men for ballots and in aiding county election boards in handling the ballots as volunteers where such service is requested.

Speakers for the speakers bureau being set up in connection with the campaign also are being furnished, Miss Price said.

Headquarters will be opened by the Young Democrats in the Langren Hotel within a few days and will serve as a clearing house for the activities of the organization in the state.

Mrs. Pullium Heads First Club District

Mrs. Ruth Starr Pullium of Andrews was elected president of District One of the North Carolina Federation of Women's club at the annual meeting held in Waynesville Monday. Mrs. J. W. Davidson of Murphy was elected vice-president, and Miss Jean Christy of Andrews, secretary.

The district meeting will be held in Andrews next year, invitation extended by the Andrews Konnaheeta club having been accepted.

Murphy Woman's club was awarded attendance prize, a gift of five dollars, from Mrs. S. P. Gay of Waynesville, district president, and a gavel.

Cherokee county's United War fund drive, with a quota of \$3,200, will begin on next Monday, announces the chairman, Frank Forsyth. People in all parts of the county are being called upon to cooperate in the campaign for fund, which go to the following purposes:

USO (United Service Organizations) United Seaman's Service, War Prisoners Aid, Belgian War Relief Society, British War Relief Society, United China Relief, United Czechoslovak Relief, National America Denmark Association, French Relief Fund, Greek War Relief Association, American Relief for Italy, Friends of Luxembourg, American Relief for Norway, Polish War Relief, Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Russian War Relief, United Yugoslav Relief Fund, Refugee Relief Trustee, U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children.

Members of the Murphy Woman's club, and the Junior Woman's club are being asked to work the residential sections all next week. The schools will be worked on Wednesday.

The following have been appointed on the Intial Gifts committee to make an intensive campaign of the business section on Monday and Tuesday:

H. A. Mattox, S. N. Bobo, V. M. Johnson, P. J. Henn, R. S. Bault, T. W. Kindley, Loren Davis, Joe Hamilton, J. D. Elrod, Dr. W. A. Hoover, C. E. Weir, H. E. Eishop, A. Q. Keener, W. F. Forsyth, Ed Brumby, Robert Easley, W. M. Fain, H. G. Elkins, Dr. J. R. Bell, Dr. L. T. Russell, W. H. Massey, Adam M. Cooke, Robert Weaver, P. G. Ivie, W. A. Sherrill, Ralph Taylor, Alfred Smith, J. B. Gray, J. D. Burch, F. L. Ellis, Roger Ammons, E. L. Shields, H. Bueck, Jim Gibbs, W. W. Gudger, Harry Webster, Lloyd Hendrix, Dale Lee.

Free Methodist Workers Leave For Andrews

The Free Methodist Church announces the transfer of two of its workers — Miss Charlotte Bishop and Ruth Gruber, from Murphy to Andrews. These young women who have been engaged in the church's activities here for the past two years, will carry on the same kind of work in Andrews. They expressed appreciation for the cooperation and hospitality extended them by the people in Murphy and nearby communities in which they have labored.

SUNDAY SERMONS

The sermon subject of Dr. G. J. Davis at First Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock will be "Bring the Child to Me". In the evening at 7:30 he will preach on "The Attractive Christ".

Dr. Davis says: "We had only 116 in Sunday School last Sunday. We should have 250 next Sunday."

Those from Murphy attending were: Messdames T. A. Case, B. W. Whitfield, Minnie Erhart, J. W. Davidson, H. Bueck, E. F. Arnold, Edwina Hagaman, H. G. Elkins, and Mrs. Barbara M. Johnson, Miss Kate Gray and Miss Addie Mae Cooke.

"A DECENT DEVIL"

"A Decent Devil" will be the sermon subject of the Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, minister at First Methodist church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

"My Tongue" will be the minister's theme at the evening service at 7:30 o'clock.