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EIGHT PAGES TODAY

Mrs. G. W. Cover Is Representative

Pfc. Jess O. Sawyer Now Fighting With Fifth Army In Italy

Pfc. Jess O. Sawyer, rifleman is fighting with the 6th Armored Infantry Battalion, veteran combat unit of the 1st Armored Division, now pushing the Germans back on the Fifth Army front in Northern Italy.

Veteran of major campaigns in the Mediterranean theater, the battalion landed west of Oran, North Africa at H-hour of D-day of the 1942 invasion, took part in the notable Tunisian engagements of Maknassy, Station Seneo, Faid Pass, Sebietia, Kasserine, the famous "Mouse-Trap" around Mateur and Ferryville.

Coming to Italy, the battalion next saw action before Cassino when the Allies were stopped short of that important goal. Given the mission of capturing Mt. Porcia, the unit fought four days against frantic German resistance in adverse weather conditions and took its objective. This was considered the bloodiest battle the 6th ever fought. Casualties were three quarters as great as the total casualties suffered throughout the entire African campaign.

Joining other units of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army on the Anzio Beachhead six days after the initial landing, the 6th fought throughout the stalemate, then spearheaded several of the attacks around Cisterna, Campomonte and Valmontone in the May breakout.

Commanded by Lt. Col. William W. Harvey of Eldon, Mo., the 6th Battalion formerly was the 1st Battalion of the 6th Armored Infantry Regiment of the 1st Armored Division. It participated actively in the Civil, Indian, Mexican and Spanish wars, as well as some of the great battles of the World War.

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Voting in Cherokee county on Tuesday was lighter than usual because of the small number of local contests. Only approximately 5,400 ballots were cast.

Mrs. G. W. Cover, Sr., Democrat, of Andrews was reelected the county's representative to the General assembly, getting 2,593 votes to the 593 for her opponent, S. A. Voyles of Murphy.

The county gave its own candidate for the state senate, Clyde H. Jarrett, Republican, 2,775 votes, and A. L. Penland, Democrat, 2,605.

O. G. Anderson received 1,097 votes for surveyor. He was unopposed. Ed Dotson was elected constable of Notia township.

The county gave President Roosevelt 2,582 votes, and Dewey, 2,625.

Mrs. W. W. Hyde Disappears

As the Scout went to press Thursday, Mrs. Walter W. Hyde, who disappeared from her home here Wednesday morning, had not been found. Friends became alarmed late in the afternoon, when she failed to return home from a walk, and a search was started. For several hours Wednesday night all day Thursday, the search was continued.

Child Dies As Result Of Fall

Wm. Dewey Cole, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Cole of Culberson, died Friday in a Franklin hospital as a result of a fall the same afternoon. In the fall the child injured his head, a hemorrhage resulting.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Shady Grove Baptist church, with the Rev. W. T. Truett officiating. Burial was at Shady Grove. Towns funeral home was in charge.

The child is survived by his parents and a brother, Jewel.

Robt. F. Peek Dies At Age 77

Robt. F. Peek, 77, died Monday night at his home on Route 3. The funeral will be at Grape Creek Friday, but final arrangements had not been made when the paper went to press.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Emma Lovingsood, Hiwassee, Ga.; Mattie Stiles, Greenville S. C.; Mrs. Nellie Roberson, Florida; and three sons, Willard, Shelby; Bartley, Murphy; and Howard in the U. S. Army.

Towns funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE

The West Liberty Pastors' Conference will be held Monday, Nov. 13, at Ranger Baptist Church. All pastors are urged to attend.



WOUNDED IN ITALY — Pvt. Donald C. Sweeting was wounded the eighth of October in Italy according to the official notice received by his wife, the former Miss Helen Dockery.



LEADS NATION AGAIN — President Franklin D. Roosevelt who has been elected to serve his fourth term in the White House.



VICE-PRESIDENT — Senator Harry S. Truman, who was elected vice president of the United States in the Tuesday election.

Roosevelt Elected For Fourth Term

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected for a fourth term as president of the United States, in the election held Tuesday. Reports from 106,755 precincts out of 130,810, gave Roosevelt a total popular vote of 21,724,608 and an indicated electoral vote of 413, to his opponent, Thomas Dewey's 19,155,488, and 118.

Senator Harry S. Truman of Missouri was elected vice president as President Roosevelt's running mate on the Democratic ticket.

Gregg Cherry of Gastonia was elected governor of North Carolina, and Clyde R. Hoey of U. S. Senator. All other Democratic candidates for state offices were elected.

Zebulon Weaver of Asheville was reelected congressman of the 12th district over his Republican candidate, Lewis P. Hamlin of Brevard.

Jack B. Akin In Liberator Bomber Group

An Eighth Air Force Liberator Station, England — The B-24 Liberator Four-engine Bomber Group in which Cpl. Jack B. Akin of Dillard St. Murphy, North Carolina is an Airplane Mechanic recently was cited by Major General William E. Kepner, commanding 2nd Bombardment Division, "for distinguished and outstanding performance of duty".

The citation in part reads: "The devotion to duty, determination and tenacity of purpose exhibited by personnel of the Group reflect great credit upon themselves, their organization and the United States Army Air Forces".

The Group, which recently completed its 100th combat mission, is commanded by Colonel Luther J. Fairbanks of Burt, Iowa, and had previously been cited by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commanding Eighth Air Force, for low-level destruction of a bridge across the Loire near Blois, France. Demolition of the span was ordered "regardless of cost". To achieve visibility necessary for destruction of the bridge it was necessary to descend below clouds to 6500 feet, an altitude usually considered extremely hazardous for four-engine bombers. From this height the target was reduced to a heap of smoking rubble. It was the first low-level bombing ever performed by four motored bombers from England.

Earlier the group had been officially commended by General Doolittle for combat achievement on its first mission, an attack on Berlin and the longest initial assault ever flown in the European Theater. The attack was one of the heaviest daylight bombings of the German capital on record.

During its first 100 missions, "overcoming adverse weather conditions and fierce enemy fighter and anti-aircraft opposition", the group attacked 41 targets in Germany and 59 targets in enemy occupied Europe. Forty seven hundred (4700) tons of bombs were dropped on vital enemy installations.

Asks Cities To Dispense With Christmas Lights

The Office of War Utilities of the War Production Board today asked city officials, civic clubs, chambers of commerce, merchants and citizens generally to dispense with outdoor decorative lighting this Christmas as was done in 1942 and 1943. This was done at the request of the Solid Fuels Administration for War.

OWU pointed out that Christmas lighting consumes a large amount of fuel in the production of electricity. The fuel situation in most areas of the country is critical and strict conservation is essential, officials said.

The attitude of OWU toward Christmas lighting announced after numerous inquiries had been received as to whether the restrictions of the last two years could be dispensed with this Christmas.

OWU is not asking that indoor Christmas lighting, whether in homes or stores, be eliminated, but believes that outdoor lighting, such as festooned store fronts and decorated streets, should be dispensed with as long as fuels are scarce, the agency said. Elimination of outdoor Christmas lighting, it is estimated, will save enough fuel to meet the lighting and power requirements of a city of 50,000 for a year.

Western Auto Store Is Moved

James H. Gibbs, owner of the Western Auto Associate store in Murphy, last week moved his stock of goods across Tennessee Street to the building formerly occupied by Hembree's barber shop and Barney's cafe, which was recently purchased by A. J. Ramsey from H. E. Dickey.



RAY AT CAMP REYNOLDS — Sgt. Joe E. Ray received his basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia in Quartermaster Corp and was then transferred to Camp Reynolds, Pa. and was assigned temporarily as "Cadre".

Sixth War Loan Quota Is \$194,000

ODT Urges That Christmas Gifts Be Mailed Early; Dec. 1 Deadline

"Shop Early — Send All Christmas Gifts by December 1."

That reminder comes from the Charlotte District Office of Defense Transportation to officially herald the opening of the Christmas season.

It's a premature season this year, ODT admitted, made necessary by wartime conditions.

However, ODT asserted, the simple facts are that transportation facilities are already so overburdened that the only way to insure delivery of gift parcels this year is to get them to the post office or express company by December 1.

After that, the government cannot guarantee delivery in time for the holiday.

Briefly the reasons for the early deadline are listed by ODT as these: 1944 gift shipping is expected to top 1943 by 25 per cent. Gifts will travel greater distances due to wartime population dislocation. Nationwide transportation and local delivery of Christmas packages, when added to the heavy holiday furlough travel, with all transportation facilities already overburdened by war conditions, creates a major problem.

The only solution to that problem, says ODT, is cooperation by the public in meeting the December 1 deadline.

In Washington, Director J. Monroe Johnson, of ODT, summed the situation up as follows:

"Christmas gifts as tokens of good will affection and esteem are particularly important in a war-torn world. This Christmas, perhaps, they will mean more than ever before. However, in an Invasion Year, the transportation and delivery of Christmas packages creates a nation-wide home front problem.

"War-essential transportation needs must be met first. Nationwide transportation facilities and local delivery services are already heavily burdened. The problem can be solved only by public recognition of our mutual responsibility to all in our power to avert peak demands on transportation and delivery services in the weeks just prior to the holiday.

"Your government urges you to purchase and send your gifts during November, before December 1."

Cherokee county's quota for the Sixth War loan which starts November 20 is \$194,000, of which \$66,000 is the E bond quota, according to Percy B. Perrebe, chairman of this special drive.

The campaign officially opens November 20 and runs through December 16, but all sales of E, F and G bonds and Treasury Savings notes sold from November 1 through December 31 will count in the drive.

County Council Hears Address By Miss Rowe

"Plans For Our New Year" was the subject discussed by Miss Anna C. Rowe, Western district home agent, at the meeting of the Cherokee county council of home demonstration clubs at the courthouse in Murphy Friday afternoon.

Miss Rowe placed special emphasis upon the coming war bond drive and the council voted to buy a \$50 bond. She also made special mention of the Jane S. McKinnon loan fund and asked for individual club contributions for its support.

Miss Dora Ruth Parks, regional librarian was present and told of the library facilities in the county and asked the support of the clubs in the effort to get an increased appropriation from the state for libraries.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. P. A. Arrowood, president. Mrs. Lon Stalcup gave the devotional.

A report of the nominating committee was given and the following officers elected: Mrs. Paul Sudderth of the Peachtree club, president; Mrs. E. Roach of Sunny Point, vice-president; Mrs. Paschal Hughes of Ranger, secretary and Mrs. Lon Stalcup of Martin's Creek, treasurer, re-elected.

The council voted to have achievement day in 1945 when each club will display its hobbies, handicraft and various types of home work as canning, sewing, etc. Announcement of the district meeting to be held in Robbinsville the latter part of May was made.

Nine clubs, Peachtree, Martin's Creek, Slow Creek, Sunny Point, Grandview, Unaka, Tomotla Marble and Ranger were represented, with 35 present. Following the program, refreshments were served.

AT MOORE GENERAL

Pfc. Robert H. McRae who was recently reported to be at patient at the Stark General Hospital is now patient in Moore Hospital at Asheville.

Fontana Dam Gates Close And Lake Is Beginning To Fill

FONTANA DAM — Tuesday at 8 a. m. the gates of the highest dam east of the Rocky Mountains were closed. Fontana dam, the Tennessee Valley Authority's greatest achievement and the fourth highest dam in the world, was ready for service.

With the closing of the gates on the diversion tunnel through which the Little Tennessee river has been flowing, the great lake that will be formed, eventually covering 10,800 acres, began building up.

There were no ceremonies connected with the closing of the gates. "It was almost as if it had been part of the day's work," Fred C. Schlemmer, project manager, said.

G. E. Murphey, construction superintendent of Fontana dam, was in charge of the lowering of the gates, assisted by Fred Brandt, assistant construction superintendent, and R. L. Ross, general structural steel work foreman.

C. E. Blee, chief engineer of the TVA, was present to watch the closing.

Fontana dam officials pointed out that within three or four days, as soon as the forming lake has built up to the low-level control-tunnels, operators will start releasing water for downstream purposes.

"We want to emphasize that closing of the gates will not mean that downstream water will be cut off long or indefinitely," the project manager pointed out.

TVA authorities have pointed out that, even when beset by all the difficulties attendant to construction of such a project at a time when the nation is engaged in a global war, it has been possible to lop off approximately half the time it normally requires to complete a project of this size.

Excavating and clearing began in January, 1942, and the first concrete was poured in February, 1943. From bedrock, Fontana dam is 480 feet high; it is 376 feet thick at its base and 2,662 feet long at its crest.

Red Cross Can Send Messages To The Phillipines

The American Red Cross is now prepared to expedite communications to the Phillipines, according to telegram received this week from Area Manager J. C. Wilson of Atlanta by the local chapter chairman, Miss Addie Mae Cooke. One Red Cross message on a special form, which can be secured at the home service office of the local chapter, will be accepted from any person in this country to any prisoner of war or S. Civilian internee.

Mr. Wilson's telegram stated: "We cannot guarantee delivery, but messages will be handled by army postal service. Following points must be observed: 1. All messages must be written on Form 1616, number of words limited by space on front and back of form. Forms now on file in each chapter. 2. Correct address is necessary before message can be accepted. 3. Chapter should send messages by air mail to home service at National headquarters. 4. Messages accepted only through November 30. 5. Messages will not be subject to censorship regulations governing correspondence to enemy countries but to regular army overseas mail censorship. 6. At present, messages cannot be accepted for men missing in action, free civilians, or Filipinos." Red Cross urges families not only to submit the special message but to continue to write at regular intervals.