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COURTLAND, ALA. — Presentation of the DFC to Lt. Harold N. Wells has just been completed and now Col. Walter W. Gross, commanding officer at Courtland Army Air Field where the ceremony took place, is shown congratulating the lieutenant he has just decorated. — (Official Photo U. S. AAF - AAF Training Command).

Lt. Harold Wells Decorated With Distinguished Flying Cross

COURTLAND, Ala.—For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the North African and Mediterranean theatres of operations, Lt. Harold N. Wells, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He also has three other oak leaf clusters.

The presentation was made by Col. Walter W. Gross, commanding officer at Courtland Army Air Field where the lieutenant is now stationed.

Lt. Wells' citation by the War Department reads as follows: "Consistently performing vital strategic combat missions against heavy enemy opposition from highly aggressive fighter aircraft an intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, Lt. Wells displayed outstanding courage, aggressiveness and intense devotion to duty throughout all engagements.

"Although his aircraft was frequently severely damaged by heavy enemy opposition, this man consistently fought through to his target, aiding materially in the utter destruction of vitally important enemy installations.

"Bringing his ship through severe and adverse weather conditions, over rugged terrain and surmounting many other major obstacles, the Lt. gallantly engaged, fought, and defeated the enemy with complete disregard for his personal safety and against overwhelming odds. His conspicuous and extraordinary achievement throughout these many missions against the enemy have been of inestimable value to successful combat operations and have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America."

Lt. Wells is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Noland Wells of Murphy.

Heinriches Are New Officers Of Lumber Firm

B. S. Kolker and L. A. Frasch have sold their interests in said Cherokee Lumber corporation. The newly elected president becomes Otto Heinrich, and new secretary, Arthur Heinrich. Both of the Messrs. Heinrich were born in Yugoslavia, where they have been in the lumber business. After they arrived in the States, they were active in the lumber business at Crossville, Tenn.

The corporation will continue to operate in close connection with the Murphy Box and Flooring Manufacturing Company and shall at present direct all activities in support of the war effort.

The companies intend to start production of civilian items as soon as the war situation will allow this and expect an increase in business for the postwar period. The housing program and export business will be given special attention in the reconversion period.

Home Economists Meet In Andrews

The Smoky Mountain home economics association held their regular meeting on May 19-20 at Junaluska Terrace hotel in Andrews. Home economists from Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Swain and Jackson counties attended.

Miss Helen Higdon, home agent of Swain county, presided at the business meeting held Saturday evening, after which the group visited the John C. Campbell Folk school at Brasstown.

The members attending from Cherokee county were: Mrs. Ruthie Bristol, Andrews vocational economics teacher, Miss Susan Beck, F. S. A. home supervisor, Miss Mary Cornwell, home agent and Miss Sadie Hendley, assistant home agent.

Makes Last Call For Old Clothing

Approximately five tons of old clothing was collected in and around Murphy during the campaign conducted in April, for the war victims of Europe and other theatres, announces the chairman, H. G. Elkins.

There still are several families whose contributions have not been picked up, and Mr. Elkins states that a call to 134-R will bring a truck for them. This week is the deadline for making the collection, and everyone who has anything to donate is asked to contact the chairman or call 134-R.

Within a few days the clothing will be shipped to an export point, for shipment overseas.

PREACHES SUNDAY

The Rev. L. T. Newland, D. D., a missionary to Korea for a number of years, will preach at the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public is invited.

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The Rev. R. Lane Akins will hold his last service at Murphy First Baptist church Sunday. The new pastor, the Rev. J. A. Morris, is expected early in June.

Miss Julius Amis returned Tuesday from several days' visit at her home in Athens, Ga.

GUERNSEY SALE STARTS FRIDAY NOON

"Here's Your Infantry" Is Witnessed By 5,000

Ferebee Buys Largest Bond; \$77,675 Sold During The Day

"Here's Your Infantry", the Army Ground Forces presentation of the story of the Infantry with its message of "Buy Bonds", packed a dramatic appeal that was startling to the more than 5,000 people who saw it here on Monday evening.

Like the infantry itself, the show was not glamorous. It was not a spectacle. At times it was noisy with thunderous sounds of battle. At other times it was quiet with a deathly stillness of impending, climactic action, quick flashes of combat darted here and there through the demonstration and exhibition. The final assault on the Jap pillbox was carried out with a concept of realism that is more understandable than exact imitation would be.

Through appeals made by the Rev. Ralph Taylor in behalf of the Cherokee county war finance committee, with the assistance of several local women, a total of \$77,675 in war bonds was sold during the day. Sales started in the afternoon while the band accompanying the unit gave a concert on the square.

The 94th Army Ground Force band which played here at the concert and during the demonstration has been acclaimed the finest army band in the United States. It is directed by Chief Warrant Officer Adam B. Shaffer.

Captain Francis J. Allen was in charge of the local demonstration. Ist Lt. Stephen B. Marble was the announcer. Second Lt. Joseph R. Mason assisted Captain Allen. Percy B. Ferebee, chairman of the Cherokee county War Finance Committee, purchased the largest individual bond, \$5,000, during the day's performance, and he was given the privilege of shooting a gun at the close of the demonstration Monday night.

The county's large sale of war bonds made it possible for the demonstration unit to pass the million mark in their sales since the tour started. They had visited four other towns in North Carolina before coming to Murphy.

Murphy was highly praised by the officers in charge for the fine response to the show and in the purchase of bonds.

The enlisted men were entertained in the home of Murphy people while they were in Murphy. They arrived Sunday afternoon and left Tuesday morning.

At the conclusion of the demonstration Monday evening, the Junior Woman's club entertained at a dance at the gymnasium, honoring the men in the unit.

Rat Campaign Is Considered Successful

Loren Davis, chairman of the rat campaign, reports that rat poison has been put out in all the business houses and in the residential section of Murphy. The first two weeks after poison was put out, no rats were to be found in business houses.

Doyle Burch reported that he found 20 dead rats at his wholesale house, and that two days later TVA workmen in cleaning off a section back of the store on the river, found 20 or 30 more dead rats. Plans are to go around this week for the second time to put out poison. If any one in the residential section desires more poison, Mr. Davis asks that they come to the committee for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bueck of Spencer are visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck, and son, H. C.

Child Labor Law Does Not Effect School Attendance Law

"Interpretation and enforcement of the Child Labor Law has not been effected by the amendment to the compulsory school attendance law," Forrest H. Shuford, State Commissioner of Labor, said today in a memorandum to all County Superintendents of Welfare. "The Child Labor Law provides that minors 14 and 15 years of age cannot be employed during the hours when school is in session. The only exception to the provisions of this law is for minors who are employed in domestic or agricultural work under the supervision or direction of their parents," Shuford stated.

The amendment by the General Assembly of 1945 to the compulsory school attendance law provides that during the twelve months following July 1, 1945, children between the ages of seven and fifteen shall attend school. On July 1, 1946 and thereafter, children between seven and sixteen must attend school. For the duration of and six months following the end of World War II, children living on farms or working in commercial fishing or fisheries are exempted and Superintendents of Schools may excuse any male child 14 to 16 years of age for employment that is permitted by the labor laws of this State.

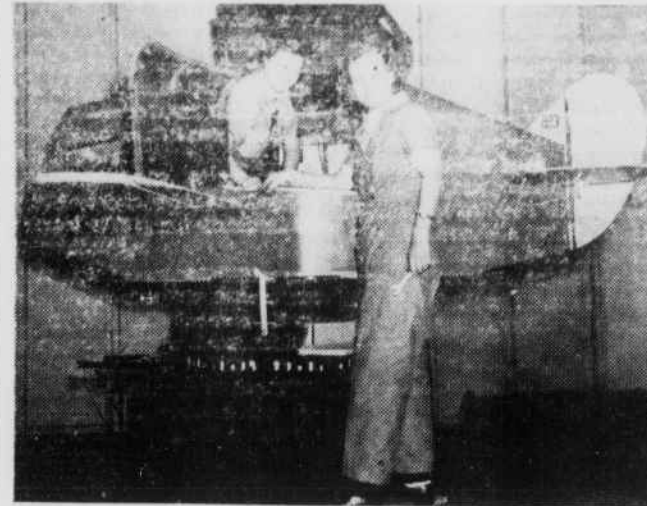
"Considering the two laws together, one can readily see that during the coming fiscal year minors 14 years of age, since they cannot work under the provisions of the Child Labor Law, cannot, as heretofore, quit school and roam the streets. On and after July 1, 1946, this will be true of all minors up to 16 ears of age."

Work permits are issued by County Welfare Superintendents. Application must be made and permit issued before any minor under 18 years of age can be employed.

Bishop Gribbin Preaches Here

The Rt. Rev. Robert Gribbin, bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, will preach at the Episcopal church of the Messiah in Murphy Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoover of Crouse are visiting their son, Dr. W. A. Hoover, Mrs. Hoover, and children.



MECHANICS HOLD NO HORRORS FOR THESE TWO LINK TRAINER INSTRUCTORS — Teaching Coast Guard pilots "blind flying", at the Salem, Mass. Air Base, is only one of the many jobs carried out by Specialist first class (T) Marie Gregory of Murphy, North Carolina, (right), and second class (T) Bernadine Morin of Harrison, Idaho (left). Here they are shown policing the link trainer, a job which has to be executed every forty hours to make sure the machine is in perfect running order.

Lions Carnival Is To Be Held Here On Friday And Saturday

Murphy Lions club carnival which was to have been held last week-end was postponed because of bad weather and will be held on Friday evening, Saturday, and Saturday evening of this week. It will be on the Square, in the Regal hotel corner. Bingo, games of all kinds, and a hamburger stand are among the features that will attract a large crowd of attendants. Proceeds from the carnival will be used for the regular work of the club, including aid to the blind, and for helping to build a swimming pool at Murphy city park.

The carnival will open Friday evening and continue through Saturday evening. Loren Davis is chairman, and several sub-committees are working with him.

At the meeting of the Lions club Tuesday evening, Jennings Bryson, district chairman, of Sylva, who was presented by President Doyle Burch, was the guest speaker. He was accompanied here by J. Ray Orr, district secretary-treasurer, also of Sylva.

Mr. Bryson used as the subject of his address: "Why I'm Glad I'm a Lion", and told of the accomplishments of Lionism since its organization in 1917. He stated

that Lionism is the strongest civic organization in the United States and has grown from the smallest in 1917 to the largest at the present time.

He announced that there will be no state convention this year, but a district business meeting will be held at Black Mountain on June 12, to which this club is to send one delegate.

Dr. W. A. Hoover announced that an eye clinic was to be held at the health department on Wednesday, May 23, and between 35 and 40 persons were to be examined.

VISITS PARENTS

S 1/C Robert Glenn Alexander, Jr., has spent the past two weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Alexander. He has been in the navy for 18 months as a gunner on a mine sweeper and was wounded in the hand. He had been dismissed from the naval hospital at Portsmouth, Va., where he had the first joint of his little finger and ring finger removed. He left to rejoin his ship.

Mrs. James C. Hilton and small son, David, of Asheville are visiting Mrs. Hilton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Warner.

W. A. McCall Is Speaker At Final Meeting Of Woman's Club For Summer

W. A. McCall of Tapoco was guest speaker at the meeting of Murphy Woman's club which was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the home economics building. His subject was "The San Francisco Conference." He was introduced by Miss Julius Amis, chairman of the department of education.

This being the last meeting of the club year, Mrs. J. W. Davidson, president, called for reports from members of the executive board.

Mrs. Dale Lee reported for the committee on play ground equipment for the city park.

Mrs. George Mauney, chairman of bond sales, announced the seventh War Loan drive, and asked each member to buy a bond and to sell one.

Mrs. Davidson announced the three projects of the club this year, Civic Improvement, Public Welfare, and Book Reviews, and

Farmers Showing Much Interest In Buying Cattle Offered In Sale

Much interest is being manifested in the Fourth annual Guernsey cattle sale to be held at the fair grounds in Murphy on Friday, May 25, at 12 o'clock noon.

As many as 49 well bred animals are being offered in this sale, and many farmers are making plans to purchase some of these Guernseys.

The sale starts at 12 o'clock and will continue until all are sold.

In connection with the sale the Lions club is sponsoring the sale of a Guernsey heifer, the proceeds from which will be used to assist some 4-H club member in carrying on a dairy project.

Child Dies As Result Of Car Accident Sunday

Funeral services for Martha Elizabeth Wilson, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Wilson of Brasstown who died at a Murphy hospital at 10:30 Sunday night as the result of an accident when she ran into the side of an automobile Sunday afternoon, were held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Green Cove Methodist church, with the Rev. Alfred Smith officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving besides the parents are a brother, Thomas Newton Wilson; three half sisters, Mrs. Carl Brooks, and Mrs. Thomas Elliott of Mt. Vernon, and Mrs. Loy Payne of Brasstown; one half brother, Aude Wilson of Brasstown. Ivis funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Miss Cook Dies In Greenville

News has been received here of the death of Miss Sara Cook in Greenville, S. C., Friday, May 19. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in Greenville, and the body was taken to Cross Hill for interment.

Survivors include one brother, L. C. Cook of Greenville, with whom she made her home, several nieces and nephews, among them, Joe Earl Berry of Columbia, South Carolina state senator.

Miss Cook had charge of the Southern Bell telephone office in Murphy and served as chief operator for about 18 years. She left here several years ago, when her health failed.



Clima- of the "Here's Your Infantry" Demonstration assault on a Jap pillbox in the wiping out of the enemy position by flamethrowers at close range. Pictured above is a flamethrower in action, the operator protected by automatic rifles. "Here's Your Infantry" tells the story of our footslogging Doughboys in down-to-earth language, and shows how WAR BONDS fight the enemy. At the same time weapons bought by WAR BONDS are explained and demonstrated, culminating in a simulated battle.

stated that the club scored 97 points. Having no representatives at the district meeting accounted for the loss of three points. She thanked the members for their cooperation during the year.

Miss Addie Leatherwood, secretary, read a letter from the Rev. L. E. Latham, pastor of Free Methodist church, commending the Women for their work in civic improvement, and calling attention to the condition of the cemeteries in Murphy, asking that they try to get some action from the town council to improve them. The president asked the beautification committee to meet with the town council on Monday night, together with a committee from the Junior Woman's club, the Lions club and the Men's Business club to try to get action on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned and a social hour held when Miss Peggy Johnson served refreshments.