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MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1945.

Dairymen Asking New Company To Establish Place Here

As soon as dairymen in this area learned that Southern Dairies would not continue its operations here, steps were taken to get some other company to establish a plant here.

County agents and dairymen from Graham, Clay, Towns, and Cherokee counties met at the local agent's office Tuesday and discussed the situation. All expressed the opinion that farmers would produce a much larger supply of milk when they knew there was a market.

District Agent F. R. Farnham of Asheville explained the story of Southern Dairies coming to Murphy. He told the producers they could be assured of a market in the future, as he had assurance from at least two companies that they were interested in the territory. Southern Dairies has agreed to continue to buy the milk on the regular routes until another company takes over, it was announced.

Chas. K. Keenum On Battleship

Aboard a Battleship in the Pacific (Delayed) — Charles K. Keenum, 22, fireman, first class, USNR, whose wife and daughter, Charlene, live at Suit, N. C., is serving aboard this battleship and has helped blast the enemy in pre-invasion bombardments dating from the recent pounding of the Japs at Okinawa back to the barges that helped hasten victory in Europe.

He was at his battle station when his ship participated in the bombardments of Iwo Jima, Saipan, Cherbourg and southern France.

When not engaged in combat, he is one of the 14 crewmen who work in the water manufacturing plant below decks, where the temperature averages 100 degrees.

He can tell you a lot of interesting things about ocean water. The Atlantic, for instance, contains 1,480 grains of salt per gallon, the Pacific, 1,650 grains. Knowledge like this is important to these men, who must see that the purest water possible furnishes steam to run the ship.

The water plant boils 48,000 gallons of fresh water from the sea daily. Water for the boilers contains less salt than drinking water for the crew, for the boilers are more sensitive to impurities.

Keenum's battle station is behind one of the ship's anti-aircraft guns. Before entering the Navy, he was employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

McMahan Elected Lion Governor

H. G. Elkins and R. W. Easley, Jr., attended the annual district convention of district 31-A of Lions International at Black Mountain Tuesday. The district comprises the mountain area of Western North Carolina and is made up of 37 clubs, each of which sent at least one delegate to the meeting.

Ed H. McMahan of Brevard was elected governor of the district.

Promoted

Camp Chaffee, Ark. — Technician 5th Grade Hoyt H. Martin of Murphy, N. C., who is in the Guard Detachment, Prisoner of War Camp, 1850th Service Command Unit, a unit of the Army Service Forces at Camp Chaffee, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, according to the camp public relations office.

He is the son of Jewell S. Martin, Route 2, Murphy.

Lt. Colonel Jerry W. Davidson, Jr., Mrs. Davidson and daughter, Diane, and Mrs. Davidson's mother, Mrs. Charles L. Sarrazin of Shreveport, La., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson, Sr., and Mrs. Grace Cooper. Lt. Col. Davidson has recently returned from

McKenzie Is Awarded The Bronze Star

With The 2nd Infantry Division in Czechoslovakia — Pfc. John D. McKenzie, 18012710 of Box 768 Hiwassee Dam, North Carolina recently was awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry in action on 2 April 1945 by the Commanding General, Major General Walter M. Robertson.

He is the husband of Mrs. William Mae McKenzie Box 768, Hiwassee Dam, North Carolina.

His citation follows: Private First Class McKenzie, Antitank Company, 38th Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action.

On 2 April 1945, German SS troops attacked the position of Antitank Company, near Bonenburg, Germany. As a German self-propelled gun advanced on the house, Private First Class McKenzie, with complete disregard for his personal safety, fired a bazooka at the enemy gun, damaging it. He killed three of the gun crew as they attempted to abandon the vehicle, preventing a possible link-up of SS troops in the Antitank Company area.

The gallantry and intrepidity displayed by Private First Class McKenzie reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

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More Wood Products Are Needed In Pacific

The supply lines of the armed forces in the Pacific are from 5,000 to 8,000 miles longer than were those in the Atlantic and a greatly increased supply of pulpwood and lumber products is needed in the fight against Japan, says Director I. O. Schaub of the State College Extension Service and chairman of Governor Gregg Cherry's emergency committee on forest products production.

"One of the danger spots in our war against Japan is a possible failure to properly consider the time and distance factors involved in supplying our troops," he explains. "It is difficult to realize what 8,000 miles means in terms of ships and supplies."

"These supplies and munitions require packaging — water proof paper containers from pulpwood, and boxes and crates from lumber. Mountains of such supplies and munitions are required to keep our troops at the peak of their fighting strength."

"Our farmers have made a fine record during the last six months in the production of pulpwood and saw logs but they cannot afford to rest on their laurels. They must continue to step up this production so that there will be no let up in the vigorous attack against the Jap."

"Recent restrictions announced by the War Production Board in the use of pulpwood and lumber products point the way toward a sharply rising demand for these products by the armed forces."

FREE METHODIST SERVICES

The sermon subject for the Sunday morning 11 a. m. worship service will be, "The Christian's Greatest Task". In the evening evangelistic service beginning at 8 p. m. the pastor will continue the series of messages on the Seven Churches of The Book of Revelation. The message will be on the "Church at Pergamos". Young people's meeting is each Sunday night at 7:30 p. m.



AT CAMP RUCKER — Pvt. Thomas J. H. Burrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burrell, of Murphy, Rt. 1, who entered service April 24, and is taking his basic training at Camp Rucker, Ala.

36th Division Had 353 Days Of Conflict With Enemy

6th Army Group, Germany — First 36th "Texas" Division troops on German soil were doughboys of the 141st Infantry Regiment who, in 10 days, battered the Wehrmacht from strong positions along the Moselle River through the Siegfried Line.

Engaged in bitter house-to-house fighting in the town of Haguenau, these U. S. Seventh Army infantrymen broke out from a small bridgehead across the Moselle, clashed with German rearguards and finally knocked out 35 pillboxes and forts in cutting through the Siegfried Line.

The doughboys, commanded by Col. Charles H. Owens of Wallace, Idaho, have left landmarks to a defeated Reich from Salerno, Italy, to the Rhine in Germany in 353 days of conflict with the enemy. Among the most veteran infantrymen in General Jacob L. Devers' 6th Army Group, they captured more than 6,000 Germans in France alone. Several Nazi leaders have been added to their bag in Austria.

They were the first Americans to assault now-crumbled Fortress Europe with the Salerno landings and later fought in the Rapido River's "Battle of Guts" below Cassino. The mountain city of Velletri fell to them when they took part in the spectacular 36th Division infiltration maneuver that opened the gates to Rome.

Spearheading a beach landing in Southern France, they struck north to aid in the destruction of the German 19th Army near Montelimar. Other battles included rugged warfare in the Vosges Mountains the defense of Colmar passes and combat against Germans employed in Maginot Line fortresses near Bitche.

Members of the regiment include: Sgt. Charles L. Luther, Route 1, Andrews; Sgt. Wm. G. Lail, Robbinsville; and Pfc. Porter C. Crisp, Stecoah.

Reception Is Planned For The Morris

First Baptist church will give a reception in honor of the new pastor, Rev. J. Alton Morris, and his family at the church on Friday evening, June 22. An invitation is extended to members of all churches in the community to attend the reception. The hours are from 8 to 10 o'clock. The committee making arrangements includes: Miss Addie Mae Cooke, chairman; Mrs. Lloyd W. Hendrix, Mrs. J. W. Davidson, and Mrs. H. Bueck, with members from the various missionary circles cooperating.

Members of the church met at the Morris home Monday evening and gave the family an old-fashioned "pounding". A welcome was extended, and Mr. Morris repled with pledges of cooperation in making the church a spiritual force in the community, expressing appreciation for the many gifts and expressions of love from the members.

Alba Phillips Leaves For Overseas Duty

Alba Estelle Phillips, of Andrews, N. C., was one of a WAVE contingent which left a West Coast port of embarkation recently aboard a Navy transport bound for an overseas base.

A volunteer for duty outside the continental limits of the United States, she will be assigned to duty on a Pacific Island base to relieve a man for assignment to the forward area.

As the Navy's battle lines extend nearer Japan and the Orient, WAVE volunteers continue to be accepted for overseas duty. Their billets in this county, meanwhile, are being filled by women enlisting under the recently reopened WAVE recruiting program.

Dillard C. Jones Is Promoted

New Orleans, La. — Dillard Clarence Jones, USNR, of Robbinsville, N. C., has been advanced in rating to gunner's mate second class, it has been announced by the US Naval Armed Guard Center, here.

During his 36 months at sea as a member of a Navy gun crew protecting vital war materials aboard merchant ships, he has visited ports in Australia, India, France, Ireland, Italy, Sicily, England and South America.

Prior to his enlistment in the Navy in January 1942, Jones was employed as the produce manager in the Waldensian Market, in Valdese.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, who make their home in Robbinsville.

Toby Fain Elected Chief Of Police

Murphy town council met Wednesday evening and elected F. A. (Toby) Fain as chief of police, effective July 1.

The council voted to grant the town employees a two-weeks vacation during the summer.

At the regular meeting Monday night, J. D. Elrod, local manager of Southern Dairies, appeared before the council to request that the company be released from taxes for this year. It was found that none had been listed, according to an agreement with the county.

Walter H. Hicks On A Destroyer

With The Atlantic Fleet — Walter Harding Hicks, seaman, first class, USNR, formerly of Star Route, Andrews, N. C., is now serving aboard a destroyer in the Atlantic Fleet. He mans an anti-aircraft gun.

Hicks wears the American Theater and the European-African-Middle Eastern ribbons.

Before entering the service he was employed as a woodcutter by the Teas Extract Co.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Cox and baby, Bobby, returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Mount Vernon, Ky.



Spotlighting with a quiet dramatic appeal the enormous manpower contributions of the dairy industry, both to the armed forces and in the production of essential foods, the poster pictured above has been chosen as the symbolic portrayal of the importance of DAIRY MONTH in June, 1945.

The father has been hard hit by the manpower shortage with one of his sons off to the wars leaving only one to carry on at home, producing dairy foods so vital of the health of the armed forces. The farmer himself, working harder than he ever expected to work at his age, is worn, but still his courageously doing his part. He is proud of both sons. They are "A Great Team."

Harry Bishop Heads Murphy Lions Club



LION PRESIDENT — Harry Bishop who was elected president of Murphy Lions club Tuesday night, for the next club year.

Ben G. Crawford Awarded Medal Of Liberation

With The 32nd Infantry Division in Northern Luzon, P. I. — Major General William H. Gill, commander of the 32nd (Red Arrow) Division, announces that the Commonwealth Government of the Philippines has awarded the Philippine Liberation Medal to Private First Class Ben G. Crawford of Andrews, North Carolina.

Pfc. Crawford entered the army in March, 1943, and left for overseas duty in November of the same year. Assigned to the 32nd Division, he saw his first combat action when the 126th Infantry made its highly successful landing at Sidor, New Guinea, cutting off the Japs at Lae and Finchaven. He participated in the succeeding amphibious operation farther up the coast, where the Division trapped the enemy garrisons at Madang and Wewak by destroying his forces at Aitape. The next Jap base to receive the "Red Arrow" treatment as the island of Morotai in the Netherlands East Indies. The 32nd silenced that important listening post and isolated the Japs on nearby Halmahera, thus opening the road to the Philippines.

On blood Leyte Island, Pfc. Crawford was in the final drive down the Ormoc Corridor when the "Red Arrow" cracked the "Invincible" Yamashita Line. He is now fighting among the mile-high peaks of the Caraballe Mountains in northern Luzon, where the battle-scarred 32d veterans are engaged in destroying General Yamashita's final last ditch defense along the tortuous Villa Verde Trail, the 32d's own Baby Burma Road.

Pfc. Crawford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Crawford of Andrews, North Carolina.

SERMON SUBJECT

"Why Take Religion Seriously?" will be the sermon topic of the Rev. Ralph Taylor at First Methodist Church at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beaver of Atlanta, Ga., are spending some time as guests of Wilmer H. Whitten.

Green Dog Brings Beaten Path To Seabolt's Door

Black dogs! White dogs! Brown dogs! Gray dogs! But never before did this community hear of anyone having a GREEN dog!

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Paley Seabolt on Bates Creek has suddenly become a place of attraction, as scores of visitors have gone there to see the nine-day old green puppy born to Minnie Pearl, the part-collie which belongs to Junior O'Dell, grandson of the Seabolts.

There is no mistaking the fact that the pup is green. He is one of 11 born on the same day.

Harry Bishop was elected president of Murphy Lions club for the next club year, beginning July 1, at the meeting of the club Tuesday evening at the Methodist church. S. N. Beto, Sr., was re-elected secretary, to serve his third term. R. S. Bault was elected treasurer; Rev. Ralph Taylor, tailor; and W. A. Sherrill, lion tamer. The following vice-presidents were elected: R. W. Easley, Jr., first; J. B. Gray, second, and C. E. Weir, third. As members of the board of directors, the following were elected: Frank Forsyth, H. G. Elkins and Dr. B. W. Whitfield, and Doyle Burch, retiring president, will serve automatically.

Guests at this meeting were: Lt. Col. Jerry W. Davidson, who is spending a few weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson; Rev. J. Alton Morris, new pastor of the First Baptist church; George Stauning of Staten Island, N. Y., who has recently become manager of Minerals and Metals corporation; Verlon Carter, who recently returned from Germany; and J. W. Hoover of Cruise, father of Dr. W. A. Hoover.

R. W. Easley, Jr., treasurer, reported that approximately \$1250 was cleared on the Lions carnival held a few weeks ago.

H. G. Elkins reported on the Lions executive meeting held in Black Mountain Tuesday. He and R. W. Easley, Jr., represented this club.

To plan for a banquet on the next regular meeting night, June 26, the following committee was appointed by President Burch: H. G. Elkins, Frank Forsyth, and R. S. Bault.

Austin Andrews Is At Okinawa

Aboard a U. S. Battleship off Okinawa (Delayed) — Austin G. Andrews, 31, seaman, second class, whose wife, Viola Edwards Andrews, lives at Stecoah, N. C., had a grandstand seat from which to view the invasion of Okinawa.

This hard-hitting ship, while under threat of air attack, moved up within 3,000 yards of the shore, cruising slowly back and forth and pulverizing the beach targets at point-blank range. The crew could clearly see the explosions from the ship's shells as her guns smashed pillboxes, gun emplacements, warehouses and trench fortifications.

The ship's anti-aircraft gunners fought off deadly air assaults during the bombardment period, and on one occasion only skillful maneuvering of the vessel by her commanding officer saved her from a torpedo which had been dropped.

At one time a Jap "Zeke" bomber, pursued by two U. S. Navy planes, came within range of the ship's 20-mm. and 40-mm. guns, and crew members of this ship and those of another close-by had the satisfaction of seeing the enemy crash into the sea. Another time, bombs from a Jap plane fell only 200 yards off the port bow.

By early afternoon of invasion day, the big ship's primary target area had been captured and she was free to lend her powerful support against other enemy held areas.

Seven were white and three black. The pup's skin is pink, but the hair is green, and all of the mother dog's licking has failed to take away the color.

Minnie Pearl was brought here from Knoxville and Graham county and has made a useful pet and helper on the Seabolt farm. It is her daily duty to bring the family cow home at night. She is a fine watch dog. Mrs. Seabolt says she never has to worry about thieves taking her chickens or anything around the house, as the dog is always on the job.