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PFC. JOHN E. DICKEY

John E. Dickey Is With Famous Division In The Third Army

Pfc. John E. Dickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dickey, 26th YD, Infantry Division since going to France last November.

The Yankee division slaying Wehrmacht might to smithereens crashed into Czechoslovakia in May one of the last American units engaged in actual combat, to convince the Nazi Reich to cry Kamerad. From the battlefields of France, Luxembourg, Belgium, to the final dash through Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia, the 26th infantry played a major role in tearing down Hitler's terror built empire.

Through much of its fighting, the YD has been on the flank of the Third Army; often it has been out in the front spearheading. From each of its operations it has emerged with commendation from corps or army for work well done. It missed some of the headlines by turning away from some of Germany's major cities and letting other units gain the fame of taking them, but where the fighting was tough and the job important there the YD was. From the first

offensive through the Maginot line in France to the Siegfried line in Germany down to the end in Czechoslovakia, the division traveled more than 1,000 miles on foot and by motor, saw 210 days of line combat, took more than 70,000 prisoners and caused uncounted casualties. The first and last enemy unit to oppose it was the 11th Panzer division. The YD's services were requested by Gen. Patton for his third army. When Patton started his drive to crash through the Maginot line and probe into Germany the YD's jumped off and on Dec. 8, after bitter fighting reached its objective, then the outfit moved back to Metz for a rest.

Then came the Bulge; before the rest was four days old the division loaded into trucks and set off to cut the Nazi supply lines into the Ardennes and to relieve the pressure on Bastogne. After a hectic 80-mile ride the doughs slogged along on foot for 20 miles to meet the enemy and drive him back into Germany in a month of stiff combat. In the first week of March the YD moved to the Saarburg area and started the push that ended the war.

Fifty-five-year old Von Buttler known to his men as a terrific disciplinarian, and die-hard soldier kept his upper lip stiff and stood at iron attention as he paid the YD's his highest compliment. "I'm proud to surrender to a division famous in all Germany".

Engineers Survey Local Airport Site

Civil Aeronautics engineers were here Friday of last week to make a survey of the proposed airport, on the property of J. C. Townson and E. A. Wood, at Marble, approximately half-way between Murphy and Andrews.

These engineers are making recommendations on the size and location of the airport.

Dr. B. W. Whitfield, chairman of the airport committee, states that acquisition of the land is the next step in the process of securing an airport, and then it will be up to people of the county to see that it is constructed.

Cpl. J. L. Hall Is Discharged

Cpl. J. L. Hall, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall, Murphy, Route 2, with a total of 112 points, was discharged July 2, at Fort McPherson, Ga. He served as a military policeman in the 437th M. P. Battalion for 51 months in the European theater. He holds the following ribbons and awards: American Defense Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and European Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars.

Carmel C. Hall Among Returnees

MIAMI, FLA. — Flown from overseas in ocean-spanning ATC planes, North Carolina fighting men continue to pour into Air Transport Command's Miami Army Air Field among the first 50,000 returnees ATC is flying to the states each month.

From this ATC Caribbean Division hub, the battle-tested North Carolinians move by rail to Camp Blanding, Fla. From there they go to reception centers nearer their homes for separation from the service or furloughs prior to reassignment.

Latest North Carolina air returnees included: T/4 Carmel C. Hall, 25, Transportation Corps, 32 months with the Persian Gulf Command of Murphy, Rt. 1.

SERMON SUBJECTS

"Lost, Strayed, or Stolen!" will be the subject of the Rev. Ralph Taylor at First Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Evening worship is at 8 o'clock, and Fellowship hour, Wednesday, 8 P. M.

Dr. Ellen Winston Is Lions Club Speaker

Dr. Ellen Black Winston, state commissioner of public welfare, of Raleigh, was the guest speaker at the Ladies' night program of Murphy Lions club Tuesday evening at Regal hotel. She reviewed the history of welfare work in North Carolina and discussed the various services rendered by the department, through cooperation of the county boards of welfare.

Harry Bishop was installed as new president of the club, succeeding Doyle Burch. Other officers installed were: Secretary, S. N. Bobo, Sr.; treasurer, R. S. Bault; lion tamer, W. A. Sherrill; tailtwister, Rev. Ralph Taylor; first vice-president, R. W. Easley, Jr.; second, J. B. Gray, and third, C. E. Weir; and directors, Doyle Burch, immediate past president; Frank Forsyth, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, and H. G. Elkins.

The program opened with a song, led by Mrs. Imogene Bates, with Mrs. Duke Whitley as pianist. The invocation was by the Rev. Ralph Taylor, who also served as toastmaster. Doyle Burch presided over the business part of the program. The club and guests, at the request of Mr. Taylor, stood for a moment in silent tribute to Wade H. Massey, a

member of the club who died two weeks ago.

Sgt. Joe Ray and Pvt. H. A. Mattox, home on furloughs, were welcomed and presented "five-star general" pins by the toastmaster. Their Lionesses were asked to pin the decorations on them.

Secretary S. N. Bobo, Sr., announced that Dr. W. A. Hoover has been appointed deputy district governor of District 31-A of Lions International.

Frank Forsyth presented a past-president's pin to H. A. Mattox, who in turn presented one to Doyle Burch.

Mrs. Imogene Bates, accompanied by Mrs. Duke Whitley, sang a solo.

The welcome was made by R. S. Bault, and the response by Mrs. H. A. Mattox.

The following guests were recognized: Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Case, Miss Mary Porter Pain, Miss Frances Dickson, Mrs. Hugh Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Harshaw, Miss Betsy Webster, Mrs. Jimmie Ward, Mrs. J. F. Wood, Miss Victoria Bell, Mrs. Willard Cooper, Miss Marvive Walker, Mrs. Laura Freeman, Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. Imogene Bates, and Mrs. Minnie Erhart.

Fain And Court Deny Rumors

Mildred Hendrix, Bruce Garland Are Winners In Essay Contest

Miss Mildred Hendrix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hendrix of Peachtree was winner of the first prize in the girls' division in the recent Farmers Federation essay contest, for 4-H club members and Future Farmers and Bruce Garland of Robbinsville, Route 1, was the winner in the boys' division.

The prize, given for the best letter on the subject, "What the Farmers Federation Cooperative is Doing to Help the Farmer", was \$50. Miss Mary Cornwell Cherokee county home agent, presented the prize to Miss Hendrix, and D. W. Bennett, county agent of Graham county, presented the prize to Bruce Garland, at the Farmers Federation picnic at Andrews Saturday.

Miss Hendrix, a Murphy high school girl of 15, has been a 4-H club member for five years, and is outstanding in the work of food preparation projects, room improvement, clothing, poultry and diary projects. She has always been a leader and has held offices in the club. She plays the piano and sings and is an all-around girl. Judges in the essay contest were: Donald Shoemaker, associate

editor of the Asheville Citizen, Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill college, and Dean Colvard, supervisor of the state test farm at Waynesville.

Reports have been circulated in Murphy in recent weeks that Mayor W. M. Fain had been arrested for blackmarketing sugar and that his trucks had been attached in Georgia and he himself was under a heavy bond for appearance in Federal Court. Mayor Fain denies that these rumors are true and offers a reward of \$500 to any person giving him evidence sufficient to convict the person or persons starting such rumors.

J. Ellis Mundy, United States district attorney, Atlanta, Ga., and the deputy clerk of the court both verified to the Cherokee Scout the fact that no such charges against Mayor Fain were on the records of the Federal Court in the Northern District of Georgia.

It has been said that a few weeks ago Mayor Fain was arrested on these charges, in Decatur, Ga., and he states that he has not been in Decatur in 10 years. With reference to the purchase of large quantities of sugar, he states that he has not bought sugar from Georgia in many years and that in recent months practically the only product transported by him to and from the capital of Georgia has been scrap metal.

Dr. B. W. Whitfield visited his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. E. Whitfield, in Harlan, Ky., who is ill, a few days last week.

editor of the Asheville Citizen, Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill college, and Dean Colvard, supervisor of the state test farm at Waynesville.

Record Number Fish On Hiwassee This Year

Year-round fishing in TVA's western North Carolina lakes, permitted this year for the first time, has met with enthusiastic response from sportsmen as well as farm folk in the area, Department of Conservation and Development officials report.

As predicted by TVA, the bass fishing was excellent during the spring period ordinarily closed for spawning, and a record number of fishermen were on the lakes in April and May. TVA had argued, after studies at Norris Lake, that bass fishing during the spawning season would not deplete fish population, and pointed out that the closed season deprived sportsmen of their best chances, since the small fry have not yet developed to compete with artificial bait.

Boatmen have been kept busy at both Hiwassee and Chatuge lakes, and bass weighing up to eight pounds have been taken from both. Heavy fishing continues, particularly on week-ends, but with the beginning of the drawdown on the reservoirs, coincident with hot weather, the luck fell off, though good to moderate catches of bass, brim, perch, jacks, pike and carp are still being taken. Carp have been especially prevalent in Hiwassee Lake. TVA officials say bass respond acutely to drawdown, with a pull-down of as little as an inch sending the big bass sulking for lures.

At the same time, J. H. Longshore, chief refuge supervisor of Pisgah National Forest, said that



CPL. LESARD RADFORD

Radford Writes Of German Prison

Cpl. Lesard Radford, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Radford of Grandview, has been in service for two years and has served with the 15th army in Germany for eight months. His wife, Mrs. Rada Radford, and two year-old daughter, Virginia Lee, live at Grandview. He has two brothers, John Thomas Radford and Howard Radford in the South Pacific.

Cpl. Radford sent his parents a description of the Buchenwald prison about five miles from Weimar as he saw it and had it explained to him by a Yugoslav. The prison was wired in with electric wire. It held 60,000 prisoners, French, Russians, Poles, Dutch and Yugoslavs, some Americans and British soldiers. An average of 60 or 70, sometimes more, died each day. They were hanged, for speaking while on duty to some one outside the prison, six at a time on a kind of A frame. By the time the 6th man was hung the first one would be dead, then they would start all over again.

"I was shown where they gassed 40 old men because they were too old to work, inviting them into the shower room for a hot shower which proved to be gas instead of water", he wrote. "The torture room was a small room in the basement of the crematory, where the bodies were burned. They would hang the ones to be tortured up by the arms, hands, or thumbs, and sometimes by the neck. They were beaten with a whip or club or anything that might be handy after they told their story, killed and sent up stairs on an elevator where their bodies were burned. They even turned dogs loose on them if they didn't talk. Once a prisoner was taken inside the fence where the crematory was he never came out alive, or, as the guide said, 'he would enter by the gate and leave by the chimney.' There were ten to twelve furnaces where they were burned, which held from three to five bodies each. If coal was scarce, from 1500 to 2,000 bodies were buried in a hole that couldn't be called a grave.

"Two boys who were prisoners gave me most of this story. One was 18, the other 16. They had been in prison since they were ten years old and had done as much work as any man. Both their fathers were killed there; their mothers were prisoners somewhere, they didn't know where."

Bond Sales Mount Near Double Quota

Cherokee county practically doubled its Seventh War Loan goal of \$226,000 with the latest figures available, which are not final.

The latest report gave the county credit for the purchase of \$158,347.50 in E bonds, which exceeded the goal for E bonds of \$126,000 by \$32,347.50.

The over-all sales amounted to \$418,513.50, or \$192,513.50 over the quota.

Graduates With High Average

Rosco L. Crawford, photographer's mate third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Crawford of Andrews, graduated with a high average on June 30 from the Naval Training School (Photography), Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. Crawford has been in the service almost four years and was overseas thirty-two months. He was first at Balboa, Canal Zone, and in May 1944 went aboard a ship which was part of an amphibious force landing troops at Peleliu and the Philippines.

In balboa Crawford was in public relations, but was put into combat photography on the McKINLEY. He attended the Andrews high school and played football.

Helpers Wanted To Make Kit Bags

Mrs. R. W. Easley, Jr., is appealing to women of Murphy to assist her in completing the kit bags which the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross accepted as a Quota recently. Those who are willing to help make the kit bags are requested to contact Mrs. Easley.

Awarded Combat Infantry Badge

With The 32nd Division in Northern Luzon, P. I. — Private First Class Ben G. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Crawford, who live in Andrews, North Carolina, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for exemplary conduct under fire.

Entering the army in March, 1943, he has been with the 126th Infantry of the famed 32nd (Red Arrow) Division in the SWPA for 19 months. He is a veteran of the Sidor, Aitape, Morotai, and Leyte operations, and saw action in the Villa Verde-Santa Fe area in northern Luzon, where the 32nd killed more than 9,000 Japanese during its 119-day drive up the tortuous Villa Verde Trail in the Caraballo Mountains.

Bible School To Close Friday

Commencement exercises for the Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church will be held at the church Friday night at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend. Almost 150 boys and girls have been enrolled in the school, and a picnic will be given for them at its close.

Federation Picnic Draws Big Crowd

Winners in the Farmers Federation's hundred dollar essay contest were announced Saturday at the annual picnic of the cooperative, which was held at the high school in Andrews. The winners, Bruce Garland, of Robbinsville, and Mildred Hendrix, of Murphy, each received \$50.

Subject of the essays was "The Benefits of the Farmers Federation to the Farmers of Western North Carolina", and the contest was open to members of all Future Farmers organizations and 4-H clubs. D. W. Bennett, county agent of Graham county, presented the prize to Bruce, and Miss Mary Cornwell, Cherokee home agent, presented Miss Hendrix with her prize.

The picnic drew capacity crowds all day. James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation, explained that the aims of the cooperative are three-fold: work, worship, and play, and "this was the one day set aside each year for play."

Many leaders of the Western counties were present. Some of those who took part on the program were the Rev. Paul Lovin-good, who opened the meeting with prayer; Roger Ammons, manager of the Murphy warehouse, who welcomed the people; Guy M. Sales, general manager of the Federation; Frank Reed, Fairview manager, who led singing and gave the tobacco auctioneer's chant; A. W. Padgett, a veteran of the last war; Ed R. Bowers, a cowboy of Andrews, who entertained with rope tricks; the Rev. Dumont Clarke, head of the Farmers Federation Religious department, who spoke on the Lord's Acre movement; and Mrs. Giles Cover, member of the house of representatives from Cherokee county.

Alex Houston, Hendersonville ventriloquist, and Neil Ann Allen, Canton acrobatic dancer, were featured entertainers. Jean Ken-nickel of Fairview, played her ac-

companions, and Betty Huntley, Fairview, sang to her own guitar accompaniment.

Many other singers and musicians entertained including the Harmony Trio, consisting of Mrs. Ruth Nations, Evelyn Breedlove, and Hoyt Breedlove; the Leatherwood Sisters, Dorothy and Lora; the Dixie Ramblers; Russell Hall, Frank Nanney, Hansel Lyda, George Sprouse, and Earl Holland; the Martin Sisters, Myrtle, Iva Lou, Arlene, and Otis; the L. E. Burger Trio; Mrs. Burger, Dorothy, and Genevieve, of Isabella, Tenn.; Rosalind Ammons; the Mosteller band; A. V., Gar, and Carroll; Trumpeters, Whit Davis and I. B. Hudson, Jr.; the Cherokee String band; Harold West, Ward Derberry, Austin Derberry and Edward Derberry; Mary Nell McConnell; a trio consisting of Bill Barker, Bill Leatherwood, and Vernon Thomasson; and the Moore trio; William Lee, W. Q., and Talmadge Moore.

Two choirs and two quartets took part in competition at the end of the picnic: the Upper Peachtree choir and Upper Peachtree quartet, both led by Bill Leatherwood, and the Valley Town choir and Valley Town quartet, both led by Lawrence Anderson.

Prize for the biggest family present went to L. L. Martin and family of Blairsville, Ga. Prize for the most newly-married couple was won by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Moore, of Andrews; prize for the longest married couple went to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rich, of Murphy; largest truck load of people brought to the picnic was brought by A. N. Kephart, of Hanging Dog; and prize for the baldest head went to Verne Thomasson.

A surprise feature in the entertainment was the singing of two original songs by Cal Murray, of Detroit, one of the Gold Dust Twins of the radio. The usual watermelons and lemonade were served by the Federation.