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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

## Billy W. Mull In Tokyo Bay

On The USS Oakland in Tokyo Bay — Billy W. Mull, seaman, first class, USNR, Route 1, Culbertson, N. C. is serving on this cruiser, which is part of the powerful Pacific fleet completing the first stages of the occupation of Japan.

Under the operational control of Admiral William F. Halsey, USN, the OAKLAND, with 19 other cruisers, 12 battleships, 17 aircraft carriers, six escort carriers, and more than 290 other U. S. ships, is helping take over control of the Japs' naval bases.

## Tractor Tires Are Released

Tractor and Implement tires have been released from rationing, H. N. Wells, Chairman, Cherokee County AAA committee, announced here today.

"Farmers using truck and passenger tires will continue to obtain them through local OPA boards," he said.

Distribution control of Crawler tractors was discontinued August 20. Mr. Wells Chairman, Cherokee County AAA Committee announced here today.

"No applications for Crawler tractors have been approved since July 28," Wells said, "and all applications that were not approved will be mailed directly to applicants by the War Production Board."

"All applications in State and County AAA offices will be returned to applicants immediately," he added.

## Barnett To Have Re-assignment

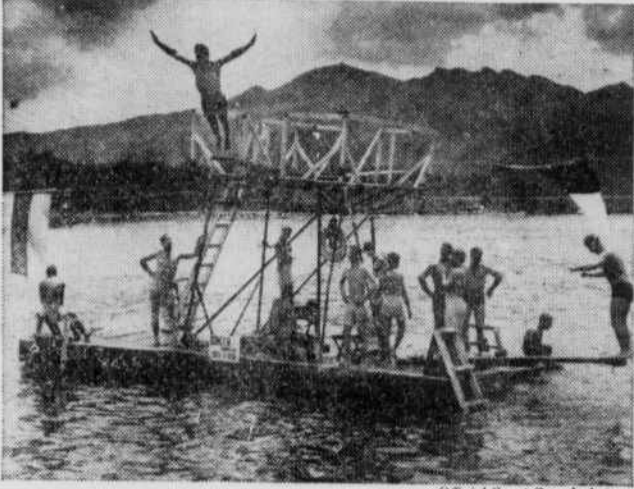
M. M. C. Barnett who has spent a 30-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Barnett, left Tuesday for Atlanta for reassignment. Barnett spent two and a half years overseas on Russell Islands, New Georgia, Munda, Guadalcanal, the Solomons and Peliliu.

## WADES GUESTS OF WILSONS

The Rev. and Mrs. Joel T. Wade of Chattanooga, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson for the week-end, visited the Presbyterian Sunday school Sunday morning. Mr. Wade was first president of Nachooche Institute in Georgia and Mrs. Wilson taught with him there. Mrs. Wade, a missionary to China a number of years ago, sang several songs in Chinese for the children.

Miss Moselle Moore left Friday for Shelby where she will again supervise music in the schools of Shelby, a position she has held for two or three years.

## "Come On In! The Water's Fine!"



Official Coast Guard photo. No matter where the fortune of war may take the American fighting man, he finds a way to enjoy the sports he loved back home. This could well be the "old swimming hole" almost anywhere in the States. Instead, it's a recreation center at a South Pacific base, where Coast Guardsmen from an LST enjoy the thrills afforded by an improvised diving float.

## Brown To Go To Chicago University

Announcement has been made by J. S. Lynch, President of the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital, of the resignation of Ray E. Brown as Administrator. Mr. Brown's resignation has been in the hands of the Board for several weeks and is to become effective September 1st.

Mr. Lynch said that he is able at this time to announce the appointment of Mr. Reed Holmes, at present Assistant Superintendent of Duke University Hospital, as successor to Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown resigned to accept a position as Assistant Director of the University of Chicago Clinics and Hospitals. He will also be Assistant Director of the graduate course in Hospital Administration which is conducted by the University of Chicago.

Mr. Brown is the husband of the former Miss Mary Witherspoon of Murphy.

## Baptists Observe Intermediate Week Sept 9 - 16

The First Baptist Church is observing Intermediate Week September 9-16. Next Sunday the Intermediates will have a part in the Sunday School and Training Union opening assemblies, morning and evening worship services. The parents of Intermediate boys and girls are urged to attend these services.

Sunday morning the Intermediates will meet in a group at 7:45 a. m. to hear the radio broadcast for young people on the theme "Calling-Youth". A cordial invitation is extended to the public for these services.

## Officials Get Copy New Laws

City and county officials here and throughout the State are this week receiving a 60,000-word summary of the new laws passed by the 1945 General Assembly, prepared by the Institute of Government staff.

The publication, which was issued from the Institute's main office at Chapel Hill, was compiled by the same staff which conducted its daily and weekly legislative information service for city and county officials from Raleigh during the 1945 session.

The purpose, it was explained, is to supply officials a concise, handy summary of the new acts affecting their governmental units prior to the publication of the session laws, and also to provide local officials a guide in their use of the session laws for the next two years.

## Watson On The Missouri When Japs Signed

Aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay — James Maynard Watson, seaman, second class, USNR, Marble, N. C., is playing a role in a momentous event of American history. Serving on this mighty battleship, he was present when the Japanese envoys came aboard to sign the final surrender document. General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander; Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, who signed the document for the United States; and other famous American military and naval chiefs were present.

The 45,000-ton MISSOURI, named for the home state of President Truman, is one of the most powerful warships ever built. It is now the flagship of Admiral William F. Halsey, Commander of the Third Fleet.

**MINISTERS TO MEET**  
All Baptist ministers are urged to be present at the First Baptist Church, Monday, September 10, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Minister's conference.

**ON 40-HOUR WEEK**  
The work hours of the War Price and Rationing Board employees have been cut to 40 hours per week. Hereafter the Board office will be closed all day on Saturdays.

**TO PREACH SUNDAY**  
R. T. L. Liston, Th. M., Ph. D., president of King College, Bristol, Tenn., will preach at the Presbyterian church here Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend the service.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Edgar Harshaw left Monday for their home in Richmond, Va., after spending the summer at Harshaw farms here.

## Banks Encourage Farm Prosperity In Work With Youths Of State

North Carolina farmers can grow any crop that can be produced between northern Florida and Canada—and grow it better, according to P. B. Ferebee, President, Citizens Bank and Trust Co. "We can make that boast with assurance as the result of more than 20 years experimentation in which our farmers have teamed up with experts from their local and state schools and with their home town bankers and business men," he added.

This 20 years of agricultural development has been supported actively by leading bankers of the state, who long ago saw the necessity of freeing farmers from the disastrous results of depending almost wholly on tobacco and cotton for income and from erosion and depletion of fertility of large areas of land.

North Carolina farmers don't fear a depression which some experts believe will come when the demand for tobacco and cotton grows less after the war. Although land prices have reached levels above the 1920 boom peak, the farmers have been able to lay up financial reserves from profits from flue cured tobacco, and can stand a recession. They don't expect the recession to be so severe as it was after World War I, and with reason.

About 20 years ago 35 banks in North Carolina became concerned over conditions existing in their home neighborhoods. They found that land was going out of production because of erosion and depletion of the soil, and the loss of that income affected the whole community. These bankers decided to do something about it, and today the state has a sturdy anchor against adversity in the 11,000 boys and girls enrolled in the Future Farmers of America, who are learning modern agricultural in the schools, and the 27,000 adults in practical farming classes right in their home communities.

But equally important for the long term are the interests awakened among the 90,000 North Carolina boys and girls of the 4-H clubs who are earning and learning as they enjoy the sociability of their club activities.

In these constructive activities, the North Carolina country banker has always been a key figure. Working through the agricultural committee of his state bankers association, and with the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association, he has provided the finances which bought calves, sheep, hogs, and poultry, seeds for new varieties of crops, machinery for working the soil, and community canning and processing plants, and above all he has applied business methods to these operations with the result that they have become profitable because they are profitable farm operations. These things have all been over and above the services banks normally provide.

One of the first things the bankers did for their state was to encourage the growing of beef and milk cattle on the farms, and the development of poultry flocks. The banks put up the money to buy good grades of stock, and the animals were placed in the hands of white and negro farmers and their children members of the Future Farmers and 4-H clubs. Then they applied a little of the old American spirit of competition and provided funds for premiums to be distributed at the Fat Stock and Wool Show, the Western Carolina Fat Stock Show, the state poultry contests among Future Farmers, and other events held annually as a part of a well coordinated program benefiting every part of the state. These activities have not been neglected even in wartime, despite the fact that banks have been short of help and at the same time have extended their work to include ration coupon banking, War Loan drives, and a lot of other necessary tasks contributing to winning of the war.

## "One Little Indian"



LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—Bishop Clare Purcell of Charlotte, N. C., is shown as he baptized a three-month-old Choctaw Indian baby here in mid-August in the presence of nearly a thousand people. Son and namesake of the Rev. Forbis Pipkin Durant, Methodist pastor on the Cherokee reservation, the baby is here with his parents who are attending their denomination's summer assembly.

Bishop Purcell, who administers three of the four Methodist conferences in the Carolinas, was assisted in the baptismal rites by two colleagues, Retired Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, of Birmingham, Ala., and Bishop Arthur P. Wesley of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

## 19 Men Leave For Military Examination

The following 19 Cherokee county men left Murphy last Wednesday morning for Fort Jackson, S. C., for pre-induction physical examination:

Hubert Eugene Roberson, leader; Buster Emory Laney, assistant leader; Glen Henry Johnson, Harley Joe Coleman, Glen Ware, Corbon Ware, Winfred Hardin, Francis Calvin Peak, Charles Hancock, Homer Leonard Payne, John Henry Hodge, Ernest J. E. Satterfield, James Freeman Elliott, Kendol Lee Dockery, Earl Elliott, Harry D. Padgett, Leon Beaver, Glenn Howard Woody, Homer Lee Zimmerman.

## Court Of Honor For Scouts Held Andrews Tuesday

Nantahala district Boy Scout court of honor was held at Andrews city hall Tuesday evening, with scouts from Andrews, Robbinsville, Hayesville, Topton and Hiwassee Dam present.

Star scout was awarded to Richard Sharpe of Robbinsville and Robert Cunningham of Hayesville, by Gordon L. Butler of Topton.

The following boys were inducted into scouting as tenderfoot by F. V. Smith, Worth and Roger Davis of Hayesville and Wilbur and Bobby Fair, Buster Godfrey and Earl Nelson of Topton.

Merit badges were awarded to the following Hiwassee Dam scouts: Billy Flurry, George Butler and James Brock, by Clarence Bales.

The court of honor was under the direction of Frank W. Swan.

The district committee met immediately afterward, with Harry Bradshaw presiding.

Mrs. Eddie Lindbergh of Atlanta spent the week-end here with her sister, Mrs. J. N. Hill, Jr.

## John E. Forrester, Survivor Of Houston Is Now Liberated

## James M. Ammons Near Tokyo Shore

Aboard The USS Essex in The Pacific — James M. Ammons, Jr., 24, machinist's mate, second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ammons, Sr., 204 Hilton st., Murphy, N. C. serves aboard this carrier which steamed close to the shores of Tokyo with Task Force 38 to launch her planes against the remaining strength of the enemy in the final days of the war.

All hands answered reveille several hours before sunrise that morning. They had had their breakfast and were waiting at their stations for the first light of dawn when the deafening roar of the flight of fighters took off one by one, followed by the bombers and torpedo planes.

Hundreds of Jap planes were destroyed on the ground, but few were sent up to challenge the attacks. The few that dared to fly out to the Task Force never returned.

## Verlon Carter At Oglethorpe

Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. — Sgt. Verlon E. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Carter, RFD No. 3, Murphy, N. C. and husband of Mrs. Clifton Carter of the same address is currently stationed at the Redistribution Station, where he will spend two weeks before reporting to his new assignment in the United States.

Sergeant Carter was returned recently to the United States after having served 9 months in the European theatre of operations, where he served as a rifleman in the 10th Armored Division. He holds the Good Conduct Ribbon, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, and European Theatre of Operations Ribbon with two campaign stars.

## Wm. D. Crisp Dies Aug. 27

William D. Crisp, 54, son of J. M. Crisp of Murphy, died of a heart attack at Jacksboro, Tenn., August 27. Funeral services were held at Marion, August 30. Burial was in the Marion cemetery with Masons in charge.

Mr. Crisp was a veteran of the first World War, a member of the American Legion and a mason. He had been employed by the TVA in the engineering department, building highways.

Survivors are his widow, his father, J. M. Crisp of Murphy, his mother, Mrs. Amanda E. Crisp, two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Crisp and Mrs. Stella Church all of Marion, and five aunts including Mrs. J. N. Moody of Murphy who attended the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Forrester of Murphy on Saturday received the following telegram relative to their son, John Edgar Forrester, who had been a prisoner of the Japanese for three years and seven months, having been a Houston survivor:

"I am pleased to inform you of the liberation from Japanese custody of your son, John Edgar Forrester, seaman first class, USN, word has been received that he has arrived in Calcutta. His condition is reported as good. You are invited to send him free via this bureau a twenty-five word message. Every effort to effect delivery of this message before his return to United States will be made. Further details will be furnished you promptly when received. I rejoice with you in this good news and hope that he will communicate with you at an early date. Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, the Chief of Naval Personnel."

## Herman H. Jones Awarded Medal

With The Fifth, Army, Italy—Staff Sergeant Herman H. Jones of Unaka, North Carolina, recently was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in combat in Italy.

He served with the Fifth Army in Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 349th "Krautkiller" Regiment, 88th "Blue Devil" Division.

His wife, Mrs. Lois G. Jones, lives in Unaka.

## Johnson Coming Home After 40 Months Overseas

With the 32nd Infantry Division in Northern Luzon, P. I. — Private First Class Merrill Johnson, whose father, lives at 104 Willow Street, Murphy, North Carolina, is returning home under the Army's redeployment plan.

Johnson a veteran of 40 months overseas, was a machine gunner in Battery B, 121st Field Artillery Battalion of the 32nd "Red Arrow" Infantry Division, which is operating in the Cagayan Valley of Northern Luzon, Philippine Islands.

He entered the Army on January 14, 1942, completed his basic training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and embarked for overseas duty, April 22, 1942.

Seeing action at Sidor Aitape, Biak of the Netherlands East Indies, Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines, Johnson is authorized to wear the American Defense ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and Philippines Liberation ribbons with three battle stars. He was also awarded the Bronze Arrowhead for participating in the initial landing at Biak, and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

Before entering the Army, Johnson was a truck driver in his father's business.

## A Man Without an Airport



## What the Well-Foliaged Coast Guardsman Is Wearing

