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RED CROSS SERVES WOUNDED SOLDIER



Pvt. Claude Bengé, of Ronda, is shown here as Miss Evelyn Merritt, of Detroit, Red Cross hospital worker, selects games for convalescent patients in an army hospital. Pvt. Bengé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bascomb Bengé, of Ronda, was discharged from the Moore General Hospital at Swanannoa November 17 and has returned home.

Juniors' Officers Will Be Installed

Important Meeting North Wilkesboro Council Of Juniors Tuesday

The North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order will begin the new year at the meeting Tuesday night by installing newly elected officers.

Clay Pardue will head the council as counselor during the first half of the new year and the other officers to be installed will be as follows: E. A. Shook, vice counselor; C. A. Carter, recording secretary; Johnson Sanders, financial secretary; Northwestern Bank, treasurer; Wade Wallace, conductor; A. G. Anderson, Warden; O. K. Pope, inside sentinel; T. H. Waller, outside sentinel; E. L. Derrick, junior past counselor; Wade Wallace, J. M. Eller and B. F. Bentley, trustees; J. M. Canter and Clay Pardue, representatives to state council; B. F. Bentley and E. A. Shook, alternate representatives to state council; H. L. Mechem, chaplain; D. E. Elledge, assistant chaplain.

In addition to installation of officers, there will be other important business matters for the Tuesday night meeting and a large attendance is urged. It is particularly desired that all the newly elected officers be present.

William McNeill Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Sunday at Arbor Grove Methodist church near Millers Creek for William Howard McNeill, age 42, well known local business man who died Friday.

Mr. McNeill, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wade McNeill, was a member of a prominent Wilkes family and for several years was engaged in the automobile business.

He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Rudd N. McNeill, Hays; Mrs. J. R. Johnson, Wilkesboro, route one; Mrs. John Kilby, North Wilkesboro, route one; Miss Lena McNeill, Washington, D. C.

Rev. A. W. Eller and Rev. J. L. A. Spangarner conducted the funeral service.

Sgt. Owens Recovering

Pvt. Paul J. Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Owens, of Wilbar, is recovering from wounds received in Germany Oct. 18. He is now in a U. S. Army hospital in England.

Sgt. Owens entered service in March, 1943. He received basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and sailed for overseas in May, 1944. He was in active service in France, Belgium and Holland. He was in Germany only a few days before being wounded. While in the States he received the Purple Heart medal and several other medals.

He was promoted from private to sergeant while in England before entering military service.

Sgt. Owens attended high school and was employed at the Goodwill Store. He was drafted into the Army, Egypt, and later served in the officers' room.

YANKS WREST INITIATIVE FROM NAZIS

Paris, Dec. 31.—U. S. Gen. George S. Patton's United States Third Army launched a full-scale offensive at noon Saturday west and northeast of Bastogne, and reports tonight said his tanks and infantry had ground out some gains against the 12- to 14-mile wide neck of the German bulge in Belgium.

A front dispatch said the hard-charging tank general had wrested the initiative from Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt amid front line predictions that the German commander may abandon his dearly-bought gains in favor of assaults elsewhere.

The dispatch, from Associated Press Correspondent Edward D. Ball, located the drive northeast of Bastogne, but reports here are stressing an assault by Patton's tanks and troops midway between Bastogne and St. Hubert, 15 miles west, along a strongly-fortified enemy line.

Little else was disclosed of this blow from the south except that it had made "some progress" in a northeasterly direction, was believed to be in considerable force and was on a fairly wide front.

Wounded In France



Pfc. Johnnie W. Johnston, son of Mrs. Dollie Johnston, who resides on Sixth street in this city, was slightly wounded in France December 2, according to a message received by his mother. Pfc. Johnston entered the army May 21, 1943, received training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and Fort George G. Meade, Md., and went overseas in November, 1943.

Somers and Story Go to Legislature

W. B. Somers, state senator for the 24th district composed of Wilkes, Yadkin and Davie counties and Representative T. E. Story, both of Wilkesboro, left Sunday evening for Raleigh, where they will take their seats in the General Assembly which convenes Wednesday. Senator Somers will be serving his first term in the legislature. Representative Story will serve his third term, having been first elected to the legislature in 1938.

Killed in Germany



Pfc. Kemp Odell Bowers, age 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bowers, of Moxley, was killed in action in Germany on November 18, according to telegram and letter received by his parents from the War Department. Pfc. Bowers entered the army January 26, 1944, received basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and Fort George G. Meade, Md., and went overseas in July. He landed in England and was later sent to France and into Germany, where he served with an infantry division. He was awarded the good conduct medal and infantryman's medal, which have been received by his mother. Pfc. Bowers is survived by his father and mother, six brothers and four sisters: Old Bowers, Statesville; Lester Bowers, of Hays; Cpl. Johnnie Bowers, of army air forces, Alexandria, Va.; Pfc. Van Bowers, army air forces, Avon Park, Fla.; Cpl. M. L. Bowers, army infantry, Camp Gordon, Ga.; Mrs. Flossie Walker, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Asie Freeman, Winston-Salem; Miss Ruth Bowers, Winston-Salem; Margie Bowers, Moxley.

Schools of County To Remain Closed Until Thursday

Due to the condition of roads in the county, schools of the Wilkes county system with the exception of Mulberry are remaining closed until Thursday morning.

The schools were originally scheduled to reopen today following the Christmas holidays, but continuous rains during the past week have rendered dirt roads virtually impassable for school buses.

North Wilkesboro city schools, and Mulberry central school, which has interlocking transportation system with North Wilkesboro, reopened this morning.

Greene Child Dies

Funeral service was held today at Old Fields church in Ashe county for Cecil Albert Greene, three-months-old son of Albert and Ola Parsons Greene, of Stony Fork. The child died Sunday. Rev. Levi Greene conducted the funeral service.

Colored Woman Dies

Funeral service was held Thursday at the colored Baptist church here for Helen Gregory, age 37, local colored resident who died Wednesday. She is survived by her father, Jarrett S. Moton, of Winston-Salem.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

REDS CRUSHING NAZI IN CITY OF BUDAPEST

London, Dec. 31.—Russian troops amid scenes of slaughter unequalled since Stalingrad, today captured 800 blocks in Buda, the western half of Budapest, smashing the enemy's main fortification line and occupying nearly two-thirds of that section of the battle-torn Hungarian capital.

Simultaneously other Russian troops to the north crushed the last enemy remnants trapped in the Danube loop and swept the last Germans out of northeastern Hungary into Slovakia on a 200-mile front between the mouth of the Ipoly river and the frontier town of Satoraljaújhely.

Missing In Action



Sgt. Ismael Laws, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Laws, of Boomer, has been reported missing in action in Germany since December 11, according to a telegram received by his father from the War Department. Sgt. Laws has been in service two years and has been overseas for six months.

Miss McGlamery Is Claimed By Death

Last rites were conducted Sunday at Pleasant Home Baptist church for Miss Hattie Mae McGlamery, age 59, resident of the Millers Creek community, who died Friday. Rev. A. E. Watts and Rev. A. W. Eller conducted the funeral service.

Miss McGlamery is survived by her mother, Mrs. Hester McGlamery, and the following brothers and sisters: Bell McGlamery, Otto McGlamery, Mrs. C. G. Reinhardt and Mrs. A. S. Clark, of Millers Creek; Sam McGlamery, of Lexington, and Joe McGlamery, of Lexington.

Buy Extra Bonds!

TWO BENTON BROTHERS AND NEPHEW WOUNDED IN ACTION



PVT. WARNER H. BENTON



PVT. NOAH T. BENTON



PVT. ROSCOE BENTON



BRANSON D. YATES, S.I.C.

Three sons and one grandson of Mrs. Gladys Benton and the late Branson Benton, of Parlear, are in service and two of her sons and her grandson have been wounded in action. Pvt. Warner H. Benton is now convalescing at Moore General Hospital at Swanannoa from wounds received June 12 in France in the invasion where he participated in D-Day combat. He was in the hospital nine weeks before being sent to the States. Pvt. Benton was inducted into the army October 14, 1942, received basic training at Camp Barkley, Texas, was on maneuvers in Louisiana, back to Camp Barkley, to California, and to Fort Dix, N. J. He went to England in March, 1944. Pvt. Noah T. Benton is recovering in a hospital in France from shrapnel wounds received October 4 in his right arm. Pvt. Benton entered the army September 27, 1943, was in training at Camp Blanton, Tex., and Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Fort George G. Meade, Md., before going to England in April. He went into France in June and entered combat July 1. Recent letters home stated that he was getting along well and was receiving the best of attention. The third son of Mrs. Benton in service is Pvt. Roscoe Benton, who entered the army May 28, 1944, was in training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and where he is in radio technician school. Mrs. Benton's grandson, Branson D. Yates, entered the navy in April, 1943, received training at Sloatsburg, N. Y. He made his first trip to the guard school in Brooklyn, N. Y. He has seen action in Italy, where he was wounded in Italy. He is now on his fourth trip overseas as the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Yates, of Parlear.

Paul Osborne Is New President Of Kiwanis Here

For Year Installed, Annual Achievement Report Is Rendered

Installation of officers and reading of the annual Achievement report by Secretary T. E. Story featured the final meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club for the year Friday.

Prior to those features of the program a number of matters were before the club.

The McCoy spoke of the fine work of J. B. Snipes in the Club and in the county and expressed regrets for his leaving, and made motion that the Club express its good wishes to J. B. by a lusty hand clap, which was done.

W. D. Halfacre spoke of the excellent publicity that the Club has received from the local press and made motion that the thanks of the Club be expressed to the management of the Journal-Patriot for this fine service.

J. R. Hix presented to the Secretary a \$50.00 war bond as the Club's expression of appreciation for his services.

Miss Lois Scrogg's expressed appreciation to the members of the Club for the Christmas gift she received.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Bertha Bell expressing appreciation for the Club's remembrance of her with a war bond for a Christmas present.

President A. F. Kilby asked the secretary to read the Achievement Report of the year which took the place of the luncheon program. The record indicates that 23 Kiwanians have made perfect attendance during the year and that six others missed only one day.

Following the reading of the report President Kilby very appropriately presented the Francis Button to becoming President Paul Osborne, who expressed his desire to lead the present high.

W. K. Sturdivant, with appropriate words presented the Past President's button to Mr. Kilby. Guests Friday were as follows: Lt. W. E. Jones, Jr., and E. W. Kuyrtas with W. E. Jones; Miss Kate Finley with J. R. Finley; O. H. Phillips with J. B. Snipes, and W. J. Caroom, Jr., with W. J. Caroom.

M. Sgt. Smoak Receives Decoration

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Smoak of Wilkesboro, have received the following communication relative to their son, M. Sgt. Sam Smoak, who is serving at an air base in England:

"Distinguished Service Award was given at the Second Air Base in England to George H. Smoak, M. Sgt. Maint. Div., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Shop Chief, Parachute and Rep. Dept. from Dec. 1, 1943, to Dec. 12, 1944.

"M. Sgt. Smoak devised a process of cementing slide fasteners to the A-9 Summer Flying Shoes. He also materially aided in developing a substitute for the American type Sea Marker Packet for life vests.

"Awarded this 4 day of Nov. 1944.

PAUL B. JACKSON; Lt. Col., Air Corps, C. O., Maint. Div., B. A. D., No. 2.

JOHN G. MOORE, Colonel, Air Corps, Commanding.

Cpl. Redding On Way Home On Leave

Marine Barracks, Terminal Island, San Pedro, Calif.—Following 24 months' service and combat in the Pacific, Marine Corporal Dolphus J. Redding, Jr., of Ronda, N. C., is in San Diego, Calif., awaiting reclassification and furlough home.

The 33-year-old Leatherneck is a veteran of the fighting at Tarawa and he was also in the battle for the Marshall Islands.

Corporal Redding landed in the United States to meet his brother, Corporal Second Class Turner Redding, whom he had not seen for two years, and was able to spend a few hours with the Navy before leaving for his post.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Redding reported one Corporal Redding graduated from the United States Marine Corps in 1943, and was in the States since then. He was assigned to the Children's Hospital in the States and is now in the States.

Wellborn Hawkins Funeral On Sunday

Funeral service was held Sunday at Hawkins family cemetery for Wellborn Hawkins, citizen of Rock Creek township who died Thursday at his home. Rev. A. B. Hayes conducted the last rites. Mr. Hawkins is survived by his wife and one son, G. B. Hawkins.

Naval Veterans Meet

Charles L. Locke, first vice president on one of United States naval vessels, met with other naval veterans in the South Pacific, at the meeting on Thursday and the veterans of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hayes, who are in the States, were also present. Mr. Hayes is a veteran of the service during the war and is now in the States.