

Pfc. Hall Gets Bronze Star



Pfc. Glenn H. Hall is shown receiving the bronze star medal, the presentation being made on the western front by Major General John E. Dahlquist.

PFC. HALL IS DECORATED FOR RESCUING WOUNDED SOLDIERS

For heroic achievement in rescuing wounded soldiers, Pfc. Glenn H. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall, of Halls Mills, has been awarded the bronze star medal.

The citation by Major General John E. Dahlquist, commanding the 43rd infantry division, was as follows:

Pfc. Glenn H. Hall, private, Co. C, 42nd infantry regiment, for heroic achievement in combat on 7 December, 1944, in France. While the first platoon of Comany C was holding a bridge on a strategically important road, the area was subjected to heavy artillery barrage. One of the shells exploded within a few feet of a dug-in position, killing one man and seriously wounding two others. When he heard the cries of the

Number of Young Men Go Into Navy

Seventeen-year-old youths from this area recently accepted for naval service include: Paul Montgomery Armes, Abshers; Edgar Henry Robertson, Hiddenite; Paul Herman Mitchell, Hiddenite; Buford Payne Warren, route 3, Taylorsville; Leo James Collins, route one, Elkin; William Douthard Parlier, Moravian Falls; Dana Fred Tugman, Wilkesboro; Jay Parsons, Buck; Wade Hampton Absher, Halls Mills; Edward Eugene Osborne, route one, North Wilkesboro, and Paul Glenn Cockerham, route one, Elkin.

RATION NEWS

MEATS, FATS — Red Stamps Q5, R5, S5 will expire March 31; Red Stamps T5, U5, V5, W5, and X5 will expire on April 28; Red Stamps Y5, Z5, and A2, B2, C2, D2 will expire June 2; Red Stamps E2, F2, G2, H2, J2, will expire June 30; new stamps will be validated April 1.

PROCESSED FOOD — Blue Stamps X5, Y5, Z5, and A2 and B2, will expire March 31; Blue Stamps C2, D2, E2, F2, and G2 will expire April 28; Blue Stamps H2, J2, K2, L2, M2, will expire June 2; Blue Stamps N2, P2, Z2, R2, S2, will expire June 30. New stamps will be validated April 1.

SUGAR STAMP—35 will expire June 1. No new stamp will be validated until May 1st.

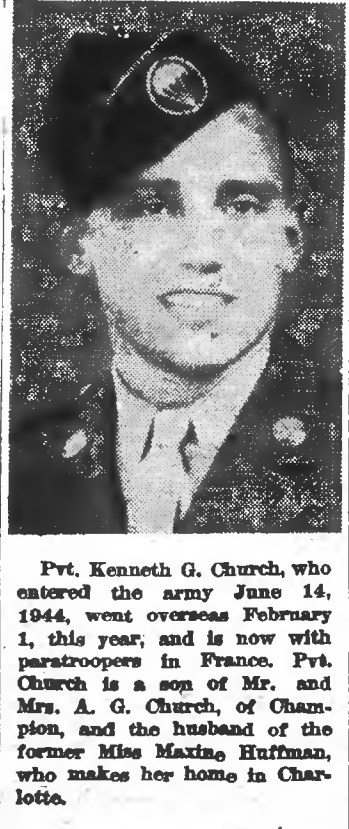
FUEL OIL — All coupons valued 10 gallons. Period 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 coupons for current heating season valid through current season.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 in Book Three, good indefinitely.

wounded soldiers, Pvt. Hall immediately left the comparative safety of his fighting hole and, while artillery shells blasted the surrounding terrain, crawled through mud to the wounded men. He carried one of the soldiers to the aid men's covered position and, after emergency treatment had been administered, returned with the aid man to the spot where the other injured soldier was lying. Again braving the incessant gun fire, he helped carry the wounded man across swampy terrain to the rear. Entered the service from Wilkes county, N. C.

Pfc. Hall entered the army in January, 1944, received training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and sailed for overseas in August. His wife, the former Miss Thelma Wyatt, and three children make their home at Halls Mills.

Serves in France



Pfc. Kenneth G. Church, who entered the army June 14, 1944, went overseas February 1, this year, and is now with paratroopers in France. Pfc. Church is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Church, of Champion, and the husband of the former Miss Maxine Huffman, who makes her home in Charlotte.

ALLIED FORCES ADVANCING THROUGH GERMANY

Officers Eastern Star Installed In Fine Ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Kelly Head Local Chapter For Coming Year

In a beautiful installation service Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Kelly were installed as worthy patron and worthy matron of Wilkes chapter number 42 of the Order of Eastern Star.

Other officers of the local chapter installed were as follows: Mrs. C. G. Day, associate matron; Kyle Hayes, associate patron; Mrs. Maurice Walsh, conductress; Mrs. H. G. Duncan associate conductress; Mrs. Bernice P. Greer secretary; Miss Hester Tubbert marshal; Miss Breta Poe Scroggs, treasurer; Mrs. Leona Pardue, chaplain; Mrs. Howard Ford, organist; Mrs. Shoun Kerbaugh, adah; Mrs. Johnson Sanders, ruth; Mrs. Joe Carter, esther; Mrs. Aleen Upchurch, martha; Mrs. Fred Galther, electa; Mrs. R. J. Hinshaw, warden; C. P. Walter, sentinel.

Mrs. Ira D. Payne, district deputy grand matron, was the installing officer and was assisted by Mrs. Howard T. Clark as marshal, and H. T. Clark, Miss Mabel Henderson, Mrs. Howard Ford, Mrs. A. A. Cashion, Mrs. C. B. Lomax, Mrs. F. C. Forester, Mrs. G. G. Foster and Mrs. C. P. Walter.

Mrs. Kelly was the recipient of a gift from the past matrons of the chapter. She remembered her installing officer and junior past matron with gifts. Mr. Kelly presented his wife with an ebony gavel for her use as presiding officer during the coming year.

Commended



T-4 Paul Sexton Member of Highly Praised Regiment

Joynes Soldier in Combat Team of Regiment Setting Record on Philippines

T-4 Paul M. Sexton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sexton, of Joynes, is a member of the 169th infantry regiment combat team of the 43rd infantry division serving in the Philippines and which was recently highly commended by Maj. Gen. Leonard F. Wing, commanding the division.

The commendation by Major General Wing was as follows:

"I want you to know that I realize that you have marched more miles over very difficult and rugged terrain, met and killed more Japs, and suffered more casualties than any other unit in this campaign. Your splendid achievements are in keeping with the best traditions of the American army and typify the fighting, shooting, slugging infantry. I, together with every member of this division, are proud to be serving with you and commend you for heroic action."

Colonel W. J. Mullen, commanding the 169th infantry regiment, adds the following to Major General Wing's commendation:

"I am honored to pass on to you men and officers of the 169th regimental combat team this well earned commendation from the commanding general, 43rd infantry division. May God continue to bless our efforts in the future as He has in the past."

An army signal corps photo showing T-4 Sexton bandaging a wounded Filipino's arm on Luzon was recently carried in many newspapers throughout the country.

Mitchell Youth Is Winner Legion Speaking Contest

Phil Mitchell Wins District Honors in Oratorical Contest Held Here

Phil Mitchell, student of the North Wilkesboro high school and son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Mitchell, of North Wilkesboro, was winner in the 15th district American Legion oratorical contest held in this city.

Other county winners participating in the contest were: Glenn Atwood, of Nathan's Creek high school, Ashe county; and Miss Adelaide Morrison, of Statesville, Iredell county winner. The subject of the orations was "The American Constitution In a Changing World."

L. M. Nelson, Legion commander for the 15th district, presided at the contest, which was held at Hotel Wilkes. Judges were Mrs. R. G. Finley, Mrs. Hadley Hayes and Attorney Eugene Trivette.

The district winner will participate in the area contest to be held Friday in Statesville.

Local Stores Will Be Closed Monday

Stores and many other business houses of North Wilkesboro will have their first holiday of 1945 on Easter Monday.

A great majority of retail stores as well as both the local banks, and a number of business houses and offices will be closed on Monday, April 2. The Red Cross office will also be closed Monday.

Beginning Wednesday, April 11, and continuing through September 26, retail stores will have a half holiday each Wednesday afternoon. The other holidays for stores during the year will be July 4th, Thanksgiving and two days for Christmas.

PLANES WIPE OUT 38 JAP AIRCRAFT

Guam. — Big American battleships blasted away in their fifth confirmed bombardment of the Ryukyu approaches to Japan on Wednesday and sky-dominating carrier planes plastered defenses in their 11th day of fiery action since they tore into the enemy homeland March 18.

The navy announced the developments today — still silent on continuing enemy broadcasts that American forces have been on some of the Ryukyu islands since Sunday.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, who has reported ship shellings of the Ryukyus on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday along with continuous carrier raids, disclosed the carrier planes destroyed 38 enemy planes and damaged 19 or more enemy ships, including three warships, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Pvt. Boyce Moore Is Injured On Iwo Jima

Pvt. Boyce Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Moore, of North Wilkesboro route three, was wounded on Iwo Jima on March 6. A letter from Pvt. Moore states that he had received shrapnel wounds in his face and left side, from a mortar shell, but that he was recovering and expected to re-join his outfit soon. Pvt. Moore is serving in the marine corps.

Residence In City Is Destroyed By Fire Early Wednesday

Fire at one a. m. Wednesday completely destroyed a large frame residence on the corner of Ninth and G streets.

The fire, of undetermined origin, was making much headway when discovered and the building and all contents were destroyed. Firemen were able to save the residence next door, which was damaged by fire and water.

The building which burned was the property of S. V. Tomlinson and the loss was partially covered by insurance. It was occupied by Lonnie Bumgarner and family, whose furnishings were destroyed. Mr. Bumgarner's automobile, parked in front of the house, also burned.

The adjacent building which was damaged is the property of C. D. Coffey, Jr., and is occupied by J. C. Hayes and family.

Ministers to Meet Next Sunday Night

The monthly meeting of the Ministerial Association of the Wilkesboros will convene at the home of Dr. David E. Browning, minister of the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro Sunday evening at nine o'clock.

Club to Meet

Mulberry-Fairplains home demonstration club will meet Wednesday, April 4, 1:30, at the home of Mrs. Glenn Eller. Members are asked to attend and to have visitors with them. Waste fats will be collected and donations will be received for boxes to be sent to service men.

North Wilkesboro Hi-Y Club Chosen Best In Carolinas

Hi-Y club of North Wilkesboro high school has been chosen the most outstanding among 125 active Hi-Y clubs in North Carolina high schools.

News of the selection of the North Wilkesboro club as the most outstanding was carried in the current issue of "The Carolinas Torch", publication of Hi-Y clubs in North and South Carolina.

The best club was selected on the basis of promptness of registration, regularity of reporting, method of receiving new members, conduct and character of regular meetings, service projects, and organization of new clubs, such as Y. M. C. A.'s.

The publication related that the North Wilkesboro club had been the first to re-affiliate for the past five years. Pat M. Hunt, secretary, was commended for reporting regularly, and on time, attendance of almost 100 per cent, induction of new members, promoting youth center, church attendance and activities in behalf of a Y. M. C. A.

Serves in Italy



Pfc. Lee E. Marlowe, who entered the army in February, 1942, went overseas in March, 1944, and is now serving in Italy, according to letters received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Marlowe, of Gilreath. He stated that he was getting along fine. Before he entered the army he was employed by Jones Lewis Furniture Company in Greensboro.

Jones, Payne and Church Candidates For School Board

W. E. Jones and Ira D. Payne, two members of the North Wilkesboro board of education whose terms expire this year, have filed for re-election in the city primary April 23 and the election May 8.

John W. Hall, who was also up for re-election this year, has declined to be a candidate and Rufus B. Church has filed in his stead. Mr. Hall was appointed on the board when E. C. Johnson resigned when he left North Wilkesboro. Therefore, Church has filed as a candidate for the remainder of the term of Johnson, which extends until 1947.

Mr. Payne, who was named to fill the unexpired term of J. B. Williams when he resigned, will be up for a six-year term. Mr. Jones' six-year term expires this year. Terms of D. J. Carter, chairman, J. B. McCoy and Dr. J. S. Deans do not expire this year.

Easter Festival Service St. Paul's

The Easter Festival Sunrise Service will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal church on Easter Day at 8:45 a. m., as has been the custom for the past thirteen years. The service will consist of a celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon by the rector, Rev. B. M. Lackey. The choir will sing Easter hymns and carols in the churchyard before the service begins in the church. The special offering at this service will go to the Virginia Theological Seminary for purpose of educating young men for the ministry. The public is cordially invited to attend and worship with St. Paul's congregation on Easter morning.

S. SGT. VAUGHN JENNINGS SERVING WITH FRONT LINE FIGHTER-BOMBER SQUADRON

A Ninth Air Force P-47 Thunderbolt Base, France—Hundreds of German armored columns fleeing the Ardennes salient one early morning in January didn't bother to look up into the heavy overcast to see P-47 Thunderbolt fighter-bombers of this crack group, "The Maulers," dive through a hole in the clouds at 300 miles an hour to release wing bombs and rockets on them.

Back at base that day, Staff Sgt. Vaughn E. Jennings, Pores Knob, former social science high school teacher, had a "ringside" seat in a remarkable display of (See JENNINGS—Page 8)

S. Sgt. Jennings In Mobile Office



A Ninth Air Force P-47 Thunderbolt Base, France—Pictured above in a captured German van that has traveled hundreds of miles across France as a mobile combat office are, left to right, Staff Sgt. Vaughn E. Jennings, Pores Knob, N. C., and Tech. Sgt. C. A. Germann, Milwaukee, Wis. Both are assigned as chief clerks with this front-line fighter-bomber group, the 362nd, of the Ninth Air Force that is currently smashing enemy strong points ahead of American infantrymen advancing in Germany.