

## LUTHER REACHES AGE 102 YEARS



J. E. Luther, center, has reached the age of 102 and a birthday celebration will be held at Gap Creek Baptist church at Deep Gap Sunday. The above picture of Mr. Luther was made on his 100th birthday, two years ago with J. B. Williams, left, and J. G. Hackett, right, of this city.

## ALL-DAY CELEBRATION PLANNED AT DEEP GAP SUNDAY IN HONOR OF J. E. LUTHER'S 102ND BIRTHDAY

The Deep Gap community between North Wilkesboro and Boone will be the scene of an interesting event Sunday when a full-day program will be carried out at Gap Creek Baptist church in celebration of J. E. Luther's 102nd birthday.

Mr. Luther, a life-long resident of the Deep Gap community, is a prominent veteran and for many decades was active in church and public life of his community.

The program committee of Gap Creek church has issued the following announcement of the birthday celebration:

"On Sunday, September 9, the Gap Creek Baptist church will have a celebration which few, if any, will ever have the opportunity

## Christmas Mail To Men Overseas Sept. 15 - Oct. 15

Atlanta, Ga.—It's time to be thinking of mailing Christmas packages overseas.

Army postal officers at Headquarters Fourth Command reminded the public that even though hostilities have ceased on all fronts, there are still many thousands of American troops who will spend their Christmas in foreign lands and these troops will be looking forward to packages from home.

The regulations governing the mailing of overseas Christmas gifts to army personnel remain the same as last year—they must be posted between September 15 and October 15—one package a week may be sent (without a request) by any one person to the same service man—the usual restrictions as to size and weight of Christmas parcels applies—not more than 15 inches long or more than 36 inches in length and girth combined and maximum weight five pounds. Most stores have a stock of boxes approved by the War Department for overseas gift shipments.

The army asks that gifts be selected which a soldier is unlikely to find in the particular area in which he is situated and to remember that intoxicants, inflammable materials (such as matches and lighter fluids) and perishable matter are unacceptable for mailing.

Families and friends of men stationed in the China-Burma theater, India theater, the Middle East or on the Pacific Islands, are urged to avail themselves of the early mailing date to insure receipt of Christmas presents by Christmas day. It is suggested that parcels routed to those distant bases be mailed as early as possible to September 15 and no later than October 1.

All-risk crop insurance on wheat is now being written through the local offices of the AAA in each county.

## Hartley Lands At Auction Sept. 8th

One hundred highly desirable home sites and small farms will go on sale Saturday, September 8, when Penny Brothers, auctioneers, sell the F. J. Hartley home place on highways 421 and 115, two miles southeast of this city.

This is highly desirable property and fronts on both the old and new Statesville highways. It includes beautiful groves and acreage tracts suitable for gardening and small scale farming.

Band music, cash and war bond prizes will be included in the entertainment at the sale, which is expected to be largely attended.

## NAVY URGES U. S. TO KEEP PACIFIC BASES

Washington.—The navy recommended yesterday that the United States retain a vast postwar ring of naval bases spanning the Pacific, including one base that was formerly British.

It also called for six permanent major bases in the Atlantic, including one on Bermuda and another at Argentine, Newfoundland.

Stretching from the Aleutians to the Admiralties, the proposed Pacific line of bases would lie athwart that ocean to support far-ranging fleets and keep aggression far from United States shores.

Nine major bases were included in this list which Assistant Secretary H. Struve Hensel described as "limited to those we should intend to maintain and which are susceptible to defense. They were: Kodiak and Adak in the Aleutians, Hawaii, Guam, Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas, (considered as one base), Iwo Jima in the Bonins and Volcano Island groups, Okinawa, in the Ryukyus, the Philippines, and Manus in the Admiralties.

Between 600 and 700 cars of sweet potatoes are now being shipped each business day.

## Victory Meeting Of Legion Post Is Very Successful

Large Attendance of Legionnaires And Other Veterans For Special Meet.

A special meeting of veterans of both World Wars held Friday night for the purpose of celebration and thanksgiving for the end of the war was a very successful event.

The meeting, sponsored by Wilkes Post of the American Legion, was held at the Legion and Auxiliary club house with many veterans of both wars in attendance.

Major E. P. Robinson, a veteran of both wars, and a past-commander of the post, presided in the absence of Commander Carl Buchan, who has been ill for several days.

An impressive talk and prayer was given by Dr. David E. Browning and Rev. Mr. Stevenson, who was a guest of Dr. Browning.

Major Robinson spoke briefly and paid tribute to the men who have fought and died for the cause of freedom. He especially praised the National Guard company here, who were first to enter service for the second World War, and which he commanded at the time of mobilization in September, 1940. Cpl. Louise Vyne Tait, who served in the Woman's Army Auxiliary, paid tribute to service by women during the conflict.

A number of short talks in tribute to men who won the victory were rendered by veterans present. The meeting closed with singing of "God Bless America."

A victory dance, sponsored by the Legion, and which followed the meeting, was well attended and very successful.

Next meeting of the Legion will be on Friday night, September 7. A large attendance is urged.

## Navy Can Accept Volunteers From Age 17 - 50 Years

The Navy can now accept the voluntary enlistment of men between the ages of 17 and 50 years, Chief J. E. Huffman, navy recruiting officer for this area, announced this week.

The authority to enlist volunteers in the draft age group of 18 through 37 years was received from Lt. W. W. Templin, Jr., officer in charge of all navy recruiting activities in North Carolina, and will be put into effect at once according to Recruiter Huffman. The order follows close on the heels of President Truman's executive order of Wednesday lifting the ban placed on volunteer enlistments within the draft age groups by President Roosevelt on December 5, 1942. After volunteer enlistments in this draft age group ceased, all men subject to being drafted were distributed to the various branches of the armed services through armed forces induction stations, one of which, Fort Bragg, operates in this state.

The authority to enlist draft age men in the navy on a voluntary basis does not affect induction in any way, Chief Huffman said. The only change is that men within the draft age brackets can, if they wish, volunteer for naval service. Men below and above the draft age, within the 17 to 50-year limit, have been permitted to enlist all along.

The recruiting officer announced that the navy recruiters in this state will put their main emphasis on "regular navy" enlistments. Men enlisting in the regular navy are enlisted for four years, except the seventeen-year-olds, who are enlisted for "minority," or until they become 21 years of age. Enlistments in the U. S. Naval Reserve are "for the duration of the national emergency and six months."

Chief Huffman said this week that the quota of men from this area that can be accepted in September is limited. Orders have been received by him to "fill this quota, if possible, with volunteers for the regular navy."

## Thomas C. McGinnis Funeral Is Conducted

Funeral service was held today at Little Rock church for Thomas C. McGinnis, well-known citizen of that community, who died Monday at his home. Rev. A. J. Foster and Rev. Otto Johnson conducted the service.

Mr. McGinnis is survived by two sisters, Mrs. J. S. Jennings, of Pores Knob, and Mrs. Laura Payne, of Millers Creek.

## Has Narrow Escape



LT. CHARLES D. SCROGGS.

## Scroggs Is Forced Down Near Japs

St. Petersburg, Fla.—How Lt. Charles D. Scroggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Scroggs, 1000 Nineteenth avenue, north, was forced down in the Pacific after returning from an 18-hour bombing mission, and floated with other members of his crew for three days and two nights only 45 miles from Japanese territory, was related in letters received here by the flier's parents.

Lieutenant Scroggs some weeks ago was reported missing in action but before the official notification came to his parents, they received a cable from their son telling them to disregard the "missing" report.

Wins Air Medal.

The flier's parents have also received a letter from Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of Allied air forces in the southwest Pacific, informing them that their son has been decorated with the Air medal in recognition of courageous service in that section of the Pacific war zone over a period from March 29 to May 2.

Telling of the mission that almost ended in capture, Lieutenant Scroggs wrote that his plane had found its target but on return to its base was driven off course and ran out of gas. It was night and there was no land in sight so it was necessary to "ditch" the plane in the ocean.

A Close Call.

For three days and two nights the crew drifted on life rafts. Some of them were wounded.

"I did an awful lot of praying during that time, mostly that we would sight land, because I felt sure that at least one of the wounded men would die if we had to stay in life rafts much longer. When we were finally picked up I found out that we were 45 miles from Japan territory, and all the islands in that area, Jap-held."

The Lord must have kept them out of sight of land, Scroggs remarked, because "if we had reached one of these islands we would not be alive to tell the story."

Mr. and Mrs. Scroggs recently were in North Carolina, and while in Statesville called on Mr. and Mrs. H. Mardock, whose son, Tom, was a member of the same crew. He escaped with only a minor cut over the eye.

Praise From General.

In his letter telling of the Air medal award, General Kenney told the Scroggs that their son took part in sustained operational missions during which hostile contact "was probable and expected."

He commented, "Almost every hour of every day, your son and the sons of other Americans, are doing just such things that here in the southwest Pacific Theatre is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory and to peace."

Lt. Scroggs is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Scroggs, of Moravian Falls, N. C.

## RATION NEWS

MEATS AND FATS: Red stamps: V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2, now valid; expire September 30; A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, now valid; expire October 31; F1, G1, H1, J1, K1, now valid; expire November 30; L1, M1, N1, P1, Q1, now valid; expire December 31.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 38 expires December 31.

SHOES: Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, now good.



## PFC. ARNOLD R. CHEEK HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Pfc. Arnold R. Cheek has arrived home on 30-day furlough after 18 months' service in Europe, during which time he was twice wounded in action in Italy, and is currently stationed at a hospital in Alabama.

Pfc. Cheek is the husband of the former Miss Charlotte Byrd, who is now a member of the nursing staff of the Wilkes hospital, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cheek, of Roaring River.

## PFC. LONNIE P. SOMERS AT CAMP SHELBY, MISS.

Pfc. Lonnie Preston Somers, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Somers, of Cycle, and husband of Mrs. Ruth Somers, of Hamptonville, is currently stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., as a member of the 378th Regiment, Company H, Second Battalion of the famous 95th Division.

Pfc. Somers saw action in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany. He was awarded the Presidential citation and combat infantryman's badge.

## VAN CHURCH FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER

Van Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Church, of Moxley, and husband of the former Miss Lucile Covington, has been promoted from first class petty officer to chief petty officer. He is now stationed at the naval supply depot, Oakland, California. He served four years aboard ship in the Pacific.

## SGT. WILLIAM C. CULLER ON AIR TOUR ITALY

With the Air Service Command, Italy.—Sgt. William C. Culler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Culler, Wilkesboro, N. C., on duty in Italy with a chemical depot company of the Air Force Command, Mediterranean theater of operations, was selected to make a sight seeing tour of Italy. Sgt. Culler was part of a group that made up the passenger list of two B-17s, especially chartered for this event in honor of the celebration of the thirty-eighth anniversary of the Army Air Forces.

"The tour took the men on an eight hour and fourteen hundred mile nonstop air trip and covered such places of interest as Naples, Mt. Vesuvius, Isle of Capri, Salerno, Anzio, Rome, Florence, Pisa, Genoa, Turin, Lake Como, Milan, Verona, Venice, Bologna, Rimini, Ancona and return to the base in Foggia.

"I have gone on eighteen tours before," said Sgt. Culler, "but this is the first time I have seen so much, covered so large a territory in so little time. I am sure I will long remember this trip and certainly appreciate its educational value."

## PVT. JOHN C. NICHOLS SERVING IN FRANCE

Pvt. John C. Nichols, of the Congo community, is now in France and is getting along fine, according to letters received by friends recently. He is expecting to return home soon.

## MAJOR HERSCHEL SAXON VISITING HERE

Maj. Herschel A. Saxon, MAC, U. S. Army, arrived back in the United States on the Queen Elizabeth August 31, 1945, after three and one-half years foreign service in the United Kingdom and France. Maj. Saxon went to Northern Ireland early in 1942 with the first general hospital. He was also with the First General Hospital to land in France after V-Day. Five months later he returned to England to assist in activating the 803rd hospital center as chief of the medical supply division and was later with the surgeon base as hospital liaison officer and chief of supply hospital section until his return to the United States for duty with the Medical General Hospital, Ft. Lewis, Wash.

He and Mrs. Saxon are visiting his mother, Mrs. R. J. Hinshaw.

## 3 Services Saturday Night Tent Revival

Three evangelistic services will be conducted in the tent revival at Millers Creek Saturday night, the first beginning at 8 o'clock. Rev. Harvey Phillips, Rev. Grady Minton and Rev. Vilas Minton will deliver the messages. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Plan Construction Of Freezer Locker Plant At Early Date

## Five Girl Babies Say War Now Over

It is an old axiom that more boys than girls are born in war time, and some one went so far as to prove their point by vital statistics.

But with the war over, the girls are beginning to arrive. The five babies born at the Wilkes hospital during the past week were girls—no boys. Names of the parents and dates of the births were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pierce, of Roaring River, August 29; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marley, of Hendrix, August 29; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones, of Purlear, August 28; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, of Boomer, September 1; Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Stone, of North Wilkesboro, route 1, September 2.

## Squad Of 47 Boys Greet Return Of Football to School

## Coach Manship Finds Interest High Among Boys And Entire Student Body.

North Wilkesboro high school boys, 47 strong, welcomed the return of football to the school by reporting for practice Tuesday afternoon.

Coach Charlie Manship, who has been employed by the school and town as coach and year-round athletic director, was greeted by a majority of the high school boys on the second afternoon of practice. About 40 were present for the initial session Monday afternoon.

It was the first time in uniform for practically all of the boys, because there has been no football at the school during the past few years when coaches were not to be had.

Mr. Manship said that none of the boys have football experience and that much work must be done before a team can be placed on the field. However, he commented that interest among the team prospects and throughout the student body of the school is running high, which is considered a good indication of things to come.

Already work has begun on arranging a schedule of games with other high school teams in the western part of the state. The fairgrounds field here is being put in condition for football and rapid progress is expected during the next few weeks on arrangements for the football season.

## OCCUPATION OF TOKYO BEGINS ON SATURDAY

Yokohama, Sept. 5.—Combat reconnaissance troops of the United States army rolled through bomb-shattered streets in Tokyo today, vanguard for the crack First cavalry division which will formally occupy Emperor Hirohito's capital Saturday (Friday night) (E. W. T.).

It was regarded as almost certain that Gen. Douglas MacArthur would enter the city with the main First cavalry division forces and, in that belief, the famous old Seventh cavalry regiment started selecting an honor guard today to escort him.

The reconnaissance troops who entered Tokyo Wednesday were detailed to select buildings for the permanent occupation of the capital.

Maj. Gen. William C. Chase, commanding the First division, said that he expected his men to occupy the center of the city where they will dominate Emperor Hirohito's moated palace.

It was announced that control of northern Honshu and Hokkaido, northernmost of the Japanese home islands, would be transferred formally to American control Sunday in a ceremony aboard the Panamint, flagship of Vice Adm. Frank Jack Fletcher, commanding United States naval forces in the northern Pacific.

## Site Is Purchased For Plant; Stocks Are Being Offered

## Board Of Directors In Important Meeting This Week; Hire Architect.

A site has been purchased and an architect employed for the erection of a freezer locker and cold storage plant here, it was disclosed this week following a meeting of the board of directors of the Carolina Refrigeration Cooperative Association, Inc.

Paul Osborne was elected chairman of the corporation by the board of directors.

A report by Carl E. VanDeman on the sale of stock indicated that much progress has been made and he was requested to prepare lists of purchasers for the directors and advisory board members.

A committee composed of Chairman Paul Osborne, T. E. Story and Carl VanDeman was authorized to proceed with purchase of a site which had been selected.

Contract with Harold Macklin, Winston-Salem architect, for plans for the supervision of construction of the plant was approved by the directors. Members of the board of directors present for the meeting were Paul Osborne, T. E. Story, T. O. Minton and T. W. Ferguson. Also present was C. J. Hendren, a member of the advisory board.

Harold Macklin, architect, will meet with the board of directors at this time.

## S.Sgt. A. Triplett Gets Bronze Star On Philippines

Iloilo, Panay, P. I.—Bronze Star Medal for "meritorious achievement" in the Philippine campaign was recently awarded to Staff Sergeant Addis M. Triplett, 25, of Purlear, N. C., son of Mrs. Stella M. Triplett, route one, Box 27, in a personal citation written by Brig. Gen. Harcourt Hervey, former commanding general of the 40th Infantry Division.

Partial text of Brig. Gen. Hervey's citation is as follows: "For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Panay and Negros, P. I. Staff Sergeant Triplett by his devotion to duty as a battalion supply sergeant contributed considerably in assisting his superior officer to keep the supplies of the battalion up to a working level."

"Frequently, it was necessary to reallocate certain items where they could be used to the most advantage and through Staff Sergeant Triplett's untiring devotion to duty this was accomplished. He was a constant inspiration to his section and through his knowledge of supply and supply procedure each man did his job to the highest degree of efficiency."

"At times it was necessary to repair certain items of medical equipment which, due to their importance in a medical unit, contributed to the saving of many lives. Although Staff Sergeant Triplett was not directly associated with Division Medical Supply, he disregarded his own personal comfort to give his assistance when it was needed due to the critical situation."

"His exemplary service reflects the highest credit upon the military service and the Medical Department of the United States Army."

Staff Sergeant Triplett, a graduate of Mt. Pleasant high school, participated in the landings at Lingayen, Panay and Negros, and has also seen service at Hawaii, Guadalcanal and New Britain, for a total of 35 months overseas service.

An estimated saving of more than \$3,000,000 a year through new methods of packing, baling and shipping goods has been affected by the Army Quartermaster Corps at its Philadelphia depot.