

Following Alleghany

Men with the Colors!



This column is devoted to news of men serving their country. Such news is solicited from parents and friends of these men. "Revenge Pearl Harbor."

S. Sgt. Clay E. Joines, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Joines, of Sparta, is now serving with a bomb squadron of the U. S. Army Air Force somewhere in France. Sgt. Joines, who has been stationed in England for sometime, writes that he is getting along all right.

Pvt. Clifton D. Edwards, son of Dillon Edwards, of Sparta, has arrived somewhere in England.

Sgt. Roger Woodie, formerly of Laurel Springs, recently returned from 30 months' duty overseas. Known to his buddies as "Iron Mike," Sgt. Woodie is probably the most decorated man in his outfit. He has the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, with oak leaf cluster, the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, the Good Conduct medal and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon.

Pfc. Arthur Dean Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Taylor, of Laurel Springs, was recently wounded in action in France. He wrote that he had received many Christmas packages. "I never thought they could cram so many Christmas presents in such small boxes," said Pfc. Taylor, who is serving with the 36th "Texas" division in eastern France. "We got everything this year, candy, cookies, cigarettes and even fruit cake. It all came overseas faster than ever, in plenty of time for the holidays." Pfc. Taylor has been overseas for the past thirteen months.

Cpl. Fred B. Roberts, who has been overseas in the European theater of operations for the past 29 months, writes the following poem:

Twenty-nine months I have spent overseas And it's certainly made a wreck of me. Every time I hear an 88 crack I shiver and shudder 'my aching back' Sleeping on the hard cold ground Losing weight pound by pound.

I'm growing old, that is a fact But what worries me is my aching back.

Many is the time I've ridden the book Beaucoup pills I faithfully took I've tried everything in the medicine pack But nothing seems to relieve my aching back

The thing to do, it seems to me, Is to send me back across the sea Fill my vacancy with another sad sack And I'll say, "To Hell with my aching back."

Cpl. Robert writes his mother, Mrs. Clyde Tate, that the boys who have been over there will probably get a good laugh out of the poem.

Pvt. Bert G. Richardson, who is serving with the U. S. Army somewhere in Alsace, recently wrote a poem, "How Dark the Street," dedicated to one of his best friends, Sgt. Claude W. Andrews, who was killed in action against the enemy near Brest, France, on August 28, 1944. Sgt. Andrews was the son of Mrs. Mae Andrews, of Sparta. The poem is as follows:

HOW DARK THE STREET

"Last night the evening lights were blurred By heavy rain that fell like smoke; And not another thing I heard But rooftop thunder where it broke.

Tonight not even that is there The sky is like a leaden cup, That earlier was not so near. To all the people looking up, The street is murkier and black, And wet and dark with evening rain.

I know my friend will not come back, I shall not see my friend again. Beyond his grave the squadrons go, Well ordered, militant, and trim. But he no longer meets the foe. A warrior's soul goes up to him. The lilacs bloomed and died in

RETURNS FROM CHINA



Lt. Claude J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith, of Piney Creek, recently returned from 34 months' duty overseas. Lt. Smith spent 17 months in Chungking, China, with the Signal Corps.

Baptist Ass'n To Meet Here Mar. 6 For Celebration

Southern Baptist Convention Marks 100th Year; Urge Attendance Of Meet

The Alleghany Baptist Association will meet at the Sparta Baptist church on Tuesday, March 6, in celebration of the organization of the Southern Baptist convention 100 years ago, it was announced this week.

On the same date, meetings in each of the 918 associations comprising the Southern Baptist convention in 19 states will be held.

The Alleghany association, which is by far the smallest in the North Carolina convention, is made up of eleven churches with a total of 606 members.

One hundred years ago at Augusta, Ga., on May 8, 1845, delegates from nine southern states, including the District of Columbia, met and organized the Southern Baptist convention. This action was taken because of certain differences of political opinion, particularly on the slavery question, the great difficulty of travel in the large area occupied by Baptist churches and at that time was not due to any difference in faith, doctrine or church discipline.

The Southern Baptist Convention enjoyed a century of progress and growth and now covers all of the southern states and a part of others to California, 19 states in all. It has more than

To Build Another Boone Warehouse

Boone—It was decided last week at the Board of Director's meeting at the office of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Mountain Burley Warehouse, Inc. to build a second warehouse, the size of the present warehouse, to be built on the Coleman property, which was purchased by Mr. Coleman last year for this particular purpose. The management and operation of the new warehouse will be under the same supervision of Mr. R. C. Coleman, who has so successfully operated

25,000 churches with over five million members. It contains almost 25,000 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of more than three million pupils.

To celebrate this century of growth from 1845 to 1945, and to climax this hundred years of Christian service in a worthy way, certain goals and objectives have been set up for 1945. The first of these goals to be emphasized this spring with the effort to increase Sunday School enrollment by 25,000 persons. It is to this end that the association-wide meetings are planned for March 6.

AMERICAN HEROES



While the SS William T. Coleman was moored beside an ammunition vessel, enemy planes set the latter afire. Radio Operator, James C. Huett, volunteered to sever the lines that held his ship as bursting bombs and blazing gasoline endangered the Coleman. Quickly he completed the hazardous operation for which he was awarded the Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal. His ship moved off to a safe distance; the ammunition ship sank. War Bond purchases pay for ships so badly needed to carry on this war. U. S. Treasury Department

the present warehouse, and built begin on the new building as soon as permission is granted by the present high standing. Work will W. P. B.

The REA has announced a loan allotment of \$150,000 to the Central Electric Membership Corporation at Sanford in Lee county.

The fact that seed are high priced does not necessarily mean that they are adapted to North Carolina conditions.

High crop yields just don't happen: they are made by a wise selection of good seed, good land, and wise farming practices.

Some strains of sweet corn hold their sweetness better than others between the picking and the pot, say agricultural scientists.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: Farm of 92 acres near Hooker; gravel road to door of house; good timber on land; no waste land. Good young orchard, bearing age, fruits of all kinds, apples, peaches and grapes. Mail route and school bus by door. Reasonably priced. See or write G. C. Hendrix, Sparta, Rt. 1. 2-8-2tp

FOR SALE: '34 Ford, four-door automobile. 600:16 tires. Car in good condition. Howard Brown, Twin Oaks, N. C. 2-8-1tp

How Does Your Advertising Investment Compare With The Average

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95%

of all failures in business are from the ranks of non-advertisers . . . Only 5 per cent of those that fail are advertisers. — According to Bradstreet.

Competent business men scale their advertising investment in proportion to gross sales . . . Then they use their advertising on a program basis so as to follow a systematic plan.

* The following percentage of gross sales usually are followed, according to surveys made by recognized authorities.

Table with 2 columns: Store Type and Percentage. Includes Department Stores (2.5%), Men's Stores (3.3%), Women's Wear Shops (3.1%), Furniture Stores (6.3%), Drug Stores (2.9%), General Merchandise (1.5%), Jewelry Stores (3.1%), Grocery Stores (1.0%), Meat Markets (1.0%), Specialty Shops (3.8%), Other Businesses (2.0%), Dry Cleaners and Dyeing (3.3%), Hardware Stores (1.0%).

What About YOUR Firm, Mr. Business Man?

Check your gross sales and your advertising percentage can easily be figured . . . Your business cannot differ much from the average in your line, and if you wish to improve it — or even hold it where it is today — then you cannot ignore your duty to yourself . . . And maybe we can help you.

The advertising medium that for many years has produced the greatest results for business men who have decided to reach homes in this trade territory with their messages is —

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* Figures compiled by Harvard Bureau of Business Research and Northwestern University Bureau of Business Research.



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SPARTAN Theatre

SPARTA, N. C.

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Matinee Every Sat.

1:15 P. M.

Gene Autry

-in-

THE OLD BARN DANCE

Last Chapter

"Tiger Woman"

Also Comedy

MON.-TUES. FEB. 12-13

Eddie Bracken

Ella Raines

-in-

HAIL THE CONQUERING HERO

LATEST WAR NEWS

WED.-THURS. FEB. 14-15

Bargain Days

Admission 15c & 20c

Preston Foster

-in-

ROGER TOUHY, GANGSTER

Chapter 4

"The Black Arrow"

Also Cartoon