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FIFTY MEN EXPECTED TO JOIN NAVY AND LEAVE HERE SUN.

Local Seamen Have Thrilling Experience Following Sinking Of Their Ship, Carrier 'Wasp'

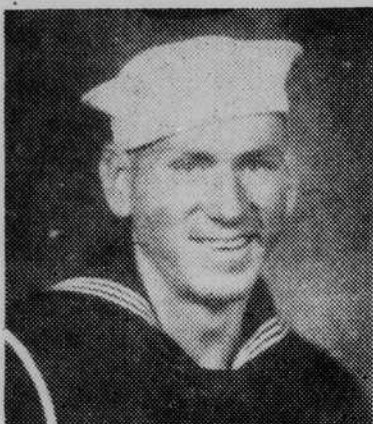
Seamen H. McNeely And Edwin Hollar Are Home Visiting Parents

Harold Fisher McNeely, of Toxaway and Ed Hollar, of Brevard, were on Uncle Sam's modern aircraft carrier, Wasp, when it was sunk on September 15, just off of Solomons Islands by a Jap submarine, but they were not injured and are now here on a "survivor's leave" visiting their parents.

The two Transylvania men arrived here last week but were unable to discuss the ship's sinking until the Navy officially released Tuesday a story about the sinking. Three torpedoes were fired at the beautiful \$20,000,000 aircraft carrier and the ship caught on fire. McNeely was in his bunk asleep at the time. The impact was so great that many of the men were knocked off of their feet and others out of their bunks. McNeely grabbed his pants and light out for the deck without putting on his shoes.

About 45 minutes after the first torpedo struck, the order to abandon the ship was given, he said. Wearing life belts, they went down the ropes and into the water. About three hours later he was picked up by a boat and later was sent, with the entire surviving crew, which amounted to about 90 percent of the total, back to the United States. Ed's experience (Continued On Page Eight)

Survivors Of 'Wasp'



Seaman Harold McNeely, of Toxaway, swam around in ocean for three hours before being picked up by boat.



Edwin Hollar, of Brevard, also swam to safety and escaped injury when the "Wasp" was sunk by a Jap sub.

SMALL PROGRESS MADE IN SHARING AUTO RIDES HERE

Travel Check Made By Local Police Department And Transportation Group

An auto transportation check-up reveals that Brevard and Transylvania people are beginning to double up to conserve tires and gasoline, but that the practice of "share-the-ride" is entirely too limited, the local war transportation committee report shows.

R. F. Bennett, local administrator of the war transportation committee, made an announcement this week of the survey. The check was made recently by Chief Freeman and the Brevard police department in conjunction with the committee to determine how well local auto owners were doubling up. The results of the check are as follows:

- 37 percent of the cars checked had only one passenger.
 - 32.7 percent had two passengers.
 - 14.2 percent had three passengers.
 - 7.1 percent had four passengers.
 - 8.6 percent had five passengers.
 - .8 percent had six passengers.
- Those who wish to join the "Car Sharing Club" are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bennett or this paper.

A NEW FEATURE BEGINS THIS WEEK

Starting in this issue, The Times will publish regularly a new feature entitled "Hints for Brevard and Transylvania Homemakers."

As the title suggests, this column will give timely information on cooking, sewing, home improvements, health, etc., and will also contain entertaining features.

It will be written by a local woman whose by-line name is "Aunt Sawyer". "Aunt Sawyer" invites you to read her column and to offer suggestions. She may tell you how to quiet babies and how to keep husbands at home! Don't miss this new feature!

SENATE'S 'TEEN AGE DRAFT BILL HAS RESTRICTION

Would Require Year's Training Of 18 and 19-Olders. Goes to House

With their eyes apparently fixed on the forthcoming election, the Senate last Saturday passed the "teen age draft bill, but hedged it with restrictions which are not acceptable to the President and military authorities and which appear likely to delay final enactment until after the election.

In voting to lower the draft age from 20 to 18, the Senate stipulated that selectees in that age group should not be sent to combat overseas before they had undergone a full year's training.

Another amendment provided for deferment of men of any age "regularly engaged in an agricultural occupation or endeavor essential to the war effort", so long (Continued On Page Eight)

Transylvania Has Good Chance To Win Prize In Scrap Contest

Ranking second in Western North Carolina and near the top of the 100 counties in the state, Transylvania has an excellent opportunity of really "going over the top" in North Carolina and of winning first or second prize in the state newspaper contest, Chairman Howard Wyatt announces.

The first and second state prizes are \$1000 and \$500 war bonds respectively. In view of these facts, every man, woman and child in the county and every industry and farmer, in particular, is urgently requested to go over the farms, homes, and everywhere and collect up every ounce of scrap left. Total poundage officially reported and estimated yesterday was 1,569,071, an average of 127 pounds per person. Graham county is in first place and has an average of 132.6 pounds per person. 75,000

NEW METHODIST PASTOR EXPECTED TO ARRIVE TODAY

Rev. W. A. Jenkins Coming To Brevard. Mr. Billups Goes To Canton

Rev. W. A. Jenkins, new pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, is expected to arrive here today or tomorrow and will preach his opening sermon Sunday morning, while Rev. E. P. Billups is leaving today for Canton to assume his duties there as pastor of the Central Methodist church.

Mr. Billups delivered his farewell message last Sunday morning and expressed deep appreciation for the splendid co-operation that he has received during his four years as Methodist pastor here. Mr. Billups has done an outstanding work here and the members of his church, as well as all of the people of Brevard, wish for him much success.

The new pastor is regarded as being one of the outstanding preachers and educational leaders in the Western North Carolina conference. He served as president of Davenport College for several years and has been pastor of some of the larger churches in the state.

The appointments were read at the closing session of the annual conference held in Charlotte.

Rev. J. R. Bowman returns to the Rosman circuit for his fifth year. This attests to his popularity and good work.

The Ecusta charge, consisting of Oak Grove and English Chapel churches, will be supplied with a pastor.

To Register Trucks Here Wednesday

Another registration for owners of commercial motor vehicles who had not received their application blanks last week for getting certificates of war necessity will be held next Wednesday at the courthouse here by the county farm transportation committee, it was announced yesterday morning.

In the meantime Robert G. Carter, district manager of the Defense Transportation Division, Asheville, was in town yesterday and said that those who had not gotten the application blanks could obtain them by writing his office: Room 316 Jackson Building, Box 1290, Asheville.

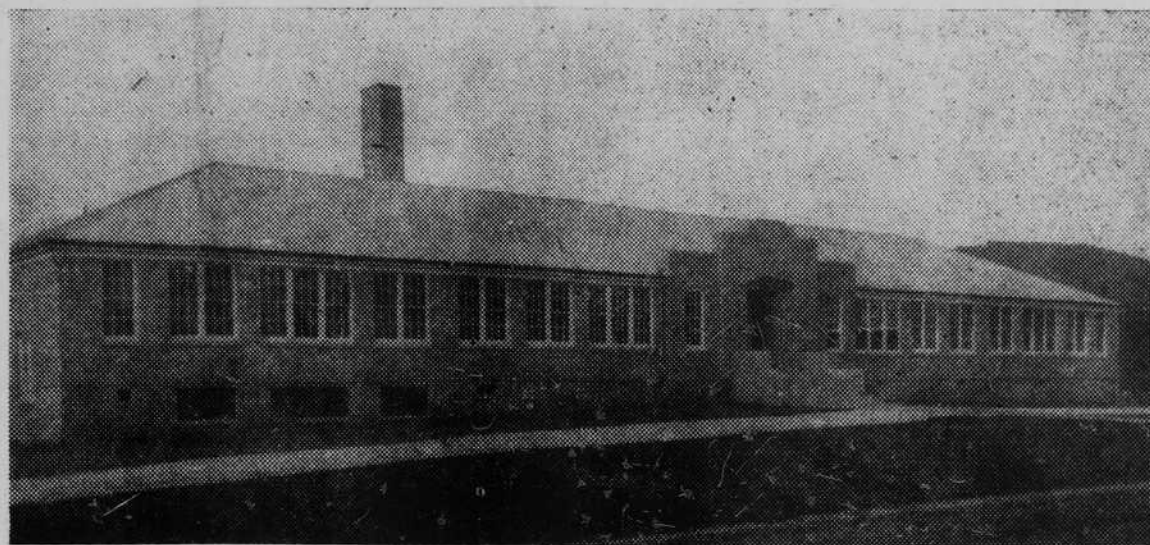
He also cautioned that extreme care should be used in filling them out, and that motorists should be sure they have the right blanks.

All farmers should see the farm committee and this committee will also assist other truck owners. These commercial owners can also file directly with the office at Asheville.

All trucks must have certificates of war necessity on or after November 15, to operate.

Prospective supplies of feed grains, hay, and oil cake and meal for 1942-43 are the largest on record, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

New Pisgah Forest School Building Is Nearly Completed



Sometime next week a dream will come true! Supt. J. B. Jones announces that by next Thursday or Friday the beautiful new \$55,000 stone-veneered, 7-class-room, Pisgah Forest school building will be ready for occupancy. At that time the school's 200 students and 6 teachers will eagerly move into the new edifice. With the aid of WPA, construction on this handsome building has been under way for over a year. (Photo by John Anderson).

Buried Last Sat.



Mrs. Joseph E. Clayton, widely known Brevard woman, passed away at her home here at the Clayton House.

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD SATURDAY FOR MRS. CLAYTON

Well Known Brevard Woman Died Thursday After Long Illness

A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral service held at the Presbyterian church here last Saturday morning for Mrs. Joseph E. Clayton, age 67, who died at her home early last Thursday morning.

Rev. Ashby Johnson, pastor, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. E. P. Billups, Rev. B. W. Thomason and Rev. Harry Perry. Interment was in the Gillespie cemetery.

Mrs. Clayton was a widely known and beloved person. She was born and reared in this county and for many years operated the Clayton House here. Her husband died 9 years ago. Mrs. Clayton had been in declining health for some time.

The pallbearers were: L. M. Brooks, B. H. Freeman, T. J. Wilson, J. W. Smith, R. P. Kilpatrick and Fred Johnson.

Flower bearers: Mrs. D. L. English, Mrs. Boyce Walker, Mrs. Steve Rheberg, Mrs. Bill Bridges, Mrs. Spurgeon Carpenter, Mrs. Ashe Macfie, Mrs. Charlie Russell. (Continued On Page Eight)

Gasoline May Be Obtained To Haul Voters Next Tues.

In connection with the election next Tuesday, local rationing board officials announced yesterday that in the original gasoline regulations provision was made for special rationing of gasoline to bona-fide voters to get gas to haul voters to the polls to vote in general elections.

To obtain these special permits, it is necessary for party leaders and workers to comply with certain regulations, details of which may be obtained at the rationing board office, it is explained.

Interest Not As Keen As Usual On Eve Of Election Day; Voters To Go To Polls Next Tuesday

TO VOTE ON TWO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Education and Solicitor District Amendments Included In Election

Next Tuesday, the voters of Transylvania and of all other counties in the state will vote on two constitutional amendments.

The first amendment is known as the "State Board of Education Amendment" and the other is an "Amendment that Solicitor Districts need not be the same as the Judicial districts of the state".

The "education amendment" is regarded as being an exceptionally important one. It was authorized by the last General Assembly. The proposed amendment would establish a new state board of education to assume the responsibilities of the present board and various other boards and commissions which now supervise and administer the public school system.

Members of this new board would be appointed, one each, from each congressional district in the state.

Its sponsors contend, both Democrats and Republicans, that by the elimination of five separate boards and consolidating them into one that the schools of the state can be operated a great deal more effectively, and efficiently.

They state that "effective leadership is assured since a majority of the appointive members must be men of training and experience in business not connected with any educational institution."

After the first appointment the (Continued On Page Eight)

Voting Expected To Be Lighter Than In Former Years. List Candidates

Next Tuesday is election day in Transylvania, the state and nation.

Even though there are only five more days until the general election will be held, interest here as well as throughout the nation is unusually quiet, and the reason given for this is the war and war activities on the home front.

However, during the past few days local candidates have been active and have aroused public interest somewhat. The Democrats held a meeting here in the courthouse last Friday night and the Republicans have likewise assembled in various places.

Realizing that the public needs to be aroused and that every citizen should perform his sacred duty of voting regardless of the fact that the nation is engaged in an all-out war for survival of Democracy, both political parties are running timely advertisements in this issue.

Fred Johnson, chairman of the county board of elections, announces that the deadline for securing absentee ballots is Saturday, which is also challenge day. He states, however, that those who become sick after Saturday may obtain absentee ballots from him Monday. To date approximately 400 absentee ballots have been applied for, which is slightly lower than in previous years. Mr. Johnson states that a large number of voters have registered during the past three Saturdays.

The political line-up for next Tuesday is as follows:

United States Senate
Senator J. W. Bailey, Democrat
and Sam J. Morris, Republican.
For Member of Congress
Representative Zeb Weaver,
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Large Crowd To Attend Annual College Homecoming Here Sat.

The eighth annual Homecoming for former students and alumni of Brevard College will be held on the campus Saturday of this week, Dr. E. J. Coltrane, president has announced.

Letters of invitation have gone out and nearly 500 students are expected to participate in the events of the Homecoming day.

For most of the day those returning will be left free to visit among themselves and to inspect the buildings in which they once lived and studied, those in charge of the program have announced.

Football Game at 3:00 O'Clock
At three o'clock, however, there will be a football game between Brevard College's self-organized, student coached football team and Cullowhee College on the local college field.

The game promises to be a thriller since the Brevard College boys will be seeking revenge for the 7

to 0 defeat handed them by Cullowhee last Saturday at the Western North Carolina Teachers college. It will be sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and at least 1,000 spectators are expected to witness the match.

Ecusta Band To Play
The Ecusta band, under the direction of John Eversman, will play for the game. It is understood that the band will give a concert before the game beginning approximately at 2:30 and will play during time-outs and at half-time of the game.

The Ecusta band is composed of approximately 20 members and has given several concerts. Already it has been recognized as one of the best bands in this section of the state and will prove a big attraction to the game Saturday.

The main program will be held Saturday evening, beginning at 7 (Continued On Page Eight)

LEGION TO HOLD FAREWELL PARTY SUNDAY, 10 A. M.

Recruiters To Return And Be Here Friday and Saturday, 12 Joined Sat.

Fifty Transylvania men are expected to join the Navy during "Transylvania Navy Week", which is being sponsored this week by the Monroe Wilson post of the American Legion, and these volunteer recruits will leave Brevard Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, Chairman Ralph Fisher announces.

They will leave by special bus for Raleigh where they will be given final physical examinations and sworn into the Navy.

A departure ceremony is being planned by the Legion post and the public is cordially invited to be present and to "see the boys off". Small gifts will be presented to them by members of the post.

A total of 12 men volunteered last Saturday and were accepted. Recruiters W. S. Baskerville, and George Ball and Yeoman Thomas F. Adams will be here Friday and Saturday in the Waltermire building to explain the Navy to all young men interested in investigating this important branch of service. Yesterday and today Chief Ball is in town working with Mr. Fisher.

Chairman Fisher and the recruiters expressed gratification at the response to the campaign so far and stated that they believed at least 50 men would join by Saturday night and be ready to leave (Continued On Page Eight)

FLAX IS DAMAGED BY FIRE SUNDAY AT ECUSTA PLANT

Straw In Warehouse Ignites, Probably From Spontaneous Combustion

Fire believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion damaged flax straw in storage warehouse number 14 of the Ecusta Paper corporation last Sunday, but practically no damage was done to the building.

The fire was discovered about 5:30 o'clock by a watchman and from 50 to 100 men worked the entire day moving bales of straw out of the warehouse so that they could get to the burning bales and put out the fire.

President Harry S. Straus said the actual damage was not large and he praised the Ecusta fire department and extended thanks to the assistance given by the heads of Brevard and Asheville fire departments.

No equipment from either of the departments was needed, but Chief John Smith and Chief Fitzgerald gave personal assistance. In addition to Chief Fitzgerald, Assistant James Bailey and four Asheville firemen helped.

Approximately 20 carloads of flax straw were said to have been moved from the warehouse to reach the fire, which was in the middle of the building.

This was the first fire of any consequence that Ecusta has ever had.

Schools In County To Close Tuesday

All public schools in Brevard and Transylvania county will be closed next Tuesday for election day, Supt. J. B. Jones announced yesterday.

Because of the fact that a number of school buildings are used as voting places on election day, it has been customary in the county for years to close the schools on that day.

Supt. Jones said that the day and two days for Thanksgiving holidays were made up when schools opened on Wednesday. This will enable the schools to complete the first term by Christmas.