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GREAT WAR LOAN VICTORY IN STOKES

H. G. Johnson, chairman, advises the Reporter the Sixth War Loan in Stokes will go over the top more than 200 percent. The county's overall quota was \$93,000. At last reports the "E" quota had passed \$33,000, while the overall quota was standing at over \$140,000. As Chairman Johnson expresses his thanks, he advises that all bonds bought in December will be included in the drive.

Notice To Public!

The offices in the Court House will be closed Friday to Wednesday for Christmas.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet on Jan. 2 instead of the 1st, 1945—the first coming on New Year's Day, which is a holiday.

The Danbury Postoffice will be closed Monday, Dec. 25—Christmas Day. Two mails will be put up, but windows will not be opened. The public is asked to call at 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. to attend to postal matters.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall are expecting Capt. and Mrs. W. S. Hunt, Jr., from Thomasville and Yeoman Lyman Hall of Washington, D. C., as guests for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Stokes will spend a few days during Christmas with relatives in Mooresville.

Home for the holidays are Angela and Deese Taylor, Salem College; Jean Carol Beck and Jean Wall from Woman's College.

A. J. Ellington has returned from a business trip to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. J. F. Martin left today for Baltimore, Md., to spend Christmas with Mr. Martin.

Elmer Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Campbell and baby of Baltimore are here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wall and children of Raleigh are expected to arrive this week-end for a visit with Mrs. R. R. King.

Miss Nell Joyce of Winston-Salem arrived today to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Joyce.

Sheriff John Taylor visited his sister Mrs. W. E. Wilkinson in Winston Sunday.

Death Claims

Z. O. Johnson, King

Z. O. Johnson, aged 65 of King, Route 1, died suddenly at his home Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Mr. Johnson had been a visitor in Winston-Salem Thursday morning, and upon returning home, had resumed his daily duties. He was a farmer, and had lived at the present homeplace practically all of his life. He visited the Reporter Office a few days ago.

Mr. Johnson was born in King, in 1878, the son of Tip and Eliza Johnson.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Minnie L. Johnson; five sons, W. D. Johnson of Winston-Salem; Dowell Johnson of Ocean City, N. J.; C. L. Johnson of King, Route 1; Sergeant Moir G. Johnson, stationed with the army somewhere in France; and Pfc. Clyde Johnson, stationed with the army in Texas; two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Ferguson of Germantown, Route 1, and Miss Cleo Johnson of the home; five brothers, S. L. Johnson of Germantown; J. E. and Elmer Johnson of King; and S. E. and C. C. Johnson, both of Winston-Salem; two sisters, Mrs. L. P. Hill of Pilot Mountain; and Mrs. B. T. Bitting of Enid, Okla.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the home and at Mt. Olive Church with Rev. E. T. Sims and Rev. Ronald Hicks of Winston-Salem, officiating.

Pallbearers were J. J. Taylor, Paul Taylor, R. S. Redding, A. C. Cromer, W. A. Palmer, H. G. Johnson.

S. H. Marion Passes Away At Pinnacle

Samuel H. Marion, aged 92, well-known resident of Pinnacle Route 2, died Wednesday night of last week at his home.

Mr. Marion, who was one of the oldest citizens of his community, was a son of Richard and Margarette Hauser Marion.

Surviving are four sons, Julius N. Marion of Brookstown, Ind.; W. H. Marion of Galax, Va.; E. E. Marion of Pinnacle, and Sammie Marion of the home; four daughters, Mrs. M. F. Hardee of Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. J. W. Watson of Pinnacle; and Mrs. Nellie Marion of the home; 32 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Blessed He-vent

A telegram to Mrs. Frances H. Marshall from Batesburg, S. C., announces a 7-lb. boy's arrival at the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Woodrow Taylor Tuesday. Mrs. Taylor is Mrs. Marshall's sister, the former Miss Estelle Humphreys of Danbury. Col. Taylor has sailed overseas.

(An Editorial) Christmas Prayer

The world is depressed with sadness today.

On the western front the greatest battle of history is raging. Many thousands of American, British and French are dying—dying to save our freedom, dying to save this great and beautiful country.

On this Christmas night in countless thousands of homes in America that glowed with light and laughter in the Christmases gone by, subdued light burns in windows. Vacant places are at the fireside.

Let us not observe this Christmas with feasting and revelry, but with the spirit of sacrifice, with that spirit of Christian fortitude that means in the days yet to come overwhelming and invincible strength and victory for the right.

The spirit of America is waking tonight. It has not been fully awake. Thousands of men and women have not yet learned that we are in the most devastating struggle in the history of the Republic. Thousands of men and women have been content to make money, and with satisfaction to let the war go on.

This indifferent conception of our grave situation must cease. Our boys this Christmas night are thinking of us, and wondering if we realize all that they know, and the sacrifice they are making for us.

Let us not falter. Lift our eyes for a moment from the strife and the heart-breaks of earth to the quiet stars, and let us not forget the strength that comforted us in the desolation of other times—

Shield with Thy protecting wing the freedom and democracy which our fathers died to give us, and which we must forever defend. Watch over our boy who keeps his faithful vigil by the fox hole, who stands unswayed on cold icy decks, or who watches as the soft southern moon shimmers on the barrel of his rifle—the moon that last night beamed on the old plantation in the States and that kissed the face of mother as she breathed a prayer for the safety of the absent one.

For the mothers of the boys who have made the supreme sacrifice, how weak and fruitless must be any words which should attempt to beguile them from the grief of a loss so overwhelming, but in the words of the great Lincoln: "May our Heavenly Father assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice on the altar of freedom."

Let not for one moment our hearts be shaken.

The giant power of America will prevail. The stupendous resources of the Allies are invincible. They will be marshalled to the discomfiture of the enemy.

Victory is certainly ours.

Cpl. Wm. P. Long To Graduate Soon From Electronics

Corpus Christi, Texas, Dec. 18.—Marine Corporal Wm. Philip Long is a student in electronics maintenance at the Naval Aviation Technical Training Center near Corpus Christi, and expects to graduate soon from the seven months' course with a non-commissioned officer's rating.

The Marine is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Long of Germantown, and has already completed one month of primary school and three months of pre-radio school training before reporting here.

Upon successful completion of the course here, Corporal Long will be assigned to combat unit.

He is a graduate of the Germantown high school. His brothers, Seaman First Class J. H. Long, Navy, and Tech. Sgt. E. S. Long, Army.

R. Kiser, King, Now Eligible For Rating Of Petty Officer

Great Lakes, Ill.—R. Kiser of King was graduated recently from the Naval Training School (Electric) on the Purdue University campus, Lafayette, Ind.

After assignment to sea duty or to a shore station, he will be eligible to earn the petty officer rate of electrician's mate third class.

The newly graduated man was selected for this special school on the basis of his recruit aptitude test scores. The completed course of study included the use of function and maintenance of all electric tools used by the Navy. Electricity and the radio elements of electricity were also included in the course.

Will Stewart Dies At Home Near King

Funeral services for William P. Stewart, aged 73, who died at the home of his son, Joseph Stewart, near King, Friday, were held at 1:30 Sunday afternoon in the Snow Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Lawsonville.

Elder W. J. Brown and Elder J. W. Tuttle conducted the services. Burial followed in the family cemetery near the church.

Mr. Stewart is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Dennis Bennett, King, Route 1; four sons, Joseph and Charlie Stewart, Rural Hall, Route 1, Walter Stewart of Pilot Mountain; Corporal Carl Stewart of the U. S. Army overseas, and Private Cyril C. Stewart, Fort Bragg; one brother, Sam Stewart, Baltimore, Md.; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Ellen Martin and Mrs. Laura Southern, both of Walnut Cove, and five grandchildren.

INDUCTED REPORT TO P. CROFT WEDNESDAY

The following named men left Wednesday morning for induction into the services:

Howard Lee Westmoreland
Robert Clarendon Abbott
James Loyd George
Wm. Chester Montgomery
Rayford Cardwell
Spencer Burrow
Wiley Ray McKnight
Robert Lee Montgomery
Robert Wm. Mabe
Dynam Rennie Tuttle
Lawrence Odell Mabe
George Otis Yates
Willard Valentine Knight
Ralph Junior Harger
Homer Elmer Bullins
Robert Cleve Hunter
Ted Warren Tilley
Cecil Bryan Gann
Wm. Robert Moser
Dempsey Fountain Smith
Foy Elbert Gordon
James Franklin Moore
Garlie Browder
Arthur Patron Gordon
Carlos Lee Hundley
Samuel Owen Smith
Jesse Wm. Inman
Roy Junior Rachel
Frank Moore Tilley
Grady Derwood Duggins
Claude Swanson Mabe
Oteen Wall Snyder
James Monroe Martin
Billie Oscar Steele
Ulice Mathew East
Robert Lee Vernon.

Local Doughboy's Rgt. In Italy Marks 338th Day In Combat

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY.—Pfc. James R. Mabe, of Route 1, cook's helper, is a member of the 135th Infantry Regiment, which recently marked its 338th day in combat. The regiment, a unit of the 34th "Red Bull" Div. with Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy, has been in foreign service continuously for more than two and a half years. Algiers, Hill 689, the Volturno and Rapido Rivers, Cassino, the Anzio beachhead, Rome, Pisa and the Gothic Line have been fought for and won by the men of the 34th in their nearly 1000 days overseas.

Death Of Oliver A. Spainhour

Funeral services for Oliver Alexander Spainhour, aged 80, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. R. R. Fulk, at Pinnacle, where he had made his home for the past five years, were conducted at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 12.

Invest in U. S. War Savings Bonds. Buy an EXTRA bond today.