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KING NEWS

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King, Dec. 28. — Wm. Kiser of USMC, stationed at Camp Lejeune, is spending a ten-day furlough with relatives here.

Ray Boles of Morehead City is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives here.

Edwin White of Reidsville has returned to his home after a few days stay with relatives here.

Miss Mary Sue Reeves of Sparta is the holiday guest of her aunts, Misses Ruth and Ruby Atwood on South Depot St.

Mrs. Frank Stone left by plane Thursday for Miami, Fla., where she will join her husband, Lieut. Frank Stone of the army.

Bark Love, who has been under treatment in the veteran's hospital at Johnson City, Tenn., has returned to his home here.

Sam White of Greensboro spent the week-end with his brother, R. C. White on Forest Grove Ave.

Agneu Boles of the U. S. Navy is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boles.

The following tonsil removal operations were performed here Friday: John Hall, Jr., of Pilot Mtn.; Arthur Whitaker and Howard Whitaker of Greensboro.

Fred White has returned from Norfolk, Va., where he has been visiting his brother, Nome, who holds a position there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jule Helsabeck have received notice from the War Department that their son, Glenn, has been killed in action in Germany.

Burke Meadows of the Merchant Marine, stationed at Norfolk, Va., is at home for the holidays.

Here's the stork's report: to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bennett, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Myers, a son; and to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dwiggin, a son.

John Love, who has been in the army five years and who has been seeing action in New Guinea, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Love near here.

Jessie Abidge has been seriously wounded in Belgium, according to a message received by relatives from the War Department.

Joseph Vernon Dies At Sandy Ridge

Joseph Vernon, aged 84, died today at 10:20 o'clock at his home, Sandy Ridge, Route 1, after a critical illness of 17 days. Funeral services are incomplete, but services will probably be held Saturday.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Nora Vernon and Mrs. W. J. Jennie of Sandy Ridge; three sons, Ephriam Vernon of Madison, Route 1; Robert and W. M. Vernon of Sandy Ridge, Route 1; one sister, Mrs. Nannie Vernon of Sandy Ridge; 23 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

KILLED IN FRANCE NOVEMBER 27 Is 57mm Gunner In 34th "Red Bull" Division



Sergeant Marvin O. Lackey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Lackey of Lawsonville, Route 2, died in France November 27th of wounds received in action on Nov. 25, the parents have been notified by the War Department.

Sergeant Lackey was a graduate of Lawsonville High School and entered the army January 6, 1944. He trained at Camp Croft, R. C. White on Forest Grove Ave. Agneu Boles of the U. S. Navy S. C., and in Mississippi. He is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boles. Surviving are the parents and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Merritt of Lawsonville and Miss Margaret Lackey of the home.

Nine Couples Apply For Marriage Licenses During December

Marriage licenses were issued to the following by the License Bureau during December:

- Dec. 1—N. N. Abbott to Mary Ruth Hill, both of Walnut Cove.
- Dec. 6—Jesse Chatman, Mayodan, to Lenis Mabe, Walnut Cove.
- Dec. 9—Roscoe Goad, Madison, to Veocie Bell, Mayodan.
- Dec. 16—James Carl Ziglar to Nina Lee Carter, both of Madison.
- Dec. 16—Lloyd Bowman, Mt. Airy to Thelma Willard, Blum, Va.
- Dec. 19—Samuel K. Mortimer, Jr., Pinnacle, to Margaret Banner Avery County.
- Dec. 19—Richard Vernon to Mary Vaughn Lawellin, both of Walnut Cove.
- Dec. 24—Joseph Millard Venable, U. S. Navy, to Virginia Ethel Tilley, Walnut Cove.
- Dec. 26—Harry S. Venable, Vale Mecum, to Thelma E. Lawson, Danbury.

Uncle Gentry King Is Dead

Uncle Gentry King died at his home in Pines Hill, last week from injuries received in a car accident. Uncle Gentry, who was a colored Episcopalian minister of the gospel, was a good man and highly respected.

TO ATTEND INAUGURATION

H. P. Loftis, R. J. Scott, R. L. Smith, Sam Jessup, James Martin, A. J. Ellington, Reid George are among those from here who will attend the inauguration ceremonies in Raleigh next week.

Pfc. Cornell Bowling With Field Artillery Battalion, 6th Army

With The Fifth Army, Italy.—Pfc. Cornell Bowling, 57mm gunner, of Lawsonville, N. C., is a member of an anti-tank platoon which recently was given a division citation for having knocked out two German mortars, two machine guns, an anti-aircraft gun, a 75 mm gun and its prime mover and two vehicles in the capture of a town on the Italian front. His platoon is in the 35th "Red Bull" Division, part of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army.

The outfit was supporting an infantry attack at the time of the action for which it is cited. A company of the attacking riflemen was pinned down by German fire from nearby buildings. The anti-tankmen wiped out two enemy strongpoints in the buildings releasing the doughboys.

The platoon has been in combat since landing in North Africa, Nov. 8, 1942. The outfit participated in the Tunisian campaign, and in Italy in the drive to the Arno River and in the grudging advance through the mountain between Florence and Bologna.

Maj. General Charles E. Bolte, commanding the 34th Infantry Division, presented the citation to the anti-tank platoon, which is a unit of the 168th "Rainbow" Regiment.

Eleventh Annual Meet Of Production Credit Ass'n to Be Jan. 13

"The Winston-Salem Production Credit Association, which makes agricultural loans to farmers in Stokes, Surry, Forsyth, Davidson, Yadkin, Wilkes, Ashe, Caldwell, Alleghany, and Watauga counties, will hold its eleventh annual meeting in Winston-Salem in the Courthouse, on Saturday, Jan. 13, 1945, at 11:00 o'clock a. m." A. P. Snow announced this week.

"At this meeting," Snow said, "two directors will be elected by the stockholders."

"We are expecting a large attendance," Paul J. Vestal, president of the Association, stated. "There is always a great deal of interest in our annual meetings, particularly in the report on the operations and accomplishments of our association during the preceding year."

Mr. Vestal also pointed out that the Winston-Salem Production Credit Association is a cooperative credit organization which makes short-term agricultural loans on all types of farming and is owned and controlled by the farmer members of the association.

The Association has more than 200 farmer-members in Stokes county.

Miss Kate Ellington was a recent visitor at the A. J. Ellingtons,

County Boys Serving With Field Artillery Battalion, 6th Army

Sixth Army Group, France.—"Oh, we're taking it easy right now," explained Lt. Col. Leon A. Brock of Honea Path, S. C., commanding officer of the 630th Field Artillery Battalion, in which Sgt. Harvey A. Lawson, Route 1, Madison; Sgt. Hersey L. Wood, Route 2, Mt. Airy and Cpl. Joseph E. Morefield, Route 2, Pinnacle are now serving. "We've been pumping shells in all morning, but it's been quiet for about an hour now."

The gun crew of one of the battalion's batteries of big howitzers was working on their gun a few yards away. The mud was deep and cold. In the distance several French batteries were barking rapidly.

The entire battalion, veteran of North Africa, Sicily and Italy, was one of the American artillery battalions supporting the French First Army in its drive to Germany along the Swiss border. In support of the start of the drive this one battalion had fired more than 4,000 rounds—400 tons—of ammunition.

Targets were the 1870 forts guarding the Belfort gap, neutralizing them for the attack of the French infantry. German batteries, many miles away, were silenced by these powerful and accurate American guns. German supply columns felt the power of the big howitzers.

The battalion itself, which has been supporting French troops in Italy and France for a year, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre for its work with the French Expeditionary Corps in Italy. One of the battalion's members holds the Croix de Guerre. Another holds the Distinguished Service Cross, two hold the Legion of Merit, 17 have Silver Stars, six have Bronze Stars, and another six, aerial observers, hold Air Medals, each with an Oak Leaf cluster. In addition, the battalion holds a Croix de Guerre awarded by Marshall Foch in World War I. Six citations have been given the battalion.

"But we're prouder of our record for accuracy with our guns," Col. Brock said. "When we fire, we fire what we're shooting at. We've caused Jerry a lot of trouble and we're going to cause him a lot more until he quits."

Wounded In Action

Vaughn Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Wood of North View, has been wounded in action in Germany twice, once in the head and once in the back. The young man is reported doing well in a hospital. Dixie was here Saturday to meet his two daughters coming from Winston to spend Christmas. He was accompanied by his nephew, Guy Wood.

LOCALS

Lieut. and Mrs. Wesley Hayden and daughter, Brenda, of Macon, Ga., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Petree.

Mrs. Frank Burton, Jr., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burton, Sr., in Stuart, Va., this week.

Mrs. Earl Connor of Thomasville visited her father, S. P. Christian last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Joyce had as their guests during Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Joyce of Winston-Salem and Mr. and Mrs. James B. Joyce and children of Wilmington.

Capt. and Mrs. W. S. Hunt are here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall for several days before going to Asheville for two weeks. Capt. Hunt recently returned to the United States from New Guinea where he was wounded.

Miss Virginia Slawter of Raleigh was week-end guest of Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Leake recently.

Miss Lucille Martin of Benson is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. N. A. Martin.

Mrs. Frank Martin is spending a while with her daughter, Mrs. Dick Eubank, in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smith, near Walnut Cove, Christmas Day.

Angela and Deese Taylor, accompanied by Mrs. W. E. Wilkinson of Winston-Salem, are spending this week in New York City.

Mrs. Helen Poland of Wilmington spent the holiday week-end with Miss Prather Hall.

Mrs. Robert H. Todd left this week for St. Louis, Mo. for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sisk and Bobby of Winston-Salem were here with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sisk Sunday.

R. W. and Mrs. R. L. Duchamps of Pine Hall were guests of Mr. N. E. Wall Monday.

R. W. and Mrs. W. B. Boyles spent the holidays with relatives in High Point.

Mrs. Mary Martin Wood of Selma is visiting her mother, Mrs. N. A. Martin.

Walker King of Baltimore was here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. King, last week-end.

Wm. Loftis, Survivor of Carrier Princeton, Is Here On Visit

Wm. Loftis was a seaman on the carrier Princeton when that ill-fated ship was sunk in the Pacific. Wm. among about 1200 others were saved by American destroyers after being some time in the water. About 100 men were lost. He was slightly wounded and spent some time in a hospital at Pearl Harbor.

Wm., who is a son of County Supt. and Mrs. H. P. Loftis of the county home, and husband of the former Miss Scott, will be with his people 30 days after which he will then report back to the navy at Seattle, Wash.

No News From Alger Martin, Reported Missing In Germany

John Martin of Westfield, whose son, Alger, is reported missing in action in Germany, was here Wednesday. Mr. Martin said he had received no further advices from the War Department regarding the missing boy. He dropped in to have the Reporter sent to his other son, Raymond, who is with the army in New Guinea.

Col. Bedford Forrest Killed In France

Col. Bedford H. Forrest, formerly connected with the Soil Conservation Service, with residence at Danbury, was killed in France while in action on Nov. 26.

Col. Forrest was a reserve officer in the army and left here soon after the war was declared, the first of 1942. He boarded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wall here, filling the position now occupied by Conservationist A. C. Metz. His home was at Saluda, S. C.

A FARMER DOES A BIG JOB

(By the County Agent)

We often see a farmer who is especially proud of the fact that he owns a large amount of land. Quite contrary to that thinking,

R. C. White of King is interested in producing large crops on small acreages. On Mr. White's 200 acre farm he and his tenants produced the following crops in 1944: 102 barns of tobacco; 700 bushels of wheat; 440 bushels of oats; 80 bushels of corn; 112 tons of hay and 500 bushels of soybean seed. In addition to the crops there are 12 head of dairy cattle and five mules and horses supported by the farm.

Mr. White believes in a balanced farming program and insists that his tenants do the same. The tenants share in the grain and hay crops just as Mr. White does. This might explain why he seldomly has any trouble getting his