

Wedded November 18th

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES and COMINGS AND GOINGS

### FERDIE HIGDON HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY DINNER

Ferdie Higdon, of Iotla street, was honored with a surprise birthday dinner by his sister, Mrs. Sam Murray at her home on Iotla street on Sunday.

Mr. Higdon was the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts and those enjoying the dinner with the honoree were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Crawford, of Franklin route 4, and Parker Higdon.

Mr. Higdon has been in ill health for the past several months, but is reported to be improving.

### CPHM AND MRS. MURRAY SPEND LEAVE IN FRANKLIN

Chief Pharmacist's Mate and Mrs. Fred J. Murray arrived here on Tuesday afternoon from New York to spend several weeks with Mr. Murray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Murray, at their home on West Main street.

CPHM Murray, who attended the Franklin high school, left here in November 1939 and joined the United States Navy, in which he has been serving since. This is Mr. Murray's first opportunity to visit home since May, 1942. Since then he has been serving in a unit of the Naval Transportation Service, which has taken him to every continent and onto every ocean.

A letter of commendation to CPHM Murray from his Commanding Officer on transfer, read in part as follows: "It is with pleasure that the Commanding Officer takes this occasion to commend you on the exceptionally efficient manner in which you have performed your duties aboard this vessel during your 30 months aboard. Your efforts contributed have enabled her successful transport for more than 190,000 miles with passengers and cargoes, this mileage representing a total of 109,000 individual passengers."

This visit to Franklin is the first for Mrs. Murray, who was the former Miss Edna Rauscher, of Forest Hill, N. Y. The couple were wedded on June 22, 1944 in the Little Church Around the Corner (The Church of the Transfiguration) in New York, and have resided in that city since. Chief Murray is at present unassigned, and is to report to the Commandant Third Naval District at the completion of his leave for reassignment in that area.

### MRS. ALSUP TO BE HOSTESS TO LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. D. Alsup, for its regular monthly meeting. All members are urged to be present.

### MRS. REESE TO BE HOSTESS TO T. E. L. CLASS

The T. E. L. Class of the Franklin Baptist church will hold its regular monthly business and social meeting on Tuesday evening, February 27, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Frank Reese. All members are urged to be present.

### Personal Mention

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Marchman attended the funeral of Mrs. George R. Brown, a sister of Mrs. Marchman in High Point, last week. On their return they were accompanied by Miss Mattie Adamson, of Bremen, Ga., also a sister of Mrs. Marchman, who spent the weekend here with the Rev. and Mrs. Marchman, returning to her home on Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Ray, Bidwell street, was called to Birmingham, Ala., last week on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. E. M. Gilmore.

Mrs. John Love of Charlotte, was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Womack, and sister, Mrs. Robert Tallent, this past week. She returned to Charlotte on Saturday and left by plane for Santa Fe, N. M., where she will join her husband who is stationed in the hospital there.

James F. Marchman, Intelligence Officer with the Superfortress Bomber Group, stationed in India and China, received his promotion to Captain on January 30. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Marchman, of Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis and two children, of Clinton, Tenn., have been spending several days with Mr. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Robert Davis.

Miss Amanda Slagle spent the weekend in Atlanta, Ga., with her sister, Miss Lucy Slagle.

Mrs. Lyman Sweatman, of Cartoogechaye, who is a patient at the Angel Clinic, is reported to be improving.

John Campbell, who is working for the American Yarn Process company, at Mt. Holly, spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Ed Campbell, at her home on Franklin route 3.

Mrs. J. B. Deal, of Franklin route 4, left Monday for Greenville, S. C., where she will spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Gregg and Mr. Gregg.

Mrs. Ed Whitaker and Mrs. Horace Nolen spent Sunday in Bryson City with Mrs. Whitaker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Morris and Mrs. Nolen's sister, Mrs. Medford Messer and Mr. Messer.

Mrs. Nina Johnson, of Asheville, was here on Monday to see her father, Bruce Duvall.

Mrs. Margaret Tice Oliver and two small sons, of Omaha, Neb., are here for a visit with Mrs. Tice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tice, at their home on Franklin route 3. Mrs. Tice is employed with the Army Inspectors Signal Corps in Omaha.

Mrs. Nannie Truett, of the Oak Grove community, is under treatment at the Angel hospital. Her condition is reported to be satisfactory.



Miss Mildred Barnes and Fireman First Class Marvin Curtis Roper, whose marriage was a social event of November 18. Mrs. Roper is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barnes, of Winston-Salem and Fireman Roper is the son of Mrs. Arlesa Roper of Franklin, Route 3. They are now residing at 426 King Street, Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. Lou Rogers, returned to her home at Hayesville Monday after a visit with her brothers, George Gregory at the Angel Clinic, and P. M. Gregory and family at their home on Franklin route 2.

Mrs. Manson Stiles spent the first of the week with her father, Joe Sweatman and family on Cartoogechaye.

Pvt. Pink A. Gibson, who is stationed at Fort Bragg, spent a five-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pink A. Gibson, at their home at Cullasaja, and his wife, the former Miss Gladys Smith.

Mrs. Belle Dills, of Hiwassee, Ga., is spending several days with her brother, George Gregory who is a patient at the Angel Clinic. She is also visiting another brother, P. M. Gregory and family at their home on Franklin route 2.

Mrs. Graham Grindstaff, superintendent of the Colonial Mica corporation of Newport, N. H., took a group of women to Boston last week to donate blood. Mrs. Grindstaff is a sister to James A. and Joe Palmer of Franklin.

Mrs. Thad Patton and son, Kenneth, spent the weekend in Murphy with Mrs. Patton's sister, Mrs. Robert Reid, and Mr. Reid, and her mother, Mrs. A. S. Solesbee, who is making her home in Murphy at present.

Mrs. Herbert E. Church left Tuesday for Newark, Ohio, for a week's visit with her son, H. E. Church, Jr., and Mrs. Church and their small daughter, Carol Leslie.

Misses Pauline and Thelma Plemmons, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Astor Plemmons, of Sylva, were visiting Mrs. Nancy Cardon, at her home in the Leatherman community. Mrs. Cardon has been quite ill at her home for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Osborne and son, Larry, have recently moved from East Franklin to Atlanta, Ga., where Mr. Osborne is employed with the Bell Air Craft Bomber plant.

Mrs. J. S. Sloan has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where she spent a week with her daughter, Miss Timoxena Sloan, and her son, W. N. Sloan.

Mrs. A. J. Petrozzi, who has been spending several weeks with her husband in Columbus, Ga., has returned to Franklin for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Womack. Mrs. Petrozzi was the former Miss Marie Womack.

A. V. Garrett, of the Oak Grove section of the county, who underwent an operation for the removal of his appendix at the Angel hospital Sunday, is reported to be getting along nicely.

John Archer and T. W. Angel, Jr., are spending several days in Haines City and other points in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weyman and niece, Miss Betty Hurst, of Park Hall, Md., spent two weeks here with Mrs. Weyman's sister, Miss Ethel Hurst, at her home on Harrison avenue.

George Moore, who is working in Park Hall, Md., is spending several days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Moore at their home on Iotla street.

E. H. Corpening, who underwent a very serious operation at the Angel hospital has recovered sufficiently to be removed to his home in Bryson City.

Mrs. L. A. Ross, of Hampton, Va., arrived here Sunday to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slagle, at their home on West Main street, while her husband is serving in the navy.

### Home Nursing Courses Offered By Red Cross

Farm families all the way from Ventura, Calif., to Rutland, Vt., are benefiting from American Red Cross Home Nursing instruction given by professional nurses. Since Pearl Harbor, more than 250,000 rural women have completed home nursing classes. In many places the U. S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service is co-operating in promoting classes, and county health departments are furnishing nurses to teach.

Those wishing to enroll should call their Red Cross chapter. The standard course requires but 24 hours. It teaches how to care for communicable diseases, give bed baths, change the bed with the patient in it, take temperature and pulse, improvise equipment for greater comfort, and give simple treatments and medicine ordered by the doctor. The course further includes care of the mother and her new baby and the prevention of illness. A 6-lesson course of 12 hours on care of the sick only is also available.

A tight supply situation is ahead in shipping containers, including those for fruits and vegetables, and in textile bags, especially, according to the WFA.

### Poet's Corner

The poem was written by Lt. Dean F. Chatlain, while recovering from wounds in an army hospital at Oran, Algeria. The officer's tank had received a direct hit from a German 88 mm. gun. Lt. Chatlain suffered 74 wounds from shell fragments, one almost severing a leg. He completed the amputation with a pocket knife and afterwards laid for eight hours in the desert before receiving medical attention. This poem is a re-print from Nick Kenny's column in the Daily Mirror.

"What did you do today, my friend,  
From morning until night?  
How many times did you complain  
The rationing is too tight?  
When are you going to start to do  
All the things you say?  
A soldier would like to know,  
my friend,  
What did you do today?"

"He met the enemy today  
And took the town by storm.  
Happy reading it will make  
For you tomorrow morn.  
You'll read with satisfaction  
The brief communique.  
We fought, but are you fighting?  
What did you do today?"

"My gunner died in my arms—  
I feel his warm blood yet;  
Your neighbor's dying joy gave  
me out  
A scream I can't forget.  
On my right a tank was hit,  
A flash and then a fire,  
The stench of burning flesh  
Still rises from the pyre.

What did you do today, my friend,  
To help us with the task;  
Did you work harder and  
longer for less,  
Or is that too much to ask?  
What right have I to ask you  
this,  
You probably will say,  
Maybe, now, you'll understand,  
YOU SEE I DIED TODAY."

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