

Capt. Patton Is Transferred To Yokota, Japan

HEADQUARTERS, YOKOTO AFB, JAPAN.—Capt. James D. Patton, son of Robert A. Patton, of Franklin, North Carolina, recently arrived at Yokota Air Force Base, following his transfer from Itami Air Force Base, which was recently deactivated. As a member of headquarters squadron, 3d Air Base Group, he will belong to a group that is charged with the responsibility for the proper maintenance and operation of the housekeeping functions necessary to provide a home away from home for the Air Force personnel and their dependents stationed at this Far East aerial outpost.

Capt. Patton made his original entry into the Air Force in October, 1941, after receiving diplomas from Franklin high school and North Carolina State college. He received his commission and pilot rating in May, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas. He now holds the rating of senior pilot. Prior to entering the service, he held a position as a soil conservationist with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Arriving overseas on December 13, 1947, Capt. Patton was assigned to Itami AFB and remained on duty there until his recent transfer to Yokota Air Force Base. Mrs. Patton and their three children are presently residing at Itami, pending notification for them to join Capt. Patton at Yokota.

Excessive use of alcohol is fatal for anyone who attempts to live under conditions of excessive heat.

HONOR COURT IS HELD HERE

Four Franklin Scouts Given Merit Badges At Ceremony

Four members of Franklin Troop No. 1 received merit badges at last Thursday evening's Smoky Mountain district Boy Scout court of honor ceremony, held at the Slagle Memorial building here.

Frank Allison was awarded the merit badges in woodwork and pioneering; Ben Edwards won those in cooking and firemanship; and Leonard Long and Richard Renshaw, those in carpentry, home repairs, and wood carving.

One Scout—Bennie Reese, of Sylva—was promoted to the high rank of Eagle.

William E. Ensor served as advancement chairman; Scout Frank Allison, of Franklin, acted as court clerk; the colors were advanced by Franklin Scouts Ben Edwards, Jack Cluster, and Richard Renshaw; Richard Renshaw led the pledge to the flag; and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan gave the invocation. A vocal solo was rendered by Bennie Reese.

Claude Smith conducted the Tenderfoot investiture ceremony; John Edwards made the first class awards; John Alsup presented the merit badges; Mr. Morgan made the Star Scout award; and A. W. Allen, Scout executive, of Asheville, made the Eagle award.

Has Fresh 'Punkin' Two Months Before Time For New Crop

The time will soon be here when "the frost is on the punkin' and the fodder's in the stack", but Mrs. Frank Tallent doesn't have to wait for frost to enjoy fresh pumpkin. She has them left from last year.

Having raised a big crop last year, the Tallents stored their pumpkins in the basement of their home on the Georgia road last fall, and have been having pumpkin ever since.

Last week she reported there still were three big ones in the basement, all in perfect condition.

Miss Wallace Is On Winthrop College's 'Distinguished' List

Seven North Carolina girls were among the 125 Winthrop college students who were distinguished for second semester of the 1948-49 session, according to an announcement received here.

To be named on the distinguished list, a Winthrop girl must have better than a "B" average on all courses of study for the semester.

The North Carolina girls included Miss Barbara Hope Wallace, of Franklin, senior, also distinguished one previous semester.

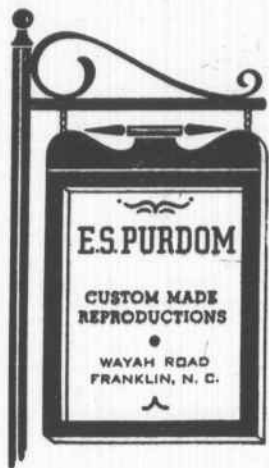
Geographic Has Article On Appalachian Trail

August National Geographic magazine has some 20 pages and a like number of photographs on the Appalachian Trail, hikers' elongated heaven from from Maine to Georgia, via Macon County. North Carolina's Great Smokies and Nantaha'a divisions highlight the text and pictures. The piece is by Andrew H. Brown, with pictures by Robert F. Sisson.

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