

WCTC PLANS HALF MILLION POSTWAR EXPANSION

Overseas Gift Packages Must Be Mailed Before October 15

Walker Stresses Need For More Care In Wrapping Packages

"Save strong string and box material and start to plan shopping." Postmaster General Frank C. Walker advises Americans in announcing the rules for mailing of Christmas gifts for Army and Navy personnel overseas.

This year the Christmas mailing period for both Army and Navy overseas forces is the same — September 15 to October 15. After October 15 no gift parcel may be mailed to a soldier without the presentation of a written request from him.

The great demands upon shipping and the need for giving preference to arms, munitions, medicine and food is the prime reason for the early mailing date. Moreover, gift parcels must travel great distances to reach Army and Navy personnel who are located at remote points, and frequently the transfer of large numbers to new stations necessitates forwarding of the packages and additional time is required.

"The response that our people made last year during the overseas mailing period demonstrated that they will cooperate in any measure designed for the welfare of our armed forces personnel," Mr. Walker said. "It is not easy to concentrate on Christmas gifts in the midst of warm weather here at home but our people recognized the need, and because they want the men and women who are absent from their homes to know that they are not forgotten at Christmas they took pains to assure prompt delivery of Christmas gifts."

"I know that our people will observe the overseas mailing schedule once more this year but I do wish to stress this fact: More care must be taken in wrapping and packing parcels securely and addressing them clearly and correctly."

It is not a pleasant thing to visit a postal concentration center and see the numbers of Christmas parcels which will never reach servicemen and servicewomen. Post office personnel have orders to do everything they can to effect delivery of such gifts, because we know how important they are for the happiness of the armed forces. Too frequently, nothing can be done.

JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS GET NEW EQUIPMENT

The schools in Jackson county were very lucky to get the "Audio-Visual" equipment that is being placed in high schools in the county," said Mr. Moses. This equipment will be used for the more modern method of teaching certain subjects.

Two new school buses have also been added, they were released by the Federal Government to replace older buses. This is the first replacement that Jackson County has had in two years. The buses are Ford V-8's with 21 foot bodies.

WOUNDED

Pvt. Glenn D. Moore, son of Wallace Moore, of Glenville was wounded on June 6th in France.

Pvt. Moore entered service in September, 1942, and received training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., Camp Livingston, La., and Camp Swift, Texas. He was sent overseas last spring. Pvt. Moore has three brothers in service, Charles, Claude and Jimmy Moore.

OPA Changes

Point Values

No more ration points for utility grades of beef and lamb will be required through September 2, and for the same period point-values have been restored on pork loins, pork hams and canned fish, the Office of Price Administration has announced. Cheeses were increased from two to four points a pound and farm or country butter from eight to 12 points a pound.

Pfc. Joseph R. Green Slightly Wounded In France July 26

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green of Gay have received word from the War Department that their son, Pfc. Joseph R. Green was slightly wounded on July 26, in action somewhere in France. They were informed that they would be advised as reports of his condition were received.

Pfc. Green has been in service since December 10, 1942. He was inducted at Fort Bragg and received further training at Camp Phillips, Kansas. He was in Tennessee on maneuvers. He has been serving overseas since last November. Before going into service he was a farmer.

FARMERS URGED TO SELL POTATOES IN MONTH OF AUGUST

Mr. G. R. Lackey, Jackson County Farm Agent, urges all farmers in Jackson County to sell their potatoes in August. The following is a telegram he received from the N. C. Dept. of Agriculture:

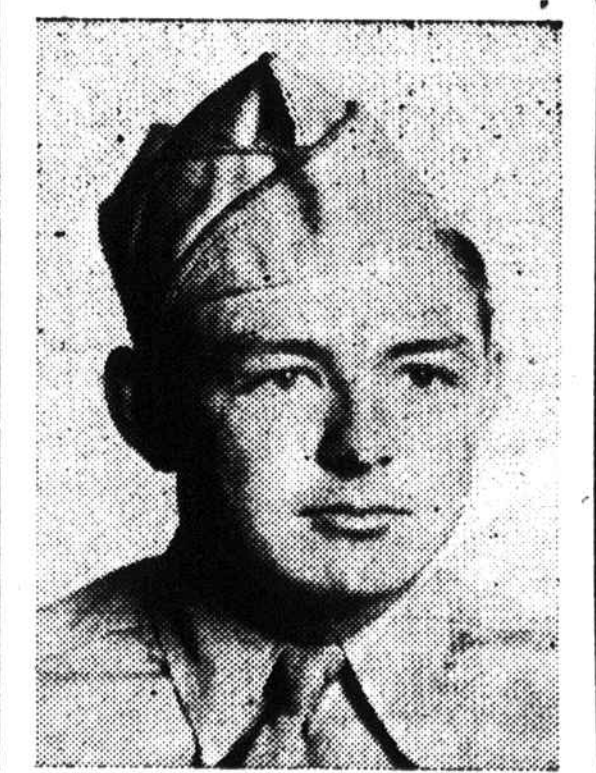
"OPA announced new ceiling price three dollars sixty cents (\$3.60) per hundred for North Carolina white potatoes based on U. S. number one grade effective this date for August only. Growers should market all of crop possible during this month as present ceiling price for September is two dollars fifty cents per hundred. All rates now moving at ceiling price if movement should get relatively heavy later on market price will decline considerably below ceiling price same as last year."

RANDALL B. ETHERIDGE,
N. C. Dept. of Agriculture

RETURNS TO CAMP

George E. Woodard has returned to Camp Chappel, Ark., after spending 17 days with his father, Oscar Woodard, and his two sisters. He is connected with a machine gun squad.

Graduates From Gunnery School



According to a message received from the War Department Air Corps Public Relations, Cpl. Thomas A. McGuire, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McGuire of Heiskell, Tenn., was graduated last week from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School, Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas, a member of the AAF Training Command. He is now qualified to take his place as a member of a bomber combat crew.

Along with his diploma, he received a pair of Aerial Gunner's silver wings and a promotion in grade at brief graduation exercises held there.

He was prepared for his place in America's stepped-up air offensive by a comprehensive six weeks course in every phase of aerial gunnery warfare. Besides learning to fire every type weapon from camera guns to the deadly caliber .50 Brownings, he studied turret manipulation, aircraft identification, stripping and reassembling of machine guns while blindfolded. He climaxed the course by air firing on towed targets.

Cpl. McGuire is the nephew of Dr. W. P. McGuire of Sylva.



WITH TURKEY highlighted in the Balkan arena following the diplomatic break with Germany, as indicated in black on the map, Washington sources insist that Bulgaria and Romania—and possibly Hungary—are expected to join the Turks within a short time. In fact, the break was reported as timed to suit a general Balkan program. (International)

PROMINENT JACKSON COUNTY CITIZEN DIES

George Washington McConnell, 84, retired Jackson County mining operator died at his home in Webster on Monday, August seventh, following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held at the Webster Methodist church, the Rev. W. N. Cook, the Rev. Forest Blankenship and the Rev. Earnest Fitzgerald officiated. Burial followed in the Webster cemetery. Moody Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Active Pallbearers were Roy Cowan, David Cowan, Alvin Fulbright, Bannister Madison, Clint Morgan, Honorary, E. L. Wilson, J. H. Wilson, D. D. Hooper, Chester Scott, R. L. Madison, Joe Allison, Scoop Enloe, A. B. Fulbright, E. L. McKee, M. D. Cowan.

The flower girls were: Pearl Grogan, Helen Cowan, Hattie Cowan, Dorothy McConnell, Nell Fulbright and Hannah Cowan.

Mr. McConnell was born in Hayesville, but for a number of years has been a resident of Jackson county. He was a member of the Webster Methodist church and for many years was a member of the board of stewards. He also was a former sheriff of Jackson county and also served in the capacity of deputy sheriff.

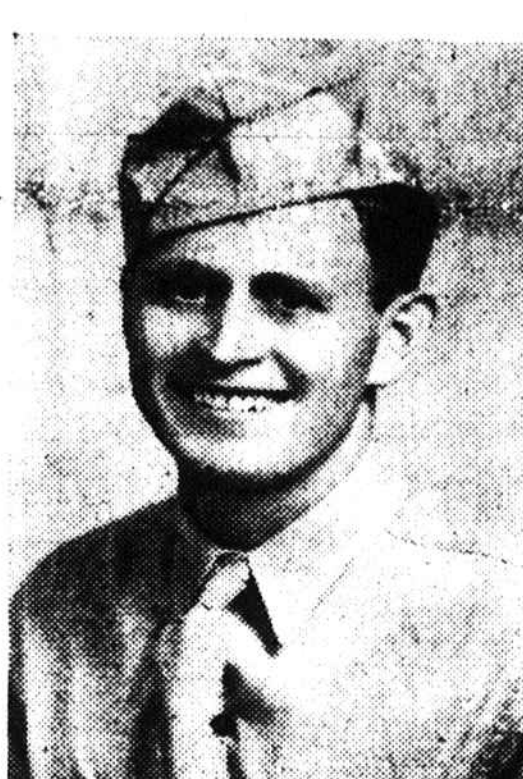
He was married to Miss Sarah E. Keener in 1889 and to that union 11 children were born, nine of whom survive. They include four sons, Will, Burch, Fred and George McConnell; five daughters, Misses Callie, Ida Bell, Anna Laura, and Maggie Jo, all of Webster and Mrs. Myrtle Crips of Asheville; 19 grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Lumber Restrictions Explained, Higdon

Jackson County farmers who desire to make necessary repairs to farm buildings will, in the future, find it necessary to apply to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for a certificate permitting the purchase of lumber. It was announced last week by D. C. Higdon, Chairman of the Jackson County Agricultural Conservation Association.

Due to the critical lumber situation, certain regulations have been set up which limits the use of material to absolute necessities. The AAA is administering this program as it affects farmers. Jackson county farmers who need lumber for building or repairing farm buildings, excluding farm dwellings, where these buildings are necessary to prevent loss of

Now Serving In France



According to word received by Mrs. Ray Dillard, her husband Cpl. Lyle Ray Dillard has landed in France. Cpl. Dillard has been in the army for 26 months with the Ordnance Division, and has been serving overseas for the past 10 months. He was formerly stationed in England. He is the son of Mr. C. P. Dillard of Sylva.

Date For School Opening To Be Set On Thursday

Mr. Adam Moses has announced that he is awaiting the decision of the Board of Education before making any further statement about the opening date of Jackson County schools. The board will meet on Thursday, August 17.

Clean shavings make a very satisfactory hen-nest litter.

President Hunter Announces Ten Year Program For College

Is Awarded Oak Leaf Cluster

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, ENGLAND. — Staff Sergeant Herbert T. Vance, 23, of Webster, N. C., tail gunner on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has been presented an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in heavy bombing assaults on vital Nazi targets in Germany and the Occupied Countries of Europe. The presentation was made by Colonel Karl Truesdale, Jr., of Washington, D. C., group commander.

Sgt. Vance, the son of Mrs. R. O. Vance, of Webster, N. C., entered service October 2, 1942, prior to which he was a welder at the Newport News Va., Shipyard.

EDISON J. SAUNOKE AWARDED AIR MEDAL AT CHEROKEE HOME

The Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded to Edison J. Saunooke during a ceremony Sunday at his home on the Cherokee Indian Reservation. The award was presented by Major Nevins and Captain Furger of the Greenville, S. C., army air base.

The award was for duty as a gunner on a bomber in the South Pacific area where he spent 20 months. He will later be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Saunooke was recently given an honorable discharge. He has two brothers, Richard and Welch Saunooke in the armed forces.

Graduates From Storekeeper's School

U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.—Theodore Joseph Murrillo, recently graduated from the Aviation Storekeeper's School in Jacksonville and was promoted to Aviation Storekeeper Third Class in the U. S. Navy.

Entering the Navy December second, 1943, he received his recruit training at Sampson, N. Y., before being transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training Center here.

Murrillo is now a qualified Aviation Storekeeper and will probably see service with a Naval Air Unit. His wife, the former Miss Vergie Parris lives in Sylva.

Serving Overseas



Sgt. Medford R. Deitz has landed safely in England according to word received by his wife, the former Miss Hattie Harris. Sgt. Deitz was inducted at Camp Croft, S. C. in November 1943. He took his basic training at Camp Plauche, La., and was then sent to Montgomery, Ala. for further training before being sent overseas. Before entering service Sgt. Deitz was employed by T.V.A.

Serving In California

Sgt. Frank E. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Parker of Sylva, of the U. S. Marines is now stationed in California.

Sgt. Parker volunteered in the Marines January first, 1942. He was first at Parris Island, S. C., Quantico, Va., Newbern and Kingston. From Kingston he was sent to his present station in California where he is a cook.

Before entering service he was employed at Stovall's Cafe.

CULLOWHEE.—A half million dollar expansion program for the plant of Western Carolina Teachers College here covering a 10-year period has been approved by the college board of trustees and an application for the necessary funds will be filed with the general assembly. It has been announced by H. T. Hunter, president.

In addition to the plant expansion, Dr. Hunter revealed plans also are being made to expand the number of courses offered to make a four-year college education available to students desiring to take other than teacher training. At present only teacher education is offered on the four-year level.

Plans for the expansion are being made, Dr. Hunter revealed, in view of the anticipated demand in the post war period. He said that estimates of future enrollment show that 650 boarding students and 150 day students, a total enrollment of 800 is not an unreasonable expectation for the college.

He said that in the post-war period short courses with scientific vocational emphasis will be imperative. Courses in science, economics, government, inter-American relationships, rural life and the like, are planned, he said.

Dr. Hunter explained that if the program is carried out as now planned, from one-third to one-half of the students could be given work assistance, which he declared would be of tremendous value in case of another economic depression.

The plant expansion program as approved by the board follows:

Included in Plans
Biennium of 1945-47: Farm expansion, vocational self help unit, with additional lands, buildings, equipment, freezer-locker installation and livestock; science - vocational shop unit with building and laboratory equipment for all the sciences, also equipment for mathematics, business education, home economics, fine arts and vocational shop; laundry building and equipment; cafeteria and bakery, including conversion of the present dining hall and kitchen; completing and equipping the basement of Hoey auditorium for music department, including dressing rooms and stage; president's house, building and staple furnishings for reception room and two other rooms; and general equipment.

Biennium of 1947-49 — Library unit; dormitory for men; service plants, including heating system, sewage disposal plant, extension of heating mains, electric clock and bell system, inter-communication phone system, driveways and landscaping.

Biennium of 1949-51: Classroom unit to accommodate social sciences, English, modern languages, dramatics, creative writing, education, philosophy and religion; physical education and health unit; and faculty apartments.

Biennium of 1951-53: An administration unit, repairs and extension of present facilities are recommended.

Biennium of 1953-55: Home economics cottages; training school expansion unit; and miscellaneous repairs and replacements are proposed.

MRS. FORE DIES AT HOME IN EAST LAPORT

Mrs. Horace Fore, 54, died at her home in East LaPorte. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Houston of Macon county.

Funeral services were held at the East LaPorte Baptist church, the Rev. J. Edgar Bishop and the Rev. Ernest Fitzgerald officiated. Burial was at the Cullowhee cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, one son of Camp Sill, Oklahoma, and three daughters, Miss Geneva, Mrs. Howard Stephens and Mrs. Woodford, all of East LaPorte; seven brothers and sisters and five grandchildren, also a host of relatives and friends who will miss the courageous and faithful Mrs. Fore.

The enrichment of bread and the increased use of milk are improving the diet in important vitamins and minerals.