

LIONS SPONSORED EYE CLINIC TO BE HELD FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

On Friday, August 25 the Sylva Lions' Club will sponsor an eye clinic for underprivileged children of Jackson County. Those to be examined have been notified when to come. The clinic will be at the Sylva Baptist church. At no time during the day will the children be together in large groups as the appointments have been set so as to avoid this.

This eye clinic has been scheduled for a number of months but due to the shortage of doctors it was postponed indefinitely. The county board of health gave permission for this clinic.

Sylva Rotary Club Has A Meeting Tuesday

The Sylva Rotary Club had an outstanding meeting on last Tuesday evening. Including visitors there were 41 present. The guests were Capt. John H. Carper, Lt. Roy Hunter, Charles M. Reed, John Gibson, Mort Saule, Ed Christenberry, John Orr, Victor B. Montgomery, A. R. Babcock, Mr. Rabb, and Lt. (jg) John McDevitt.

Capt. Carper was guest speaker of the evening, and he gave a very interesting account of some of his experiences as Chaplain in the U. S. Army. He has served overseas for 27 months.

Lt. Hunter, nephew of Dr. H. T. Hunter, gave a short talk on the air force. Lt. Hunter has made 52 missions over enemy territory.

MAKE WITH JIVE IN RENNES



WHILE HIS BUDDIES supply the rhythm, Rosario Talliento, a GI from Brooklyn, N. Y., and a French girl overjoyed by the liberation of her native Rennes, do some of the latest American jive steps. Similar scenes were repeated in other streets of the freed Breton capital. Official U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

Cadet Lewis Spends Furlough With Parents

Cadet Ernest Duane Lewis has returned to Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas, after spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lewis, of Webster. From Brooks Field he will enter Pre-Flight at S. A. A. C. He completed his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla., then had a nine weeks course at Texas A. & M. College, from there he was moved to Brooks Field. Before volunteering for the Army Air Corps he attended North Carolina State College.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Davis Three Sons In Service

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Davis of Barkers Creek have three sons in service. Pvt. Homer T. Davis is stationed at Camp Howzie, Texas; Pfc. Troy Davis is stationed at Morris Field, N. C.; Pvt. Howard N. Davis has been stationed in New Mexico but was recently sent to Camp Barkley, Texas.

All three boys have been home on furloughs recently.

Chaplain Says Our Soldiers Feel Grave Responsibilities

SERGT. REYNOLDS AWARDED HONOR FOR HIGH VALOR

Washington, Aug. 12.—The department today announced the award of the Silver Star to First Sgt. Buren V. Reynolds, Infantry of Glenville.

Sgt. Reynolds' citation reads in part:

"On October 15, 1943, while attacking toward a town in Italy, the advance guard of his battalion encountered stiff resistance from an enemy stronghold, consisting of three Mark IV tanks and supported by entrenched machine guns. He voluntarily braved enemy fire which caused three casualties, and took control of the situation. He took a squad and attacked two enemy machine-gun nests. His action, in the face of automatic fire at a range of 50 yards, knocked out the two machine guns, killed two Germans, wounded three, and caused the capture of eight more. The tanks withdrew, and the battalion continued its advance."

Missing In Action



Mr. and Mrs. Berry Ensley have received a message from the government stating that their son, Sgt. Julius Alvin Ensley, has been missing in action since July fourth. Sgt. Ensley was serving in France.

He was in service before Pearl Harbor and has been the Infantry since March, 1944.

Before going into service Ensley was employed in Washington, he volunteered there. Sgt. Ensley's wife, the former Bonnie Mitchell, lives in Sylva.

John H. Carper, Recently Returned from European Theatre, Finds Men Are Looking To God For Strength.

Chaplain John H. Carper, of Cullowhee and Charlotte, who has recently returned from the European theatre of operations to spend a furlough with his wife and family at Cullowhee, was kind enough to grant us an interview this week. He has spent 27 months overseas, serving in Ireland, England, Scotland, Africa and Italy. Chaplain Carper has the rank of Captain in the U. S. Army, and the three stars on his campaign ribbon denote three major campaigns in which he has served.

Chaplain Carper was reluctant to speak of himself, he seemed to be more interested in telling of his boys and the work being done by the chaplains. It is comforting to know that our boys have religious leaders such as Chaplain Carper. We asked him to tell us something of the general attitude of the boys over there. He looked thoughtful for a minute and said:

"One of the outstanding general attitudes of our men overseas is their consciousness that they are in a momentous phase of our civilization. They are conscious that they have a big part to play and they are seeking to play manfully. They love the things that they have always loved, and want to keep these things the same after this is over. They still like to recall the happy and high experiences they had prior to this conflict, and hold them as ideals toward which they are striving, for the enjoyment of people of the entire world. For the most part they believe in the democratic institution, sanctity of the Christian home, the free interchange of speech and ideas. They want every man to have an opportunity to express himself as he sees fit; and if necessary die for that right. They are grieved and hurt when some at home seem to use their liberty as license in undemocratic activities. Many of these men have expressed themselves to me as desirous of furthering their educational pursuits upon return home, and many have been most eager for any type of literature that would keep them abreast of the trend of national and international life."

As Chaplain Carper talked it was evident that he was very proud of his boys, he said:

"I want to tell you a story that will show you just how much our worship services mean to the men. One cold winter morning in a spitting blue snow, I stood with the boys out in the open with only the shell of an enemy blasted building for shelter. I was telling them of a recent letter from home, in which I was told (Continued on page 4)

OPA WATCHING FOR BLACK MARKET IN CIGARETTE MARKET

Mindful that scarcities of popular commodities, in the past, encouraged black marketing, the Office of Price Administration is carefully watching the present cigarette situation.

District Enforcement Attorney, Ralph V. Kidd, said today no black market dealings in cigarettes have yet been reported to the Charlotte office. But, he added, popular brands of cigarettes have disappeared with surprising rapidity from retail counters in some areas, indicating the possibility of hoarding by some individuals with the intentions to profiteer.

To prevent such activities, which will only mean greater scarcities for most people, Mr. Kidd called upon all smokers to cooperate with OPA and to report any evidence of violations of cigarette price ceilings.

Recovering From Wounds



Cpl. Robert Woodard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Woodard, of East LaPorte, is a patient in a hospital in Italy. This is the second time that Woodard has been wounded. His mother had received word that his condition is very favorable and that he is recovering.

Cpl. Woodard was inducted into service in 1942, and he has been serving overseas for five months.

Before entering service he was employed by a construction company, and helped build the Cullowhee bridge.

He has a brother, J. B. Woodard, A. S., in the U. S. Navy. Seaman Woodard is stationed at Camp Peary, Va., and has been in the Navy for three months.

North Carolina's flue-cured tobacco crop, hard hit by early drought, is estimated to yield 22 per cent more than last year.

Pvt. Denver T. Bryson Dies From Wounds

Pvt. Denver T. Bryson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bryson, of Speedwell who was reported wounded on July 10 in Italy, died July 16 according to a message received on August 5th by his wife, Mrs. Pauline Pressley Bryson. The message read as follows: "The Secretary of war asks that I assure you of his deep sympathy in the loss of your husband, Pvt. Denver T. Bryson. Report received states he died 16th July in Italy as the result of wounds received in action. Letter follows."

Mrs. Bryson had previously been notified that her husband was seriously wounded. Before she received the telegram which stated that her husband was wounded, Mrs. Bryson received a letter which he had dictated to a Red Cross nurse telling her that he had been wounded by shell fragments in the left leg, hip and shoulder. He said that he was receiving the best of care, but that he would probably be in the hospital for some time.

Pvt. Bryson entered service in 1943. He trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Fort Meade, Md., he was sent to North Africa in March, 1944, and from there he went to Italy in time to take part in the battle for Rome. At the time he was wounded he was with the 351st Infantry.

He was a graduate of Cullowhee high school and of Western Carolina Teacher's College. Prior to entering service he was employed by the Meade Corporation in Sylva.

Besides his wife and parents he is survived by one sister, Willia Mae Bryson, of Newport News, Va.



Pvt. Denver T. Bryson

"Joe" Dowdle Wounded

Mrs. C. N. Dowdle of Franklin received word last Wednesday that her husband, "Joe" Dowdle, has been wounded in performance of his duty with the U. S. Navy. In a second communication last Saturday she learned that he was in a hospital in Newfoundland suffering from a broken ankle and injured back.

Mrs. Dowdle is the former Miss Margaret Hall, daughter of Mrs. D. M. Hall, of Sylva.

TUCKASEEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD 115TH ANNUAL SESSION AT BARKERS CREEK THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AUG. 17 AND 18

The Tuckaseege Baptist Association convened last Thursday and Friday in its 115th annual session with the Barkers Creek Baptist church. Rev. T. F. Deitz served as moderator and Rev. W. N. Cook as clerk.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. C. M. Warren, pastor of the First Baptist church of Sylva, his subject was Baptist Heritage.

A large number of prominent visitors were present and took part in the program. Dr. I. G. Greer of Mills Home, Thomasville, presented the work of the Baptist orphanages.

Dr. Smith Hagaman of Winston-Salem representing the Baptist Hospital and Bowman Gray Medical School, told of the work of these two institutions.

Dr. Satterfield, field worker for Meredith College, spoke very favorably of the growth of the college and

JACKSON SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 18

Adam C. Moses, Superintendent of Jackson County Schools, received an order from the State Board of Education as follows:

"TO ALL COUNTY AND CITY SUPERINTENDENTS:

"Greetings:

"The State Board of Education had a special meeting held Thursday afternoon, August 17, after hearing Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, Representative of the State Board of Health state that an emergency situation has developed with reference to the Poliomyelitis epidemic in the state and that his board recommended that public schools be closed until Sept. 18, decided to declare an emergency under provision of Section 115-351 of General Statutes of North Carolina 1943, and passed regulations as follows:

"1. No school shall open with reception to children prior to September 18, 1944.

"2. Two days may be taken for Teacher's Work Conference prior to the opening of schools.

"Signed,
"CLYDE A. ERWIN,
"State Superintendent of Schools."

Says Hitler Will Never Surrender

Dr. Eduard Benes predicted this week that Hitler probably never would surrender but that the German Army would "disintegrate into small units which will fight singly to the end."

The Czecho-Slovak president forecast German trends accurately before.

"This will be the real Wagnerian goetterdaemmerung," he said. Hitler will drive the German nation to destruction. That will be a terrible end. Fighting for every place will be necessary even after the allies invade German."

FRENCH BATTLE TO RID PARIS OF NAZIS

French forces of the interior now are operating inside Paris, the Algiers radio has announced, and the capital "is liberating itself" from the Nazis who, during the week, reported "violent battles" within the city.

As the French took up the task of ridding Paris of the Germans the allies gave details of arms deliveries to the FFI deep within France by means of big planes both before and after the invasion.

The allies announcement said that Americans by day and the British by night delivered thousands of tons of supplies to the French, supplies the Partisans now are using in their uprising against the Germans.

From the Spanish border came a report that uniformed officers of the French army had taken possession of the international bridge at Hendaye, completing French occupation of the entire Pyrenees.

Axis reports said American tank columns were bypassing the capital which suggested the allies might leave Paris' liberation to the French.

YANKS ESTABLISH TOEHOLD ON EAST BANKS OF SEINE

American doughboys in an operation which caught the Nazis completely by surprise have established a bridgehead across the vital Seine river 25 miles Northwest of Paris.

The first troops crossed by ferry and assault boats Saturday night in the vicinity of Mantes and Glassicourt and now are firmly established that they have no fear of a Nazi counter-attack.

"We are all set and waiting for them—with plenty of that artillery they met before," said Lt. Col. A. C. Dornmann, of Nebraska, who said that the first hours of the attack across the river American infantry outflanked and captured eight German 88-millimeter guns overlooking Mantes and Glassicourt.

One German company was caught in a heavy barrage as it was trying to move in from the East to strengthen the garrison in Limay, a small village across the Seine northeast of Mantes.

"One German who gave up as soon as he could find someone to take him prisoner said we had destroyed 75 per cent of his company," said Sgt. Leon Moss, Canton, Ill.

Glenn Cable Wounded In France

Mrs. Bill Cable of Green's Creek received a message last Saturday from the war department stating that her son, Glenn Cable, has been slightly wounded in action in France.

Serving In Pacific



Cpl. Woodrow Middleton, son of Mrs. W. N. Middleton, of East LaPorte and husband of Mrs. Ruby Davis Middleton, is now with the fighting forces on one of the islands in the Pacific. He is a member of the 77th Division Medical Battalion. Cpl. Middleton has been in service for two years, having been inducted at Fort Bragg, and trained at Camp Chaffie, Ark., Camp Pickett, and took desert training in California for a year.

He has had a varied life in the army, having served with the heavy artillery, task force, infantry and amphibious forces before being put in the Medical corps.