

25 Men Leaving This Week-End For Army Centers

Belk-Hudson Enlarging and Remodeling Store, Work Already Started

New Windows, Hardwood Floors, Added Space, New Heating System Part Of Program.

Extensive remodeling and expansion program on the Belk-Hudson store here is already under way and at least six weeks will be required to complete the job, Jennings, manager, stated yesterday.

Work will call for work from installation of a modern heating plant in basement to a new roof.

The entire new front of the store floor will be built, with the windows extending back ten feet, affording about three times the present space.

Woodwork floors will be put on the first and second floors, the front part of the second floor will be changed from store-rooms, to an ultra-modern department, Lounge and late designs of fixtures will be featured in the department, Jennings said.

Plaster ceilings will be built on the first and second floors, and all walls in the store will be re-plastered.

The stairway will be changed, the arch that now exists about the store will be removed.

From the blueprints, and specifications, we will have one of the best stores in the entire section this work is completed," Jennings said.

Officials of the Belk organization have made several trips to Asheville during recent weeks, planning for the changes. A contract was awarded to Ben Jennings last week, and workmen are at once.

The first work is being done in the section where the new read-to-go department will be built. It is so it will not conflict with the other work.

A figure was given as to the cost of the remodeling, but it will amount to several thousand dollars.

Home of Well Known Colored Woman Totally Destroyed By Fire

The home of Vallee Peterson, a well known colored woman of the community was totally destroyed by fire around 1:30 o'clock last Tuesday morning.

The one story house of six rooms located on Daisy Avenue and Negro women were sleeping in the home at the time. The owner, Mrs. Peterson, is employed as a cook, was not home at the time.

The alarm was given the city department from someone on the creek who saw the fire. The building was practically destroyed when the firemen arrived. The meantime the two occupants barely escaped, saving nothing from the house.

E. W. Gudger, New York City, On Visit

E. W. Gudger, formerly of Waynesville, who has made his home in New York City for several years, has arrived for an annual visit at his home here on Main street.

Gudger, who is an international authority on fish, holds a position with the American Museum of Natural History. He is a resident of Waynesville and spends much of his time here each summer. This year he is not staying out his usual time, but plans to leave some of the latter part of next week.

Marion Jenkins Grows Sweet Potato 20 Inches Long, Weigh 3 lbs, 15 ozs.

A sweet potato weighing three pounds and 15 ounces was brought to the Mountaineer office this week for inspection by Marion Jenkins, of East Waynesville.

Mrs. Jenkins has one-tenth of an acre in sweet potatoes and has grown one of the best crops this season he has ever had in this section of the vegetable.

Haywood Man Dies In Accident In Maryland Arsenal

Robert Fort Smathers, 29, native of Canton, was killed in an accident at Edgewood Arsenal, in Maryland, on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, according to a message received by his brother, Fleetwood Smathers, of Canton.

Mr. Smathers, a former football star of Duke University, was employed at one time in the schedule department of the Canton division of the Champion Paper and Fibre company of Canton. Seven months ago he resigned to enter war work at the arsenal in a civilian capacity.

Funeral services will be held at the Central Methodist church at ten o'clock Friday, with the Rev. W. R. Kelly, pastor, in charge. Burial will be made in Morning Star cemetery.

Mr. Smathers served as scout master of Troop One for sometime, and scouts of the troop will be active pallbearers. He was a member of the Canton volunteer fire department and also a member of the Phalanx club, and active in Y. M. C. A. work.

The body will arrive at 9:15 today accompanied by Major Walter Cathey, of Clyde, who is stationed at the arsenal, and a friend, George Howard Trostel, of Canton, who is employed at the arsenal.

Mr. Smathers was well known in the county and widely connected. He graduated from the Canton high school and Duke University where he played for three years on the varsity football team.

Surviving are one brother, Fleetwood, who is chief paperboard inspector for the Champion company in Canton and a sister, Mrs. Marvin Alexander, also of Canton.

United Nations Feature Displayed At Public Library

"United Nations Fight For Freedom" is the feature display at the War Information Center at the Waynesville Public Library this week.

Posters showing flags of the United Nations, pictures of allied service men, as well as Haywood county men serving with "the colors" in the fight for freedom, maps, pamphlets and books are included in the display.

Pictures and short biographies of prominent southern-born service commanders, MacArthur, Stillwell, Chenault, Eisenhower, Andrews, Marshall, Emmons, Baker and Jarman, are all shown in an interesting setting.

Among the pamphlets shown are: "The Atlantic Charter, Overseas America, Fight for Four Freedoms, and War Facts. Books for reading in connection with the display are: "Our Country, Our People and Theirs," "They Wanted War," "The Revolution of Nihilism," "Stalin," and "Blood, Sweat and Tears."

10,000 Pounds Scrap Metal Salvaged During Past 3 Weeks In County

A little more than 110,000 pounds of scrap metal has been collected by junk dealers in the county during the past few weeks. The Mountaineer learned yesterday. The Waynesville area sold about 84,000 pounds, and the Canton area about 26,000.

"As a rule, the people are slow about turning in their scrap," one buyer pointed out. "There is plenty of scrap iron and other metals in the county, but the owners are not doing anything about getting it to the government, at high market prices."

The Unagusta Manufacturing Company will soon release 35,000

Jap Sign in Solomons



A U. S. Marine is shown looking over a Jap sign at the entrance to the first Nipponese Army camp encountered by the Leathernecks in their offensive push into Guadalcanal Island. This is one of the six Solomon Islands controlled by U. S. Marines. (Central Press)

Boone Orchard To Yield 9,000 Bushels Of Apples

Apple picking time has started at the Boone Orchard, and a crop estimated at 9,000 bushels is expected to be gathered, according to R. H. Boone and W. K. Boone, owners.

The crop this year is about half the average yield, although the apples are larger than the average, it was said.

The Winesap variety is practically a total failure, due to the hard freeze early in the spring.

The orchard has 75 acres devoted to the 3,000 trees.

Ray's Adds Much Space To Store

C. E. Ray's Sons have opened the second floor of their store for retail business, which adds several hundred square feet of space to the firm.

Special counters, shelves, display tables and lighting fixtures were installed for the convenient showing of merchandise which will be featured in this department.

Men and Women Wishing To Take Auto Mechanics Training Meet Friday

All men and women in the community who are interested in taking courses in defense training in automobile mechanics are asked to meet at the Chamber of Commerce office on Friday night, the 11th, at 8 o'clock.

The group is being called together by J. C. Brown, vocational agricultural teacher in the district high school, who is in charge of the courses.

Albert Harris Is Now Welding Supervisor In Wilmington Shipyard

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harris and son, of Wilmington, returned home Friday, after spending a week with friends and relatives in the community.

Mr. Harris is welding supervisor at one of the shipyards in Wilmington. He said the people were really "war-minded" in the coastal area, and were taking the war news in a more serious mood than the average person in the mountains.

Mr. Harris likes his work, but reported that travel between here and Wilmington would force them to make the trip just once a year.

Feeder Calf Sale Will Be Held On 30th At Clyde

Approximately 500 calves are to be offered to buyers at the Western North Carolina Feeder Calf Sale, which is to be held at the Haywood Mutual Stock Yards in Clyde at 2:00 o'clock on Wednesday, September 30th, it has been announced by the officials of the stock yards.

The sale is being sponsored by the owners of the Haywood Mutual Stock Yards in co-operation with the First National Bank. It is understood from the promoters of the sale that the leading stock raisers not only from Haywood county, but from Jackson, Macon, Madison and Buncombe counties, will place calves in the sale.

The sale is expected to attract buyers from a large area which will include T. Lenoir Gwyn, of this county, who is now with the State Department of Agriculture, in charge of the cattle program at the State Farm. Mr. Gwyn will bring a group of buyers from Eastern Carolina to the sale.

A large number of buyers from out of the state are also expected to attend the sale which will include representatives of the firm of Ragsdale-Lawhorn and Weill, of Atlanta, Dreher Packing Company, of Columbia, S. C.

J. R. Hipps, local buyer will represent a group of buyers from the State of New Jersey. J. A. Stanbury, leading stockman from the Valley of Virginia and representatives from the Asheville Packing Company will also attend the sale.

Animals will be placed in the sale by leading stockmen of Haywood county which will include R. V. Welch, who plans to offer 40 white faced calves for sale. George Brown, Jr., and Joe Emerson Rose plan to place around 80 Aberdeen Angus calves at the sale.

Calves offered in the sale will range in weight from 200 to 600 pounds. Any animal weighing more than 800 pounds will be held over for the regular sale to be held the next day.

Judge Alley Speaks At Dedication In Graham County

Judge F. E. Alley, of Waynesville, resident judge of the 20th judicial district, delivered the principal address at the dedication of the Graham county court house which was held in Robbinsville on Monday of this week. The building was accepted by J. B. Crisp, chairman of the county board of commissioners.

The structure is built of stone and was erected at a total cost of \$81,778. Of this amount the WPA supplied \$50,789 and the county board of commissioners the remainder.

Unagusta Employee Taken By Death

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Dellwood Methodist church for Glenn Henry Edwards, who died at the Haywood County Hospital at 2:30 Saturday. Rev. T. S. Roten and Rev. Fred Inman officiated. Burial was in the Dellwood cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were nephews as follows: Tom and Ted Howell, Lee Edwards, Buell Setzer, Delmas Caldwell and Edward Moody.

Mr. Edwards was a native of (Continued on back page)

Gift for FDR



Ruth Mitchell, sister of the late Gen. Billy Mitchell, is shown at the White House when she brought President Roosevelt a gift from the British women prisoners of war in Germany. The gift, a woven basket, is made from the wrappings of Red Cross fruit packages. Miss Mitchell was captured by the Germans while serving with a Yugoslav guerrilla organization. She was exchanged for Germans held in the U. S. (Central Press)

450-Head Cattle Sold At Clyde

With 450 head of cattle offered for sale, the Clyde Stockyards broke another record last week with volume.

Prices remained good, with 15 buyers on hand to bid rapidly for the Haywood cattle. Many Virginia buyers have been in the county recently buying feeder cattle. The Virginia men are buying earlier than usual.

Last week's averages per hundred pounds were: Heifers \$9.50 to \$12.25. Calves \$14.00 to \$15.25. Steers up to \$12.50. Cows up to \$11.00.

Mrs. Vinson Jenkins Was Buried Yesterday At White Oak Cemetery

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the White Oak Baptist church for Mrs. Arvie Jenkins, 46, wife of Vinson Jenkins, who died at 12 o'clock at the Haywood County Hospital on Tuesday noon.

The Rev. Jarvis Teague officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Jenkins is a native of the Cove Creek section and was born in 1896, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins.

Surviving are her husband; six daughters, Mrs. Alma Messer, of Catahoche section, and Misses Philathea, Arbutus, Mirandy, Polly, and Kathleen Jenkins, all of the White Oak section; four sons, Dunbar, Wilford, James and Fred, all of White Oak; three brothers, Charlie Jenkins, and Thornton Jenkins, of White Oak and Lydye Jenkins, of Marion; three sisters, Mrs. Fred Henson, of Marion, Mrs. John Henson, Mrs. Oetie Cook, Mrs. Minnie Henson, and Mrs. Tom Evans, all of the Henson Cove area near Canton.

Parade, Ball Game And Dance Featured Labor Day Program Monday

The national colors floated from every entry in the parade which opened the program of Labor Day on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The entries in the gasless parade formed in front of the Gordon Hotel at 1:30 and led by the Waynesville fire truck filled with children of all ages, started moving up Main street.

Continuing up Main street the march lead through Hazelwood, then down Brown Avenue to the high school stadium. While the floats as a whole were not as elaborate or as numerous as in other years, with the patriotic theme, accentuated they were equally as improvised.

57 Who Reported In August Leave Today, Tomorrow

Were Given 14 Days Furlough To Complete Business Arrangements.

Fifty-seven reservists in the U. S. army are scheduled to leave the Waynesville area during the coming week. The men were accepted in the August quota sent for examination and induction at Camp Croft, and were given the privilege of returning home for a two weeks furlough to wind up their business preparatory to serving in the army.

They will go in three groups, the first to leave here this morning at 6:30 for Fort Jackson by special bus. Grasty Warren will serve as acting corporal of the group which will include the following: Frank McDaniel, William G. Rathbone, Edgar Owen, Russell G. Kirkpatrick, Lester Wood, Clifford S. Riggins, John Tull Tate, Vernon Hall.

Ernest Williams, Jack N. Waldrop, Hugh C. Palmer, Albro W. Wilson, Mack M. Haney, Frank Griffin, Robert Merritt Buchanan, Charlie Elmer Messer, and McKinley Frank Parton.

Leaving at 6:30 on Friday, the 11th, with Jack Rathbone as acting corporal will be the following: Robert C. McGaha, James Higgins, Robert C. Plott, William E. Fullbright, Troy Lee McCracken, Fred B. Moody, Latham Gillett, Eugene J. Lewis, Dewey Edison Ford, Carl W. Duckett, Glenn C. Rabb, Paul A. Smith, Howard W. Long, Robert P. Trantham, William G. Gaddis, David Gaddis, Leeman C. Morgan.

Montgomery K. McElroy, Kenneth A. Clement, Joseph Limer Frady, Jr., Hugh E. Price, James L. Mills, Anthony Wayne Bramlett, Paul A. Sheehan, Lloyd Putman, Benjamin Everett Cutshaw, James Edgar Mehauffey, Harrison Price, Willie Allen Rathbone, James H. Hyatt, Joseph Monroe Massie, Cesar Morrow, Grady Vinson Howell, Jr., Charles Rufus Scates, John Hayes Alley, John Henry Ledford, and Albert Linell Hughes.

John William Caldwell will leave on Monday, the 14th, by regular bus, for Fort Jackson, the last of the member of the August quota to report for duty.

Funeral Held For Mrs. R. T. Singleton

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Bethel Methodist church for Mrs. Frances Irene Singleton, 24, who died at the Haywood County Hospital at 2:10 Thursday morning, September 3.

The Rev. Thomas Erwin officiated. Burial was in the Bethel cemetery.

Mrs. Singleton was a native of the Pigeon section. She was the wife of Robert T. Singleton and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Chambers, all of the Pigeon section.

Surviving are her husband, her parents, two small sons, Roy Lee and Ronald Singleton; three sisters, Mrs. James H. Singleton and Mrs. Glenn Parris, of Pigeon and Mrs. Walston Taylor, of Enka; two brothers, Lawrence Chambers, of Battle Creek, Mich., and Elton, of Canton, route 2.

68 Leave Here Saturday Morning For Examinations

September Quota Will Go To Camp Croft, Leaving Here By Bus At 7:30.

One hundred and twenty-five men are scheduled to leave the area served by the Waynesville draft board during the coming week, which includes the September draft under the selective service system and the reservists who have already been accepted for active service.

Those included in the September draft quota composed of 68 men who will leave on Saturday morning, the 12th, at 7:30 for Camp Croft for examinations.

In the group will be the following: Claude Grand Woodard, Vader Sutton, Alvin Mills, Vance Caldwell, Loranzo Inman, Carroll Mack Brown, John Henry Ruff, William Herman Francis, Glenn Rathbone, William Everett Dillard, Shuford Greene, Julius F. Davis, Thomas L. Howell, Howard Thomas Collins, James Barbons Liner, Wilburn Franklin Kirkpatrick, Sebe Taylor Bryson, Shelby Cullen Bramlett, Louie Lee Byrd.

Lawrence Edward Underwood, James Carmel Downs, Jeffrie David Freeman, Edward Eugene Francis, Jack Ervin Rogers, Yates Randolph Bennett, Nathan Richard Messer, Floyd Chastin Griffin, Grady Vernon Henry, Ernest William Early, Victor Lee Lewis, Russell Graham Kirkpatrick, Warren Harden Putnam, Talmadge L. Woodard.

Claud Pelland, Wayne Milford Owen, Loyd Cagle, Melvin Clingman Messer, Matt L. Woodard, James Denton McClure, Paul Marvin Miller, Vernon Jones Messer, Herbert Edward Gibson, Donald Miller, Milas Curtis, Jr., Johnny Newton Plato Green, Dean Fleeniken Reeves, James Thomas Mauldin.

John Dillard Frazier, Earl Brannon Sutton, Robert Sisk, Lewis Lawrence Williamson, Melburn Lee Miller, Fred Greenhaw Gallo-way, Dewey Rogers, Samuel Grahl Winchester, Everett Mitchell, Loyd T. Riddle, Paul R. Shelton, Thad Clingman Johnson, Robert Long, James Hilliard Trammell, Cyril Edson Williams, Dan Ball, John Robert Glance, Virgil Lowery Putnam, Herman Andrew Carver, Theodore Roosevelt Duncan, Paul L. Phillips, Howell Way Crawford, and Paul Painter.

Master of N. C. Grange Speaks At Bethel Tonight

Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, Master of the North Carolina Grange, is scheduled to speak at a grange meeting at Bethel school on Thursday evening, it has been learned from those planning the meeting.

All members are urged to be present for the meeting, as the program will be one of unusual interest.

Last Rites Held For H. H. Collins

Funeral services were held at the Clyde Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Herbert H. Collins, of Clyde, carpenter and farmer, who died in the Haywood County Hospital Monday afternoon, following a brief illness.

The Rev. T. H. Parris, pastor, officiated. Due to the late arrival of members of the family, burial will be held at two o'clock this afternoon at the Medford cemetery, Clyde. Active pallbearers were: Fred Medford, Howard Leatherwood, Cromer Chambers, Tom Reeves, Harry Cathey, and Steve McCracken.

Col. Lee Much Improved In Health Is Here On Official Business

Col. and Mrs. Ira W. Lee, of Gatlinburg, spent a few days in town during the week. Col. Lee, who has been quite ill for several months and has been confined to Hines Government Hospital near Chicago, is greatly improved, and is resuming his work with U. S. Public Roads Service. His visit here was on official business.