

With Men In Service

James Leatherwood Has Narrow Escape When Three Planes Tangle In Mid-Air

Editor's Note—James Leatherwood, now stationed at a Texas aviation school, recently had a narrow escape in a plane crash. Because of so many rumors, this cadet pilot is furnishing us with first hand information in the following letter:

"In the past few days I've received a great number of inquiries concerning my most recent narrow escape. The general consensus of opinion there seems to be that I was seriously injured in the crash. I would appreciate it if you would enter the following account of it in your paper for the benefit of the folks who have tried to find out. I'll never get time to answer all the letters and still carry on my work here.

On August 15th while engaged in formation acrobatics, I was tossed in the path of two planes who were a part of that formation and to facilitate recovery all planes slipped out and the three of us locked wings and fell some 50-75 feet to the earth—hitting on top of a fourth plane. The impact was so great that the planes were all but demolished and I was thrown, seat and all, through the bottom of my plane and clear of the wreckage some 30 feet—receiving only second degree cuts on the head and arms—a contusion on my left forearm and a painful, but not permanent back injury. The other two pilots escaped injury, due to the fact that their fall was cushioned by the wings of my plane. I have been in the hospital for

about 12 days but am now able to walk about a bit and soon shall be able to return to duty.

The reports ranged from a broken neck or back—all the way to death—so if you will in some manner or other set this aright I will appreciate it very much.

Too I should like to thank you for your recent article. All that I did was as I saw duty, and where I may rate notice there's quite a number of guys who fall unnoticed among the ranks of top flight soldiers. A good example of what I mean is the spirit of our men here. We know you on the outside are sacrificing for us. War bonds, sugar, tires, gasoline, trouser cuffs, luxuries—even that electric razor—so a group of us decided to better the 10 per cent club a little and get a new one—"A Bond-A-Pilot-A-Month" and it has just perfected itself 100 per cent with all the men at this station. Somehow it does a person's heart good just to stop and reconsider. We may not all be Colin Kelley's, or MacArthurs, but every little bit we do helps out so much. Our boys are homesick—tired—blue—and all the rest that goes with it. They'd like to loaf and fish like they formerly did, but the desire to preserve the American Way of Life is so strong within the hearts of all—that we'll never give up—or never doubt that "come what may—we'll keep 'em flying, fighting, and sailing, for Uncle Sam has never been licked yet"—with that spirit and body each man joins with you who are not privi-

leged to serve your country, and it is really an honor to go to the fore when such people as are found in my hometown are backing us up.

Yours very truly,
James Robert Leatherwood,
U. S. Army Air Forces Flying Training Det.

In U. S. Marines



SAM PLOTT, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Plott, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Grah, of Dalton, Ga., all formerly of Waynesville. Young Plott who is a graduate of the Chatsworth high school of Dalton, is only 18, and joined the U. S. marines in February of this year. A recent message to his family stated that he was "somewhere in the Pacific." As a small child he attended the East Waynesville school when his parents resided here.

He accompanied him to New York, and will return soon to take charge of Roberson Hall at Cullowhee.

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His mother spent the past week with them assisting in moving.

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Sgt. Frady In Company Hollywood Movie Stars

A photograph sent out from Camp Bowie, Texas, shows Rita Hayworth, lovely Hollywood star, surrounded by tank troopers of the battalion during her recent personal appearance there. Standing right at Miss Hayworth's side is Sgt. Porter Frady, son of James D. Frady, of Waynesville.

Pvt. Wm. Medford, Jr., Now At Camp Wolters

Pvt. William A. Medford, Jr., 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Medford, of Waynesville, is now taking specialist training at Camp Wolters, Texas, which is a large infantry replacement center for the army.

E. J. Duckett Gets Commission From Navy As Lieutenant

E. J. Duckett has received a commission as lieutenant in the navy, and reported for duty at Newport, R. I., Saturday.

Lieut. Duckett is the son of Mrs. E. T. Duckett, and the late Mr. Duckett. For the past six years he has been engineer at the Paperboard Mill at Sylva. He is a graduate of State College, and for three years was engineer at Cullowhee.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hensley, of Lenoir, announce the birth of a daughter, Dorothy Joyce, on September 4th. Mrs. Hensley is the former Miss Dollee Marsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Marsh, of Bryson City, who formerly resided here.

The now-extinct elephant birds of Madagascar were the largest birds that ever existed, individuals sometimes reaching a height of 11 feet.

Fines Creek News

Mrs. D. N. Rathbone.

A farewell supper was given last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Greene in honor of John H. Nesbitt, agriculture teacher in the Fines Creek school. He leaves soon for the Navy. Many of his students were invited and a large number were present. Mr. Nesbitt expressed much gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Greene in whose home he had been living since coming here in August of last year. Mr. Nesbitt will be greatly missed by the school as well as the community in which he took an active interest. Fines Creek sends along with him many good wishes on behalf of his fine work he did while living among us.

A Church School Rally Day program is being planned at the Laurel Hill Methodist church for September 20th. The details of the program will be announced later.

Snakes seem to be one thing people never lose fear of and no wonder, we've been taught from tots up to keep a look-out especially at this time of year. The other day while Mrs. Charlie Rogers was preparing dinner she heard a peculiar sound. Thinking it might be a buzzing bee. As the sound continued she started investigating and discovered near her door a large snake.

Her husband found a big black rattler with seven rattles.

Mrs. Vance Green and three children arrived Saturday from Newport News to visit the former's mother, Mrs. Dola Rathbone and other relatives here.

Mrs. J. L. Sizemore and her three daughters, Helen, Eula and Mrs. J. B. Ketter, of Cliffside, recently visited Mrs. H. L. Rathbone at her home on Fines Creek.

Woody McElroy, of New Jersey, recently visited his mother, Mrs. Robert Rathbone, at their home on Martins Creek.

Among those from Fines Creek making up a party and motoring to Canton Monday to enjoy Labor Day, were Glenn Noland, Edna James, Lura Mae Green, Bob Williams, Dorothy Lynch and Junior Caldwell.

Mrs. Manford Fisher and her small daughter, Virginia Ann, accompanied by her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. F. Fisher, returned to her home in Newport News last week.

Fines Creek seniors will sponsor an ice cream supper Friday night, September 11, at 8:00 o'clock at the school.

78 Enrolled At St. John's School; Substantial Increase Over Last Year

St. John's school opened Wednesday, September 2, with an enrollment of seventy-eight, which represents an increase of twenty-one over the enrollment of a year ago. Of this number, seventy-three are day students; five, boarding students. Sixty-six are from Waynesville; twelve, from out of town.

The enrollees, residents of Waynesville, unless otherwise specified, include the following:

High school: Toots Hannah, Billy Ray, Spaldon Underwood, Joe Massie, Kathleen Allison, Gladys Kenney, Lorraine Martel, Edwina Haller, Fort Payne, Ala., and Doris Ann Greer.

Eighth grade: Dorothy Martel, Nancy Kirkpatrick, Peggy Jansen, Jimmy Tutwiler, Junaluska, Nip Ray, Tuck Ray, Buddy Wilson, Cyril Minett, and Richard Underwood.

Seventh grade: Robert Hardin, William Theran Hyatt, Thomas Ray, Carolyn Cooper, Nana Lee Himes, and Catherine Panky, Miami, Fla.

Sixth grade: Evelyn Jansen and Anne Mornimo.

Fifth grade: Jane Fowler, Atlanta, Carmichael Hannah, and Hallett Ward, Jr., Junaluska.

Fourth grade: Talmadge Mor-

ris, Joan Ratcliffe, Walter Talferro and Dick Wilson.

Kindergarten: Anne Hardestad, Roberson, Agnes J. Roberson, Patsy Liner, Nancy Underwood, Betty Reese, Cly Ray, and Nancy Tolly.

Special students: Betty Wilson, Margaret Willett, Corinne Wagonfeld, Mrs. C. Daniels, Kathryn Gunn, Mary Ruby Davis, W. Welch, Wilma Hoyle, Katherine Knight, Willie Cope, and Hester Gaddy.

Music students: Carolyn Cooper, Mary Cooper, Jane Fowler, Betty Francis, Sarah Jane Garrison, Doris Greer, Bette Hannah, W. gate Hannah, Bobby Hardin, M. Himes, Patsy Jansen, Peggy Jansen, Louise Martin, Anne Mornimo, Dorothy Lane Prevost, Margaret Catherine Reese, and Sally Stovall.

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