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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 I did was as I saw duty, and where escape. The general concensus of I may rate notice there's quite a opinion there seems to be that I number of guys who fall unnoticed was seriously injured in the crash. among the ranks of top flight sol-I would appreciate it if you would diers. A good example of what enter the following account of it I mean is the spirit of our men in your paper for the benefit of here. We know you on the outthe folks who have tried to find side are sacrificing for us. War out. I'll never get time to answer bonds, sugar, tires, gasoline, trousall the letters and still carry on er cuffs, luxuries-even that elecmy 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 and all the rest that goes with it. my plane and clear of the wreck-, They'd like to loaf and fish like age some 30 feet-receiving only second degree cuts on the head and arms-a contussion on my left Life is so strong within the hearts forearm and a painful, but not of all-that we'll never give up permanent back injury. The other two pilots escaped injury, due to the fact that their fall was cush- ing, and sailing, for Uncle Sam ioned by the wings of my plane. I have been in the hospital for that spirit and body each man Benning, Ga., spent joins with you who are not privil- here with his family.

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 s 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 tric razor-so a group of us decid-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 persons'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-bluethey formerly did, but the desire to preserve the American Way of has never been licked yet"-with



SAM PLOTT, Jr., son of Mr and Mrs. Sam Plott, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Grahl, of Dalton, Ga., all formerly of Waynesville. Young Plott who is a graduate of the Chatsworth high ed to better the 10 per cent club school of Dalton, is only 18, and Newport, R. I., Saturday. a little and get a new one-"A joined the U. S. marines in February of this year. A recent mess- Duckett. For the past six years sage to his family stated that he he has been engineer at the Paperwas "somewhere in the Pacific." East Waynesville school when his parents resided here.

> eged to serve your country, and it is really an honor to go to the take charge of Roberson Hall at Rattler with seven rattles. 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.

Captain James Davis, of Fort Benning, Ga., spent the week-end



had been living since coming here

Snakes seem to be one thing peo-

Her husband found a big black

Mrs. Vance Green and three chil-

daughters, Helen, Eula and Mrs.

visited Mrs. H. L. Rathbone at her

Woody McElroy, of New Jersey,

ple never lose fear of and no won-

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 soon for the Navy. Many of his students were invited and a large is Sgt. Porter Frady, son of James D. Frady, of Waynesville. expressed much gratitude to Mr.

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

in August of last year. Mr. Nesbitt will be greatly missed by the Pvt. William A. Medford, Jr school as well as the community 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. in which he took an active interest. Medford, of Waynesville, is now Wolters, Texas, which is a large many good wishes on behalf of Haller, Fort Payne, Ala., and Doris his fine work he did while living infantry replacement center for among us. 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

der, we've been taught from tots up to keep a look-out especially Lieut. Duckett is the son of Mrs. at this time of year. The other E. T. Duckett, and the late Mr. day while Mrs. Charlie Rogers was preparing dinner she heard a peculiar sound. Thinking it might board Mill at Sylva. He is a grad-As a small child he attended the uate of State College, and for be a buzzing bee. As the sound continued she started investigatthree years was engineer at Cullowhee.

His wife accompanied him to a large snake. New York, and will return soon to Cullowhee. Hefore leaving Sylva, officials

and others of the plant, gave him dren arrived Saturday from Newport News to visit the former's a beautiful watch. His mother spent the past week mother, Mrs. Dola Rathbone and

other relatives here. with them assisting in moving. Mrs. J. L. Sizemore and her three

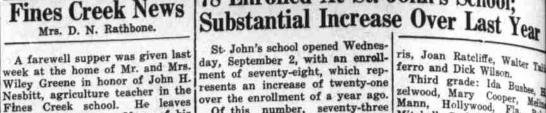
Private Joseph L. Scruggs is spending a 15-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ketter, of Cliffside, recently C. A. Scruggs. Private Scruggs is now stationed at Biloxi, Miss., home on Fines Creek. and is an instructor in air me-

chanics.

ecently visited his mother, Mrs. Corporal Jack Smith, of Fort

of Lenoir, announce the birth of a the former Miss Dollee Marsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S.

The now-extinct elephant birds



over the enrollment of a year ago. Of this number, seventy-three are day students; five, boarding number were present, Mr. Nesbitt students. Sixty-six are from Waynesville; twelve, from out of town The enrollees, residents of Wayand Mrs. Greene in whose home he

nesville, unless otherwise specified, include the following. High school: Toots Hannah, Billy

Ray, Spaldon Underwood, Joe Massie, Kathleen Allison, Gladys Kenney, Lorraine Martel, Edwina Fines Creek sends along with him

Eighth grade: Dorothy Martel Nancy Kirkpatrick, Peggy Jansen Jimmy Tutwiler, Junaluska, Nip A Church School Rally Day pro-Ray, Tuck Ray, Buddy Wilson, Cyril Minett, and Richard Undergram is being planned at the Laurel Hill Methodist church for September 20th. The details of the wood. program will be announced later.

Margaret Willett, Corinne Wag feld, Mrs. C. Daniels, Kathr Gunn, Mary Ruhy Davis, Sa 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 Mormino.

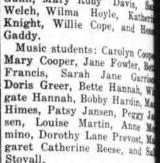
Fifth grade: Jane Fowler, At anta, Carmichael Hannah, and Hallett Ward, Jr., Junaluska. Fourth grade: Talmadge Mor-

ing and discovered near her door the school

Entertainment for the evening will consist of cake walking, penny throw, baby contest, relay races,

ball throwing and guessing games. Soft drinks, ice cream and weiners

will be sold. The proceeds will go to sponsor Commission. the senior Annual



ris, Joan Ratcliffe, Walter Tal

Third grade: Ida Bushee,

zelwood, Mary Cooper, Mein Mann, Hollywood, Fla, Rob

Mitchell, Beth Pankey, Lane P

vost, Irece Wilson, Dickie Wil

Second grade: Sarah Garria

Acron Greer, Dale Ratcliffe, Sa

First grade: Helen Bun

Henry Bushee and Mary More

Hazelwood, Bernadette Ken

Kindergarten: Anne Han

Stuart Roberson, Agnes J

Roberson, Betty Liner, Nar

Underwood, Patsy Reese, Ch

Special students: Betty Wils

Ray, and Nancy Tolly.

Franklin, Dick Boyd, Moye, Jeff Reece, and

Stovall, and David Stuart

ferro and Dick Wilson,

and Laura Woody.

Stuart.

Three million new agricultan workers will be needed in 19 according to the War Man Pow

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