

Young Crockett Impressed With Life In Scotland

Editor's Note — The following letter was written from Scotland on September 20 by Home Taylor Crockett, now serving in the army, and a son of Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Crockett, of Hazelwood. News has just come in that the writer was slightly wounded in action on November 9th.

There isn't much of interest to write about as we are not allowed to say much about where we have been, where we are going or where we are. I suppose it would be all right to say that I was in southern England for a while. While training I got to see a good deal of the English country side. It is very quaint and picturesque. There are lots of old houses enclosed by stone or brick walls. The barn, sheep sheds, and out houses are also in the same enclosures. I was surprised at the size of the fields. They run from ten to fifty acres and are planted in wheat, barley, oats, cabbage, potatoes or collards. No corn. Everything gives the impression of growing exactly where it is wanted, even the weeds and wild shrubbery. The woodlands are in narrow strips between fields or in groves around the larger houses. The many rather narrow roads are in most cases bordered by thick hedges and quite often by old beech trees which nearly meet overhead. Grass grows luxuriantly everywhere and

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Union Jack Raised Over Tobruk



British soldiers run up the Union Jack once again in deserted Tobruk. The North African port has been held alternately by the British and the Axis. Miles away from the heavily-bombed port, Marshal Rommel's battered Afrika Korps continued to retreat before pursuing Allied air and land forces. This photo was radioed direct from Cairo to New York. (Central Press)

what cattle you see are in fine shape. I got acquainted with an English soldier whose home was at Oxford. He wanted me to go home with him but I did not get the chance. We did start one Sunday morning but had to turn back for fear of getting back to barracks late. He thought I would be interested in seeing some of the old buildings there. He was very much interested and seemed very well informed about America. He asked me about the Smoky Mountains, the Rhododendron Festival, the gardens at Charleston, and numerous other questions. The educated Englishman is generally a great admirer of the generals of the Confederacy.

Their opinion, or idea, of an American is now formed from the mannerisms and reactions of New York City. The reaction of New York to any important question of policy is regarded as the pulse of America. I noticed in an English paper a caution to the English that loud talking and bragging were not necessarily the indication of bad breeding. I always thought it was. I am ashamed sometimes to be around a group of soldiers because of their loud and thoughtless criticism of everything English. It seems to be a Yankee characteristic to be critical and overbearing. Or course that is not true in every case.

I ran into a Scotch boy 19 years old, an RAF gunner with a bomber crew. He was in the Battle of Dunkirk. He told me he was with a ground crew at that time; and

that the English Expeditionary Force was down to ten planes and could not get any more as all the planes based in England were being used to cover the evacuation. He said they would take parts from different planes and put them together, and a pilot would try the plane out. If it flew he would take it up and fight. He told one story that interested me as it showed to what extremes the Germans went to wipe the English force out. He said that the ground force was working on the planes one evening at dusk, when suddenly about fifty large dogs attacked them. The first he knew of the attack was when four dogs jerked him to the ground and began chewing him. He had numerous large scars about the hands, wrists, head and neck; so I suppose the story is true. Some of the men had their hands chewed completely off. British Tommy-gunsners rescued them. He took my address and said he would write after the war. He seemed to be a nice boy and from a good family. I couldn't understand all his Scotch talk.

I had a rather pleasant experience lately. On the way in from a very strenuous night march, we stopped at a village to wait for transportation to our headquarters. I was walking up the street looking for a shop where I could get some hot tea as I was wet to the skin and very cold. An elderly gentleman stopped me and asked if I would care to come to his house for a cup of tea. Of course, I readily accepted. I was taken into the kitchen, the old lady saying the poor wet laddie should come where he could get warm. I was shown an old claymore. When I told them my name they mentioned the Scotch author (S. R. Crockett) and said I should read some of his books. The old gentleman told me the legend of the Campbell who slew the Boar. Their son won the D.S.C. in Egypt. When the bugle blew for the troops to assemble they told me to come back any time I could; that I would find a bed and something to eat always. The genuineness of their hospitality gave my spirits more of a lift than they had had for a long time. The old gentleman gave me his card before I left. It is: James S. Letster, KirnBank, Kirn, Scotland.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER EXECUTION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA, HAYWOOD COUNTY. GAITHER B. FERGUSON VS. U. H. FERGUSON AND A. T. FERGUSON

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior court of Haywood county in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1942, at 11 o'clock A. M. at the courthouse door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said U. H. Ferguson, the defendant, has in the following described real estate, to-wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Fines Creek Township, Haywood county, North Carolina, in the head of Fines Creek, bounded on the North by the lands of Lawson Suttles, Elisha Pingleton, and the Haywood-Madison county line; on the East by the lands of Furman Noland and M. H. Ferguson; on the South by the lands of Glenn Palmer and the public road and on the West by the lands of Robert Haynes and Glenn Palmer, and formerly owned by Elbert L. Ferguson and now in the possession of and owned by the said U. H. Ferguson, and containing 107 acres, more or less. This the 24th day of November, 1942.

R. V. WELCH, Sheriff of Haywood County. No. 1256—Nov. 26-Dec. 3-10-17

Rationing Board Acts Favorably On 46 Applications

Forty-six persons and business firms received favorable action on their applications to the local rationing board during the past week, it has been announced by the clerk of the board.

The group included the following: Carl Rogers, Clyde, route 1, lumbering operations, 1 truck tire; Francis D. Reece, Waynesville, transportation of defense workers, 1 passenger tire; State highway and public works commission, Hazelwood, highway maintenance, 1 truck recap; Thomas W. Alexander, of Waynesville, route 2, farm hauler, 1 passenger recap.

Milton Harbin, of Clyde, route 1, minister, 2 passenger recaps; Frank Medford, Clyde, route 1, farm hauler, 2 truck recaps; Charles R. Allison, Waynesville, farm hauler, 5 truck recaps; V. L. Noland, Waynesville, route 1, farm hauler, 2 truck recaps; Mrs. Joe Gill, Waynesville, route 2, farm hauler, 1 truck recap.

Homer Haney, Clyde, route 1, farm hauler, 2 truck recaps; R. O. Allen, Waynesville, route 1, farm hauler, 1 truck recap; Clark Messer, Clyde, route 1, farm hauler, 1 truck recap; Pet Dairy, Waynesville, food hauler, 1 truck recap; William L. Allen, Waynesville, food hauler, 2 truck recaps; Taylor Wilson, Waynesville, route 1, transportation of defense workers, 2 grade 2 passenger tires.

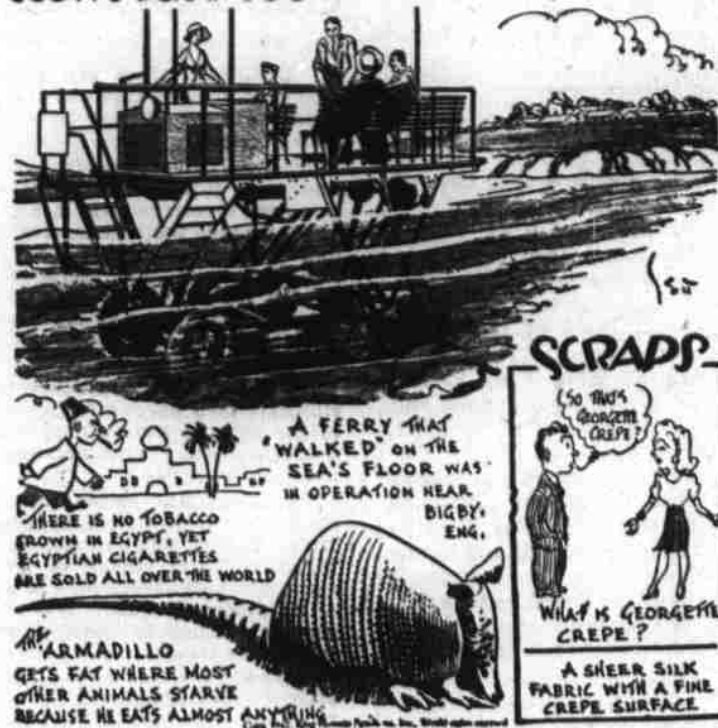
Roy Gibson, Waynesville, transportation of defense workers 2 grade 2 passenger tires; Vardy Fugate, of Lake Junaluska, lumbering operation, 1 grade 2 passenger tire and 2 passenger recaps; Eugene Davis, Waynesville, route 1, farm hauler, 1 passenger tire; J. E. Barr, Waynesville, supervising food canneries, 1 passenger tire.

W. A. Hyatt, Waynesville, lumbering operation, 1 passenger tube; Cleveland Parks, Waynesville,

training operations was commended by the English officers.

The Company had a party, the first since just before leaving the U.S.A. The Captain gave each man some tobacco and candy. We have a very good captain, I think. The boys seem to mean something more to him than just so much cannon fodder to be used as usefully as possible. I am standing by with all equipment to report to Regimental Headquarters when told. This means another change I guess. My regards to all.

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route 2, farm hauler, 1 passenger recap, 1 passenger tube; R. H. Blackwell, Waynesville, food salesman, 2 passenger recaps; Joe F. McElroy, Waynesville, route 2, taxi service, 2 truck recaps and 2 truck tubes.

Raymond McCracken, Clyde, route 1, farm hauler, 1 passenger tube; Howell Bryson, Waynesville, common carrier, 2 truck tires and 2 truck tubes; Grace Lumber Mills Lake Junaluska, lumbering operation, 2 truck tires; Pet Dairy, Waynesville, food hauler, 1 truck tire and 1 truck tube.

Mrs. Earle Justice, Clyde, route 1, food hauler, 2 truck tubes; Selma Hill, Clyde, route 1, farm hauler, 2 truck tubes; Herbert Plott, Waynesville, route 2, farm hauler, 2 truck recaps; W. T. McGaha, Mt. Sterling, farm hauler, 2 truck recaps; A. A. Tingen, Waterville, employee defense plant, 1 passenger recap.

Mrs. Jessie P. Howell, Waynesville, state employe, 1 passenger recap; George H. Ruff, Waynesville, taxi service, 2 passenger recaps; Z. L. Massey, Waynesville, route 2, farm hauler, 1 passenger recap; Spigron Cope, Waynesville, route 1, transportation of defense workers, 2 passenger recaps; Glenn James, Waynesville, route 2, farm hauler, 2 truck recaps.

Waynesville Wholesale Candy Company, Waynesville, wholesale delivery, 1 truck recap; Frank J. Reiger, Waynesville, route 1, farm hauler, 2 truck recaps; Jeff Chand-

Radio Trainees Wanted for Courses By Signal Corps

Trainees as mechanic learners and junior repairmen, to learn construction, repair and maintenance of radios and radio equipment are urgently needed for the classes beginning on January 1 and February 1 at the Skyland School of Signal Corps of the U. S. army in Winston-Salem, it has been announced this week by Mrs. Edith P. Alley, manager of the local office of the U. S. employment service.

To be accepted for training, applicants must have finished the tenth grade with one year of algebra, and must be in good health, able to pass an examination similar to that given for induction into the army. Age limits are from 18 to 35 years.

Interested persons meeting the requirements are asked to contact their nearest U. S. employment

ler, Waynesville, farm hauler, 1 truck recap; Willie Smith, Clyde, route 1, farm hauler, 1 truck recap; E. W. Fisher, Clyde, route 1, farm hauler, 4 truck recaps; Sam Bradley, Waynesville, route 2, farm hauler, 1 truck recap; public roads administration, Hazelwood, highway maintenance, 1 truck recap; G. Z. Shoap, Waynesville, freight and express, 1 truck recap.

service office, where complete information and requirements are available and arrangements can be made for an interview with a representative of the civil service commission.

NOTICE OF RESALE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA, HAYWOOD COUNTY. HAYWOOD COUNTY and TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE

vs. PAULINE McCracken PLOTT, ST VIR. ET AL. Under and by virtue of an Order of Resale made and entered in the above entitled cause in the Superior Court of Haywood County, the undersigned Commissioners will, on Monday, December 21st, 1942, at eleven o'clock, A. M., at the court house door in Waynesville, N. C., offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, subject to confirmation by the Court, the following described property located in the town of Waynesville, Haywood County, N. C., to-wit:

1st Tract: In the town of Waynesville, and the new plat thereof, and known as lot No. 119, in said plat made by Capt. Ramseur; BEGINNING at the South E. corner of the Hilliard lot on Main Street and runs North with Hilliard's line thirteen poles and five links to a stake; thence South eighty-six East six poles and ten links to a stake; thence South two degrees East twelve poles and twelve links to a stake on Main Street; thence to the BEGINNING.

2nd Tract: Lying and being in the town of Waynesville and being lots Nos. 1 and 2 of the plat and subdivision of what is known as the "Temple Lot" as made and subdivided by J. W. Seaver, C. E., August, 1920, and which said map is duly of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Haywood County, in Map Book "B" page —, and which said lots therein conveyed are particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a stake in the margin of Main Street, corner to lot No. 3, and running thence N. 87° 15' E. 54 feet to a stake, corner to the McCracken home lot; thence running N. 4° 45' W. with the line of the McCracken lot 203 feet to a stake near corner of lot No. 30; thence S. 84° 15' W. 48 feet to a stake near corner of lot No. 29; thence running with the line of lot No. 30, S. 2° 45' E. 202 feet to a stake in the margin of Main Street, the BEGINNING corner.

The high bidder at this sale will be required to deposit five per cent of his bid, balance payable upon confirmation by the Court.

This December 4th, 1942. J. R. MORGAN, A. T. WARD, Commissioners. No. 1259 Dec. 10-17.

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