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\$1.75 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

## Bond Sales Pass Half Way Mark For June

During the first fifteen days of June, Haywood citizens bought a total of more than half of the June quota of War Bonds, a survey of the selling agents revealed last night, according to Charlie Ray, county sales chairman.

Through the 15th totaled \$48,875.50, against a quota of \$79,000. The county area showed a decided lead over this end of the county, by having almost twice as much to their credit. Canton sales totaled \$22,500 against Waynesville's \$17,275.50.

The amounts for each selling agency is as follows:

Agency	Amount
Waynesville	
First National Bank	\$10,993.75
Post Office	1,293.75
Building and Loan	5,400.00
Canton	
Haywood Bank	29,062.50
Credit Bank	375.00
Building and Loan	168.75
Post Office	3,093.75
Total for county	\$49,897.50

## Young People Of Methodist Church To Hold Service

At the 8:00 o'clock hour, Sunday evening, the young people of the First Methodist church are presenting a unique program. They are conducting "A Tour of the Sanctuary" which is a study of the memorial windows and furnishings of the church auditorium.

This service should be of especial interest to all those who have friends that have been memorialized by gifts to the church. A roll of those who have been so honored will be called, and a brief statement will be made about each.

## Canning Program Will Be Given At Hazelwood On 24th

Miss Katherine Lokay, Home Economist for the Carolina Power and Light Company, will give a demonstration on canning, Thursday, June 24, at 3:30 o'clock at the Hazelwood school. She will be assisted by Miss Marjorie McManis, Home Economic Teacher of the Waynesville high school.

## Mrs. Killian Calls For Volunteer Red Cross Knitters

Knitters are needed for Red Cross work, according to Mrs. L. M. Killian, who is chairman of knitting in the Haywood chapter. Mrs. Killian has on hand at present large quantities of wool for making sweaters and mufflers for both the army and the navy.

## Reorganization Of Holiness Church Will Be Completed Saturday

The Holiness church of Smathers street will be reorganized Saturday night, at a special service which will begin at eight o'clock, with the Rev. Carl Stacy doing the preaching.

## Fire Department To Sponsor Square Dance Every Wednesday Night

The fire department here is sponsoring a weekly square dance every Wednesday night at the Army, starting at nine o'clock, with Sam Queen and his famous SoCo Gap dance team and band leading.

## Prominent Canton Physician Is Claimed By Death

Dr. Wiley C. Johnson, 56, of Canton, prominent Haywood county physician and civic leader, died on last Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in an Asheville hospital, following a week's illness. Funeral services were conducted at the Canton Central Methodist church on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. E. P. Billups, pastor of the Central church, officiated. He was assisted by the Rev. Dr. H. K. Masteller, pastor of the Canton First Baptist church, and Rev. George B. Hammond, pastor of the Canton First Presbyterian church. Burial was in Locustfield cemetery in Canton.

Serving as active pallbearers were H. A. Helder, J. E. Henderson, Robert L. Atkinson, J. T. Bailey, F. W. Votow, W. Norman Freel, Charles A. Rhodamer and Dan Wild.

Dr. Johnson was a native of Canton and was the son of the late William Henry and Emma Smathers Johnson, pioneer settlers of this section of the state. He received his preliminary education in the Canton schools and attended the University of Chattanooga for three years, the University of North Carolina for two years, where he studied medicine. Later he attended the medical school of Tulane University for two years. He was graduated from the latter institution with the doctor of medicine degree in the class of 1912 with high scholastic honors. He was a member of the Delta Omega Alpha fraternity.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ora Chalmers Matthews Johnson; four daughters, Mrs. T. R. Barnes of Canton, Misses Dorothy Jane Johnson of Canton, and Mrs. J. H. Fall, Jr., of Harve de Grace, Md.; one son, W. C. Johnson, Jr., of Canton; one grandchild, Nancy Carroll Barnes, of Canton; and one brother, George H. Johnson of Highland Park, Canton.

## Rosemary Herman Selected To Attend "Girls State"

Rosemary Herman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Herman, is attending "Girls State" at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina this week.

The course offered at "Girls State" is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and includes training in good citizenship and government.

The girls are chosen for their qualities of leadership in their community, and one girl is selected each year by the local American Legion Auxiliaries in the state for this honor.

## Rev. Robt. G. Tatum To Conduct Services At Episcopal Church

Rev. Robert G. Tatum, of Knoxville, will conduct the Sunday services at Grace Episcopal Church in the Mountains, on Sunday, it has been announced by Bishop Robt. E. Gibbin, of the diocese of Western North Carolina.

## Major And Mrs Lancaster And Son, Return Home

Major and Mrs. N. F. Lancaster, and son Bobby, left yesterday for their home in Augusta, after spending several days as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Kirkpatrick and Miss Winnie Kirkpatrick, here.

Major Lancaster is with the base hospital at Camp Gordon, which is near Augusta.

## Killed In Europe



STAGG SERGEANT GLENN E. HARDING was killed May 21 in European territory, probably over Germany. His parents were notified Sunday.

## Seventeen 18-Year Olds Registered In Month Of May

There were seventeen registrations made during the month of May by boys who had become eighteen years of age during the month. After becoming eighteen they are subject to draft under the selective service system, and a number of the May registrants have reported for examinations.

In the group registered were the following: Frank Junior Sorrells, Herschell Homer Caldwell, Charles Lewis Grayne, James Lewis Morrow, Harry Willis Evans, Jr., James William Mehaffey.

William Hicks Allison, Dencie Cagle, William Theron Hyatt, James Bruce Jaynes, Harry Melvin Sheehan, Medford Smith, Edgar Ernest Best, James Thomas Smith, Clyde Teaster, Paul Ray Clark, and Jay Mark Russell.

## Demonstration Of Food Preservation To Be Held Here

A demonstration of the conservation, preservation and dehydration of food will be held at Garrett's Furniture Store here at 8 o'clock in the evening on Thursday the 24th. The demonstration is being sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Company in cooperation with the Haywood County Civilian Defense Committee on Food Preservation and Utilization.

Miss Kathryn Lokay, home economist of the Carolina Power and Light Company, who was formerly with the REA, will be in charge of the demonstration.

## Mrs. Bass Medford Buried Here Monday Morning

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Allen's Creek Baptist church for Mrs. Sadie Medford, 45, wife of Bass Medford, who died at the Haywood County Hospital at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, following a short illness.

Burial was in Green Hill cemetery. The Rev. Kay Allen officiated.

Mrs. Medford was a native of Haywood county and had resided all her life in the Allen's Creek section. She is survived by her husband; five daughters, Misses Wilma, Myrtle, Ethel, Ruth and Patsy Medford, all of Allen's Creek; four sons, Willard, of the U. S. Army, now serving in North Africa, Earl of Gastonia, and David and Robert of Allen's Creek.

## Crabtree Resident Is Reported Critically Ill

The condition of Ector B. McCracken, of the Crabtree section, who is ill, was reported critical last night. Mrs. Linton E. McCracken and son have arrived to be with the family.

Rev. J. Doyle Miller, pastor of the Dutch Cove Baptist Church near Canton, will begin a revival at a tent in Hazelwood on Sunday. The tent is located in front of the vacant lot directly across from the drug store. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Missing In Africa



CAPTAIN DAVID S. STENTZ has been missing in North Africa since May 25, according to the war department.

## Thirty-Five Men Left This Week For Camp Croft

Thirty-five selectives left here Tuesday morning for examinations at Camp Croft under the June quota of the selective service system. The men reported to the local draft board office at 7:00 o'clock and at 7:30 left by bus for camp.

Lynwood McElroy was named leader of the group and William Wilson James was named assistant leader.

Two men, Finis Bradford Stroud and Kermit Galen Purcell, who were scheduled to leave with the group Tuesday, were transferred to other draft boards.

George Franklin Walls, Jr., was transferred to the local board on the Hampton, Va., area and Larry Livingston Williams from the Portsmouth board, both leaving with the June group from the local board.

Others leaving Tuesday were: James Logan Frady, L. J. Wood, Floyd Woodrow Conard, Clyde Birchfield, Charles Henry Gibson, James David Smith, Virgil Wilson, Herbert Herschel Tate, Elmer Leming, Thomas Hunter, Worsham, Jr., Jack Elmer Wright, Kenneth Earl Walker.

## \$2 Increase Is Expected For Cattle This Year

Today at two o'clock marks the opening of the Haywood Stockyards at Clyde.

Cattlemen here yesterday predicted an average of two cents a pound increase on cattle over last year, which would make the selling price for the average steer about \$12.50 to \$13.00 per hundred.

More interest than usual is being shown in cattle this year.

## James R. Thomas, Jr., Arrives Safely At Post In South America

James R. Thomas, Jr., has arrived safely at his destination "somewhere in South America," it was learned yesterday from a wire sent his mother, Mrs. James R. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas is with the Southern Mapping and Engineering Company which is engaged in defense work, the nature of which has not been made public. He left here two months ago and spent several weeks in Miami, leaving there for his unannounced destination on May 29th.

## County Casualty List Now 12, As Bethel Gunner Is Killed and Waynesville Pilot Still Missing

Sgt. Harding Was Gunner On Bomber; Thought Killed Over German Territory.

ENLISTED AS A GUNNER IN NOVEMBER OF 1941

Report Says He Died May 21 In The European Area; Once Reported Missing.

Staff Sgt. Glenn E. Harding, better known by his friends as "Pee Wee", 24 years of age, former resident of Canton, was reported by the war department to have been killed in action in the European area May 21. His death was announced in a telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Mary Harding of Canton, on May 27. His mother believed her son "Pee Wee" was killed in Germany, although no details as to manner or place of death were given, other than the statement as follows: "Report now received from the German Government through the International Red Cross that you son, Staff Sgt. Glenn E. Harding, previously reported missing in action since 21st of May, died May 21 in the European area. The Secretary of War shares your grief and extends his deep sympathy. Letter follows—The Adjutant General."

Sgt. Harding was a gunner on a B-17 bomber. He graduated from Los Vegas, Nevada army gunnery school November 16, 1942, and received his wings as an aerial gunner. He took his training in most all the western and mid-western states. At the completion of his training, before being assigned to overseas duty, he came home on his first furlough March 1st, of four days. After returning to his base in Kansas City he was immediately assigned to overseas duty. Sgt. Harding was believed to have flown over in one of the largest contingents of bombers to ever reach England.

"Pee Wee" graduated from Bethel high school with the class of 1936, at the age of 16. After graduating from school he was then employed by American Enka for 5 years. But when he saw that war was coming he gave up his work for a gunner to enlist November 21, 1941.

He was a member of the Canton softball team for several years, and a member of his basketball team in the class of 1936.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his two sisters and one brother, Miss Mildred Harding, who is a dental assistant in Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Walter Roberts, better known as Nell, formerly of Jacksonville, Fla., who is now home with her young son two months old, Walter Mac Roberts; Nell's husband, Walter Roberts, of the U. S. Navy, is a third class petty officer in radio and is stationed somewhere in Africa; Halmond Harding, who is employed in Jacksonville at the present, will enter the navy sometime in August or September to be a cadet. A grandmother, Mrs. Emma Rhodamer, of the Stamey Cove section, who is approximately 94 years of age, who has lived to see four wars.

## Last Rites Held Friday For Jimmy Ramsey

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Baptist Church at Maggie for Jimmy Ramsey, two and one-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ramsey, who died at the Haywood County Hospital on Wednesday. The Rev. Jarvis Underwood, assisted by the Rev. John Finger, officiated. Burial was in the Lowe cemetery.

## Information Blanks On Men In Service Continue To Pour In For Special Edition

Information on men in service continued to pour in this past week, as the staff of The Mountaineer continued working on many phases of the special edition dedicated to the men from Haywood now in the armed forces.

No definite time limit has been set for the edition to go to press, since several factors now involved have to be taken into consideration. Due notice will be given as to the deadline of the edition. Parents and friends, however, who are trying to get pictures of men in service from the men in distant places should make every effort to get the photographs at once.

## IN MEMORIAM

Haywood County Casualties In World War Number II

DALLAS RHEA CLARK  
Machinist Mate  
First Class, U. S. Navy

ROBERT HIRAM WELCH  
Aviation Machinist Mate  
Second Class, U. S. Navy

RICHARD OLEM JENKINS  
Machine Gunner on Bomber  
U. S. Air Corps

MACK STAMEY, Jr.  
Apprentice Seaman  
U. S. Navy

CARROLL EDWARD TRAN-THAM  
Carpenter's Mate  
First Class, U. S. Navy

WILLIAM SYLVESTER JONES  
Third Engineer  
U. S. Merchant Marine

PETE JOHNSON MOORE  
Second Class Seaman  
U. S. Navy

GLENN EDGAR RISK  
First Class Private  
U. S. Army

JACK RATHBONE  
Private  
U. S. Army

JOEL BLAINE JAMES  
Seaman First Class  
U. S. Navy

GLENN E. HARDING  
Staff Sergeant  
Gunner On Army Bomber

DAVID S. STENTZ  
Captain  
Army Aviator

## Campaign To Buy Cigarettes For Men Overseas

Last night only \$18.50 was needed to complete the fund to send 200,000 cigarettes from here to men in the armed forces overseas.

The collections taken at the Park Theatre on Monday and Tuesday nights, netted \$81.50 of the required \$100.

The campaign is being sponsored by the Rotary Club, and through a cooperative plan with a cigarette manufacturer, a pack of popular brand cigarettes will be sent to the men in service for five cents. The manufacturer ships the cigarettes in private ships, and the smokes are distributed by chaplains.

Small tabs are attached to each package, showing where the money was raised to buy the cigarettes, and when as many as 200,000 cigarettes are bought, a small card is attached for the service man to fill out to mail back to the sponsor, telling who got the smokes.

Donations for this campaign can be made at the box office of the Park Theatre, or Mr. Ma-sie, manager, or left at the Mountaineer.

Monday night the plan was explained to the theatre audience by J. C. Brown and Tuesday night by Jonathan Woody.

## Captain David Stentz Reported Missing From His Base In North Africa.

RECENTLY MADE BOMB HIT ON AN ITALIAN SHIP

Was Instrumental In Working Out Methods For Fighter Plane To Carry Bombs.

Captain David Sullins Stentz, of the Army Air Corps, has been missing in North Africa since May 25, according to a telegram received Sunday afternoon from the War Department by his wife, who is residing with her parents.

Captain Stentz has been in North Africa on combat duty since October, 1942. He was recently awarded the air medal for bravery in action in the Tunisian campaign. He has also been made executive officer, second in command of the first fighter group of the U. S. air forces in North Africa.

The Mountaineer carried a story of the promotion of Captain Stentz a few weeks ago to the rank of major. About the time the papers were ready for his promotion he was transferred to another group, and due to his transfer there was a delay in the technicality of the orders for the promotion.

Captain Stentz had recently written his family that it would be straightened out by the first of June and his majority would be confirmed.

In April he distinguished himself in a bombing raid on enemy vessels in which he scored a hit on a warship. The story of his action in the raid was included in an article in Newsweek in April entitled "Final Tunisian Battle Pitched on Rugged Last Stand Plateau."

In May, Captain Stentz, working with his commanding officer, Lt. Col. John W. Weltman, perfected a method whereby Lightning fighters could carry bombs.

The last letter received by his family here was dated May the 20th, and in the letter he referred to being stationed at headquarters, where he was in charge of checking the combat planes in and out. He wrote of his anxiety each time when the planes came back from the fighting areas as he checked them, and counted his men.

Captain Stentz was a graduate of the Waynesville high school and a member of the class of 1937. He also graduated from Brevard College. At the age of twenty in 1940 he volunteered in the U. S. air corps. He received his primary training at Hicks Field, his secondary training at Randolph Field and his wings and commission at Barksdale Field in February, 1941.

After being commissioned he was sent to Selfridge Field, Mich., where he remained until the attack on Pearl Harbor, when he was transferred to the Pacific coast. Here he did patrol duty for several months.

In March, 1942, he was promoted to first lieutenant and appointed flight commander of the 27th pursuit squadron. In August of 1942 he was transferred to Washington, D. C., to the headquarters of the twelfth air force with which he was sent to North Africa.

Captain Stentz was married to Miss Haseltine Swift, daughter of Captain and Mrs. W. F. Swift, the former a veteran of World War I, in August, 1941. They have one child, David Sullins Stentz, Jr. Captain Stentz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, of Waynesville.

The telegram which was sent by the war department and received here Sunday afternoon was as follows: "I regret to inform you that the commanding officer of North Africa has reported that your husband, Captain David S. Stentz, missing in action since May 25. If further details or information of his status is received you will be notified promptly."

## F. M. Ledflar Joins L. N. Davis Company

F. M. Ledflar has joined the L. N. Davis Company and will handle real estate and rentals, according to Paul Davis, manager of the firm. Mr. Ledflar came here about two years ago from Cincinnati, and built a home in East Waynesville.