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Three Main Street Buildings Are Sold More Haywood Men Casualties

Two Missing And Third Man Killed, Parents Are Told

Haywood's casualty list continues to grow. Last week the number of men reported missing was at sixteen and now it is nineteen. This week there are two men reported missing and one killed in action. The entire community has been shocked over the increase in the space of a week and sympathy for the families of the men has been expressed on all sides.

Those reported missing are Lt. James S. Queen, U. S. Naval Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Queen, and Lt. Grey C. Winchester, U. S. Army Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Winchester, of Waynesville, and killed in action: Private Edward Williams, son of Alfred Williams, of Waynesville, and the late Mrs. Delia Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Queen received the following message Monday from the Navy Department: "The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your son, Lt. (jg) James Shook Queen, U. S. N. R., is missing following an air crash in the performance of his duty in the service of his country."

Lt. Queen, 31, volunteered in the service in July, 1942, and took training at Northwestern University, Solomons, Md., and Norfolk, Va. He has been on sea duty since April of this year. This fall he was promoted from ensign to lieutenant (jg) following participation in activities in the Sicilian theatre.

Lt. Queen was among the officers of the amphibious force who were commended for their service while engaged in offensive operations on the northern coast of Sicily. Commendation read as follows: "Lt. J. S. Queen, who as commanding officer of LCT 241 with courage, resourcefulness and intrepidity led his ship and men under fire and aerial bombings by the enemy from July 8 to August, 1943, carrying heavy mechanized military equipment around demolished bridges and tunnels, and in making amphibious landing behind the enemy lines during the darkness of night at Brolo, Sicily, and thereby contributed to the advance of the Seventh Army along the coast of Sicily toward Messina."

The commendation was forwarded by Rear Admiral Davidson, U. S. Navy to the commanding general of the second provisional corps of the Seventh Army, who requested a copy of the commendations attached to the future reports of the officers concerned and a suitable notation made in the service record of the ship's company.

Lt. Queen held an A. B. and a degree from the University of North Carolina. He was married in October, 1933, to Miss Marian Crenshaw, of Raleigh, who arrived Tuesday to spend several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Queen. Katherine Queen, who is residing in Raleigh, is also here.

Lt. Grey Winchester, 23, who had served with distinction in the U. S. Air Corps, was reported missing since November 3rd. His parents received the following message from the Adjutant General: "The Secretary of War desires to express his regrets that your son, Lt. Grey C. Winchester, has been reported missing in action since November 3rd over Germany. Further details or information received you will be notified promptly."

Lt. Winchester left Waynesville in September, 1940, with Company "B" National Guard unit. He was stationed for some time at Fort Jackson and was later transferred from the Infantry to the Air Corps. He was called to active duty in the latter branch in April, 1942. He took his training at Ellington Field, and Hondo Field, Texas. He received his commission at the latter in April of this year, after which he took advanced training in Dyersburg, Tenn., and from there was transferred to Grand Island, Neb.

Lt. Winchester had been over in the second September of this year and at the time he was reported missing was serving as a navigator on a flying fortress, making missions over Germany.

Lt. Winchester was a graduate of the Waynesville township high school.

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Reported Missing In Action



Lt. (jg) James Shook Queen, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Queen, and Lt. Grey C. Winchester, U. S. Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Winchester, who have been reported missing while in the performance of their duty in the service of their country.

Madison To Preach For Union Service

Ward's Mill Is Now Operating

Sawing operations began at the mouth of Cold Springs and Pigeon River this week.

Work of erecting the mill has been underway for the past several weeks, and special timber from the Big Bend section will be sawed. The timber will be shipped to government projects, and most of the specifications call for it to be 30, 36 and 40 feet lengths. The mill is of the circular saw type and a number of men will be employed, with more later. Cars will be loaded at Lake Junaluska.

Sgt. Stringfellow Missing, Reported German Prisoner

Technical Sergeant Thornton Stringfellow, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Stringfellow, formerly of Waynesville, now of Culpepper, Va., who was reported as missing since Oct. 8, is a prisoner of the Germans, according to information received this week by relatives here from his parents.

Sgt. Stringfellow was serving as a radio operator and gunner aboard a heavy bomber at the time he was reported missing. He had been in England for several months. Last summer he was awarded the air medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement during five combat bombing missions over Germany and German-held territory. He later received the Oak Leaf Cluster for shooting down a German plane.

Prior to entering the service, Sgt. Stringfellow was a student at the University of Virginia. He is a graduate of Scott Field, Ill. Radio school and of the Air Force Gunnery school of Harlington, Tex.

Sgt. Stringfellow has two brothers in the service; Pvt. Lawrence Stringfellow, army school at Brookings, S. D., and Charles Ewing, navy, stationed at Daytona Beach. All three formerly resided in Waynesville.

Sgt. Stringfellow's father is a veteran of World War I, and was stationed here at the U. S. Army Hospital. Following his discharge he practiced first at Sunburst and then in Waynesville prior to returning to his home in Culpepper, Va.

Lt. Dwight Paschall Here For Week-End

Lt. Dwight Paschall, former assistant county farm agent of Haywood, spent the week-end in town with friends. He has been stationed at Camp Claiborne and was on his way to San Antonio, Tex., where he will be stationed for awhile.

Lt. Paschall has been in the service since May, 1942, and was inducted at Fort Ord, Calif. He attended Officers Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va., and from there was sent to Camp Claiborne.

Haywood Far Short On Bonds

Bond sales in Haywood have taken a decided sag during November, a survey of selling agencies revealed yesterday.

Only \$65,331 of the quota of \$102,477 has been met; of this the Canton area has sold over \$45,000, leaving the balance of \$15,912 for Waynesville and \$3,100 for Clyde.

"Unless lots of hard work is put forth during the next few days, it looks like Haywood might fail to meet her monthly bond goal for the first time," Charlie Ray, county chairman said yesterday.

Sales to date are as follows:
First National Bank \$ 9,281.25
Haywood B. & Loan 3,987.50
Waynesville Post Office 1,443.75
National Farm Loan 1,200.00
Waynesville Ave 15,912.50
Canton Post Office 4,162.50
Canton Building-Loan 525.00
Haywood County Bank 41,931.25
Haywood Bank at Clyde 3,100.00
Canton area total \$49,718.75
County total \$65,331.25

19 Leaders Given Scout Certificates At District Meet

Many Scouts Received Awards At District Meeting In Canton Monday Night.

Certificates were presented to 19 Scout leaders at the annual district meeting at the Canton Y last Monday night, which was attended by 150 interested scouters and scouts. Much interest is being shown in Scout work in the district, according to F. V. Smith, assistant scout executive of the Daniel Boone Council.

Awards were given a large number of Scouts during the court of honor period, which followed the movie, "Trail To Citizenship," shown by Howard Clapp, district extension chairman. Douglas Walker was chairman of the court of honor.

The new Lake Junaluska troop won the ribbon in the first advancement and attendance contest, with Canton Troop winning for having the largest attendance of members and parents.

Among those appearing on the program, included Rev. Miles McLean, Douglas Walker, C. C. Poindexter and M. H. Bowles, district chairman presented the certificates to the following adult scouters:

R. T. Henson, T. Guy Massie, Ben Colkitt, Charles Isley, Jr., W. S. Edwards, Lewis N. Green, Robert D. Suttonfield, W. J. Brooks, W. P. Lawrence, Wayne Rogers, Tyson Cathey, Paul Shepherd, W. P. Whitesides, Charles Wood, W. A. Bradley, M. H. Bowles, Charles Munday, Louis Gates and Paul J. Murray.

The following awards were made to Scouts:
Tenderfoot: Carroll McLean and Oliver Early, of Hazilwood; Billy Joe Jaynes, Charles Ray Howell, Jerry Linder, Howard Linder, Winfield Linder, Joseph Gibson and Julius Riggins, Jr., of Lake Junaluska.

R. C. Cooke, Jr., Tommy Henderson, Frank Queen, Jr., William Rolland, of Troop One, Canton; Ed

State Board Gives 15-Day Extension To Deer Season

The deer season in Haywood county has been given a 15-day extension according to G. C. Plott, county game and fish protector. Mr. Plott stated that he had received a letter this week informing him that State Commissioner Hinton James had authorized the extension.

The deer season was originally placed from Oct. 20 to Jan. 1, and then changed from Oct. 15 to Nov. 30. The state board of conservation and development recently gave an additional 15 days to the open season.

Praises Guard



GEN. JAMES W. JENKINS, commander of the N. C. State Guard, was high in his praise of the local unit while on an official inspection here last week.

General Jenkins Praises Work Of State Guard Here

"I don't see how Germany can stand up long," General James W. Jenkins told Rotarians here last week. "As for Japan, that is a long way to transport men and supplies to fight, and it is going to take a long time to complete the job."

General Jenkins was here on an official inspection tour of the Waynesville unit of the State Guard. He highly complimented the local company, and their officers. "I never saw a company function more perfectly without year's of experience than did the Waynesville unit," the general said.

"I know of no man I had rather command a regiment than your own Col. James H. Howell," General Jenkins said, as he told that the State Guard was organized for the purpose of internal security, to protect homes and industry.

The general stressed the advantages of the training the men received in the State Guard when called into the army. The basic training enables them to advance faster, and get along better, he pointed out.

The general complimented industrialists for encouraging men to join the State Guard, and pointed out the members cannot serve outside the confines of the state, and are paid the same as the army while on duty.

General Jenkins was warm in his praise of the officers of the Waynesville unit, stating that it was well officered, and continued by stating that Major M. H. Bowles, of the 8th Battalion, made an outstanding record at officers training school last spring.

Sgt. Sawyer, U. S. Air Corps, Wins Oak Leaf Cluster

Staff Sergeant William D. Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sawyer, of Waynesville, has recently been awarded a bronze oak leaf cluster, in lieu of a second air medal. Sgt. Sawyer is serving in England as a gunner with the U. S. Army Air Forces.

He entered the service in October, 1941 and was first stationed at Sheppard Field, Tex., where he was a drill instructor. From there he was transferred to the aerial gunnery school at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sgt. Sawyer is a graduate of the local township high school and prior to entering the service operated a Gulf Filling Station on Main Street.

7 Freight Cars Leave The Track

Passenger train service from the west was delayed four hours Tuesday due to derailment of seven freight cars west of Bryson City. Only slight damage was done, and no one injured, it was learned here.

Traffic was delayed for five hours while the cars were put back on the track. All trains were on schedule through here Wednesday.

Reeves Noland Buys 2, Joe Rose 1, Both To Start Improvements

Heads Boosters



GEORGE BISCHOFF was elected president of the Hazelwood Boosters Club Thursday night. He succeeds Clyde Fisher as president.

George Bischoff President Of Boosters Club

George Bischoff was elected president of the Hazelwood Boosters Club at their monthly meeting on last Thursday.

Others elected to serve with Mr. Bischoff were, vice president, Clyde Fisher; treasurer, Frank Compton and secretary, Dewey Hyatt.

Plans were made for their annual Christmas party and Ladies Night, for the December meeting.

Tuberculosis Christmas Seals Go On Sale 22nd

The 1943 sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals will open on Monday, the 22nd, according to Mrs. Frank Ferguson, chairman of the committee from the Waynesville Woman's Club, sponsoring group in the Waynesville area of Haywood county.

The quota for this area has been set at \$225, and committees have been named in the Bethel, Cecil, Cruso, Jonathan Creek, Maggie, Lake Junaluska, Crabtree, Pines Creek, Waynesville and Hazelwood communities to have charge of the sales.

The following committee met in the office of the county superintendent of education on Tuesday afternoon and completed all details of the sale: Mrs. Frank Ferguson, Mrs. Whitener Prevost, Mrs. E. R. Hollaus, Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Ruth Beatty and Mrs. Charles Miller.

Anyone wishing to buy seals may find them at the office of the county superintendent of education on the first floor of the court house.

Mrs. Chas. Miller is in charge of the mailing committee, which will sell direct to the business firms as well as a number of individuals. Any firm or person receiving seals through the mails are asked to acknowledge receipt of them at once, with a check, or if they do not plan to buy them return at once. Mrs. Miller pointed out that there had not been as many seals printed as usual due to the paper shortage and that those not bought by persons receiving through the

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F.F.A. Group To Fete Fathers And Committeemen

Members of the Waynesville Chapter of Future Farmers of America will hold their annual father and son banquet Friday night at the F. F. A. chapter house on the high school grounds, with 15 agricultural workers as their special guests.

After the banquet, the agricultural committee will hold an executive session to discuss production of more food and feed during the coming year. All members of the F. F. A. Chapter and the committeemen are expected to attend.

Approximately \$30,000 worth of Main Street business property changed hands this week, and the two new owners have already completed plans for immediate renovation of all three pieces, which are on the East side of Main Street.

D. Reeves Noland purchased the Clyde Ray building from the Ray estate, and also the Allen building, now occupied by Sanitary Barber Shop from Mrs. R. L. Allen.

Joe E. Rose purchased the McCracken building from Theodore McCracken.

Mr. Noland said his plans were to begin renovating the Ray building next week, as materials for the work were already purchased and on hand. The building is two stories high and fronts 27 feet on Main Street. The lot extends back 135 feet. The building was last occupied by Garrett Furniture Company.

Plans are to completely renovate the entire first floor, install a new front, add steam heat. Five modern apartments are included in the blue prints for the second floor of the building. Mr. Noland said he could not publicly announce at this time the occupant that would move into the building as soon as completed.

At the Sanitary Barber Shop building, Mr. Noland said an entire new front would be installed, the stairs taken off Main Street, and the full width of the property of 27 feet would be utilized for the new building. Black and white tile will be used in building the new front, he said. And steam heat will be installed. The lot on which the barbershop building is located fronts 27 feet on Main Street and extends back 135 feet.

Mr. Noland also announced that plans have been completed for renovating another of his buildings, the one now occupied by Charlie's Cafe. The kitchen will be put in the back, the rest rooms put downstairs and tile flooring installed throughout.

Mr. Rose said that immediate construction would begin on the McCracken building, which adjoins the Citizen Bank Building. Mr. Rose said a new front would be installed, and general improvements made to make it an ideal merchantable establishment. He has several applicants for the rental of the building, but said no lease had been signed. The upstairs will be utilized into modern apartments.

The property Mr. Rose bought fronts 26.6 feet on Main Street and extends back 125 feet. The building is 75 feet long. Steam heat will also be installed in the renovated building, he said.

Neither of the new owners made public the purchase price of the properties, neither were any figures released as to the amounts that would be spent on renovation.

The Mountaineer learned that negotiations are underway for the change of ownership in other Main Street business property, but no public announcements were ready for the release at this time.

Theodore McCracken, in discussing the sale of his building to Mr. Rose said: "I understand that history has it, that the lot on which my building stands was purchased at one time for a sack of potatoes."

Used A Car Nine Years And Sold It At A Profit

Automobile dealers will have to look a long time before they will be able to match the automobile trade just made by R. N. Johnson, of Lake Junaluska.

Back in 1934, Mr. Johnson bought a 1927 model Buick for \$50. He used the car daily for the past nine years, and "she always started when I called upon her," he said. This week someone asked what he would sell the car for, and without giving the matter much thought, spoke up and said: "\$75."

The buyer quickly replied: "It's a deal."

Now Mr. Johnson is riding in a Dodge, and feeling lost without his faithful old 1927 Buick even with its 240,000 miles.

Pfc. Robert Coppack, of Lowery Field, Colorado, is spending a 14-day leave in Hazelwood with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rothermel.