

Our N. C. Boys On The Battle Front Number 230,000

This Should Be Sufficient Incentive To Keep Home Front Burning Brightly and Rightly.

There are approximately 230,000 North Carolinians now serving in the armed forces. Adj. Gen. J. Van B. Moore, director of State Selective Service, announced recently. General Metts said that the figure includes the 4,200 troops inducted by the National Guard and the youths under draft age who have volunteered for the navy, but does not include members of the women's service.

At Camp Pickett



PVT. DAVID M. COOKE, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Cooke, of Waynesville, route 2, who is now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va. He entered the service in March of '43 and was inducted at Fort Dix, N. J. From the latter he was sent to Camp Davis and then to Camp Pickett. His wife and their young daughter reside at the home of the former's mother in Thaxton, Va.

Fines Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Green had a letter recently from their son, Pvt. E. Green, who has been located in Africa for the past year. He has been transferred to Italy.

Zeb Clark, of the Merchant Marines, who recently spent a 30-day furlough here with his wife and mother, is now somewhere in North Africa. Mr. Clark stated that he had met an old acquaintance of his in Africa, a Messer boy of White Oak.

Pvt. Marshall Ferguson, who has been overseas for the past year, is now spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ferguson, at their home in Fines Creek.

Mrs. Lenn Rathbone has received a cablegram and a letter from her brother, Sgt. R. L. Rathbone, stating he had arrived safely in India from his former base in South America.

Sgt. Rathbone volunteered in the army in June, 1939, and was located in Panama until the outbreak of the war, when he was sent to South America where he has been stationed until his present post of duty.

Sgt. Rathbone has another brother in the army, Pvt. Mark Rathbone, now stationed in Georgia.

Sgt. and Mrs. Paul Ledford, of Camp Robinson, Arkansas, announce the birth of a daughter, Marianna, on November 11th. Mrs. Ledford is the former Miss Dorothy Marphews, of Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Clark, of Fines Creek, announce the birth of a daughter, Waneta, on November 20th. Both Mrs. Clark and the baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. Raymond Green has recently accepted a position with the Dayton Rubber Company.

Miss Edna Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Green, is now living with her brother, Hooper Green, in Wilmington. She holds a position there.

Eugene Taylor, of Upper Fines Creek, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Rathbone.

Stopped

A pretty young nurse was selling poppies. The salesman told her he would give her a \$5 bill for a poppy provided she would promise to nurse him if he ever went to her hospital. She promptly agreed. Salesman: "By the way, where is your hospital?"

Pretty Nurse: "I'm at the Queen Charlotte's Maternity hospital." Then she put the five spot in her collection box and walked away.

Fighting Chance

Judge: "I am willing to give you a fighting chance." Prisoner: "I'd prefer to enlist in the army."

Prisoner: "That's what I want you to do." Prisoner: "That's easy, Judge. When you said 'fighting chance' I thought you meant I had to get married."

More Friendly

Woman: "How do you know that your daughter's music is improving?" Friend: "The neighbors are getting more friendly."

Makes Penicillin



DR. JULIUS T. JOEL, of Pittsburgh, Pa., shows how penicillin can be made in the home with kitchen utensils. The doctor raises the fungus, from which the drug is obtained, in glass-covered dishes. Although comparatively crude, the home-made product has proved effective in the treatment of external infections. (International)

Wounded In Italy



PVT. JOHN HILL, serving with the 5th Army in Italy, was slightly wounded in a recent battle, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill, of route 2.

Pvt. Hill left here with Company H in September, 1940. From here he went to Fort Jackson, and later to California and then to Camp Pickett, Va., before going overseas. His parents have not received further word since the first wire.

Kite-Flying Trick Helps Major Out

Fort Worth, Tex.—There are more ways than one to skin a cat. This evidently was the adage in Maj. Jeff S. Henderson's mind when he went "fishing" in the air to get what he wanted.

A mixup in the flagpole ropes at the Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot, where Major Henderson is director of civilian personnel, had caused the flag to be stuck at the top of the pole.

Guards couldn't climb the pole and the fire department refused to try a ladder because a high wind made the attempt too hazardous. So Major Henderson recalled a trick from his kite-flying days.

He attached a cardboard and fishhook to the flag line. The wind blew the hook up to the flag and after several attempts the flag was pulled down, securely fastened to the hooks.

Central Elementary Back On Class Schedule Today

Regular class schedules were resumed this morning at the Central Elementary school here, following a suspension of classes shortly after noon Tuesday due to boiler repairs.

CAN YOU ADD TO THESE?

The Inquiring Reporter asks: "How's business?" "Just sew-sew," said the seamstress.

"Fine," said the dentist, rushing off to the golf course. "I have 18 cavities to fill this afternoon."

"Picking up," said the man with the pointed stick who cleans the park.

"My business is in-greasing," said Gus, the auto service man.

"I'm being a bed-ti-death," said the sick man who fell into the hands of a quack.

"Pressing," said the tailor. "I'm in the dumps," said the fellow who empties garbage wagons.

"I've lost everything," said the passenger just home from a stormy voyage.

"Collapsing," said the bleat curgeon.

"Cracking up," said the burglar.

Sam Robinson To Head War Bond Sales In County

Sam M. Robinson has been named chairman of the sale of war bonds and stamps for Haywood County for December and January. Mr. Robinson has served as vice chairman for many months. He is relieving Charlie Ray for the next two months.

The appointment was made this week by C. T. Leinback, state chairman.

Mr. Robinson, mayor of Canton, will have the responsibility of staging the fourth war loan drive in the county sometime in January. Details have not been announced.

Two Wayneville Men At Great Lakes Station

New recruits at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., are two Wayneville men.

They are now receiving instruction in seamanship, military drill, and naval procedure. Soon, they will be given a series of aptitude tests for determining whether they will be assigned to one of the navy's service schools, or to immediate active duty at sea.

Upon completing their recruit training, these men will be home on a nine-day leave. They are: Jule G. Welch, of route 2, and Thomas B. Higdon, Waynesville.

Wounded Major To Address Rotarians

Major John Perry, of Hendersonville, who recently returned from the European Theatre of war to recover from wounds received in battle, will address Rotarians here Friday.

Major Perry served with General George S. Patton on some of the historic drives of the war. The program will be in charge of W. Curtis Russ, chairman of the program committee.

Many of you teen-agers are earning very attractive wages at this time. Has it occurred to you that if you continue to maintain these earnings you must have definite accomplishments in the way of education and experience? Be sure that you get your preparation under the direction of those who know. Has it ever occurred to you that the best paying life occupations are those which have started at a low earning level and increased as capacity has been gained? Occupations starting with a high earning level are likely not to maintain continued increases.

Striped

Wife: "I had to marry you to find out how stupid you were." Husband: "You ought to have known that when I asked you."

Wounded in Action



"GEORGE," veteran mascot of an American fighter squadron in China, has been nominated by his masters for the Purple Heart medal as the result of a wound he received in a recent raid. Holding him is Capt. John Morrison, of Beaufort, N. C. (International)

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Most of the prisoners, especially most of the escapees, are men of selective service age. When one returns from prison back to his home community he becomes conspicuous and somebody who has close relatives in the army is apt to report him. Besides, most employers now require finger printing of new employees and the escaped convict can't afford to have his prints made because they know them to be on record at the prison.

Strangely enough, food rationing is one of the prime factors in sending men back to prison. Those who have no ration cards or who have had to turn them in upon entering jail, find it difficult to get enough to eat around their homes where other members of the family need all the available points for their own use.

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SEVEN MISTAKES

"There are seven mistakes of life that many of us make," said a famous writer, and then he gave the following list:

- 1. The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others down.
- 2. The tendency to work about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
- 3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it.
- 4. Refusing to set trivial preferences aside, in order that important things may be accomplished.
- 5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind and not acquiring the habit of reading and study.
- 6. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.

The failure to establish the habit of saving money. —Selected.

In many cases a gift is not worth the obligation it imposes.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

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Letters Build Morale

Write often to your men and women in the Armed Services ... keep them posted, keep them cheered.

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- Warrants
- Warranty Deeds
- Deed Of Trust
- State Warrants
- Claim-Delivery Proceedings
- No Trespassing Signs
- No Hunting Signs
- Leases
- Ejection Blanks
- Transcript Of Judgment
- Civil Summons

Mountaineer

SUSPENSE NEEDED

A timid soul visiting the fort said to one of the trainees, "How can you hang from that silk thing. Isn't the suspense terrible?" "No," was the reply. "It's when the suspense ain't there that it's terrible."

PREPARING MEALS IN WARTIME APARTMENTS

Living in cramped quarters these days? You can still turn out excellent meals despite lack of full kitchen facilities. Learn how in the new "Warfare" Almanack, a special issue in the December 12th issue.

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SAVED

Drug Store Clerk (Excitedly): "Oh, sir, there's a Scotchman out there who wants to buy ten cents' worth of poison to commit suicide. How can I save him?" The Boss: "Tell him it's cost twenty cents."

FIRE INSURANCE

Prospective Client: "I have two wooden legs. Is it possible for me to get insurance?" Insurance Agent: "You don't want accident insurance. You want fire insurance."

Letters To The Editor

AMERICA NEEDS MORE PRAYING PEOPLE

Editor The Mountaineer,
I sometimes wonder if all of our people realize we are in war.
Our boys are doing their part. Let's do ours. We must buy bonds, and then there is something very important in order to win this war. We must pray as it will not be won by ammunition alone.
II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked way, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."
Let's fill our churches and pray as never before; until our boys and girls can tell we are praying.
Mrs. B. C. Fugate.

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