

## Many Scouts Awards Made At Court of Honor

Two Haywood Scouts were promoted to life scouts and one to a star scout, in one of the best court of honor meetings held in many months, at the court house here Monday night. More than 150 attended the meeting.

The two life scouts were LaVerne Rush and Billy Welch, both of Canton troop 4. The star scout was Clarence Morrow, Jr., of Canton troop 13.

Douglas Walker, of Canton, was in charge of the meeting. He is district advancement chairman.

Lake Junaluska troop won the advancement award and the Bethel troop won the attendance award. Other promotions and awards made during the court was as follows:

Tenderfoot—Rufus G. Coffey, Waynesville troop 2; Johnny Mack Allison, Waynesville troop 2; Francis Pless, Canton troop 4; Wade Ledford, Hazelwood troop 5; Chas. W. Hannah, Lake Junaluska troop 8; Eugene Leatherwood, Lake Junaluska troop 8; Marvin Inman, Bethel troop 12; Charles F. Hargrove, Bethel troop 12; Bobby Fisher, Canton troop 13.

Second Class—Harvey Ray, Waynesville troop 2; Billie Wood, Waynesville troop 2; George Ray, Waynesville troop 2; Mickey Cullen, Lake Junaluska troop 8; Gene Yarborough, Lake Junaluska troop 8; Jerry Limer, Jr., Lake Junaluska troop 8; Pat Matthews, Canton troop 1; Jimmy Patton, Canton troop 1; George Hammond, Canton troop 1; George Henson, Canton troop 1; Buddy Whitted, Canton troop 7; Jack W. Henry, Bethel troop 12; Edward Hall, Bethel troop 12; J. T. Carver, Beaverdam troop 14.

First Class—Dan Watkins, Waynesville troop 2; Billy Swearingen, Waynesville troop 2; Winifred Limer, Lake Junaluska troop 8; Joseph Gibson, Lake Junaluska troop 8; Truett Medford, Lake Junaluska troop 8; Charles Roy Howell, Lake Junaluska troop 8; Howard Limer, Lake Junaluska troop 8; Joe Roberson, Canton troop 1; Nelson E. Clontz, Canton troop 4; Kent Brooks, Canton troop 4; Edwin Terrill, Canton troop 4; Davis Whitesides, Bethel troop 12; Edwin C. Hall, Bethel troop 12; Orville Powell, Bethel troop 12.

Scouts receiving Merit Badges are as follows:

Billy Swearingen, Waynesville troop 2, firemanship.  
 Joe Bill Plotz, Waynesville troop 2, firemanship.  
 Parker Gay, Jr., Waynesville troop 2, reading and pathfinding.  
 Thomas Ray, Waynesville troop 2, animal industry, pathfinding, and horsemanship.  
 Bill Richeson, Waynesville troop 2, stamp collecting and forestry.  
 Dan Watkins, Waynesville troop 2, reading and pathfinding.  
 Frank Morrison, Waynesville troop 3, pathfinding.  
 Cyril Minett, Waynesville troop 3, first aid and personal health.  
 LaVerne Rush, Canton troop 4, first aid and athletics.  
 Billy Abbott, Lake Junaluska troop 8, handicraft.  
 Julius Riggins, Jr., Lake Junaluska troop 8, carpentry.  
 John Gillett, Jr., Lake Junaluska troop 8, farm home and its planning, animal industry, hog and pork production, beef production, wood carving, pathfinding and forestry.  
 Doice McClure, Lake Junaluska troop 8, handicraft.  
 Hardy Stinnett, Lake Junaluska troop 8, handicraft, fruit culture,

### Special Services Scheduled For Crabtree Churches

Special dedication services for the Crabtree charge of the Methodist church have been announced for the week of February 27 through March 5th.

Services will be held at the Crabtree church on Sunday, February 27th, at 11 o'clock, and on Thursday, March 2, at 7:30.

The Mt. Zion services will be held Sunday, February 27th, at 7:30 and on Friday March 3rd, at 7:30.

Davis Chapel will have services on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 and again on Sunday, March 5, at 11 o'clock.

A service will be held at 7:30 at Fishers Chapel on Monday, February 28, and another on Sunday, March 5, at 7:30.

The pastor extends an invitation for all to attend these services.

### Longs Chapel Women To Meet Friday Afternoon For Program On Prayer

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Longs Chapel Methodist church, Lake Junaluska, will observe the World Day of Prayer with a program to be held at the church Friday, Feb. 25, at 2:30 p. m. The program committee is made up of Miss Minnie Willis and Mrs. R. E. Stackhouse. Those taking part on the program are Mrs. W. E. Carter, Mrs. Chas. Klopp, Mrs. Jerry Limer, Mrs. Miles McLean is in charge of music.

Special invitations are given to mothers of service men, and special prayers will be offered on behalf of those in military service.

At 3:30 p. m. immediately following this program, the county home agent, Miss Margaret Smith, will conduct the Home Demonstration monthly meeting. The subject will be, "Dishes using little or no meat."

The women of the entire community are invited to attend both these meetings.

### Connatser Honored By Jefferson Standard Group

S. E. Connatser, representative of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, was one of the 65 agents who were invited to attend the special dinner and meeting given by officials of the company recently in observing the successful achievement of reaching the 500 million goal.

The company now has over 500 million dollars of insurance in force.

Mr. Connatser was the only agent from the Asheville district office invited to attend the meeting. Invitations were extended based on records for sales. Mr. Connatser has been a leader and a top-ranking agent for many months, and has been a continuous member of the "Policy A-Week Club" for almost 300 consecutive weeks.

### Francis Cove Club Has Interesting Meeting

The Francis Cove Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Troy Wyche for the February meeting. 15 were present for the meeting.

Miss Mary Margaret Smith the home agent, gave a helpful demonstration in cooking and serving the right kind of foods.

Interesting reports were given by the following leaders: Mrs. W. K. Boone, Mrs. Roy Hightower, Mrs. Homer West, Mrs. Troy Wyche for the February meeting.

The club will meet with Mrs. Robert McCracken for the March meeting.

and art.  
 William E. Mainous, Bethel troop 12, hog and pork production and poultry keeping.

Orville Powell, Bethel troop 12, handicraft, safety and first aid to animals.

Davis Whitesides, Bethel troop 12, hog and pork production, and farm records and bookkeeping.

Edwin C. Hall, Bethel troop 12, handicraft.

Charles Davis Peek, Bethel troop 12, handicraft.

Louis E. Gates, Jr., Canton troop 1, music.

Billy Holland, Canton troop 1, music.

William P. Whitesides, Jr., Bethel troop 12, farm records and bookkeeping.

Davis J. Whitesides, Bethel troop 12, home repairs.

Clarence Morrow, Jr., Canton troop 12, music and cooking.

Charles Fisher, Canton troop 13, stamp collecting.

Billy Joe Rhodamer, Canton troop 13, home repairs.

Neal Hipps, Beaverdam troop 14, athletics, wood work, farm mechanics, stamp collecting, home repairs, coin collecting, first aid, safety, public health, automobiling, and personal health.

## OLD GLORY WAVES OVER CONQUERED ROI



THE STARS AND STRIPES fly from a palm tree trunk on Roi the day after U. S. invasion troops overwhelmed the Japs, killing or capturing every one on the island. Here battle-weary Marines rest on the beach after they took the important airfield. By giving up this and other islands in the Marshall group, Japan loses for the first time territory she held before the start of the war. (International Soundphoto)

### Johnny Parris Tells Of Interesting Trip Back To England; Landed On Christmas

SYLVA—Special to Mountaineer—Mr. and Mrs. Dan K. Moore received a letter from John Parris, telling about his trip back to England after his vacation in the States last fall; he describes his Christmas Eve as follows:

"I spent my strangest and loneliest Christmas at sea on a storm tossed vessel. For the first time in my life I really felt alone, and helpless. For I was so near loved ones and yet so far away. There were five other passengers on the ship. Our quarters were with the crew—nothing luxurious. Two of the fellows and I were lucky enough to be billeted in the small four-bunk hospital. So on Christmas Eve we crowded into our hospital cabin, and sitting on the bunks, had a wee drop of spirits. It just didn't seem like the Eve of Christmas. I'm afraid all of our thoughts were elsewhere, and there was an emptiness in our hearts. The year before Miki and I had been together and we were able to send greetings to Mother and Dad. But if I felt sorry for myself, I only had to think of the tens of thousands of our boys on the battlefronts and the others on the sea."

"Christmas morning was just another morning in our log. The eggs and bacon were just the same; but a little later when the word went through that land was in sight our spirits soared and we thought with a little luck we might be able to make port by late afternoon. Noon came and there was a glorious Christmas dinner—quite a surprise; Turkey, nuts and all the essentials, plus a fine pudding. The National S. amon's Association fixed Christmas boxes which had been put aboard ship in New York, and each member of the crew, and we passengers had gifts. It was nice and extremely practical, soap, razor, toothpaste, shaving cream, comb, wallet, cigarette lighter, fountain pen, writing case, chess board and a sack of hard candy. There were no other presents visible. We didn't have a Christmas tree, nor was there any sort of decoration. Those things were reserved for home and the luxury liners; but we did have Christmas music when the Captain, a white-haired Estonian who became a U. S. citizen twenty years ago, turned on the radio and picked up London. We heard the bonds of Big Ben striking twelve and then I knew I was getting close to home. It was a wonderful feeling.

"The Captain was in a glorious mood and came over to tell me he thought he could get me ashore by late afternoon.

"The Captain kept his word. I was ashore and at 6:30 p. m. had called London to announce my arrival.

"I spent the early part of Christmas night at the United Seaman's Institute Hotel, where there was dinner and a party for the Merchant Seamen. It was there that I saw my Christmas tree and began to feel that it was Christmas. Here seated at tables around me were men who daily were risking their lives to keep the supplies pouring through to our boys in the front lines. They were men of every creed and every nationality, a Greek and a Portuguese sailor sat at my table. A negro mess boy from Mississippi, who was studying for the ministry before we got into the war, sat across at another table. He had served me on the trip across and had been delighted to know that 'someone from home' was on the same ship. He had sailed to South America and into the Pacific; but this had been his first trip across the Atlantic. There was to be a dance but my train

was leaving at nine fifteen p. m., so I departed. At 10 o'clock I was asleep and Christmas was over for me.

"London, wrapped in darkness and fog, looked good to me at seven-thirty p. m., as I stepped from the train onto the dimly-lit platform of the station. An hour and a half later I had managed to get a cab, ten minutes later I was home and the vacation was over."

"It was swell being back in Sylva and the States, seeing all my

#### ATTENDS CLINIC

Dr. S. P. Gay is expected to return to day from Chicago where he has been attending the Mid-Winter Clinic of Dentists.

Jones—Is your wife economical?  
 Smith—Very. We do without almost everything I need.

friends, you all were so grand to me.

"I am getting back in harness again and it's a good feeling after two months of inactivity. Give my regards to all my friends."

Yours,  
 John.

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