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Commanding **Officer Writes Parents About Son**

Upon learning of the death of Sgt. Jack Messer, of Clyde, Lt. Col. Carter L. Rhinehart, of the Army Air Base, Kelly Field, Tex., wrote his parents to express his sympathy and to pay a tribute to Sgt. Messer, Lt. Col. Rhinehart was commander of the 30th Signal Company of which Sgt. Messer was a member when the company left Canton in 1940. They had been personal friends.

Sgt. Messer was killed in action in France on July 25, and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Messer, of Clyde, his wife, the former Miss Doris Smith, of Buffalo, S. C., and four brothers and five sisters.

The letter in part to the parents read as follows:

"My dear Charlie: "I have just read in the paper | G. Hosaflook, of East Waynesville,

the account of the death in France is now with the armed forces in for occupancy. It is located just of your son and my good friend, thing I might say at this time March 12, 1943, and was inducted They have received a welcome from would be empty words indeed, how- at Portsmouth, Va. From there the community. ever, I want you, Sally and the he was sent to Camp Lee, Va., and children to know I am thinking of then to Camp Butner. Before beyou and share with you in some ing sent overseas in June of this

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In France

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Meade, Md.

Fines Creek News

By Mrs. D. N. Rathbone

mer's grandfather in Iron Duff.

who are left may continue our

tribute can be paid to anybody

and did his job well. I hope the

lowship and business, meeting which the local Methodist church holds each conference year, will be held in the dining room of the church Wednesday evening, Oct. 11 at 7:00 o'clock. This will be a dinner meeting with only a miniof apparel. And the other is obemum charge for the plate. After the fellowship dinner the sity. The former can be eliminat-

work of the church for the entire official organizations will be mimeographed and a copy given to each pestilence. It should, however, be one present. A part of the business of the evening will include the elec- elaborated upon and any poundage acquired should be decorated with tion of the church officials for the long and wide streamers of crepe. oming year.

wishes to attend is welcome. New ferent. Take Mr. Greensmith for members who have been received ROBERT S. HOSAinto the church during the year boned, square-shouldered sort of a FLOOK, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. will be guests of the evening.

The Salvation Army had as their guests at the Sunday night measure your great loss and sor- year he received further training service the Long Branch Singing Choir. The services were held at on maneuvers in Tennessee, Camp Cold Spring and a picnic supper Pickett, Va., and Fort George was served. There were 112 persons present for the preaching by the pastor, Captain Thelma Colton

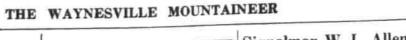
> He never seemed to realize that he Miss Inez Causby, a graduate of the American Inland Bible was the type that insurance agents Corporal Jack Price, who is sta-School at Corbin, Ky., is now with dream about. tioned at Midland, Tex., recently Adj. Cecil Brown and Captain spent a 17-day furlough here with Thelma Colton at the Citadel, his wife and son and other relatives Mountain division of the Salvation on Fines Creek. While here he Army. Miss Caushy will serve as and Mrs. Price visited the forthe matron of the community center, at Maple Springs.

> Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kirkpatrick Jimmy Messer, who was inducted such a beautiful world and nary an who live in the Wesley Creek secin the service on September 12, is tion, recently purchased a tract of now taking his training at Camp land from Theo. Ferguson. They Blanding, Fla. His wife, the forhave their new home almost ready mer Miss Oralee Dewese, is residing with her parents in the Bethel

> section. dark, ugly black and his sun sank "Having had the pleasure at one time of serving as Jack's com-Mr. and Mrs. Marion Frisbee hurriedly in the west with a very manding officer, I can remember and children, of Little Creek, and definite plop. Widow Brown conhim as a fine upstanding American, Mrs. W. B. Rathbone were the fided in Mr. Greensmith that she recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob was about to marry Deacon White a good soldier, and a personal friend; one who has made the su- Lowe at their home on Martin's and that, alas, Deacon White had a shoulder on which he, too, carried preme sacrifice in order that we Creek.

> a chip; the chip being a determi-A number of tobacco barns have nation that Mr. Greensmith absent American way of life. No finer recently been erected in this sechimself as promply as possible from tion as well as a number of new the vicinity of the future Mrs. than to say he was a good soldier dwelling houses. White.

full realization of this fact will The fellow who jumps at conserve to some extent to lighten the burden for you in the dark days clusions isn't always certain of a happy landing. to come.'



SHOTS

By

FRANCES FRAZIER

Staff Writer

imagined.

There are two things that try

ache nor a pain preambulated

through the sparse frame of Mr.

Greensmith, unless you consider

palpitation of the heart something

Then one day the sky became

Like the roar of a rushing flow

of lava from an erupting volcano.

all the ailments to which a human

A name

to conjure with, medically.

Signalman W. L. Allen Home On Leave

William Lucius (Tud) Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Allen of Allen's Creek, has arrived with his wife and young daughter from Urbana, Ill., where he has been taking special training. He was recently qualified as a petty officer, with the rating of signalman third class at the Naval Training School the very souls of women; one is a (Signals) at the University of

rival, either feminine or in the way Illinois. He entered the service in April of this year and took his boot training at Camp Peary, Va. He was sent from there to the University of ed by several and devious methods, from the chairmen of the different but the latter is on the order of a Hilinois on the basis of his recruit curse that should be avoided as a the time he entered the service he was employed by the A. C. Law brought into every conversation, rence Leather Company.

After spending a 15-day leave here he will report for duty at Fort Pierce, Fla. Now, with men it is entirely dif-

instance. He was a large, raw-Legion And Auxiliary To Hold October Meet man who carried a cross on one shoulder and a chip on the other. On Friday, 13th The cross was for the varied and

sundry ailments that beset his The American Legion and Aux iliary will hold their October meetbody. The chip was for the beneing at 8 o'clock in the Legion home fit of any one who dared suggest on Friday, 13th, according to Comthat he might not be as ill as he mander Hurst Burgin and Mrs. J. Brown, Auxiliary president. Mr. Greensmith's afflictions ran

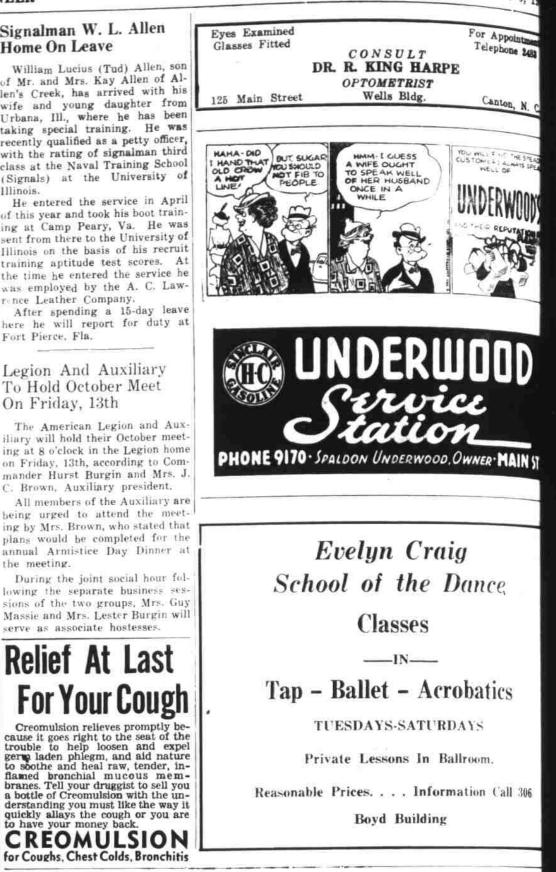
the gamut of the patent medicine All members of the Auxiliary are almanac advertisements which he being urged to attend the meetcarefully read and balanced each ing by Mrs. Brown, who stated that symptom with a duplication of his plans would be completed for the own individual sickness. He beannual Armistice Day Dinner at came a bore to every one whom he the meeting. could corner long enough to ex-

During the joint social hour folpound on, the, at the moment, populowing the separate business seslar disease that had him in its grip, sions of the two groups, Mrs. Guy Massie and Mrs. Lester Burgin will serve as associate hostesses.



to have your money

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on the third day, Mr. Greensmith sought comfort, cardiac and con-**PRE-WAR PRICES** He knew there would be baim in Gilead if he could hear people tell him how terrible he looked. It didn't work out, though, quite as COMPLETE BEST IN he had planned for the first dozen or so people he met simply said **Battery Recharge** LUBRICATION "Good morning." "Howdy." 01 grunted out a muttered "Hey." No stopping sympathetically to shake **50° 75**° their heads or say mournfully, "What on earth is the matter with you, Greensmith? I never saw you look so bad. Why don't you go see Dr. Jones?" What wonderfulwords they would be and how they Two-Week Special, Regular 70c would soothe his wounded and troubled spirit. No use in having a broken heart and no one know it **Champion Spark Plugs 50**° He breathed deeply, sadly and slowly went on his way. Then he saw Mr. Blue approaching. Ah! There was a man who would tell him what he wanted to hear. Mr. Spark Plugs Cleaned, Each - - - - 5¢ Blue was known far and wide for being aptly named; nothing was ever right either with him or any one else. He had never been known **DELUXE SERVICE** to see the sunshine for the heavy clouds. So he was exactly the person for whom Mr. Greensmith had so diligently been looking this LIKE YOU GOT BEFORE THE WAR morning. He got directly in Mr. Blue's pathway and waited. Mr. Blue, disturbed, scowled at the in-NOW, when you drive into our modern station for gas, several uniterruption to his mental and matuformed, trained attendants will immediately start cleaning your dinal wanderings and drew himself up to his full height as he re windshield, check oil, water, battery and tires, and brush off floor marked, sarcastically: "If I felt and mats. Yes sir, it is hard to believe, but that good old pre-war looked as well as you do, Greensmith, I'd certainly find some work service is again available at Ed Simms'. to do rather than run around the streets. You could at least advertise some health food. Good day. All Passenger Tires Now Mr. Greensmith's sun was sunk and so was Mr. Greensmith, **Recapped With** FOR GIRLS TRUCK RUBBER to remember! **Discover** its Waynesville Gulf Service & 2-way help* **Tire Recapping Company** ED SIMS, Owner MAIN STREET PHONE 486



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Every member of the church who

France. He entered the service on opposite the Fines Creek school.