



## Plans Made For Polio Drive

### W. Roy Francis To Head Campaign In Haywood Last Week In January.

W. Roy Francis has been named chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Campaign. Haywood county's base quota has been set at 2,787, with \$100 added for each of the 11 cases of polio in the county during the past year, making the total quota up to 2,897, it was learned yesterday. The county will be divided into areas, with a chairman serving in each. The Waynesville section and the Canton section, according to Mr. Francis, Missie has been named as co-chairman for the Waynesville area, and Claude Rogers serve as the school chairman. Other committees and chairmen will be announced during the week. It was pointed out by Mr. Francis that the announcement has been made in the square since which will be in the Waynesville Armory the evening of January 31st, Sam Queen in charge of arrangements. Tickets will be sold throughout the community at a price of \$1.00. Fifty per cent of the amount raised in Haywood county will be kept for treatment and expenses of polio cases in county.

### Moore Brothers



Pfc. Allie L. Moore (left) and Sgt. Joe Moore, Jr., sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore, of Waynesville. Pfc. Moore is reported wounded in action on December 25, in Belgium and Sgt. Moore has been reported missing in action since December 27.

## TWO BROTHERS CASUALTIES

### Sgt. Joe C. Moore, Jr., Reported Missing in Action and Pfc. Allie Moore Slightly Wounded

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore, of Water Street, Waynesville, have been reported as casualties. Sergeant Joe C. Moore, Jr., has been reported missing in action since December 17 in Luxembourg.

Private First Class Allie L. Moore has been reported slightly wounded in action in Belgium on December 25.

Sgt. Moore left here with the National Guard unit in September, 1940, and before being sent overseas was stationed at the following posts: Fort Jackson, Camp Gordon, Fort Dix, Camp Gordon Johnson, Fla., and back to Fort Jackson.

He was first stationed in England and entered France on D-Day. He had been in combat in Belgium and Germany. Before entering the service he was employed by the Haywood county board of education.

Pfc. Moore entered the service on March 11, 1941, and was inducted at Fort Bragg and sent to Camp Claiborne, La., and back to Fort Bragg, before being sent overseas, where he has served for the past 21 months. He was first in England, then France, Holland, and Belgium. He is serving with an airborne division.

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The contest is open to any boy or girl in the 9, 10, 11, or 12th grade of any accredited high school in the state. Students from the six high schools in Haywood county in the grades designated are eligible to enter the contest.

Comdr. Lee is urging every member of the classes, both boys and girls of the senior class in each high school of the county to enter and the state is urging that this contest be assigned as a part of the regular course on oration on the subjects submitted in the contest.

## SEVENTY-NINE RECLASSIFIED

In Keeping With Call For 9,000,000 Men by July, Local Reclassifications Increasing

Seventy-nine men were reclassified during the past week by the local draft the largest number in some weeks. In the group were placed the following in class 1-A: William R. Burton, Jack D. Moore, Claude Hoglen, Lawrence V. Fullbright and Hardin E. Green.

Continued in class 2-A was Medford B. Gaddis. Placed in class 4-A was Millard G. Medford.

Continued in class A- (F) were: Charlie Fie, Milas C. Patterson, Thad W. Hannah, Oliver Hicks, Leon W. Henry, Robert V. Hyatt, Arthur P. Messer, Ralph W. Price, James D. Smith, Frank Phillips, Columbus Wright, Ensign R. Robinson, Arthur R. Overman, Coy Grooms, Edgar L. Ammons, Woodrow W. Downs.

Continued in class 2-B (F) were: Mack Greene, Roy F. Sherrill, Gordon P. Ralsh and Raymond D. Wood.

Continued in class 2-C was Henry L. Green. Continued in class 2-C (F) were: Lee Lewis, Lige Franklin and Fred Underwood.

Continued in class 2-B (F) were: Truman N. Cuthshaw, Glen W. Rogers, Boone Davis, Thomas Bradley, Burnett J. Smith, Noble W. Ferguson, Theodore T. Matney, Deryal L. Matney, Charles P. Sutton, James Long, Guy V. Grogan, Robert L. Davis, Vaughn T. Shepard, Mack V. Miller, Ralph Brandon, Charles D. Dalton, Walter J. Francis, Joe W. Davis, Harry R. Hogan, Jessie L. Jordan, Horace L. Teague, Frank S. Leatherwood, Fletcher Thrantam, and Hugh T. Francis.

### Awarded Purple Heart



LT. (JG) JAMES SHOOK QUEEN, who was reported missing in action off the coast of Italy on Sept. 15, 1943.

Lt. Queen entered the service as a volunteer in July, 1942 and enlisted at Charlotte. He was commissioned an Ensign and sent to Northwestern University for special training. After completion of this course he was sent to Solomons, Md., then Norfolk, Va., for further training.

He left New York for sea duty on April 4, 1943, and served with the ambitious forces in command of an LCT boat on combat in the North African campaign, in Sicily and in Italy.

Lt. Queen has been commended a number of times by his commanding officers for his gallantry in action. The certificate which accompanied the Purple Heart stated in part: "For military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death."

Lt. Queen was a practicing attorney associated with his father here at the time he volunteered in the service. He was a graduate of the local high school, and of the University of North Carolina, receiving both an A. B. and law degree from the latter.

His wife, the former Miss Marion McClennahan, of Raleigh,

### FRANCE JOINS UNITED NATIONS



AT COLORFUL CEREMONIES in Washington, D. C. Henri Bonnet, the new French Ambassador, signs the United Nations' joint declaration, as Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius looks on. Thus France formally became the 36th country to join the United Nations. (International)

## 24 Cases White Ga. Caught This Week

Twenty-four cases of white Georgia liquor has been captured in three days by local policemen and highway patrolmen.

Monday night, Policeman Hub Ruff and Norville Noland, and Patrolman O. R. Roberts caught William Brading, of Gastonia, with 11 cases of liquor. Brading was heading towards Gastonia with his load, and was being pursued by a federal officer when the local officers entered the chase. The local officers shot the rear tire of the rum runner's car, and arrested him at Clyde and brought him to the local jail. He was later released under bond.

Officers reported that Brading almost wrecked his car on a sharp curve, and that the chase soon ended when the two police sent bullets into his tires, after an exciting chase.

On Saturday the same three officers arrested Gene Law, of Asheville, with 10 cases of Georgia liquor, said to be assigned to Asheville. Law was arrested on Main Street. He was lodged in jail and later released under bond.

Private First Class Noel C. Phillips, former employe of the Pet Dairy Products Company here, has been reported missing in action since December 16 in Germany, according to information received by his family.

Pfc. Phillips is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Phillips, of Sylva, and his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Reynolds. Phillips resides at 45 Tacoma avenue, West Asheville.

Pfc. Phillips was employed as a salesman for the local plant at the time he entered the service.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, announce the birth of a son at their home on January 13th.

JULE NOLAND PROMOTED Julie W. Noland, of Waynesville, was recently promoted to technical sergeant, 4, at Camp Butner.

Pigeon River Scouts Hold Court Of Honor

The regular session of the Pigeon River Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of this area was held at the Baptist church of Clyde on Monday evening, with W. P. Whitesides, district advancement chairman, in charge of the program. He was assisted by Francis V. Smith, Assistant Scout executive of the Daniel Boone Council.

### Wounded



GEORGE SWEARINGIN, brother of Mrs. Zeb Curtis, who has been reported slightly wounded in Belgium.

Private First Class George Swearingin, formerly of Waynesville, has been reported slightly wounded in action in Belgium, according to a message received by his sister, Mrs. Zeb Curtis.

Pfc. Swearingin had been in the service for the past three years and had been overseas since October, 1943. He is now reported in England and his condition is said to be satisfactory.

Prior to entering the service Pfc. Swearingin was employed by the American Enka Corporation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Swearingin, of Byron, Ga., and a brother of Mason Swearingin, now of Raleigh, but former manager of the USES office here.

Home repairs to Gene Yarborough, troop 8, Lake Junaluska; Dairying home repairs, and farm mechanics to Edwin Terrell, troop 8, Lake Junaluska; Cement work, farm mechanics to Charles Ray Howell, troop 8, Lake Junaluska; Dairying to Charles Hannah, troop 8, Lake Junaluska; Painting, beef production to Phil Sherrill, of troop 12, Bethel.

Scholarship to William P. Whitesides, troop 12, Bethel; Angling to J. Davis Whitesides, troop 12, Bethel; Home repairs and conservation to William E. Mainous, troop 12, Bethel; Conservation and angling to Joe Jack Wells, troop 12, Bethel; Home repairs to Bobby Miller, troop 14, Beavertand; Metal work, mechanical drawing, machinery and blacksmithing to Neal Hips, troop 14, Beavertand.

W. D. Edwards, of Canton, presented Star award to Billie F. Hall, troop 12, Bethel; Charles D. Peck, troop 12, Bethel; Thomas Ray, troop 2, Waynesville.

Dr. W. H. Duckett, presented the Life Scout award to Neal Hips, of troop 14, Beavertand.

WM. RAY IN FRANCE William Ray, chief warrant officer, has landed in France after being stationed in England for several months. Before entering the service, he was manager of Ray's Super Market here.

## FARM MEETS TO BE HELD IN COUNTY

Home Demonstration Club Meetings To Be Changed Into Community Farm Gatherings

The regular monthly meetings of the Haywood County Home Demonstration Clubs during the coming month will be converted into community farm meetings, it was learned from the county farm and home demonstration agents.

The farm goals of production in the county this year will be brought to the various communities in the county by Howard R. Clapp, and Wayne Franklin, farm agents, and Miss Mary Margaret Smith and Miss Jewel Graham, county home agents.

Both men and women and the members of all the farm families, whether members of the club or not, are invited to the meetings, which started Tuesday of this week. All meetings are to open at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Tuesday the Jonathan Creek community met at the Rock Hill school and the Crabtree citizens met at the Mt. Zion church.

Yesterday meetings were held in the Bethel community at the county home farm and at Crabtree at the Crabtree school house. Today the Ivy Hill area will hold a meeting at the Maggie school building.

Other meetings scheduled include: Friday, 19, Hyder Mountain at the home of Mrs. H. H. West, and at Ivy Hill at the Dellwood school; on Monday, 22nd, White Oak, Presbyterian church, and Iron Duff, place to be announced later.

Tuesday, 23rd, Clyde, at Clyde school; and Francis Cove, at church; Wednesday, 24th, Cecil at Cecil school building and Waynesville at courthouse; Thursday, 25th, West Canton at home of Mrs. J. A. Ledford and Cruso at Cruso school.

Friday, 26th, Lake Junaluska with Mrs. A. J. McCracken and Ratliff Cove, with Mrs. Woody Jones; Wednesday, 31st, Piney Creek at Piney Creek school; Monday, February 6th at Mt. Sterling school; Tuesday, February 6th, at Beavertand school and Morning Star school.

## Fire Destroys Part Mountaineer Plant

### Seriously Wounded



PFC. GLENN PRICE, son of Hayden Price, R.F.D. No. 1, and grandson of Joseph A. Chambers, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, has been reported seriously wounded in action in Italy on December 18, according to a message received from the War Department by the family. The message stated that the family would be further advised of his condition.

## RECREATIONAL PROGRAM IS POPULAR

The large number of persons, both adult and children, taking part in the program gave proof of the interest and popularity of the recreational center sponsored by the Community Council. It was pointed out this week in a resume of the first two weeks in January by W. C. Tenney, director.

During the first week in January 604 persons participated in the recreational and athletic programs at the Armory. During the second week there were 550 taking part, making a total of 1,154 persons for the fortnight's period. These figures do not include those attending the dances handled by Sam Queen.

A game between Central Elementary and St. John's Elementary departments will take place on Friday, according to Mr. Tenney.

The director also announced this week that a basketball tournament in which all the teams of the high schools of the county were expected to take part would be staged at the armory between February 19 and February 24.

The regular schedule of events announced some weeks ago of the activities of the various schools and local groups are continuing their practice periods and social entertainment, it was learned from Mr. Tenney.

Capt. Geo. Plott Reported Missing In Europe

Captain George E. Plott, son of John A. Plott, and the late Mrs. Plott, of Waynesville, is reported missing in action in the European war theatre since December 25, according to a message received from the War Department by his father.

Captain Plott, U. S. Infantry, was active in the National Guard unit several years before the company was called into active service on September 16, 1940.

He was stationed at the following posts before being sent overseas last November: Fort Jackson, Camp Blanding, Camp Forrest, Camp Carson, Colo., Camp Robinson, Ark., and Camp Rucker, Ala.

Capt. Plott was engaged in farming and stock raising prior to his being called into active service. He is a nephew of Major George Plott, U. S. Air Corps, who is now in service and is a veteran of World War I.

### Commercial Printing Department and Office Supply Units Escape Blaze

The plant and mechanical equipment of The Mountaineer were badly damaged last Friday morning about 10:30 by flames which started in the basement and burned through to the street floor.

The fire originated in the basement near the furnace and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. The firemen arrived immediately after being called, but were unable to get into the basement at the fire to fight the flames, but managed to prevent its spreading and to eventually extinguish it.

For nearly two hours the firemen under the direction of Clem Fitzgerald, city fire chief, and Felix Stovall, assistant chief, fought the stubborn blaze.

Two linotype machines on the main floor of the building dropped through into the basement when the floor gave away. The press, situated in the basement, escaped serious damage, but was hurt to some extent by the water and heat.

A considerable amount of newspaper and commercial printing stock were completely destroyed. The commercial printing department escaped major damage, except for water.

The editorial rooms were undamaged, with files and other equipment untouched by the flames. The bookkeeping desk and files were also undamaged, as were also the files and desk of the circulation department.

The stock of stationery and office supplies which occupy the front of the building were completely undamaged either by smoke or water, due to the precaution and careful handling of the hose by the firemen.

Damage to the building was confined largely to the burned out two sections of the floor, a space of around 25 by 30 feet, which will have to be repaired. No estimate of the damage to the equipment has been made yet. Mechanical engineers arrived on Sunday and started to work on Monday. It is impossible for them to make an estimate until the 3,000 pound iron, which has lifted out of the basement to the first floor. The equipment was partially insured.

One of the linotype machines had been purchased in August, 1941, and had been in use only three years. Great care is being observed in lifting the machines, and heavy hoists and other equipment are in use, so that the delicate parts will not be further damaged.

While the exact amount of the damages is not known, it will run into several thousands of dollars, according to the owners of the paper.

Arrangements were made shortly after the fire to have the paper printed in Hendersonville by The Times-News, daily paper. A number of other papers offered their plants for use by The Mountaineer, but due to the similarity in certain equipment it was decided to have the paper published in the plant of The Times-News.

Rationing Board Will Be Closed On First Of Every Month Here

The War Price and Rationing Board announced this week that the office will be closed on the first working day of each month until further notice.

This action is taken in order that the staff can get out detailed reports on time.

Dr. Michal To Address Bethel Parent-Teachers

Dr. Mary Michal, assistant district health director, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Bethel school Parent-Teachers Association. The meeting will start at 2:45 and Mrs. Paul Hyatt, president, will preside. Dr. Michal will address the group on "The Problems of Social Hygiene."

## Comdr. Grover M. Davis Promoted To Commander

Comdr. Grover Mack Davis, U. S. Medical Reserve, of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Davis, of Waynesville, has recently been promoted to his present rank, according to information received by his family.

Comdr. Davis is stationed at Berry Point. He was called into active service on March 30, 1942, and reported for duty at Quantico, Va., where he was stationed for 18 months. From there he was transferred to Camp Peary, and then to his present post.

Prior to entering the service Comdr. Davis practiced dentistry in Hazelwood. He is a graduate of the Waynesville high school, Wilson College and Southern Normal College.

Sergeant Carl J. Rhymmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Rhymmer, of Waynesville, is now serving with the armed forces in England. Before going overseas Sgt. Rhymmer was stationed at Fort McPherson,

be sure and read "Here And There" Today . . .

In her column today, Hilda Waynesville tells of the trying experiences of "carrying on" when the newspaper plant has been disabled by fire. She tells the inside story of how the newspaper folk must "carry on" under all kinds of circumstances. Her column is on the editorial page—page two.