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POLIO DRIVE STARTS HERE TODAY

PT. STENTZ TO BE HONORED SERVICE

Posthumous Awards Will Be Presented By Army Officials In Ceremony At Methodist Church

Posthumous awards honoring the late David Stentz, who was killed in action on May 25, 1943, during a dive bombing mission over the Pacific, will be presented by Army officials in a ceremony at the Methodist church on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

J. Clay Madison, pastor of the church and Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will be assisted by other officials, who are being sent for the ceremonies by the department.

Visiting officers will posthumously award Capt. Stentz with distinguished Flying Cross, and a medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Purple Heart. These awards will be presented to Miss Hazeline Swift.

Capt. Stentz volunteered in the spring of 1940 at the age of 21 and received his commission wings at Harksdale Field, S. C., in 1941. He was stationed at Selfridge Field, Mich., and transferred to the Pacific where he did patrol duty for several months. In August, 1942, he was transferred to Washington, D. C., headquarters of the Air Force with which he was in North Africa, where he was killed.

Warrior World Will Be Buried Tuesday

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the funeral home of Lowe Bingham, 43, U. S. Marine, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bingham, of Canton, N. C., who died in Everett, Wash., on January 18.

Hannah J. Powell, of the Hazelwood Cecil Township, pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian church, officiated. The local post of the American Legion also took part in the services. Burial was in Hill cemetery.

Members of the American Legion were active pallbearers. Mr. Bingham volunteered in the spring and after months received a medical discharge following which he entered the service in England in farming in England.

Surviving are his parents, one son, Harry Bingham, of Everett, Wash., and two sisters, Mrs. Youngman, of Athens, Ga., and Mrs. Jane Garwood, of Hazelwood.

Waynesville And John's Will Meet On Monday

Waynesville and St. John's will meet in a doubleheader Monday night at the Armory. The teams will split a doubleheader on December 28, with the Mountaineers winning 28 to 12, and John's girls taking a close 20 to 17 score.

Open February with a bang, the team has scheduled a doubleheader with Canton high school on February 1. It is the first time these teams have met on a neutral site.

With a two point lead on the 21-19, and a twenty point lead on the 37-17.

January 19 a doubleheader between St. John's and the Wilson Junior college. The game was in favor of Warren, with both teams scoring 17-16; the boys, 32-31.

January 22 St. John's boys defeated the Western Carolina Teachers. The score was 38-19.

The Catamounts ringing the bell on the points.

Cross Workers Attend In Hendersonville

Malcolm R. Williamson, pastor of the American Legion, attended the regional meeting held in Hendersonville.

Methodists To Launch Crusade Drive

Methodists of Waynesville are being called by the Rev. J. Clay Madison, minister of the First Methodist church, to take part in raising \$25,000,000 for world relief and reconstruction, the first phase of the denomination's nationwide Crusade for Christ program of post war service.

The local appeal for which the goal is \$3,500 will begin on January 28, according to Mr. Madison.

Members of the local church Crusade for Christ Council will direct the financial drive and other phases of the four-year program include: Hugh Mascie, J. R. Boyd, J. M. Long, Roy Parkman, Mrs. Bonner Ray, J. H. Woody, and M. H. Bowles.

The membership canvass will begin immediately following service next Sunday, January 28, and will continue until the goal is reached. This solicitation will be carried out by the stewards of the church.

Former Employee Of Mountaineer Buried On 15th

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Cedar Lane cemetery, Patterson, N. J., on January 15, according to information received here by relatives.

Mr. Howell died in Paterson on the 12th, but was residing at the time in Easton, Penn. He was employed for many years on the Waynesville Mountaineer and also served as a mechanic on a number of other papers in this section and in Eastern Carolina.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Lottie Buckner, of Waynesville, and five children: Virginia, David C. Howell, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth Verbeck, of Patterson, N. J.; Cal. Rowe E. Howell, in Southern Pacific, and William Howell, seaman first class, now in South Atlantic.

Bobby Harry Winner In UDC Contest

Bobby Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinsey, won first place and the medal awarded the winner at the annual Lee-Jackson Day declaration contest held by the Haywood Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, which took place in the high school auditorium on Tuesday morning.

George W. Raby, with his declaration, "Defense of the South," won second place. Bobby Harry's subject was, "Robert E. Lee."

Other contestants and their declarations were: Homer S. Snyder, Jr., "Tribute to Lee and Davis"; William Buchanan, "New South"; Jimmy Galloway, "North Carolina's Part in the Civil War"; "The Old South"; Gene Hampton, "The Sword of Robert E. Lee"; Billy McBride, "Little Griffen."

Mrs. Will A. Hyatt, chairman of the contest, and Mrs. James R. Boyd, Jr., president of the Chapter, presided. Serving as judges were: Mrs. J. W. Killian, Mrs. M. K. Kellett and Mrs. Cornelia Nix.

Several numbers, including familiar Southern songs were rendered by the Girls Chorus and the Boys quartet under the direction of Chas. Isely.

Rufus T. Carswell Promoted To Captain

Rufus T. Carswell, formerly of Hazelwood, now attached to the Fifth Army, has recently been promoted to captain, according to information received from the Fifth Army in Italy.

Captain Carswell is now company commander of a rifle company, armored infantry battalion of the 1st armored division. Formerly he was assistant platoon leader, mortar platoon officer and then platoon leader.

In civilian life Carswell was a sales clerk. He entered the service in November, 1942, and was commissioned at the Officer Candidate School on that date.

His wife resides in Hazelwood.

Mrs. B. G. Kuhne and Mrs. Katherine Glenn, of Akron, Ohio, spent a couple of days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bridges. They were en route to Florida, where they will spend some time.

SEVENTY MEN RECLASSIFIED

Eight In Group Are Placed In Class 1-A.

Seventy men were reclassified during the past week under the selective service system by the draft board serving the Waynesville area of the county.

Placed in class 1-A were: Paul R. Clark, Noble J. Wyatt, Bruce A. Briggs, Algie J. Ratcliffe, Emmett Wilburn, James D. Kelley, R. L. Ledford, and Charles E. Mehahey.

Placed in class 2-A were: Ray W. Rathbone and Cecil Teaster.

Placed in class 2-A (F) were: Louie B. Nichols, William R. Conard, Paul M. Browning, William H. Cook, Albert W. Arrington, Harry M. Moody, Larry Swanger, Carl H. Stanley, Willie W. Conner, and John E. Kemp.

Placed in class 2-A (L) was William Rose.

Placed in class 1-C (discharged) were: Dave Z. Allison, Bradford E. Mehahey, Ralph S. Hendrix, Edward Smith, Joseph C. Casabella, James T. Smith, and Clyde R. McGaha.

Placed in class 2-B (F) were: Lawrence J. Franklin, James E. Moore, Cleve W. Caldwell, Ralph D. Jenkins, John H. Phillips, and Zemy F. Messer.

Placed in class 4-A was Hardy N. Rathbone.

Placed in class 4-F was Gordon E. Muse.

Continued in class 1-A were Guy H. Gunter, Grover H. Davis, and Mark E. Howell.

Continued in class 2-A (F) were: Theodore W. Raby, Herman H. Setzer, Jack W. Host, Elbert C. Lunford, Robert G. Williams, Henry P. Webb, Marvin Yarborough, Edgar Warlick, Claude Pressley, James R. Hill, Luther M. Green, Furman F. Tate, William P. Gentry, and Paul A. Park.

Continued in class 2-B were: Glenn T. Beasley, Lloyd Bradley, and Sam W. Milner.

Continued in class 2-B (F) were: Phil Best, Hughes F. Morris, Charles Putnam, Clyde A. Morrow, Nelson Parks, Dewey McCoy, Guy Smith Dewey, Jarvis D. Messer, George Price, George S. Messer, Edward L. Chambers, and Marvin R. Brown.

Cpl. Milner Seriously Wounded

Corporal Newman Ray Milner, U. S. Army, has been seriously wounded in action in France on December 22, according to a message from the war department to his wife here, the former Miss Edith Tate.

Cpl. Milner entered the service on December 22, 1944, and took his basic training at Camp Campbell, Ky. Before being sent overseas he was also stationed at later dates at Fort Jackson, S. C., and at Camp Barkeley, Tex.

Cpl. Milner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Milner, of Canton, and was employed at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company at the time he entered the service.

Collector Urges To List Taxes

"While the tax listing is coming along fine, there are still a lot of folks in the county who have not gotten in touch with the lister in their township," said Earl Ferguson, county tax collector.

Mr. Ferguson pointed out that all property owners are required to list their personal property for tax assessment during January. The real estate holdings of the county residents are listed automatically through the deeds filed at the court house.

Mr. Ferguson is urging the people of the county to get their listings in during the next few days, and he stated that the listers would be in their appointed territory during the week, to receive the listings.

S-Sgt Floyd E. Hill Receives Promotion

S-Sgt. Floyd E. Hill, son of Benjamin F. Hill, of Clyde, has been promoted to the rank of technical sergeant. He is now on duty with an infantry division in action against the Germans. He has been in the service for the past five years.

Funeral Services For E. L. Withers Held On Sunday

Prominent In Civic And Business Affairs And Leader In Rotary Club

Last rites were conducted on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Methodist church for Ernest Lee Withers, 61, prominent business and civic leader, who died at his home Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock after an extended illness. Mr. Withers suffered a heart attack last Spring and had been confined to his home since that date.

Rev. J. Clay Madison, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Serving as active pallbearers were: Harry Rotha, Col. J. Harden Howell, Hugh J. Sloan, W. E. Swift, Wallace Blackwell, Henry Gaddy, Joe Rose, William Shoobred, and J. W. Ray.

Honorary pallbearers were: members of the board of stewards of the First Methodist church, members of the Rotary Club, members of the Men's Bible Class of the First Methodist church, and W. L. Hardin, W. C. Allen, W. W. Davis, R. N. Barber, Rufus Siler, Dr. W. C. Kirkpatrick, John M. Queen, Dr. R. H. Stretcher, J. R. Morgan, Robert V. Welch, Dr. W. H. Limer, Frank Turner, R. L. Prevost, and W. Handy Kirkpatrick, Canton.

Mr. Withers was a native of Haywood county, the son of William Andrew Withers and Matie Allen Withers, his family had long been connected with this section. He operated a real estate and insurance business under the firm name of E. L. Withers and Company, the oldest private business on Main street. Henry Gaddy was associated with Mr. Withers. Since he was stricken, his daughter, Miss Hester Anne Withers, former teacher in the local high school, had been in charge of the office.

Mr. Withers had been active in the religious and civic affairs of the community since a young man. He is a past governor of the 58th district of Rotary International and a past president of the Waynesville Rotary Club.

He had served as a member of the board of stewards of the First Methodist church, and as an usher for more than 30 years. He was also a member of the Men's Bible class.

At the time of his death he was chairman of the civilian defense in Waynesville, one daughter, Miss Hester Anne Withers, one son, Major Ernest L. Withers, Jr., who is serving with the Army Air Forces in Italy; and one brother, Fred Withers, of Gastonia.

The Garrett Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

T-5 Low Parton Posthumously Awarded P. Heart

T-5 Low Parton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parton, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, who was reported killed in action in Germany on October 28, 1944, has been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, according to his wife, who has received the award.

He entered the service on January 22, 1943, and was inducted at Camp Croft. From Croft he was sent to Camp Young, Calif., and then to Los Angeles. From the latter he was sent to Camp Maxey, Tex., before being sent overseas. He was first stationed in England and was with the invatio forces in France on D-Day. He had been overseas since December, 1943.

Prominent Leader Thirty-One Men Report For Induction

Thirty-one men from the Waynesville area of the county left here on Monday morning for induction in the armed forces, reporting to Fort Bragg. The group made up the January call under the selective service system.

Charles W. Balentine was named leader of the group, with Coleman Dean Swanger, assistant leader.

In the group was one volunteer, Robert Lee Brown, and two transfers from other draft boards including: McCrary George Beasley, from Newport News, Va., and Robert Lee Vaughn from Spartanburg.

Others were: Robert Lee Bradley, Norman Edgar Messer, Roy Chester Ruff, Claude Rhinehart Crawford, Carmen Way Arrington, Robert Richard Cope, George William Swanger, William Ray Curtis, Jacob Albert Rice, Jack Ledford, James Junior Arrington, Gasher Rathbone, Ralph Robert Mathis, Thomas Andrews Sutton, Lowery Lee Sutton, Joseph Charles Cunningham, Theodore Vance Davis, William Lee Howell, Norman Ben Price, William Troy Smith, Lynuel Robert Phillips, Clyde Thomas Roberts, Thomas Eugene Moody, Ernest Paul Warren, Kenneth Earl Turner, and Joseph Thomas Wilson.

Clinics Will Be Held Next Week For Workstock

A clinic for workstock will be held in the county the first two days next week. The clinic is being sponsored by the county agents office. Dr. H. B. Osborne and Dr. Joe Baxter, veterinarians will attend the eight places in the county.

Clinics will be held on Monday at Joe Phillips' Store in Cecil at 9; at county home farm at 11; at Fisher's Store at Morning Star at 1:30 and at J. B. Hines, Thickety at 3:30.

On Tuesday the clinics will be held at N. C. James' Store on Fines Creek at 9; at T. C. Noland's on Crabtree at 11; at J. R. Caldwell's in Iron bluff at 1:30 and at L. M. Leatherwood's on Jonathan Creek at 3:30.

No cost will be made for examination, and small charges for bots, roundworms, floating tooth and dental work.

25 Men Go For Pre-Induction Examinations

Twenty-five men left here on Tuesday morning for pre-induction physical examinations at Fort Bragg. Spencer Walker was named leader of the group with Walter Lee James as assistant leader.

Others in the group were: Berkeley Thomas Cade, Max Edward Cochran, Frank James Hannah, Willie Vin Tate, William Rufus Setzer, Vinson Thomas Davis, Wade Palmer, Ralph Lewis Duckett, John Jensen Messer, Oscar Lee Messer, Kenneth Dearl Milner, Clarence William Harvell, Herschel Owens, Jack Guy Rector, James B. Allison, Sam Ewart, Amos McClain Best, Willard Hicks, James Wilburn Ledford, Lonnie B. Hargrove, Clarence Edgar Ford (transferred from Kannapolis), Ernest Bill Williams (transferred from Leadville, Colo.), John Robert Ferguson (from Newport News), and Walter Lee James.

Mrs. Alley Gives Talk At Legion Meet

Mrs. Doyle Alley was the speaker at the meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary which was held on Friday evening, with a brief business session of each group and a joint meeting following.

Mrs. Alley spoke of the service that the USES is giving to veterans and their families. She stated that recently 35 widows of veterans had been given aid and that during the past ten months 500 veterans were served.

Mrs. J. C. Brown gave a report to the united groups of the visit of the Auxiliary members to Oteen and Moore hospitals. She also stated that North Carolina citizens had contributed 9,000 Christmas packages to veterans in the state.

Martha Grabl and Alice Marie Burgin accompanied by Miss Nancy Killian, gave several duets.

Mr. Howard Best is spending a few weeks with his sister, Miss Lucille Bishop, who holds a position in Barberton, Ohio.

Haywood's Quota Is \$3,890 For Drive

The infantile paralysis campaign for Haywood county begins tomorrow and will last through next Wednesday, the 31st, with Guy Massie serving as chairman of the Waynesville area. The drive is being sponsored by the Rotary Club, with each Rotarian pledging to give at least two hours of his time on Friday or Saturday to the campaign to help raise the \$3,890 quota assigned the Waynesville area of the county.

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On Saturday the Women's Ordinance Workers of the Dayton Rubber plant will sell tickets to the square dance convassing the entire town. The dance will be held at the Armory on Wednesday evening, January 31, from 9 to 1 o'clock, with Sam Queen calling the figures. The tickets will be sold at \$1.00 and all persons are urged to buy tickets whether or not they plan to attend the dance.

Mrs. Laura Kerley, chairman of the Dayton Women's group, has accepted the job of being responsible for the sale of 1,000 tickets. The Dayton Rotarians will also maintain a booth at the dance, and any person who has not made a donation to the infantile paralysis fund will be given an opportunity to do so that night.

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Fifty per cent of the money raised will be kept in the county for treatment and other expenses of the polio cases here.

Whitman Is New Owner Of Bakery

Pearce's Bakery will open here this morning, with D. F. Whitman, experienced baker and business man as owner and manager. Mr. Whitman purchased the business from R. B. Pearce this week, and immediately assumed charge.

The same personnel will be kept by Mr. Whitman and a complete line of baked goods will be carried.

Mr. Whitman has been in the bakery business the past 27 years. He comes here from Forest City, and will move his wife and two sons here at an early date. He has two sons in the navy, one in the army, and a daughter is a cadet nurse. He has served as commander of the American Legion.

The bakery has maintained a 100 per cent sanitary rating since it was opened several years ago. About 18 months ago the bakery was moved into larger quarters and all modern equipment installed.

Brading Gas Co. Moves Offices

Brading Gas Service has moved its office from Asheville Road in East Waynesville to the corner of Welch and Short streets, Stanley E. Brading, manager, has announced. For the duration of the war the office will be located in a special portion of the new residence of Mr. and Mrs. Brading.

Arrangements for storage facilities for cylinders, underground butane tanks, and their tank truck at a location on the highway are being completed, Mr. Brading said.

Ruling About Additional Gasoline

Application for additional gasoline (special occupational and supplemental) must be accompanied by mileage rating record, it was learned this week from the local rationing board.

It was further pointed out that if the application is not completely filled, properly signed, and mileage rating record attached action will be delayed as application will have to be returned to the applicant.

George Ira Caldwell Buried Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Garrett Funeral Home for George Ira Caldwell, Jr., 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Caldwell, of the Maggie section of the county. Rev. Jarvis Underwood officiated. Burial was in the Henry cemetery near Maggie.

Pallbearers were K. W. Parham, Mont Parham, David Underwood, Larry Caldwell, Theodore Raby, and Roy Shelton.

Surviving are the parents; one brother, Claude; two sisters, Mildred and Laura Caldwell, all of the Maggie section.

WPB RESTRICTS THE USE OF ELECTRICITY

The War Production Board has notified the town authorities that certain uses of electricity will be prohibited, according to G. C. Ferguson, town manager.

The public is asked to comply fully with the order from the board and any consumer who violates the order is subject to penalties prescribed by federal law which includes the discontinuance of electric service at the direction of the board.

The uses of electricity which are prohibited are:

Outdoor advertising and outdoor promotional lighting.

Outdoor display lighting except where necessary for the conduct of the business of outdoor establishments.

Outdoor decorative and outdoor ornamental lighting.

Show window lighting except where necessary for interior illumination.

Marquee lighting in excess of 60 watts for each marquee.

White way street lighting in excess of the amount determined by local public authority to be necessary for public safety.

Outdoor sign lighting with limited specified exceptions which are noted in the order.

Stockmen Hear Dr. Moore On Bangs Disease

A large representation of members of the Haywood County Hereford Breeders Association and the Milk Producers Association heard Dr. William Moore, state veterinarian, discuss the problems of Bangs disease last Thursday night at the courthouse here.

The speaker was introduced by T. Lewis Gwyn, of the North Carolina State Agriculture Department in charge of the cattle program. Howard Clapp, county farm agent, presided.

Dr. Moore stated that the North Carolina department advised the test and slaughter procedure for cattle with Bangs disease. He pointed out that vaccination of stock against this disease might make them immune, but that it must be remembered that if the cattle had already contracted the disease, it would not in any way serve as a cure. He strongly advised the isolation of new cattle being added to a herd for a certain period.

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Sgt. Constantin Still Reported As Missing

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Sgt. Constantin was reported missing while he was returning to his base from a bombing mission over New Britain when the plane in which he was flying was forced down.

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