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## Much Interest Shown Here In Civil Air Patrol

Classes Being Held Every Thursday Night At The Local Armory For Cadets. Cadet and adult enlistment in the Civil Air Patrol is now under way. The program was launched recently by a talk to the Waynesville high school students by Lt. Emory Cantor, chief of the Canton flight.

### Reported Killed



S-SGT. RICHELYN HOMER HOLT, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holt, who was first reported missing in action last August in France, has been officially declared killed in action this week, according to a message to his parents from the War Department.

### Sgt. R. H. Holt Reported Killed In Action

Staff Sgt. Richelyn Homer Holt, U. S. Air Forces, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holt, of Hyder Mountain, who was reported missing on August 8, 1944, in France, has been officially declared killed in action by the war department.

Sgt. Holt entered the service in July, 1942, and was inducted at Camp Blanding, Fla. From the latter he was sent to Atlantic City, then Denver, Colo., and later to Salt Lake City before he was sent overseas.

### Maj. E. L. Withers Arrives From Italy For 30-Day Leave

"One of the chief concerns of the men overseas is what will take place at the peace table," said Major Ernest L. Withers, of the AAF, who arrived home this week after 17 months of service in Italy.

Major Withers is serving with a heavy bombardment group of the 15th Air Force. He volunteered in the service in 1941, and is entitled to wear the Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, American theatre, European-African-Middle East ribbon, three battle stars for two Italian campaigns and one German campaign, and a unit Presidential Citation.

"I would like to tell you what a wonderful job the Red Cross is doing overseas for the enlisted men especially. They are giving them a touch of home as well as entertainment. And every man in the armed forces gets homesick the minute he leaves this country," said Major Withers.

### George D. Aiken Called Home By Death Of Father

George D. Aiken, of the composing department of The Waynesville Mountaineer, was called to his home on Tuesday by the death of his father, R. S. Aiken, at a hospital in Gastonia.

### Calvin Francis Heads 4-H County Club Council

County Organization Perfected Here During Week Of 4-H Clubs. Calvin Francis was elected president of the Haywood County 4-H Club Council, which was organized at a meeting at the court house during the week. Others elected to serve with young Francis included the following:

Vice president, Edith Noland, Fines Creek, secretary and treasurer, Hirawatha Shook, Bethel; historian, L. J. Cannon, Canton; chairman program, Joan Boone, Waynesville, with H. R. Caldwell, Crabtree, Nancy Walker, Fines Creek and Raymond Tatham, Canton as members.

The purpose of the organization of the council is to make plans for the various phases of the work to be done in the individual clubs as well as in the county projects. These will include county camps, tours, achievement days, club programs and projects.

Membership in the council is composed of all officers of the nine 4-H clubs in the county. When new officers are elected in the clubs they automatically become members of the council for the coming year.

The organization was perfected under the supervision of Howard Clapp, county farm agent, and Miss Mary Margaret Smith and Miss Jewel Graham, county home agents.

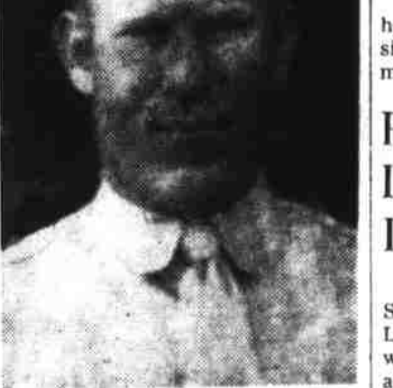
### Pvt. R. C. Fleming, Canton, Reported Killed In Action

Private Russell C. Fleming, husband of Mrs. Hester Stamey Fleming, and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fleming, of Joe, was killed in action on the Philippines December 18, according to information received by his wife.

Pvt. Fleming, who was employed by the Jones Wood Working Shop in Canton at the time he entered the service, was inducted on June 3, 1943, at Camp Croft and took his basic training at Fort McClellan and was later sent to Fort Ord, Calif. He had been serving overseas since November, 1943. He first served in Australia, and was in combat in New Guinea, Netherland East Indies and was with the invasion forces on Leyte.

He was active in religious affairs in his community. Surviving are his parents, his wife, one small daughter, Charlie Sue, and three brothers, Sgt. Ray Fleming, now in Germany, Pfc. Plato Fleming, also in Germany and Sam Fleming, of Indiana; and several half brothers and sisters.

### Awarded Oak Leaf And Purple Heart



PVT. JOHN HILL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, has been awarded the Purple Heart and an Oak Leaf Cluster, according to information received by his parents.

Pvt. Hill has been wounded twice, the first time in Italy on November 4, 1943, and the second time in France on December 23, 1944. He has also been cited for bravery in combat on Anzio beach-head.

Pvt. Hill volunteered in the service and left here with Company "H" in September, 1940. He was first stationed at Fort Jackson, before being sent overseas he was further trained at Fort Ord, Calif., and Camp Pickett, Va. He took part in the invasions of Arfica, Sicily, Italy and France.

### Hoisting Old Glory Over Iwo



This history-making photo, radioed from Guam shows U. S. Marines of the 28th Regiment, 5th Division hoisting the Stars and Stripes on the rocky summit of Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima. While the marines were planting Old Glory out in the Pacific, the Yanks were crossing the Rhine and the Russians were making a powerful drive toward Berlin. The American First Army were driving through heavy German fire five miles North of the Remagen Bridge. General Patton and his Third Army were forcing close death traps upon pocketed Nazis on the bank of the Rhine.

### Fines Creek Is Ahead On Red Cross Campaign

The Fines Creek school over-subscribed their Red Cross quota six times, according to Fred Stafford, principal. The quota was \$78 and the school turned over \$402 to the Red Cross treasurer.

The contest in the school ended in a tie between the fifth and seventh grades, with donations totaling \$85.26 each.

### Pfc. Thad Howell Listed Slightly Wounded Feb. 20

Private First Class Thad D Howell has been slightly wounded in action in Germany on February 20, according to a message received by his mother, Mrs. Carmel O. Howell, of Cove Creek, which came from the War Department during the past week.

### Pfc. Robt. Sutton Listed Wounded In Action In Italy

Private First Class Robert W. Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Sutton, of Waynesville, was wounded on February 22 in Italy, according to information received by his parents.

Pfc. Sutton entered the service on March 19, 1943, and was inducted at Fort Jackson. He was sent to Camp Hood, Tex., for his basic training and then to Camp Hale, Colo. From the latter he was transferred to Camp Swift, Tex., and then overseas.

At the time he entered the service Pfc. Sutton was employed by the TVA at Fontana.

### Capt. Geo. Plott Officially Declared Killed In Action

Captain George E. Plott, son of John A. Plott, and the late Mrs. Plott, of Waynesville, who was reported missing in action in the European war theatre on December 25, 1944, has been declared killed in action in a message received by his father.

Captain Plott, U. S. Infantry, was active in the National Guard unit for several years before the local Company "H" was called in to active service on September 16, 1940.

He was stationed at the following posts before he was sent overseas in November, 1944: Fort Jackson, Camp Blanding, Camp Forrest, Camp Carson, Colo., Camp Robinson, Ark., and Camp Rucker, Ala.

He is survived by his father, his stepmother, and one sister, Miss Grace Plott, of Washington, D. C. He is a nephew of Major George Plott, U. S. Air Force, veteran of World War I, who is now stationed at Dyersburg, Tenn.

### Missing In Action



STAFF SGT. CLARENCE E. ARRINGTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar T. Arrington, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, who has been reported missing in action over Yugoslavia since January 15. He volunteered in the service in September, 1943. At the time he entered the air corps he was employed by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company, Wilmington.

### Crabtree School Has Outstanding Attendance Mark

The seniors of the Crabtree Iron Duff school set up what is believed a state record during the sixth month, with 100 per cent attendance. Not only did the seniors establish a new record, but the entire high school had an average attendance of 99.44, which meant that only six absences were recorded during the month for the 9th, 10th and 12th grades.

J. T. Chappel is principal and Mrs. Chappel is sponsor of the senior class.

### Nearly 100 Men Reclassified During Past Week

Ninety-eight men were reclassified during the past week by the local draft board with thirteen of the group placed in class 1-A as follows:

Roy E. Arrington, Eugene C. Rouser, Rufus G. Arrington, Jack L. Riddle, Roy Riddle, Mark W. Sutton, Curtis Young, Marshall C. Garland, Dexter James, Orr, William Fredrick Lempsey, Ray Woodford Rathbone, Henry Rufin, Caldwell, and Louis Edward Moore.

Placed in class 2-B (F) was Frank Edwin Leatherwood. Continued in class 2-A (F) was David N. Smart.

Continued in class 2-B were: Herman Francis Inman, Joe Carlyle Howell, Pless Presnell, Celovis C. Boone, Hugh L. Walker, Grady W. Overman, Dewey A. Scruggs, Willie D. Sherrill, Cleveland G. Parks, Ira McClure, Gay L. Bradshaw, Jack H. Snyder, James V. Oliver, Thomas M. Graham.

## Chapter Needs \$3500 to Meet Red Cross Goal

### Pvt. J. H. Rogers Reported Killed In Action In Italy

Private James H. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rogers, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, was killed in action in Italy, according to a message from the War Department to his parents this week.

Pvt. Rogers entered the service on April 29, 1943, and was inducted at Camp Croft. He took his basic training at Camp Hood, Tex., and from there was sent to Fort George Meade, Md., and then overseas, where he has served for the past ten months.

### 37 Men Report For Pre-Induction Examinations

Thirty-seven men left here on Wednesday morning for pre-induction physical examinations at Fort Bragg from the area under the Waynesville draft board.

Mr. Roy Carter was named leader of the group and Minor David Hendrix served as assistant leader on the trip to the induction center.

There was one transfer in the group, Lewis Carver, who was transferred from the board in Roblinville.

Others were: Roy John Trantham, John Presley, Jr., Floyd Edwin Fisher, Paul Edward Craig, Tom Lee Wilson, Lee Garnet Coley, Hillard McLean Sheahan, Roy Edwards, Fred Walter Wright, C. V. Park Robert Austin Morgan, Leonard Green, James Carl Stacy, Boone Jenkins, William Albert McCracken, John Vernon Anders, William Lee Green, John Roy Carver, Clyde Smith, Winford James, Harold Edward Earl Nelson, Jack Ray Ferguson, Brown Abery, Klobonner, Roman Massee, William Omer Davis, Charles Loui, Gable.

Howard Louis Brock, Leonard McHugh, Eugene Carmichael Housler, Mark William Sutton, Marshall Cade Garland, Cecil Earl Owsby, Rufus Gordon Arrington, Jack Leonard Riddle, and Roy Lee Riddle.

### Gets Bronze Star



STAFF SGT. WILLIAM G. ARRINGTON, son of Mrs. W. R. Arrington, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement" on June 14, 1944, to 21 November, 1944, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

### Some Groups Have Not Reported, Seeing To Reach Their Designated Goals.

"I am urging the people to make their contributions and asking all committee members to contact each person on their list or in their vicinity so that the campaign may be completed this week," said R. B. Davenport, chairman of the War Fund drive of the Haywood Chapter, American Red Cross.

The Waynesville area quota which was set at \$7,800 is \$3,500 behind, with only a total of \$4,300 turned in to H. B. Atkins, chapter treasurer.

"I feel sure that it is only a matter of calling the attention of the people to the drive, for I feel that each person in this entire community would like to contribute to the Red Cross this year," said Mr. Davenport, who pointed out the great urgency for work among men overseas.

In cases where persons have not been solicited for funds they are asked to send their donations to H. B. Atkins, treasurer, or stop at his office on Main Street and leave their contributions.

The plans in the beginning called for a ten-day drive, but are falling far behind the time scheduled. In a number of instances, it was pointed out, that chairman had not turned in their donations but were waiting, hoping that their quotas would be increased.

"We have more men in the service than ever before and the need has never been so great for Red Cross work both at home and overseas, so I am making a plea with the people of this area to close the drive this week," said Mr. Davenport.

### Draft Board Seeks Information About Ten Registrants

The Waynesville draft board is seeking the whereabouts of ten men registered with the board to whom all letters have been returned.

### Nine Men Make Up March Quota; Go To Fort Bragg

Nine men, making up the March quota under the selective service system for the Waynesville area, left here on Monday morning, reporting to Fort Bragg for active service. William Carroll Whitner served as leader of the group.

Others were: Fred Herbert Calhoun, Frank Benjamin James, Hampton Webb, Hector Clyde Robinson, Walter Kelly Stamey, Stephen Joe Cogdill, Joe Edgar Young, and Carroll Baxter Meadows.

### Chicago Business Man Visitor Here

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Trantham, of Chicago, are visiting the former's mother in Asheville, and other relatives and friends in Haywood.

### Posthumously Awarded



Lt. CLAUDE UNDERWOOD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Underwood, who was killed in action last month on Salpina, who has been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and two citations.