SIXTY-FIRST YEAR

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Much Interest Shown Here In 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

Classes Being Held Every Thursday Night At The Local Armory For Cadets.

adet and adult enlistment in il air patrol is now under way, ing been launched recently h a talk to the Waynesville high ool isudents by Lt. Emory his of the Canton flight.

enior CAP enlistment is open hose 18 to 80 years of age and et enlistments are open to high ool students of 15 to 18. The anization meeting of the Wayrol was held Thursday night, ch 8, in the armory with Dan ng. At this organization meetthe staff officers from the Canflight assisted in completing enlistment of 60 senior memand cadets. For the present classes will be held weekly Thursdays at 8:00 p. m. at the atalk to the Waynesville high ounce the staff of the Waynes-

he CAP program being currentnost stressed is the formation, ning, and processing of cadet aps. A complete course in army mization, drill, military coursy and dicipline is offered: ory of flight, navigation, metogy, flight rules, service and ntenance, and radio communiins. The training is designed repare the youths taking the se for service with the army navy when they reach the age

the senior personnel, come ground school in aeronautics vailable, covering everything t of actual flight training. The se, it was pointed out, would about \$300 in aviation schools, brought material, training aids army air forces and the CAP, only cost to the student is time interest-plue a willingness to e use of the knowledge acquir-

or CAP is an auxillary unit of army air forces and the impore of the AAF attached to the of the CAP was emphasized message last month to the tht Day dinners by the North lina Wing of Civil Air Patrol General H. H. Arnold, Comding General of the Army Air es who had this to say about (Continued on page 8)

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t Trantham has been in the ce since December, 1943, and inducted at Camp Croft. He stationed at Fort Jackson, and transferred to a post in Texas e being sent overseas. first stationed in England and in France. t. Trantham is the father of

children, six of them old gh to attend school. At the oyed by the North Carolina building Company, Wilminghe entered the service he was

Posthumously Awarded



CLAUDE UNDERWOOD, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Underwho was killed in action last on Saipan, who has been postand two citations.

Reported Killed



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 thodist Church, Waynesville, will 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 Mounwho was reported missing on August 8, 1944, in France, has been officially declared killed in ber 18, according to information 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 and took his basic training at Fort

February, 1943, and from there went to Italy and later to France. 1943. He first served in Austra-At the time he entered the ser-Construction Company of West and was with the invasion forces

Palm Beach, Fla. He is survived by his parents: two brothers, Captain Jack Holf, now with the 7th Army in Germany, and Thomas Carleton Holf, STM 2-c. U. S. Merchant Marines, stationed at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y.; and his grandmother, Mrs. S. F. Hightower, of Wrightsville, Ga.

ivate Grover C. Trantham, of 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 Cita-

"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. "There is nothing that affects the morale of the men as much as to pick up a paper, and they are all old by the time they reach us and read where some plant in this country has had to close down on account of a strike," he said.

"The newspapers back home (Continued on page 8)

George D. Aiken Called Home By Death Of Father

George D. Aiken, of the composing department of The Waynesville Mountaineer, was called to further trained at Fort Ord, Calif., his home on Tuesday by the death and Camp Pickett, Va. He took of his father, R. S. Aiken, at a part in the invasions of Arfica,

hespital in Gastonia. Mr. Aiken had been in ill health wasly awarded the Purple for sometime and his death was not unexpected at this time.

Calvin Francis Heads 4-H County Club Council

County Organization Perfected Here During Week

Calvin Francis was elected presiduring 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 Graham, county home

The next meeting of the council will be held in the court house on Saturday, March 31, at 10:00 o'clock at which time, Rev. J. Clay Madison, pastor of the First Meaddress the group.

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

Private Russell C. Fleming, husband of Mrs. Hester Stamey Flem- Fines Creek Is ing, and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fleming, of Joe, was killed in action on the Philippines Decem- Ahead On Red

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 McClellan and was later sent to He arrived in North Africa in Fort Ord, Calif. He had been vice he was employed by the Jones Guinea, Netherland East Indies

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

ers and sisters. His wife and small daughter are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Stamey at their home in Joe.

Awarded Oak Leat 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-

Pvt. Hill volunteered in the serrice and left here with Company H" in September, 1940. He was first stationed at Fort Jackson. Before being sent overseas he was

Sicily, Italy and France. At the time he entered the service he was employed by the Waynesville Laundry.

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 summitt of Mt. Surlbachi, 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 Hosel.

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. The school recently raised \$131 for the polio fund, which was also above their quota.

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 () Howell, of Cove Creek, which came from the War Department during

Pfc. Howell entered the service in September, 1940, and was inducted at Camp Croft. He train ed at a number of posts in this country prior to being sent overseas, where he was first stationed in England and later in France At the time he was wounded he was attached to the 95th Division of the Third Army in Ger

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, 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.

He has served in the European theatre for the past three months. His condition is reported to be satisfactory, according to reports from the hospital where he is be-

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

Miss Ann Osborne, who spent University of North Carolina.

Capt. Geo. Plott Officially Declared Has Outstanding Cross Campaign & Killed In Action

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

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

He was stationed at the follow ing posts before he was sent over seas in November, 1944. Fort Jackon Comp Blanding, Camp Forrst. Camp Car on Colo., Camp Robinson, Ark, and Camp Rucker,

Capt. Plott was a well known farmer and stockman in Haywood county at the time he left here 10 1940

He is survived by his father, his tepmother, and one sister, Miss Trace Plott, of Washington, D. C. He is a nephew of Major George is Air Force, veteran of World War 1, who is now stationed at Dyershurg, Tenn.

Mr. Calvin McDaniel, daughter of Mr. and Mr. J. H. Matney, has gone to San Fernado, Calif., to Frank Edwin Leatherwood. visit her hu, band who is stationed

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 Sepseveral days here, has returned tember, 1943. At the time he enthis week to Chapel Hill, where stered the air corps he was employ-three years ago last month, and is she will resume her studies at the ed by the North Carolina Ship-on the hospital staff at Camp Gor-Reed Hospital; Sgt. Sam Arring-dearly love, and am proud to call building Company, Wilmington.

Crabtree School 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 fine record, but the entire high school had an average attendance of 99.44, which meant 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 1-7 as follows:

Roy E. Arrington, Engene Rouser, Rufus G. Arrington, Jack L. Riddle, Roy Riddle, Mark W. Sutton, Curtis Young, Marshall C Garland, Dexter James Orr, Wil-Ham Fredrick Lampley, Ray Wand ford Rathbone, Henry Rufus Cald well, and Louis Edward Moore

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

Continued in class 2-B were Herman Francis Inman, Joe Carlyle Howell, Pless Presaudt, Celoyis 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. Gra-

John F. Moore, Hugh E. Leatherwood, Burl E. Nichols, Jack E Burnette, Vernon C. Winchester, William M. Janes, Thurman E. Smith, Jacob D. Haskett, Joseph M. Carver, Horace F. Crawford, Clarence O. Green, Harry I Seruggs, Clifford C. Stamey, Al ton Rathbone, Roscoe Overman Charles E. Allison, Ralph B. Wood ard, William H. Howell, Guy H. (Continued on page Ri

Major Lancaster Will Return Here After Duration

Major N. F. Lancaster will return to Waynesville and resume practice of medicine immediately Tuesday while-he was in town on business.

don, near Augusta, Ga.

Chapter Needs \$3500 to Meet RedCrossGoal

Prt. J. H. Rogers Reported Killed In Action In Italy

of Mc arel the James H Rogers, of Wayne wile EFD No L was may be completed this week," said killed in oction in Italy-according In a me age to on the War Department to his parents this week:

Byt Bacco entered the service on April 29 1943 and was inducted at Casip Crott. He took his have training at Camp Hood, Tex. and from there was sent in Fort Great is Member Met, and then over

are by a complexed by a shipbuilding company in New Orleans. a staduate of the Fines

Pyt borrers is survived by his parents from staters, Mrs. Dewey booper Wayne velle Mrs Lloyd P. campbell charpoburg, Md., Mrs. H. B. Atkins, treasurer, or ste Rest, S. C., and Miss Anne Dee leave their contributions Rosers. Was ne wille, two brothers. Pyt Ernest Rogers, who has been held is a German prisoner since

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 We nesville draft board.

There was one transfer in the group. Lewis Carver, who was

True Lee William, Leet Garnet Coley Hillard McLain Sheehan. Ros. Edward. Fred Walter Wright. C. V. Park, Belieff Austin Morgan, Leonard Green James Carl Stary Poone Jenkin: William Albert McCracken, John Vernon Anders William For Green, John Roy Carver, Clade Smith, Winfred James Hannah Ldward Earl Nelson, Jack Bay Ferguson, Brown Asbert, Educationner, Roman Masac, William Orion Davis, Charles

Howard Louis Brown, Leonard McLimit Americ Carmichael Houser: Mark William Entton: Marshall Cabe Greekend Could Earl Owenby. Rufu: Gurion Virington, Jack Lenuard Ruddle, and Boy Lee Rid-

Gets Bronze Star



rington, has been awarded the schievement from 14 June, 1944, to 21 November, 1944, in France,

Belgum, Holland and Germany, He left here with Company "H" National Guard unit, in 1940 and has been overseas since February. 1944. He is serving as mess sergeant and is attached to the 30th, the firm 37 years.

His wife and two sons live at after the duration, it was learned their home on the Balsam Road. trip to Atlanta and then back to Sgt. Arrington has four brothers Chicago. in the service: Lt. Lowell Arring-Major Lancaster entered service ton, now in France; S-Sgt. Larry ton; and Carl E. Arrington, S 1-c. it my native county."

Some Groups Have Not Re ported, Seeing To Reach Their Designated Goals.

"I am urging the people to make their contributions and asking al committee members to contact Private Associate Roger's som each person on their list or in their vicinity so that the campaign 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

"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 contri bute to the Red Cross this year." said Mr. Davenport, who pointed out the great urgency for work

among men overseas. In cases where person, have no been solicited for funds they are asked to send their donations in Inharles W. Owens, of Travel's at his office on Main Street and

The plans in the beginning call ed for a ten-day drive, but are falling far behind the time sched-October, 1913, and Graham Rogers, uled. In a number of instances, it was pointed out, that chairmen had not turned in their donations, but were waiting, hoping that their quotas would be increased.

"We have more men in the service han 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. The students and faculty of St Ve nesville draft board. John's School raised \$150 in a three-day drive they conducted leader of the group and homes from 12th through the 15th. The David Heights served as assistant students were asked to make the leader on the trip to the induction call for Red Cross funds their

transferred from the board in Rob- Draft Board Sceks Other, were Box John Tran-thing John Presider dr. Floyd Edwin Fisher, Paul Edward Craig. Ten Registrants

The Waynesville draft board to secking the whereabout, of ten men registered with the board to whom all lefters have been refurned.

The last location of the men with their addresses given the board were as follows. Dock Weav er Clark, Glendora Cheus Landing, N. J.; Clinton H ('aldwell, Lake Junaluska, Jess Scruggs Highland Park, Gastomic, John Pinkney McElroy, Waynesville, R F. D. No. 1: George Graham Stewart, Box 15. Van Deyhe, Mich Samuel Joseph Hall, Trader No.

K 312. Site 2. Defense Housing Project, Middle River, Md., John Riley Mathis, Waynesville, Sid Gibson, Waynesville, Eugene Edward Love, Waynesville; Jess Ray Duckeet, Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1; and Carl Nelson Valentine or Carl Nelson Sharp, Livingston, Montana, formerly of Waynesville

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 Mea-

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.

Chicago office of the Charles Scribner's Sons. He has been with He and Mrs. Trantham leave here Saturday for a brief business

Mr. Trantham is manager of the

"I'm coming back to Haywood to live before too long." Mr.