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19 HAYWOOD MEN ON WAR CASUALTY LIST

ork Started On Local Freezer Locker Plant

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t and Property Represent Invest- t Of Over $50,000 Farmers Feder- n.

ction of the 400-locker d plant for the Farmers n here got underway morning. The plant is be- next to the present Fed- etail store, and will oc- of the buildings purchas- all for the Federation.

ilding to house the frozen er plant is being com- renovated in preparation installation of the vast of machinery necessary to he plant.

ont of the building facing e street will be bricked entrance to the locker be through the store of ration on the corner of e and Depot streets.

G. K. McClure, president deration, told The Moun- hat original plans were to struction soon after Janu- but there had been a de- getting some priorities through a governmental "It wasn't that they did the plant constructed, but y load of applications ours delayed the project ring promptly," he said. Haywood Company was the contract to prepare ing for the plant. Ben resident of the firm, said take about 60 days to the job. Another firm given the contract to in- quipment and machinery. of about 20 men will be he job.

ng the purchase price of erty, the outlay will rep- n investment of about Mr. McClure said.

lant will be modern in tail, according to Mert reezer locker specialist for eration, who was here consulting with engineers tractors on pushing the last as possible.

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P Gharrity, M. A., for- ckfield coach at the Uni- Virginia, has been nam- football and basketball St. John's School, accord- n announcement by ath- rector, Rev. Thomas G.

W. Tenney, Director of nesville Community Rec- Center, has been appoint- ant football and basket- n.

Gharrity visited St. John's ecently. He will conduct eks training camp for St. dders at his country club no Lake, Wis., during the of August, after which he up residence from Sept- May at Waynesville. In ntime, Assistant Coach s giving the athletes a 6 ring workout, and begin- 1, another 6 weeks sum- kout.

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dership Training School held at the Presbyterian he week of May 7th, ac- to announcement by the he Rev. Malcolm R. Wil- Two class periods will each evening during the d they will be taught by ward A. Schettler, of . Tenn.

asses will be open to all to attend but are espe- nned for church officers day schol officers and Those who would like e themselves for teach- he church Sunday school icularly invited to take es.

Community Clean-Up And Beautification Campaign Starts 1st

Heads Program

G. C. FERGUSON, town manager, was named as general chairman of the clean-up, beautification program here, which starts May first.

School Children Will Solicit Pledges Of Business and Residential Sections To Do Thorough Job.

A central committee representing every civic organization in the community, together with officials of the two towns, have formulated a detailed and extensive clean-up, beautification and paint-up program to begin May first and continue for 15 days.

The committee in session Tuesday night, named G. C. Ferguson general chairman and announced the following plans:

Every business firm and resident in the community and out-lying districts will be contacted by school children with pledge cards. The children will be credited with points indicated on the cards, and the home room in each school getting the most points will get a half holiday. The room in the area getting the most points will be given a picnic on their half holiday by the committee.

For the residential sections, the pledge cards will carry the following things to do and the point value to the child getting the card signed.

Clean out guttering	20
Trim shrubbery	10
Put lime around garbage	15
Wash windows	10
Plant flowers	5
Paint up when possible	10
Cut off weeds	10
Clean my vacant lots	20

The cards for the business districts will have the following:

Wash fronts of business	10
Renovate signs if needed	10
Install outdoor trash con.	30
Clean-up premises	20
Continue program all year	30

The trash trucks of Waynesville and Hazelwood will pick up all garbage and trash put on the curb for them. If the truck fails to get up the rubbish, a call to the city hall or police department of either town will be all that will be necessary to get the truck on the way.

The towns are putting special crews to work in cleaning the streets and some places that need special attention.

Among the sponsoring groups, besides the two towns, are the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Lions, Boosters, Woman's Clubs, and the Civic League.

Mildred Phillips Secretary At World Conference

Miss Mildred Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips, of Waynesville, who has held a position with the United States Department of State for the past three years, is serving as one of the special secretaries to Gerald Drew protocal officer of the United Nations Conference which is being held in San Francisco.

Mr. Drew who was serving in the foreign office of the State Department in Paris, was called back to this country especially to serve as protocal officer of the conference. Miss Phillips, accompanied Mr. Drew and his other secretary, Miss Johnston, former private secretary to Sumner Welles. They made the trip by plane with others who were attending the conference, arriving ahead of time on Tuesday, 17th, in order to have things in readiness for the meeting.

There are to be around 75 secretaries and typists employed at the conference, all of whom were being taken from various offices in Washington governmental posts. Six hundred applied, and from that number the desired 75 were selected on the basis of qualifications.

In a letter to her mother, Miss Phillips wrote that the pilot of the plane from Washington to San Francisco was Major Richmond, who flew the plane that took President Roosevelt and Secretary Stettinius on the Yalta trip.

Miss Phillips graduated from the local high school in the class of 1938, as salutatorian. She was first employed by the NYA here and later was a clerk with the Haywood county welfare board. During the three years she has been in Washington, she has attended Strayer Business College at night, taking special work to better equip her for her position in the State Department.

The office of Mr. Drew has been assigned to the Fairmont Hotel, according to Miss Phillips.

Legion To Sponsor Junior Baseball Team From Here

The American Legion is organizing a Junior baseball team, and invite all boys who are interested to contact E. W. Tenney at the armory immediately, as practice is due to begin this week.

Any boy born on and after January 1, 1928, is eligible to try out for a berth on the team.

Dr. Mary Michal has as her guests this week, Mrs. Robert Hickerson and Mrs. Elizabeth Rothe, of Ronda.

War Bond Quota Is $800,000

Heads Bond Drive

W. ROY FRANCIS has accepted chairmanship of the Seventh War Loan Drive for Haywood, with the quota of $800,000. Mr. Francis successfully directed the sixth drive.

Draft Board Puts 27 Men In Class 1-A This Week

Of the 64 men reclassified during the past week by the local draft board 27 were placed in class 1-A as follows:

Joe Davis Smart, Erastus Rathbone, Spencer Walker, Elmer David Hendrix, William Dewey Mehaffey, Joseph Meek Allison, Yoder Davis Messer, Glenn Francis Boyd, Marion Lenora Sutton, Henry Lee Green, Gilbert Turner Ferguson, Jack Ray Ferguson.

Roy Ellen Arrington, Fred Vinson Sutton, Franklin Thomas Rogers, John Lester Edwards, Ralph Hicks Turley, Thomas A. Edison Messer, James Wilson Galdy, Celpas Frazier, Everett Lee Moody, Hassel Ray Brownlow Conard, Thurman Evans, Hobert Long, and James Robert Davis.

Placed in class 1-C (discharged) were: Deward McElroy and Raymond Francis Swayngim.

Placed in class 2-A (E) were: James Verlin Dills and Edward Sherrill.

Placed in class 2-B (E) were: Ned Robert Messer and William Lee Edwards.

Placed in class 4-D was James George Huggin, Jr.

Continued in class 2-A were: James Fidelis Moore, Harry Lee Mashburn, John Wesley Sparks, Garnett Leon Hyatt, Lewis Gibson, Lee Smith, Clarence Russell Philbrick, Arville Aden Caldwell, and Phil McRae Medford.

Continued in class 2-A (E) was Johnny Dee Moore.

Continued in class 2-B were: Fred Mance McDonald, Amos Lee Haney, James Glenn Norris, Millard Spencer Haney, Russell John Warren, James Rufus Queen, Graham Robert Beasley, Richard Garland Mashburn, Vardy Fugate, Johnnie Kirkpatrick, Dalma Eustice Smith, Matt Richardson Kelner, James Clinton Brackett, Howard Wilson Choate, Paul Davis Best and William Vester Walker.

Continued in class 2-B (E) was Lowery Lee Caldwell.

Continued in class 2-C were: Carl Taft Ferguson, Jr., William Harrison Fisher, Robert Wesley Howell and Len Rathbone.

Quiet Week-End In Haywood; Five Drunks Arrested

"The quietest week-end on record in Haywood," was the comment of law enforcement officers here this week.

Five arrests were made over the week-end, all charged with being drunk. Two arrests were made here and three in Canton.

Officers were surprised at the few drunks over the week-end, when it was known that a large quantity of "white liquor" from Georgia and Tennessee was brought into the county. The liquor was priced from $3 to $4 a pint, it was learned by investigators.

Heaviest E Quota Ever Given This County; $609,000

W. Roy Francis Will Again Head War Loan Drive In County After Successful Campaign Of Sixth Drive.

The treasury department has assigned Haywood the largest "E" bond quota for the Seventh War Loan campaign ever given this county.

The "E" bond quota is $609,000, and all other type of bonds and $191,000, making a grand total of $800,000 for the campaign.

J. E. Massie, war finance chairman, announced that W. Roy Francis would serve as chairman of the drive. Mr. Francis served in the same capacity for the Sixth, and made an outstanding record. Sam M. Robinson, of Canton, is vice chairman of the permanent war finance committee.

Mr. Massie said yesterday that the county committee would meet within the next few days for final plans for the campaign.

"This is a large quota, but after being shown an advance proof of the Haywood county casualty list by The Mountaineer, I feel that we are going to realize what a small part we are doing by loaning Uncle Sam our money as compared with so much many of our men have given," the chairman said.

Mr. Francis only agreed to take the chairmanship again, saying, "This is a time for all of us to give of our time, and money to win victory. I appreciate the splendid cooperation given me during the Sixth drive, and shall ask this same undivided interest given this time, in order that we may reach the large quota given us."

Last Rites Held Sunday Afternoon For M. S. Ferguson

Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist church here at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon for Melvin S. Ferguson, 76, well known Haywod county farmer, of the Fines Creek section, who died at his home at 6:30 o'clock Saturday night.

Rev. J. Clay Madison, pastor of the First Methodist church, assisted by Rev. D. A. Kelly, pastor of the First Baptist church of Canton, officiated. Burial was in the Fines Creek cemetery.

Serving as active pallbearers were: W. T. Kirkpatrick, Lee Davis, W. V. Elliott, R. T. Messer, Lloyd Kirkpatrick, Z. V. Price, Grover C. Clark, and Claude Williams.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist church of Waynesville, R. V. Welch, W. H. Noland, T. L. Bramlett, J. C. Ferguson, George Brown, Jr., Charles C. Francis, A. V. Phillips, Ben Sutton, J. R. Boyd, J. R. Boyd, Jr., John Boyd, Bryan Medford, Frank Bradshaw.

Dr. W. L. Kirkpatrick, Grover Davis, John Bennett Medford, Sam Bradley, Dr. Charles Owens, J. H. Way, J. T. Noland and J. S. Black.

Mr. Ferguson, a native of Haywod county, is widely connected in this section. He is the son of the late Andrew Jackson and Emaline Rogers Ferguson, of Fines Creek. He had been in ill health for the past year, but had been confined to his bed for only the past two weeks.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. George Jones, of Canton; two sons, Grayden C. Ferguson, city manager, Town of Waynesville, and J. J. Ferguson, assistant county tax collector; one brother, Andrew S. Ferguson, Hazelwood.

Garrett funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. E. A. Greer and daughter, Caroline, of Hazelwood, left Sunday for Charlotte where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Biggers.

Canning Sugar Will Be Issued May 8-9

May 8 and 9th have been designated as the two registration days for getting canning sugar in this area.

The schools of the area will be used, and the hours have been set from one through five for the two days, at the following schools: Fines Creek, Crabtree, Rock Hill, Maggie, Dellwood, Lake Junaluska, East Waynesville, Central Elementary, Hazelwood, Allen's Creek, Saunook, and Waynesville colored.

It is necessary to have War Ration Book No. 4 for every member of family requesting sugar for home canning; as No. 13 spare Stamp must be attached to application. It is important that you know how many pounds of sugar used in 1944 for making jams and jellies and how many pounds you will use in 1945, also how many quarts of canned fruit you canned with sugar in 1944 and how many will be canned in 1945.

It has been pointed out to local board that canning sugar quota for this board has been greatly reduced and fact has been emphasized that sugar issued must be used at rate of one pound for each four quarts of fruit canned and must not be used on the table, for cooking or baking.

Reported Missing

SERGEANT FRANK F. WILLIAMS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Williams, of Lake Junaluska, who has been reported missing in action over Germany since March 17, according to information received by his mother. Sgt. Williams, a graduate of the Canton high school, was employed in Akron, Ohio at the time he volunteered in the service. He was inducted at Camp Croft in May, 1943, and from there sent to Keesler Field, Miss. He trained at a number of fields in this country and received his wings from the gunnery school at Las Vegas, N. M. He was stationed in England at the time he was reported missing in action.

Sgt. Williams has two brothers in the service: Sgt. John J. Williams now in Italy, and Pfc. Larry L. Williams, who is serving in France.

27 Men Left Here Yesterday For Army Induction

Twenty-seven men left here Wednesday morning making up the April call under the selective service system from the Waynesville area of the county. The group reported to Fort Bragg and will be assigned from there to their prospective training centers.

John Roy Carver was named leader of the group and David Russell Riley was assistant leader.

Two men were transferred from other boards as follows: James Raymond Abernathy, from Blairsville, Ga., and John Robert Ferguson, from Newport News, Va.

Others included: Charles Clinton Towles, Henry William Sutton, Paul Edward Craig, Roy Edwards, William Foy Green, Claude Hoglen, Earl Reno Franklin, Henry Rufus Caldwell, Herbert Junior Lanning, Paul Ray Clark, Julius Jones, Clarence William Harrell, Doyce Sutton, Lawrence Vaughn Fullbright, Charles Ellen Parton Mehaffey.

Roy Ray Morgan, Orville Fish, Howard Lee Sutton, Winfred James Hannah, Berlin Columbus Shelton, Brown Asbery Rhodarmer, and Howard Louis Brown.

Junaluska Boys Meet In Pacific

Lawrence Medford, R. M. 3/c, and Sam Tate, S 2/c, both of Lake Junaluska, met recently "somewhere in the Pacific." Medford is serving as radioman aboard an LSM, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Medford.

Tate is seaman second class on an LST, and is the son of Mrs. Lizzie Tate. The boys were together for two or three hours.

Ben T. Ferguson Slightly Wounded In Germany

Cpl. Ben T. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Ferguson, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, has been reported slightly wounded in action in Germany on April 3, according to information received by his parents.

This is the second time Cpl. Ferguson has been wounded in action, for which he has been awarded the Purple Heart. He also holds the Silver Star for meritorious achievement.

Cpl. Ferguson, a graduate of the class of 1940 of the Crabtree high school, entered the service in March, 1942. He received his training at Camp Polk, La., Camp Young, Calif., and Fort Benning, Ga. From the latter he was sent to embarkation port and overseas.

He was first stationed in England and has been on combat in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

Cpl. Ferguson has two brothers in the service: Pfc. Max Ferguson, now in France, and Pvt. Joe Ferguson, stationed at the Northington General Hospital in Alabama.

Cpl. Chas. Russell Wounded In Italy

Cpl. Charles F. Russell, son of Mrs. Sallie Russell, of Waynesville, was wounded in Italy on February 28 and is reported to be much improved. Cpl. Russell is serving as a radio operator and gunner on a B-24 bomber of the 15th Air Force.

Cpl. Russell has been overseas since November, 1944, and has been in the service since January, 1943. Before entering the service he was employed at Lenata plant in Brevard.

Cpl. Russell has been awarded the Purple Heart and is also entitled to wear the Mediterranean theatre ribbon, the Good Conduct medal, and the Air Medal. He is an alumnus of Wake Forest College.

Rosemary Herman Honored At College

Miss Rosemary Herman has just been named a member of the Cabinet of the Woman's College Y. W. C. A., at Greensboro.

Miss Herman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Herman of Waynesville.

87 Haywood Men Have Been Killed In World War II

July, 1944, Was Heaviest Month Of War, Most Casualties Occurring During European Invasion.

Haywood county, which claims to have the largest number of volunteer men and women per capita of any county in the United States in the armed forces, is paying a tragic price in World War II, as evidenced in the growing casualty lists.

Through April 19 there have been 319 Haywood men counted among those killed in action; missing in action; wounded, or prisoners of war — which means that out of every 100 Haywood men in service eight have been casualties.

To these of the staff of The Mountaineer who handle the news week in and week out in routine coverage, the total figures have reached a staggering number as realized after the recent compilation.

Days were spent by the staff of this paper in compiling this information. The list appears on page 7 of this issue.

Though sad to contemplate, since these lists were compiled less than a week ago, other names have become eligible to be added. It will continue to grow as long as the war lasts. No one knows the next name to be added and in the meantime there is the heart breaking reality on the one hand and the nerve wracking suspense on the other to the families and friends of those in service.

There are around 4,000 men in service from Haywood county, with 2,200 reported by the Canton draft board from that area and approximately 1,800 from the Waynesville section.

The casualty totals show:

Killed in action	**87**
Prisoners of War	**21**
Missing in Action	**24**
Wounded in Action	**187**

Last July as the armies of the Allied Nations swept through France on their way to Berlin in the European theatre and the U. S. Navy, Marines and soldiers were fighting the Japs on Saipan and other islands out in the Pacific, marked the largest toll of any one month.

In the month of July, 1944, alone there were added 37 names to this list which has brought so much sadness to Haywod county homes. There were 14 killed in action; 22 wounded and one reported missing in action in the 31-day period.

Since the first of 1945 the casualties have total 50, with 20 killed in action; 25 wounded; 3 missing and 2 prisoners of war.

These lists bring the war in the far-flung corners of the earth, very close to Haywood county. They bring a realization of the tragedy of countries taking up arms against each other.

The lists have been compiled from the county papers, and yet since they were compiled it has been learned of several that have not ever been reported through the press. The families throughout the county of men in service are asked to cooperate in reporting the casualties and also in making any corrections that may be found in the lists given.

The Mountaineer plans to keep the lists up-to-date each week and this will be possible only through the interest and aid of the families of the men in service.

During the week there have five calls for the Haywood casualty lists. The information as found on page 7 is all that is available from this office.

Mrs. W. H. F. Millar Heads Volunteer Survey Workers

Mrs. W. H. F. Millar has been named supervisor of volunteer workers to make surveys for the local war price and rationing board, it was announced this week.

Representatives of the Charlotte office were here and held a conference with Mrs. Millar rgarding the work, which will also include extra clerical assistance in the office in filling out blanks.

The volunteer workers will make surveys of all goods to see that ceiling compliances are being met.

Volunteers are being sought for this work and should contact Mrs. Millar to offer their services.

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