

SNAP SHOTS

By Frances Gilbert Frazier
Staff Writer

He was broad and wide and everybody greeted him with a smile. Somehow, one always felt better after seeing him and went off whistling or smiling in return to his salutations. He never met a stranger for one was his friend as soon as they met him. On the cloudiest day, he was at his best and you felt the sudden flash of sunshine even if the rain was coming down in the proverbial "cats and dogs" deluge.

At times of deep sorrow he was still there in a subdued, inostentatious manner doing his quiet bit as thoroughly as thought he was handling the sad affair. Everyone turned to him for advice, suggestions and morale uplift. He rarely said much but his way of doing things was far more expressive than words. He didn't seem to find the need of conversation necessary.

He played his biggest role in life in times of controversy, the second he put in his appearance, the arguments suddenly lapsed and usually dissipated into thin air. A fellow just couldn't keep on arguing after he met this master of arbitration. He built up a great reputation as a peace maker and rarely failed to end a quarrel in no time flat.

He was past-master of the art when it came to babies. Let the youngster be in the depths of despair over any of the many things that cross a baby's life and he would pop into the baby's face and all would be serene. It was uncanny the influence he held over the babies and the grown-ups alike.

The clerks in the stores all eagerly served him; in restaurants his order was taken promptly and the service was given with such a sense of real pleasure that others around pondered and asked the reason why. But the minute they met him, face to face, they understood and inwardly, secretly vowed they would follow his example. It paid such big dividends, and was such an inexpensive attribute. You could carry it with you at all times, whether traveling light or heavily laden. To be honest, it is far more valuable when you are sagging under the weight of a ponderous load.

You see, this personage of such great importance, such personal appeal, such a peace maker and such a comfort at all times is . . . A SMILE.

A revolving house to catch the sun's rays may come after the war. It'll be nice when we can all go around together.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



Buddy Green, S 2/c, Serving On Battleship

Buddy Green, seaman second class, USNR, of Hazelwood, is now serving aboard the USS Nevada which is on duty in the Pacific, according to information received from the Fleet Home Town Distributing Center, Chicago.

This is the only battleship to get under way during the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, and she cleared the blazing USS Arizona and through a sea of flaming oil, passed by the USS Oklahoma. Nearing Pearl Harbor entrance channel, she avoided Jap planes in their attempts to sink her and block the channel by running aground in shallow water.

Raised from the bottom, she put in at a west coast port for repairs in April, 1942. From there the Nevada supported troop landing operations at Attu, and then steamed to European waters to participate in the Normandy invasion. After helping silence the German short batteries she steamed into the Mediterranean for the invasion of Southern France in August, 1944. After refitting in New York the Nevada returned to the Pacific where her guns covered the operation against Iwo Jima.

The Nevada is much older than many of her crew. Her keel was laid down November 4, 1912, and she was commissioned at the Charleston Navy Yard March 12, 1916.

Sgt. Frank A. Putnam Celebrates In Germany

Sergeant Frank A. Putnam, of Waynesville R.F.D. No. 1, helped his battalion celebrate its third birthday in Halle, Germany, on June 1, by participating in a parade, according to information from headquarters.

Sgt. Putnam is serving as a cook and is attached to the 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, with which he has served in France.

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Harrison T. Coman Serving On USS Hancock

Harrison T. Coman, seaman first class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Coman, of Hazelwood, is serving aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Hancock which is now in the Western Pacific. He shares the carrier's unequalled one-day record of 71 enemy aircraft shot down, 19 probably downed, eight destroyed and 12 damaged on the ground, during a raid over the Tokyo area on February 15, 1945.

Before this performance, the USS Hancock had gained fame by bombarding Okinawa for eight straight days, during which the record of 600 individual plane strikes was set. Result was the sinking of ten ships, including three attack transports, a sub tender and a large tanker, with 22 Jap aircraft and industrial and chemical plants destroyed.

Cpl. Noah Gates Serving With 30th Inf.

Corporal Noah Gates, machine-gunner of Waterville, is a member of Section 7, a 49 mm unit of Battery B 531st Battalion of the 30th Infantry Division on the Elbe, which has helped give protection for the Old Hickory Infantry Division through France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, according to information received here this week.

The activities of his group date back to June 16th, 1944, when they landed in Normandy, and protected the Vire Canal bridge. Here the men were shelled one early morning for four hours steadily, with only one casualty.

These gunners were the first of the 531st to enter Germany, and they took their guns to the Belgian bulge for some New Year's Day's shooting. Then they helped pave the way for the offensive which took the 30th into Germany and took numerous prisoners along the way.

Belgium and Germany, since August 22, 1944. His group took part in the Hurtgen Forest fighting and in the junction with the Russian forces.

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Farm Questions and Answers

Question: What has caused my hybrid corn to show a striped appearance on the blades?

Answer: You are evidently using seed from the crop which you grew last year and this should not be done, says Dr. Emerson Collins, in charge of Extension agronomy at State College. New hybrid seed must be bought each year. The hybrid corn is produced by a series of crosses with definite parents. When the seed are planted a second year, they break down into all kinds of combinations and yields are not satisfactory.

Question: What should I do to keep green moss from growing in my yard?

Answer: The presence of moss in your yard indicates an acid soil, a poor soil, or both conditions, says John H. Harris, horticultural extension specialist. He suggests that you send a sample of your soil to the Soil Department, N. C. State College of Agriculture, Raleigh, for an analysis and recommendations as to liming and fertilization. Your county agent will be glad to give you directions for taking the soil sample and mailing it.

Question: How can I get rid of Bermuda grass?

Answer: This grass, often called joint or wire grass, cannot tolerate continuous shade and it can therefore be controlled by planting close growing crops for two years, says Dr. Roy Lovvorn, in charge of forage crops for the Agricultural Experiment Station, Cowpens, Croftaloria, or velvet beans can be grown during the summer and a mixture of small grain and vetch during the winter. If the land is turned rough in the fall, many roots will freeze during the winter.

Hazel Lee Gossett Becomes Bride Of Cpl. Paul Headrick

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gossett, of Canton, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Hazel Lee Gossett, to Corporal Paul Headrick, of Hazelwood, which took place in Clayton, Ga., on May 11.

The bride is a graduate of the Canton high school, a member of the class of 1942 and has been employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Waynesville.

Cpl. Headrick has recently returned from overseas. He entered the service in January, 1943, and was inducted at Fort Jackson. Prior to being sent to the European theatre he was trained at Camp Young, and Camp Cockscomb, Calif., and Camp Maxey, Tex. He arrived in England in November, 1943. He was a German prisoner of war from October 11, 1944, to the date of his liberation on February 23, 1945. Cpl. Headrick is spending a sixty-day furlough in this section, but will report to the redistribution center in Miami on July 1, for his next assignment. Mrs. Headrick will reside with her parents.

Sgt. Benjamin Atkins Now In Miami

Sgt. Benjamin E. Atkins, son of Mrs. James Atkins, of Waynesville, has arrived at the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty in the Pacific theatre.

During his processing he is housed in an ocean-front hotel and enjoys abundant facilities for rest and recreation in Miami.

Sgt. Atkins was a radio operator-gunner in the Asiatic-Pacific, and made an outstanding record.

Marriage Licenses

Jack Guy Rector to Ruth Price, both of Haywood county.
Jethro Reece to Mary Ruth Trull, both of Haywood county.

Meat Shortage Studied In Raleigh By Farm Bureau

Haywood county was represented by Howard R. Clapp, county farm agent, at the state-wide meeting held last week in Raleigh of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, at which time a study was made of the current meat shortage.

Mr. Clapp served as a member of the resolution committee, headed by C. S. Bunn, of Spring Hope, whose report climaxed the day's session.

The resolution which will be referred to the OPA and to the United States Secretary of Agriculture, stated: "Whereas a serious meat shortage confronts the citizenship of North Carolina, and since North Carolina is a deficit meat-producing area, and without a Federally inspected packing plant from which North Carolina consumers can get the amount of meat that formerly came from such plants, be it resolved:

"1. That we request the OPA to increase quotas for local slaughterers.

"2. That the quota for individual local slaughterers be increased from 400 pounds to 1,500 pounds.

"3. That more efficient Federal grading of meats be provided for this area.

"4. To alleviate the speculation on livestock and poultry markets caused by the inability of local slaughterers to take care of increased seasonal supply due to lack of sufficient quotas.

"5. That since poultry is one of our quickest sources of meat that we can produce, poultry prices should be stabilized at a figure that guarantees a reasonable profit to the producer, and such a price should not be terminated without giving the producer ample notice (at least four months)."

Herman C. Arberg, of Chicago, chairman of the American Farm Bureau Federation, was among the speakers, who stated that the meat shortage could not be placed at the foot of the American farmers, for in 1944 they produced 24,000,000,000 pounds of meat.

"Already in 1945, we have produced more than 23,000,000,000 pounds of meat. The normal pre-war average from 1935 to 1939 was only 15,000,000,000 pounds annually. The problem today is not the lack of production, but the unprecedented demand—from the Army, from Lend-Lease and from home consumption," pointed out Mr. Arberg at the meeting.

The speaker also urged that the farmers immediately increase their poultry production which can be done at once, and also to feed out and market the maximum number of beef cattle, and in order to do this, the farmers must be given assurance from the government that they will not sustain a loss.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of John H. Haney, deceased, late of Haywood County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Clyde, Route 1, North Carolina, on or before the 28th day of June, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 27th day of June, 1945.
HOMER HANEY,
Administrator of the Estate of John H. Haney, deceased.
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Library Notes



MARGARET JOHNSTON
County Librarian

The following new rental books are now available at the county library:

- "Pearls Before Swine", Allingham; "Silver Moon Cottage", Bassett; "Blue Danube", Bomelmann; "Eye for an Eye", Boyer; "Tragedy in Blue", Bramhall; "Remembered Death", Christie; "Red-Haired Lady", Corbett; "Flight Nurse", Craig; "Indigo Necktie", "Turn To the Sun", Duffield.
- "Commodore Horablower", Forester; "Case of the Goldfinger's Purse", Gardner; "Heart to Find", Heidegger; "Winds Blow Gently", Kirkbride; "Time to Die", Lawrence; "One Cried Murder", Leslie; "Stallion Head", Longstreet; "Moment of Time", McLean; "Two Solitudes", MacLennan; "Ask No Quarter", Marsh; "Whatever Goes Up", Millhauser.
- "Troopers West", Parkhill; "My Love is Young", Parsons; "Lay That Pistol Down", Powell; "Murderer is a Fox", Queen; "Lucky Tuff", Rice; "One Angel Less", Morden; "Red Right Hand", Rogers; "Wanderer", Schachner; "And the Wind Blows Free", Short; "Straw in the Sun", Simon; "Dragon Harvest", Sinclair; "Short Stories", "Doctor Joel", Wright; and "Nods and Books", Adams.

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