

LOCAL NEWS

Clifford Ray McEwen, son of Mrs. Lydia McEwen and the late Reese McEwen, formerly of Indian Trail, N.C., and Mrs. Eva Louise Hoover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ann Hoover of Valdese, were married on June 18th. They are making their home at 731 North Caldwell street, Charlotte.

W. C. Smith, Jr., surprised the family Friday morning at 5:30 by knocking on the front door of the residence at Lee Park. Young Smith, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Smith, is in the Navy V-Class at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. He will enjoy an extensive leave at home before returning to Carson-Newman for two more semesters of college work, after which he will take up pre-flight training in the naval air force.

Cotton prices continued to advance into new high ground during the past week, according to the War Food Administration. Prices for middling 15-16 inch in the 19 designated markets reached a new 16-year high of 21.77 cents per pound on Thursday and closed on Friday at 21.64 cents against 21.56 a week earlier and 21.13 a year ago. This compares with the high of 21.55 last week. Futures markets were active with prices for the distant months showing relatively more strength than those for near months. The strength in the market was attributed mainly to passage of the amendments to the emergency price control act. As finally passed Congress this legislation provides for (1) a loan rate of 12 1/2 percent of parity rather than the rate of 80 percent now in effect, (2) extension of OPA for one year and (3) pricing each major cotton goods item in line with the parity of cotton.

William Shumaker spent Sunday in Greensboro where he went in connection with his business. Approximately 300 pictures of Union county's men and women in the service of their country, are on display in the Belk's windows, in connection with the Fifth War Loan drive, which is now on. The pictures are attracting throngs of people and much comment is being heard, concerning the display, which is the largest of its kind to ever be shown here. The pictures will remain in the windows throughout the week of July 8th, and will be removed on Monday morning July 10th.

"It's not news now," says Uncle Tom Ashcraft, who keeps the eagle's eye on the weather out at the Rock Rest Weather Station, but for benefit of the record, Uncle Tom says that last Monday, the temperature at the station was 104 degrees, and that on Friday of last week the temperature went to 101 degrees; 100 on Saturday and yesterday it was only 99.

The farmer in critical need of a truck may apply to his county Agricultural Adjustment Agency committee for a used Army truck. The War Food Administration announces. Upon the basis of applications on hand and further investigation, AAA offices prepare letters certifying to the needs for available trucks. These letters authorize truck dealers to negotiate with proper authorities and buy the trucks for resale to approved applicants. WFA yawns that for some time relatively few persons who need trucks for essential agricultural purposes will get them.

Erwin Price received a telephone call this afternoon from Mrs. Jimmie Settemyere, of Statesville, saying that she had been notified by the War Department that her husband was a prisoner of war in Germany. Jimmie was reported several weeks ago as missing in action. He was chief engineer on a B-17 Bomber and has been in the service since February, 1943, and in overseas service for about six months. Previous to entering the service, he was employed by Messer, Price and Broom as manager of the Firestone Home and Auto Store here. Even though he is a prisoner of war, his friends in Monroe will be glad to learn of his whereabouts, since the report several weeks ago did not give any specific information.

Roy H. Williams, of Charlotte, was drowned Saturday afternoon about 6 o'clock in the Henderson Love pond of Rocky River, while fishing with three companions, Claude Norris of Charlotte, Carl Rushing and Howard McColl of Mint Hill. Williams, who was unable to swim, had waded into the pond with the other men and was prepared to grapple for fish, when in some manner he was engulfed by the waters and went down. Efforts to rescue him on the part of his companions failed. Sheriff Niven and his officers and officers from Charlotte were notified and arrived some time later at the tragedy. A body was secured and with the aid of grappling hooks the body was soon recovered. Mr. Williams is survived by his wife and two children.

OBITUARIES

**HENRY A. REDFERN**  
Henry A. Redfern died early Thursday night at his home in Wingate after a long illness, part of the time being in a hospital in Charlotte. He was in his eighty-first year, having been born on October 18, 1863.

The funeral was held at the home at five o'clock Friday afternoon, conducted by Elder Walter Edwards and the burial was in the Marshallville cemetery.

Mr. Redfern is survived by his wife, who was Miss Laura Barrett of Anson county. They were married on May 18, 1893. And by one son and seven daughters. These are W. A. Redfern of the home, Mrs. W. C. Stewart of 23 Marshallville, Miss Cooper Hill of Burlington, Mrs. Blanchard Williams of Monroe, Mrs. Smith Medlin, Misses Lena Redfern of the home and Mrs. J. T. Alton of Greensboro, and Mrs. E. L. Haywood of Durham. There are eight grandchildren.

**JOSEPH L. REDWINE**  
Joseph L. Redwine died at 1:30 Friday morning at the home of his brother, H. W. Redwine in Sandy Ridge township. His age was 67. He was a son of William T. Redwine and grandson of Dr. T. W. Redwine. He was unmarried. His surviving brothers are H. W. Redwine of Sandy Ridge, Sam Redwine of Charlotte, and Allen Redwine of Raleigh.

The funeral was held at eleven o'clock Sunday morning at Union Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. J. O. Cox, and Rev. T. J. Huggins, a former pastor.

PRIZE MONEY GIVEN FOR CATTLE SHOWS

Prize money of \$1,000 has been contributed by the Belk stores of Eastern and Central North Carolina for financing the third annual junior cattle show next September, according to an announcement by J. A. Arey and A. C. Kimmey, Extension specialists in dairying at State College.

Karl Hudson, manager of the Hudson-Belk group of the stores, who made the gift said that \$1,000 will be made available annually for the cattle shows.

Rural youths between 19 and 21 years of age are eligible to enter their own dairy calves of Jersey, Guernsey, Holstein and Ayrshire breeds in the show. In particular, 4-H club members and vocational agricultural students are invited to participate.

The State College Extension Service will assume general supervision over this and later shows, Arey and Kimmey announced.

The thirty-one counties involved in this third annual show to be held in Raleigh are: Caswell, Alamance, Randolph, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Wake, Harnett, Lee, Chatham, Craven, Franklin, Wayne, Vance, Nash, Edgecombe, Wilkes, Pitt, Curran, Warren, Lenoir, Johnston, Sampson, Bladen, Columbus, Robeson, Cumberland, Perdue, Granville, Durham, and Wake.

Belk stores responsible for providing the fund for financing the series of shows are: The Hudson-Belk, Belk-Hudson, Belk-Hudson, and Belk-Hudson.

It is the object that each year of the show should result in a better dairy herd.

BEHIND THE SCENES IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

(By John Craddock)

The invasion of Europe undoubtedly marks the beginning of an end to one phase of America's wartime economic life but does not, by a wide margin, mean that the overall pace of our war production will or can be lowered for months to come. While it can be taken for granted that industry has produced the arms and material needed for the long planned invasion, it is agreed by most authorities that an equally high production rate will have to be maintained until the surrender of Germany. With Germany out of the picture it is anticipated that military demands upon industry will drop from 35 to 60 per cent. At that time the War Production Board, says Chairman Donald Nelson, will do everything possible to allow essential civilian production wherever it does not interfere with war production needed to lick Japan.

The fact that the invasion is actually in progress makes more urgent the completion of plans for reconversion from war to peace production. There are bound to be temporary employment disruptions with the cancellation of war contracts. But the lag in civilian needs here and the dire need for similar goods throughout the world ought to generate plenty of orders to keep American factories and workers busy for a long time. Proposed legislation is passed and other necessary steps are taken in advance to assure a quick and smooth transition to all-out civilian production when we need it to sustain our economy.

**POST-WAR TRAVEL**—Commercial planes may whiz across the continent at speeds of 400 miles an hour, according to Ralph S. Damon, vice-president of American Airlines. Aerodynamically, it is quite possible that 20 years from now all transport aircraft will cruise at speeds of today's combat planes, which are far in excess of that figure, he said. He spoke before a gathering of engineers of Aluminum Company of America, which, he said, "the people of America and the airplane companies can thank for its production record and its research, which gave us the country the fastest industrial building reports. J. P. Linticum, president of the American Lumber & Treating company, Chicago . . . Surveys show that one story houses are more popular than multiple-story and will probably predominate in post-war building in the lower-priced brackets. Among reasons for the popularity are lack of stairs and the possibility of larger cellars.

**THEY FOUND A WAY**—The story of the ingenuity displayed by America's industrial engineers is coming to us only a sentence at a time and probably will not be completed until long after the war is over. Meanwhile, the latest to be added to the list is contained in a report by Willys-Overland Motor that since the first shipment less than three years ago, production of 155 mm. shells has been equivalent to a trainload of ammunition 25 miles long.

Now over the 2,000,000 mark, the "Jeep" concern's production of the 95-pound projectiles began after its engineers made inspection trips through other plants and concluded that the best method of fabricating the 155 mm. shell would be arrived at through techniques not yet tried. The engineering device a mass production method of forging the medium shell—a process previously used only in the manufacture of projectiles of a small calibre. On entering the sixth month of production, the firm was even with Army production schedules and subsequently became one of the nation's largest suppliers of shells.

**SOYBEAN CANDY**—Candy stores can't stock their counters with as much of or as great a variety of sweets these days because a good share of the confectionery industry's manufacturing capacity is being used to meet military needs. About 100,000,000 pounds of candy will be required for Army rations alone this year. According to Brig. Gen. J. W. Byron, "every pound of candy sent to our troops is a pound of morale."

For the future, J. R. Maxwell of Stephen F. Whitman & Son, Inc., Philadelphia, holds out the promise of new types of candies to help expand retailers and manufacturers' markets after the war. His company has already developed candies made of soybean, cottonseed and wheat protein flours. Progress in this direction will be cheered by farmers, too. Aids recommended by industry distribution experts to help candy retailers build better businesses after the war include more air-conditioned stores, advertising to emphasize the food value of candy and more extended use of vending machines.

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PLAYGROUND NEWS

Varied Activities At Play Centers Attracting Many Children.

**Walter Bicket Center**  
The playgrounds at the Walter Bicket high school is becoming more popular each day. The boys and girls are really enjoying meeting their friends there as well as having a grand time playing. The baseball team needs a few more hitters for the coming game with the Benton Heights boys. Jackie Montgomery, age ten, is an excellent little pitcher. Lane Ormand is a pretty good short stop, even though he is rather small. Little Sid Hart is quite a slugger. Mack Pley holds down first base with much force. These players with many others are really having a time of their life knocking the ball away.

A reading room has been fixed in the basement for the children to use when it is so hot outside. It is really as cool as an air-conditioned room. Hayne Baucum gets his nose in a comic book and enjoys himself to the fullest. Billy Gordon and Tommy Done have quite a time playing table tennis while the others read or play checkers. Sylvester Johnson is an expert checker player, as well as a ball player.

**Benton Heights Play Center**  
Interest at the Benton-Heights play center reached a new high on Tuesday, June 20, when the boys of the high school played the "Dads" of the town a game of soft ball. The final score was seven to three in favor of the boys. Manager Bill Holmes of the "Dads" team tried to stave off defeat by running in pinch hitters in the closing moments of the game but to no avail. J. Howard Williams, Roy Smith, and Glenn Benton were the outstanding players on the "Dads" team while Buddy Little, L. Benton and Curt Billingsley led the boys to victory. Many spectators were on hand and as soon as the game was over, old men, boys and enlisted personnel went into a pick-up game. Tuesday of this week the boys will play Troop 11 Boy Scouts of Benton Heights.

We are glad to see that so many are taking advantage of the playground. Several new children were on hand last week. No doubt there will be many more to come when the swings go up. Come along each day at 3:00 o'clock, with a few pennies for games scheduled, the play center will be open from about 4:00 until the end of the game.

**Winchester Avenue Playground**  
The colored boys and girls are still enjoying the playground. They take a great delight in meeting their friends, as well as enjoying the games. We urge more youngsters to take advantage of the good times had on the playground. A supervisor is on the grounds each afternoon.

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