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CAPT. BURNS PRAISED AS SHIP IS LAUNCHED

The following account of the launching of the U. S. Destroyer "Burns" will be of wide interest to readers here. This report was published in the Raleigh News and Observer.

Stirring indeed is the story of Capt. Otway Burns the North Carolinian for whom was named the destroyer Burns, launched recently at the Charleston Navy Yard.

The career of Captain Burns—he purchased and outfitted a speedy clipper and used it in the War of 1812 to harry British shipping—was outlined in the speech of Col. Garland Fay of the Marine Corps at the launching in Charleston.

The sponsor of the Burns was Mrs. Harry L. Smith of Parris Island, a great-granddaughter of Captain Burns.

Colonel Fay's speech:

Ladies and gentlemen: Otway Burns was born with this nation in the year of 1775, a native of North Carolina. Due to the part he took in the War of 1812 between the United States and Great Britain, he became a naval hero and therefore, in accordance with naval tradition, this ship is to be named for him.

Prior to 1812, Otway Burns developed nautical experience and qualities of leadership, and was described as follows:

"He had a frame of Herculean strength and of tireless endurance, a mind active and acute, a courage which knew no shrinking, a nerve which grew more steady in the fiercest dangers, a temper quick but never unsettled judgment, a serene self-confidence which, united with fertility of resource and skill in seamanship, gained the confidence of others, and an iron will which compelled obedience."

At the time we are interested in his career, he was 37 years of age, and was employed as commander of a coastal vessel, his extreme limits being New Bern, N. C. on the south and Portland in Maine on the north.

Upon the declaration of war in June, 1812, he was in the harbor of Portland and was urged to convert his vessel to a privateer, but he considered her slow for this service. Consequently he sailed to New York and there purchased a 147-ton Baltimore Clipper, noted for her speed. She was strengthened and armed with two broadside guns and one pivot gun, and named the Snapdragon.

She carried a crew of about 100 officers and men, including a captain, a lieutenant, and 14 Marines. So, "With the help of God and a few Marines" she was in every way ready for her new and hazardous career.

For the next three years, Captain Burns sailed the (Continued on page 4)

SPEED LIMIT

The automobile speed limit has been set at 40 miles per hour throughout the nation. This is for trucks, passenger cars and all vehicles.

Sheriff Banks has been notified that this speed limit will be enforced. A federal penalty will be imposed in case of violation.

TIRE QUOTA CUT 28 PER CENT

The tire quota throughout the nation has been cut 28 per cent.

This means that tires for the ordinary driver have practically been eliminated. Persons eligible for tires must absolutely be engaged in work essential to the war effort.

Under the present circumstances, Yancey county can expect no new tires for passenger cars for at least 3 months.

Citizens of the country have not realized yet, say officials, that there just aren't tires for ordinary use or for use necessary to carry on many kinds of businesses.

Snapdragon on the high seas in search of British commerce and vessels of war, which he captured or destroyed. He engaged many warships carrying more guns than the Snapdragon.

Captain Burns, as a privateer, was most successful. In one period of seven months of the war, he took two barks, five brigs, and three schooners, with cargoes of one million dollars. He played an important part in the war by carrying out his mission of crippling the enemy's commerce and defying his men-of-war and was a terror to the British on the sea. In short, he raised merry hell with the enemy.

In those days the captain of a ship was master of all he surveyed. He was not bound by red tape nor was his style cramped by regulations. The terror of government authority was remote. He did have some paper work as he had to make a full report of all the prizes and ships which he captured or encountered.

Captain Burns exacted obedience from his crew by his strength of character, tact, utter fearlessness, and indisputable superiority in seamanship. On several occasions, Captain Burns saved the Snapdragon by his capable and efficient handling of his ship.

In conclusion, if those officers and men of our Navy who are destined to command and man this ship can be indoctrinated and inspired by the deeds, the character, resourcefulness and bravery of him for whom this ship is named, they and their ship will take their place in naval history with the Snapdragon and Otway Burns, Captain, United States Navy.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. M. L. REID

Mrs. Myra Phelps Reid, wife of the Rev. Milton Reid, pastor of the Micaville group of Presbyterian churches, passed away at the Marion General hospital Aug. 15, 1942. She was 31 years of age.

An infant son, Lewis Joseph, born August 13 also passed away.

She is survived by her husband, their two children, Annette, 4, and Cameron, 2; her mother, Mrs. Bertha Phelps of Bristol, Va.; her two brothers, L.B. Phelps of Bristol, Tenn., and C. Nelson Phelps of Crossville, Tenn.

Funeral services were held at the Micaville Presbyterian church with Rev. A. R. Craig, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Spruce Pine, N. C. assisted by Rev. M. A. Lewis, pastor of the Micaville group of Methodist churches and the Rev. J. W. Roseborough, Spruce Pine, and at the First Presbyterian church, Bristol, Tenn. with the Rev. Dan Graham in charge, assisted by Dr. H. H. Thompson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Bristol, Tenn. Rev. M. F. Millburn, First Methodist church, Bristol, Tenn. and Dr. R. A. Brown, pastor of Windsor Ave. Presbyterian church, Bristol, Tenn.

Interment was in Glenwood cemetery, Bristol, Tenn. Mrs. Reid's former home.

Westmoreland Funeral Home of Marion and Akard Funeral Home of Bristol, Va. were jointly in charge.

MRS. J. A. RAMSEY OF MARS HILL PASSES

Mrs. J. A. Ramsey of Mars Hill passed away at her home on Wednesday morning. Funeral services will be held at the Mars Hill Baptist church this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Ramsey was formerly Miss Bell Sams, and has a wide circle of friends and relatives throughout this section.

Survivors include one son, James of Mars Hill; four daughters, Mrs. Rosalie Redmond of Marshall, Mrs. Julia Sprinkle, Miss Bex Ramsey and Miss June Ramsey of Mars Hill; one brother, Henry Sams of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Gibbs of Burnsville and Mrs. Emmett Gibbs of Shelby.

Mrs. Martha Taylor is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bob Pinson who lives at Buckhead, Ga.



WE MUST HAVE JUNK

Production in ever increasing volume is our hope of victory. For this we MUST have scrap materials of all kinds.

We have been too complacent. We have thought, and sometimes said, that our small amount here could not help very much. Our little multiplied over and over throughout the land means that large volume we must have.

There is nothing complacent today about the fighting that goes on around the globe. Not on the Solomon Islands, nor the coasts of France. We have a part in the struggle just as surely as the Marines or members of the Air Force. We must keep the factories running full speed ahead.

Our campaign to collect junk of various kinds has already begun. We are planning now for the JUNK RALLY, county wide, which will be held on September 17. That gives us a month to find out where the old stoves, and broken down mowing machines are. It will give us time to collect the scrap at the school houses or in Burnsville or any of the places that are most convenient.

We MUST have the JUNK! Begin now that drive that will mean that our county will do its full part. And that full part is to collect every pound of available scrap.

SGT. MORGAN OF THE CANADIAN AIR FORCE DIES IN ENGLAND

Mrs. Arthur Theodore Morgan of Green Mtn. has been notified of the death of her husband, Sgt. Morgan of the Royal Canadian Air Forces, in London on Aug. 9, following an operation. No details concerning his death have been received.

Mrs. Morgan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Johnson of Green Mtn. and has one small daughter, Jacqueline.

Sgt. Morgan was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Morgan of Hawk, Mitchell

SUGAR STAMP 8 WILL BE GOOD FOR 5 POUNDS

When you buy sugar with your sugar stamp 8 you'll be able to get 5 pounds—but the five pounds must last you ten weeks, from August 28 through October 31. So the half pound per person per week rule still holds.

There's nothing difficult about that, and there's a very good reason, but it has caused a great many inquiries to the local board.

The reason: A great deal of sugar has been packed in 5, 10, and 25 pound packages. The result of this was that in many instances the 3 or 6 or 7 pounds of sugar that the family ration stamps called for, had to be weighed out either from open stock or from the 5, 10, or 25 pound packages.

This process of weighing took the grocer's time. It also left on the shelves the packaged sugar. Unless this can be sold, it will have to be repackaged causing, the O. P. A. says, "undesirable wast of labor and materials."

So, after August 22, one person may purchase 5 pounds, a two member family 10 pounds, three member family 15 pounds, and so on. But the sugar must last for 10 weeks so the "half pound per person per week" rule still holds.

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FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. WESLEY ANGEL

Mrs. Wesley Angel, 85, died here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Greene, Wednesday morning. She had been ill for several months.

Funeral services were held at the Greene home on Thursday morning at 10.00 o'clock with the Rev. J. S. Folger and the Rev. Smoot Baker officiating. Interment was in the McIntosh cemetery in West Burnsville.

Surviving are the following children, Mrs. Greene, John of Burnsville, Dr. W. R. of Boston, Mass., W. B. of Leicester, R. V. of Burnsville, Mrs. Harold Brower of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Sue McIntosh of Burnsville.

Two brothers, John Randolph of Barnardville and James Ledford of Marshall, 27 grandchildren and 20 great grand children also survive.

Holcombe and Edwards funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

NAVY RECRUITER WILL BE HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Wayne W. Blanton, Yeoman 3 class, USNR, will be in Burnsville next Tuesday August 25 to interview any young men who wish to make application for enlistment in the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Blanton was here Tuesday and four men made application for enlistment. They were J. B. Hensley of Higgins, Ray Hensley of Higgins, Frank Howard Cooper and Mark Ervin Hughes of Burnsville. These young men will go to Raleigh later for their final examination before acceptance.

"LADY HAS PLANS" BRINGS LAUGHS

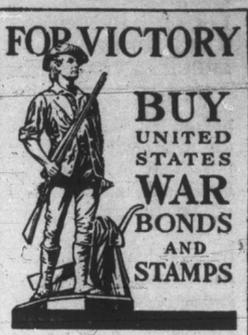
Loosen your stays and let out your seams, because the funniest spy-hunt thriller ever unreel—Paramount's "The Lady Has Plans"—is coming Sunday and Monday to the Yancey Theatre.

Co-starring in this milestone-minute merry chase are Ray Milland and Paulette Goddard, assisted by Roland Young, Albert Dekker, Margaret Hayes and Cecil Kellaway.

The story is spiced with hilarious situations stemming from the fact that foreign spies in Lisbon mistake reporter Paulette Goddard for a spy who has, drawn upon her back in invisible ink, plans stolen from the U. S. Navy.

Advance reports have it that "The Lady Has Plans" is film fun designed for every movie-goer's enjoyment. The short subjects include the latest War News from all the battle fronts, filmed under fire.

Anderson and George Bailey from Virginia are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bailey.



NUMBER OF CASES HEARD IN COURT

The two weeks August term of Superior court was adjourned last Wednesday after a number of both civil and criminal cases were heard, as follows:

Civil cases: H. D. McCannless and wife vs. W. F. Ballard et al. Judgment for defendant.

Banks Brothers vs. Fred Arrowood. Judgment for plaintiff.

A. E. Wilson and C. L. Wilson, administrators, vs. Mrs. E. R. Riddle, administratrix. Judgment for plaintiff.

Mattie Joyce Jones vs. John C. McBee et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

Divorces granted: Pearl Brown Roland vs. Warren Roland.

J. C. Silver vs. Nora Silver.

R. A. Radford vs. Jessie Radford.

Reva Ray Wingfield vs. Oscar Wingfield.

Mary Jane Hilemon vs. Leslie Hilemon.

Jack Banks vs. Margaret Banks.

Sarah C. Fortune vs. Frank Fortune.

Burl Murphy vs. Birdy Murphy.

Mrs. Leonard R. Dockery vs. Leonard Dockery.

Criminal cases: Charlie Fox, driving drunk. \$50 fine and 4 months suspended on payment of costs.

Harley Howell, embezzlement. Howwell on payment of costs.

Charlie Wilson, abandonment. 12 months suspended on condition that monthly payments paid.

Leslie Hilemon, same.

Willard Fox, violation of prohibition law. 12 months on road. Second charge, 12 months suspended for 4 years on good behavior.

Talmadge McMahan. Guilty of disturbing religious meeting. Not guilty.

Arthur Taylor, Vernie Wheeler. Guilty of temporary larceny of automobile. Prayer for judgment continued.

Blake Styles. Plead guilty of assault with deadly weapon. 12 months on road.

Dewey Lane. Assault and battery. 3 months on road.

