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BURNSVILLE, N. C. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1943

NUMBER THIRTY

--- Men In Service ---

Pvt. Dewey Moss is now stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass., according to information received from his mother, Mrs. Novella Moss of Paint Gap.

Ray McIntosh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McIntosh of Bee Log is now stationed in the Technical school of the army air corps at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Pvt. E. R. Riddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson Riddle of Pensacola, is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. Pvt. Riddle is a twin brother of Pearson Riddle, Jr. who is interned by the Japanese in Shanghai.

Pvt. Stanley Bailey spent a short leave here with his father, C. M. Bailey. Pvt. Bailey is now stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Pvt. John G. Edge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edge of Burnsville is stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass.

Pvt. Ralph W. Byrd is now at Camp Swift, Texas.

Frank Silver and Jay Bodford are at the Navy Training Station, Bainbridge, Md.

Pfc. Raymond D. Robinson is stationed at Camp Livingston, La.

Robert V. Robertson is now at the Coast Guard Training School, Curtis Bay, Md.

Pfc. Earl L. Bailey is located with the Coast Guard at Cameron, La.

Pvt. Elbert L. Jenkins is stationed at Keesler Field, Miss.

Robt. W. Ramsey, Jr. of the U. S. Navy is here from Norfolk on leave.

Ward Bennett who is stationed at Camp Murphy, Fla. with the Signal Corps is spending a leave with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Bennett.

Ben Lee Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Griffith of Burnsville is spending a leave at home.

Frank Briggs of Burnsville rt. 1 is here from Fort Jackson on leave.

Sgt. Howe Deyton and Jay Deyton spent the week end at their home in Day Book. They are stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Pvt. Arthur Tipton was home from Fort Bragg for the week end.

Pfc. Seth Peterson of Fort Benning, Ga. has been home recently.

Lieut. Clyde A. Ayers is here on leave. He received his commission last week at Fort Benning, Ga. and has been assigned to Fort McClellan, Ala.

RECEIVES COMMISSION

Fort Benning, Ga.—(Special) Clyde Augustus Ayers of Burnsville, N. C. was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States today upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate Course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning. Lt. Ayers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Ayers of Route 1, Burnsville.

The new lieutenant enlisted into the army on July 29, 1942 and served with the 28th Inf. Training Bn. before going to Officer Candidate School three months ago. He held the rank of Corporal before being commissioned.

The new officer is a graduate of Burnsville high school in Burnsville and Mars Hill College where he was prominent as a student, member of the Literary Society and Athletics.

At the Infantry School, world's largest institution of its kind, the local officer took a three months' course to fit him for his new responsibilities. The course covers the technique of handling all the varied modern infantry weapons and the tactics of leading small infantry units in combat. It also includes study of many varied subjects which future officers must know along the lines of administration, military law, etc.

The men who attend the Officer Candidate Schools are the best privates, corporals and sergeants from the entire army, selected by their superiors for outstanding intelligence and qualities of leadership. During the course even the mildly incapable are weeded out, so that the men who graduate with commissions are America's finest soldiers, fully qualified to be the leaders in our army.

Stationed in New Hampshire

First Lieut. Jesse Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Webb of Green Mtn., is stationed in New Hampshire.

Lieut. Webb has had 28 years service in the army. He served in France in World War I, in Panama and Hawaii, and under General Pershing and General Wood on the Mexican Border. He is now an inspector with the army air corps.

Lieut. Webb married Miss Mafrá Renfro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Renfro of Toledo, N. C. in 1930. They have one son, 10 years of age.

Cpl. Elmer Ballew has been home on furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Bessie Ballew of Hamrick.

Pvt. Paul Pritchard of Hamrick is home on furlough. He is stationed in Arizona.

THE SHARP-SHINNED HAWK

The Sharp-shin, "Little Blue Darter," next to Cooper's Hawk is the Hawk most destructive to poultry, quail and songbirds. The examination of the crops of a great number of birds showed the remains of more than fifty small birds. Small rodents and insects constitute a part of the diet.

It dwells in thickets and in woodlands near fields and is frequently seen on a convenient perch ready to pounce onto any unsuspecting Quail or songbird that comes near.

The Sharp-shin is considerably smaller than its cousin, Cooper's Hawk. However, the females of Hawks are much larger than the males. A large female Sharp-shin is almost as large as a small male of the Cooper variety. The square tail of the Sharp-shin serves to distinguish it from the round-tailed Cooper's.

The range of this species is very extensive. During the winter it moves southward from the northern extent of its range, sometimes hundreds being together in migration.

The nest is built of sticks in trees and is frequently lined with soft material. The eggs, four or five in number, are dull bluish or greenish-white with spots of brown.

It should be borne in mind that most species of Hawks are on the whole beneficial in that they reduce the destructiveness of rats, mice and other rodents and do not often bother poultry and smaller birds. The ornithologist Rex Brasher says that the Sharp-shin, Cooper's and the Goshawk are the only varieties of Hawks that should be killed, except very rare individuals of other species that bother poultry.—(James Hutchins)

Earl C. Wilson is a new member of the Ration Board for Yancey County. Mr. Wilson took the place of C. F. Gardner who resigned several days ago.

MINING CORPORATION RECEIVES CHARTER

A charter of incorporation for the Hawk Mining Company with principal office here, has been issued by Secretary of State, Thad Eure.

The purpose of the corporation is to carry on a general mining business. It has authorized capital stock of \$25,000 and subscribed stock of \$300 by W. W. Hennessee and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Proffitt of Burnsville.

MINING MEN HERE

Several out of state men who are interested in mining in this county are registered at the Nu-Wray Hotel. G. W. Kunstman of Chicago, C. P. Robertson of Stoneville, N. C. and Frank Fisher of Newark, N. J. who is with the Meyer and Brown Corporation are here. Mrs. Fisher and daughter and Mrs. Robertson are also here.

IN AUSTRALIA

Cpl. John King, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. King of Burnsville is now in Australia, according to a letter received from him this week by his parents. He was in training at Fort Bragg and Camp Hale, Col. before being sent over.

PROMOTED

Clarence S. Laws of Burnsville rt 1 has been promoted from technician 5th grade to the rank of sergeant. He is serving with the detachment medical department at the Station Hospital, Fort Jackson, S. C.

LIST OF AVAILABLES

A total of 57 men will leave on March 4 for Camp Croft, S. C. for military examination, and possible induction into military service.

The following are available and 57 of them will leave on March 4:

- Chas. Samuel Riddle, Pensacola; Dewey Haney, Hamrick; Joe Hensley, Swiss; Lee Jarrett, Burnsville; Talmage Hensley, Cane River;
- John Silver, Celso; Bill Turner, Burnsville st. rt.; Maurice Wm. Burnett, Hamrick; Billie W. Hensley, Swiss; Taylor Byrd, Rt. 1 Burnsville; Kenneth Banks, Burnsville st. rt.;
- Lonnie Haney, Bee Log; Donald Lee McFalls, Rt. 1, Burnsville; Edd Hensley, Bee Log; Ralph Wesley Ayers, Day Book; Bruce Laws, Green Mtn.;
- Albert Wyatt, Micaville; Charles Tipton, Boonford; Glen Hensley, Swiss; Troy Riddle, Pensacola; Roy Lee Robinson, Windom; Wade Proffitt, Jr. Swiss;
- Calvin Coolidge Miller, Higgins; Jack Tate, Swiss; Gibbs Bailey, Green Mtn.; Arvold Fortner, Micaville; Sannie Edwards, Bee Log; Woodrow Pritchard, Celso; Talmage Wilson, Burnsville; Stanley Lewis, Bee Log; Keith Penland, Paint Gap; Calvin Phillips, Ramseystown; James Wilson, Hamrick;

WILBURN HONEYCUTT DIES IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Wilburn Honeycutt, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Honeycutt of Windom, was fatally injured in an automobile accident at 11 o'clock Sunday night, one and a half miles east of Burnsville.

Mr. Honeycutt was alone at the time of the accident. He was driving toward Spruce Pine when the car left the road and overturned.

Mr. Honeycutt is survived by his wife, the former Miss Ruth Taylor, one small child; his parents; three brothers, Kenneth of the U. S. army, stationed in Michigan, Roy and Charles at home, and one sister, Miss Dorothy Honeycutt. He was employed by the Yancey Cyanite Company.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Wednesday morning.

MINERAL SURVEY OF STATE WILL BE MADE

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—A contract which envisions the placing of North Carolina among the important metal producing areas of the nation has been entered into between Herman T. Brassert Co., internationally noted engineers, and the State of North Carolina, the terms of which call for an exhaustive study of the mineral deposits in North Carolina, the most feasible methods of producing vitally needed metals therefrom, with specific recommendations regarding construction of plants. This survey will be started immediately, it was announced today by Governor J. Melville Broughton.

Prominent among the metals which are now needed in the war effort are sponge iron and magnesium.

Sponge iron will help answer the need for scrap iron, necessary for the production of steel, and magnesium is the tremendously

important metal which combines the qualities of aluminum and steel.

Mr. Brassert's preliminary report substantiates opinions expressed previously by engineers who had investigated possibilities of a huge metal industry in North Carolina. Mr. Brassert, who has built blast furnaces in almost every metals area in the world, is immediately qualified for this investigation, and his report will have important acceptance by engineers and the metals industry generally.

That the people not only in North Carolina but throughout the nation are keenly interested in the possibilities of this new industry is evidenced by the response received by the Department of Conservation and Development since first announcements were made concerning North Carolina's long-neglected minerals.

Allied troops fighting in North Africa are familiar with rationing of the scarcest commodity there—water. From private to general, water rations are identical.

TOBACCO GROWERS RECEIVE MORE FOR THIS YEARS CROP

Raleigh, N. C. Feb. 23.—North Carolina producers of tobacco realized \$63,324, 813 more from their leaf crop during the current season than in the boom year of 1919, according to figures released yesterday by W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture. The average price in 1919 was \$52 per hundred pounds as compared with \$38.83 for 1942. Although the acreage was much larger in 1919, the increase in yield per acre was substantially greater in 1942.

Total sales were \$237,324, 813 for 611,154,857 pounds during the current marketing season as compared with \$174,000,000 for the 1919 crop.

Growers of flue-cured tobacco sold 605,295, 532 pounds in 1942 as against 476, 050, 545 pounds in 1941. Last season's crop averaged \$29.31 per hundred pounds.

In the Old Bright Belt in the current season, 78,649, 426 pounds sold for an average of \$40.00 per hundred pounds; Middle Belt, 109,193,856 pounds at \$41.70 per hundred; New Bright Belt, 312,069,247 pounds at \$37.85; and Border Belt, 105,383,002 pounds at \$37.30 per 100 pounds.

Burley tobacco averaged \$42.08 per hundred pounds on sales totaling 5,829,326 pounds.

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DR. BENNETT HOME FOR WEEK END

Dr. W. L. Bennett, representative in the state Legislature, was home during the past week end. He returned to Raleigh on Sunday so that he could be present for the important sessions this week.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. HICKS

Funeral services for Mrs. Nora Hicks, 89, were held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Bolens Creek Baptist church. Rev. A. Z. Jamerson and Rev. Ellis Donohoe officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery at Windom.

Mrs. Hicks had been a member of the Baptist church for many years. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Angie Banks, two grandsons, Hermon and Clyde Banks, three great grand children, and a host of friends.

Mrs. Lester Hevner of Lincolnton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hensley.

RATION REGISTRATION

Registration for permanent ration books will begin in Yancey County on March 1. Complete instructions, including a form which may be filled out at home, will be carried in this paper next week.

Watch for this, and read anything you may see in the Asheville or other papers. The registration will be held at the high schools, and final details will be arranged at a meeting of school principals today.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

That new cooking range, whether it be gas, electric or otherwise, is something to look forward to when the War is won. But you can start saving now to buy it. Put a definite amount, every payday, ten percent of your pay check . . . into War Bonds today.



When your Bonds mature you will have the money ready for that new range. You will have made a good investment, getting back \$4 for every \$3. And your purchase of War Bonds is helping that boy, husband or sweetheart on the fighting front.

U. S. Treasury Department