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--- Men In Service ---

Ted Phillips of the army has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Rheuhany Phillips of Bee Log.

Chad Williams who has been stationed at the Naval training station, Bainbridge, Md. and Cash Williams who is stationed in Texas have been on leave visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Williams of Bee Log.

Alfred McMahan has been home on a short furlough from the U. S. Navy, visiting relatives at Pensacola.

Virgle Banks has been home on a week's furlough from Camp Jackson, S. C.

Herman Bostian has recently been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. He is now stationed at Ardmore army air field, Ardmore, Okla.

Sgt. Ransie L. Hall has been home on a short leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hall of Green Mtn. He has been stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla. until recently when he has been on maneuvers in Tenn. where he is with the 2nd army umpire pool.

B. W. Howard has been home on leave visiting his mother, Mrs. H. K. Howard of Bee Log. He has been in service ten months and is now stationed at Fort Casey, Wash.

Sgt. Lester Bailey who is stationed in Florida has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bailey.

Commander George W. Allen of Portsmouth Here for Visit

Commander George W. Allen of the U. S. Navy was here this week for his first visit in ten years. He is the Commanding Officer of the Naval Mine Warfare School in Yorktown, Virginia.

Commander Allen is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Allen, pioneer citizens of Yancey County. He grew up in the county, attended Stanley-McCormick school here, and enlisted in the Navy in 1908. Since that time he has literally "seen the world".

During World War I, Commander Allen served with the British fleet in the North Sea and held the rank of Senior Lieutenant on the Battleship Wyoming. He was present at the surrender of the German fleet at Rosyth, Scotland, on November 21, 1918.

Earlier in that same year he had married in Edinburgh, Scotland, the daughter of an Admiral in the British Navy. He and Mrs. Allen have one daughter, Mary W., whose husband, Major W. E. Gise of Hollywood, of the Marine Corps Air Force has been missing in Guadalcanal since May 13, 1943. There is one grandson, W. E. Gise, Jr.,

Yancey Record: I often read in the papers, where the Red Cross has contributed so much money for a certain period or where they have made a given number of articles for the service men overseas.

Several weeks ago my ship was torpedoed and sunk and the survivors were taken ashore. Some of the boys had only a shirt on, some had no pants and others no shoes, etc.

That night it seemed as if old Santa Claus had visited us, because the next morning the Red Cross had hand knitted bags for our toilet articles, some shoes, pants, shirts, tooth paste and brush, razors, candy bars, gum, cigarettes for those that smoked, combs, etc. These were life savers for us until we could draw clothing.

Every boy carries a warm spot in his heart for the mothers that knitted, and to those that gave their time and to those that contributed. I would like to take the opportunity through the courtesy of the Record to thank each one of you for your efforts. You may feel assured that your efforts are not in vain.

I would like to hear from anyone in the South Pacific. It might be possible that we could meet each other.

Best wishes to each one and thanks for the home paper. It is an inspiration each time I see it in my mail.

Joseph M. Radford, Fleet P. O. San Francisco.

now 14 months old. Mrs. Allen did not accompany her husband here, but is in California with their daughter and grandson.

In the spring of 1941 Commander Allen was assistant Naval Attache in London and was there through the last of the intense bombings of London.

In speaking of those bombings, Commander Allen said that the only safe place to be was the place where the bombs didn't strike, and he was fortunate enough to be there through each raid.

The one thing which perhaps impressed him more than anything else during those weeks, he continued, was the wonderful example of courage which the school children set.

Every person, including all school children, carried gas masks and there were frequent drills for air raids. During raids the children went to their assigned stations with no sign of panic or fear. Their coolness and discipline were unexcelled.

After those months of raids, Commander Allen said, the people of London were united more completely.

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NOTICE FOR EXAMS

Examinations for the Navy V-12 and Army Specialized Training Program will be given on Nov. 9.

B. M. Tomberlin has asked that any boys who plan to take either of these examinations contact him immediately so that a sufficient number of copies of the exam may be obtained by Nov. 9.

High school graduates or students in Senior or Junior colleges, within a certain age limit, are eligible to take the exams.

NEW CASHIER FOR NORTHWESTERN BANK

Assumed Duties Monday

D. H. Covington has been employed as cashier of the Northwestern Bank here and will assume his duties in that capacity on Monday, Oct. 25. He has been cashier of the bank at Carbon Hill, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Covington and their two children will reside in the home owned by Lt. (j. g.) and Mrs. J. Frank Huskins in east Burnsville.

RADIO REPAIR SHOP

Lloyd Elliott has opened a radio repair shop in the building on the square formerly occupied by the Riddle Shoe Shop. General radio repair work is done.

Mr. Elliott has had a great deal of experience along this line and the work is guaranteed to be satisfactory. Mr. Elliott explained that the greatest difficulty is in getting repair parts and said that it would be wise for those whose radios are not in good condition to see about them now instead of waiting till the heavy demand season through the winter months.

LOG YARD AT GREEN MOUNTAIN

The Wood-Mosiac Company of Louisville, Ky. and Asheville is opening a yard at Green Mtn. to buy walnut logs delivered there.

The logs purchased will be used in the manufacture of gunstocks for the armed services, and citizens of the surrounding section are urged to cut and deliver any logs they may have to help meet this very vital war need.

The opening of the yard at Green Mtn. will give owners of small lots of walnut a good local market for their logs. The yard will remain in operation as long as the supply holds out.

Specifications for the logs have been given by the company. Logs should be cut in lengths from six to sixteen feet, odd or even lengths for the best grades. Logs should be at least 12 inches in diameter inside the bark at the small end, and those with nails or metal of any kind are not suitable.

The inspector will be at the Green Mtn. yard every Monday afternoon from 2:00 till 5:00 o'clock to inspect and buy logs delivered there.

Hope Bailey was over from Mars Hill College for the week end.

Ann and Patty Mintz and Yvonne Whisnant are visiting Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Whisnant.

RATION BOARD NEWS

Arrangements have been completed for registration for ration book 4 in Yancey, it is announced by C. P. Rogers, Jr., chairman of the local war price and rationing board, and will be conducted Oct. 28-29. Registration sites will be set up at high schools and will be manned by school teachers, high school students and other volunteers.

The public was again reminded that presentation of all copies of book 3 previously issued to any family must be presented at the registration site to simplify identity and eligibility for book 4.

One adult member of a family can register, in person, for new books for every member of that family, it was explained, but individuals living alone or in boarding houses must apply in person.

P. T. A. MEETING

The Burnsville Parent-Teacher association held the regular meeting on Tuesday evening, with B. M. Tomberlin presiding and Dover R. Fouts as guest speaker.

Mr. Fouts discussed the United War Fund drive, particularly the aid to prisoners of war. For several months he served as home service officer for the Red Cross and spoke of the procedure observed concerning men taken as prisoners.

During the business session reports of committees were heard, and Mrs. C. R. Hamrick was elected temporary president. Announcement was made of the Hallowe'en festival which will be held on Thursday evening, Oct. 28.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING

The annual banquet meeting of the Burnsville fire department was held Tuesday evening at the club house.

The following members attended: Edd Bryant, chief; V. J. Goodman, assistant chief; Ashton Ramsey, R. A. Glenn, Creed Hensley, J. H. Ray, Vernie Wilson, Troy McIntosh, Joe Young, J. B. King, Seth Laughrun, Clarence Briggs and Hershel Holcombe.

BONDS FOR VICTORY

THE RUBBER SITUATION

Acute tire shortages already have developed in many parts of the country.

A recent joint statement by the Office of Price Administration and the Office of the Rubber Director discloses that the tire situation has reached the most serious point in the war.

A great number of passenger cars and essential commercial vehicles face a tire-less spring unless immediate steps are taken to conserve every ounce of rubber now on the wheels of America's vehicles.

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FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. STYLES

Mrs. Eliza J. Johnson Styles died at her home in the Jacks Creek section on Thursday afternoon. She was 79 years of age.

Funeral services were held at the home on Friday afternoon with Rev. A. H. Mutschler officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery near the home.

She is survived by her husband, William Melvin Styles, four sons and one daughter, one brother, Zeb Johnson of Bakers Creek, and seven grand children.

Mrs. Styles united with the church early in life and remained a member until her death.

Holcombe and Edwards were in charge of arrangements.

Funeral Services For R. M. Ray Were Held Wednesday

Funeral services for R. M. Ray, 82, who died Monday night at his home, 37 Monroe place, Asheville after a prolonged illness, were held at 11 a. m. Wednesday at the Cane River Baptist church.

Pall bearers were Hobart Ray, Harold Anglin, Selwyn Hensley, Robert Anderson, Max Proffitt, Emmett Sams and Lester Heavner.

Honorary pall bearers were Dr. W. B. Robertson, W. Z. Robertson, Fred Proffitt, Dr. W. L. Bennett, R. W. Wilson, R. S. Roland, Emerson Banks, Blake Wilson, Dr. L. D. Gillespie, George Anglin, H. G. Bailey, J. A. Goodin, Dr. J. B. Gibbs, W. M. English, C.

L. Proffitt, Dr. B. C. Morgan, George Foster, Dr. C. A. Hensley, Dr. Locke Robertson, Harvey Phoenix, Grant Hensley, Charles Allen, Tom Robinson, Monroe McIntosh, Hiram Whittington, H. C. Ball, Glen Proffitt, Roy Bailey, Frank Proffitt, Leslie Proffitt, Cleve Proffitt, W. T. Tomberlin.

Granddaughters and nieces were in charge of the flowers.

Surviving are the widow; three daughters, Mrs. W. M. Hensley of Burnsville, Mrs. H. G. Anderson and Mrs. T. E. Collins, both of Asheville; one son, Ben Lee Ray of Asheville; ten grand children and five great grand children.

BURLEY REFERENDUM SET FOR OCTOBER 23rd

Committee Feel Large Vote Will Be Polled Then

(Three Questions To Be Voted Upon By Growers To Determine 1944 Program.)

Yancey burley tobacco growers will vote in the annual tobacco referendum to be held on Saturday, October 23, 1943.

The committee, composed of J. A. Hannum, Luke L. Laughrun and R. O. Riddle, recently met and made all detailed plans for the referendum. The committee was optimistic over the prospects of a large vote.

The growers of burley tobacco will vote on three questions:

(1) Are you in favor of marketing quotas for three years?

(2) Are you opposed to marketing quotas for three years, but in favor of the quotas for one year?

(3) Are you opposed to marketing quotas?

A two-thirds majority of eligible voters is necessary to adopt quotas. An eligible voter is any owner, tenant or sharecropper who shares in the 1943 burley tobacco crop. Any farmer whether individual, part-

Barnett Is Manager of Farmers Federation Warehouse Here

Norman Barnett who was recently given a medical discharge after serving in the army for 14 months, has been named manager of the Farmers Federation Warehouse here.

Mr. Barnett was manager of the store here before going into service and was given a leave of absence at that time. He will be assisted by Sam Sluder who has been temporary manager for the past few months and Thad Bradford as clerk and truck driver.

Through his years of ex-

perience with the Federation, and his association with the farmers of the section, Mr. Barnett has become familiar with the farmers and their problems, and with the services of the cooperative. This experience and understanding are especially valuable now when the marketing of eggs and farm products is increasingly important. Friends throughout the county will be very glad to have Mr. Barnett back after the year's absence.

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LOCAL BOARD NEWS

It has been fully determined by Selective Service that married men who have children must be inducted into the Armed Forces. The only claim for deferment by any registrant now under 38 years of age is the fact that he is employed in some position essential to the War effort.

Registrants who are farming or who are employed in farm work by others should file a statement at once with the USDA War Board as to the extent of their activities in farming. Those employed in other work essential to War should file if working for self or if working for others have the employer file Form 42A if such form has not already been filed with the local board.

The above does not apply to registrants who have been classified as farmers, or industrial workers but only to registrants now in

Class III-A. In the future, if the board has no information which to base a deferred classification, the registrant will be called for physical examination as the order numbers are reached and it will then be too late to furnish the information.

Registrants who were farming and have not made eight war units can not be given a farm classification at this late date. Any registrant who has not been reclassified and who wishes to volunteer for any branch of the service may do so by coming to the local board office. (Registrants more than 38 years of age are not included.) A call will be filled about November 1, and those wishing to volunteer should make application by October 26, so that blood test may be completed in time for November call.