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## ---Men In Service---

Seth Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peterson of Day Book, was recently wounded in France. He wrote that he was shot through the arm.

Pfc. Robert Souther has landed safely in England, according to a message received this week by relatives here.

Harold Anglin who entered service recently is now stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Cpl. Max Penland, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Penland is with the Marine Corps unit at Corvallis, Ore.

Pvt. John Miller is now somewhere in New Guinea. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earskine Miller of Burnsville.

Pvt. Buddy Williams who went overseas in December and Pvt. Cash Williams who had just arrived in England, had the good fortune to meet, and they spent Sunday, July 2nd together "somewhere in England."

Pvt. Murry Styles, Jr., is now stationed at Fort George Meade, Md.

Pfc. James H. Lewis is now at Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal.

T. 5 Ward N. Howell has been promoted to Sgt. He is the son of Mrs. Bonnie Howell of Green Mtn., N. C. and is now stationed in England.

Sgt. Edward W. Pipes spent the past two weeks with his wife and parents of Franklin. Sgt. Pipes is stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga. His brother, John Eugene Pipes, chief pharmacist mate, is serving somewhere overseas.

William Alvin Blalock has completed his training for the naval hospital corps at Great Lakes, Ill. and is now stationed at the naval hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

Seaman John Marsh of the Merchant Marines is home on leave.

Pvt. Lee Roy Ballew, son of Mrs. Bessie Ballew of Celso, is now stationed at Camp Wolters, Texas.

Pvt. Dewey G. Robinson, who has been stationed at Camp Butner, N. C. is now overseas.

Lucius A. Buck has been promoted to the rank of Major. He is with the army air corps intelligence division and has been overseas for the past two years. He is now in Italy.

Pvt. Loss Peterson of Green Mtn., is now at Camp Blanding, Fla. His address is: Pvt. Loss Peterson, A-191-60, Camp Blanding, Fla.

Pvt. and Mrs. Francis Hennessee are here for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hennessee.

### Wounded In Action

Paul Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes of the Brush Creek section, was slightly wounded while on duty with the American forces in France, his parents have been informed.

William Nathan Gortney who is stationed at McComb Miss. has been on leave visiting relatives at Green Mtn. His wife who resides in Baltimore was also at home for a visit.

Willard Collis who is with the paratroop battalion at Camp Mackall, N. C. has been on leave visiting relatives at Green Mtn. He was accompanied by his wife.

Richard H. Lawson, radioman 3rd class in the Navy, and Mrs. Lawson of Chattanooga have been visiting relatives at Green Mtn.

Sgt. Jennie Proffitt of the women's army corps is home on furlough from Fort Sill, Okla.

### Huskins Forced Down In France

Lt. Sam J. Huskins, Jr., Mustang fighter pilot of Burnsville, became the first pilot in his fighter group to land inside continental Europe when he force-landed at an advance airfield within the allied armies' bridgeheads in France.

Lt. Huskins landed in France for engine repairs on the fifth day of the invasion.

"Mechanics were available on the landing strip immediately," he reported. "They repaired my Mustang within an hour and I was able to return to my base in England that same afternoon."

In praise of the troops he talked to during his brief stay within the battle area, he said: "They were as jolly as though they were on maneuvers instead of the real thing."

Lt. Huskins' group claimed the following targets in the first six days of the invasion:

Three enemy aircraft shot down in dog fights.

Twenty-five ammunition carloads exploded.

Ten light tanks destroyed and 20 damaged from dive-bombing.

Five railroad bridges, 10 locomotives and 115 freight cars destroyed; 19 locomotives and 90 cars disabled.

Twenty-five oil cars set ablaze; several railway tracks hit.

Fifty trucks demolished and 57 more wrecked.

The 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Huskins of Burnsville, Lt. Huskins is an element leader under Col. Avelin P. Tacon, Mobile, Ala., group commander. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters for missions over Europe.

### NOW OVERSEAS

L. B. Silver has received word that his son, L. B. Jr., was somewhere in New Guinea. Another son, Charles W. Silver, who recently graduated from the naval air gunners school at Jacksonville, Fla. is now stationed on the west coast.

Cpl. Plato W. Riddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Riddle, is now serving somewhere in France. Two brothers are also in service, Claude at Camp Wheeler, Ga. and Wm. O. (Bill) at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Pfc. Charles Edwin Wilson of the army air forces, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson of Pensacola has been spending a two weeks leave at home.

He won his silver wings with promotion at Buckingham Field, Fort Myers, Fla. and will now go to Lincoln Neb. for an assignment on the B-29 super Fortress.

He is a graduate of Burnsville high school and received training at Miami Beach, Fla. and Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.

Dick McIntosh is now with the AAF base unit, Sheppard Field, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy McIntosh of Burnsville.

Pvt. Stanley H. Ledford has returned to New River after spending a 10 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geter Ledford.

Howe Deyton was at home on leave from Greensboro, N. C. where he has been stationed for several months.

Pvt. Sherman Fox who has been in service a year is now in Brooklyn. His address is: 2nd Guard Det., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lt. David Low of the Greenville, S. C. army air base, was home on week end leave.

Woodrow Wilson Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Young of Micaville, has been commissioned an ensign in the naval reserve.

Pvt. Jack Brinkley is now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

George McCourry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mal McCourry is home on short leave from the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Pvt. Bill Peterson is now with the 14th Training battalion at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

S. Sgt. Charles H. Piercy, who is stationed at Columbia army air base, Columbia, S. C., is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Piercy of Day Book, N. C.

Pvt. John Fox is now stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga.

Seaman Boyd Moss is returning to USNRS, New York City today after spending a 10 days leave with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Moss of Burnsville.

### SERIOUSLY INJURED IN CAR WRECK

Miss Della Tipton sustained serious internal injuries when the car in which she was riding overturned Thursday afternoon three miles west of Burnsville. Mrs. Luther Ayers and Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett Hughes also sustained injuries but much less serious.

Miss Tipton and Mrs. Ayers are in an Asheville hospital and are reported to be improving.

### COUNTY STILL FREE OF POLIO

#### Important to Continue Preventive Measures

It was officially reported this morning that there are still no cases of infantile paralysis in Yancey county. This does not mean, health officials state, that precautionary measures can be discontinued as new cases in the state are reported each day.

Citizens of the county are being very cooperative, especially in keeping children from assembling in crowds or attending meetings of any kind. This has meant dropping 4-H club meetings, Bible school programs, Sunday School and church gatherings for children and other scheduled events. Schools are still tentatively scheduled to begin the 1944-45 session on September 7 instead of in August as originally planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt I. Piercy of Springfield, Pa., are spending their vacation with Mr. Piercy's parents, at Day Book, N. C. They expect to be here for two weeks.

Bill Huskins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Huskins is now at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.

Pvt. Colonel Price of Fort Jackson, S. C. has been home on emergency furlough on account of illness of his daughter, Joan.

First Sgt. Claude A. Williams of Fort Warren, Wyoming is spending a furlough at his home at Celso.

Winslow Chrisawn son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Chrisawn of Micaville is home on leave.

Pvt. James Vernon Rathburn will return to camp at Van Dorn, Miss. this week after spending a 10 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rathburn of Vixen, N. C.

### For Preinduction Exams

The following men (colored) left today for preinduction examinations: Ed Griffith, Merle Roland, James Sol Griffith, Herman Griffith, Frank Roland, Nathaniel Barnett.

Cpl. Grady Riddle is now somewhere in England.

### EXTRA CANNING SUGAR

Registration for extra canning sugar is now under way and will last until Feb. 1945.

This means that sugar will be available when NEEDED. If you have any on hand to use, please do not apply as it works a hardship on the rationing board and on the merchants. Apply when you need sugar and certificates will be issued. Bring Ration Book 4 when you apply.

### MITCHELL COUNTY ADOPTS PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

Is Now in Avery—Yancey Unit

Mitchell county, which previously has had no public health department, has begun this program and the county board of health has named Dr. B. B. McGuire as district health officer. Dr. McGuire was already serving in the capacity for Avery and Yancey counties, and the three county units will continue to operate very much as it has in the past.

### DRY WEATHER SERIOUSLY AFFECTS CROP

The extreme dry weather during the past few weeks in most sections of the county has already seriously affected crops, leading farmers say, and unless the drought is broken very soon much greater damage will result.

The tobacco and corn crops in particular have suffered, and pastures have almost dried up.

### RABIES SITUATION IN YANCEY COUNTY

Investigation in the area indicates that one dog at Relief, in Mitchell County, some days ago showed symptoms of rabies, and this dog bit several other dogs seven of which have been killed. This dog's head was not examined and we are not sure about the diagnosis.

In areas where there is evidence of a mad dog's presence, the safest method is to confine dogs, or other animals, in a barn or other building for three weeks. If no symptoms develop by that time, there is very little likelihood of rabies developing.

All dogs should be vaccinated.

As Health Officer, I am appointing Craig English, of Burnsville, and Dewey Silver of Micaville, N. C., as Rabies Inspectors to administer the vaccine. Please contact these men at the above addresses.

Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer.

Born to Seaman and Mrs. Morris B. Styles—a son, July 21. Mrs. Styles is the former Miss Connie Edwards of Burnsville Rt. 1.

## \* \* BONDS OVER AMERICA \* \*

### The U. S. Treasury

The Fifth American War Loan Drive, open to all for voluntary Bond buying, begins June 12th, with full confidence of the Treasury in our Democracy, and of our people in its Treasury.



In Holland, Nazis are starting a fifth forced loan while "looking after" Dutch finances. Banks failing to subscribe will be forced to accept a double quota at a lower interest rate.

Back the Attack!  
Buy More Than Before

## Many N. C. Veterans Are Being Released From Service

### Seek Employment

Raleigh, July 24.—Earlier estimates that an average of 1500 North Carolina war veterans were being released monthly apparently is an understatement, since an average of more than 1100 discharged veterans have applied for jobs in offices of the U. S. Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission each month during the past five months, February-June.

The 6,875 veteran applicants for jobs in the State, Dr. J. S. Dorton, State manpower director, explains, do not include veterans who have returned to their old jobs, without registering at the employment offices, nor those who have returned to farm jobs when released from the service.

Of the 6,875 World War II veterans who applied for jobs, 5,265 completed their applications, and of this number, 4,115 were actually

placed in jobs. In addition, the USES offices assisted in placing 1,263 other veterans in jobs during the five months.

All of the local USES offices in the State have one or more workers designated as veterans' placement representatives, most of them veterans of World War I or II, who specialize in handling veterans, all under general supervision of R. C. Godwin, State veterans' placement representative. Also, one of these representatives is stationed part time, or full time, if that is justified, in all army and navy hospitals in the State from which disabled veterans are discharged.

In the February-June period, these representatives took 833 applications for jobs from veterans being discharged from hospitals, of which 629 were Army men and 194 were Navy men.

### LEGION MEMBERS HEAR COMMANDER

Members of the Earl Horton Post of the American Legion and members of the auxiliary held the regular monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Ray on Tuesday evening.

District commander Melton and Lt. Hoover, both of Marion, attended and Mr. Melton was guest speaker, presenting plans for the rehabilitation of returning veterans. He spoke of the great importance of making plans now so that the best interest of the veterans may be served after the war.

Lt. Hoover who has served in both wars and recently received a medical discharge after months of service in Alaska spoke briefly.

A committee from the local post has been appointed for the rehabilitation program. Members are Dr. W. B. Robertson, H. G. Bailey and R. N. Silvers.

The auxiliary unit has received a citation for membership during the past year. It was announced

### SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 7th

County Schools are now scheduled to open on September 7th instead of an earlier date as planned, according to an announcement this week from the office of the board of education.

### COURT HERE WILL CONVENE AUGUST 7

The August term of Superior court will convene here on Monday, August 7 with Judge J. A. Rosseau presiding. Both civil and criminal cases will be heard.

Pvt. Clay E. Edwards is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. and Pvt. Jack Edwards is with the army air corps at Sheppard Field, Texas. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edwards.

He held the auxiliary would again be in charge of the Christmas seal sale, and that members would assist Miss Hope Buck, Red Cross production chairman, in getting wool ready for distribution throughout the county.