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---Men In Service---

Missing In Action

Mrs. Cora Bradford of Bee Log has been notified that her son, Pvt. Norman Bradford, has been missing in action in Italy since July 27.

Joseph Wilson is home on leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wilson. He is stationed at the naval base, Beaufort, S. C.

Cornice Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gibbs, has returned to camp following a furlough at home. He has served overseas for 20 months.

J. C. Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ayers of Cane River, is home after completing boot training at Camp Peary, Va.

Champ McMahan is home on leave after completing boot training at Camp Peary, Va.

Charles Ray, Dick McIntosh, Ruben Harris and Frank Anglin are all stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas.

Pvt. Harley E. Shehan is stationed with the 3706th base unit training center at Sheppard Field, Texas.

Pfc. Leslie Wheeler has returned to Camp Howze, Texas after spending a 14 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wheeler of Higgins, N. C.

Jack Anglin was home on week end leave from Potuxent River, Md. where he is attending naval school. He was recently advanced to seaman first class.

Reed H. Moody of Celo and G. D. Robinson of Cane River were inducted into the navy on August 11 at Camp Croft and forwarded to Camp Peary, Va. for training.

Pvt. Everett Bryant of Fort Jackson has been home on leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bryant of Sioux.

Pvt. Roy Higgins has been home on emergency furlough from Fort Benning, Ga.

Sgt. Luther Ray has returned to Camp Barkley, Texas after a furlough at home.

Charles Wyatt is now stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Charles R. Hamrick, S. 1c, is now at the naval gunnery school, Dam Neck, Va.

Mrs. Clyde A. Ayers has received word from her husband, 1st Lt. Clyde A. Ayers, that he landed safely overseas, and is now serving somewhere in England.

Mrs. Ayers is staying with her parents until his return to the states. She has been with her husband for the past 2 years while he was stationed at different camps.

Accepted For WAVES

Miss Martha Plonk who has been F. S. A. home management supervisor for Mitchell and Yancey counties has been accepted by the WAVES and left yesterday to enter the service. She will attend officer candidate school at Hunter College.

Returns To Duty

Staff Sgt. Seth S. Peterson has returned to duty following an injury in action, relatives have been informed. The telegram to his wife stated: "Am pleased to inform you that your husband, Staff Sergeant Seth S. Peterson returned to duty on August 4." It was signed by the Adjutant General.

Unicoi Flier Cited for 30 Combat Missions

Cpl. Park Laws, of Unicoi, Tenn, is serving with a B-24 Liberator squadron which has been cited for distinguished and outstanding performance of duty in completing 30 aerial combat missions against the enemy without the loss of an aircraft or crew, an eighth air force station in England announced.

Many of the missions were accomplished in the face of intense antiaircraft fire and formidable opposition from enemy fighters, the release continued.

The citation read, in part: The tenacity of purpose and exemplary efficiency displayed by both ground and combat personnel of the squadron reflects great credit upon themselves, the squadron and the United States Air Force.

Cpl. Laws, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Laws of Unicoi, Tenn., is a member of the transportation department of the squadron, he has been overseas a year. A brother, Cpl. Clyde W. Laws is with the quarter-master corps in Italy.

Pfc. Fred Hensley has been home on leave from Camp Lee, Va.

Pvt. Horace Silvers who has been overseas for 20 months has been home on leave. He has returned to Esler Field, Alexandria, La.

Jesse Jobe and Fred Anglin were home over week end from Fort Jackson, S. C.

J. D. Greene is now at the Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N. Y.

Pvt. Wayne Ramsey has returned to camp after a seven day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ramsey of Bee Log.

Lewis Butner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonas Butner, is home on 15 day leave from Camp Barkley, Texas.

Seaman 2 class Edgar W. Thomas has been home on emergency furlough from the naval air base, Charleston, R. I.

Medical Unit

Directors of Celo Community, in recent session in Chicago, approved setting up a Medical unit at Celo Community.

Definite plans for establishing and inaugurating the clinic are not complete.

CIVIL CASES ARE HEARD AT COURT

Civil cases have been heard this week at Superior Court, with Judge J. A. Rousseau presiding. The following report has been given:

Theodore Angel vs A. J. Goforth, continued. H. D. McCanness and wife vs W. F. Ballard et al, referred to referee. W. A. Black et al vs Hiram Young, Remanded to clerk. Grace P. Brown vs A. L. McLaughlin and wife, continued.

Perry Bradford and wife vs Q. F. Johnson et al, Settled by compromise judgment, Ernest Buckner, BNF vs Dr. Thomas Wheelodon, judgment of no suit. Byrd Milling Co. vs Clyde Styles, compromise judgment; John Carroll, receiver vs W. J. Baker, judgment for plaintiff.

M. G. Roland vs Sheridan Roland, compromise. Zeb Henson, administrator vs Penland and Ayers, Mistrial. J. R. Bolick vs J. D. Blanton, continued. The case of Berry Wyatt vs Black Mountain Railway is now being tried.

Divorces Granted

Charles E. Ray vs. Narvin H. Ray.
Bonnie Wallen vs. Edward Wallen.
J. D. Metcalf vs. Orla Metcalf.
Cyril A. Young vs. Marie Cecil Young.

Receives Award

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—The first Oak Leaf cluster to his air medal, for "courage, coolness and skill in aerial combat with the eighth air force, has been conferred on Staff Sgt. Charles B. Hopson, 27 year old B-17 flying Fortress engineer and top-turret gunner.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hopson, of Green Mountain, N. C., and formerly employed by the Champion Paper and Fiber Company, at Canton. Hopson has seen action over Nazi targets ranging from Central Germany to the French Coast, aiding in the destruction of Key Nazi war plants, military installations and Robot-Plane sites.

Sam B. Young, F. 2c, is now at Purdue University, Lafayette, Idaho for a special naval training course.

Pvt. Roy W. Huskins who has been stationed in Mississippi is now at Fort Ord, Cal.

T. H. Shean is at the naval air station, Harvey Point Hertford, N. C.

Clarence Presnell of the Marine Base, New River is home on leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Presnell.

LOCAL BOARD NEWS

Recently the local board received orders to send for preinduction, registrants in the 26-29 year age group where deferments have expired or where the registrant is not employed in War effort or something essential to the War effort.

Under present regulations any registrant who is 30 years of age or more will be deferred if he shows that he is essentially employed in a worth while cause. Registrants more than 30 years of age may be forwarded for examination and induction if not employed or who do not file a statement of employment.

It is very noticeable that many employers and registrants are not requesting renewal of deferments on or before expiration dates. When possible this office gives notices of expiration dates but this is not compulsory on the part of the office.

Any employer or individual who wishes deferment for self or employee should request this in plenty of time before expiration date. In the future, if a registrant whose deferment has expired receives a 1-A card he may expect to be forwarded for examination and induction if found physically fit in any age up to 37 years inclusive. This applies to 11-B as well as 11-A and 11-C classifications. Watch expiration dates on your cards.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLIO FUND

Contributions given to the fund for treatment of infantile paralysis victims now totals \$52.65.

Of this amount, the Elk Shoal church gave \$15.65. Donations are entirely voluntarily. So far this county has had only one case. The child is now improving rapidly. (Continued on page 4)

Widely Known Organist And Composer Here For Visit

Charles H. Demorest, head of the organ department of Chicago Musical College, and composer, is a guest at the Nu-Wray Hotel for a two weeks vacation.

Mr. Demorest is widely known in the field of music, and holds a degree in the American Guild of Organists. He is a charter member of the Illinois chapter of the Associate American Guild of Organists and also a charter member of the California chapter of the Guild.

He is a member of the Harrison M. Wilde Club of Chicago, organized in honor of the distinguished teacher under whom Mr. Demorest studied for eight years. In addition to his position as head of the organ department of the College, he is organist of the First Christian Science church of Evanston, Ill. Previously, he was organist and choirmaster of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Chicago, and at other churches in Los Angeles, Seattle and New York City.

This is Mr. Demorest's first visit to this section, and he says that he considers it an "ideal place for a vacation. The entire section is wonderful, and after the war I believe there will be a renewed appreciation of cultural and artistic development along many lines."

Mr. Demorest will give an informal recital at the First Baptist church on Friday evening at 8:30 and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Swiss Consul Is Vacationing In Burnsville

Albert Greutert of New Orleans, consul from Switzerland to the United States, and Mrs. Greutert, are guests at the Nu-Wray Hotel, Burnsville for a short vacation.

Mr. Greutert has been in the consular service for 15 years, one year of which was spent in Mexico City, seven in Havana, Cuba and the past seven in New Orleans.

North Carolina is included in the consulate division of ten southern states, so Mr. and Mrs. Greutert are still "at home" in their district though this is their first visit to this section.

Both are enthusiastic about this part of North Carolina, and are thoroughly enjoying the scenery and climate which are very similar to their native Switzerland. It is a great pleasure, both of them said, to spend a short period of relaxation in the mountains though Mr. Greutert's consular duties necessitate an early return to New Orleans.

Processing Plants Are Added At Roberts And Johnson Lumber Company

The planing mill and lumber dry kiln, now under construction at the Roberts and Johnson Lumber Company in west Burnsville, are expected to be completed and in operation within approximately ten days, officials of the company said this week.

This will give this section a complete lumber manufacturing and finishing plant; and seasoned material for building, previously shipped into the county, will be completely manufactured here.

The sawmill was moved to Burnsville three years ago, and green lumber, cut in standard dimensions or as dimension stock for shipment to furniture manufacturing plants, was the main product.

The new Moore Dry Kiln, built to latest specifications and equipped with the most modern and efficient machinery, has a capacity volume of 30,000 feet. Since the kiln will dry green lumber in seven days, this means a capacity of 30,000 feet per week. In contrast, the old type kilns required that lumber have 90 days weather drying before it could be placed in the kiln, and 30 days of kiln drying.

The nearest kilns similar to the one here are located in Morganton, N. C. and Newport, Tenn.

Planing Mill

A complete planing plant is also nearly complete. This will be equipped with various sizes of molds so that any type of lumber to be used in building may be processed here. Thus, building lumber may be sawed, dried, processed and finished in one plant. Both electric and steam power will be used to operate the various units.

The plant has been cutting and shipping a great deal of dimension stock. Most of this will now be dried and finished. Mill work will also be done so that any one who wishes to have work of this type done may bring his own lumber for manufacture.

Officials of the company state that an adequate supply of lumber is available for operation of the plant for some months. The firm owns a number of boundaries of timber and in addition, recently purchased 4 million feet from the government in the South Toe section of the Pisgah National Forest. An estimated 7 or 8 million feet are available for manufacture.

Changes Are Made In F. S. A. Organization

The Farm Security Administration in the state has been reorganized to effect an even more efficient operation of the program. There are now 6 districts in the state instead of 4.

Paul Laughrun who has been associate supervisor of 33 western counties is now district supervisor of all counties west of Madison. His headquarters will be in Asheville.

W. B. Oliver will also have headquarters in Asheville, and his district will include Yancey county. E. B. Bailey who has been supervisor of both Mitchell and Yancey Counties has now been assigned full time to Yancey county. This will insure even greater efficiency and interest in carrying out the program in the county.