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## ---Men In Service---

### Killed In Action

Pfc. John W. Blankenship was killed in action in France on Jan. 16, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Blankenship of Burnsville Rt. 1 have been informed.

### Missing In Action

S. Sgt. James L. Gouge has been reported missing in action in France since Jan. 19, his mother, Mrs. Mary W. Gouge of Burnsville Rt. 2 has been notified by the war department.

### Missing In Action

Robert Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Higgins of Hendersonville, has been reported missing in action in Germany since Jan. 16.

### Killed In Action

Capt. Henry Griffin of Greenville, S. C. was reported killed in action on Dec. 12. His wife is the former Miss Ollie May McMahan, daughter of Robt. Henry McMahan of Pensacola.

Lawrence Curtis who is stationed somewhere in France has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He has been overseas for the past 18 months. A brother, Cpl. Dee Curtis, is somewhere in Germany. He has been overseas for 13 months. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curtis of Burnsville Rt. 2.

Sewell Bailey, S 2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bailey of Green Mtn. is home on 30 day leave after sea duty with the Atlantic fleet.

Ernest Peterson, AMM 3c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loss Peterson of Green Mtn., is home on 30 day leave. He has been stationed in the South Pacific for the past 22 months.

Pfc. Paul L. McCourry is spending a 21 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mal McCourry of Rt. 1 Burnsville.

Pfc. Dick McIntosh has reported to Lincoln, Neb. for assignment after a leave at home. He completed the gunnery training course at Kingman, Ariz. and received his gunner's wings.

Clay Edwards has received a medical discharge from the army and is now at home.

C. V. Belgarde is stationed at the naval training station, Bainbridge, Md., where he is taking boot training.

Chief Gunners Mate James C. Powell who has been on duty with the Atlantic fleet is visiting friends here while on leave. His niece, Joan Powell of Spencer accompanied him to Burnsville to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Banks.

Sgt. W. B. Ensor is home on a 15 day leave. A son was born to Sgt. and Mrs. Ensor on Jan. 18.

### Prisoner of War

Pfc. Paul Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes of Green Mtn., is now a prisoner of war in Germany. He has written his parents. He had previously been reported missing in action in Nov. He wrote that at the time he was taken prisoner he was wounded but that now he is getting along fine.

Pvt. Johnnie Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Street, Jr. of Green Mtn., is now at Moore General hospital for treatment. He had an attack of typhus fever while in the South Pacific area.

Cpl. Charles Allison who has been overseas in the Burma-India theatre for more than two years is visiting relatives here.

### In Naval Hospital

Naval Hospital, San Francisco.—"As the war against Japan progresses, we're bound to run into tougher and tougher Japs."

That is the opinion expressed by Marine Cpl. John S. Ledford, 26, of Cane River, N. C., convalescing here following his return from Peleliu, where he was wounded in the back by a sniper's bullet.

"Peleliu was the toughest campaign of all for me. Not only was it better fortified, but the Japs we met were a lot better fighting men than those on Guadalcanal or New Britain.

"They're really wicked with those martars—both light and heavy—and they have learned a lot of new tricks."

Corporal Ledford was evacuated by hospital ship. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ledford of Cane River, Ledford has been in the Marine Corps for three years. He left the States for overseas duty in June, 1942.

Ray Fox who received a medical discharge from the army following a back injury sustained while he was in England, is now at his home at Green Mtn.

Howard Bennett, seaman second class, is now stationed at Miami, Fla. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pender Bennett and recently completed boot training at Bainbridge, Md.

Pfc. J. M. Styles who has been stationed at the 330 Station hospital, Camp Barkley, Texas is now at Camp Swift, Texas.

Frank Tallent of the U. S. Merchant Marines is spending a few days at home in Ramseytown, after having served one and one half years in this branch of the service.

S. Sgt. Jess Jobe spent a ten day furlough at home. With him was Cpl. Tom Coble. They returned to Camp Chaffee, Ark: Jan. 29th.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES ARE HELD FOR SGT. WALTER H. GIBBS

Memorial services were held at the Bald Creek Methodist church for Sgt. Walter H. Gibbs who gave his life for his country in the fighting in Belgium, Dec. 20.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. J. R. Bowman, was in charge of the service in memory of the young man. His wife who now resides in Cleveland, Ohio, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gibbs, his brother, Horton Gibbs, and two sisters, Mrs. Lester Briggs of Alexander and Mrs. C. F. Ramsey of Cleveland, were present, as were many friends and relatives of Sgt. Gibbs.

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—Second Lt. John H. Galloway, 26, whose wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Galloway, lives in Burnsville, N. C., has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" in aerial warfare. Lt. Galloway is the navigator of a B-17 Flying Fortress participating in Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on targets in Nazi Germany.

He is a member of the 34th Bomb Group, a unit of the Third Air Division, the division cited by the President for its now historic England - Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany.

## Boone to Build Warehouse

It was decided last week at the Board of Director's meeting at the office of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Mountain Burley Warehouse, Inc., to build a second warehouse, the size of the present warehouse, to be built on the Coleman property, which was purchased by Mr. Coleman last year for this particular purpose.

The management and operation of the new warehouse will be under the same supervision of Mr. R. C. Coleman, who has so successfully operated the present warehouse, and built the Boone Tobacco Market to its present high standing. Work will begin on the new building as soon as permission is granted by the W. P. B.

## Forestry Essay Contest

The North Carolina Forestry Association has announced an essay contest open to high school students of North Carolina.

The subject matter of the essays may cover a wide range and may be drawn from any branch or all of the fields of forestry, such as Silviculture, Utilization of timber, etc., or Dendrology, the natural history of trees.

The paper must be the work of a bonafide student, so certified by the principal, must be not more than 2000 words and must be submitted by March 15. Cash prizes of \$20, \$10 and \$5 will be awarded the winners of first, second and third places.

More detailed information and books on the subject matter suggested may be obtained from the county principals or from Craig English, county forester.

Pvt. Arnold Whitson is stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

## NOTICE

Herbert Cordle, deputy collector of internal revenue, will be at the Court house in Burnsville on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 19 and 20 from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. to assist in filing income taxes for 1944.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR RICHMOND L. YOUNG, 85

Richmond L. Young, one of the oldest and most widely known citizens of the county, passed away at his home near Burnsville Monday morning. He was 85 years of age.

Funeral services were held at the Newdale Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. Ernest Wilson officiating. Burial was in the Newdale cemetery.

Surviving are six daughters, Miss Laura M. Young of St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. W. C. Murphy and Mrs. Robert Presnell of Burnsville, Mrs. O. P. Blankenship and Mrs. W. A. Presnell of Newdale and Miss Zoe Young of Durham; three sons, A. A. Young of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Charles W. Young of North Arlington, N. J., and Guy Young of Micaville; one sister, Mrs. Minnie Silvers of Micaville; 13 grand children and 2 great grand children.

Holcombe and Edwards were in charge of arrangements.

## Col. McCurry Tells Destroyers' Record

With the U. S. 6th Armored Division—The 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to the Sixth Armored Division in the drive northeast of Bastogne, boasts the record of knocking out 63 tanks and self-propelled guns while losing only four tank destroyers since last July.

Lt. Col. Clarence McCurry of 127 Outlet, Memphis, said the tank toll included one King Tiger.

(The above story was taken from a Memphis, Tenn. newspaper. Col. McCurry's wife lives in Memphis.)

M. Sgt. Noble B. Laughrun, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Laughrun of Johnson City is now somewhere in Italy with a Troop Carrier Wing, and has received an additional ribbon and star. Noble has been overseas since Nov. 5, 1944.

Mrs. Laughrun and little son Larry are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parker of Greenville, Ala. They will spend the summer months with Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Laughrun Johnson City.

### Register Here

The following boys became eighteen during the month of January and have registered with the local board: Lewis Edward Fortner, and Tom Junior Robinson of Micaville; Harley Woody, Windom; Bill Evans and Ray Franklin Riddle of Burnsville Rt. 1; Samuel Dewey Robinson, Green Mtn.; Elzie Eugene

Willis L. Black of Jonesville, S. C. died last week in an Asheville hospital, friends here have learned. Mr. Black and his brother, Robert Black, were station agents here for the Black Mtn. Railway for a number of years.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR WILTS McMAHAN

Funeral services for Wilts McMahan, 77, who passed away at his home near Celo N. C. on Feb. 3rd after an eight months illness, was held at the home Feb. 5th at 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. H. Black officiated. Interment was in the Ballew cemetery.

Mr. McMahan was born and reared in Yancey county and lived there all his life where he had farmed. He was a member of the Fairview Baptist church and was well known throughout the county.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Dovie McMahan and 10 daughters: Mrs. Allie Bolick, Mrs. Ellen Bolick, Miss Lizzy McMahan, Mrs. Roxie Ballew, Mrs. Minnie Blevins, Mrs. Mary Ballew, Mrs. Cordia McFalls, Mrs. Mary Cook, Mrs. Lou Ballew all of South Toe, Mrs. Bertha Young of Spruce Pine; three sons, Robert McMahan of Rt. 1, Spruce Pine, William and Carl of Celo; one brother, Jack McMahan of Windom; one sister, Miss Margaret McMahan of Celo.

## County Library Will Open On February 14th

Plans are now practically complete for the opening of the county library on Wednesday afternoon, February 14, in the library room at the club house. Mrs. J. S. LeFevre is librarian in charge.

This will mark a step forward for the county that has long been sought by civic leaders and toward which interested persons in the county have been working for years. It is made possible by the cooperation of the county commissioners and the state Library Commission, and the aim is for it to be of the greatest use to the people of the entire county.

Tentatively, the schedule now is for the library to be open from 2 to 5 o'clock on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons.

To aid further in making the books available to as many people as possible,

arrangements have been made for teachers throughout the school system to get collections of books for their school grades. Possibly too, through the schools in the communities, adults may also obtain or return books so that they may benefit also through school distribution.

The county library committee, appointed by the board of commissioners to assist in plans for setting up and operating the library, has asked that it be stressed particularly that the library is for the benefit of the entire county; that funds have been appropriated by the state and the county with this understanding, and all citizens are urged to make as full use of the facilities as possible.

A very excellent collection of books is now available for use and this will be added to as rapidly as possible.

## LOCAL BOARD NEWS

It is noticeable that a number of registrants who have been granted Class II-A, II-B, II-C, and same classifications followed by letter (F) are leaving positions for which deferments granted. Before leaving any position for which deferment is granted a registrant must first request a change by written request to his local board. Local board may then grant permission to make the change if it is considered to the best interest of the War effort.

Any registrants, age 18 through 37 years of age who have changed jobs without permission since December 12, 1944, or do so

in the future, automatically fall in Class I-A and there is no relief that can be granted by the local board since the regulation is mandatory. This applies to a registrant who has been deferred for self employment.

Registrants affected by the above regulation will be physically examined under a lowered standard which has gone into effect. Such a registrant may not be physically fit for general military service but will be assigned to whatever branch of service that is set up by the Military Authority.

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## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR I. T. FOX

I. Tillman Fox died suddenly at his home on Sunday, Jan. 28 following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at Riverside Baptist church with the Rev. Fred Allen officiating. Pall bearers were Carl Grindstaff, Bud Grindstaff, Carl Wheeler, Joe Silvers, Rotha Bailey and Lester Bailey. Those in charge of the flowers were Leone Bailey, Margaret Buchanan, Mrs. Carl McIntosh, Mrs. Rexter Hensley, Mrs. Pearl Roland, Mrs. Marion Fox, Burdette Roland.

Mr. Fox was reared in Yancey county and for many years was a farmer of the county. He was widely known throughout the section.

Surviving are the widow; six sons, Jennings, Hick, Isaac, James, Frank and Carson Fox; five daughters, Mrs. Bill Wheeler, Mrs. Sam Blevins, Mrs. Lark Wright, Mrs. Willard Wright, and Mrs. Conner Ogle, all of Yancey county; two brothers, J. E. and Marion Fox,

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR WELZIE M. ROBINSON

Welzie M. Robinson, 50, passed away at his home at Cane River on Saturday morning.

Funeral services were held at the Cane River Baptist church on Monday afternoon at 2:30 with the Rev. A. Z. Jamerson officiating. The following nephews served as pall bearers: Claude Robinson, Alvin and Allman McMahan, Thurman, John and Clyde Deeweese. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Lizzie Angel; one sister, Mrs. Bill Metcalf of Ivy; and three brothers, Herman and Lee Robinson of Asheville and Dr. Locke Robinson of Mars Hill.

and three sisters, Mrs. Welzie Hughes of Green Mtn., Mrs. Jim Laws of Ohio and Miss Rosie Fox of Marion. Thirty six grand children also survive.

Holcombe and Edwards were in charge of arrangements.

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