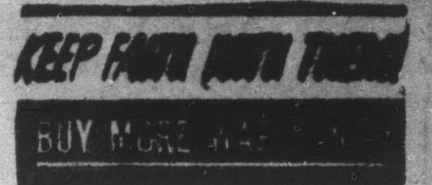




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---Men In Service---

Killed In Action

Lt. W. B. Ferguson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ferguson of Weaverville, has been reported killed in action over Germany. He was a bomber pilot. Mr. Ferguson is district highway engineer with headquarters here.

Missing In Action

Robert L. Young, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Young of Spruce Pine, is reported missing in action in Belgium on Jan. 14.

Wounded In Action

Cpl. Robert B. Hilliard was slightly wounded in action in Belgium on Jan. 11 according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hilliard of Micaville.

Wounded In Action

Pvt. Vernon S. Ayers was slightly wounded in Germany on Jan. 28, the war department has informed his wife, Mrs. Rosa Ayers of Green Mtn. Pvt. Ayers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Ayers of Green Mountain.

Wounded In Action

Troy Mathis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Mathis of Burnsville Rt. 1, was slightly wounded in Belgium on Jan. 27, according to a telegram from the war department to his parents.

Staff Sgt. Ottis S. Gibbs is now with the U. S. forces in the Philippine Islands.

Cpl. Charles Edwin Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson of Pensacola, has been home on leave from Clovis, New Mexico where he has completed his training as tail gunner and assistant engineer on a B-29. He has reported to Kansas for assignment.

Frank Phillips is at home visiting his mother on leave before reporting to Fort Meade, Md.

Promoted

An VIII Air Force Service Command Station, England.—The promotion of John H. Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Howell, of Sioux, N. C., from private to private first class has been announced by the headquarters of this strategic air depot bomber repair base. He works in the reclamation and salvage section of the supply division.

Pfc. Howell was graduated from Bee Log high school in 1942 and he then attended Mars Hill College until his entry into the army April 13, 1943 at Fort Bragg, N. C. He has been stationed in the European Theater of Operations since March, 1944.

Pfc. Corner Ogle has returned to camp after a 16 day furlough here with his wife, the former Cora Fox of Burnsville. He is with the hospital unit at Fort Bragg.

Prisoner of War

Cpl. Arvelyn Angel who was reported missing in action on Aug. 10, 1944 is now a Prisoner of War in Germany. A card received from him this week by his father, John Angel, stated that he was a prisoner in Germany, that he was O K and to "tell everyone hello for me."

James Ray, S. 1c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Ray, is now in the station hospital, Fort Eustis, Va. Seaman Ray suffered a broken ankle in December while on duty with the Pacific fleet.

J. B. Bennett, B. M. 2c, who has been stationed at the Brooklyn naval base is now on duty with the Atlantic fleet.

Earl Peterson, AMM 1c, is home on a 15 day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loss Peterson of Green Mtn. He is stationed at a naval base in San Francisco.

Everett Garland, S. 1c, is home on 30 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Garland of Green Mtn. He is with the Pacific fleet and had taken part in recent operations in the south Pacific.

TRIO DARES OWN ARTILLERY TO GET 160 PRISONERS

Pvt. Edison Buchanan Takes Part

With the 2nd Armored Division—Told by civilians there were 26 Germans in a village near Celles, Belgium, who wanted to give up, three members of the 41st Armored Infantry Regiment didn't even wait for their own artillery to be lifted from the spot to go after the quitting Jerries.

Stationed at an outpost, the three men passed beyond their own front lines on directions from the civilians and searched the basements while American artillery was being directed on the village. S. Sgt. Wayne Abbott of Standish, Mich. who was then a Pfc., and Sgt. Richard D. Davis of San Bernardino, Cal., went through the basements and hauled out the Jerries while Pvt. Edison Buchanan of Green Mtn., N. C., lined them up in the street. When they finished they had 160 Germans to march back to the American lines.

Ensign Finishes Course At Chanute Field

Sgt. William B. Ensor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ensor of Green Mountain, Yancey county, has completed training and has been graduated from army forces training command school at Chanute field, Ill., according to information received here. He was receiving instruction in a teletype course, and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of fighter planes.

WITH ENGINEERS

With The Fifth Army, Italy—Pvt. Calvin Fairchild of Celso, engineer, general work, and Pfc. Charles Webb of Relief, carpenter, are members of the 39th Engineer Combat Regiment, the unit currently holding open Route 65, main supply route to the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Besides building bridges and repairing roads, the 39th has three amphibious operations to its credit and has often functioned as infantry.

Its 1st Battalion landed on D Day at Gela, Sicily, with Ranger units and was soon afterward joined by the rest of the regiment. The 1st Battalion again went ashore with spearhead units that established the beachhead in Italy at Salerno. The entire engineer regiment was employed as infantry on the Anzio beachhead, where it was landed January 24, 1944, two days after D Day, and held the right flank, along the Mussolini Canal, until relieved by Special Service forces.

The 39th has, in Italy alone, built 125 bridges, 77 bypasses, 123 culverts, 24 major roadblocks, seven airstrips and a floating footbridge.

The engineers built 97 bypasses and shoveled rubble in seven cities during the 38-day Sicilian campaign.

Men of the 39th piloted assault boats across the Volturno River in Italy as the 3rd "Marne" Infantry Division established bridgeheads over the river and built one of the first tread-way bridges to span the Volturno.

They strung 90 miles of concertina wire and planted

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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.

SCOUTS COLLET PAPER

Members of the local Scout troop will collect paper each Saturday. Citizens of the town are asked to have the paper bundled and tied so that the scouts may pick it up.

Each scout who collects a ton of paper will receive a government award and the scouts are all working for the award.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS DRIVE GOES OVER QUOTA

Total contributions in the Infantile Paralysis drive are \$750.76, county chairman Emmett Sams, has announced. The quota was \$565.00.

The following is the final report:

Yancey Theatre contributions, \$166.18; President's Ball, \$48.26; Clearmont School, \$104.20; Bald Creek School, \$85.65; Bee Log School, \$72.30; Burnsville School, \$40.08; Micaville School, \$25.25; Pensacola School, \$14.90; Prices Creek School, \$5.00.

Merchants, \$66.50; Churches, \$34.64; Yancey Theatre, \$15.00; Professional, \$26.00; Basketball game, \$27.40; Contribution boxes, \$22.40.

Sgt. W. B. Ensor has left for Wichita Falls, Texas, where he will complete his training.

Local Troop Observes Scout Week

Activities of the local Boy Scout troop have been a part of National Boy Scout Week, Feb. 8 through 14. Nineteen scouts and leaders attended the court of honor held at Spruce Pine, a Father and Son banquet was held Monday night and the scouts now have a Hut for their regular meetings.

A. G. Edge has turned over to the scout troop one of his cottages in East Burnsville for their use for meetings. This will fill a need that has existed since the organization of the troop, and will help to provide facilities for an expanded program of scouting in the county.

The Father and Son banquet was held Monday evening with 26 fathers and sons, scout committee members and invited guests attending. Rev. A. H. Mutschler was guest speaker and he paid tribute to the work that the scouts have done in the past and are now doing as a contribution to their community, country and world.

The best attendance for any court of honor ever

held in the Toe River district was reported for the one in Spruce Pine Tuesday night. Burnsville also had the honor of having the largest representation of any troop, with nineteen scouts and leaders present. In addition to the scouts these were D. R. Fouts, C. L. Proffitt, A. F. Bryson, Byrd Gillespie, V. J. Goodman, Lee Griffith and F. R. Barber. Charles Lee Griffith was presented 5 merit badges at the court.

The Burnsville troop won, for the Toe River district, the trophy for the best attendance at the annual meeting of the Daniel Boone council. This trophy was presented to the Spruce Pine troop which will keep it for a stated time then pass it on to the Newland troop. It will be returned to the council at the next annual meeting.

The charter for the year has been received and will be presented to the committee at the regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association on Tuesday evening. The P. T. A. is the sponsoring organization for the local troop.

MRS. FERGUSON PASSES AWAY FOLLOWING STROKE

Mrs. Lillie Ella Ferguson, 58, passed away at her home at Bald Creek on Wednesday morning following a stroke which she suffered Tuesday.

Funeral services are planned for this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 o'clock at Bald Creek Methodist church with the Rev. J. R. Bowman officiating. Burial will be in the Burton family cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, James J. Ferguson; one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Hall of West Asheville; three sons, Wilson R. Ferguson of West Asheville, Pvt. Carl D. Ferguson with the armed forces overseas and 1st Sgt. Wayne N. Ferguson of Fort Benning, Ga. Four grandsons and two grand daughters also survive.

FINAL RITES HELD HERE FOR MRS. MARTHA S. HORTON

Mrs. Martha Silvers Horton, 81, of Asheville passed away Sunday in an Asheville hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the Calvary Baptist church in Asheville. Burial was in the Burnsville cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Pall bearers were Luther Horton, Victor Horton, Kye Hensley, Paul Jones, Bert Starnes, and G. G. Morgan.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Carl Brown with whom she made her home; five sons, Robert V. Horton of Cromwell Conn., Fred Horton of Knoxville, Shelby Horton of Asheville and Lonnie and Floyd Horton of Burnsville; three grandsons, Lt. Shelby E. Horton Jr. stationed in Alaska, Harold Horton of the Navy stationed at Bainbridge, Md. and Cpl. Bill H. Horton stationed at New Delhi, India; one granddaughter, Mrs. Roy L. Hendley of Nashville; three great grandchildren; three brothers, Nat Silver of Florida, James G. Silver of Oregon, and Jesse L. Silver of Philadelphia, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Gouge of Burnsville and Mrs. Margaret Mode of Marion.

Friends here have been advised of the death in Gulfport, Miss. of Nick Smith, 92, who spent his summers here for a number of years and was well known by citizens of the county.

Sgt. Jennie L. Proffitt is at home on leave from Fort Sill, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto McInturff of Baltimore announce the arrival of a son, Roy Lee, on Jan. 12.

Miss Margaret Riddle, Miss Betty Hensley, CGM, James Powell and Q M 3c Lee Ray Robertson were the dinner guests of Mrs. P. B. Wilson Wednesday night.

Annual F. S. A. Farm Owner Meeting

The annual meeting of the Mitchell and Yancey County FO borrowers was held February 10, 1945, in the Clearmont high school building, Day Book.

About fifty people attended this meeting including Mitchell and Yancey county FSA Committeemen, V. J. Goodman, County Agent for Yancey county, Lloyd J. P. Stone, County Agent for Mitchell county, Vernie Wilson, Principal of Clearmont high school, and FSA office and field personnel of Mitchell and Yancey counties, and W. Bryan Oliver, District FSA Supervisor from Asheville.

Subjects of vital interest to the twenty-one Yancey County FO borrowers and five Mitchell County FO borrowers and their families were discussed and analyzed. It was pointed out that the Yancey County FO borrowers had paid 49.8 per cent of their total 1944 farm income on their FO loans. The total scheduled amount that the Yancey County FO borrowers were to pay in 1944 on their FO loans was \$2,737.09 and the total amount paid from their 1944 income was \$1,355.76, these borrowers paid from their 1944 income 506 per cent of their scheduled repayments. The average repayment of each borrower was \$659.80.

John Edwards and Sid Bennett, Mitchell County FO borrowers, Clyde Duncan and Calvin Evans, Yancey County FO borrowers, were especially recognized and praised by W. Bryan Oliver, District FSA Supervisor at this meeting for paying off their forty year loans within two and three years. These families have done an excellent job and as a result of hard work and the application of good home and farm practices they are now owners of

their farms. Mrs. R. B. Deyton, whose husband is in the Army and somewhere overseas, was much praised by the group when it was pointed out that she paid all of her allotment check on their FO loan except the amount the family had to have for necessities. Mr. and Mrs. Deyton made a fine record before he entered service and now Mrs. Deyton is keeping up this good record as far as she is able. They, too, will be owners of their farm in a short time if they are able to continue at the present repayment rate.

Each FO family keeps a record book of all income and expenditures. As an incentive for keeping good record books, prizes are offered for the best kept record books.

The following Yancey County FO borrowers received prizes: First prize was given by the Burnsville Branch of the Farmers Federation. Clyde Duncan won this prize which was 800 lb. of 3-9-6 fertilizer and one package of burley tobacco seed. Second prize of \$10 in cash was given by the Northwestern Bank of Burnsville and went to R. B. Deyton. Third prize, 1 gallon of paint, was given by B. B. Penland & Son to Wilmer Garland. Fourth prize, 1 bag of cottonseed meal, was given by Proffitt and Company, Bald Creek, and went to Raymond Penland. Fifth prize, one bag of Vigoro was given by J. W. Howell, Green Mtn., and went to Arnold Hughes. Sixth prize, a kerosene lantern, was given by Burnsville Hardware Company and went to Joe M. Robinson.

The borrowers voted unanimously to hold their 1945 Annual Meeting in the Clearmont high school building, Day Book, Yancey County.

Final Rites Held for Val Lewis

M. V. Lewis, widely known as Mr. Val Lewis, passed away at his home at Green Mtn., Friday following an extended illness. He was 57 years of age.

Funeral services were held at the Fairview Baptist church Sunday afternoon with the Rev. E. P. Blevins officiating. Burial was in the Horton Hill cemetery.

Mr. Lewis was one of the county's most prominent citizens, lumbermen and farmer and had long been

closely associated with the business and civic affairs of his community and county. He was a lifelong resident of Green Mtn. and was a member of the North Bend Free Will Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Grace Renfro Lewis; a daughter, Mrs. Ford Bailey of Green Mountain; four sons, Carson, in the army in Texas, Thurman in the army in Italy, Elmer of Midway, Iowa, and Lee of the home.

GREEN MOUNTAIN

Mrs. W. B. Ensor and children are visiting in Erwin this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Velmer Huffman and daughter spent the week end in Erwin.

Mrs. Geter Webb went to Erwin Sunday.

Ashbury Harrison of Erwin, Tenn. visited here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Carson of Norfolk, Va. visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Street here last week.

J. W. Howell has been ill of flu but is getting some better.

Kathryn Buckner and Sam Carter of Knoxville, Tenn. spent the week end with Miss Buckner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Buckner.