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## --Men In Service--

### Killed In Action

Pfc. Joe F. Holloway, previously reported missing in action, has now been reported killed in action on Dec. 10 in Germany. He is the son of John W. Holloway of Ramseystown.

Ensign Herrick Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peterson of Burnsville, is here for a few days leave after completing Naval ROTC training at Duke University. He was selected for officer training after completing two years service with naval forces in Iceland and other posts. He will leave Friday for the University of Colorado to which he has been assigned for special training.

### Receives Letter From Son In Germany

Mrs. John Penland of Paint Gap has received the following letter from her son, Pvt. Keith Penland who is now a prisoner of war in Germany: "Just a few words to let you know that I am well and in good health. Don't worry over me for I will be o. k. and hope to be home soon. I want all of you to pray for me that I may be home soon. I have been a prisoner of war a month today and I am hoping and praying that I will be home soon. Tell all the folks around home Hello and the best of luck to them and I hope to see them soon."

Cpl. Fess Radford has recently landed in New Guinea. His wife, the former Miss June Whitson, resides at Bee Log.

Clyde Tallent, Petty Officer 3c, has returned to Long Island, N. Y. for reassignment after spending a 30 day leave at home.

Leslie J. Hensley, S 1c, has landed safely somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, according to a letter received by his mother, Mrs. S. L. Hensley. He has been in the Navy 5 months.

Pvt. Willie E. Hensley is now stationed at Camp Croft, S. C.

Isom Hensley who returned recently to the states after serving in the South Pacific area, is at home on leave.

Sgt. Fred Sams who has been home on leave after serving overseas for 27 months left Wednesday for camp in South Carolina where he will be reassigned.

### Receives Discharge

Ottis Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Wilson of Cane River is at home after receiving a discharge from service. He now has two brothers in service, Herman in England and Zack in the Marine Corps in the Southwest Pacific. Another brother, Ralph J. Wilson, was killed in France on August 28, 1944. Ottis took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

### Killed In Action

Pfc. Robert E. Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Higgins of Hendersonville, former residents of Burnsville, was killed in action in Germany on Jan. 16, a telegram from the war department has informed his parents. He had previously been reported missing in action.

In addition to his parents, Pfc. Higgins is survived by one sister, Phyllis, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Higgins of Burnsville and a number of relatives here. He was 20 years of age.

### Returns from Overseas

First Lieut. Clyde A. Ayers returned from 7 months overseas on the U. S. hospital ship Wisteria. He is now at Stark General hospital, Charleston, S. C. for temporary treatment prior to being transferred to another army hospital for further treatment. His wife resides at Cane River.

Lt. Ayers was in the European theatre and wears the E. T. O. ribbon with 2 stars.

### Receives Wings

Panama City, Fla.—Pvt. Walter H. Tipton, has received his aerial gunner's wings from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, the largest school of its kind in the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Upon his graduation, the soldier is qualified to take his place as a member of the combat crew of an AAF bomber.

At the gunnery school, he has trained in the operation of .30 and .50 calibre machine guns, first on ground ranges and later in the air, learning by simulated aerial battle conditions how to blast enemy fighter planes from the sky.

As an aerial gunner, he will join thousands of his "teammates of the sky", carrying the attack to the enemy in all parts of the world as guardians of America's heavy and medium bombers.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tipton who reside at Burnsville, N. C.

Robert V. Robertson of the U. S. Coast Guard has been home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robertson of Burnsville Rt. 1. He has been in service for two years.

Staff Sgt. Glen R. Howard who was wounded in action in France is at his home at Bee Log on leave.

### Promoted

Cherry Point, N. C.—Marine Staff Sergeant Fred Renfro, son of Mrs. W. B. Renfro of Higgins, has been promoted from sergeant to his present rank here.

S. Sgt. Renfro is serving as an aviation machinist mate with the Ninth Marine Aircraft Wing here.

He enlisted in the Corps June 1943.

## RESOLUTIONS OF REGRET

At the regular meeting of the Earl Horton Post of the American Legion, the members adopted Resolutions of Regret for the deaths in action of the following men from the county which had been reported since the January meeting:

Pvt. Paul Deyton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deyton of Day Book, killed in action in Germany on Jan. 11; Pfc. John W. Blankenship, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Blankenship of Burnsville Rt. 1, killed in action in France on Jan. 16; Pfc. Joe Holloway, son of John W. Holloway of Ramseystown, killed in action in Germany on Dec. 10.

## Mrs. Jack H. Newsom Is Rescued at Santo Tomas

Mrs. Jack H. Newsom was rescued by American troops when they took the Santo Tomas internment camp in Manila, according to a telegram received this week by her mother, Mrs. Richard L. Dryer of Wichita, Kansas. She was interned when the Japanese army took over Manila in Jan. 1942.

### Lt. Newsom in Japan

Lt. Jack H. Newsom who joined U. S. forces when war was declared, was taken prisoner and was sent to the prisoner of war camp at Davao on Mindanao Island. However, in June, 1944 he was taken to Japan, according to a message received by Mrs. Dryer. His present location in Japan is not known.

Mrs. Newsom had sent

## RED CROSS WAR FUND

The 1945 Red Cross War Fund officially begins today throughout the nation. However, the workers in Yancey county, headed by L. G. Deyton as general chairman, have already contacted citizens and business firms.

The first donations reported were Clearmont school faculty, 100 per cent contributing; Bolens Creek church, \$104; H. S. Edge, \$100; B. B. Penland and Son, \$100.

Workers in each community have now received supplies, and all are asked to cover their section as rapidly as possible so that an Over-The-Top report may be made at the earliest time possible.

## LAST RITES FOR MRS. J. R. MURPHY

Mrs. J. R. Murphy, 63, of Asheville, Rt. 2, died yesterday in a hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at Sandy Bottom Baptist church, Yancey county, with the Rev. H. A. Buckner officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Murphy was a member of the First Baptist church of Burnsville. Pallbearers were Howard Murphy, Bascom Gibbs, Fred Autrey, Adison Westall, Howard Westall and Lawrence Mason.

Surviving are the husband; three daughters, Mrs. W. E. Corum and Mrs. W. L. Maynard of Asheville, and Mrs. Lloyd Marshall of Hampton, Va.; one son, Joseph M. Murphy of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Martha Gibbs of Hamlet, and Mrs. Earnest Mason of Black Mountain, and 11 grandchildren.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR N. W. HORTON

Funeral services for N. W. Horton, 85, of 229 Patton avenue, who died Thursday in an Asheville hospital, were held Monday at Brownell-Dunn and Lovin funeral home.

The Rev. John Dunlap of Newport News, Va., officiated, and burial was in Bald Creek cemetery, Yancey county.

Survivors include three sons, Harry H. Horton, with whom he made his home, B. B. Horton of Anderson, Ind., and R. W. Horton of Newport News, Va.; and two daughters, Mrs. H. J. Gibbs of Bald Creek and Mrs. O. B. Young of Asheville.

## DAIRYING PROFITABLE TO SMALL FARMER

In 1944, Mr. Yates Randolph of Brush Creek Township, kept three cows, from which he sold milk in the amount of \$506.27, in addition to the house supply, with a purchased feed cost of only \$60.00.

One of the cows is a purebred Guernsey and the others good grades. Mr. Randolph credits the low cost of production to good cows and the good pasture which they were grazed on. This pasture was built by (1) cutting off and cleaning up an old field, (2) applying a liberal application of ground limestone, (3)

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## NOTICE

Chapter 120 Public Laws of North Carolina requires a burning permit, before burning plant beds and new grounds, etc.

Our country is in critical need of forest products now and will be more critical for post war building. We must protect our young growth by burning in an approved manner. The Forest Service suggests:

1. Burn plant beds and new grounds in the evening and at night.

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## Farmers, Woods Workers Urged To Cut Chestnut Timber

In this issue of The Yancey Record we publish an appeal by the United States Forest Service.

Our fighting men must have shoes. To tan sole leather, there is no substitute for tanning extract of vegetable origin. With supplies of foreign tanning materials cut off by lack of shipping, the main burden falls on the blight killed chestnut trees that still stand like white skeletons on the slopes of our Southern mountains.

We do not know of any stranger fact, in this time of strange and marvelous happenings, than this sudden upsurge in importance of a natural resource that had long been written off as a lost asset. Getting out acidwood is an essential war activity of very high priority.

Farmers and woods workers are being asked to go into the woods with their axes and saws and produce chestnut extract wood so our fighting men will not run low on shoes.

Lack of woods workers producing acidwood is proving a serious bottleneck in the output of extract plants, tanneries and shoe factories, the U. S. Forest Service

points out in an appeal for woods labor.

The Forest Service and tanners declare that chestnut extract wood is absolutely essential in making leather for shoe soles and the decrease in acidwood receipts at the extract plants seriously threatens leather production.

Woodsmen say that the old chestnut trees, standing like silent ghosts on the mountains, can't stand for many more years. Killed by a devastating blight in the 1920's, the trees are decaying in the center. Probably in 10 years most of them will be gone. They may have little or no commercial value in five to seven more years.

Today, these old trees can be salvaged. Shortage of woods labor keeps many of the old chestnut trees from joining the fight against Japan and Germany. The woods labor deficit in the production of vegetable tannin is emphasized in some extract plants that periodically are forced to shut down for lack of wood and by other plants that are running below capacity. That is why an appeal is being made for farmers and woods workers to boost

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## Former Resident Passes Away In Minneapolis, Minn.

William E. Honeycutt died Feb. 26 of heart complications in the University hospital at Minneapolis, Minn. at the age of 51.

He was born and reared in Yancey county, the son of Mrs. G. B. Honeycutt and the late Mr. Honeycutt. He received his early education at Yancey Collegiate Institute under the leadership of E. E. Hawkins, one of the state's pioneer educators. He graduated from Wake Forest College in 1917 and did post graduate work in law and political science at George Washington University. He was admitted to the Bar in 1922 and had practiced his profession in Minneapolis since.

Mr. Honeycutt was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1942 and reelected in 1944. He was a member of the Baptist church.

He had been away from this section for more than 20 years but requested that he be buried in his native county. Funeral services

will be held at the Jacksonville Baptist church on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The body will lie in state at the church for one hour before the services begin. Interment will be in the family cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Ruth Haft of Menomonee, Wis.; one daughter, Marna Lou, student at McAllister College, St. Paul, Minn.; his mother; five sisters, Mrs. Margaret H. Johnson of Fayetteville, Mrs. E. J. Rector, Mrs. J. M. Franklin and Mrs. Marvin Robinson of Marion, Mrs. A. Z. Jamerson of Burnsville; five brothers, W. P. Honeycutt of Salisbury, M. A. Honeycutt of Oak Ridge, Carl C. Honeycutt of Uniontown, Ohio, Lenoir Honeycutt of Hudson, Ohio and D. G. Honeycutt of Anniston, Ala.

The local bar will act as honorary pall bearers and close friends of the family will be active pall bearers. Holcombe and Edwards is in charge of arrangements.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR FLOYD PETERSON

Floyd Peterson passed away Wednesday, Feb. 21, at his home in Ramseystown. Burial was in the Peterson cemetery.

Surviving are the widow; one daughter, Yvonne Peterson; his mother, Mrs. Barbara Ann Peterson; 2 brothers, Virgus and Lester Peterson of Ramseystown; two sisters, Mrs. Mal Whitson and Mrs. Euphrates Tipton of Hunt Dale.

## COUNTY WIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

A county-wide Sunday School meeting will be held at the Burnsville Baptist church on Tuesday evening, March 6, at 7:30. Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the First Baptist church of Boone will be guest speaker.

Plans will be discussed for the Centennial Crusade in the county, in keeping with the Southwide program. Representatives from all Baptist churches in the county are urged to attend.