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--Men In Service--

Killed in Action

Pfc. Guy Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinson of Green Mtn., was reported to have died of wounds he received in action in Germany on April 16. His parents were informed last week that he had been seriously wounded.

Killed In Action

Pfc. Hubert Johnson, son of Mrs. Maggie B. Johnson and the late Zeb Johnson of Rt. 1, Burnsville was killed in action in Germany on April 15.

Dies In Action

Pfc. Theron E. McDaniels husband of Mrs. Margaret Higgins McDaniels of Higgins, died on Luzon, Philippine Island, April 12.

Pfc. Robert Young, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young is now a patient at Moore general hospital and has been on leave visiting his parents at Spruce Pine and Burnsville. Pfc. Young was captured by the German army and remained a prisoner for 57 days when he escaped. He was then returned to the states.

Bronze Star Award

Pfc. Bill Higgins, grandson of Mrs. Martha Jane Phillips of Bee Log, has been awarded the Bronze Battle Star for action in the New Guinea campaign. Pfc. Higgins received his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. and Camp Pickett, Va. He entered service in February, 1943, and has been overseas fourteen months.

Graduates

Naval Air Station, Jacksonville.—Robert W. Ramsey, son of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Ramsey of Burnsville, recently graduated from the Aviation Ordnance school here.

Entering the Navy Sept. 7, 1942, he received his recruit training at Norfolk, Va., later being transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training Center here. Ramsey now has a thorough knowledge of the theory and operation of all guns and bombs used in airplanes and will probably see service with a Naval Air Unit.

Pvt. Vernon Wheeler who has been a patient at Moore General hospital is enroute to Miami, Fla. He has been spending a twenty one day furlough with his wife and son of 37 Hiawasee St., Asheville. They have been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. J. J. Wheeler of Jacks Creek. Pvt. Wheeler has been a patient at Moore general hospital for six months. He served nine months overseas in Australia, the Admiralty Island and New Guinea. Pvt. Wheeler says he would like to say hello to all the boys in service and he wishes them the best of luck.

Wounded in Action

Pvt. Jesse Lee Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Wallace of Toledo, was wounded on April 4 in Germany, his parents have been informed. He received head wounds and was flown back to France. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Four Sons in Service

Cpl. Willard G. King who recently returned to the States after 37 months in the south Pacific area has three brothers in service, all of whom are now overseas. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton King of Swiss.

Pfc. Bobbie King landed in France on D Day with American forces. Later he was wounded in action. Seaman first class Glenn King is also in France, and Pvt. Tarter King is with the 5th army in Italy.

Advanced Training

Enid AAF, Enid, Okla.—Recent arrivals here for the twin-engine advanced flying training course included Aviation Cadet William A. Banks, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kerl Banks, Burnsville, N. C. Cadet Banks, who came here from Eagle Pass, Tex., where he received his basic training, will receive his silver pilot's wings and be appointed an officer in the Army Air Forces upon completion of his training at this advanced unit of the AAF Central Flying Training Command.

Completes Course

Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Miss.—Women's Army Corps member Pvt. Mary I. Randolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Randolph, of Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C., was graduated here today after completing a 16 week medical and surgical technician's course.

She will be assigned to this Army hospital to assist the medical and nursing staffs in caring for the sick and wounded soldier patients.

Register Here

The following boys became 18 during April and have registered with the local board:

Dwight L. Silver, Glenn Fox, Calvin Wm. Boone, Cecil Russell Biddix, Vernie Ledford, Donald Lee Ray, Harlon Honeycutt, James David Harris, Luther Higgins, William Joseph Hughes, Ray Reece Silver, Jack Eugene Webb.

Edward L. Metcalf, S 2c, of USNR has completed boot training in Sampson, New York and is now assigned with Combat Air Crewman in Shoemaker, Cal. Seaman Metcalf spent 7 days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Metcalf of Jersey City, New Jersey.

Pvt. Dennis King has landed safely in France. Pvt. Everett King is now in Italy.

WAR BOND DRIVE

The "Mighty 7th" War Bond Drive will officially open on May 14th. Dover K. Fouts and R. N. Silvers are co-chairmen for Yancey county.

Quotas

The Over-all quota for the county is \$128,000 and the E Bond quota is \$95,000.

BANKS-YOUNG MOTOR COMPANY NAMED FORD DEALERS

The Banks-Moung Motor Company now has the Ford Car Agency for Burnsville and Yancey county, the Ford Motor Company has announced.

Joshua Banks and Joe Young are owners of the company, and have been in the automobile service and repair business for a number of years, operating as the J & J Garage.

Postmaster Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of fourth class postmaster at Swiss, N. C. The examination will be held at Burnsville, N. C. Receipt of applications will close on May 31, 1945.

Application blanks and full information about the requirements of the examination may be secured from the post office for which this examination is announced, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Applications must be on file with the Commission at Washington, D. C., on the date specified above.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. T. H. HIGGINS

Mrs. T. H. Higgins, 87, passed away Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. O. McInturff at Bald Creek.

Funeral services were conducted at the Bald Creek Methodist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. W. L. Edwards in charge of the services. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Higgins is survived by her daughter, Mrs. McInturff, another daughter, Mrs. Sam Robinson of Bald Creek, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

James O. Safford has returned from a business trip to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. V. L. Mattson and son are visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Registration for Canning Sugar

Application blanks for canning sugar will be given out at the High Schools on Friday, May 4th for families who have children in school. These blanks must be filled out by the head of the family and filed at the ration board office.

Those who do not have children in school may call at the ration board office to receive the application blanks.

Allotments Fixed Due to a critical shortage

TOWN ELECTION WILL BE HELD TUESDAY

The election to name a mayor and two commissioners for a term of two years will be held here next Tuesday, May 8th.

Those who have filed for office are H. G. Bailey or mayor who is unopposed; Gaston Angel, J. H. Wilson, J. B. King and Troy McIntosh for commissioners.

HOMES HERE ARE SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Angel have sold their home on Main St. to Miss Thelma Anglin.

In another real estate transfer this week, Cecil Higgins purchased the Roland home on West Main Street.

PROGRAM FOR WARREN WILSON JUNIOR COLLEGE

Swannanoa, May 1 — Commencement exercises begin at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, Sunday, May 20, at 11:00 a. m., when the Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered to college and high school seniors. The Prizes and Awards program will be given on Wednesday, May 23, at 12 noon in the Elizabeth B. Williams Memorial chapel.

Wednesday evening the faculty will entertain the graduates at a dinner in Montreat Inn. Friday, May 25, High School Class Day exercises will be presented in the chapel. At 3:00 that afternoon the Warren Wilson Aggies will meet the Christ School team for a baseball game on the Wilson field. The senior play "Quality Street" will be presented in the chapel at 8:00 that evening. Commencement exercises will be held Saturday morning, May 26, at 10:00.

Friends of the graduates are invited to attend any of the exercises during the week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Park Griffith of Relief a daughter, Kathryn Lynn, on April 23 at Appalachian hospital, Johnson City. Mrs. Griffith is the former Miss Alma Briggs of Burnsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd King are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Claude King and Mr. and Mrs. Norman King in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mincer of Indianapolis and H. T. Hill were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peterson this week.

NOTICE

The Higgins Medical Clinic will be conducted two afternoons weekly, for the present, on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 6 p. m.

With the Americal Infantry Division on Cebu—Pfc. Willis Fields, son of Mrs. Nellie Fields of Burnsville, is nursing a black eye because the aim of a Japanese soldier was a little too good.

Instead of lobbing his egg into the Burnsville soldier's foxhole, the Nip tossed a grenade directly at Fields—and connected. It smacked into his eye, bounced away, and rolled down a slope, where it exploded harmlessly.

Fields has been overseas 7 months with a veteran Americal Division. He has served on Guadalcanal, the Fiji Islands, Bougainville, and the Philippines.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR K.E. WOOD

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 1st, at the Pensacola Methodist church for Mr. K. E. Wood, 71, who died Monday at his home after a long illness.

Pall bearers were: Kelzie Silver, Frank Wilson, Mack Fire, Frank Allen, Ted Wilson, Wayne Ray.

Honorary pall bearers: Cleophas Robinson, Floyd Wheeler, Jake Nanney, Bynum Ray, Welzie Riddle, Theo Wilson, Albert Allen, Burdette Silver, Josh Bird, Mills Blankenship.

Flower bearers: Marylou Huthins, Orlena Jamerson, Louise Penland, Kathleen Hensley, Betty Jene Wilson, Francis Wilson.

Survivors include his widow and nine children, Mrs. Jim Snead of West Va. Mrs. Cam Wilson and Mrs. James C. Wheeler of Pensacola, Mrs. Joe Rice, Mrs. Drate Nanney, Quincy Wood and Kenzie Wood all of Swannanoa, Clarence Wood of Black Mtn., and Mrs. Ray Wolf of Toledo, Ohio.

Pulpwood Receipts Are Behind

QUARTER ENDS

With 1945 military and civilian requirements nearly 1,000,000 cords more than the 15,300,000 cord total produced in 1944, first quarter pulpwood mill receipts are far short of the WPB goal, according to the three month statement just released by the Forest Products Bureau of the War Production Board.

"Total receipts for the first quarter of 1945 were 4,132,200 cords or approximately 6 per cent below the like period a year ago," said the WPB report, indicating that substantial production increases would be necessary in the next three quarters to offset the showing made in the first three months of this year.

The statement revealed that domestic mill receipts in March, 1945, totalling 1,374,700 cords, barely equalled receipts in March, 1944.

WPB pointed out that March domestic receipts here were 42 per cent above February, 1945, declaring "The situation in this region has improved but still leaves much to be desired."

"Every effort must be made to exceed last year's pulpwood production figures," the Forest Products Bureau stated, "if the heavily increased demand for military and essential civilian needs for pulp and paper products is to be met. Heavily increased production of both peeled pines and hardwoods is needed in this region."

117th Infantry Awarded D. U. C.

Pvt. Lewis Webb is a member of the First Battalion of the 117th Infantry which was recently awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation.

The Distinguished Unit Citation was awarded for the battalion's heroic stand against Germany's finest panzer divisions attempting to drive to the sea at Avanches to split the American First and Third armies.

"The brunt of the assault," the citation points out, "was borne by the 1st Battalion, 117th Infantry. The powerful enemy force followed closely behind intense artillery and mortar fire, and struck violently, causing many casualties among 1st Battalion front line troops. In the face of numerically superior numbers, all available troops of the 1st Battalion, including clerks, messengers, and truck drivers were committed to action to fill gaps in the line."

"When the command post was overrun, the command group personally fought their way out. Throughout the entire battalion area, riflemen fought and outwitted hostile troops in

fierce hand-to-hand fighting. Anti-tank gunners and rocket launcher teams, in the face of intense small arms fire, combined their attacks to annihilate numerous enemy tanks. In the midst of incessant and withering fire, personnel of the 1st Battalion remained at their posts unhesitatingly and performed magnificently.

"Through the courageous performance of the men in the battalion the attack launched by the enemy's finest troops was successfully repulsed, and the brilliant victory attained was climaxed by a general withdrawal of the enemy from the entire sector."

"The outstanding courage, unflinching devotion to duty, and marked perseverance demonstrated by members of the 1st Battalion, reflected the highest traditions of the Armed Forces and are worthy of high praise."

Individual certificates and ribbons were given members of the battalion by Maj. Gen. L. S. Hobbs, commanding general of the 30th Infantry Division.

"You have just received the highest unit honor given by the U. S. Army," General Hobbs told the men. "It compares with the individual award of a Distinguished Service Cross."

PLEASANT GROVE

From Pleasant Grove the friends of Pfc. Guy Robinson wish to extend to his family Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinson, and to his friends their deepest sympathy during their bereavement in his death caused by wounds received in action in Germany.

Pvt. Worley Presnell of the U. S. army stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. was visiting friends here last week. Miss Enis Grindstaff of Johnson City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grindstaff here.

Several members of the Pleasant Grove church attended the B. T. U. meeting at Mt. Mitchell Thursday night.

Miss Mary Louise Bailey of Penland, N. C. was the week end guest of Miss Margaret Riddle.

