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--Men In Service--

Killed In Action

Capt. Leftridge W. Honeycutt was killed in action in Italy on April 17, members of his family have been notified. He was with the Fifth army and had been overseas approximately two years. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Octavus Honeycutt of Micaville.

Capt. Honeycutt is survived by his wife who is now in France with the army nurse corps; two brothers, Cpl. Earl L. Honeycutt of California and Wayne Honeycutt of Plumtree; three sisters, Mrs. Erskine B. Bailey of Toledo, Cpl. Margaret Honeycutt with the WAC Detachment of Claims service in Paris, and Mrs. Maxine H. Grimes of Toledo whose husband, Major Richard Grimes is with the 2nd armored division of the ninth army.

Capt. Honeycutt's father served in World War I with the rank of captain.

Awarded Purple Heart

Pfc. Stanley C. Bailey has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action near the Rhine river. He has sent the award to his father, C. M. Bailey. Pfc. Bailey is with an anti aircraft battery.

Sgt. Hugh H. Pate, son of J. R. Pate of Bald Creek, has recently been awarded the Presidential Citation badge and also the Good Conduct Medal. Sgt. Pate is somewhere in Germany with the Air Corps. A brother, James Robert Pate, Jr., who volunteered for the Navy recently is now stationed at the U. S. N. T. S. Great Lakes, Ill.

Pvt. Murray Styles, Jr., who recently returned to the States for hospitalization after participating in the winter campaigns through Belgium and Germany is at home now on 30 day leave. He will report back to the station hospital at Camp Butner, N. C.

Pvt. Everett L. Bailey has been spending a 19 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey of Higgins. He left Wednesday to return to camp.

Leroy Ray, F 1c, of the Navy who has been home on a 14 day leave has now returned to his base at Portland, Maine.

Ashton H. Ramsey in taking boot training at the naval training center, Bainbridge, Md.

Pfc. Bill Fouts who has been stationed at Camp LeJeune is now at the Marine base, Quantico, Va.

AOM 2c, Robert Ramsey was at home on leave after completing a special course at the naval air station, Jacksonville, Fla. He has reported to Norfolk, Va.

Sgt. Kenneth Robertson was home on week end leave from Camp LeJeune.

Killed In Action

S. Sgt. Jas. E. Honeycutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Honeycutt of Sioux, was killed in action in Italy on April 19.

Wounded In Action

Cpl. Bill Young was slightly wounded in Germany on April 24. His wife resides at Newdale.

Wounded In Action

Sgt. Alvoid L. Rector, son of Mrs. Bertha L. Rector of Hamrick, was slightly wounded in Germany on April 25.

Receives Awards

S. Sgt. Grady B. Gibbs is spending a 30 day furlough with friends and relatives in Yancey county and Detroit, after serving 14 months overseas. S. Sgt. Gibbs was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on Aug. 6th of last year, and the Croix de Guerre, a medal given by the French government in March of this year.

Awarded Badge

Pvt. Paul H. Price who has participated in recent campaigns in Germany, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge. He is an assistant bazooka man with an infantry division and is the son of Mrs. Ola Price of Burnsville, Rt. 2.

Pfc. Boyce Stamey, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Stamey of Burnsville, is with the Marines on Okinawa Island.

Cpl. Earl Ogle is now serving with the 1st Marine Division on Okinawa Island.

Meet In England

Cpl. John R. Allen, son of Mrs. Cora Allen of Cane River, and Ralph Edwards, GM 2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Edwards of Cane River, recently met in England and spent a five day leave together.

Cpl. Allen and GM Edwards were school mates together at Bald Creek high school, both entered service in Oct. 1942. Both have been stationed in England, Allen since Dec. 1943 and Edwards for the past 21 months.

Pfc. Jack Laughrun who recently returned to the States after relieving wounds in action in the fighting in Germany, has been home on short leave.

Pfc. Amos W. Presnell has been awarded the Purple Heart and has sent it to his wife. He is now in a hospital in England recovering from a lung wound received on Feb. 27 in Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Presnell of Bolens Creek.

Pfc. Charles F. Fox is stationed at Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.

Thad Bradford is taking boot training at the naval training station, Bainbridge, Md.

TOWN OFFICIALS ARE RE-ELECTED

H. G. Bailey (unopposed) was reelected Mayor of Burnsville in the Town election Tuesday.

J. B. King and Troy McIntosh were reelected commissioners, defeating Gaston Angel and J. H. Wilson. The official vote was:

Bailey, 280
King, 220
McIntosh, 182
Angel, 135
Wilson, 100

With the 36th "Texas" Division, Seventh Army—Pvt. Edgar Ledford of Burnsville, recently joined the veteran 143rd Inf. of the 36th "Texas" Division fighting in Germany. His father, Walter Ledford, lives at Cane River, N. C.

Pfc. James L. Silvers of Newdale and Hubert McMahon of the U. S. Navy met somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. Pfc. Silvers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Silvers of Newdale and husband of the former Frances Harris of Burnsville. Pfc. Silvers entered service last May and has recently been shipped to the Pacific area.

Ralph Hall, Y 2c has been at home on leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall. He is stationed at Norfolk, Va.

Pfc. Locke Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Phillips and husband of Violet H. Phillips is stationed somewhere in India.

Pfc. Laskey Morrow of Higgins, veteran of the battle of Bougainville and Guadalcanal, is a patient in Moore General hospital. He served with a field artillery unit of the American division and wears the Good Conduct medal and a Presidential unit citation ribbon. He has been in service since April 5, 1941, when he was inducted at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Cpl. John Blake who has been stationed in Montana for several months is at home on leave visiting his mother, Mrs. Julia Blake. George Blake is now on duty with the Pacific fleet.

Last Rites Held for James Marsh

Funeral services for James Marsh, 30, of Micaville, who was found dead at his home Sunday night, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Micaville Presbyterian church. Burial was in the Micaville cemetery. The Rev. Ernest Wilson officiated at the services.

Mr. Marsh is survived by the widow, Mrs. Irene Marsh; five children, Bobby, Shirley, Janice, Jimmy, and Charlene; two sisters, Mrs. Jack Patton of Burnsville and Mrs. Troy Boone of Micaville; one brother, John Marsh of the U. S. Navy; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Marsh of Micaville; and his grand parents Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell.

Active pall bearers were:

NOTICE

John D. Withrow, Highway Safety Division License Examiner, will be at the Sheriff's Office on Tuesdays from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. All applicants who have never held a N. C. License will be given an examination on Road Signs, Laws, and a Driving test.

Chauffeurs License for 1945-46 will be available after May 15.

NOTICE

Richard S. Hulme, assistant state service officer of the Veterans service division, will be in Burnsville on Wednesday, May 16. He will consult with veterans and widows of service men of World War I and II.

LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. B. T. NANNEY

Mrs. Floy Loretta Jamerson Nanney, 50, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Erwin Schranz in Erwin on last Friday night following an extended illness.

A brief service was held at the Brevard residence, following which the body was brought to Swiss where funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church. The Rev. R. W. Thompson of Brevard and the Rev. W. L. Edwards of Barnardsville officiated and burial was in the family cemetery there.

Surviving are the husband, the Rev. B. T. Nanney of Brevard; two daughters, Mrs. Schranz of Brevard and Mrs. James S. Buckner of Tampa, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Maude Robertson of Swiss and Mrs. Arthur Hensley, Asheville; four brothers, Ashbery Jamerson of Ivy, the Rev. M. Jamerson of Phoenix, Va., the Rev. A. Z. Jamerson of Bolens Creek, and Sgt. Zenas Jamerson of the armed forces.

Lloyd Bailey is at home from the hospital after having a tonsilectomy and adenoid operation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bailey of Jacks Creek.

With Famous Division

Cpl. Alfred Ogle of Vixen is a member of the famous "mystery Division", armored spearhead of much of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's drive to the Rhine, it has been learned in a news release sent by Ogle to his wife who resides at Vixen.

This "mystery division" has been revealed as the 12th U. S. Armored division and was borrowed from the 7th army to aid in Patton's thrust into Germany. It was also known as the "Hellcat Division" and it halted only when the Germans had been pushed across the Rhine and contact had been made with 7th army forces.

FUNERAL SERVICES JOE K. PATTON

Funeral services for Joe K. Patton, 48, were held Wednesday morning at the Estatoe Presbyterian church with the Rev. Ernest Wilson officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Mr. Patton passed away suddenly Monday afternoon at his home at Celso. He was a native of Celso and for many years was employed by the North Carolina and the Georgia State highway department. He returned to Celso in 1941 and had resided there since.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Allen Harrison of Quitman, Ga.; five brothers, Arthur, Willie, Julius and Herman of Celso, and Walter of Marion.

SGT. SILVERS "BAILS OUT" ON MISSION

A Ninth Air Force Bomber Base, France — Staff Sergeant Otis R. Silver, of Windom, N. C., 22 year-old radio-operator gunner with the 397th Bombardment Group, known as the "Bridge Busters", recently had to bail out of the B-26 Marauder bomber in which he had flown a combat mission deep into Germany. He landed safely in Belgium, a few miles from the German border south of Aachen.

The 397th's mission that day was a railroad bridge beyond Coblenz, the destruction of which was essential for the advance of our infantry. Such a mission was one the famous "Bridge Busters" relished, for the 397th had earned its nickname by its superior record of smashing tactically important bridges ahead of our ground forces as they advanced successively through France.

Four seconds before "bombs away", Sgt. Silver's plane was hit by a burst of heavy 105 mm. flak which knocked out the left engine and the hydraulic system. Loss of the hydraulic system meant that the plane's "flaps" could not be lowered to reduce speed for landing, nor could the landing gear be lowered.

At the target, the bombardier, Sgt. Thompson, dropped the plane's bombs. They hit in the target area (Continued on page two)

V-E Day Observed Quietly Here

V-E Day, marking the end of the fighting in Europe, was celebrated quietly here.

Many citizens listened to the President's official announcement and proclamation at 9 o'clock Tuesday, though the news had already been learned on Monday.

Stores Close

Stores and business firms of the town closed at 10:30 according to an agreement made previously. Most of the people went to their homes and for several hours the town was almost deserted except for those who came to vote in the town election which was being held Tuesday.

Special Church Service

A special church service of prayer and song was held at 11 o'clock at the Baptist church with all denominations joining in the

services. Rev. H. M. Alley, Rev. F. R. Barber and Rev. A. H. Mutschler directed the program.

Schools Observe

The schools of the county observed the day with special exercises held at each school. The students of Burnsville school marched to the town square where they sang patriotic songs and were addressed by Mayor H. G. Bailey and Dover R. Fouts.

Will Observe Day of Prayer Sunday

In reading his proclamation on Tuesday morning, President Truman named Sunday, May 13 as a special day of prayer and rededication. This will be observed in all churches and citizens of the county are all urged to attend these special services in observance of the victory in Europe.

YANCEY PRESENTS FAMOUS WAR FILM

For Movie goers who are interested in seeing factual films of the great world struggle, the Yancey Theatre is presenting next week one of the outstanding pictures of this kind.

The film, "The Ravaged Earth", shows the early Chinese - Japanese struggle, and was actually filmed at the scene of action. It shows the meaning of unrestricted warfare against all the people of a nation.

The picture will be shown on Tuesday, May 15th at regular admission prices. It is NOT recommended for children.

T 5 David R. Cassida is now somewhere in Germany. Pfc. Charlie A. Cassida is also in Germany. David R. is with the first army and Charlie A. is with the Third army.

Health Department News

The District Health Officer desires to call to the attention of parents and guardians of children in our health district, the state wide laws governing immunization against certain diseases. Since 1939 all children have been required to be vaccinated against Diphtheria between the ages of 6 months and one year. Please take your babies to your doctor and have this done, and make certain that your Doctor gives you a certificate that it has been given. You must present this certificate to the teacher before your child can enter school.

The recent legislature passed a law requiring that all babies be vaccinated against Whooping Cough during the first year of life. Please see your Doctor and have this done and save your baby. Many children, particularly under one year of age, die of Whooping Cough each year in North Carolina. Get your certificate from your doctor and keep it.

The recent legislature also passed a law requiring all children to be vaccinated against Smallpox before they can enter school. See your doctor about this also.

This week the Health Department begins a series of immunization clinics visiting every section of each county. A number of services will be rendered free of charge. Please watch your store, post office and other public places for notices about them, giving the schedule in your district. We will give all the above vaccinations free to those who cannot pay their private physician. This work is done each day at the Spruce Pine office, and at Newland Saturday and Monday mornings; at Bakersville Saturday mornings and at Burnsville Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Please watch the regular schedules on the door of our offices.

Let's save the lives and health of our children thru vaccination against these preventable diseases.