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--Men In Service--

Killed In Action

Sgt. Willis Fields, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fields of Burnsville Rt. 1, was killed in action on Cebu on April 13.

Back From Overseas

Pfc. Troy Mathis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bach Mathis of Burnsville Rt. 1, has returned from 6 months duty in the European theatre. He has been in service a year and overseas 6 months, in England, France, Belgium and Germany. He received the Bronze Star award on Jan. 15 and the Purple Heart later when he was wounded in the battle of Germany. He also wears the Good Conduct medal and the ETO ribbon with 3 stars. After a leave with his parents he will return to the hospital for further treatment.

S. Sgt. John G. Low is now on leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Low of Burnsville. Sgt. Low who is navigator-radioman on a bomber completed his missions over Germany shortly before V-E Day. He has been awarded the Air Medal with four clusters and a presidential citation.

Sgt. Arthur L. Jarrett of the 7th Armored division has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for "excellent performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy in the campaign of Germany". He is the son of Mrs. Deck Jarrett of Burnsville, and his wife, Mrs. Virginia L. Jarrett also lives here.

Pfc. Paul Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey of Higgins is at home. He was recently liberated from a prisoner of war camp in Germany.

Sgt. Roy V. King is home on leave after duty with a hospital unit overseas in the European area.

Robert W. Ramsey, Jr., Aviation Ordnance Man 2c, who recently completed a course of special training at the Jacksonville naval air station is now at the naval air station, Norfolk where he is an instructor.

Pvt. Edward C. Gillespie has been assigned to the infantry training center, Camp Gordon, Ga.

Pvt. Clarence Styles who recently entered service is now at the infantry training center, Camp Blanding, Fla.

Pvt. Ralph Tomberlin is now stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala.

Pvt. J. B. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bis Robinson of Route 1, is home on leave. He has been stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., and will report to Fort Mead.

Sgt. Jennie Proffitt of the Woman's Army Corps, who has been stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. has been home on short leave. She will report to a redistribution center in Georgia for reassignment.

Wounded In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Tom King received a telegram that their son, Pvt. Dennis King was wounded in Germany April 25. Pvt. King came from Germany to France where he was in an Army hospital and is now in England.

Liberated

Mrs. Janette Penland Bailey has received word that her husband, Pvt. Thomas W. (Bill) Bailey has been liberated from a prison camp in Germany.

Returns Home

Pfc. Wade Proffitt who was liberated from a prisoner of war camp in Germany has returned to his home at Bald Creek. He is the son of Mrs. Sherrill Proffitt and the late Mr. Proffitt of Swiss. His wife resides at Bald Creek.

Sgt. Charles E. Wilson is now assistant engineer and tail gunner on a B-29, based somewhere in the Marianas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wilson of Pensacola, and is a graduate of Burnsville high school. He received training at Miami Beach, Fla., Wofford College, Buckingham, Field, Fla., Lincoln Field, Neb. and Clovis Field New Mexico.

Receives Wings

Lt. Ralph Bostain is at home on leave visiting his mother, Mrs. Mollie Bostain of Burnsville. He was graduated on May 17, at the Childress air field, Texas and received his wings as a Bombardier-Navigator. Lt. Bostain graduated at Burnsville high school in 1942 and following his entering service took training at Washington University, St. Louis, San Antonio preflight school, Tyndall Field, Fla., and Childress field.

Pfc. Hughes Wins Merit Certificate

Pfc. Emil D. Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hughes of Burnsville has been awarded the Certificate of Merit for outstanding performance of duty in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, from 26 June 1944 to 1 February 1945.

The citation reads as follows: "Pfc. Hughes has demonstrated outstanding ability in the performance of his duties and has, in a large measure been responsible for the smooth functioning of his section, many times under extremely difficult conditions. By his skill and energetic devotion to duty, Pfc. Hughes has enabled his section to deliver rapid and accurate fire against the enemy, which reflects great credit upon himself and upon the military service."

Seaman Harold Harris who has been assigned to service with the Atlantic has been home on short leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Harris.

MOUNT MITCHELL PARK WILL BE OPEN THIS YEAR

North Carolina's state parks will operate on a curtailed basis this summer, acting parks superintendent R. J. Pearce has announced. This includes Mt. Mitchell park.

Facilities for Mt. Mitchell park are listed as follows: Open to visitors for limited camping and unlimited hiking. A good road from the Blue Ridge parkway leads to the last 900-foot climb to the top of the mountain.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR J. R. STAMEY

Funeral services for James Robert Stamey, 73, who died at his home at Celot Thursday night, were held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Micaville Presbyterian church, the Rev. Ernest Wilson and Rev. W. E. Ruffy officiating. Burial was in Micaville cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, W. H. Stamey of Navy Yard, S. C., and Roy Stamey of Peary Point, Md.; five sisters, Mrs. Tom Taylor of Madison county, Mrs. Dave Ledford of Spring Creek, Mrs. Landon Baldwin of Joe, Mrs. Ida Stills of Spartanburg, S. C., and Mrs. Maude Cole of Washington, D. C.; three brothers, T. F. Stamey of Joe, C. L. of Hot Springs and Emmett of Burnsville.

Holcombe and Edwards funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

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 first class to corporal has been announced by the headquarters of this strategic air depot bomber repair base. Cpl. Howell is a member of the aircraft salvage and reclamation department of the supply division.

He was graduated from Bee Log high school in 1942 and then attended Mars Hill college. Prior to his entry into military service, April 13, 1943 at Fort Bragg, N. C. he was a student. He has been stationed in the European Theater of Operations since March, 1944.

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Legion Officers Are Elected

The Earl Horton Post of the American Legion and the Auxiliary held the regular meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Silvers on Tuesday evening.

Election of officers for the year was held and the following were named: Commander, Dover R. Fouts; vice commanders, J. H. Ray and Earl Wilson; adjutant, R. N. Silver; service and guardian officer, H. G. Bailey; sergeant, at arms, Horace Higgins; chaplain, W. E. Ruffy; delegates to convention, H. G. Bailey, C. L. Proffitt, Dov-

EDGE HOME SOLD TO L. E. BRIGGS

The Arthur Edge home in east Burnsville, was sold last week to L. E. Briggs. The property includes the large house and two smaller houses at the rear of the large lot.

Receives Citation

With the XI Corps Troops on Luzon, Philippines—Pfc. Charlie Hicks of Newdale, has been cited for outstanding devotion to duty by his commanding officer, and his unit, the "82d", has also been commended by Major General Oscar W. Griswold, Commanding General, XIV Corps. Pfc. Hicks is a gunner in the 82d Chemical Mortar Battalion. He has been overseas twenty-one months and during that time has participated in several campaigns in the Solomon Islands and in the Philippines.

His outfit, the "82d", has become famous through the devastating effect its 4.2" mortars have brought on the Japanese. Firing both high explosive and white phosphorus, the mortar has been acclaimed one of the outstanding "support weapons" of the war.

In the Luzon campaign, Pfc. Hicks' unit landed with the first assault waves at Lingayen beach and since that time have been giving support to combat troops of both the XIV and XI Corps wherever stiff resistance was encountered. Outstanding engagements were at Clark Field Air Center and at Fort Stotsenburg, the former U. S. Cavalry Post. In Manila, the "82d" was largely responsible for the reduction of resistance in the Post Office, the Agriculture, and Legislative buildings and of Intramuros, the famous, ancient walled-city, in which the Japs made a last-ditch stand.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. JANE WILLIAMS

Mrs. Jane Williams died at her home near Bee Log on Thursday, May 10 following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at Roaring Fork with the Rev. Quince Miller officiating.

Surviving are two sons, Louie and Bachus Williams.

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TRUCK CROP MARKET

Plans for the opening of the truck crop market in Spruce Pine for the tri-county area are progressing and a charter has been obtained under the name of Tri-County Mutual Marketing Association, Inc. Also, land has been leased for the erection of an auction shed and construction will begin at once.

This market is being financed by stock, both common and preferred, and the price is \$10.00 per share. All truck crop growers should purchase at least one share of stock since this will give him a voice in the management.

The market needs the cooperation of the farmer and business man to make it a success. It will be able to handle snap beans, Irish potatoes and cabbage and other vegetables that can be grown in quantity.

Anyone interested in purchasing stock should contact one of the Directors from Yancey county. They are: Ben Brost, Celot; Robt. Presnell, Newdale; and R. C. Deyton, Rt. 1 Green Mtn. If more convenient, you might stop by the County Agent's Office as the secretary there will have a receipt book to be used in issuing stock.

THE CAMPBELLS ARE COMING

If you want to smile a while and give your face a rest, be sure to see the senior class play at Bald Creek high school, Thursday evening, May 31, at 8:30 o'clock.

The following are members of the cast: Grace Edwards, Gaila Hope Shepherd, Wanda Sams, David Peterson, Wayne Proffitt, Ron Wilson, Richard Edwards, Margaret Phillips, Bruce McKinney, Mary Helen Neill.

BURNSVILLE SENIORS WILL PRESENT PLAY

Members of the Senior class of Burnsville high school will present the 3 act comedy "Big Hearted Herbert", on Friday evening, June 1.

The play will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Joe Young.

RECITAL

Music students of the high school department will present a recital on Wednesday afternoon, May 30 at 2 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Pfc. James T. Walker has been home on leave from Fort Knox, Ky.

Wayne Honeycutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Honeycutt of Sioux, is at home on leave.

Pvt. Edward T. Buckner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy N. Buckner of Burnsville, is stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala., Training center. His address is: Pvt. Edward T. Buckner, Co. G. 2nd Bn. 90th Inf. Reg. I. R. T. C. Camp Rucker, Ala.

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RED CROSS CHAPTER Reports on Program of Activities

L. G. Dayton, chairman of the 1945 Red Cross war fund committee of Yancey county chapter, was presented with a certificate of honor in recognition of "distinguished achievement" in leading the local chapter in attaining the 1945 war fund goal, at a special meeting Saturday in the auditorium of the courthouse. Appreciation certificates were also given to all of the committees and workers in the 1945 war fund drive.

The established quota for Yancey county was exceeded, it was announced, and Yancey county was one of the first counties in the southeastern area to reach its quota. The certificate presented to Mr. Dayton was issued by national headquarters of the Red Cross.

Mrs. Carroll P. Rogers, Jr., chairman of the Junior Red Cross reported on the work of the members during the past year.

The Junior Red Cross members made 100 Christmas menu covers for the Navy; made 1000 pieces of candy and 3000 cookies and assisted with the 200 Christmas boxes that went from the Yancey county chapter to Moore General Hospital last Christmas; made and sent to Moore General Hospital 300 valentines; collected 240 coat hangers for the Army, and assisted in the clothing drive and other things. The colored school made 50 St. Patrick day cards to be sent to the hospital.

H. Grady Bailey reported on the Home Service work of the chapter, and following is a brief resume of Home Service work of the Yancey county chapter, Red Cross for the year 1944:

2,000 people have visited the chapter for assistance of all kinds.

Broken down into different classifications, the more important work has been as follows:

Assistance with family allowances, 624 claims executed. This represents a monthly income to these

families of \$38,440.00, or a yearly income of \$461,280.00

Thirty five widows of World War I have been assisted with documentary evidence and preparation of applications to draw pensions in the services of their husbands who served in World War I. Claims filled out and passed for payment amount to more than \$1,750.00 monthly or an annual income of \$21,000.00.

Twenty five claims in behalf of casualties in World War II have been executed in Home service office. This amounts to an income of \$1500.00 monthly or an annual income of \$18,000.00.

A large number of widows and dependent children of Spanish War veterans have been assisted with claims for benefits.

Fifty Social Histories have been prepared in connection with Family welfare, or servicemen welfare.

Hospitalization has been arranged for more than 200 dependent relatives of servicemen.

More than 700 people have been in the office seeking information of all kinds in connection with men in the service and their dependents.

More than 300 letters to field directors, and other branches of service to men in the service have been written.

20 Veterans of World War I have been assisted with Government claims.

More than 1000 Telegrams were received in the Red Cross office. These had to be checked on and verified.

More than 1000 Telegrams went out from the office.

Forty Six Casualty Messages were received and delivered.

A total of 6,346 miles traveled in Home service.

More than 200 were assisted in getting Emergency Furloughs because of serious illness, death or other emergency.

The Red Cross is now responsible for notifying families of the liberation of prisoners of war.

fiers that Sears awarded to the county winners.

Ouida Hughes, E. J. Roland and Patricia Piercy will each receive 100 purebred baby chicks next spring as prizes for second, third and fourth places. All of the other six club members that own the Sears' pigs will receive 50 purebred baby chicks next spring. They are: Annie Ensley of the Micaville Club, Ada Lee Bailey of Clearmont, Edward Bailey of Clearmont, Erma Letterman of Clearmont, Wayne Letterman of Clearmont, and Violet and Alphonus Young of the Starlight Club.

Grady Edwards, S. L. is at home on 30 day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Edwards of Burnsville Rt. 1.

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