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--Men In Service--

Returns From Overseas

Pvt. Oscar K. Sparks who was a prisoner of war in Germany for 27 months is now at home for 60 days. He will report to camp in Florida. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sparks of Green Mtn.

Promoted

Wm. B. Huskins who is now with the Pacific fleet on overseas duty has been promoted to the rank of Radio Technician third class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Huskins of Burnsville.

Joseph Radford, MO MM 2c, has been here on leave visiting relatives after approximately 2 years of service in the Pacific area. He was accompanied from Oklahoma by Mrs. Radford.

Capt. Jack Galloway of the army air forces is home on leave after completing his flight missions over enemy territory in the European area.

Lt. David N. Low, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Low of Burnsville, 13th air force pilot stationed in the Philippines, has been awarded the Air Medal upon completion of 22 bombing missions.

Pershing Angel, Seaman 1c, has been wounded in action in the South Pacific area, he has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Angel.

Robert Vance Robertson of the U. S. coast guard is on an 8 day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robertson. He has been on 15 months duty overseas.

Word has been received that Pvt. Charlie Jarrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jarrett of Green Mtn., has landed safely somewhere in the South Pacific area. Another son, Pfc. Eleck Jarrett, is now in a hospital in the Philippine Islands because of an attack of malaria.

Lt. and Mrs. J. P. Huskins and daughter, Amburn, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Huskins. Lt. Huskins is stationed with the Hydrographic office in Washington.

Sgt. Ruth Rich who is stationed at Battle Creek, Mich., was a guest at the Nu-Wray hotel this week.

James Powell, G M 1c, who has been stationed at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. for several months has been transferred to Philadelphia.

Edd Hunter, Jr., RDM 3c has returned to the naval station at Boston, Mass., after spending a 7 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunter at Jacks Creek. He took his training at Bainbridge, Md., Virginia Beach, Norfolk and Little Creek, Va., and in Boston. For the past 2 months he has been on sea duty with the Atlantic fleet.

Bronze Star Award

The Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in action has been awarded to Pvt. James O. Safford, Jr., son of James O. Safford of Burnsville. He is a member of a Field Artillery battalion.

The citation reads: "Award of Bronze Star Medal to Pvt. James O. Safford, Jr., for heroic achievement in action. On Nov. 22 near Saulcy, France when artillery fire severed the communication line between the forward observer post and the fire direction center, Pvt. Safford volunteered to repair the breaks. Despite being knocked from his feet by the concussion of heavy artillery fire, Pvt. Safford repaired the breaks, enabling the observer to adjust needed artillery fire. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service."

Discharged From Army

Among the servicemen who, during the past week, have been discharged from the army under the new point system at Camp Gordon, Ga. are T 4 John J. Evans who was in service 58 months; and Staff Sgt. Grady B. Gibbs who served 53 months.

Dick Bailey, son of Mrs. G. D. Bailey, has entered service in the U. S. Coast Guard and is now stationed at Manhattan Beach, Conn. He had completed 3 years work at Berea college before entering service.

T 5 David R. Cassida and Pfc. Charlie A. Cassida have written their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crockett Cassida of Burnsville Rt. 2, that they expect to be back in the states by the last of July. They are both in Germany.

Edd Cassida, S 2c, is somewhere overseas and writes he is well and would love for his friends in and around Burnsville to write him, as a letter from any one back home is a great pleasure to him.

For Induction

The following men left Wednesday for Fort Bragg where they have been inducted into military service:

O'dell Phillips, Bruce J. Taylor, Ernest Gardner, Glenn Austin, Iss Peterson, Boyd M. Robinson, E. R. Allen;

David A. Pittman, Royce L. Hall, Carl Silver, Jr., David H. Silver, Edward Branche, Charles W. Smith, Claud Robinson, John L. Grindstaff.

Pfc. Amos W. Presnell is home on a 30 day furlough after spending seven months overseas. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received Feb. 27, 1945 in Germany and wears two stars on his service ribbon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Presnell of Bolens Creek.

Aerial Engineer

An ATC Base, Marrakech, F. M.—Cpl. Ward Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bennett, Ramseytown, N. C., is assigned to duty as aerial engineer on a C-54 aircraft at this base unit of the North African Division, Air Transport Command.

This base is the home of the C-54 flight training school of the North African division, the division with more than 10,000 miles of air routes and with more than 25 percent of all ATC planes overseas.

At present this base with other NAFT installations is engaged in the redeployment of troops and aircraft from the European battle zones to the United States, moving hundreds of thousands of men and thousands of aircraft through NAFT stations.

Cpl. Bennett, in service since February, 1943, has been overseas 11 months. He received his training at AM school at Gulfport, Miss., Curtiss Wright factory, Buffalo, N. Y., TWA school, Kansas City, Mo., and at the 3rd OTU engineering school at Reno, Nev.

Capt. Lucille Chase of Nurse Corps Is Home

Capt. Lucille Chase of the army nurse corps has recently received a medical discharge from service and is now at home visiting her mother, Mrs. Lillie Chase.

Capt. Chase joined the nurse corps in 1938. She was stationed at hospitals in the states, and was overseas in the European theatre for 6 months where she was attached to an evacuation hospital.

Pfc. Francis Hennessee who has been an infantryman with the 66th division in the European area, has been assigned to the Office of Public Relations in Marseille, France. He is a reporter, writing articles for newspapers and magazines in the States. His first assignment was to cover the first troops to come through going to the Pacific, the story of the first G. I. and commanding officer.

Toe River Camp Will Be Open

The Toe River camp, located near the Daniel Boone game refuge in Pisgah national forest, will be operated as a summer camp this year. The camp will be sponsored and conducted by the Asheville Optimist club, it has been announced. The first group of youth and directors came through Burnsville Monday enroute to the camp. Arrangements were made with the U. S. forest service for the use of the facilities.

Although the program for this season is still incomplete, arrangements have been made with groups from various organizations in this section who will send youths to the camp this year.

During the coming mon

SIX SERIOUSLY INJURED IN CAR WRECK

Three men from Yancey county and three from McDowell were injured in a collision of two cars in Marion late Monday night.

Lawrence Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curtis, who recently returned from overseas duty, Frank Silvers and William McMahan received serious injuries. The condition of McMahan is reported to be critical.

The three occupants of the other car, all employees of the East Marion Mill, were also injured.

CAMPS OPEN FOR SUMMER SEASON

Good Enrollment

Camp Mt. Mitchell for Boys and Camp Mt. Mitchell for Girls opened this week for the season. Both camps report capacity enrollments, and a very successful season is anticipated.

The camps have always offered a full program of camping activities. Mrs. Bertha M. Palmer is owner and director of the girls' camp and A. L. Beeson of the boys' camp.

Transferred

With the Atlantic Fleet—Boyd Moss, seaman, first class, Burnsville, N. C., has been transferred from the forces afloat to a Naval receiving station ashore for reassignment.

He is the son of Mrs. Dave Moss of Burnsville, and is married to the former Doris Natkins of Cliffside, N. C. He attended Burnsville high school and was employed as a textile worker by the Cliffside Milling Co., before entering the Navy in February, 1943.

Moss was stationed at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va. before reporting aboard a destroyer escort in the Atlantic where he participated as a member of an antiaircraft gun crew.

Fleet Hamby who has been on duty with the Pacific fleet, is home on leave visiting his mother, Mrs. Z. S. Hamby.

NOTICE

For the past two weeks the District Health Office at Burnsville has been without whooping cough vaccine.

The Raleigh Office has been unable to furnish the local offices in the State with this vaccine as the great number of children over the State taking the serum was not anticipated in the beginning of the year.

This office will be furnished with vaccine as soon as the State has it available and the Public Health Nurse will publish and post the schedule of new clinics at Higgins, Ramseytown, Sioux, White Oak Flats, Bolens Creek, Low Gap and Boonford.

We expect a new supply of vaccine at any time.

Mrs. Hazel Beavers, Public Health Nurse.

FORMER RESIDENT IS DROWNED IN TENN.

C. C. (Lum) Ray who resided in Asheville was drowned on Tuesday near Bridgeport, Tenn., while on a fishing trip.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Ray moved to Asheville from Burnsville some time ago.

Mr. Ray is survived by his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Ray of Burnsville, two brothers, Fred Ray of Washington, D. C., and Chas. Ray of Caroleen, and a nephew, Pvt. Joe Adam Ray.

LAST RITES FOR MRS. ROSANNA McMAHAN

Mrs. Rosanna McMahan, 84, died at her home at Pensacola Friday morning following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at the Pensacola Baptist church on Saturday morning with the Rev. A. Z. Jamerson officiating. Burial was in the cemetery there.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. J. H. McMahan, Mrs. Will Allen, and Willard McMahan of Swannanoa; Roscoe, Hilliard and Robert Henry McMahan of Pensacola.

INFORMATION SOUGHT CONCERNING MISSING BOY

Missing Person. Duncan Brooks Banks, age 15, ruddy complexion, black hair, blue eyes, 5 ft. 11 inches, 152 pounds. Missing from his home 2106 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, Va., since May 21st 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Banks, formerly of Skyland, N. C. Thought to be in this vicinity. Any information, concerning this boy should be communicated to the Asheville Police Dept., or to his mother, Phone Executive 3340 extension 1057, Washington, D. C. between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. or write, Mrs. Hettie Whitehurst, Burnsville, N. C.

Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Gobble and children of Greensboro were week end guests of Rush T. Wray at the Nu-Wray Hotel. Dr. Gobble is president of Greensboro College.

County Library Benefits Citizens of County; Report Given

The Yancey County Library which is made possible by the cooperation of the board of county commissioners and the North Carolina State Library Commission, was formally opened on Feb. 14, 1945. The Burnsville Woman's Club donated use of a room in the community club house.

The circulation report shows that for the month of May approximately 500 books were in circulation. There are four stations in other sections of the county. Those in charge of the books at these stations are, Mrs. Dewey Jamerson at Pensacola, Mrs. Mumpower at Meaville, Mrs. G. W. Burton at Bald Creek, and at Bee Log the books are available at the high school library.

The State Library commission loaned approximately 2.0 books, and about that many more have been purchased. The books are all

carefully selected, and there is now a very good selection of modern books in the library. Reference shelves will be built later.

A consignment of new books has recently been received, and among these are Private Purkey's Private Peace, Captain From Castile, The Bible for the Common Reader, Yellow Magic, (the story of Penicillin), Green Years, Keys of the Kingdom, At His Side, (the new Red Cross book), Spinney and the B-29, The Folded Leaf, Home Again, Anything Can Happen, Safe Quarters, Youth Is the Time, Blue Danube, Anna and the King of Siam, Burma Surgeon, and many others. All citizens of all sections of the county are urged to take advantages of the library facilities.

Library hours are from 2 to 5 on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons.

FORMER RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Wyman G. Wilson, 48, former resident of Burnsville, passed away at his home near Asheville Tuesday afternoon following an extended illness. He was a well known contractor and owner of the Wilson Construction company of Asheville.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Louise Rollins Wilson; two sons, Wyman, Jr., and Tate Wilson; a sister, Mrs. Gay Young, and a brother, Tate Wilson, all of Asheville.

Mr. Wilson was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wilson and resided here for several years.

AAA NOTICE

To All Farmers That Have Been Issued Gasoline For Hauling Farm Produce

We regret to inform you that the Yancey County Farm Transportation Committee which has been serving the farmers in the county in connection with the Offices of Defense Transportation and Price Administration in handling applications for off-highway gasoline, trucks, truck and tractor tires for replacement and conversions, will be discontinued on June 30, 1945.

The services of the County Farm Transportation, County and Community AAA Committees will not be available for this purpose after this date because the Budget Bureau did not approve the War Food Administration's request for the allocation of funds to be used for this purpose and does not mean that there is a plentiful supply of gasoline, new trucks or truck and tractor tires.

This program was designed at the beginning of the war in an effort to eliminate any holdup in the wartime food production job and beginning July 1, all

Leave For Pre Induction Examinations

The following men left Thursday morning for Fort Jackson, S. C. where they will have pre induction examinations:

Glenn Geuge, Robert S. Griffith, Carlo Claton Wheeler, Charlie Carroll, Carl Rathburn, Zeyland Gardner, Utah Blankenship, Howard Kelse Garland, Fred L. Hall, Joseph Laws; Emmett S. Sams, Lewis McMahan, Calvin Phillips, Kenneth Price, Joe Webb, Bill Evans, G. D. Robinson, Cecil Russell Biddix, Claude Mitchell, Lee Garland;

Woodrow Kinchloe, James Vernon Tilley, Charlie Wheeler, Cleophas Johnson, Floyd Robinson, David Rathburn.

The following will be inducted immediately if they pass examinations: Kenneth Lee Hughes, Cornelius Williams, Sanford Wm. Dale, Don Fender.

Assistant Manager of Charlotte Agency

Roy A. Proffitt, of Charlotte, has been appointed to the newly created position of assistant manager of the Charlotte Agency of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, it was announced today by Stanley K. McAfee, manager of the agency.

Formerly district manager in the agency, Mr. Proffitt will supervise the company's field organization in 31 North Carolina counties.

Mr. Proffitt is a native of Bald Creek, N. C. and graduated from the University of North Carolina with a B. A. Degree in education. For a time he served as a high school principal. He joined The Mutual Life in 1926 as a field underwriter in the Charlotte Agency, and on April 13, 1938, he was appointed district manager.

Nelson Boone of Windom is very ill at his home.

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