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--Men In Service--

With Marines In Japan

Pfc. James Boyce Stamey son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Stamey of Burnsville, is now with American Marines who landed on the Japanese home Island.

Pfc. Stamey wrote on Sept. 2, that the Marines landed in the naval bay at Tokyo on August 30 and that they encountered no trouble in landing.

Stamey has an enviable battle record in Pacific fighting since he entered service in 1943. He was with Marine forces who took three of the Marshall Islands, and later Guam and Okinawa.

Major and Mrs. Richard Grimes have been visiting relatives in the county, following his return from overseas duty. Mrs. Grimes is the former Miss Maxine Honeycutt of Micaville. Sgt. Margaret Honeycutt of the WAC who was stationed in Paris for several months has also been visiting relatives in the county.

On Famed Carrier

Somewhere in the Pacific—Ray Leroy Burgin, machinist's mate, third class, USNR, Celo, N. C., took part in a dual celebration aboard his Pacific aircraft carrier, the USS Intrepid, on August 16. The officers and men of this famed warship celebrated the victory in the Pacific and the observance of the ship's second year in service.

The day of celebration began with thanksgiving services and closed with a spectacular fun show. The noon meal was turkey with all of the trimmings.

The Intrepid has a proud record as a fighting ship. Four times she suffered battle damage. Her history records 80 enemy ships sunk and 650 enemy aircraft destroyed by the carrier's planes and guns.

Clarence Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Simmons of Hamrick, has received a discharge from the army through the point system.

Cpl. John King of Camp Croft is home on 3 day pass.

Pfc. Iloff Clevenger was home on week end leave from Fort Knox, Ky.

James Johnson, S 2c, was home on week end leave from the naval training station, Bainbridge. He has completed boot training and is now in fire control school.

Pvt. Ralph Tomberlin of Swiss is spending a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Tomberlin.

Pvt. Bill Ray is stationed at Camp Croft, S. C.

Pvt. Royce L. Hall and Pvt. Elwood K. Smith are stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Pvt. Jack Allen is home on leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Allen.

Pfc. Harue Hensley Returns Home

With the 32d Infantry Division in Northern Luzon, P. I.—A veteran of six operations during 40 months in the SWPA with the 32d (Red Arrow) Division, Pfc. Harue Hensley, of Bee Log, is returning home with 101 demobilization points.

Sailing for Australia with the division in April, 1942, he saw his first action at Buna, when the 32d was rushed to New Guinea to stem the Japanese drive on Port Moresby. He fought in the subsequent actions farther up the coast at Saidor and Aitape; on Morotai island in the Netherlands East Indies; and on Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines.

In Northern Luzon the Red Arrowmen fought for six and a half months in the rugged Caraballo Mountains, and ended the war on their 654th day of combat. Hensley started home four days after Japan made her first offer to surrender.

Hensley entered service in Sept. 1941. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack D. Hensley of Bee Log.

TELLS STORY OF SHIP

Andrew B. Hughes, S 1c has sent a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hughes of Burnsville, relating the story of his ship. Parts of the letter follow:

"Now that the war is over I can tell you some parts of the story of my ship from the time we left the states until this time. Of course, I can't tell you where I am or what we'll do in the future, but you'll understand why.

"The Cape has been a winner from the day she was commissioned. Even in our battle problem before leaving San Diego we scored higher than any other ship of our class at the time. Our cruise was pretty short as our first stop was Pearl Harbor where we stayed for a couple of weeks.

"We left Pearl Harbor June 14 and the next leg of the voyage was long—to Leyte. We sailed on our first mission on July 1. We were to be part of an escort group to provide air cover for an important task force in the East China sea.

We steamed northward, passed off Formosa and joined other ships. Air coverage means that the ships of our forces are given protective umbrellas by the carrier planes. We have two squadrons on this flat-top, fighter and torpedo bomber planes. The first "kill" for the Cape was made that day. Later we pulled into anchorage. Kamikaze planes made in one of their favorite hunting spots.

Toward the end of the month we got warnings of a typhoon and we ran away from it. On July 23 we scored our second enemy plane and a short time later, the

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CORRECTION

In the report of the Memorial Services held here on Sept. 3, the name of Lloyd Hilemon was listed. The name should have been Ward F. Hilemon who was killed in action in Germany on April 26. Pfc. Lloyd Hilemon is now in France. His wife and small son live with her parents at Toledo, N. C.

HIGHWAY TO SCHOOL IS WIDENED

The Highway from the Square to Burnsville school is now being widened by the addition of an asphalt strip to the concrete road. The work is being done by the State highway department and will greatly aid in eliminating much of the congestion on the highway during the school term.

COUNTY FSA OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY EVERY SATURDAY

New Schedule Based on 40-Hour Work Week Order

Beginning Saturday, September 15, the county Farm Security Administration office at Burnsville will be closed all day on each Saturday, Grover D. Gillis, county supervisor announced today.

The new schedule is in compliance with an administrative order which specifies that effective September 9 the work week for all FSA employees will be five days of eight hours each, from Monday through Friday. Any change in the regular administrative work week must have the prior approval of the Administrator.

The Office hours Monday through Friday are 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M., Mr. Gillis said.

WOMANS CLUB

The Burnsville Woman's Club will resume regular meetings following the summer recess. The first meeting will be held at the club house this evening. Dr. B. B. McGuire will be guest speaker.

1st. Sgt. Arthur L. Wilson of Cane River has returned to the States.

Suggestions To Rug Makers

From reliable sources, the Yancey Record has been informed that the value of cotton hooked rugs produced in western North Carolina has approximated two million dollars, according to OPA figures. This, however, will become a thing of the past, makers are warned, unless rugs are made on desirable patterns and of the quality desired by purchasers.

Warehouses in Belgium, France, Canada, China, Italy and other textile countries have on hand various types of floor coverings which are ready for shipment, now that the war is over, and which will be offered for sale in department stores throughout the United States. These can be offered for even less money per square foot than native hooked rugs due to the fact that many of the foreign countries do not have a wage schedule such as prevails in the United States.

NAMED AS TEACHER

Richard Peterson who has recently received a discharge from the army after four years service, has been named as teacher in the Burnsville school system to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. J. P. Lyon. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have returned to Burnsville from Atlantic City, N. J. and he has begun his duties at Burnsville school.

FAMOUS MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN HERE

One of the most widely acclaimed motion pictures of the year, the 20th Century-Fox production, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" will be shown at The Yancey Theatre on Sunday and Monday.

The movie was made from the best seller of the same name, and rivals the book in popularity. A distinguished cast, headed by Dorothy McGuire, James Dunn, Joan Blondell and Peggy Ann Garner, give memorable performances in the picture. It's the "best in entertainment."

SYMPHONY FUND

Mrs. Carroll Rogers, chairman for Yancey county for the Symphony or choral fund, has reported contributions to date now total \$378. This does not include reports from three schools or a full report from the Men's Club. Also, by one community report is included, that of Mrs. Claude Hughes of Green Mtn.

P. T. A. MEETING

The first regular meeting of the Burnsville Parent-Teacher Association for the current year will be held at the high school building on Tuesday evening, Sept. 18. Reports of committees will be heard, including the nominating committee whose members are Mrs. Dover Fouts, Miss Clonnie Huskins and Rev. F. R. Barber. There are a number of new teachers at the school this year, and during the social hour, parents and teachers will have an opportunity to meet. A full attendance is urged.

NOTICE

The following notice has been received from the Asheville office of the state department of Conservation and Development:

The North Carolina Division of Game and Inland Fisheries announce openings for District Game and Fish Protectors in District No. 3, composed of McDowell, Yancey, Mitchell and Avery counties. Applicants may receive application blanks by writing to the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries, Raleigh, N. C. Examination will be held in Marion, on Sept. 26th.

Requirements: All applicants must be between the ages of 22 to 40; Pass physical examination; height, not less than 5'8"; weight, not less than 150 lbs.; High school education or equivalent.

SHEPHERD NAMED FARM AGENT FOR MITCHELL COUNTY

Ralph S. Shepherd has resigned as assistant county agent of Yancey county to accept the position of farm agent for Mitchell county. He will begin his work there on Sept. 17.

Mr. Shepherd came to Burnsville as assistant county agent on July 15, 1942 and has served in this capacity since that time. He has been active in affairs of the community as well as in the farm extension work and the 4-H club program.

Mrs. Shepherd, the former Miss Joyce Banks, has resigned as teacher at Clearmont and will teach at Bowman high school, Bakersville where they will reside.

Decoration Service

There will be a Decoration Service at the Byrd cemetery in Ramseytown, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23rd at 2:30 o'clock.

Fred Ramsey who has completed boot training at the naval training station, Bainbridge is home on leave.

Enlistment in Regular Army

The following letter has been received by this paper from the public relation office of the 4th service command, relative to enlistment in the regular army:

With all the concern indicated over the employment situation in the postwar months, the attention of young men might profitably be directed to the possibilities offered by the Regular Army, both as a career and as an employer during the immediate postwar period.

It is recognized that the major objection of men to Army service is the loss of a certain amount of personal freedom necessary in the military establishment. But there are advantages to outweigh these objections. The pay, when board, clothing and housing are considered, compares quite favorably with civilian pay. There is security, in that a man will not be laid off

during this three-year enlistment. He has the best medical care that the medical profession can provide. Dependents receive benefits and consideration not always found in civilian occupations.

The Army also offers an extensive educational program. This should be of particular interest to young men who have not settled upon their careers, or who lack sufficient training to qualify for civilian positions. In the Army they may combine practice on the job with education and training in their chosen field. Academic instruction is the best that American educators have been able to provide.

Instead of job hunting, 70,000 young men can find themselves in the Army. That is the total which the Fourth Service Command has been authorized to enlist for three-year hitches during the next few months

GRADES ANNOUNCED

The District Health Department announces the Grades of Food-Handling establishments in Yancey county:

A & M Cafe, 77.5 (C); City Cafe, 84.5 (B); Dinner Bell Cafe, 72.5 (C); Mt. Mitchell Camp (Girls) 80.5 (B); Nu-Wray Hotel, 85.5 (B); Nu-Wray Hotel Cafe 75.0 (C); Young's Cafe 75.5 (C); Johnson & Co. Market, 83.5 (B); Micaville Exchange Market, 80.0 (B); Proffitt & Co. Market 83.0 (B); Ray's Market, 80.0 (B); Young's Market 72.0 (C); Robinson's Dairy (Grade A Pasteurized) (A).

The Singing Convention at Burnsville high school Sunday, Sept. 16, will feature Wade Mainer, singer of gospel songs, the Carolina Quartet from WNCN, Tiny Dodson from WISE, the Gosnell Trio from Asheville, the Butler Triplet's from Asheville, the Bent Creek Quartet and many others from various stations.

Convention starts at 11 a. m. and will last until 4

Receives Combat Badge

Rome, Ga.—Pfc. James M. Thompson, of Burnsville, was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge by Col. D. B. Faust, commanding officer of Battery General Hospital here, in formal ceremonies recently.

A member of Co. L 317th Regiment, 80th Infantry (Blue Ridge) Division, Thompson served in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg. He was wounded by rifle fire Dec. 25 during the German counter-attack in the Belgian Bulge, for which he received the Purple Heart.

In the Army since November, 1943, he also wears the European-African-Middle Eastern campaign ribbon with two major engagement stars, and the Good Conduct ribbon.

Mrs. Dawson Briggs who underwent an operation last week has returned to her home here.

CITIZENS OF COUNTY URGED TO MAKE "VICTORY GIFT"

Citizens of the county will be asked, during the War Fund Campaign which will begin on Oct. 1, to make a victory gift. "We should make this gift," officials have stated, "as an expression of gratitude for the peace and for the boys who have won it for us."

The National War Fund must continue its activities, as long as the acute need for foreign relief exists and as long as all the men in service have not returned home. "For Our Own—For our Allies" again is the slogan of the drive.

Pfc. Clair Laws has received a discharge from the army and is at home.

Mrs. Dora Rutledge of Leaksville has been the house guest of Miss Lena Banner. Miss Linnie Belle Thomas and Sue Knight also of Leaksville were guests of Miss Celia King.

AMERICAN HEROES

By WOODY COWAN



DISREGARDING his own safety when a Merchant Marine vessel struck an enemy mine in a heavy sea which broke the ship in half, Third Assistant Engineer Francis C. Rack carried his Chief on deck after all unable lifeboats had shoved off. Seeing an empty boat adrift, Rack dove into the sea and swam to it. He managed to propel it to the sinking ship and transferred the Chief Engineer. Rack was awarded a distinguished service medal. When seamen show such courage in using equipment that War Bonds helped to provide, Americans know that their investment in Bonds never can be big enough.

U. S. Treasury Department