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--Men In Service--

Bronze Star Award

Weldon Carson Burgin, S 1c, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal. The citation read:

In the name of the President of the United States and by direction of the Secretary of the Navy and the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, the Commander Amphibious Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet, takes pleasure in presenting the bronze star medal to Weldon Carson Burgin, Seaman first class, United States Naval Reserve for service as set forth in the following citation:

"For distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement in February, 1945, as a member of an assault unit during the assault and capture of Iwo Jima Island. In the face of enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire, he bravely prepared the way for the operations of combat troops and by his courageous devotion to duty contributed greatly to the success of this hazardous mission. His courage and conduct throughout were in keeping with the best traditions of the naval service."

Discharged

The following men have returned and are now at home after receiving a discharge: Sewel Anglin, Woodrow Anglin, Bis Byrd, Ray English, Earl Rathbone, Glenn E. McCourry.

Pershing Angel is now at home following a discharge from service. He has been in the naval hospital at Norfolk for wounds received in action.

Carol W. Angel, Quartermaster 3c, is now stationed at the Naval Frontier Base San Pedro, Cal.

Pvt. Johnny Peterson is now stationed at Camp Sibert, Ala.

Cpl. Oscar T. Gibbs, Jr. after spending a 30 day furlough at home with his wife and relatives has now returned to Camp Polk, La.

Pvt. Paul Johnson of Bakers Creek has received a discharge from the army.

Harold Butner who has received a discharge from the Navy is at home.

T. Sgt. Howe Deyton is now stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky.

John C. Lynn, former county farm agent of Yancey, Mitchell and Haywood counties, and district farm agent, is now serving in Germany with the American control food and agricultural section. He holds the rank of major.

Bascombe Bennett is at home on a 17 day leave. He will return to Camp Bradford, Va., Saturday.

Virle Briggs who recently returned from overseas has received a discharge and is now at home.

Pfc. Leslie Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bis Peterson of Burnsville, has received an Army discharge after serving 21 months in the ETO and 20 months in the Pacific area.

He participated in 5 major battles and was wounded last May 4 in the battle of Okinawa. He has seen action in Guam, the Philippine Islands, Iwo Shima, Okinawa and other Pacific points. Pfc. Peterson was a member of the 77th Infantry Division and is holder of the Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Philippine liberation ribbon with one bronze star, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with 5 battle stars and six overseas bars.

He is the grandson of Mrs. H. M. Wilhite of Johnston City.

Mt. Mitchell Is Great Scenic Attraction In State

With the building of a highway link to connect the Blue Ridge parkway with the summit of Mt. Mitchell, millions of Americans in future years will have an opportunity to visit Eastern America's highest peak and share with the people of Western North Carolina one of the world's outstanding scenic wonderlands.

Completion of the connecting link and the parkway itself will undoubtedly put Mt. Mitchell State park in front-line competition with the Great Smoky Mountains National park for the honor of being North Carolina's top ranking tourist attraction.

The Mt. Mitchell State park now contains 1,224 acres, and is included in the 25,200-acre tract which makes up the Mt. Mitchell cooperative wildlife management area, which is a part of Pisgah National forest.

Development of the park during the past decade has been brought about through cooperation of the State Department of Conservation and Development and the Civilian Conservation Corps, which set up a camp in the area in the thirties.

Plans for Development

The program of development for the park set up in the thirties has been partially achieved. Included: Erection of administration buildings, erection of main park buildings with lunch room, lounge rooms, and other facilities, construction of cabins, provision of improved water supply and sanitary facilities, development of camping and picnic areas, removal of dead timber to reduce fire hazard in the timbered areas of the park, and continuation of reforestation activities.

Building the new highway link from the Blue Ridge parkway will open up still greater development possibilities in the state park. Actually, state and other officials say this

NOTICE

President Truman will address nation, all stations on nation-wide hook-up, in behalf of National War Fund, Tuesday, October 2, 10:30-10:35 p. m., to be followed immediately by Governor Cherry, Honorary Chairman and Victor S. Bryant State Chairman. Addresses will be heard over the following stations: WPTF Raleigh, WBIG Greensboro, WSJS Winston Salem, WBT Charlotte, WISE Asheville, WMSD Wilmington, WCNC Elizabeth City.

The clocks of the nation will be turned back one hour on Sunday, September 30 in a return to Standard time. War time, one hour earlier, has been observed since immediately after the declaration of war by the United States.

NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL STORY IN ESSO OILWAYS

Raleigh — A six-page spread on North Carolina in Esso Oilways, a trade publication, carries the story of the state's industrial progress to tens of thousands of business executives, both in this country and abroad. Illustrated with photographs from the advertising division's files the story gives a brief, general description of the state, and then more detailed information on its industrial progress. The article was prepared from data of the state department of conservation and development.

Ten thousand reprints of the article were supplied without cost to the advertising division for use as stock literature.

INFANT DIES

The two months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Garland of Banks Creek died at the home last Sunday morning. Funeral services with Rev. A. H. Mutschler officiating were held at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Burial was in the family cemetery.

ATTEND CONFERENCE

Grover D. Gillis, F. S. A. county supervisor, Miss Irene Edwards, assistant supervisor and county committeemen, Edd King and Carl T. Young, attended a district conference in Marion on Wednesday. J. H. Ray, representative for veterans also attended.

ATTEND JUNIOR RED CROSS MEETING

Mrs. Carroll Rogers, Mrs. Craig English, Mrs. Sam J. Huskins and Miss Ruby Robinson attended a Junior Red Cross conference in Asheville on Sept. 19. The program of activities for Junior Red Cross chapters was discussed. Mrs. Rogers is county chairman of this work.

STATE VETERINARIAN ASKS WAR ON RATS

There are 3,500,000 rats in North Carolina — as many rats as there are people, according to Dr. William Moore, and he wants something done about it.

Dr. Moore, head of the Veterinary division of the State Department of Agriculture, said that more than 50 per cent of these rats live on farms and carry diseases which are a serious menace to farm animals and their owners.

They are also carriers of parasites — which in turn carry other diseases that are threats to livestock and human health. "Winter time is a good time of the year to open a renewed war on the rat menace. It will mean the saving of a lot of grain and other feed — and perhaps the prevention of a serious disease outbreak," said Doctor Moore.

For Preinduction Exams

The following men left this morning for Fort Jackson for preinduction examinations:

Nathaniel Brown, Erskine P. Fender, Charles Wright, Marshall Pate, Emmett Wilson, Dan Wilson, Leland Autrey, Samuel McPeters, Clyde S. Black, Wm. Fred Hylemon, Paul Laws, Estel Adkins, Burgess Bryant, J. C. Banks, Swight Boone, Scotty Hughes.

OCTOBER TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

The October term of Superior Court will convene here on Oct. 22. Judge Frank M. Armstrong will preside, and both civil and criminal cases will be heard.

COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED FOR LEGION AUXILIARY

At the regular meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary Tuesday evening, Mrs. J. H. Ray, president of the auxiliary unit named the standing committees for the year.

Mrs. Earl Wilson is chairman for the Americanization committee, and members are Mrs. R. N. Silver, Mrs. C. R. Hamrick, Mrs. Monroe McIntosh, Mrs. Brook Wilson, Mrs. Oscar L. Young.

The community service committee is headed by Mrs. D. R. Fouts, and members are Mrs. W. E. Ruffy, Mrs. Horace Higgins, Mrs. Oscar L. Young. Other chairmen are: child welfare Mrs. R. Y. Tilson, music, Mrs. H. G. Bailey and Mrs. Yates Bennett; Christmas seal sale, Mrs. C. L. Proffitt; Rehabilitation, Mrs. J. O. Safford; Historian, Mrs. W. W. Hennessee; chaplain, Mrs. W. B. Robertson.

Returns from Overseas

M. Sgt. Arthur Patton, Jr. Celso; Cpl. Paul King, Pfc. Horace Silver, Burnsville.

Paul McCourry has returned to Camp Butner after a leave at home.

CHILD KILLED BY SHOTGUN BLAST

George Gardner, 2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fillmore Gardner of the Shoal Creek section, was killed instantly last Thursday morning about 9 o'clock when a shotgun was fired by a 6 year old brother.

The four small children had been left in the house by the mother who had gone a short distance to the spring. The children took the gun down and it was accidentally fired.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Upper Shoal Creek Baptist church with the Rev. Jack Jenkins officiating. Burial was in the Young cemetery.

In addition to the parents, the child is survived by three small brothers.

RATION BOARD HERE WILL CLOSE OCT. 31

Price and rationing boards of the Charlotte office have been officially notified of closing dates, it has been learned.

Some of the offices will close on Oct. 15 and others on Oct. 31. The Yancey county office is in the latter group. After it is closed on Oct. 31, the work will be handled from the Asheville office.

SYMPHONY FUND

Contributions to the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra Fund now total \$450, according to a report of the committee today. This however, is \$75 below the minimum required to have a free concert for the school children of the county. The check must go in Saturday and anyone who wishes to contribute is urged to contact the committee before that time.

Pvt. Ralph Tomberlin and Pvt. Jack Allen who completed basic training at Camp Rucker, Ala. are now stationed at Fort Maed, Md.

Pvt. Edward Buckner is at home from Camp Rucker, Ala.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Special:—A series of revival services, lasting ten days or more, are scheduled to begin at the First Baptist church, Burnsville, on Wednesday night, Oct. 3rd.

Mr. W. B. Archer, noted pastor-evangelist will be guest minister. A native of West Virginia, Mr. Archer did mission work in South America, and has since held important pastorates in Florida and Alabama, before coming to his present work as pastor of the First Baptist church of Wellford, S. C.

Efforts are also being made to secure a gospel singer to assist in the above meeting.

The public at large is cordially invited to attend these services.

JAMES H. WILSON PASSES

James H. Wilson, 78, life-time resident of Yancey county, passed away at his home at Bee Log Friday morning, September 14 after an extended illness.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon by the Rev. Quince Miller. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Pall bearers were Webb Ramsey, Coy Phillips, George, Andy, M. S. Lifus and Lee Edwards, Alvin Wilson, Rufus Hensley, Paul Edwards and Johnny Ramsey.

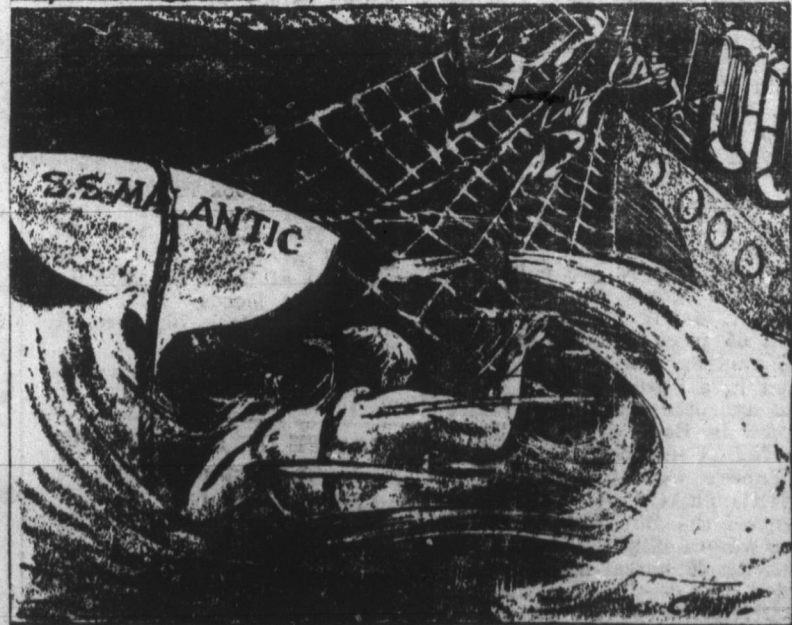
Flower girls were Mrs. Coy Phillips, Mrs. John Riley, Pansy Hensley, Lillie Lou Ramsey, Carrie Hensley, Mrs. George Edwards, Mrs. Everette Hensley, Dale and Eula Ramsey, Mae Fender, Mrs. Walter Starky, Thelma Edwards, Morna Starky.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. R. S. Caldwell, Erwin, Tenn., Mrs. Clarence King, Caretta, W. Va., Miss Thelma Wilson, Bee Log; three sons, Joseph Wilson, Bee Log, James Wilson, Bee Log, who has just been discharged from the army after having been wounded in France, Cpl. Claude Wilson, Pittsburg, Cal.; one brother, W. M. Wilson and four sisters, Mrs. W. B. Hensley, Mrs. W. F. Howard, Mrs. J. H. Phillips, Mrs. John Fender all of Bee Log; eleven grand children and four great grand children.

A host of friends and relatives are left to remember "Jim", as he was known. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Noblett announce the birth of a son, Eric Stephen, Sept. 26th.

AMERICAN HEROES

by WOODY COWAN



A LIBERTY SHIP has been named for James G. Squires of Everett, Mass., second cook on the torpedoed S. S. Malantic, and a Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal awarded posthumously. Squires clung to a rope thrown to the life boat in which he, the ship's master and nine other crewmen floated on rough seas until the other ten were safe on a British rescue craft after the torpedoing. Then he lapsed into unconsciousness and was swept away. Investment in Victory Bonds to support living heroes is a testimonial, too, to such men. U. S. Treasury Department