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--Men In Service--

Sgt. Louis J. Robinson is now at home and has received an honorable discharge from service. He has been in service 5 years and served overseas 14 months as an engineer in the Air Force. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Robinson of Celso.

Fleet Hamby, son of Mrs. Z. S. Hamby, recently received a discharge from the navy and is now home on leave. A brother, Seaman James Hamby, is now in the Philippines.

Seaman 1c, Bruce N. Duncan, 20, of Celso has received his discharge from service after 30 months in the navy. He was in the Luzon operation last Dec., aboard the Montezuma Castle and in addition to the Philippines Liberation ribbons he wears the American Theatre, European-African-Middle Eastern, Asiatic-Pacific and the World War II Victory Medal.

Burgess Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Mitchell of Rt. 1, has been discharged from service and is now at home. He was in service for nearly 4 years and was overseas for 19 months in England, France, Germany and Austria. He is married to the former Miss Iva Higgins of Cane River.

A brother, Mally Mitchell, has also been discharged after 2 years in service, 9 months of which was spent overseas in the European area.

Pfc. Royce Hall who received basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. is now stationed in Virginia.

Cpl. Clarence E. Simmons Hamrick, N. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Simmons has reenlisted in the regular army Field Artillery. He received his discharge September 9, 1945. Cpl. Simmons was in the army for 71 months and 34 months of this time was served in the European Theatre of Operations.

Sgt. Dave Hylemon is in the U. S. General hospital in Munich, Germany, on account of burns and shock received while working with live electric wires. The information was received here by his wife, Mrs. June Hylemon.

Willie J. Henson, steward's mate, third class, Burnsville, N. C., served on the USS Bennington, which arrived in San Francisco Nov. 7. As a member of Task Group 58, the "Busy B" participated in the first carrier strike against Japan.

Despite damage inflicted by the terrific typhoon of June 4-5, 1945, the Bennington later returned to Japan and launched an attack against Kyushu airfields.

Her planes also took part in strikes against Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Keramo Retto and other Japanese home islands.

Receive Discharges

The following men have been discharged from military service and are now at home:

Ray Garland, Kermit Bryant, Clinas Autrey, Bruce Duncan, Theodore Silver, Paul Silver, Ed Adkins, Tommy Hylemon, J. B. Bennett, Bobbie King, Gresham McPeters, Lewis Butler, Paul Bailey, Elzie Bradford, Boyd Banks, Troy Mathis, Ransom Hughes; Ralph Holcombe, Gold Bolick, Arnold Lee Rathburn, Bruce Mitchell, Lee Gouge, Wade Proffitt, John McCourry, Milton B. Higgins, Loyd Hilemon, Ray McIntosh, Fleet Hamby, Frank Phillips, Harry Wilson, Milton Reid.

For Induction

Two men, R. L. Allen and George Jones, went to Fort Bragg this week for induction into military service.

William Jay King, S. 1c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard King of Cane River is on his way home, according to a news release from the Pacific Fleet public information office in the Philippines. He is returning to the states aboard the USS Weeden and is expected to arrive in the states Dec. 23.

Wayne Riddle of Pensacola is taking boot training at Camp Peary, Va.

Pfc. Jesse Dawes Rathburn has reenlisted in the Army for 3 years and has returned to Fort Bragg after spending a 90 day furlough with homefolks at Hamrick. He served 8 months active duty in Germany and was in the 265 Engineer Division who delivered the first gun boats over the Danube River in the last battles before the surrender of Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rathburn.

Two Men Sent For Induction

On Tuesday, Dec. 11 of this week, two men left for Fort Bragg for induction into military service. The local selective service boards call was for five men but for various reasons (including enlistment by two in the regular army) only two were sent by the board to Fort Bragg.

The fact that only two were sent was an unusual circumstance. It gains added interest when the following facts are recalled:

The men of Yancey county registered in October, 1940 and were assigned serial numbers by the national drawing in Washington. Five years ago—Dec. 11, 1940—the first call for men was answered by the local selective service board.

On that morning five years ago, two men—Coy McCourry and Howe Deyton—left for induction. Not since that time until the present call has a similar

WHAT WILL YANCEY DO?

The Victory Bond Drive is lagging and many people in Yancey county, as well as in other sections of the State, are wondering just what Yancey will do. Money should be coming into Yancey county rapidly now from the sales of tobacco and no safer investment with an equal return can be had than the investment in Victory Bonds. The men who have returned from Service have an opportunity of observing the attitude of the Citizens at close range and to determine how well we show our appreciation of their efforts in the conflict. Let us put this Drive over meeting our quota immediately.

Mrs. Pearl Huskins, Chairman, Woman's Division. R. N. Silvers, Dover R. Fouts, Co-Chairmen.

ARMY RECRUITING SERVICE

T. Sgt. R. H. Lewis and Sgt. Alex Baron of the army recruiting service will be in Burnsville on Thursday of each week for the purpose of giving information and accepting men for the regular army.

Headquarters will be in the county Selective Service office from 9 to 5.

NOTICE

The District Health office will be closed at noon Saturday, Dec. 22 and will be open again on Thursday morning, Dec. 27. These dates for the observance of the Christmas holidays are those set for state employees.

Pfc. Ralph F. Holcombe, Burnsville, N. C., has been discharged from the army at the Army and Navy General hospital, Hot Springs National Park, Ark. He served in the army a year and 8 months, 9 overseas. An artilleryman, he was in the Ardennes region of France Rhineland and Central Eu-

number left. During these five years approximately 1300 men have been sent by the local board. The largest group ever sent at one time for induction numbered 95. However, as many as 200 went on several occasions for pre induction examination, although in many instances the number for which a call was received was reduced by the large number of volunteers from the county.

In this record of the five years from Dec. 11, 1940 to Dec. 11, 1945, citizens may read an account of service of the young men of the county. The record is one of which every person in the county is justly proud.

Note: The first two men who were inducted from the county both served overseas both returned, both received discharges from service and one has reenlisted in the regular army.

YOUTH MEETING

The Baptist Youth meeting will be held at the Bolens Creek church on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 5 o'clock. The subject for discussion will be: "Let Us Rise UP and Build."

OFFICERS RESERVE CORPS

Atlanta.—There's an opportunity for all male officers of the Army of the United States, who have been or will be separated from the service to become members of the Officers Reserve Corps immediately. Major Harry O. Smith, chief of the procurement branch, Fourth Service Command, announced today.

Major Smith said that such officers, between the ages of 18 and 60, who are physically qualified for general service, limited service, or general service with waiver and who have been honorably discharged, are eligible for immediate appointment in the Officers Reserve Corps for an initial period of five years and in the grade he held at the time of his separation from the Army of the United States.

Post war planning, Major Smith explains, provides for a large reserve army and it is estimated that approximately 400,000 officers will comprise the Officers Reserve Corps. Applications may be made to any U. S. Army Recruiting Office.

Lights Again on Square

Colored Christmas lights have again been placed around the square and on the streets of the business section of the town. This annual custom was discontinued during the war years but it was decided this year to start this observance of the Yule season.

There are few towns that lend themselves so well to Christmas lighting as Burnsville does. The spacious square, occupying the top of the hill on which the center of Burnsville is located, seems to welcome the garland of colored lights at this season. And if it is a "White Christmas", the mantle of snow, the interspersing ever greens and the soft glow of the lights make it a truly greeting card scene.

PERSONALS

Mrs. B. B. Penland is in Norburn hospital where she underwent an operation Wednesday.

Wesley Roberts spent the past week end in Hillsboro.

Mrs. Thomas R. Keith, the former Miss Macie Elliott of Burnsville, spent last week with her husband, Third class Petty Officer, Thomas R. Keith in Philadelphia. During this time they visited New York City accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Richard A. Brown, the former Miss Marie Elliott of Burnsville. After spending a few days in Washington, D. C. they will return to Raleigh. Mrs. Brown returned to New Jersey where she is with Sgt. Brown who has returned from the C. B. I. Theatre.

Margaret Young who is a student at WCTC Cullowhee is visiting Mrs. Charles Young and Mrs. Joe Young. The school has been closed for the Christmas holidays because of the epidemic of flu.

B. S. CONNELLY AGAIN WITH HIGHWAY DEPT.

B. S. Connelly who was connected with the district highway office prior to entering service, has resumed work in this capacity. He recently received a discharge after returning from overseas duty.

Mrs. Connelly and their two sons will join Mr. Connelly here within a few days.

BAPTIST PASTORS' SCHOOL

The annual Yancey county Baptist Pastor's school is now in session at the Burnsville Baptist church.

Guest teachers are J. C. Pipes of Asheville, J. C. Canipe of Boone, M. H. Kendall of Mars Hill, M. O. Owens of Marion and Mrs. J. C. Jackel of Hendersonville.

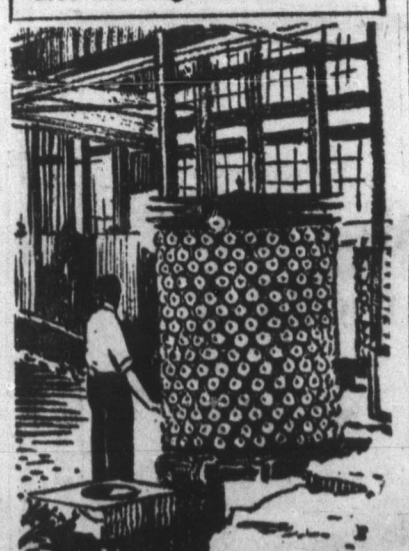
Fourteen pastors of Baptist churches in the association are attending. Conferences are held each morning and afternoon, and each evening at 7:30 Mr. Canipe leads the worship hour. Every one is invited to the evening service.

Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Laughrun of Johnson City and Sgt. and Mrs. Noble Laughrun and son of Maxwell Field, Ala. were guests of relatives here during the past week.

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Behind Your Bonds



INDUSTRIAL STATE

In Rhode Island, most highly industrialized state in the Union, more than half the population is employed in manufacturing, 134 per thousand compared to 48 for the Nation. The state leads in per capita wealth in this business, \$243 per person. Converted to produce resources, it will continue to produce resources to add to National wealth guaranteeing Victory Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department Mrs. Thelma King was visiting friends and relatives in Marion Sunday.

Schools Closed Because Of Icy Highways and Illness

County schools were closed today (Thursday) for the holidays, and will reopen on Monday, Dec. 31. This announcement was made from the superintendent's office this morning because of the heavy snow fall and the wide spread prevalence of flu and colds.

Micaville and Clearmont schools had already been closed because of the flu epidemic. Micaville had reported 325 absences on Wednesday and the school did not open today. Clearmont also reported many absences among students and teachers due to illness.

Snow had fallen to a depth of one inch this morning and continues to fall without let up. The highways are so slick that the early bus schedule from Asheville to Spruce Pine was cancelled. The bus reached Burnsville from Asheville but returned to Asheville rather than go on to Spruce Pine and Elk Park.

School holidays had been scheduled to begin next Wednesday with last classes on Tuesday afternoon. A few cases of flu and throat infection were reported last week end but did not assume epidemic proportions till this week. A number of teachers have been absent because of attacks, and the decision to close Clearmont and Micaville schools was made after a check up Wednesday disclosed the number affected.

This is the first time during the present school year that it has been necessary to close the schools because of weather conditions. However, the highways under the snow are ice covered and conditions are dangerous for travel.

Rural Mail Carrier Retires

George D. Turbyfill, rural Mail Carrier at Green Mtn., N. C., retired from service on Nov. 30, 1945, after having served the rural patrons of Route No. 1, 30 years, 2 months and 10 days.

Mr. Turbyfill was appointed rural mail carrier Sept. 20, 1915 and he is the first and only regular carrier ever appointed on this route. The oath of office was administered by J. W. Howell, Postmaster. He has served under six postmasters, the last one being Mr. Howell's daughter, Mrs. Annabelle H. Bailey.

For the first several years this route was traveled by horseback, sometimes horse and buggy, with a total of 100,000 miles. Roads were improved and a car was purchased to convey the mails. He has to his credit approximately 305,000 miles traveled by automobile—a total of 405,000 miles.

Mrs. Annabelle Bailey and Mr. Turbyfill responded to the talks with many words of appreciation for the gifts, the presence of each one and the consideration shown him during his 30 years service as rural mail carrier.

fill for his faithful service by words and gifts.

The entire assembly was honored by having G. Leslie Hensley, president of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters, present who acted as toastmaster for the group.

The response was given by Mrs. Annabelle Bailey, Green Mtn., N. C. postmaster, who described a few of the many difficulties Mr. Turbyfill had been through, expressing her appreciation for the fine co-operation she had received from him while on duty.

Troy Ray of the Burnsville route represented the rural carrier of the Mt. Mitchell unit. Also, Lester Byrd, retired R. P. O. Clerk, made an interesting talk. C. E. Bailey, assistant postmaster, commented briefly on Mr. Turbyfill's individual life.

MARCH OF DIMES

Reports from states and chapters throughout the country give ample evidence that the American people everywhere are prepared to make the coming March of Dimes the greatest ever.

The nation is almost entirely organized. Practically all County and City Campaign Directors have received their appointments and are already in the process of perfecting machinery for the greatest March of Dimes campaign in their localities.

Prepare for Starting Gun Now! "Early preparation is a forerunner to making 1946 the greatest March of Dimes ever," National Founda-

tion President Basil O'Connor emphasized. "Complete your organization—order your supplies—get ready in every way for the January 14 starting gun now!"

"Let's make this 1946 March of Dimes campaign in commemoration of the birthday of Franklin D. Roosevelt, founder of our great organization, worthy of his fondest wishes," Mr. O'Connor said. "He has bequeathed us this fight—we pledge to 'Fight On'."

NOTICE

The regular December meeting of the Burnsville P. T. A. will not be held, since the holidays will begin Tuesday afternoon.

Margaret Banks is ill of Flu at her home.