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## --Men In Service--

Pfc. Boyce Stamey of the Marine Corps has landed in the states and is now at the San Diego base according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Stamey.

Lt. David N. Low who is a pilot in the army air corps is now at home on leave after returning from the south Pacific area.

Sgt. Herman Bostian has reached Fort Bragg after returning from overseas and will be home this week.

Pfc. Robert Souther has landed in the states after serving for several months in the European area. Pfc. Chester Souther is still in Germany.

Sgt. Jay Thomas, son of Mrs. Lynn Thomas of Mica-ville, N. C., is on his way home. Thomas is one of 1,000 high-point Army veterans who is returning to the States aboard the U. S. S. Randall.

Mrs. Nora Angel has received word her son, Sgt. Boyd Angel, USMC, has landed in Calif. and expects to be home for Christmas. He is a veteran of Saipan and Iwo Jima and has been overseas 23 months.

Frank Ray was discharged from the Navy Dec. 6. He is now visiting his sister in Florida.

Seaman Bill McIntosh has been home on week end leave.

T. S. Wesley Cooper of Celo, T. S. Troy F. Riddle of Pensacola, and Sgt. Brown Williams of Ramseytown were due to arrive in the states during the past week after service overseas.

Royce Boone who has been stationed at a naval air station in Florida is home on leave.

C. V. Belgarde, S. 2c, is now stationed at the naval repair base in San Diego, Cal.

Pfc. Herman Hall of Celo has received his discharge at Fort Bragg after returning from overseas duty in the European Theatre. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Hall of Celo.

## PLANS TO LIBERALIZE G. I. BILL OF RIGHTS

A broad revision of the G. I. bill of rights has been passed by Congress and now goes to the White House.

One purpose was to simplify the law and a number of new features were added. These would liberalize government aid in securing an education, and also in obtaining loans for purchasing real estate and other purposes.

The Bill is of vital importance to all veterans and their families, and all developments should be followed closely.

The following men have received discharges and are now at home:

Monroe Calloway, Laurence Robinson, Louis Robinson, Alvin Ledford, Bernard Deyton, Gus Haun, Cecil Honeycutt, John Lee Hensley, Ovan Jamerson, Clyde Robertson, Francis Phillips, Wade Randolph, Clarence Deyton, Clarence McMahan, Carol Angel;

Ray Howell, Ralph Barnes, Dewey Robinson, Gay Robinson, Verlin Hughes, Lee Bartlett, Gerdine Williams, John Bowditch, Hershel Higgins, Hunter Maney, Frank Cooper, Preston Phoenix, Welsey Brook Silver, Claude Presnell, Chad Williams, James G. King, Harold Murphy, Wm. N. Gortney, Emory L. Shepard.

## Christmas Music Program

The combined choirs of the churches will give a program of Christmas music Sunday evening, Dec. 23, at 7:30 at the Burnsville Baptist church.

Included in the program will be reading of the Scripture by Rush Wray, choruses by the Methodist and Baptist Junior choirs, Solos and other numbers by members of the combined choir. Special organ music by Mrs. Philip Ray will be a feature of the program.

The public is cordially invited and a special invitation is extended to returned servicemen and women.

Members of the choir are: Mary Lillian Boone, Margaret Greene, Charlotte Ray, Clara D. Banner,

## MRS. PEARL HUSKINS NAMED CHAIRMAN FOR MARCH OF DIMES

Mrs. Pearl Huskins has been named Yancey county chairman for the March of Dimes Drive according to an announcement from State Headquarters. The drive will be held Jan. 14 through 31st.

The annual drive was inaugurated by President Roosevelt in 1938 and since that time, millions of dollars have been contributed to study means of prevention of Infantile Paralysis, to victims of the dread disease.

Plans for the county drive will be announced later.

## Penicillin, Sulfa No Help in Polio

Neither penicillin nor the sulfa drugs, so effective in other virulent diseases, has been found helpful in treating infantile paralysis. The search for a preventive and cure still goes on.

At the Michigan State Department of Health, scientists working under grants from the National Foundation have painstakingly experimented with more than 300 drugs and

## 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.

## THE HIGGINS CLINIC

The Higgins Clinic is open Tuesdays and Saturdays, from 2 to 6 p. m. However, it will not be open next Tuesday, Christmas Day.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Woodard Sexton at the Higgins Clinic on Wednesday, Dec. 19 a daughter Geraldine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Young of Weaverville, a son, David Lee, at the Higgins Clinic.

Helen Westall, Mona Lee Griffith, Llewlyn Ray, June Ramsey, Sarah Hamrick, Lucy Bailey, Mary Frances Hamrick, Jaunita Alley, Mrs. Kenneth Robertson, Fay Dellinger, Betty Wray Hensley, Billie Marie Bennett, Mrs. Arney Fox; Evelyn Alley, Mary Lou Sorrells, Hope Bailey, Raylene Penland, Peggy Jean Huskins, Mrs. D. R. Fouts, Doris Penland, Henrietta Alley, Evelyn Hamrick, Martha Bailey, Evelyn Briggs, Jean Bennett, Mrs. Joe Young, Mrs. Sallie Butner, B. R. Penland, Dawson Briggs, Kenneth Robertson, Rev. O. E. Croy, Rev. H. M. Alley, Arney Fox, Rush Wray, Grady Bailey, Mrs. Philip Ray, organist; Mrs. Grady Bailey, director.

## J. A. POLLARD, SR. PASSES AWAY

J. A. Pollard, Sr., 70, passed away Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gus Laughrun in Forest City, Ark. He had suffered a heart attack on Sunday morning.

Funeral services were held in Memphis at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, followed by burial there.

Mr. Pollard and his family resided in Burnsville for a number of years while he was engaged in business here.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Laughrun and Mrs. B. F. Wiley of Vaiden, Miss.; three sons, L. V. Pollard of Burnsville, Louis Pollard of Memphis and J. A. Pollard of Whitfield, Miss.

Virginia Dare Chase is ill of flu.

chemicals in the search for an agent to kill the poliomyelitis virus.

Your contribution to the March of Dimes, January 14-31, can help carry on this work.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

## Christmas Bells



heard the bells on  
Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols  
play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth,  
good will to men.

—H. W. Longfellow

## Winter Weather Prevails

Old Man Winter has shown no favorites during the past week of severe weather throughout the nation. In Yancey county, snow, sleet, high winds, low temperatures and very slick highways have prevailed and there is no immediate relief promised.

Fortunately, schools were dismissed on Thursday as soon as the highways became unsafe for travel. The heavy snow fall of Thursday and Friday and the very cold weather following caused the highways to be ice coated.

The snow had not melted to any appreciable degree when it began to snow again on Tuesday. Snow again on Wednesday added still further to the burden. Travel has been very light to surrounding towns and the bus schedule has been interrupted, with the afternoon buses being unable to run Tuesday.

The lowest temperature recorded was 5 degrees above. It has not been above

freezing for a week. An insufficient supply of fuel has caused great concern on the part of many people in Burnsville.

On Mt. Mitchell a low of zero has been reported with a 23 inch snow. This has not melted to any noticeable degree and is expected to remain to almost that depth for some time.

The unusually severe weather has caused some interruption in the regular work of the county. Farmers and miners have found it difficult or impossible to carry on their work and any work that required much travel has been greatly curtailed.

Predictions are for a white Christmas with little relief from the cold wave in immediate prospect.

Numerous cases of colds and flu have been reported and all citizens are urged to take all precautions to stay well and to prevent spread of disease. So far, no critical illnesses have been reported.

## The Greatest Gift

Christmas means more than mailing presents and opening packages. Today, as never before in history, it means giving something of ourselves to others. For that is the spirit of the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate.

This year more families in this community have given the supreme gift—the offering of sons for their country. Stars on some service flags have turned to gold. Each week this newspaper has proudly recorded the deeds of those who serve, fight and die, if need be, that we may be free.

The families of these heroes know the true meaning of Christmas. For they, also, have given a Son.

Many of us cannot match such records of high sacrifice. But we can give and we can serve in other ways. We can make good will and kindness, charity and understanding not



empty words but heart-warming realities in our dealings with others. We can help the boys returning to this community from the war build a brave new future. We can cheer the lonely homes of servicemen still far away. We can speed the day of peace on earth, justice and brotherhood.

In thus giving of ourselves we will all be far richer. And we will add inner meaning and strength to the age-old but ever-new greeting which this newspaper extends to you and yours—

A Merry Christmas

## Capt. Jack H. Newsom, Was Survivor of Torpedoed Ship

Now In Honolulu

Captain Jack H. Newsom who was captured by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands in February, 1942 was one of 287 survivors of the 1619 prisoners of war aboard a torpedoed Japanese ship in Dec. 1944.

The ship was carrying American prisoners from the Philippines to the Japanese mainland when it was torpedoed by an American submarine whose crew was unaware that Americans were aboard. It was long feared that Capt. Newsom is among those who lost their lives. He is now being

hospitalized in Honolulu. Immediately following the beginning of hostilities in Dec. 1941, Mr. Newsom who was a Lieutenant in the reserve officers' corps, joined the American forces and fought on the island of Mindanao until his capture. He was held in the Davao prisoner of war camp until last year when he was being taken to Japan.

Mrs. Newsom was interned at Santo Tomas camp until her liberation by American troops last February. Capt. Newsom's address is: Capt. J. H. Newsom, 2456 Prince Edward St., Honolulu 11, Hawaii.

## Summary of Farm Work

(Note: The following brief summary of some of the past year's work has been prepared by the farm agents' office.)

Early in 1945, our third series of Horse and Mule Clinics were held with 38 farmers bringing 55 animals for examination and treatment of bots, roundworms and dental work. The clinics are meeting the approval of farmers as is evidenced by the increased numbers treated. In 1943, 28 head were treated and in 1944, a total of 36 were treated.

The Demonstration Farmers' Association again purchased 14,000 lbs. of good lespedeza seed that was distributed to 50 members and 44 nonmembers. This seed was distributed to the above at a saving of 8 to 4 cents per pound.

Several farmers manage to take care of eroded land while others complain about labor shortages. This year, 12 farmers ordered from the TVA Forestry Department 9,750 white pine, 2,000 yellow poplar, and 4,500 black locust. This brings the total acres set to tree seedlings in the county to 1,846 acres.

Two farmers, who were apprentice producers in 1944, produced certified US-282 hybrid seed corn. Their yield was 140 bushels of seed. Their seed produced in 1944 was distributed to 60 farmers in the county with several small lots going to neighboring counties for demonstrational work. The results, as reported by the farmers, are excellent, giving us an increase over local open-pollinated corn.

The Annual Wool Pool was held in the early summer, combining our wool with that of other Western North Carolina counties and 37 farmers pooled 2403 pounds of wool that sold for \$1,091.40 or an average of 45 1/2 cents per pound.

In an effort to assist sheepmen in taking better care of the wool crop, a sheep shearing school was held and was attended by 20 interested sheepmen. Two men purchased power

equipment as a result of this school.

The first cooperative lamb shipment was made from Yancey county in early August. In this pool, 22 farmers sold 237 lambs that brought \$2,610.75 or an average of \$12.34 per hundred weight. The lambs averaged 89 1/4 lbs. each.

The Sears 4-H Pig Chain is adding new links. A total of 44 club members submitted essays for the 10 sow pigs and the 10 winners have received their pigs. At the district show last spring the Yancey county group placed fifth among the seven counties participating.

In the late spring, 9 purebred dairy heifers were placed with 8 club members. At the Asheville Junior Dairy Cattle Show, they placed 1 heifer in the blue class, 3 in the red and 5 in the white. This was the first show any of the members had entered.

A series of tobacco grading demonstrations were held with the help of a PMA representative, which were attended by 39 farmers.

The Test-demonstration program added one new area watershed in the Toledo community bringing it to a total of 5 areas for the county.

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## Presbyterian News

The Christmas program at Mine Fork will be on Saturday at 4 p. m.; Sunday School on Sunday at 2 p. m. At Denlinger Memorial church the Christmas program will be on Saturday at 7 p. m.; Sunday School on Sunday at 10:30.

At Higgins the Sunday School will be at 10:30, worship at 11:30; and the Christmas program on Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. At Banks Creek the Sunday School meets at 10 o'clock; worship will be at 11:30 and the Christmas program will be on Monday, the 24th at 7 p. m.

At Upper Jacks Creek the Sunday School is at 10; and the Christmas program will be on Sunday night at 7.

At Low Gap the Sunday sheep shearing school was held and was attended by 20 interested sheepmen. Two men purchased power