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Lt. Sam Byrd Bennett

Full military honors were paid Lt. Sam Byrd Bennett Wednesday afternoon when final rites were held here.

Funeral services were held at the Higgins Memorial Methodist church of which he was a member. Dr. Charles W. Harris and the Rev. Paul Taylor conducted the services.

The Burnsville American Legion Post was in charge of military rites at the burial service in the Holcombe cemetery.

Lt. E. A. Arness of the Charlotte Escort Detachment accompanied the body here and remained till after the services.

Lt. Bennett, the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Bennett of Burnsville, entered the Army Air Forces in June, 1942. He was a graduate of Burnsville high school and Mars Hill college and was a student at N. C. State College at the time he entered service.

He was killed in action over Germany on May 28, 1944 while serving as bombardier on a heavy bomber. While in service Lt. Bennett received the following awards: the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters for completing 23 missions, Selective Service award and the Presidential Citation for Meritorious Achievement.

Surviving in addition to the parents are three sisters, Mrs. E. L. Briggs, Mrs. James Ray and Miss Jean Bennett, all of Burnsville; two brothers, Mark W. Bennett of Burnsville and Dr. Van B. Bennett of Jasper, Fla., and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Bennett

Sam Byrd Comes Home

This week Sam Byrd came home—back to loved ones and friends, back from alien skies and a foreign land to rest in that part of the wide earth he loved best.

He is typical of all those who went out and returned to us thus—quietly but in triumph, and in paying tribute to him we paid tribute to all.

It is fitting, too, we think, that he came home at this season—at Christmas time.

Christmas is a happy time, a heart warming, gay time but there is a deep meaning and purpose too. It is an observance, of the greatest event that ever took place—the birth of the Son of Man, the Prince of Peace.

One of Sam Byrd's outstanding traits was his cheerfulness, his unflinching sense of humor. But behind all this was a deep and abiding

Laughrun Is Appointed Warrant Officer

Nobel B. Laughrun was recently appointed to the permanent grade of warrant officer, junior grade, in the United States Air Force. He was sworn in by Major Frank E. Lankston, assistant Adjutant General, the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

Laughrun who has been a master sergeant for the past six years, is assigned to the Office of the Inspector General, The Air University. He enlisted at Maxwell in July, 1940, and has been there since except for a year's tour in Europe.

Laughrun is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Laughrun of Burnsville. His wife is the former Miss Dean Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Parker of Greenville, Ala.

Farmers Federation Declares Dividend

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Federation, in a meeting Wednesday, declared the 30th consecutive semi-annual dividend on common and preferred stock payable January 1 to all stockholders, it was announced by James G. K. McClure, president of the organization.

The directors announced that the Farmers Federation Hatchery will begin operations immediately for next year's baby chick program. Mr. McClure stated that there are more than 20,000 stockholders of the Federation in eighteen Western North Carolina counties at present. The Federation, which markets more than \$3,000,000.00 worth of produce for the Western North Carolina farmers annually, has provided modern services including eight freezer-locker plants, a modern poultry processing plant, and Skyline Cooperative Dairies, for the farmers of this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McIntosh have returned home from a trip through the west. They visited ten states and Mexico, and were the guests of relatives in Sacramento, Cal., while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hilliard of Detroit are here for the holidays.

ing purpose too, that held sure and steadfast, even unto the end.

So we paid tribute to that unflinching courage and to the gallant, smiling young man who lived among us, went forth and has now come home.

LEGAL NOTICE

Hunting and Trapping Within 500 Yards of High Water During Flood Period

Under the authority vested in the North Carolina Resources Commission by Chapter 263 Public Laws of 1947, and General Statutes Section 113, 2-126, the said Commission hereby resolves that it shall be unlawful to hunt or take upland game birds or animals, or trap within 500 yards of high water during a flood period.

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Clyde P. Patton, Executive Director.

CANE RIVER NEWS

The following students are home for the holidays: Elsie McCurry, Leslie McCurry and Robert Holloway from Mars Hill.

Robert and David Peterson and Earl Ray from E. T. T. C. Johnson City, Tenn.

Rex McIntosh of Bee Log has returned home from a farm tour to Newark, N. J. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McIntosh Dec. 14, a daughter, Brenda Jo.

Ray Shepherd left for Florida Saturday where he is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Young and children from Morganton spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Edwards.

NEW PASTOR WILL ARRIVE DECEMBER 28

The Rev. Charles B. Trammell who recently accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church here, Mrs. Trammell and their son and daughter plan to move to Burnsville next Tuesday, December 28.

Mr. Trammell will bring his first message at the morning service on Sunday, January 2.

BANK CLOSED MONDAY

Monday, December 27 has been declared an extra bank holiday, and the Northwestern Bank here will be closed Saturday and Monday, Dec. 25 and 27.

Loy McCurry who was seriously ill for a week has improved sufficiently to return home from the Veterans' hospital.

Charles Deyton is confined to his home because of an attack of chicken pox and mumps.

Mark Elliott is ill at his home here.

Mr. Charlie Ferguson and Mrs. Polly Duncan remain quite ill at their homes in Swiss.

The Mt. Pleasant B. T. U. will present a Christmas program at the Mt. Pleasant church Thursday night. Miss Hattie Phoenix plans to visit her sister, Ida of Detroit during the holidays.

On USS Princeton

Harold Alfred Masters, seaman, USN, son of Angus Masters of Green Mountain, N. C., is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Princeton, a unit Task Force 38, which is now undergoing an intensive training period in the Western Pacific and the China Sea area.

These exercises are being conducted for the purpose of giving officers and men of the task force realistic training in all phases of Naval activities. In addition to the training on ship board, personnel familiarize themselves with the ports and peoples of foreign lands. Ports of call between training maneuvers, include Honolulu, Tsingtao, China, Yokosuka, Japan and Guam.

Dr. and Mrs. Van B. Bennett are here from Jasper, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Wint Cruse of Andrews are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Hazel Beavers. Another daughter Mary Ruth Cruse, will be with them here for Christmas.

Mrs. Ruth J. Rice has returned home from Norburn hospital where she underwent an appendectomy.

Joyce King who is teaching in Greene county, Tennessee is home for the Christmas season.

Willard Hall is ill at his home here.

MASONIC LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

At a communication of Bald Creek Lodge No. 397, A.F. & A.M. in the Masonic Hall the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Master, Ed Ball; Senior Warden, A. E. Robinson; Junior Warden, Hassell Rice; Senior deacon, Max Penland; Junior deacon, Jake F. Buckner; Senior steward, Lot Randolph; Junior steward, E. T. Moody; treasurer, Nelson Chandler; secretary, Clyde Rice; Tyler, Ceif Jamerson.

A board of trustees was also named, Von Ballard, B. B. Penland and E. T. Moody.

Installation of officers will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, December 27. The Eastern Star chapter will be in charge of refreshments. The public is invited.

Officers Reserve Corps

Lt. Louie T. Pynes, commanding officer of the Asheville Army and Air Force Recruiting Station, announced today that although many young veterans of World War II are taking advantage of the opportunity to obtain a direct commission as a second lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps with two years immediate active duty there are still many more needed.

In order to qualify for one of these direct commissions a man must be at least 19 years of age but not have reached his 32nd birthday, have two years of college training, have previous service of at least one year in some branch of the Armed Forces, and be physically fit. It is not necessary to have attained any special grade during the former service and it is not necessary to have documentary proof of educational level at the time the application for a commission is submitted. The Army will accept the statement of the applicant that he has two years of college training, pending eventual receipt of the documentary proof.

Full information on this unprecedented offer of direct commissions to former servicemen may be obtained at the local Army and Air Force Recruiting Station located at Post Office Bldg., Asheville or by asking any Army and Air Force Recruiting Sergeant.

Charles Hamrick will be home from Greenville, Tenn., for the Christmas week end.

Letter from New Mexico

To the Editor,

It has been some time since I have been in Yancey county, due to the war and change of address. I have been away from North Carolina for some time, but I am still interested in my home State and I like to try and keep up with the events and people that are still in Burnsville.

I have been here at New Mexico A&M college for the past two years. I am instructing in Military science, also trying to get my degree which I hope to get before I leave here.

It certainly is a small world. I think we people from Yancey county are very lucky as we are always running in to some one from home. The reason I say this, I had to look several times before I could believe I was looking at Ed Hubbard who is enrolled in school here. I am sure that most of the people remember the Hubbards and although they no longer live in Burnsville Ed still calls it home.

Ed is a very modest fellow as you might remember. Anyway I know that he wouldn't write to you about the things he is doing here, so I am taking this time out to tell you about Ed, also enclosing a clipping from the college paper that might be of interest to you and the people that knew Ed. He is and has been for the past two years Captain of the tennis team. Last year they won most of the matches and Ed was the outstanding player, winning his share of the matches.

I also want to thank you for the Paper that I have been getting for the past two years. It helps me to keep up with the people from Burnsville and other parts of the county.

Sincerely yours,
Jack Bailey.
(The clipping was a picture of Ed who had just won a tennis tournament).

RIVERSIDE NEWS

Clay McKinney, small son of Fred E. McKinney was stricken with polio last week. He is in the Orthopedic hospital in Asheville, in a serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Wilson spent last week in Danville, Va. visiting Mrs. Sue Etta Wilson.

Jack Evans left this week for Washington, D. C. for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis McIntosh spent last week here with friends and relatives.

YOUR tree... and us...

Is there room on your tree for one more wish? We hope so, because the people who edit and publish this newspaper are dropping around today with this Christmas card. We haven't figured out a new way of wishing you the best holiday season you ever had, but we want you to know we are thankful for the many things this community has done in the past year to make our home town such a nice place in which to live.

• We who live and work here know we have the best neighbors anywhere. So friends and neighbors, this newspaper cheerily says—

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1948