

Local News Items

Major Laughrun Assigned To Arabia



MAJOR NABLE B. LAUGHRUN

Major Laughrun was assigned to Bossier Base in May 1961 from Dhahran Air Field, Saudi Arabia, where he commanded a postal detachment and served as Area Postal Officer for six Middle East countries. Major Laughrun entered the Army Air Corps in July 1940 at Maxwell Field, Alabama. He has held all enlisted grades through Master Sergeant and Warrant Officer grades through W-3. Receiving a direct appointment as Second Lieutenant, Air Force Reserve in May 1949, he was called to active duty as a Second Lieutenant in June 1951. Major Laughrun served in the European Theater during World War II and in Japan during the Korean Conflict. His past duty assignments include those of First Sergeant, Assistant Air Inspector and Executive Officer to the Inspector General, Air University; Base adjutant, Yokota Air Base, Japan; Chief, Active Duty Recall and Procurement Branch, Air Reserve Record Center; and Director of Personnel and Administration of an Air Reserve Training Wing. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and Army Commendation Medal. Major Laughrun is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Laughrun of Burnsville.

Byrd Creek News

By Donald McCourry

Heavy rains recently did some damage to the roads here in the area. Creeks were the largest they had been in two years nearly. Two had 1/2 inches of rain fall in one storm. Another rain storm which occurred last week dumped 1 1/2 inches of rain here in this area.

Cherry and peach trees here in the section are beginning to bloom out. If the cold weather will stay away this spring, there will probably be plenty cherries here in the area this year.

Mrs. Sena Ray of Pigeon Roost was at Marion two weeks ago visiting with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Ray and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Barnett of near here spent the night of April 3rd in Marion, N. C. visiting with Mrs. Barnett's cousin, Smith Ray and family.

Another dwelling house was destroyed by fire on Pigeon Roost about two weeks ago. This makes three dwelling houses that have been destroyed by fire on Pigeon Roost in the past nine months. This one belonged to the Pates.

Asple McCourry and Conway Hughes both from Byrd Creek were at Spruce Pine April 5th, on business. They were accompanied by Gaither Barnett of Pigeon Roost.

Rev. Joe Barnett from Tipton Hill and Joe's brother, Paul Barnett of Md. were here on Byrd Creek April 4th visiting with another brother, Will Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Barnett and daughter of Lenoir were here over the weekend visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnett.

Floyd Miller's youngest son of Pigeon Roost is recovering from an injured neck which he received about three weeks ago at the Tipton Hill elementary school.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Ray of Marion, N. C. here several days ago visiting with his mother, Mrs. Sena Ray.

Brief Summary of Today's News

Jack Byrd of Pigeon Roost was here several days ago on business.

Dennis Hughes of this section has received employment at Spruce Pine.

Mrs. Smith Hughes recently exchanged cars in Burnsville.

California resident moves back to Calif. after living here for 9 months.

Ashley Gouge moves here from Bailey Settlement vicinity.

G. D. Barnett on business in Bristol, Tenn. recently.

Marion Miller in Erwin recently visiting his sister, Mrs. Grant Oaks.

Ephree Peterson sold his store at Pigeon Roost to Steard Peterson.

Mr. Bryant from Yancey County here recently visiting this reporter.

Mrs. Carl Barnett of here visited with her mother, Mrs. Hester Ray, in the Arbuckle area of Yancey County recently.

We would like to say "thank you all" for the nice get well cards you sent to me. Here are the names I received cards from: Mrs. Charles Fox, Burnsville; Miss Lollie Hensley of Burnsville; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Barnett and Susan, Mrs. H. J. Miller, R. J. Miller, Odell Barnett, all of Relief; Mrs. Glen Maddox of Cadmus, Mich., 49231; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Griffith, Kenneth Sq. Pa.; Mrs. Essie Hall Campbell, Dearborn, Mich. We do appreciate receiving everyone of these nice cards. Thank you again.

Those visiting us while in the Hospital at Spruce Pine are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Miller and children; Mr. and Mrs. Asple McCourry; Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Barnett; Park, Conway, Floyd, Dennis and Elva Hughes; Floyd Barnett, Floyd Miller; Lee Roy, Hansel, Ike, Dennis, Dwight, Alfonso, Roger, Jerry Miller; Troy Bennett; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Barnett, and Bobby Barnett. Boyd Gardner of Charlotte, N. C. and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gardner of South Carolina. Several more visitors unknown.

Cane River News Flashes

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Cane River's Beta Club stayed at the Downtowner Motor Inn while in Asheville for the Beta Club Convention last week-end.

The president, Wanda Riddle, cast the six votes allowed our club for State Beta officers in the lobby of the George Vanderbilt Hotel. After lunch the club toured the Biltmore House with another club. Members of the club were planning on seeing the movie "Mary Poppins" at the Plaza Theatre Saturday evening, but due to the ceiling falling in last week, were unable to attend.

Sunday morning members of the club were able to look inside the Vance Birthplace, but were unable to tour the building due to lack of time.

Cane River High School Beta Club was in charge of the song session at the first general session. Susan Hensley was conductor.

At the Friday night session Beta members from across the state presented an interesting talent show.

The general session held Saturday morning features a talk by former Governor Terry Sanford.

Approximately 4,000 Betas attended the convention.

PRACTICE TEACHER

Cane River has a student teacher from Mars Hill College. He is 21 year old Thomas Edward Ashworth. His major is English. He plans to teach in Virginia. He thinks Cane River is a very favorable school.

BASEBALL

Cane River plays its first baseball game on April 16. The game will be played with East Yancey.

VARIETY SHOW

Cane River High, presented for the second time, a variety show at Bee Log Elementary School last Thursday. There were about 300 people present and the show had 30 acts which were well received by the audience. The money from the show is for the Jr. Sr. banquet.

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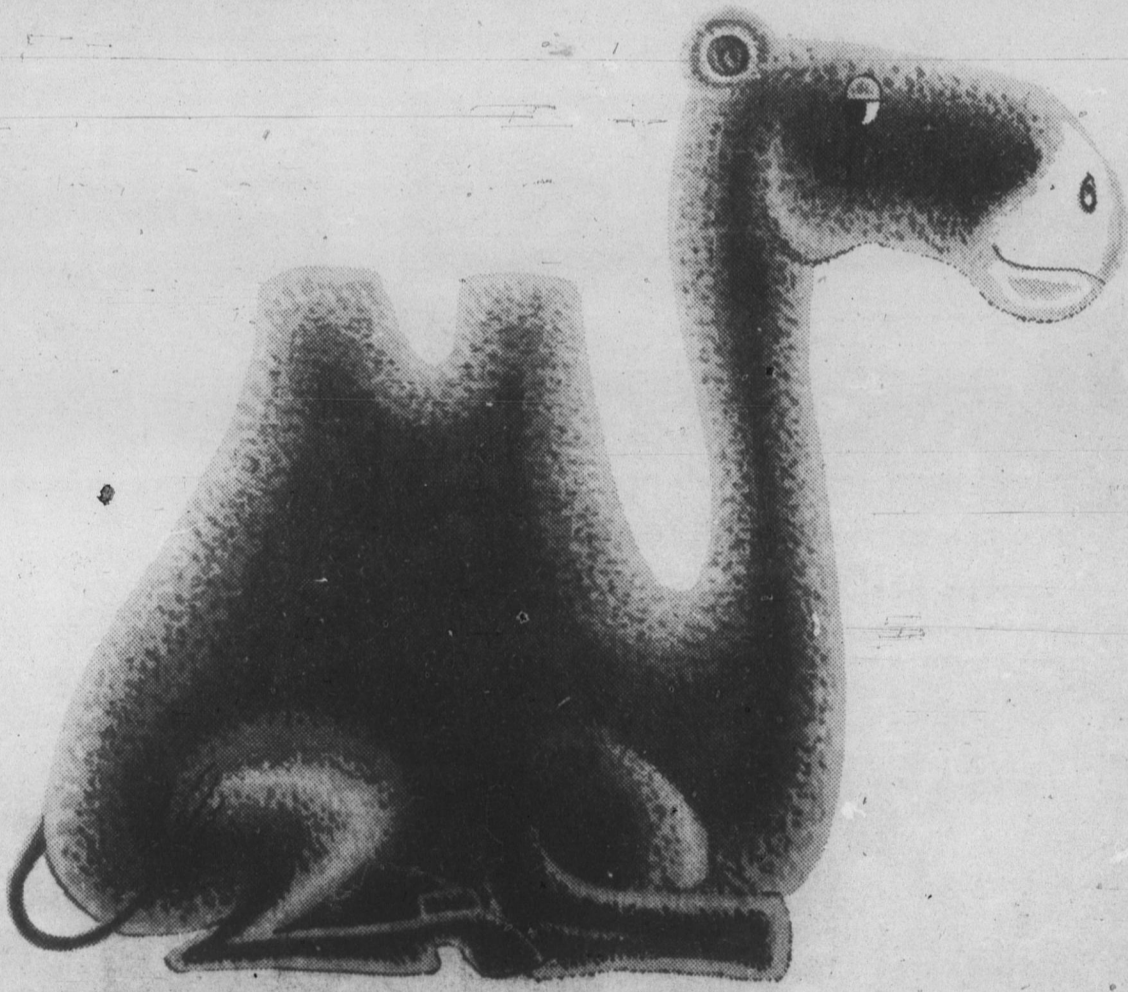
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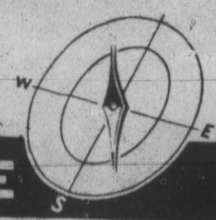
The South Toe Parent-Teacher Association will show the film "Where Children Come First" at the regular meeting April 19, Monday, at 7:30 p. m. in the South Toe School.

All parents and interested friends are invited to see this color film concerning the work done by the PTA to improve the welfare of all children and youth, according to Mrs. James Neuhauser, program chairman.

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