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Mt. Mitchell Area Opened To Hunters November 1 For 12 Days

Each Hunter Is Required To Secure a Permit—Fees \$2.50 Per Day

The hunt sponsored and guided by the Conservation Department opened its opportunities to sportsmen from several states. Each hunter is required to secure a permit from C. N. Mease of Marion which ended October 27th for all applications. The fees are \$2.50 per day with game license number attached. The permit lasts but one day, but the hunter has the privilege to apply for more time if the next day hasn't been taken up by other hunters.

At present the first and second day of the hunt has been filled but other days up to the 12th are open. Each hunter is checked in each morning and allowed to go to the hunting grounds around 7:00. He is located by a warden or ranger and assigned to a specific place. In this way no hunter is put in great danger or interferes with another hunter.

This safety precaution means much to each hunter, he is put and placed in such a position as not to over crowd the territory. The Conservation Department has a fine record behind them. It is their earnest desire to prevent accidents and at the same time provide good shooting for the hunter. They have two checking stations one at Curtis Creek and the other at Big Toe River. Each hunter is required to specify the territory in which he is going and in this way the warden or ranger knows his whereabouts in case he doesn't check out at approximately 5:00 in the evening. If anything does go wrong they know immediately where to go to find the person. As these regulations are made for safety purposes it is imperative that each hunter obey it to the last letter. Also loaded guns are prohibited on all highways while crossing or walking its lengths. Parking should be observed at all times, so as not to interfere in case of fire emergency or accidents. Do not block any fire lanes or block any through roads regardless whether it is a fire lane or highway. Try and make it another hunting season without a mishap. These precautions apply to all territories and not to Mt. Mitchell area alone.

FICTION WRITER IS VISITOR AT BLACK MOUNTAIN

Visiting Black Mountain college Thursday and Friday were Miss I. A. R. Wylie, well-known serial writer for The Saturday Evening Post, of Princeton, N. J., and her friends, Mrs. Rayburn White of Philadelphia, Mrs. Alfred Roelker of Brooklyn Heights, and Mrs. York Allen of New York City.

The group motored South, arriving here Thursday morning. They attended the morning session of the class in design, visited the weaving room, attended afternoon classes in the social sciences division, and joined in the singing of the ensemble chorus Thursday night.

When asked what had prompted her visit to Black Mountain college, Miss Wylie said, "I'm not ordinarily interested in educational institutions, but I have heard a great deal about what Black Mountain College is doing and wanted to see its work first-hand. No, I'm not writing about it, I'm just interested in it."

N. C. A GREAT LUMBERING STATE

North Carolina ranks 10th as a lumbering state and has at its disposal 13 billion feet of board timber. The largest virgin red spruce forests and virgin hardwood is located in western North Carolina, and surpasses all others in the United States. North Carolina forests, it is said, yields more varied products, other than lumber, than any other state. North Carolina also has 13 navigable rivers on which some of its lumber products are transported.

GRANDPA? NO! S. R. RAYBURN



Pictured above is S. R. Rayburn of Black Mountain, son of G. E. Rayburn, now serving in the Navy near China. He has been in the service 18 months. He reads the Black Mountain News and says he enjoys it very much and would like to have it more.

No, he isn't old, he's only in his twenties, but hasn't found a barber shop over there. He left the States in June on this last trip.

SGT. POWELL IS KILLED IN BELGIUM

Sgt. Edwin L. Powell of Swannanoa, brother of Mrs. Marjorie Ensley, of Kenilworth road, and Arnold E. Powell, of Swannanoa, who was reported missing in Belgium since December 29, 1944, was killed on that date, it has been learned by his brother.

Sgt. Powell, who had been overseas eight months, and in service four years, served in the ninth armored division. The widow, Yeoman Second Class Lillian B. Powell, of the WAVES, is stationed in New Orleans.

The Bronze Star medal has been awarded posthumously to Sgt. Powell for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy.

The citation follows: "For heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy—on Dec. 18, 1944. When the leading tank of the column was hit by enemy fire destroying communications with the rest of the column, the tank commander was wounded. Sgt. Powell, realizing the need for immediate coordination, dismounted from his tank situated at the column's rear, climbed upon the disabled tank, and directed fire by shouting to the turret gunner through the open hatch. Other tanks in the column were able to adjust their fire accordingly by observing the bursts from the leading tank.

"The rare presence of mind exercised by Sgt. Powell in maintaining the tactical effectiveness of his column at a critical moment proved a decisive factor in enabling it to successfully accomplish its mission. Sgt. Powell's initiative and intrepid daring are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces."

373 HANDICAPPED MEN GIVEN JOBS

Raleigh—Added emphasis during the "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," proclaimed by President Truman for October 7-13, resulted in the placement in jobs of 373 handicapped persons during the first 20 days of October, an increase of 65 percent over placements of such persons during the entire month of September, by the local offices of the United States Employment Service in North Carolina.

The report, announced by Dr. J. S. Dorton, State director of the USES, shows that in the 20-day period, jobs were found for 229 handicapped war veterans, 220 of them World War II veterans, and for 134 handicapped non-veterans, as compared with 155 veteran and 71 non-veteran placements, total of 226, during the entire month of September.

NO TRACE FOUND IN SEARCH FOR SERGEANT HOPE

Every Possible Clue Is Being Checked By Authorities of Buncombe County

With the hours that brought frantic search for Sgt. William F. Hope, 22, stretching into days of waiting, police officers in this section are continuing their efforts to pick up a trace of the missing man.

Sgt. Hope disappeared last Saturday on the eve of his wedding to Miss Melba Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Furman Cole, of 45 Trotter place. Since that time no trace of him or his car has been found.

Members of his family and members of Miss Cole's family have been extremely anxious, feeling that something occurred out of his control which prevented him from appearing for the wedding which was scheduled for 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening.

He was last seen about 5 o'clock, some two and a half hours before the time for the wedding. He was at a filling station in West Asheville, having left his barracks at Newbridge a few minutes before. He had made painstaking preparations for the wedding, it was disclosed.

Records at the office of the register show that he and Miss Cole went together to get the license on Friday before the wedding was scheduled on Saturday. Previous to that Sgt. Hope's blood test and health certificate had been filed in proper order, the records reveal.

Miss Cole said that she had known Sgt. Hope for a year, but that she had been engaged to him only a month.

Sgt. Hope will not have overstayed his leave until after Nov. 17, army officials here said. If he does not report by that date the case will come under the jurisdiction of the F. B. I. and the search for him will be intensified by that much.

Meanwhile both peace officers and military authorities here are checking every possible clue that might lead to a trace of him. This takes time, and so far has brought no result.

YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY PARTY

For the Ridgecrest young people the "ghosts of the goblins" were out in great numbers Tuesday night. Who-ooo-ooo-ee! At the church recreation rooms the guests were met by several ghosts who directed them to follow the Jack-o-lanterns to the side entrance where they were greeted by the ghost host and hostesses who directed them to the big, bad witch who told their fortunes and who in turn directed them to the dead men's booth.

The master of ceremonies was "Dangerous" Dan Turner, who kept the guests entertained throughout the evening with games, contests, etc. The basement of the church where the party was given was "spooky" with low, soft candle glow, corn shocks, autumn leaves, streamers of gold and black which added to the festive occasion. A delicious buffet supper consisting of two kinds of sandwiches, fruit jello, pickles, potato chips, cakes, candy, apples, hot chocolate and coffee was served to the following:

Misses Alice and Annabelle Turner, Oreta Hollifield, Doris Blankenship, Carolyn Smith, Alva Snipes, Mesdames Victor Creasman, R. L. May, N. L. Perkins; Messrs. Dan, Bill and Doyle Turner, Stacy Barrentine, Eddie Perkins, Bob Cole, Pete Brittain, Tom Walters, and Mr. and Mrs. Brooks.

The success of the party was due to Misses Alice and Annabelle Turner, Oreta Hollifield and Mrs. Victor Creasman who decorated the social rooms and prepared the food.

In the afternoon Tuesday Mrs. G. W. Greene directed the Junior and Intermediate Training Unions in a party the program of which consisted of games, contests and refreshments after which they had a "Ghost Walk" visiting different homes in the community and taking the young people home.

NOTICE TO GRANGERS

Be sure and attend meeting Monday night, November 5th. Election of officers.

A NEW STORE FOR BLACK MOUNTAIN

Dr. Alfred L. Hooker Owns and Operates The Home Store Likes Black Mountain

A new store has opened on Black Mountain Ave. just below the railroad station under the name of "The Home Store." Dr. Alfred L. Hooker who owns and operates The Home Store has been coming to Black Mountain for the past five years to spend the summer and has now made this his permanent home, having purchased a home here some three years ago. Dr. Hooker comes here from West Palm Beach, Florida where he has been in dental practice for the past seventeen years.

He was engaged in the stationery and office supply business at West Palm Beach for about four years previous to his dental service there. He went to West Palm Beach in 1923 from Westfield, Massachusetts. He was born a farm boy and during his early years was engaged in farm work and varied mercantile activities. He graduated from Tufts Dental School in Boston, Mass. in 1917, was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the dental reserve corps during World War I. Associated with Dr. Hooker in The Home Store is his son, Alfred L. Hooker, Jr., who came to Black Mountain from West Palm Beach, Florida, where he was employed by the Florida Power and Light Co. as substitution maintenance electrician. In The Home Store a much needed addition to the business activity of Black Mountain is made and you will find your needs in Stationery, Office Supplies, Phonograph Records, Sheet Music, books, games, toys, musical instruments, radios and radio servicing filled with promptness and courteous service. Service is our motto.

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MORE ABOUT GOOD OLD BLACK MTN.

By ED STEPP

I'll tell you a little more about good old Black Mountain, it's not because I was born and raised here that I like it so well, it was the good things she did for me. When she began to pick up she gave me about five years work. I opened all the streets at that time under Mayor Dobbins. They allowed me to use 14 men (7 white and 7 colored) and 2 of my teams. They used me then for other things such as unloading cars, digging basements and beautifying yards, etc. I had a lot of good friends in Black Mountain, they all looked out for me and kept me employed. I will tell you who a few of them were. Mr. Con. Dougherty, Mr. Walter Dougherty, the McCoy's and Mr. Bert Brown, Clarence Brown and Mr. Floyd Dennis. Later on Mr. John McGraw, Mr. McMurray and Mr. R. L. Woodard.

The white ladies of the town also gave me a week's work once. I can't recall all of their names. There were Mrs. Dickey, Mrs. Hegman, Mrs. Callie Crawford and a Mrs. Walker that lived on Church Street. These ladies asked the town for me one week which they called clann-up week. They paid for this. I used 6 men and 2 teams, I mean I had plenty to do. Mrs. Hegman was the boss.



Bill Hill Says

I seed a sign in a show window the other day and it says: "Womens clothes half off." and I'm inclined to believe it.

WILL SECURE FUNDS TO COMPLETE NEW EDUCATIONAL PLANT

The Pastor, Rev. Tom E. Walters Greatly Encouraged With Future Prospects

The Ridgecrest Baptist Church is preparing to launch an effort to secure funds with which to complete the new educational plant begun a few months ago. Much of the money and material is now on hand for the project. When finished it will be one of the best small church plants in the South. The pastor, Rev. Tom E. Walters, is greatly encouraged with the prospect of completing the work. He has had wide experience in church building and development and thinks that the Ridgecrest church has a great opportunity to minister to multitudes of people from the twenty states comprising the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is expected that one unit will be finished by Thanksgiving at which time a special program will be given.

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In cases of 559 establishments, classified as the larger and more important, 252,336 workers were employed a month ago and need was shown for 18,247 or 7.2 percent additional workers, by now. These are in general the firms from which labor information was secured during the war period. Their needs ranged around 4 percent during the last few months of the war, while the manpower stabilization program was in operation.

Local USES office personnel inaugurated their special visiting program soon after the war ended. In September, they found that 1,349 firms, most of them employing less than 200 workers each, had total employment of 66,465 workers then and within another month need 8,413 additional workers, or an increase of 12.7 percent. Several thousands of smaller employers, most of whom were not able to obtain help needed during the war period, have filed orders with local USES offices, which, along with orders of the employers visited in September and whose needs reached 26,660, make up the total of 44,029 orders for workers which were on file in local USES offices in September.

In developing the special expanded visiting program to employers not previously called upon, local USES office personnel in the State traveled an aggregate of 4,363 miles, an average of 3.2 miles per visit, and spent more than 800 hours, an average of 36 minutes per visit, Dr. Dorton reports.

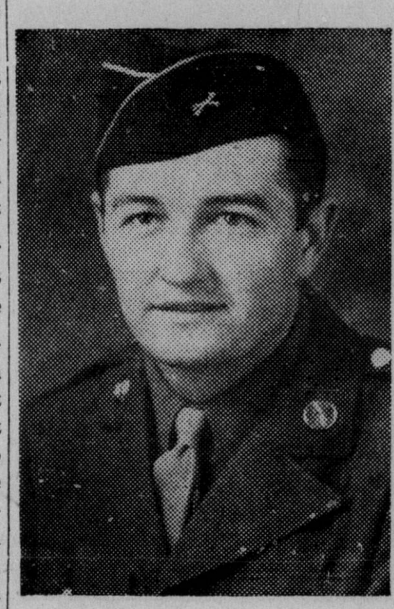
Receives Discharge

Eleanor Padgett Landers, Seaman First Class, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Padgett, received her discharge from the WAVES October 26, 1945 from U. S. Naval Personnel Separation Center U. S. Naval Barracks, Washington, D. C. Her husband, Sgt. Robert G. Landers, is also from Black Mountain. Mrs. Landers reported for active duty in the Navy June 15, 1944. Was last on duty at Wave Quarters "F", Arlington Farms, Virginia; Quartermaster on Ship's Company.

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Soldier And Radio Return Home Recently From Iwo Jima Island

AWARDED BRONZE STAR FOR ACTION



Camp Chaffee, Ark., Oct. 6, 1945—Sgt. Thomas G. Stafford, of the 44th Infantry Division here now at Camp Chaffee after 203 days of combat across France, Germany and Austria, has been awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry in action Feb. 15, 1945 in the vicinity of Bellevue Farm, France.

In noting the award to the Infantryman Co. E, 114th Inf. Regt., Brig. Gen. William A. Biederlinden, 44th commander regiment cited: When two soldiers were seriously wounded in an enemy mine field, Sgt. Stafford and two other men traversed open ground under enemy small-arms and mortar fire on two occasions and removed the two men to a covered position. This courageous and unselfish action reflects credit upon Sgt. Stafford and the Armed Forces.

Sgt. Stafford entered military service from Black Mountain, N. C. He is the son of Mrs. Delphi Stafford of Black Mountain, N. C. Married, his wife, Mrs. Viola Stafford, lives at Black Mountain.

AUXILIARY MEET HELD AT FLETCHER

Approximately 50 members of the first district of the Woman's auxiliary of the National Council, Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina, attended the fall meeting of the group at Calvary Episcopal Church at Fletcher Wednesday.

The meeting was opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion, with the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, bishop of the diocese, as celebrant.

Principal address of the meeting was made by the Rev. Mark Jenkins, rector of Calvary church, who described the reconstruction and advance fund program. The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan of Franklin also spoke briefly.

Mrs. Mark Jenkins, district director, presided and other officers taking part on the program were Mrs. A. B. Stoney of Morganton, president; Mrs. McLeod Patton, chairman of missions and church expansion; Mrs. T. J. Wooldridge, chairman of the united thank offering; Miss Lucy Fletcher, chairman of Christian education; Mrs. C. H. Browne, of Hickory, chairman of advance work; and Mrs. May New, of Gastonia, treasurer.

New Buildings At Sylva

Two new business buildings are under construction at Sylva at the present time.

P. E. Moody, owner of Moody funeral home is building a two story and basement building on main street. The street floor will be used for the funeral home, the basement for storage purposes and the second floor for living quarters. It is of brick and steel construction and Thomas Buchanan is contractor.

Paul Kirk and Homer Davis are constructing a garage on the Culowhee road, near the intersection of Highway No. 107. The building is to be 125 by 65 feet, with display rooms in the front and a service department in the rear. The building will cost approximately \$15,000.

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Marion Glen Morgan Has Returned Home With Honorable Discharge

Marion Glen Morgan, C. M. 3-c, has just returned home with his discharge. He has been in service for three years and most of this time he has served overseas.

Glen joined the Sea-Bees in 1942 and completed his basic training at Camp Bradford, Va., he later was home on a furlough and from there he was sent to the Aleutians Islands where he stayed for 14 months.

From there he went ashore at Iwo Jima shortly after the landings were made. On his way to Iwo Jima, he stopped at Honolulu where he received a small tube Emerson radio as a gift from his sister who sent it to him as something to pass the time away with and probably hear programs from back home.

On learning he was to be sent back home he returned the radio and he himself arrived home with a discharge.

Glen pleasantly surprised his family when he stepped off the bus at the station here this week. He said it gave him splendid service during his stay on the island. He left Norfolk Sunday and arrived here Monday.

Welcome back Glen.

TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 26-27 IN ASHEVILLE, N. C.

The Program For Principal Day, Monday, Is Being Arranged On Post-War Program

The North Carolina Chapter, International Association of Public Employment Services, will hold its delayed annual meeting in Asheville Monday and Tuesday, November 26-27, R. C. Godwin, State president, Raleigh announces.

Program for the principal day, Monday, is being arranged around the post-war program for the U. S. Employment Service and Unemployment Compensation Commission personnel who form the membership. North Carolina has the largest membership in its history and the largest in the Southeastern States, a total of 428, Godwin reports.

Officers will be elected to succeed Godwin, Miss Katherine Queen, secretary, and Miss Margaret Carpenter, treasurer, all of Raleigh. The new officers and the three district vice-presidents previously elected at district meetings, Mrs. Kathryn Lott, North Wilkesboro, Western; J. A. Gawthrop, Reidsville, Central, and Mrs. Jeanette M. Grainger, Wilson, Eastern will be installed.

NORTH CAROLINA CLIMATE IDEAL

The unusual geography of this state rising from sea level to an altitude of 6,600 feet or more over a distance of 400 miles, has a climate similar to that of the Mediterranean Area. The state has a varied vacation opportunities, one that will meet the ideas of most any person which takes in basking on the sandy beaches, fishing, hunting and golfing to skiing on snow covered mountains.

It has a climate with a year round average 56.6 degrees in the mountains, to 64. degrees in the southeastern portion and 60.6 degrees in the central and northern eastern section. An ideal place to spend a vacation regardless of your requirements. It meets them all.

DISCHARGED FROM ARMY

William T. Rhodes of Black Mountain arrived home the 21st of October. He has been discharged from the Army.

Bill was in the Iwo Jima, Leyte and stayed in the Philippines Islands until he was sent to a base hospital and then to Portsmouth, Va., where he received his discharge. Bill has a wife and three children.

The Black Mountain News wants the news of your community—send it in to us.