

Ship Launchings Expensive Fun

The roster of American Helms of Troy who launched 5,522 Merchant Marine ships during the war was made public recently by the Senate War Investigating committee, and created a mild sensation when those records revealed a cost of well over \$900,000 for sponsors' gifts.

This sum does not include travel and hotels expenses for the sponsoring parties, nor does it include the luncheons, dinners, and coronations which apparently were an integral part of the ceremonies. In many cases, notably those involving wives and relatives of prominent government officials

such as Mrs. Adolf Berle, Mrs. Paul McNutt, Mrs. Henry Wallace, Mrs. Lewis Schwellenbach, Mrs. William O. Douglas, the information as to the nature and cost of the gifts was refused and therefore could not be included in the above estimate.

In going through the official record, it was interesting to note that Mrs. Claude Pepper of Fla., whose Senator-husband finds little good to say about American industry and businessmen, topped the list with 7 launchings and managed to bag a \$340 bracelet; a \$48.19 bracelet; \$465 gold diamond pin; \$330 pair of clips; \$209.50 wrist watch; \$65 salad bowl and \$186.70 cultured pearls.

The Vickery family (the late Vice-Admiral Vickery was vice-chairman of the Maritime Commission) received gifts totaling \$6,457.65 with Miss Barbara Vickery collecting 2 diamond bracelets and other trinkets valued at \$4,730.65.

The Senate War Investigating committee and the House Merchant Marine committee are looking into the high cost of launchings because some Congressmen figure that John Q. Public eventually pays for the jewelry, champagne and flowers as well as the ships that sail the seas.

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POOLES IN BLACK MOUNTAIN
 Dr. and Mrs. Grover Poole and daughter Caroline have moved to Black Mountain and are living in Mrs. A. E. Knoefel's home on the corner of Montreat Road and Dennis street.

Dr. Poole, whose home was formerly in Raleigh, received his M.D. from Duke university, and has been stationed at the naval hospital in Dublin, Ga. He will be at Moore General.

Mrs. Poole, whose home is in Jonesboro, Ark., is also a graduate of Duke.

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JOINS ARMY AIR CORPS
 Leo Elkins, former student at Black Mountain High school, recently joined the army air corps and is on his way to San Antonio, Texas.

Enlistment Rules Are Announced

CHICAGO, Oct. 27—An announcement of interest to veterans was made today by Lt. Col. William P. Jones, Commanding officer of the 5302 ASU, the Illinois Recruiting District.

"Veterans of the Armed Forces will now be able to enlist in grades appropriate to their training and experience. And, these promotions under War Department Pamphlet 12-16 are permanent."

Col. Jones emphasized the fact that this circular applies to veterans of all of the Armed Forces, whether they be from the Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, or the Army.

Grades given are determined by the Military Occupational Specialty, length of service with that MOS, and rank previously held. All of these facts are to be found on the Form 100 which Army personnel receive upon discharge, the Form 553 which Coast Guard and Naval personnel will find attached to their discharge certificate, and the Form 78P which is attached to Marine discharges.

Copies of War Department Pamphlet 12-16 are being released to all Army Recruiting Stations, so that veterans residing in this District may check up on how this pamphlet affects them, by contacting local Army Recruiting personnel.

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Headliner Club Announce Leaders

Keeping up with the times might be the motto of the Headliner club, organized at Black Mountain High school, with Miss Helen Heatherly as sponsor. In this club students discuss current events, thus keeping informed about state, national, and world affairs.

Officers of the club are: Louise Carver, pres.; Lorraine Carver, vice-pres.; Grace Willet, sec.; James Atkins, treas.; Paul Norton, bouncer; and Brenda Glenn, mascot.

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DR. MIMS MOVES TO BLACK MOUNTAIN

Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Mims have moved to Black Mountain and are living in Mrs. P. C. Gregory's home on New Bern Ave. Both Dr. and Mrs. Mims are graduates of Duke University. They came here from the Naval hospital at Charleston, S. C. He will be stationed at Moore General.

Mrs. Mims is a graduate nurse.

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CARD OF THANKS

May we express our heart-felt thanks and sincere appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness, kindness, and sympathy shown us during the extended illness and death of our dear son, George B. Reynolds. We also wish to thank them for the many beautiful flowers.

The Rev. and Mrs. George M. Reynolds and family.

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VISITORS FROM WAYNESVILLE

Mrs. Louis Cobb and son James of Waynesville were Black Mountain visitors last Thursday afternoon. They were formerly residents here.

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LEAVE FOR WINTER

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ashley left Saturday for Miami, Florida, where they will spend the winter. They expect to return to Black Mountain about the first of May.

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CUNNINGHAMS HAVE GUEST
 Mrs. Dell O. Meacham of Paducah, Ky., visited last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Cunningham. Mrs. Meacham is a cousin of Mrs. Cunningham.

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ADVICE TO HUNTERS! BE CAREFUL

The gun you take after bunny or bear, target or teal, tin-can or target packs killing powder. . . . And don't forget that!

It was made for killing—and anyone who fails to treat a firearm as a death-dealing weapon is a fool. This article is a reminder to the seasoned hunter—not to forget. It's a warning to new sportsmen that a careless moment can bring deepest tragedy. The ABC of hunting is Always Be Careful.

Never, never fool with a gun. Never point it towards a living creature unless you actually intend to kill that creature. Treat your gun at all times as if it were loaded and cocked.

If you, yourself, want to keep on living, never pull a gun after you through a fence or brush, or out of a boat or automobile. Put the gun first, muzzle forward, while you follow. Never allow it to point at any part of your body.

On a hunting trip, never shoot unless you can see your game clearly; and never shoot unless you know your companions or others are safely outside the line of fire.

When you're walking with your gun, carry it with the safety on or with the hammer in safe position . . . or better still, with the action open. The slight motion necessary to make it ready for business can be accomplished while you're swinging your gun to your shoulder. A dropped gun or a trigger snagged on a button or twig may cost a life unless the gun is on safe. Carrying the gun under the arm with the barrel pointed toward the ground is safer than the over-the-shoulder position.

Never fire a rifle unless you are certain the bullet will hit something substantial and stop. Even a .22 short can kill a cow or horse or a human on t'other side of that hill.

Keep your gun's barrel free from mud or snow or other matter that might plug it. A couple of inches of snow can cause a shot-

JOUAM Holds Special Meeting

At a special called meeting of the Jr. O. U. A. M. Thursday, November 14, at 7:30 p. m., the regular meeting night was changed to the first and third Thursdays of each month, beginning in January. A special meeting will be held Dec. 12 for the election of officers.

The main item of business of the last meeting was a discussion concerning the building made vacant by the moving of Ann's luncheonette. A special offering for the children's home at Lexington was taken. Another such offering will be taken at the December meeting.

gun barrel to burst with serious results.

The coroner in your county has enough business. Use your head—**ALWAYS BE CAREFUL.**

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HERE FROM NASHVILLE

Harold E. Ingraham, business manager for the South Baptist Sunday school board, is here from Nashville, Tenn., attending the N. C. State convention at the First Baptist church in Asheville.

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ATTENDS CONVENTION

Fred L. Wilson attended the waterworks convention held at Raleigh, N. C., this week. He and C. Randall of Sumter, S. C., have a display at the Carolina hotel.

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GARY STEPP VISITS MOTHER

Gary Stepp, a student of Western Carolina Teachers' college, spent last week-end with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Stepp, who has been ill with a cold.

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LEAVING FOR FLORIDA

Dr. and Mrs. George L. Pritchard and Leon Williams are leaving soon for Apopka, Florida.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR MAJOR STEELE

Approximately 60 guests honored Major Garland F. Steele at a farewell dinner party held at the 4 H Club at Moore General Hospital, Thursday, November 14, at 6 p. m.

On Nov. 15 Major Steele turned over all duties of operation of the hospital to the veterans administration.

In order to complete military matters he will remain here until about Dec. 15, at which time he expects to go to Oliver General hospital at Augusta, Ga., from where he will be retired from service.

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GUESTS OF ALLISONS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris and daughters, Linda and Margaret Kay, of Charlotte, N. C., visited the W. A. Allisons last week-end.

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—Mrs. P. C. Gregory has rented her cottage on New Bern avenue to Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Mims and will spend the winter in Florida.

ERSKINE STUDENTS VISIT MRS. MACAULEY

William Allen Macauley and Peggy Shelling, students at Erskine college, Due West, South Carolina, were guests of Mrs. William Macauley of Montreat last week-end.

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RETURN FROM TUPELO

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stout of Black Mountain returned last week from Tupelo, Mississippi, where they were guests of their son, Dean Stout, and family for three weeks.

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ATTENDING BUSINESS COLLEGE

Robert Gregory and Sam Byrd are attending Cecil's Business college in Asheville. Each is taking an advanced accounting course.

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JACKSON TAKES TRIP

E. S. Jackson, executive secretary, is on a trip in the interest of Blue Ridge. He will visit Nashville, Memphis, and Jackson, Tennessee, and Louisville, Kentucky.

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