

**Cloninger, On Healy, Heads For Nip Fight**

SAN FRANCISCO. — A U.S. Navy man from this city is headed for another crack at the Nips aboard his sturdy little ship, which before putting into San Francisco recently had teamed up with the biggest, most powerful and most famous group of fighting vessels in naval history — historic Task Force 58 — of the Pacific Fleet. He is Harold C. Cloninger, GMIC, Kings Mountain, N. C.

From the Marshalls to Tokyo — that was the log of the destroyer HEALY. She never rested. She seldom paused in all those 17 months. One week she crossed the equator 18 times. She was always breathlessly pursuing a mission. She's done everything a destroyer could do, and some of the things they usually don't do.

She went into Tejo's own personal anchorage along the waterfront in Tokyo. She cruised off China. She navigated extensively in the hazardous South China Sea. She served fleet and shore at Iwo Jima. Now and then when task force 58 was temporarily idle, the HEALY took time out to dash down to the Southwest Pacific to help General MacAr-

... make a landing in some far-off angle. The plucky HEALY also is a key ship. She never got hit. Although she underwent heavy air attack off the Marianas one night last summer and then again last January in Leyte Gulf, and has six Japanese shot down positively accredited to her, she is as secure and intact as ever. Not a scratch from enemy action.

**SMITH IN CALIFORNIA**

SHOEMAKER, Calif. — Mack Smith, Coxswain, USNB, 22, of B-3, Kings Mountain, N. C., has arrived at the world's largest naval receiving station, a unit of the U. S. Naval Training and Distribution Center, for reclassification and further assignment.

Smith has been in the Navy four years and although he has seen lots of action overseas, for which he wears campaign ribbons covering the American Area, the European, African, Middle Eastern Area — with 5 stars — he said that his most interesting experience was in helping to evacuate the Italians who were living in the path of Mount Vesuvius when it erupted.

**RAMBLING REMINISCENCES OF OAK GROVE NEWS**

By Mrs. William Wright

Rev. and Mrs. Coy Cobb of Blacksburg, S. C., were the Saturday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Philbeck and family.

Mrs. Horace Bell and daughters, Carolyn and Nancy, spent several days with the former's parents, and Mrs. J. Bun Patterson of Patterson Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Ledford and daughter, Sue, were Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Ledford of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ware were recent visitors with their son, Pvt. Walter Ware of Camp Blanding, Fla.

Miss Pattie Ware of Washington, D. C., spent the week end with Miss Pauline Ware and Mrs. Virginia Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ford and children and Mr. Lyman Champion left Saturday night for Tampa, Fla., where they will be the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lovelace and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wray and children of Charlotte spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Patterson and son are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lovelace of Kings Mountain.

Misses Pauline Ware and Eloise Watterson left Sunday morning for Washington, D. C., where they will be house guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Ware and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ware. They accompanied Miss Pattie Ware home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pryor and daughters of Kings Mountain were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Philbeck.

Master Bobby and Ted Horn of Kings Mountain spent the week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lovin.

Miss Juanita Lovelace of Kings Mountain spent the past week with her aunt, Miss Martha Sue Ledford.

Master Tommie Lovelace of Mt. Sinai spent several days the past week with his grandmother, Mrs. Mayme Gibbons.

Mr. D. A. Bell was the guest of his son, Mr. William Bell and family Sunday.

Coast Guard helicopters have participated in their first Arctic rescue.

With few exceptions, Coast Guard landing craft coxswains are in their early 20's.

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**SAMPLE BALLOT**

for the Special Hospital Bond Election to be held in every precinct in Cleveland county SATURDAY, JULY 7th. Polls open 6:30 a. m. to 7 p. m.

- To vote "Yes" on any question, make a cross (X) mark in the square to the right of the word "Yes."
- To vote "No" on any question, make a cross (X) mark in the square to the right of the word "No."
- If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

YES ( )

NO ( )

YES ( )

NO ( )

YES ( )

NO ( )

YES ( )

NO ( )

- Shall Cleveland County accept the conveyance to it of the Shelby Hospital owned by Number Six Township in Cleveland County and assume all outstanding indebtedness of said Number Six Township which was incurred for the purpose of erecting said hospital, said indebtedness consisting of \$48,000 Hospital Bonds of Number Six Township, dated May 1, 1922, bearing interest at 6 percent per annum and maturing annually, May 1, \$3,000 1946 to 1961, inclusive, and levy a county-wide property tax without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said indebtedness?
- If a majority of the qualified registered voters of Cleveland County shall vote in favor of the assumption by Cleveland County of the outstanding indebtedness of No. Six Township as set forth in question numbered 1 above, shall an order finally passed May 21, 1945 authorizing not exceeding \$240,000 bonds of Cleveland County for paying the cost of remodeling and enlarging the buildings which now constitute the Shelby Hospital and erecting new buildings for said hospital, including the acquisition of the necessary land and necessary equipment, and a tax for said bonds, be approved?
- Shall an order finally passed May 21, 1945, authorizing not exceeding \$160,000 bonds of Cleveland County for paying the cost of erecting and equipping a county hospital in the City of Kings Mountain, including the acquisition of necessary land, and a tax for said bonds, be approved?
- If a majority of the qualified registered voters of Cleveland County shall vote in favor of the assumption by Cleveland County of the outstanding indebtedness of Number Six Township as set forth in question numbered 1 above, or if a majority of the qualified registered voters of Cleveland County shall vote in favor of the approval of the bond order mentioned in question numbered 3 above, shall an ad valorem tax not greater than five cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation of taxable property in the County of Cleveland be levied and collected annually for the purpose of maintaining any such hospital or hospitals from year to year?

A. F. NEWTON

(Facsimile of signature of Register of Deeds and ex officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.)

W. L. ANGEL

(Facsimile of signature of Chairman of County Board of Elections.)

Vote "YES" to all FOUR QUESTIONS if you are in favor of the county wide hospital system — enlargement of the Shelby Hospital and new Hospital at KINGS MOUNTAIN. A majority of the registered voters must vote "YES" to ALL FOUR issues so that the entire plan can be carried through for better health and longer life to all.

COUNTY HOSPITAL BOND ELECTION