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Town Manager's Report to Mayor and Town Council
April 9, 2026

Good evening,

As the 250th anniversary of our independence quickly approaches, many of us are reflecting on all the rich, amazing history that has gone before us to make our community and our country what we are today. As you probably know, I am a huge history buff and strive to showcase Chilhowie's history, which I treasure and try to share as far and wide as possible. So as part of my report to you this month, I welcome you to enjoy the first three pages of the Smyth County News…from April of 1945!

April 1945 was so full of extraordinary events around the world as World War II cascaded towards a bloody end and the stage was beginning to be set for a very changed world, ushering in the atomic age and a Cold War, which was always looming in the time that I grew up.

Looking through the pages of this old newspaper, printed during a cataclysmic month in world history, is a glimpse into how our small community responded to overwhelming events, including the death of a revered President. And in addition to the reporting on how the war was impacting the Smyth County residents caught up in it, there was still time to report on the day-to-day ongoings in each of the Smyth communities. You can check in on Chilhowie on Page 3. After reading her report, if you have any questions, you can contact Ms. Flora Copenhaver on the phone. Her phone number is 7.

I hope you enjoy this brief look back into our community's past as we work together as elected officials and staff to lead Chilhowie into the future. I never take lightly the responsibility of doing all we possibly can to make sure that Chilhowie is a place to take pride in being from and a place younger people want to call home.

Here's a summary of what's going on in our town:

Hurricane Helene Recovery

With the exception of the three aerial river crossings in the town's wastewater collection system, all major repairs have been completed.

All three of the aerial crossings now have their casings welded together and the pipes inserted inside the casings. The first line (nearest Chilhowie High School) is now in place across the river and connected into the wastewater collection lines. The other two lines are projected to be completed within the next month. Our most recent project progress meeting was held on April 2nd, where it was determined that the project is on track for a tentative June 1 completion date.

As a reminder, the installation of the first two lines at the school and just below Tattle Branch Road will facilitate the removal of the pumps and piping system involved in the temporary bypass system. This step alone will result in savings of almost $20,000 per month.

On February 24th, Ms. Eller and I had the town's closeout meeting with staff from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). After that meeting, the town's relationship with FEMA for this disaster is now complete and all Federal funding allocated to reimburse the town is now at the state level at the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). This is a very positive step and I am breathing a bit easier as we can see light at the end of tunnel on the recovery that was originated in October of 2024.

Finally, I would once again like to thank everyone whose efforts contributed in our town's approval for the $2,281,678 grant through the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF) that has made this project financially feasible for our town!

VDOT Communications

Town staff continue to have regular email or phone communication with both our Chilhowie Residency and the Headquarters in Abingdon. We continue to advocate for solutions to address pedestrian safety at the Exit 35 interchange as well as other areas in our community.

As you're aware, the town has been in conversation with the VDOT, the Principals of Chilhowie High School and Chilhowie Middle School, and the Smyth County Superintendent of Schools in our combined efforts to install more visible signage at both of the crosswalks at the schools on Highway 11. At this point, VDOT has agreed to install solar powered lighted pedestrian signage. All signs and poles are on order and should arrive in time to be installed before the end of this school year.

As a reminder, VDOT has scheduled construction to begin on the Interstate bridges at mile marker 34 in early 2027. Construction is slated for 30 months.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Permitting Renewal

The town continues to work with Hurt & Proffitt and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to renew our operating permit under the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES). This renewal is required every five years, and this is the first renewal since the town moved away from land application of biosolids and also the first since monitoring for PFAS is required.

As a reminder, Chilhowie's current permit expires in May 2026. As of now, the town has not received our new permit. However, the town staff has completed all necessary requirements and submitted to DEQ, which has acknowledged receipt of our submissions and has notified us that they are working as quickly as possible to complete their review.

Bonham House Repairs and Renovations

Last month I brought to your attention that there are several maintenance issues and repairs needed at the Bonham House. To update you, I have approved a quote from a roofing contractor to replace the areas of the roof that are rubberized. These repairs will be undertaken in conjunction with the town staff's removal and replacement of the stucco siding on the semi-rotunda above the building's front door. It's my hope that this work will address the leaks that have caused damage to the porch ceiling and flooring.

As you're aware, over the past seven months, the town has replaced both outside HVAC units at the buildings as well as rebuilding a section of the front porch that had become rotted and unsafe. The staff has also repaired on several occasions the chairlift elevator on the side of the building.

As part of our upcoming budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27, I plan to budget funds for the construction of an ADA-compliant ramp that will replace the aging and increasing problematic chairlift elevator. As with the repairs at hand that we are addressing, I intend to request that the other Smyth localities provide a portion of the funding for this improvement project since the building serves as the tourism center for our entire county and considering how drastically maintenance costs have risen over the past five years.

Student Government Day

Chilhowie hosted nine Chilhowie High School seniors for this year's Student Government Day on March 19th. Our graduating Warriors were provided an overview of the town's administrative functions, the Town Code, first responder operations, and water/wastewater operations.

Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Annual Commission Meeting

Ms. Eller and I attended the annual business meeting of the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission (MRPDC) on Thursday, April 2nd. As the Chilhowie member of the Full Commission, I am always proud to represent our town, especially considering how invaluable the MRPDC is to our town through programs such as the Mount Rogers Water/Wastewater Fund, Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) programs, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, GIS/mapping services, and assisting with Federal labor law compliance (Davis-Bacon requirements) on the town's Federally-funded infrastructure projects, and administration of Chilhowie's cigarette tax collections through the Mount Rogers Regional Cigarette Tax Board.

Town of Chilhowie Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

Mr. Don Cole, Senior Water Operator for Chilhowie, completed this document last month and submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as is required every five years. This document outlines our system improvements as well as our vulnerabilities and is an important tool when the town applies for infrastructure funding, especially projects that help improve the security of the town's water system.

VADeed Alert System

Smyth County Clerk of the Circuit Court, John Graham, requested that I share with you that Smyth County is a participating locality in the VADeed Alert System, which is a new statewide program to help property owners stay a step ahead of any potential real estate fraud involving their property. Fraudulent

real estate transactions have been on the rise in recent years due to the ever-increasing reliance on online resources and easier availability of information, so I am pleased to see this free service provided to the residents of Chilhowie and Smyth County. An flyer outlining the details of the VADeed Alert System is attached to this report.

Budget Preparation for Upcoming Fiscal Year

It's hard to believe, but it is already the time of year to begin preparations for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Ms. Eller and I have worked diligently to produce a draft budget that I feel is reflective of the sharply rising costs of everything from fuel to insurance premiums to building supplies while also working to make the most efficient use possible of taxpayers' hard earned money.

All community organizations requesting town funding met the submission deadline of March 6th and their requests are included in the preliminary draft budget.

If you have ideas or suggestions for your staff as we this process, please contact me or Ms. Eller so that we can incorporate them into our planning.

Smyth/Washington County 4-H 8th Grade Career Explore Event

I was invited to serve as a presenter at the Smyth/Washington 4-H 8th Grade Career Explore Event, which was to be held on January 26-27. The event was cancelled due to the inclement weather and has been rescheduled for May 11-12. I plan to attend so that our community's youth can have a little insight into how a career serving our community can be an option for them and how important service in local government is to our way of life. If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding the information I should provide them, please let me know.

Questions

As always, I welcome any questions about the status of the town's busy activities. Thank you as always for all you do for our town!

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Brian Martin
Town Manager

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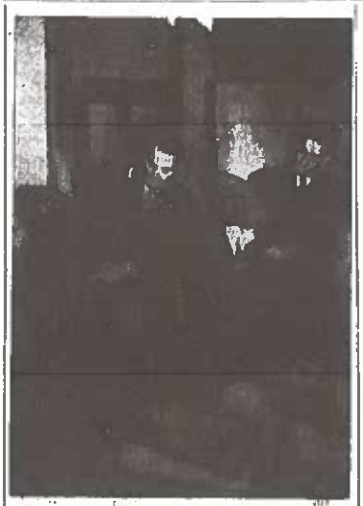

LIFE IN SMYTH COUNTY

Clothing for overseas relief, a nation-wide collection, is coming in well in Marion. School children have responded nobly and are taking pride in seeing who can bring in the most. Here pictured are Lions club members D. J. Counts and Vernon Riddle, who kept open the collection depot on Main Street Tuesday just below the Lincoln Theatre. It's open from two to six on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

(Photo by Greear Studio)

COMING EVENTS
In Smyth County

Clubbing free, unless event is supported by private profit. In such case listing charges 5c lb. Per word. Listing about Thursday 9 a. m.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the Legion Hut at 7:30 p. m.

Holston Chapter of the U. D. C. meets with Mrs. R. G. Goolsby at 3:30.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Rummage Sale in Peery building sponsored by Circle No. 6 of the Methodist church.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

Lions Club will meet Monday at the Old Stone House at Mt. Carmel, at 7:00 p. m. Please be there, District Governor M. V. James H. Moore of Roanoke will be present.

Regular O. E. S. meeting at Masonic Temple at 7:30 p. m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Senior Class of Chilhowie High School will present "Bolts and Nuts," a three act farce at the high school auditorium at 8 p. m.

Wounded

Pfc. Robert E. Louthian was wounded in Germany March 5. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Louthian of Chilhowie. He is now hospitalized in England. He has been in the army 14 months. A letter from him on March 7 says that he's not feeling so good since the wound in his right shoulder hurts pretty bad. He tells them not to worry, however, for he'll be o. k.

MARION H. S. BAND CONCERT POSTPONED TO APRIL 24

Marion high school band concert previously announced for April 20 has been postponed until Tuesday, April 24 at 8 P. M.

Pressure of school and town activities has postponed this annual event, C. T. Stusser, band director, says.

Tickets are being sold by band students and Mr. Stusser predicts a sell-out. He advises everyone to buy immediately to be sure of enjoying the musical treat the bands have in store.

DRAFT BOARD GETS NEW CALLS

Four men will report for induction on April 27. They are: Marvin Briton, Marion, Thurston Kenneth Hutton, Marion, James Stuart Medley, Atkins, Albert Lee Collins, Saltville.

Two colored men left for preinduction examination on April 17. They are Robert Edward Banks and Edward William Perkins, Marion.

Seventy-nine white men will be called for pre-induction on April 30.

On May 10, 33 will report for induction and 91 for pre-induction on May 21. On May 15 two colored men will be called for pre-induction.

S-SGT. R. C. ROBINSON GETS AIR MEDAL IN PACIFIC

Mrs. Conley Robinson of 142 Pendleton St., Marion, has been informed that her son, Staff Sergeant Richard C. Robinson has been decorated with the Air Medal.

Her letter from Lt.-General George C. Kenney states that the award was made "in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his country, his home and to you."

The letter reads in part:

"He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific Area from December 26, 1944 to February 1, 1945.

Your son took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included bombing missions against enemy installations, shipping and supply basis, and aided considerably in the recent successes in this theatre.

Almost every hour of every day your son, and the sons of other American mothers, are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific."

Two Smyth Candidates In Election On April 24

Voters of Smyth are asked to turn out next Tuesday, April 24, to choose between two local men who have announced their candidacy for delegate from this district to coming Virginia Constitutional Convention. Charles E. Anderson of Adwolfe and Major Glenn Preston Anderson are the two whose names will appear on the ballot.

"The sole purpose of this convention is to change the present constitution so that those in the armed forces may hereafter be eligible to vote without payment of poll tax and without registration. This convention has been so restricted by the electorate, the General Assembly and the Virginia Court of Appeals," says J. B. Richardson, in urging support of C. E. Anderson. "Since all candidates favor the amendment, the choice between them is a matter of personality," he continued.

Major Anderson states his views elsewhere in the paper.

Killed In Action

Sgt. James E. Zimmerman was killed in action March 16, on the Island of Luzon. He is the son of James S. Zimmerman of Groseclose, Virginia. Other survivors are four sisters and three brothers. He entered the army February 6, 1942 and received his training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., before going overseas June 6, 1942.

Major Stuart Staley Critically Ill in Hospital in France

Major J. Stuart Staley is critically ill in a general hospital in France, word of his illness was received here Tuesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Staley, in a letter from a chaplain at the hospital.

The letter stated that Major Staley became desperately ill quite suddenly on Sunday afternoon, April 8 and went into a coma. The cause of the illness is unknown and the chaplain in his letter of the 8th, told the Staleys that he would report to them every 15 days on Stuart's progress.

Major Staley is in the hospital where he has been serving as surgeon for some time. He had previously served in hospitals in both Africa and Italy.

Major G. P. Anderson Expresses Views On Convention

Editor, Smyth County News:

The total vote cast in the Counties of Smyth, Washington and the City of Bristol on the question of holding a Constitutional Convention was 1,233.

The total vote cast in these same counties and the City for President on November 7, 1944, was 12,822.

In other words only 9.6 per cent of those who voted for President were sufficiently interested in our fighting forces to bother to cast a vote. Why should any member of our armed forces risk his life or suffer unheard of hardships to protect a bunch of people who are so little interested in his being relieved of payment of poll tax in order to vote? Having been a soldier for more than thirty-five years I may be overbearing. I think with soldiers and of soldiers. I have always said with pride, "Oh! My home is in Virginia" but I am not at all proud of the fact that less than 10 per cent of my fellow citizens, who are qualified voters, will bother to go to the polls and vote.

It is your duty to vote next Tuesday. As for whom you vote? Let your conscience be your guide.

Recently I was asked the question, "Why are you running against your cousin Charlie? My reply, "Why not?" He —"Well he is an old man, he wants the honor, and after all it is a cut and dried affair to say the least." My reply — "I am not running against Cousin Charlie and I do not believe that it is a cut and dried affair." I continued, I have the most profound respect and admiration for Professor Charles E. Anderson as a Philosopher, Educator and Literary Genius. We differ politically but both admire Thomas Jefferson as a Statesman and founder of the two party system in the United States.

Professor Anderson and I differ radically as to the conduct of the coming convention. He is quoted in the Roanoke Times as having stated, "I am in full accord with the objectives of the convention as set forth by the Virginia General Assembly and approved by the electorate." I Glenn P. Anderson am unalterably opposed to the above statement.

I have read and studied with care the opinion of the Supreme Court in declaring the election to be held on March 6 as valid. The majority opinion said, in excellent legal verstiage: Yes we admit that it is wrong unjust and unfair but really, fellows, it is legal." The Chief Justice, Judge Preston W. Campbell declared that the referendum act etc "is subversive of my every con-

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Smyth Pays Tribute To Roosevelt

Shock and sorrow swept Smyth County last Thursday night as the county received the news of President's sudden death. The first shock has now been replaced by renewed determination to fight on for military victory and international peace.

Marion's flags lining Main St., flew at half mast on Saturday and places of business closed at 4 o'clock as a token of respect to the passing of the Nation's Chief executive.

Typical comments were: "It was with the deepest grief that I heard of the loss of our great world leader who has set on foot policies that will crown him in all future histories as one of the greatest if not the greatest man of the first half of the 19th century. President Truman seems to have the united support of all parties behind him." C. E. Anderson.

"He was the best-loved by some and the best hated by others of any President since Lincoln. He will occupy a big place in history." C. H. Funk.

"It's too bad he couldn't live to enjoy some peace." Katherine Oliver Heater.

"I think President Roosevelt has made a place in history equal to that of any other American. The humanitarian measures which he initiated have advanced our nation beyond measure. His forcefulness in international affairs has in a large measure made us the world's No. 1 power." Nathan Bristo.

"I was very sorry to hear of his death. It was quite a shock. I had hoped he would live to see the end of the war and the beginning of the peace negotiations. While I disapproved of many of his policies I always felt he was an authority on international affairs." Frank Lemmon.

"It was a great calamity. But may have the effect of bringing nations closer together. Time alone will tell." Bill Seaver.

"Knocked the wind out of me. Felt just like I did the night my father died — not a hopeless feeling." Harry Knight.

Robert E. Stone S 2c home on short leave, has completed his gunners mate training. He left Wednesday night for California where he will report for duty.

Wins British Award

360th Medical Battalion Officer Wins British Award. Capt Stuart H. Catron, Commanding Collecting Company B, 360th Med. Bn, received the Order of the Military Cross from Field Marshall Montgomery at 1400 on March 29th, 1945 at Ninth Army Headquarters. (The photograph is autographed by Montgomery.) Capt. Catron (then a 1st Lt.) from Marion, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on 19 November 1944 while on reconnaissance for a Collecting Company location. Capt. Catron saw that a Battalion Aid Station and the surrounding area were under heavy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. Knowing that the Battalion Surgeon was badly in need of medical supplies and that there was no other way to communicate with the Aid Station, Capt. Catron drove his ambulance with the necessary supplies through a heavily bombed road to the Aid Station where he stayed for two and a half hours giving invaluable assistance to the Battalion Surgeon while the Aid Station was still under fire. When all patients had been treated, Capt. Catron loaded his ambulance with the most seriously wounded and started to leave the Aid Station. The road on which he traveled was under direct enemy artillery fire. When shrapnel tore into the body of the ambulance and his driver became so badly shaken-up that he could not drive, Capt. Catron himself took control of the wheel and drove the wounded men to the Collecting Company. (this happened 1530-1630, 19 Nov. 44 at Prummern, Germany 600 yards from the enemy). Capt. Catron's bold action and initiative with complete disregard for his own safety, without a doubt resulted in saving the lives of a number of wounded men.

Captain Catron is the son of Mrs. S. H. Catron of Marion, Route 2.

Special Service on Peace Conference Sunday Night

A special service will be held at Marion Lutheran Church Sunday night at 7:30 when the Dumbarton Oaks proposals and the San Francisco Conference will be the subject of special presentation and prayers.

Lt. Col. Palmer P. Pierce, a chaplain in the United States Army, who is at home on leave, and President Horn of Marion College, will join with Pastor Mauney in presenting the messages at this service. In addition the choir will render special music, and a period of prayer for the San Francisco Conference will be observed.

Chaplain Pierce will speak on the subject: "The Plea For a Lasting Peace." President Horn will present the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals under the subject: "A Plan For Peace." Pastor Mauney will speak on the Cleveland Conference of Church leaders and the hopes from the San Francisco Conference under the title: "The Church's Part."

These addresses will be brief, and the entire service is designed to provide a background of information and concern for the outcome of the Conference of the United Nations which opens on April 25th. The public is cordially invited to attend this special service.

Red Cross Sweaters to Be Shipped May 1

All finished Red Cross sweaters for service men must be turned in between now and May 1st, Mrs. Crockett Gwyn announces.

Mrs. Gwyn requests that these sweaters be turned in at the Public Library in the Municipal building. A shipment will be made May 1.

LUTHER LEAGUE CELEBRATES TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Luther League of the Marion Conference celebrated its twentieth anniversary Sunday afternoon at Grace Lutheran church, Rural Retreat. More than 122 leaguers representing 12 leagues attended the meeting. Luther's Chapel at Damascus and St. Matthew's at Bland were recognized leagues.

The theme of the meeting was "Our Master's Work." Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. John Umberger, of Wytheville. Sister Mildred Winter, Field Secretary for the Board of Deaconess Work gave a challenging address. Miss Margaret Davis of Marion College sang a solo, accompanied by Miss Frances Summers also of Marion College. The Rev. A. J. Shumate brought greetings from the Marion Conference because of the absence of the president, the Rev. J. L. Mauney, pastor of the Marion Lutheran Church.

During the business session the following officers were chosen: president, Martha Brown, Rural Retreat; vice-president, Janice Irvine, Marion College, recording secretary, Catherine Humphrey, Pulaski; treasurer, Margaret Meyer, Konnarock; Statistician, Elaine Humphrey, Pulaski; educational secretary, Mary Louise Cassell, Pulaski; missionary secretary, Carolyn Bonham, Chilhowie; life-service secretary, Joyce Sult, Crockett; sustaining membership secretary, Rosenbaum, Wytheville; intermediate leader Lorraine Waters, Rural Retreat; reporter, Marjorie Becker, Rural Retreat. Miss Edith Richardson, synodical treasurer gave report, and also brought greetings from Kenneth Hewitt, archivist of the synodical Luther league.

Miss Norma Ruth Mangum, synodical young people's worker spoke to the leaguers, using as her topic "Up to Date." A trio was sung by three Marion College Luther leaguers, served supper at the conclusion of the afternoon.

The Grace Luther leaguers

The meeting was concluded by a vesper service when the Rev. Charles C. Tusing, pastor of Woman's Memorial Lutheran Church, Pulaski, delivered the address.

Wrens Seek To Establish Alleged Will Of Col. Tate

Three opening days of hot legal contesting marked a civil suit in circuit court, April 16, 17 and 18, as Robert Wren and others sought to [illegible] provisions of the will of the late Colonel Tate who died December 31, 1941, leaving a large estate.

The plaintiffs in the Wrens, Colonel Tate's story) say the alleged will was lost, missing or fraudulently destroyed or suppressed; was changed into Tuesday by an amendment by Robert, W. H., and Harold Wren, and Edith Wren Whitney alleging that W. A. Wolfe had fraudulently suppressed or destroyed the alleged 1939 will of Colonel James D. Tate. Captain J. D. Mahoney represented by W. V. Birchfield did not join in this amendment but maintained the original allegation.

Captain Mahoney was reared from childhood in the Tate home.

Opening statement by the Wrens attorney Henry Roberts of Bristol claimed that the plaintiffs would seek to establish a 1939 will in Colonel Tate's own handwriting properly signed and executed which left the income of Colonel Tate's estate to Mrs. Tate for life, then 70 per cent for the Wrens, 20 per cent for J. D. Mahoney and 10 per cent for Mrs. Tate's niece. A trust fund was provided for five years after Mrs. Tate's death. B. F. Roberts claimed, and the Marion National Bank and Lloyd C. Buck were to be co-administrators.

Vernon Barker, Mendota lawyer, also assisted in the prosecution of the plaintiffs' evidence.

C. E. Hunter of Roanoke, attorney for the Tate estate returned along with Stuart Campbell of Wytheville, Preston Collins and B. L. Dickinson of Marion argued that Colonel Tate died with no will since none was found. He said the Colonel left an unfinished will leaving everything to Mrs. Tate at the time of his death. He argued that to accuse Wolfe of the act of suppressing the will was to expect that he would commit a dangerous act for no profit. Collins denied the charge in behalf of Mr. Wolfe.

Dickinson, called as a witness, said he prepared a 1933 will for Colonel Tate but did not see it signed or executed. He also prepared notes for the 1939 will but Colonel Tate told him he'd take it home and write it out when he got it to suit him.

Lovenia Campbell, colored servant of the Tate's, said Colonel Tate sent her downstairs in the Tate home in the spring of 1941 to get his will. She brought him pages of a handwritten document. "This is my will. This is it," he said to her. She did not see his signature, but saw the names of the executors, the Wrens, and her own and James Goolsby's bequests of $1500 and $1000 on a separate sheet.

Testimony of Robert, Herbert, and Will Wren and Edith Wren Whitney all told of the most cordial and affectionate relationships with "Uncle Jim" Tate and for the most part with "Aunt Florence." "I owe Aunt Florence a debt of gratitude I can never repay for her solicitous care in my childhood illness," Mrs. Whitney said. Will Wren could not describe his last ride in Richmond with his uncle with composure.

All three men, however said Mrs. Tate promised them two-thirds of the estate "will or no will," then couldn't remember her statement a day or two later on December 30, 1941, when Mr. Wolfe read a list of stocks amounting to $10,000 and doubted if there was enough for her. Will pointed out that the list was incomplete. Will and Robert Wren testified that a few hours later Mr. Wolfe "on advice of counsel" refused at the bank to let them see Dickinson's copies of the alleged 1939 will and his 1939 typewritten draft.

On cross examination Will Wren said the Wren heirs had received $85,000 or $90,000 from the sale of the Sulphur Springs

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Missing

T-Sgt. Heber V. Hutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hutton of Marion has been reported missing in action over Germany since March 22. T-Sgt. Hutton entered the army air force in June 1943. He took his training at Shepherd Field, Texas, Amarillo, Texas, Kingman, Arizona, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Sioux City, Iowa. He has been overseas since October 1944, and is now stationed with the 2nd Air Force somewhere in Italy. He is Flight Engineer on a B-17. According to his last letter home he had completed 12 missions over enemy territory. He has one daughter, Sonja Ann, whom he has not seen. His wife and daughter now reside in Marion.

COLLEGE DAY AT MARION HIGH SCHOOL

Marion High School will observe "College Day" on Wednesday, April 25 from 9:00 to 12:00 o'clock. This is a part of the program of guidance planned for the juniors and seniors, who are interested in choosing their college and vocation in preparation for a career in life.

Representatives from various colleges, Trade schools and business colleges will hold conferences with the pupils and advise with them suitable program on the various institutions of learning. Information can be given and many opportunities will be offered for interviews.

Parents of juniors and seniors are invited to come and take part in "College Day."

COLLEGE PLAY POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT

The play, "Little Women," which was to be given at Marion College Friday night, April 20, will be postponed until Saturday night, April 21. The change in date was due to unavoidable hindrances and the full program will be presented at 8 o'clock Saturday night at the college.

Prisoner

Still a prisoner of the Germans on last report of the War Department, Pfc. Glenn C. Bales was captured in Holland October 28, 1944. He went overseas with a medical corps in June 1944 and was in France and Belgium also. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bales of Groseclose. He had been in the army three years and overseas 10 months. His brother, S-Sgt. Donald Bales is on a fighting front in Germany after seeing action in France and Belgium. He was well when he last wrote March 28. His wife and little daughter Dona live with her father at Atkins.

I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it—VOLTAIRE

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ROOSEVELT AND PYLE

Democracy lost two of its important representatives last week, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Ernie Pyle. We got mail at Roosevelt's death, but when Pyle died, we wept. It's a feminine reaction, not important, but maybe it shows the difference between the two men.

One was offstage, the President. He was important, what he did counted.

The other man loved his fellowmen. He told about ordinary, ill, comical, too.

We got mail, we wept. — M. C. A.

Smyth Red Cross Final Report Reaches $14,045.52

Final report received for our contribution to the Smyth County Red Cross War Fund drive is 130 per cent of its goal of $14,045.52 on a $10,800 quota.

Districts as listed as follows:

Rich Valley, Lodge with 176 per cent.

Rich Valley, A. M. Rowe, quota $125.00, amount raised $431.60.

Seven Mile Ford, Mrs. Merle Pulliam, quota $2400, amount raised, $760.25.

Adwolfe and Laurel Springs, Mrs. Grace Houston, quota $2940, amount raised $4806.

Chilhowie, J. Meek Duncan, quota, $1,300.00, amount raised $2,103.62.

Groseclose, Mrs. D. J. Counts, annual camp pledge.

Rock Fork, Mrs. Bess Rose, $2000, amount raised $1905.

Saltville, Mrs. W. H. Groseclose, $4000, amount raised $7900.

Riverside, Minnie Rowe and Mrs. Jesse Blankenbeckler, quota $2500, amount raised $4800.

Walker's Creek and Bethany, Mrs. Virginia Meek, quota $250, amount raised $251.25.

Thomas Bridge, Mrs. Riley Hyle, quota $1200, amount raised $2307.

Atkins, Mrs. Vernon Biddle, quota, $2400, amount raised $2618.

Marion Ford Ford, quota $4000, amount raised $4307.60.

Sugar Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Chester, quota $400.00, amount raised $827.43.

Cedar Springs, Mrs. M. E. Myers, quota $300.00, amount raised $813.75.

Mt. Carmel, by W. M. Mac

Lt. John W. McGhee Rescued at Sea Near East Indies

Lieut. Gen. [illegible] announced this week that Lt. John W. McGhee, son of the President of the Smyth County Red Cross Chapter, was rescued by an Army-manned Catalina flying boat after he had been in the water for four days.

Lt. McGhee, a pilot, 21-year-old pilot with Brigadier General Ezra W. Baltzell, 8th AAF Fighter Command, was flying a C-54 [illegible] transport when it went [illegible] on a mission to [illegible] native village when one of his engines coughed and quit at an altitude of 1000 feet.

Lt. McGhee turned out to sea, but when the other engine started sputtering, he was compelled to ditch the plane.

While his navigator and flying partner, Second Lt. Guy Schoets of Los Angeles, California, watched from above, Lt. McGhee made a perfect deadstick water landing, skipping along the water-capped waves until a shudder to a stop. A few seconds after the heavy aircraft sank, Lt. McGhee popped to the surface, inflated his rubber dinghy, climbed aboard, and signaled to Lt. Schoets that he was all right.

Lt. McGhee escaped from the aircraft with minor cuts and bruises.

Lt. Schoets circled and radioed for help.

Wet and cold after being adrift for two hours, Lt. McGhee was finally picked up out of the sea by one of the Fighting 13th's famed Catalina rescue planes.

"That Catalina dinghy felt awful small and lonely in the vast stretch of water and it sure was a mighty pleasant feeling to get aboard the spacious Catalina," Lt. McGhee said later.

"It was then late afternoon, however and the sea was so rough the Dumbo was unable to take off so the seaworthy Catalina remained adrift overnight riding the rough sea.

"The rescue plane contained a kitchen. The crew treated me to a first-rate meal and steaming hot coffee.

"During the night the rough [illegible] the Catalina and it started shipping water, so the next morning it was [illegible] of. The crew and I were all soon rescued by a Navy PBY boat and returned that evening to our base.

"It was fun riding out the rough sea that night and the food was swell. I also enjoyed the trip back to base on the PBY. This was the first time I had ever seen one flown hard, although I have flown over 60 combat missions and [illegible] taken off from the Pacific."

Lt. McGhee recently arrived overseas in the Assembly Islands after having flown from coast to coast across the Eastern War Zone on interesting days. There has been no change in the front lines from last year's [illegible] the same conditions has held a number of squadron meetings that there is confusion on the minds of some, some Warden Woodrow Nelson announces.

The bag limit remains as formerly, 15 a day and 2-0 a season. There is no size limit, all trout to be kept as part of the bag limit.

The trout have done well at the hatcheries this year and the streams have been well stocked. Laurel Fork at Konnarock has been well stocked, this year after several years of neglect. All every available trout stream has received some fish.

Of approximately 100,000 trout held over from last season to grow larger, many of these fish will reached 22 inches, and it is estimated that perhaps 20 per cent of them will go 18 inches or better. No trout were stocked by the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries under eight inches in length.

Mr. Newman says that there are reports of a good supply of native mountain trout.

Trout Season Opens April 23

The trout season in Smyth will open at 5:30 A. M., April 23 and close one hour after sunset July 31, and it will be legal to take trout from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Eastern War Time, of interesting days. There has been no change in the trout [illegible] from last year's regulations, the same conditions has held a number of squadron meetings that there is confusion on the minds of some, some Warden Woodrow Nelson announces.

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Elisha Roop

Elisha Roop, 81, died at the home of W. S. John on where he had been making his home. He is survived by 23 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Friendly Lutheran church near White Top. Burial was in the Roop cemetery.

Catherine I. DeBusk

Catherine Isabel DeBusk, passed away at Bluefield hospital, April 12, 1945, age 2 years, 4 months, 13 days.

Funeral services was held at Pleasant View Church in Widener's Valley, Saturday, April 14, in charge of Rev. Averill of Damascus, and Rev. DeBusk, Benham.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. DeBusk, three sisters, Eileen, Irma, and Phyllis of Pocahontas, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. DeBusk, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Widener and one great grandmother of Glade Spring.

E. P. HALE SANITARIAN IN FORSYTH

E. P. Hale, son of Maurice Hale of Marion, has been appointed Sanitarian with the district health department of Forsyth, Yadkin, Davie and Stokes in North Carolina.

He had previously served six years with the Virginia State Board of Health and will be remembered here as a representative of a tobacco company in this territory with headquarters in Marion.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PVT. H. H. KING

At 2:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon a special Memorial service was held at Green Mountain Church in honor of Pvt. Henry Howard King, who was killed in action in Germany March 15.

The service was conducted by Rev. Roy W. Redding assisted by Rev. Leonard and Rev. Atwell. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and a picture of the deceased. Music was furnished by the church choir, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Bales, Elsie Harshaw and E. M. Lindamood of Rural Retreat.

With The Fifth Army—Private Randolph G. Courtland of Lincoln Hill, Marion, Virginia, has been cited by the 351th "Spearhead" Infantry Regiment of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with the Fifth Army in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

OAKLEY L. HENDERSON AWARDED PURPLE HEART

With U. S. Forces in France—Pvt. Oakley L. Henderson, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pabl Henderson of Cedar Springs, Virginia, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on the Western Front.

The Cedar Springs infantryman was wounded on February 1, 1945 somewhere in Germany.

The decoration was presented by Lieutenant Colonel L. A. Alley, Commanding Officer of the U. S. Army's 200th General Hospital in France.

Maj. G. P. Anderson

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cept of democratic principles."

I concur in the foregoing quotation.

The majority opinion goes on to say, "Adoption of a single amendment to a single section will not be enough to carry out the purpose of this act of the legislature." "In fact a large part of article 2, embracing many sections of the constitution will be affected." No where do we find an expression on the limit of the limitations or restrictions. The act specifically states, "members of the armed forces while in active service." Would soldiers such as Generals Lee and Jackson ever discriminate between two brothers, one of whom wears a uniform and the other wears a D. S. C. for exceptional heroism in action but also wears a wooden leg because he left his good one in Germany and holds an honorable discharge? Is it intended to discriminate between G. I. Joe, age 22 and G. I. John, age 22? If G. I. John age 20 is allowed to vote is it fair that his twin brother or sister who have tried to enlist but have been declared physically disqualified be discriminated against? I ask myself many other questions that I have not seen discussed in the press.

Would our forefathers, Statesmen and Leaders, such as Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and those of others ever hesitate for a moment in voting right of wrong as opposed to expediency or petty politics?

In fairness to both Cousin Charlie and myself I ask that you study this question, that you visit the polls next Tuesday and that you express your conscientious opinion.

May I repeat. I am not a candidate because of the honor of being a member of a Constitutional Convention. I do not seek personal glorification. "I ain't no glory hopper." I seek to serve my fellow roomers of the armed forces. I believe that my thirty-five years in the Army entitles me to ask that you, "Let a Soldier serve a Soldier"

(Signed)
Major Glenn P. Anderson,
U. S. Army, Retired.

SGT. MAYNARD HOME AFTER 47 MISSIONS

Santa Ana, Calif.—Master Sgt. Jack H. Maynard, 21, son of Mrs. Lula B. McGhee Smith, Rt. 2, Marion, Va., is currently assigned to the AAF Redistribution Station No. 4 at Santa Ana Army Air Base.

Sgt. Maynard, who has completed 47 combat missions as a gunner of a B-24 Liberator bomber, entered the service Jan. 3, 1941 and went overseas in July, 1942. He has been awarded the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Unit Badge with four clusters and four battle stars for participation in major campaigns of the 5th Air Force in the Asiatic-Pacific theater.

CLYDE MOORE, S 1c HOME ON LEAVE

Clyde E. Moore, S 1c, arrived home Tuesday night at midnight to spend a twenty-four day delay orders leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Moore.

Thomas Moore, who received a fatal wound in the line of duty in New Guinea, arrived at San Francisco February 1 and was sent to Camp Le Jeune, N. C., where he was hospitalized. He has been in a series of hospitals, seven months in navy hospitals and four battle stars in U. S. hospitals.

His brother, Cecil D. Moore, who was wounded in action, has returned to duty and is now somewhere in Germany. He is entitled to the Purple Heart which his parents have received.

SGT. C. H. DOLINGER IS GERMAN PRISONER

Mrs. Dolinger of Chilhowie Va., Rte. 1 has received the following message from her son, Sergeant Charles H. Dolinger who has been missing in action since December 30th.

"I am in German captivity and am all right. I will soon be moved to another camp. In due time you will be sent my address. Only from there can I receive your letters and write you again."

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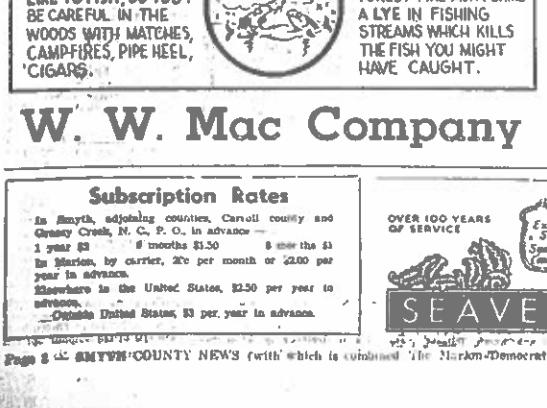

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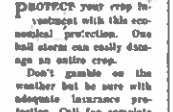

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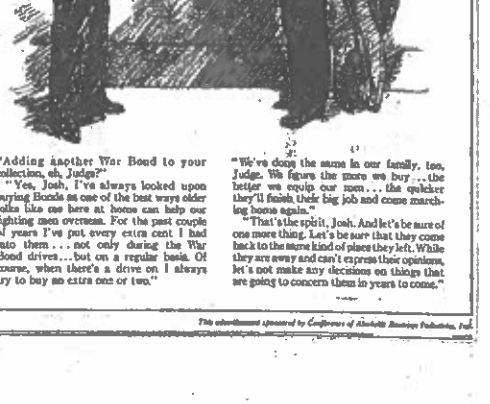

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"We've done the same in our family, too, Judge. We figure the more we buy . . . the better we equip our men . . . the quicker they'll finish their big job and come marching home again."

"That's the spirit, Josh. And let's be sure of one more thing. Let's be sure that they come back to the same kind of place they left. While they are away and can't express their opinions, let's not make any decisions on things that are going to concern them in years to come."

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NEWS OF SALTVILLE

Saltville Kiwanis Hears Swanson On Insulation

The Kiwanis Club of Saltville heard an interesting talk on "The Manufacture and Sale of Mineral Wool" by Ken Swanson at its regular meeting at Hotel Saltville on April 12. Jim Kerr, as program chairman, introduced Mr Swanson of the National Gypsum Company. Mr. Swanson told the club that the proper application of mineral wool to a home as an insulator would reduce the use of fuel by 30 per cent. He also showed that mineral wool in a home would improve the appearance of rooms, such as preventing dark streaks on the walls which are a result of improper insulation.

Mr. W. D. Branham of the War Time Citizenship Committee announced that the club realized from its Beauty Pageant nearly $300.00 which is to be used for the Summer Playground. The attendance prize donated by Ross Campbell was drawn by Frank Bennett.

Saltville Red Cross Receives Thanks From Japanese Americans

Recently the Saltville Chapter of the American Red Cross received letters of appreciation for kit bags from three Japanese American Soldiers now in combat. The three men were Pvt. Isami Sam Aoyama, Pvt. Fundo Watanabe and Pfc Takaaki Ezaki who's letter follows.

Pfc. Takashi Ezak.
Inf Co. "H" 2nd Platoon
A P O No. 15789
% Postmaster N. Y., N Y.

Dear Sir:

I am an American-Japanese soldier, fighting for my dear U. S. A. and I'm really proud to fight for this country — I have been in service 8 months now and am now ready to do my duty and prove to Uncle Sam and the American people that we American-Japanese are loyal to this country.

At the present, I am on a ship somewhere on the Atlantic Ocean and the other day, we all received a wonderful handbag from you which had very useful things in it, also we received a carton of cigarettes from you and I know that we all was very happy about the whole thing.

At this time I would like to thank you very much for the generous gifts you have given to us.

Sincerely Yours,
Pfc Takaaki Ezaki

Saltville

Saltville, April 17 — Miss Jack Smith and Mr. Howard Boardwine of the Matheson Store left Monday for Huntington, West Virginia ,on a buying trip.

Captain and Mrs. William A. Crafts and small daughter Sally are the guests of Mr and Mrs. Clyde Crafts.

Mack Gillenwater, S 2-c, stationed at Little Creek, Virginia, is spending leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gillenwater.

Mr and Mrs. Jim Bunts of Pulaski spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bunts.

The WMS of the Baptist Church held its monthly meeting with Mrs. J. Baker Sanders on Wednesday, April 10.

Dr. Kyle Lee Jr. has recovered from a recent illness.

Miss Ruth Oakey, Red Cross representative from Alexandria, Va. visited the Saltville Chapter, Thursday.

Mr. M. L. Jeffries of Radford was a business visitor here last week.

The Saltville Civic League held its April meeting Tuesday evening April 17, in the school auditorium.

Mr. C. E. Wiley Jr. spent Tuesday of last week in Kingsport, Tenn.

North Holston

BY HELEN CALLIHAN

North Holston, April 16 — Charles Oakes, U. S. Army, has returned to his camp in Georgia after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Oakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor, Mrs. Robert Taylor and daughters and Mrs. Ray Cockerville and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Correll on Sunday.

Pat Gilbert was guest of his grandparents in McCready on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pitts of Fort Dodge, Iowa announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Helen, on April 11th. Mr. and Mrs. Pitts are former residents of North Holston.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Archibal, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kiser of Marion and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kerr were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordan Oakes on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill French and family of Kingsport, Tenn., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Watson Call.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Surber and family of Squire, W. Va., were weekend guests of Mr. Surber's mother who is ill at the home of Mr. Carl Surber.

The Sophomore Class of the Rich Valley High School will present a three act comedy "Here Comes Charlie" on Friday night, April 20th.

Characters in the play are: Bernice Jones, Nadina McCready, Marilyn Kestner, Betty Asbury, Polly Clear, Irving Asbury, Jackie Clear, Billy Orr, Billy Frank Pratt, Campbell Whitely.

Rich Valley

BY MRS J S ROBERTS

Broadford April 16 — Mrs. J. C. Buchanan has returned home after spending several days in Lee Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCarty Miss Nannie Gaddy and Miss Gray Buchanan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Graham Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pratt Jr., of Radford were recent guests of his parents here.

The Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church of Saltville held its April meeting with D. M. Monroe at the manse.

The Rich Valley Woman's Auxiliary met with Mrs. J. M. Pratt. Mrs. D. M. Monroe and Mrs. M. M. Lewis were appointed delegates to attend the Presbyterial which meets in Royal Oak church, Marion April 26-27.

Mrs. Newberry Barns and daughters of Tazewell and Mrs. S. T. Buchanan and daughter of Marion were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Buchanan.

Nancy C. Anderson

Nancy Susann Creger Anderson, 46, of Chatham Hill died March 31 at a Marion hospital, after a two week's illness. Mrs. Anderson suffered a stroke of paralysis and was unconscious most of the time until her death. Surviving are her husband, seven stepchildren, her mother, one sister and six brothers, one of whom is serving with the armed forces in Italy.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Monroe with burial in the Chatham Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Joseph Patrick

Mrs. Joseph Patrick, formerly of Marion, died at Fall River, Mass., March 30. She is survived by her husband and the following brothers and sisters, John Osborne, of Newport, R. I., Edward of Baltimore, Howard, Fred and Alfred Osborne of Marion, Mrs. George Cullop of Marion, Mrs. Guy Mumert of Atkins and Hallie Osborne of Fall River, Mass.

Mrs. George Cullop, Fred Osborne of Marion, Edward Osborne of Baltimore attended the funeral of Mrs. Patrick.

James Hogston

James Hogston, 32, son of Mr and Mrs. Tom Hogston of Saltville died in the Saltville hospital Friday, April 13. He is survived by his wife Violet Barbrow Hogston and two small sons, Tommy and Curtis; also his father and mother, one sister, Nora; four brothers, Charlie, Ralph and Billy all of Saltville and Iggy somewhere in the South Pacific.

The funeral was held at the home of his parents Saturday, April 14 with the Rev Tomlinson conducting the service assisted by the Rev. Maiden, the Rev. McDaniel and the Rev. Stump. Burial was in Elizabeth cemetery, Saltville.

Pleaser bearers were: Misses Elizabeth and Louise Frye, Kathleen Surber, Doris Surber, Ora Barbrow, Janette Surber, Burnell Surber, Juanita Barbrow, Lydia Surber, Evelyn Prater, Frankie Tolbert, Della Osborne, Gladys Prater, Mrs. Rosie Frye, Mrs. Kathleen Davidson, Mrs. Ethel Olinger, Mrs. Stella Tolbert and Mrs. Cecil Prater.

Pall bearers were: Albert Barbrow, Charlie Barbrow, Eli Barbrow, Robert Hogston Norman Surber and Nelson Surber.

Brothers meet in England. The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robey H. Hart of Chilhowie recently met in England. Pfc. Elmer Ray received the Purple Heart for wounds received in Germany December 11th and was moved to an army hospital in England, where he is improving. He entered the service March 29th 1941, receiving his training at Camp Blanding, Florida and Fort Meade, Maryland, leaving for overseas duty in October of the past year.

His brother S/Sgt. Edward L. recently visited Pfc. Elmer Ray. S/Sgt. Hart is with the Air Forces somewhere in England and has been in service since October 1940. He received his training at Chanute Field, Ill., and Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. and has been overseas since June 1944.

Chilhowie

BY FLORA P. COPENHAVER
PHONE NO. 2

Chilhowie, April 16 — The Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting at the Chilhowie Restaurant. The following guests were present: Rev. L. E. Hoppe, Abingdon, Va., and Capt. James D. Mahoney, U. S. A.

Miss Mary Payne Copenhaver entertained Wednesday night with two tables of bridge, honoring Mrs. J. D. Mahoney of Richmond, Va., a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch Sanders. Mrs. J. H. Johnson received the high score prize and Mrs. Mahoney received a guest prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan and family of Miami, Florida are visiting Mr. Duncan's parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Duncan.

Mrs. R. M. Widener is a patient in the Lee Memorial hospital, Marion, Va.

Mrs. W. R. Jones is at home after spending several months with her daughter Mrs. Paul Monroe in Gastonia, N. C.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams of the Town House Hosiery Mills and their guests enjoyed a weiner roast at Hungry Mother Park on Tuesday evening.

Miss Margaret Simmerman and Miss Margaret Adams of Knoxville, Tenn., spent the weekend with Miss Edith Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sanders and small son, Warren, spent several days last week visiting friends in Salem, Va.

Mrs. J. Bayard Cole and Mrs. S. A. Cale entertained on Monday evening with eight tables of bridge honoring Mrs. James D. Mahoney of Richmond, Va. Mrs A. H. McEwen received the high score prize, Mrs. Margaret Madison the low score prize and Mrs. Ballard Huff won the bingo prize. Mrs. Mahoney received a lovely guest prize. Mrs. Bayard Cole's house was beautifully decorated with iris, tulips and violets.

Mrs. F. A. Coulter of Richmond is a guest in the home of Mrs. James D Tate.

Methodist pastors and laymen representing southwest Virginia met at Chilhowie for a Rural Life conference Tuesday and Wednesday.

The different interests of rural life were represented on the program. Bishop Paul B. Kern, resident bishop of Nashville, concluded the conference with an address on Wednesday. While the conference is sponsored by the Methodist church, other denominational leaders appeared on the program.

The conference looked at the agencies working in the rural communities and considered how they could be unified and correlated. Dr A. J. Walton of the board of missions and church extension in New York lead this discussion in the opening session. He was assisted by representatives of the state department of health, education and agriculture from Richmond and Blacksburg.

An interesting feature of the conference was a stereoptician address by Dr. Dumont Clark of Asheville, N. C., on the God Acre plan. He showed churches how their income can be supplemented by cooperative farming and livestock raising. W. M. Landess of the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville gave a visual education lecture on soil and souls.

The conference was sponsored by Holston Conference Inter-Board Council of the Methodist church located in Bristol. Rev. C. W. Taylor was host to the Chilhowie meeting. Delegates were entertained in the homes of the local church.