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DEATHS DURING THE PAST WEEK

W. S. CRUTCHFIELD

William Sterling Crutchfield, 75, Clarence business man, passed away at 9:50 o'clock at his home here last night. He suffered a stroke of paralysis several months ago from which he never recovered.

Brief services will be held here from the Million & Barkelew funeral home tomorrow at 11:00 o'clock with the Rev. F. W. Rigg officiating. The body will lie in state at the funeral home here.

Funeral rites will be held in Huntsville tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Methodist church with Rev. F. W. Rigg officiating there.

Interment will be in the Huntsville city cemetery.

Mr. Crutchfield was born in Randolph county August 17, 1869, a son of George W. and Barbara Matlock Crutchfield. The early part of his life was spent there.

On May 25, 1890 he was married to Miss Sally Ann Overby, who preceded him in death May 16, 1922.

Mr. Crutchfield has been in the bakery business since 1912 having operated bakeries in several different counties before coming to Clarence in 1935 from Chillicothe. Since that time he has been the owner and operator of the Model Bakery here.

He was married to Miss Elsie Ketchum of Higbee, September 17, 1923, who survives.

Mr. Crutchfield was a member of the Methodist church at Huntsville and was affiliated with the Modern Woodman lodge at Moberly.

Besides his wife he is survived by a son, George W. Crutchfield, of Springfield, Mo., and a daughter, Mrs. Charles S. Watson, of Springfield, a brother, Joseph N. Crutchfield, of Macon, and two sisters, Mrs. Ada Baker and Mrs. P. O. Gunn, both of Huntsville.

Three grandsons, William E. Watson, of St. Louis, George William Crutchfield of the armed forces serving somewhere in France, and Henry Sterl Crutchfield, of Springfield, and a granddaughter, Betty Ann Watson of Springfield, and several nieces and nephews survive also.

SAM STEVENSON

Funeral services for Sam Stevenson, 39, who passed away Wednesday at a hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo., were held Saturday from the Baptist church in Colorado Springs and interment was in a cemetery there.

Mr. Stevenson had been in ill health since serving overseas in the North African campaign and was hospitalized from November, 1943 to February, 1944.

Following his discharge from the service and his return to the states he has been a traveling salesman for Johnson & Johnson Co., in Colorado.

He was born July 19, 1905 in Shelby county near Oak Dale the son of Mrs. Annie Stevenson and the late Ernest Stevenson.

(Surviving are his mother and a brother, Yancey Stevenson, who reside in Colorado Springs.

B. T. TRUSTEE

B. T. (Ben) Trustee, 90, passed away at 4:25 o'clock Friday afternoon at his home in Moberly. Mr.

SGT. HADEN COMPLETES 35 MISSIONS OVER GERMANY

S/Sgt. Levi Haden, former employee of the Macon postoffice, who recently returned from six months combat duty in the European Theatre, completed 35 bombing missions over Germany without injury to himself or other members of the crew of the B-17 Flying Fortress to which he was assigned as tail gunner.

Sgt. Haden stated that although he had been in the thick of air action and had seen planes both in front and behind of his plane disintegrate in mid-air, his ship suffered no serious damage.

His ship limped home twice on two motors and once a piece of flak pierced the fuselage.

According to Sgt. Haden his last mission was the most eventful of all and that the night before the flight the men in the barracks constantly reminded them of the next day's assignment with the taunt—"Tomorrow you do or you don't."

Sgt. Haden wears the air medal and five oak leaf clusters, and the European Theatre ribbon with two stars.

When his furlough expires he will report to Miami, Fla., for further assignment.

Pfc. Clifford E. Strachan



Pfc. Clifford E. Strachan is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Strachan, northeast of Clarence.

Pfc. Strachan was inducted at Ft. Crook, Omaha, Nebr., Sept. 8, 1942, and was sent to Idaho where he received basic training and was stationed three months. He was then transferred to Madison, Wis., where he later was graduated from radio school.

After completing this course he was sent to San Antonio, Texas, where he was stationed several months before going to Harlingen Field, Texas.

He is now located there as a radio operator on planes.

Prior to entering the service Pfc. Strachan was employed as assistant manager of the Gamble Store at Red Oak, Iowa, where his wife and baby daughter now reside.

RECEIVE GERMAN BAYONET FROM SON IN FRANCE

On display this week in The Courier window, is a German bayonet measuring 15 inches in length. It was sent here by Cpl. Joe E. Adams, who is now serving overseas in France, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ches Adams.

Cpl. Adams left the states in December of 1943 and has been in England and France since that time. His

COURIER HAS WORD OF LIEUT. (j.g.) SWIFT

Word received by The Courier former from Lieut. (j.g.) Phil Swift, states that he is now located on an island in South Carolina. He also stated that his flying was now all gunnery, low altitude bombing and navigation.

His address is: Lieut. (j.g.) Phil E. Swift, Sq. V.B. 2-1, Naval Air Station, Beaufort, N. Car.

Pfc. Ernest Strachan



Pfc. Ernest Strachan is now located in Belgium according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Strachan, northeast of here.

He enlisted in the service February 18, 1941 and received basic training at Little Rock, Ark. He was on maneuvers in Louisiana and in December of 1941 he was transferred to Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Pfc. Strachan was located there until in June of 1942 when he left the states for the Aleutians where he served for 22 1/2 months.

In May of 1944 he returned to the states and spent a 14 day furlough with his parents. He reported at Little Rock, Ark., where he was reassigned and was sent to England where he remained until D-Day. He then went to France, on into Belgium and Germany and later returned to Belgium.

15 MEN LEAVE FOR INDUCTION

REPORT AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS MARCH 13

On Tuesday, March 13, fifteen fellows will leave Shelby county for induction into the armed forces at Jefferson Barracks. They are:

Carl Edward Murray, Bethel; Ezra Lee Hartgrove, Shelbina; Donald Emerson Turney, Shelbina; Clifford E. Lukens, Clarence; Clarence Everett Ray, Clarence; Virgil Claude Darling, Shelbyville; Kenneth Bernard Buckman, Lakenan; Thomas Frederick Gulick, Shelbina; Albert Charles Glover, Shelbyville; Henry Clay Hockaday, Bethel; Fay Leon Ralls, Kansas City, Kans.; William Henry Foreman, Leonard; Kenneth LaVerne Hartgrove, Shelbina; Leon Delbert Latchford, Shelbyville; and Lloyd Kenneth George Jaeger, Lakenan.

LIEUT. MEADOWS' FRIEND RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kidwell of Lentner were guests Monday at the

DEAN FOREMAN HAS ARRIVED IN STATES

Lieut. (j.g.) Dean Foreman of the U.S.M.S., has returned to the states after having been overseas in Italy and France about three months.

His wife, the former Miss Margaret Clare Chinn, who is employed in Washington, D. C., met him in Norfolk, Va., and they called her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Chinn, Monday evening. He will spend a short leave in Washington with his wife before receiving reassignment.

Sgt. Russell P. Fifer



Mrs. Dale Fifer of Quincy, Ill., has received a letter from a buddy of her son, Sgt. Russell P. Fifer, who was killed in action in Italy October 25. Mrs. Fifer has also received the Purple Heart.

The letter is as follows:

Dear Mrs. Fifer:

I was surely glad to hear from you and I can partly sympathize with you since he was like a brother to me. And whenever we are on rest there is a great vacancy that no one can fill. But only God can comfort and heal a broken heart and surely there are many, and since I am here with the wounded and those missing I am sure I know what it is like, but no one, but God knows a mother's heartaches.

Yes, they found his body and it was buried in an army cemetery north of Florence a few miles. He suffered very little after being wounded. He passed away soon after getting to the hospital. He didn't suffer with a broken hip like you heard. But by now you should have a notice from the chaplain from the Eighty Eighth Division.

I am sure the Lord will work things out according to His will if we will only trust in Him, and someday we will all understand why all these unbearable things come about. May God heal the broken hearts of all the mothers and wives.

We have been having some real winter weather the last month. But at times we have it rather comfortable, but not always. I feel sorta bum tonight. I hope its not the yellow jaundice.

Well I must close, and may God comfort, strengthen and give you peace and love from above.

Your friend,

ROSCOE YANTIS.

MRS. GATES IS HOSTESS TO LOYAL FRIENDS CLASS

On Friday afternoon members of the Loyal Friends class of the Christian church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. W. Gates.

REV.

Boy reorganizer leader appointed. of Washington, D. C., met him in Norfolk, Va., and they called her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Chinn, Monday evening. He will spend a short leave in Washington with his wife before receiving reassignment.

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