

# Bonny Oaks' 52 Young Men In U.S. Forces to Be Honored

Broadcast Thursday at  
8 P.M. Pays Tribute  
To Ex-School Boys

A program dedicated to the 52 Bonny Oaks boys who are in the armed forces will be broadcast by this institution over WDOE Thursday, 8 p.m., according to William S. Keese, superintendent.

Tribute will be paid to Stanley Woody and Harrison McMillan, Bonny Oaks boys who were killed in action.

Woody enrolled at Bonny Oaks (in 1929) when he was 6 years old, remained seven years at the institution. During part of his stay at the institution he lived with H. W. Hayes. He enlisted in the navy prior to the war, was one of America's first casualties.

McMillan entered Bonny Oaks in 1934 at the age of 12, enlisted in the navy soon after war was declared. He was killed in action soon after Pearl Harbor.

Organized in 1896, Bonny Oaks has cared for more than 4,000 children in the past 50 years. Mr. Keese, superintendent since 1926, remembers most of the boys now in the service, asks those who note omissions in the honor roll below to notify the institution of the boys' names and addresses, since it has been almost impossible to compile a complete list. The service roll includes enlistments ranging from one year to 14 years' service.

Mr. Keese says, "Too much cannot be said of our boys who have enlisted in the service during the past 10 years. We have known them personally, and know them to be of the highest type of manhood. Their service to their country has been distinct and above the ordinary."

The honor roll:  
Clarence Brown, Willard Brown, Marion Block, Elroy Brinkley, Edwin Brinkley, Delphine Clayton, Ralph Connor, Roy Connor, George Coftee, Francis Drew, Thomas Deakins, Willard Dussar, Millard French, Raymond Grider, A. J. Grider, William Holloway, Billy Hawk, Billy Hale, Marvin Hale, Lloyd Hale, Marshall Hatch, George Hatch, Robert Johnson, Alton Jones, Eugene McMillan, Raymond McMillan, Herchel Miller, Billy Morrison, Ralph Miller, Harrison McMillan, Winston Martin, Bobby Moore, John Oels, Arthur Pritchard, Roy Prater, Harry Prater, Raymond Prater, Raywood Prettie, Charles Robertson, Carson Roberts, Eugene Reeves, Clarence Sandland, I. E. Skyles, Arthur Snyder, Virgil Sandland, Manker Smedley, Hartley Smedley, Marcel Sanders, James Woody, Stanley Woody.  
TRAINED NURSE  
Clara Mae Woody.



BONNY OAKS' GOLD STARS stand for Seamen Stanley Woody, left, and Harrison McMillan, who have lost their lives in action.



PRATER IN ENGLAND

Raymond Prater

Chattanooga Times  
3-18-1943

2/6/1943  
to Bonny Oaks  
for unit program



HATCH DEAKINS



ED BRINKLEY E. BRINKLEY



MOORE



DREW HAWK



A. GRIDER R. GRIDER

Pfc. Raymond Prater, son of Mrs. Rachel Prater and husband of the former Miss Lodenia Smith, both of the Twinam Apartments, has arrived safely in England with an Infantry unit, according to information received from his parents.

Pfc. Prater was stationed at Camp Pickett, Va. before going overseas. He has two brothers overseas; Capt. Charles Alvin Prater in Holland with the Medical Corps, and S/Sgt. R. H. Prater in the Sixth Armored Division in France. His twin brother, Plun. IC Ray D. Prater, is at the Arizona University in a Navy V-12 unit after spending 15 months in the Pacific.

SOME OF BONNY OAKS' BOYS in service are seen here. They are H. H. Pruitt, Robert Moore, Edwin Brinkley, Elroy Brinkley, A. J. Grider, Raymond Grider, Francis Drew, William Hawk, Thomas Deakins and George Hatch. They and other former Bonny Oaks schoolboys will be honored in a broadcast Thursday night.