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WAR PICTURE ON ALL FRONTS

Brief Paragraphs on News At Home and Abroad On Land, Sea, Air

WASHINGTON

President Roosevelt has revealed that perhaps ten American expeditionary forces are operating on various war fronts. This followed the news that an AEF had landed in Northern Ireland, which is part of the British Empire.

U. S. and Great Britain have agreed to pool their munitions and shipping to make "most expeditious use of raw materials to clinch defeat of the axis.

At least 110 seamen have lost their lives on ships sunk off the Atlantic coast by submarines since January 14. At least 10 vessels have been attacked.

The President's budget of $56 billion has been passed to give the U. S. the greatest navy, the greatest army and the greatest air force the world has ever seen.

All Latin-American countries except Chili, Equador and Argentine have broken off relations with the Axis, following the Pan American conference where the U. S. was represented by Sumner Welles.

The report of Pearl Harbor places blame on Admiral Kimmel and Gen. Short, who have been relieved of their commands and whose ranks have been reduced. Also there is blame attached to the war department. The investigation is continuing.

OVERSEAS

The Russians continue to take back territory in the bitter winter and to drive the Nazis out in spite of fresh German resistance.

Jap Columns press closer to Singapore where Indian, Austrailian and British troops are massed for battlee.

American Flying Fortresses are leading an allied drive to annihilate a Jap invasion in the Straits of Macasser adding to the 31 Japanese ships and transports.

Gen. MacArthur's forces on Bataan are having a lull in their battle against the teeming forces of the enemy.

The British have again struck a smashing blow to the axis troops in Libya with air forces reinforced with American-made planes.

In Greece famine conditions are so great that 2,000 persons died in Athens alone in one day.

Jackson Co. Bank Re-Elects Officers

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Jackson County Bank, held in Sylva last week, all directors and officers were reelected.

The directors are: S. W. Enloe, E. L. McKee, R. W. Harris, E. P. Stillwell, T. A. Cox, J. C. Allison, W. H. Snyder, and R. L. Ariail.

The officers are: S. W. Enloe, president; R. L. Ariail, executive vice-president and assistant secretary; E. L. McKee, vice-president; R. W. Harris, vice-president; T. A. Cox, secretary; W. J. Fisher cashier, and W. W. Bryson, assistant cashier.

Mr. Ariail said that the bank had a very satisfactory year in 1941. He said that deposits increased about $150,000 and stood at $1,403,719.39 on December 31. Total assets on that date were $1,501,451.76, he added.

The bank maintains a branch at Highlands.

Franklin Post Office Sells Motor Vehicle Stamps

T. W. Porter, postmaster of Franklin, has announced that the post office has for sale motor vehicle stamps which are required of all car owners who plan to drive their cars after February 1, 1942.

The stamp is required to be put on all motor vehicles in use and will cost $2.09. It expires June 30, 1942.

Mr. Porter stated that the owner of the vehicle is required to purchase the stamp at the nearest post office, and that all first, second, third, and fourth class post offices would carry an adequate supply at all times.

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE WITH REV. C. F. ROGERS

The Macon County Baptist Pastor's Conference will meet Monday at 10.30 a. m. with Rev. C. F. Rogers, in his home.

Lunch will be served at noon by the ladies. A Bible study on "The Holy Spirit" will follow the lunch hour.

Farmers' Scrap Iron Nets $476 For Red Cross

The Extension workers in the county agent's office wish to thank every one who had a part in the scrap iron campaign. This material was sold Monday afternoon, January 26, to an Asheville firm for $476, all of which has been turned over to the Red Cross.

There will be continued demands made upon the Red Cross. With this in mind, we will continue to receive scrap iron at the Agricultural building. We feel sure that there are many who still have this material but did not have the opportunity or the means to get it assembled at the Agricultural building.

The workers for the Red Cross have a man-size task They should be commended for what they have done. The County Agent office and the farmers of the county are glad to have a part in the worthy cause.

Sam Mendenhall.

Registration Day February 16th

Places of registration of men between 20 and 45 years will be announced by the local draft board in next week's paper.

Rotary Club

Hears Pres. Bridgers Of Smoky Mountain Tours

At its luncheon last week the Franklin Rotary Club had as its guests Lem. S. Bridgers, president of the Smoky Mountaain Tours and Otis B. Price, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Railway System, who motored over from Asheville for the day.

Mr. Bridgers showed movies of scenery in this section, especially of the Smoky Mountains Park, and stated that a large part of the overnight tourists traveling by the Tours through this section would be diverted to Franklin who had previously spent the night at Bryson City.

Mrs. Bridgers accompanied Mr. Bridgers on the trip, spending the day with Mrs. H. H. Hirsch at the Franklin Terrace Hotel.

Garden Club

Invites Others To Attend Harris Lecture

John H. Harris, landscape specialist of State College, will give an illustrated lecture to Franklin Garden Club and home beautification leaders of home demonstration clubs Wednesday, February 4 at 7:30 P. M. in the Agricultural building. Mr. Harris' subject will be the means of beautifying the home grounds.

Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr, president of the garden club, urges all members to be present and invites other interested persons.

In cooperation with this program, Mrs. Leonard Myers, county chairman of the home beautification leaders, urges all leaders of this phase of work in the home demonstration clubs to be present. This lecture will serve as a training school for home beautification leaders Mrs. Myers states.

Mr. Harris has worked in Macon county fo rthe past two years giving suggestions and sketching plans for planting the home grounds of home demonstration club members and other farm homes. In this landscaping, Mr. Harris recommends, in the majority of cases, the use of native shrubs that grow well in place of nursery shrubbery. He also recommends a special mixture of seeds for lawns in the mountain district.

The illustrated lecture that Mr. Harris will give to the Garden Club includes slides of homes in North Carolina that have been improved through recommended home beautification programs.

JUDGE CLARKSON DIES IN CHARLOTTE

Judge Heriot Clarkson, 78, associate justice of the N. C. Supreme court, died suddenly of a heart attack at the home of his son, Francis Clarkson, in Charlotte on Tuesday, January 27. The funeral was held at St. Peter's church, Charlotte on Wednesday. Judge and Mrs. Clarkson have visited Franklin, where he was interested in placing historical markers for the State Historical Society.

FRED ARNOLD NEW DIRECTOR

Elected To Fill Unexpired Term of M. D. Billings On Bank Board

The Board of Directors of the Bank of Franklin last week elected Fred Arnold to fill the unexpired term of the late M. D. Billings as director. Mark L. Dowdle was elected vice-president.

At the stockholders meeting held immediately before the death of Mr. Billings all directors and officers were re-elected as follows:

Dr. Wiley A. Rogers, president and director; M. D. Billings, vice-president and director; Henry W. Cabe, cashier and director; C. F. Moody, chairman of the board of directors. Other directors are M. L. Dowdle, R. S. Jones and Grover Jamison.

FINE RECORD FRANKLIN F.F.'S

Boys Complete Building Rent Farm And Raise Stock And Poultry

The Franklin Future Farmers moved recently to their new building, which was put up by the boys themselves with the aid of a defense class. The materials used in the building were obtained from two old school houses that were taken down and moved by the boys. Materials such as nails and other fixtures were purchased by the boys. Money was raised by cutting wood and selling it and many other ways that the boys did not have to spend cash out of their own pockets.

The new building is 70 feet long and 24 feet wide. The class room is 24 feet by 30 feet. The shop is 24 feet by 40 feet. The building is now being painted by the students. A blacksmith shop will be started in the near future. The construction work is under the supervision of Nat Phillips, who is the wood-working instructor. The buildnig was put up without cash cost to the county. The boys are learning to take what materials that are available and doing a good job.

The vocational department has obtained about $1,500 worth of equipment through the defense classes, which will be put in the shop when the defense classes are over. When the shops are completed, Mr. Whitmire is going to urge farmers to come at their spare time and repair their farm machinery. He points out that the time has come when new farm machinery will be hard to obtain and new parts will be very difficult to get.

Summary of Activities

The following is a summary of activities that the Franklin Chapter is now doing or will do during 1942:

1. Purchase 4,000 baby chicks cooperatively.
2. Make thirty lamp brooders.
3. Invest $300.00 in saving stamps.
4. Build black-smith shop.
5. Build shower house for athletic department.
6. Fatten five hogs as a chapter project.
7. Fatten five baby beeves as a chapter project.
8. Raise 7 A corn, 2 A potatoes, 4 A oats, 4 A Lespedeza for hay and 4 A Lespedeza for seed.

Through the cooperation of the Bank of Franklin the Chapter has purchased five feeder calves and five pigs. These animals are kept at the school house and are cared for by the students as part of their class work. A registered black Poland China sow is kept at the school as property of the class.

Rented Farm

In addition to having the animals, the boys have rented a 33-acre farm and will cultivate it according to improved practices. The farm will be used as an arsenal for good seed.

Money that is made will be used to equip the building or make educational tours.

The student leaders this year are: Hunter Anderson, president; Bob Waldroop, vice - president; Robert Parker, secretary; Sam Ramsey, treasurer; Sam Gibson, reporter; Lester Carpenter, cooperation; Paul Holbrooks, leadership; Mericus McCoy, earnings and savings; Marshall Fouts, conduct of meetings; Robert Parker, scholarship; Homer McCoy, recreation; and Mr. Whitmire, adviser.

Safety Award

Trophy awarded the Nantahala Power and Light Company by the Western Carolina Safety Council for highest safety record in 1941.

TROPHY WON BY POWER CO.

Safety Council Rewards Nantahala Co. For Fewest Accidents

The Nantahala Power and Light company has received the 1941 trophy that is presented each year by the Western Carolina Safety Council for the least number of lost-time accidents occurring on the company's operations, based on man-hours worked.

Practically all industries in western North Carolina are represented on this council, the purpose of which is to reduce industrial accidents. The award is made each month according to reports sent to the Council.

The trophy, which is on display in the window of the Nantahala Power and Light company's offices, is a winged figure of bronze holding aloft a lighted torch, mounted on a bakelite base, the whole being nearly three feet in height.

The 1941 record engraved on the trophy shows that the Nantahala company won the award for seven of the 12 months. Other winners were Wood Turners, three months, and Southern Dairies, one month. The trophy is held by the winner as long as its record is sustained. Considering the hazardous and extensive nature of the Power company's daily operations, the above represents a remarkable record.

John Archer, Claude Bolton and H. E. Church attended the presentation ceremony at the annual meeting of the council in Asheville held on January 13 at the Biltmore high school, and accepted the award in behalf of the company.

More Books

Needed For Victory Drive For Soldiers and Sailors

So far the response has been slow to last week's appeal to the county for books for our men in military service, it was learned today. The books that have come in have been from only a small number of people, said Mrs. Neel Johnston, in the office of superintendent of education at the Courthouse.

In last week's issue J. E. S. Thorpe, chairman, made an appeal to the people of Franklin, Highlands and the entire county to help in this work for the boys in camps and at posts here and abroad. The kinds of books needed were listed and all were asked to share in this work. The national goal is 10,000,000 books. If this goal is to be reached every community must do its best.

Mr. Thorpe has offered to send for any books that cannot be delivered. Miss Lassie Kelly is assisting Mr. Thorpe and will be glad to call and get books if notified by phone or in person.

Lespedeza Seed Should Be Bought Now

Practically every farmer in Macon county realizes the value of lespedeza as a soil improving crop. Macon county farmers probably sow more lespedeza than any other western county, according to S. W. Mendenhall, farm agent. The lespedeza crop last year was cut short because of extreme weather conditions. The weather was dry during the growing season and wet at the time the seed is usually harvested.

The time is drawing near when lespedeza should be seeded. There will be an increased demand for lespedeza seed to furnish hay for an enlarged dairy program. Farmers who are wise will buy their lespedeza seed now because all information would indicate that there will be a considerable advance in price warns Mr. Mendenhall. Seed can still be saved from Korean lespedeza by pan, combine or threshing machine. Arrangements should be made to secure what seed you will need immediately.

More Seats

For Local School Stressed At P.-T. A. Meeting

Mrs. John Wasilik, president of the Franklin P. T. A., at the meeting last week, appointed a committee composed of Mrs.R. S. Jones, Mrs. T. D. Bryson, Jr., and W. H. Finley, principal, to find out how many seats were needed to accommodate the pupils of the school.

At a previous meeting a committee had reported the inadequate seating capacity and reported it to the school board. The present committee will report to the county commissioners at their meeting on February 2, its findings so that this condition can be corrected.

Another committee, composed of Mrs. Lola Barrington, Mrs. L. B. Phillips, and Mrs. Zeb W. Conley, was asked to see about the stove for the lunch room and, if possible, to arrange for a larger one in order to be able to cook a greater variety of food for the children's lunches.

The principal speaker was the Rev. Mr. Morgan. He used "Paths to Maturity" for his topic. He stressed the point: First, confidence for children; sensitiveness to the best in life, and fellowship.

Helen Franks, Lucille Calloway and Jessie Barnard, accompained by Virginia Bryant entertained the meeting with a vocal selection, "Au Claire de la Lune."

The next meeting will be held in the evening so that fathers can attend. This will be on Monday, February 16.

Otto C. C. C.

Camp Will Be Engaged In Defense Work

Despite the fact that many enrollees are leaving the Corps to join the armed forces of the country or to enter industry, the President favors continuation of the CCC. They in such numbers as necessity requires. In the drastic cut in the number of camps from 1500 to 860 since July 1, 1941, the Otto camp has been one of the surviving camps. This speaks well for the rating of the work and management of the camp here.

By spring it is likely that all camps will be actively engaged in some phase of National Defense work; forest protection, home defense, Army reservations installations, soil conservation and the like. Every facility of the Corps will be made available in the expansion of its National Defense efforts which have already reached large proportions.

Indications now are that greater emphasis will be placed on the training program which gives young men a special opportunity for preparation for some occupation. The National Defense courses in the CCC camps have helped thousands of enrollees to secure employment. National Defense courses in Auto Mechanics, Carpentry, Electricity and Welding, directed by vocational instructor Whitmire of the of the Franklin high school, are being offered to the enrollees at Otto.

Members of the classes who have done well in these courses will be assisted in getting jobs. In addition to the academic and vocational training offered locally in the camp, some enrollees receive further training at special schools in important trades.

More Enrollees Needed

The work project which has been especially valuable to this section has been road building and improvement, trail building, forest improvement, telephone line construction, and fire towers, furnishing information about soil erosion, weather conditions, rainfall and the conrtol of forest fires. Much of this information is secured for the Government, making the work project of this camp more essential than the projects in many other camps.

WAR RELIEF QUOTA MET

County Red Cross Chapter Has Raised $1,570, Will Continue

Chairman Cabe has announced that Macon's quota of $1500 for the chapter's share of the minimum war fund of $50,000,000 has reached the amount of $1570.65, with the addition of $476 received from the farmers of the county from the sale of scrap iron.

Mr. Cabe has issued a statement thanking all who have helped so loyally and faithfully, especially Sam Mendenhall and assistants for sponsoring the project of collecting scrap iron.

"Mr. Mendenhall has convinced the farmers and all of us that by cooperation much can be accomplished. The check for $476 is sufficient proof that the farmers are behind him all his undertakings because they know he is on the job to help them," said Mr. Cabe. He stated that the chapter would not stop here but go on actively to raise war funds.

The following contributions are acknowledged.

State Highway employees $52.10; Franklin Methodist Sunday School $15.50; Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe $15; Mountain Laurel Patrol Girl Scouts and Mrs. Wasilick $8; Newmans Chapel $5.01. Those giving $5 contributions: Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cagle, G. L. Houk, J. E. Perry, J. S. Conley, Harley R. Cabe, A. B. Slagle, S. & L. Store, Joseph Ashear, Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, R. L. Bryson, Macon Co. Supply, Dr. Frank Killian, Mrs. Eva Cunningham, Roy F. Cunningham, L. H. Page, Bill Waldroop, Route 1, Mrs. Carl Slagle.

Holly Springs community, $4.30; Oak Dale, $3.35: Franklin Presbyterian Church, $3.08; Gus Baldwin, $2; J. H. Stockton, $2; Jim Mann, $2; Jack Sanders, $2.

One dollar contributions: Mrs. John Fox, Raleigh; Laura Waldroop, C. S. Brown, Miss Bolick, Jean Moore Burrell, Lester Conley, Horace Bryson, L. M. Patton, Clyde Gailey, E. W. Long, Swafford's Market, Ralph Womack, Carl Dalton, Grace Conley, Leon Sloan, Tom Fagg, Geo. Mashburn, John Lyle Palmer, Mrs. Jim Palmer, Harold Williamson, Mrs. Hugh Leach, Mrs. Lola Howard, Miss Annie Bailey, Frank Tallent.

Mr. O'Mohundro's community reported:

Donations $25, Bryant Furn. Co. $10. Five Dollar contributions: Macon Furn. Co, Blumenthal, Western Auto Store, Fred Arnold, Reeves Hardware Co, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cagle, Dr. Ben Grant, Duncan Motor Co., Cagle's Cafe, E. K. Cunningham & Co., Mrs. H. L. Waldroop, Franklin Hardwood company.

Two dollar contributions: Reid Womack, Farmers Federation. One dollar contributions: Grover Jamison, The Tavern, N. P. Norton, Paul Carpenter, Ervin Patton.

Fontana Will Need Homes For Workmen Jamison Reports

Carl Jamison, who is planning to run a bus to Bryson City for the benefit of workers on Fontana dam, visited the employment offices of TVA at Bryson City on Monday. Mr. Jamison stated that Mr. Rogers, personnel director, informed him that his office had not yet received anything definite out of the Knoxville office, concerning transportation, but that the running of a private bus line to connect with the railroad going to Fontana seemed to offer a solution to the problem.

Mr. Rogers stated that barracks would be built near the dam site for 1,400 men and a trailer camp established for 250 families. This will not begin to accommodate the families and workers that will be employed and the capacity of Bryson City and vicinity is not large enough, it is understood. The railroad extending from Bryson City to the Fontana copper mine will be extended to the dam site, it was stated, and a shuttle train will be run to transport workmen.