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THIRTIETH YEAR NO. 5 12 Pages WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1944 (One Day Nearer Victory) \$1.75 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Chairman Urges Completion Of Bond Quota

Red Cross War Fund Drive Opens Feb. 29

Haywood Chapter Asked To Raise Quota Of \$6,100

The Haywood Chapter of the American Red Cross has been asked to raise a quota of \$6,100 in the War Fund Campaign which will open in this area on Feb. 29th, according to Rev. J. Madison, who has been named chairman of the drive. The national quota has been set at \$200,000, against the quota of \$130,000 of last year.

Forty-one per cent of the funds for last year were sent to national headquarters and fifty-nine per cent for local use by the chapter. This year 43 per cent will be kept for local work and 57 per cent has been asked to be sent to national headquarters.

The difference in the allocation for this year is due to the enormous amount of work necessary for the program of the Red Cross in overseas areas where the forces are serving, it was pointed out by Mr. Madison.

The quota for 1944 is the first ever assigned this area. M. R. Williamson, president of the Haywood chapter, and Rev. J. Madison, chairman of the drive, are optimistic over the goal reached by the appointed committee.

The quota is \$1,700 above last year which was \$4,400. The local chairman has adopted his slogan "One day's wages for the fighting man," and during the drive for funds each person employed in the section of the county covered by the Haywood chapter will be asked to contribute earnings of one day for "the man in service fighting for him."

Extensive plans are being worked out by the chairman of the drive and the president of the chapter. Mrs. T. Lenoir Gwyn has been named chairman of publicity, assigned the newspaper coverage of the drive.

The committee for the drive will be meeting in the coming week, it was learned from Mr. Madison.

Editor Of Hendersonville Buried Today

Funeral services will be held this morning at 4 o'clock at the Shepherd Memorial Chapel in Hendersonville for Hudson M. Russ, 67, editor of the Waynesville Mountaineer, died at his home in Hendersonville at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. O. M. Seigler, pastor of the First Baptist church of Hendersonville, will officiate, assisted by Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of the First Baptist church of Waynesville. Burial will be in Oakcemetery.

Mr. Russ was a native of Concord, N. C., and for many years operated a mercantile business in Hendersonville. He was closely identified with the activities of the First Baptist church in Hendersonville, he had served as a deacon and as a trustee of the church.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Curtis Russ, of Waynesville; daughters, Miss Claris Russ, Hendersonville, and Mrs. Hughson, of Greensboro; one grandchild, Marguerite Russ, of Waynesville; and two sisters.

Reasons To Honor Memory Of Two Former Members

Memorial services will be held at the regular communication of the Waynesville Lodge, No. 259, A. F. and A. M. on Friday night for late W. T. Lee, Sr., who died January 3rd, 1943, and for L. E. Gibson, who passed away on January 21st, 1943.

L. E. Prevost will be in charge of services and all members are invited to attend and pay their last respects to these former associates. Friends are also welcome.

Quota Is Doubled In Paralysis Fund

Christmas Tubercular Seal Sale Largest Ever Recorded In This Area

There were more Christmas Tubercular Seals sold this year than ever recorded in the Waynesville area, according to the final report submitted this week by Mrs. Frank Ferguson, local chairman in charge of the sales.

The quota for the area had been set by state headquarters at \$300, while the sales amounted to \$408. Of this amount \$306 will be kept for local work and \$102 will be sent to the state headquarters.

The money kept locally will be used to aid tubercular patients and also tubercular suspects. A part of it will be diverted to aid in providing school lunches for undernourished children in the local schools.

The mailing committee, headed by Mrs. Charles Miller, who made all their sales through the mails, had to their credit \$158 of the sales made.

The sale of seals is sponsored locally by the Woman's Club and the greater part of the sales are sold through the schools of the area, with the students selling to their families.

Ninety-Three Men Are Placed In I-A During Past Week

Ninety-three men were placed in class I-A by the draft board serving the Waynesville area during the past week. In the group were the following: Wade Hampton Frazier, Jr., George Franklin Rathbone, Kelly Lee Howell, Kinsey Niland Palmer, Fred Henry Platt, Marion Thomas Bridges, Fred James Sanford, Troy Lee Wilson, Marvin Samuel Chambers, Daniel Shuford Young, Clay William Sheehan, Clifford Wallis Green, Benjamin Franklin Fisher, Lester James Bradshaw, Emory Allen, Kenneth C. Miller, Mack Murray Mercer, Kenneth Parker, Zilla Roosevelt Huffman, Lawrence Kilby, Thomas A. Edison Messer, Homer Hector West, Fred Farmer, Everett Harvey Clark, Cass McCaha, Guy Smith, Noble William Ferguson, Joseph Yates Plimmons, Charlie Arthur Dotson.

Harry Montreville Moody, Walter Fisher Sprinkles, Robert Edward Reece, Deward McElroy, Henry Conner, Loyd Lincoln Moore, Clifton Earle Parton, Troy William Sutton, Robert McCarter, Hardy Marion Carver, Melburn Green, Samuel Edgar Prady, Thomas Jackson Kirby, Dewey Forrester Bryson, Doyl Calvin Rathbone, Frank Benjamin James, Neal Davis Mathis, Robert Vance Davis.

William Rose, Milas Ward Kirkpatrick, Woodrow Wilson Rich, Carl Bryson Hannah, Robert Oliver.

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Permits Required Now To Burn Any Brush

Effective February 1, burning permits are required of persons burning leaves, brush, or any trash on, or immediately near woodland areas under the protection of the North Carolina State Forest Service. It was announced by R. E. Caldwell, Haywood county forest warden.

Mr. Caldwell pointed out that such permits are required to let the forest service know where the fires are being started. He also pointed out that the proper time for burning trash, etc., is following a rain or in the late afternoon or at night when the air is damp and the fire is more easily controlled.

Permits may be obtained from Mr. Caldwell and G. C. Platt at the court house and the following places in the county: Tom Alexander at Cataloochee Ranch; L. M. McCaha, at Magg's; W. A. Green, Maggie; Robert Howell, Jonathan Creek; C. H. Franklin, Cove Creek; H. F. Hoglen, Liberty; J. H. McCloy, Jonathan Creek; H. L. Rathbone, Fines Creek; Grady Walker, Crabtree; L. A. Trantham, Crabtree; T. C. Davis, Iron Duff.

Taft Ferguson's store, Clyde, route 1; Hardy Phillips, Mt. Sterling; Harvey Beach, Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 1; Lane Allen, Canton; R. C. Putman, Stamey Cove; Claude James, Clyde; J. W. Holcombe, Pigeon; W. C. Parton, Cru-

so; Mark Ferguson, Pigeon;

Funds Raised In Tag Days Staged Here and Canton

Haywood county's quota in the annual Infantile Paralysis campaign will be more than doubled when all funds contributed have been turned in, it was learned from Jonathan Woody, county chairman of the drive. The quota for Haywood was set at \$815, while the total contributions yesterday afternoon amounted to \$1,616.43.

This is the largest amount ever contributed to the infantile campaign in Haywood county.

The figures for the two areas of the county stood Wednesday afternoon as follows: Canton with a total of \$710, and Waynesville with \$906.43 in contributions.

The only expense of the campaign will be a nominal sum of \$9.55 for tags presented the contributors and for the printing of placards which were placed in the various business firms of the county, according to Mr. Woody.

The greater part of the money

Mildred Milner Wins Prize In DAR Fashion Show

Mildred Milner was the winner of the prize given at the fashion show sponsored by the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution held at the high school Tuesday. The prize, \$2.50 in war stamps, was presented by Miss Patsy Gwyn, president of the Joseph Howell Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

The dresses were graded according to the standards set up by the D.A.R. national committee. Those entering the contest and whose dresses were made under the supervision of Miss Marjorie McManus, home economics teacher in the high school, in addition to the winner were: Marion Ellis Howell, Gene Anne Bradley, Nancy Jones, Theresa Liner, Janet Abel Floise Martin, Ann Farmer, and Dot Green.

Boy Scouts Busy Hauling In Waste Paper In Drive

The drive for collection of scrap paper which was started last week by Troop 2, Boy Scouts, sponsored by the Rotary club, is progressing with fine response in the community it was learned from Guy Massie, scoutmaster, who is heading the drive.

Mr. Massie stated that a number of persons had brought paper to the headquarters from the rural sections and also a number from Hazelwood and Waynesville had brought in large quantities.

He further stated that the boys were on the job and were ready to answer all calls for donation of paper, which they were hauling in wagons to the building formerly occupied by the Green Tree Tea Room, serving as the main storage place, until the paper is put on the market.

The drive will continue for some time and Mr. Massie is asking that as Spring cleaning gets underway housewives bear in mind the scrap paper collection and salvage all waste papers.

St. John's Stamp And Bond Sales In 4th Loan Drive Total \$9,604.55

During the first two weeks of the Fourth War Loan Drive, the pupils, teachers and staff of St. John's School purchased \$9,604.55 in bonds and stamps.

To date, bond and stamp sales at the school have reached a total of \$40,461.90.

Still "jeep-conscious" the pupils of St. John's are striving to keep the jeeps rolling along for Uncle Sam at unslackening pace. Their purchases to date would buy 45 jeeps.

Wins Distinguished Flying Cross



An Eighth AAF Bomber Command Station, England. Staff Sergeant William D. Sawyer, 21, of Waynesville, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for flying twenty-five missions against Germany.

Sgt. Sawyer was armorer and left waist gunner on the "Wailuku Maud" and recently on a new ship named "My Buddy", both Flying Fortresses of the Eighth Air Force based in England.

Sgt. Sawyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sawyer, of Waynesville. He is a graduate of the Waynesville high school and at the time he volunteered in the army on October 7, 1941, he was employed by a filling station in Waynesville.

Sgt. Sawyer began his combat flying in July of 1943, his first mission being the long trip to Bergen, Norway.

"It was a milk run," he says of Bergen. "At least it seems so now. It was just long and cold."

Then came the Hanover mission which developed into one of the vicious air battles of the year.

What Was The Decision Of Mr. and Mrs. Ground Hog On The Weather?

Frances Gilbert Frazier Staff Writer

This is Thursday, February third and the day after the one that tradition has set aside for an important decision. On the outcome depends the whole arrangement of the seasonable wardrobe, seed planting, pruning and what-have-you. Did Mr. Ground Hog see his shadow yesterday? That was the big question before the population and the reply would, of course, depend largely upon in what part of the country the weather prognosticator lived. The hardy and faithful followers of weather predictions, such as the thick fur on the squirrel; the heavier bark on the north side of trees (and the shadow that the Ground Hog sees—or does not see—on February the second) wait patiently around until the hour of eleven o'clock and goes. Then they spend the rest of the day discussing the crops and making plans generally.

Mr. Ground Hog, you remember, is supposed to open a pair of sleepy eyes on the traditional morning. Well as he yawns to Mrs. Ground Hog and ask, "Well, dear, how does it look this morning? Do you think I had better turn back the cover and prepare to make a day of it, or shall I just slip out, peek and slip back while my bed is still nice and warm?"

Mrs. Ground Hog, as an obedient wife should do, lays down whatever she is doing, opens the door and cautiously peeks out. So far, so good, but how well Mrs. Ground Hog knows that will not satisfy Mr. Ground Hog. He wants to know if she is in a business-like and thorough manner—when some one else does the doing. So out goes Mrs.

Ground Hog to investigate, her apron over her head, for it is a long ways from Spring yet, regardless of what her husband decreed later in the day. She looks up and then she looks around and then she sighs deeply and she again turns toward the house. What else can she report, for above her the sky is as tantalizing a blue as a baby's eyes! Soft, fluffy clouds that look as though a giant paint brush has smoothed them on, lie across its tranquil face. A gentle, little breeze that seems to smile beautifully as it brushes the lips of the early morning sun, whispers a Lor li promise that Spring is already pecking up her lovely green ruffles for an early visit.

Mrs. Ground Hog takes a deep breath, lifts her head and steps briskly toward the house. She knows what she will have to tell Mr. Ground Hog, and it means that she will have him hanging around the house for the next six weeks. The fact that he works only on day out of the year isn't mentioned in the Ground Hog message; but the six weeks ahead when the sun is shining as it is at this minute, seems a certainty. And there is nothing she can do about it.

But wait! Suddenly, a sharp stinging blow strikes Mrs. Ground Hog's hand and she screams in surprise as she wipes away small particles of ice that are smashing all around her. She looks up in astonishment, trying to understand such a transition from Spring to Winter. But there is no answer; only the pelting sleet that falls in increasing fury. Where, only a few minutes before, she had found the glory

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Captured German War Equipment To Be Shown Here

Admission To Park Theatre By Bond To Show On Thursday, February 10th.

With the sale of bonds in the Fourth War Loan Drive in Haywood totaling \$453,727.50 through yesterday, Sam Robinson, county chairman, is urging every committee in the county to work toward completion of the quota of \$700,000 by Friday night.

Pointing out that Haywood county had more men in service than any county in the United States per capita, Mr. Robinson stated that he was striving to have Haywood the first county in North Carolina to reach its goal. He is making a special appeal to the farmers and the smaller buyers, as many of the larger purchasers of other drives are not investing as heavily in this campaign.

While Mr. Robinson is aiming at the early attainment of the goal, he stated that the drive would continue through the 15th of the month and that many were planning to buy bonds next week, as revealed by the surveys being made in the house to house canvass.

J. E. Massie, chairman of the Waynesville area, stated that on Thursday night, 10th, a free movie would be shown here at the Park Theatre with entrance by a war bond bought either on the 8th, 9th, or 10th. He stated that due to the crowded conditions of trying to operate a bond booth just before the starting of the show, the com-

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Women Of Area Begged To Make Surgical Dressings

An urgent appeal is being made this week by Mrs. Ben Colkitt, chairman of the surgical dressings committee of the Haywood Red Cross Chapter for workers in the rooms in the Masonic Temple.

"As the invasion gets underway in Europe and the fighting becomes more intense in other combat areas, our quotas will be increased and surely with the sacrifices these men are making, we cannot fall down on this obligation," said Mrs. Colkitt in her appeal to the women of the community.

The supplies for the local work were delayed and the work is, therefore, behind schedule, it was pointed out by Mrs. Colkitt, who stated that unless there was a greater response the chapter would fail in keeping up with the quota of surgical dressings assigned this area.

Apparel Group To Hear OPA Officials

Members of the Haywood Price Panel expect every merchant in this area who sells any wearing apparel of any type, to attend the OPA meeting here Tuesday night at the court house, and hear officials explain the new rules and regulations.

The meeting will begin at 7:30. Those appearing in behalf of OPA will include Edwin Allison, district supervisor, Miss Pearl Humphery and Mrs. Timmons.

Jimmy Swanger Winner Of UDC Declamation Medal

Jimmy Swanger was the winner of the medal given in the annual Lee-Jackson declamation contest sponsored by the Haywood Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy which was held on Thursday in the high school auditorium. Mrs. W. A. Hyatt, historian, was in charge of the program. Rev. S. R. Crockett gave the invocation and the salute to the flag was led by Mrs. J. Harden Howell.

Young Swanger's declamation was "The New South", and the other contestants: Robert Harry, who won the second prize, a silver dollar; Robert Harry, R. G. Coffey, Jr., and Amos Lee Swanger. Mrs. James R. Boyd, chapter president, presented the prizes.

Serving as judges were: Prof. W. C. Allen, Rev. S. R. Crockett, and Rev. M. R. Williamson. A medley of Southern airs was rendered by the high school band. Rev. M. R. Williamson gave the benediction.