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RED CROSS FUND DRIVE DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE

Miss Lacy H. Darter Says Red Cross Program Must Be Continued

Miss Lacy H. Darter, field director for the American Red Cross at the U. S. Naval hospital Pensacola, Fla., spoke Monday at a regional Red Cross conference with representatives from 24 eastern North Carolina counties in attendance at the George Vanderbilt hotel, in Asheville.

Miss Darter stressed the fact that although the war is over there are still thousands of soldiers, sailors, and marines in hospitals and for that reason the Red Cross program must be continued.

John C. Wilson, of Atlanta, manager of the Southeastern area offices of the Red Cross; Mrs. Melma Tinsley of Atlanta, chief of radio for the Southeastern area; Ben Stanton, assistant regional director for the two Carolinas, and W. D. Dibrell, Southeastern area general representative, were present for the meeting.

The invocation was pronounced by the Rev. I. N. Northrup, and H. K. Gaskey welcomed the representatives. The Buncombe county chapter was host.

Mr. Stanton discussed the highlights of last year's Red Cross fund campaign and told of plans for the 1946 drive.

Mr. Wilson spoke on the challenge that 1946 offers and stressed the factors that will enter into the coming fund campaign.

Mrs. Tinsley spoke on worker training in connection with preparations for the campaign. She also discussed the matter of publicity for the campaign.

Mr. Dibrell's subject was the mechanics of the campaign, with stress on the importance of pushing it to a speedy and successful conclusion.

Each of the talks was followed by an open forum in which questions asked by the representatives were answered.

"Although the war is won and the fight is over, our army, navy and veterans' hospitals are not empty—until they are, the Red Cross has a job it must do," Miss Darter said.

"During the war we all realized the importance of a speedy recovery of our servicemen who were wounded or otherwise hospitalized, so that they could return to the fight. Now, isn't it even more important that we offer our Red Cross services to help these men return to a peaceful world where they are to live?"

ARMY PREPARING FOR RETURN OF CITY BUILDING

Vacated Recently By The AAF Airways Communications System and Weather Service

MOVED TO LANGLEY FIELD

Maj. Garland F. Steele, post engineer at Moore General Hospital began work Tuesday morning preparatory to returning the City Hall to the city of Asheville.

Maj. Steele has been designated custodial officer for the building which was vacated recently by the AAF Airways Communications system and Weather service, the two units having moved to Langley Field, Va.

Maj. Steele will prepare the disposal report to be submitted to the Fourth Service Command Division Engineer in Atlanta. Before the structure can be returned to the city it must be restored to the condition in which it was received when the air forces took it over. This will entail removal of temporary partitions, some painting, and other necessary repairs.

All of the furniture now in the building is air forces property, Maj. Steele said, and it will be crated and shipped to other points.



The Second Advisory Committee of Zone 4, District 31-A, Lions International, was held at the Monte Vista Hotel in Black Mountain on Thursday, January 17th at 6:45 with the following present: E. Z. Stines, Zone Chairman; Wesley Brown, Secretary and L. T. Smith, Vice-President of the Asheville Lions Club; Boyce Whitmore, President and Ray Pointer, Secretary of the Hendersonville Club; A. W. McDougle, President, H. W. Sanders, Secretary, and W. W. White, Deputy District Governor of Black Mountain Club.

The object of these meetings is to exchange ideas and make reports on the various activities of the Clubs in the Zone 4, thereby stimulating the promotion and betterment of Lionism in Western Carolina.

MARION E. WALKER SUCCUMBS FRIDAY

Marion E. Walker, 71, retired farmer of the North Fork section of Buncombe County, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Jack Cordell of the North Fork section, Friday.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Homer Chapel Baptist church. The Rev. Eugene Byrd and the Rev. Armistead officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bennie Morris, Cecil Morris, Thomas Morris, Talmadge Shope, George Hickman and Carl Patton.

Mr. Brown was a native and life-long resident of Black Mountain township. He was a member of Mountain View Baptist church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Ollie Walker; one son, Elijah Walker; three daughters, Mrs. Lucy Vanover, Mrs. John Blue, Mrs. Roscoe Hollifield; three sisters, Mrs. Cordell, Mrs. Wiley Morris, and Mrs. Jennie Rickman; and 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Harrison funeral home of Black Mountain had charge of arrangements.

W. M. S. Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Black Mountain Baptist church was held Tuesday night in the Memorial Room of the church. Mrs. W. B. Kyles presided over the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Worth Cook, president. The Lucy Wright Circle had charge of the program under the leadership of Mrs. H. W. Bacon.

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IMPORTANT

The Black Mountain Arts Club begs the privilege of sponsoring a meeting of officers and directors of local civic clubs, town, school, and library officials in a preliminary movement for creating a memorial to our soldier dead.

This meeting will be held at the Monte Vista Hotel on Tuesday, January 29th, at 7:30 p.m. All civic clubs having by-laws, membership dues, and regular stated meetings are asked to send their officers or representatives to this meeting. W. D. Weatherford, president of the Arts Club, will be in Black Mountain for this occasion.

Whatever we do, or do not do, should be an expression of all our people. This expression of individuals could find an outlet through the various local clubs. Perhaps after this first meeting, the next move would be made by duly elected delegates from each organization. Such elected group to be a deliberate body, empowered to act with authority. Before going very far, it would be necessary for them to incorporate and establish definite rules and regulations.

It falls to me to call the meeting for January 29th. In the meantime I may not be able to further contact the various units which should attend; Therefore, you are asked to pass the word along, in order that we may all get together for the purpose of unity in any memorial plan which we might undertake.

CHARLES E. SPENCER,
Acting President of Black Mtn. Arts Club.

ROOSEVELT BALL SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

Asheville Auditorium And George Vanderbilt Hotel Ballroom To Be Used For Annual Event.

SPECIAL MUSIC PROVIDED

The main ballroom of the George Vanderbilt Hotel, in addition to the City Auditorium, will be used for the Roosevelt Birthday ball Saturday, January 26, with music relayed from the auditorium, it was announced Saturday by David Alexander, executive board member and chairman of the dance committee for the Junior Chamber of Commerce which is in charge of plans for the ball.

RED CROSS WORK IS PLANNED AT BLACK MOUNTAIN

Mrs. Thomas S. Sharp Is Chairman and Dr. Hubert Clapp Is Vice-Chairman.

WILL AID RETURNING VETS

Plans for activities during the coming year are being made by the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chapter of the American Red Cross, which serves the townships of Broad River, Black Mountain and Swannanoa in Buncombe County.

Mrs. Thomas S. Sharp is chairman and Dr. Hubert Clapp is vice-chairman. Mrs. Bessie S. Carr is executive secretary and maintains offices in the Black Mountain town hall.

Mrs. Carr will continue to give a major portion of her time in assisting the approximately 1,500 returning veterans in this area and their families by providing them with information, aiding in obtaining privileges and filing claims.

The community-wide program will include home nursing, nutrition and first aid courses. Gray Ladies will continue to work at Moore Hospital and production work of the chapter will be continued. An expanded Junior Red Cross program is planned and the disaster relief committee has completed its organization. Summer plans will include work at the various religious assemblies and summer camps in the area.

A Bundle From Heaven

Little Kermit Patrick Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Russell of Black Mountain, was born at 9 p.m. Friday, January 18, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville.

Kermit weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Mother and son doing fine. Welcome Kermit and congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Russell.

Buy all the bonds you can. Keep all the bonds you buy.

Water System Improved At Black Mountain

The entire water system of the town of Black Mountain has been cleaned, a new sterilization plant installed and 157 acres of land added to the watershed, it has been announced by members of the town council.

All of the main water pipes in the town system were revealed in an examination to be corroded and they were cleaned. An automatic chlorinator was installed at a total cost of approximately \$3,500.

Approximately 157 acres of watershed land were purchased from the estate of W. H. Holman providing the system with an additional 200,000 gallons of water a day.

A baked potato can be a gourmet's specialty if properly respected in the kitchen and at the table.



Bill Hill Says:
A doctor went to see a woman patient tuesday and told the husband the main thing wuz to keep her quiet, and when he went back next day, the woman's mouth wuz closed up with a towel.

CHANCES GOOD FOR VET CARE

State Medical Society Committee May Back Out-Patient Proposal At Meeting.

Favorable action on the proposed out-patient plan for medical treatment of war veterans is expected by the executive committee of the North Carolina Medical society at a meeting in Raleigh on January 27, it was announced Monday by Dr. Oren Moore, president of the society.

Dr. Moore said that all persons he has talked with about the plan are in favor of it. He added that representatives of veterans' organizations and of the Medical society had conferred with officials of the Veterans Administration in Washington about it and had found them anxious for it to be arranged. If the executive committee acts favorably, the next step will be final approval by the Veterans Administration and then the plan could be put into operation, Dr. Moore added.

The plan, which was first suggested by Legion officials in Wilmington, would make it possible for war veterans who need medical care either in their own homes or in hospitals in their own cities but at the expense of the government hospitals.

Dr. Moore said it is estimated that at least 500 war veterans who need medical care are in their homes in North Carolina waiting for admission to government hospitals. Doctors all over the state are getting numerous calls for help from these veterans.

The executive committee of the society is composed of one man from each of the 12 districts in the state. The meeting will be held at the Sir Walter hotel in Charlotte.

The crowded conditions in government hospitals makes it imperative that something be done for the veterans, Dr. Moore declared. There are many who are in no condition to wait for treatment until the hospital program of the government has gone far enough to take care of them.

MARION MAN HURT IN ACCIDENT AT BLACK MOUNTAIN

Bill Brown was Injured When Car He Was Driving Skidded On An Icy Curve.

CAR OWNED BY MISS BROWN

Bill Brown, 21, of Marion, was injured late Thursday night when the car he was driving skidded on an icy curve on the Asheville-Black Mountain highway near the Western North Carolina sanatorium, turned over and cut a large power pole into two sections.

The car, officers said, was owned by Miss Hazel Brown, sister of the driver. The two, accompanied by several basketball players from the Marion Manufacturing company, were returning from a game in Canton when the accident occurred, officers said.

Although the car was demolished, none of the occupants was injured except Mr. Brown, whose condition was reported to be satisfactory Saturday at the U. S. Veterans' hospital, Oteen.

GEN. BRADLEY REJECTS MOORE FOR V. A. UNIT

MAJ. R. M. ALBRIGHT IS BACK ON HIS JOB AS STATE DIRECTOR

Was In Military Service For More Than Three And One-Half Years—Was Overseas.

WEARS FOUR BATTLE STARS

Major Robert Mayne Albright on military leave for more than three and one-half years, two-thirds of which was spent overseas, is back on his job as State director of the United States Employment Service for North Carolina, even though he still has nearly three months of terminal leave from the U. S. Army.

Major Albright was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Labor Branch of the War Department on May 18, 1942, and spent 14 months in and out of the Pentagon Building in Washington. He coordinated civilian labor in three separate Service Commands, was responsible for training War Department labor officers and coordinating them with Federal labor agencies.

Transferring to the Allied Military Government Captain Albright was sent in August, 1943 to Italy, where he became chief labor liaison officer between the United States and the Italian Government. Later he was chief labor officer for the British Eighth Army, assistant labor officer for the American Fifth Army and chief labor officer in the Trieste area. He wears four battle participation stars, representing the Naples-Foggi, Rome-Arno, Worth Appennines and Po Valley campaigns. His promotion to Major came while he was in Italy.

Major Albright's war activities followed closely those in which he had several years of experience and are in line with the requirements of the position he resumes in civilian life. He joined the Employment Service agency February 1, 1936, as administrative assistant and served as assistant director and acting director until his appointment as State director on June 21, 1937. He held this position until he entered military service.

In 1941, Major Albright was elected International President of the International Association of Public Employment Services, the professional organization covering the United States and Canada, of officials and personnel of the public employment services and Unemployment Compensation agencies. He presided over the meeting held in Louisville, Ky., in 1942. Previously he had been president of the North Carolina Chapter of this association.

A native of Raleigh, Major Albright received his A. B., M. A. and J. D. (law) degrees from the State University, where he was manager of the Graham Memorial student union, for two years. He earned Phi Beta Kappa honors, was a varsity wrestler and debater and was Young Democratic Club organizer for colleges in North Carolina while a student. He took the bar test and was granted his law license in 1936.

Moore General Hospital On Surplus List To Continue Until June

Gen. Omar N. Bradley Tuesday definitely rejected Moore General Hospital, the army's large installation lying between Black Mountain and Swannanoa, for use by the Veterans' administration.

General Bradley, head of the Veterans' administration, rejected the hospital together with 33 other surplus army hospitals in testimony before the house appropriations committee in Washington, D. C., shortly before noon Tuesday.

Maj.-Gen. Norman T. Kirk, surgeon-general of the army, said during a visit in Asheville last Thursday that Moore General hospital would be continued as an army general hospital until at least June 30. He added, however that the unit was "not a permanent institution in the present plans." He gave no idea of how long the army would maintain the hospital after the June date.

Bradley said that most army hospitals rejected are either of temporary construction or are too far from population centers. The general gave as grounds for rejection of Moore General the reason that it was in an "unsuitable location."

Col. Frank W. Wilson, commanding officer of Moore General, said Tuesday when informed of Bradley's rejection of the local unit: "Moore General hospital is not shown on the list of hospitals to be closed (by the army) on March 31. I am not in possession of any information as to its future status."

Until Tuesday the Veterans' administration has declined to say, save in isolated cases, what surplus army hospitals had been found unfit for Veterans' administration needs.

General Bradley also Tuesday submitted to the house committee before which he was appearing a list of 70 new hospitals and additions authorized by congress or under construction and to be completed in 1947.

The general estimated that an administration hospital at Salisbury, N. C., would be completed July 13, 1947.

Since last September, Moore General hospital has been in use as one of more than a hundred temporary separation centers designated by army service forces to speed return of eligible soldiers awaiting discharge.

Construction of the army hospital in the Asheville area was begun in 1942. Cost of the structure has been estimated to have been near \$5,000,000. The hospital, first designed as a 1,520-bed unit, was built on the site of the former state test farm. Approximately 125 acres were in the tracts originally selected for the hospital site.

General Bradley told the house appropriations committee Tuesday that some additional surplus hospitals might eventually be added to the approved list, provided enough new doctors to staff them become available.

Legion Auxiliary Meets With Mrs. C. E. Keith

The Legion Auxiliary had a covered dish supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Keith. About 40 were present.

After supper was served Lieut. Commander G. W. Green from Ridgecrest, a prisoner of war for 32 months, spoke of his experiences during the war.

The Legion Auxiliary is very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Keith for their hospitality.

Pvt. Harold Kelley Is In Moore Hospital

Pvt. Harold E. Kelley, son of Mrs. Florence Kelley of Marion R. F. D. No. 4, has been admitted to Moore General Hospital for treatment. Pvt. Kelley became ill while on furlough from the station complement at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Black Mountain Clothing Drive Being Conducted

Persons having useable clothing, bedding and shoes to contribute to the Victory clothing drive have been asked to bring them to the city hall here during this month. When the drive is over the clothing will be sent to the central receiving station in Asheville, it has been announced.

Several organizations have been helping in the collecting of this clothing, among which are the Young People's department of the State Street Methodist church and the Black Mountain Woman's Club.

Often the happiest moment of the whole social evening is when a tiresome guest announces he must leave.

With all her experience, every woman expects to do better when she marries a second time, and some do.