

MANY WOMEN ARE NEEDED TO FILL NEW WAR QUOTAS

Sewing and Knitting to Constitute Principal Work in Supplying Materials for War Relief; New Quota More Than Doubles Previous One

"Every woman who knits or sews will be needed to get the new quota of garments for war relief ready for shipment on May 31," stated Mrs. Mae Miller Saturday in regard to the increased quota she has accepted for the Watauga chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Miller said further, "Orders for goods have been placed with various factories; before the goods arrive, in order to save time, I should like to have the names of clubs, schools and individuals who will help to sew or knit these garments."

"As is evident in the following list, this new quota more than doubles that of previous months; and we shall need many, many willing hands to finish the work on time. We are required to make 4 men's sweaters, 8 women's sweaters, 16 children's sweaters, 12 shawls, 12 mufflers, 45 layettes, 34 operating gowns, 24 bed shirts, 24 women's skirts, 20 girls' skirts, 20 boys' shirts, 5 hospital pajamas, and 12 bibs."

Those who have made possible the fulfillment of recent quotas are to be commended. Under the direction of Mrs. T. H. Coffey, the following women of Blowing Rock have helped in knitting sweaters: Mesdames W. H. Keplar, Lyles Harris, James L. Vance, Dr. Mary Cabel Warfield, Misses Margaret Vance, Marian Triefsson and Lena Reeves. Also the knitting group of Cove Creek; the home economics department of Cove Creek high school, directed by Mrs. Roby Greer; Boone high school, directed by Miss Bassett, and A. S. T. C., directed by Misses Brock and Donnell, have given much time to sewing for the cause. In Boone the following have been working: Mrs. Homer K. Compton, knitting mufflers; Mrs. Ed Mast and group, sewing; members of St. Luke's Auxiliary and St. Luke's.

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WINKLER ACTS TO HELP FARMERS

Passes Amendment Enabling Transportation of Phosphate Without "For Hire" Tag

Gordon H. Winkler, Watauga county's representative in the general assembly, came to the aid of farmers in Watauga and adjoining counties, when he introduced and secured passage of an amendment to Chapter 407 of the Public Laws of 1937, which would allow motor vehicles to transport TVA phosphate and AAA agricultural lime without "for hire" license plates.

Senator Ballentine of Wake county, had amended the bill to apply to agricultural limestone, but Mr. Winkler was quick to see that this amendment did not take care of the situation in his own county, where TVA phosphate was being used in large quantities. Under the amended act the product may be brought to a neighbor farmer without excess license fees on the motor vehicle used.

World Day of Prayer To Be Observed Here

The World Day of Prayer, Friday, February 28, observed by Christians throughout the world, will be featured by a joint meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal church here at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The theme chosen by the national committee of church women, representing both home and foreign mission councils in New York City, is "Thy Kingdom Come."

Ministers and women from the various denominations will take part in the service which will consist, largely, of Scripture reading, prayer, meditation and music.

The World Day of Prayer will be observed in 51 countries and in more than 10,000 separate services in the United States alone.

The program was prepared by a committee of Christian missionaries in Shanghai, China, composed of Americans, Chinese and Japanese.

Wendell a Free Agent



New York.—Mrs. Wendell L. Willkie, wife of the Republican candidate for the presidency, stating that Mr. Willkie reports to the American people as a free agent and not as a member of the government.

SEES EXPANDING PIPE INDUSTRY

New York Manufacturer Believes There is Good Future for Pipe Block Industry

Mr. George Ziechner, treasurer of L. & H. Stern, Inc., New York iron pipe manufacturers, visited last week with Mr. David Lavietes, of the D & P. Pipe Work, and expressed the belief that the native briarwood pipe blocks may even prove superior to the imported briarwood, and sees a bright future for the local manufacturing enterprise.

Mr. Ziechner, whose firm employs 300 people, and utilizes 15,000 pipe blocks per day, says that he will buy the local product for his Burex briar pipes, and pronounces the wood thus far manufactured as being exceptionally beautiful and so far as preliminary tests go, exceedingly durable. He is intensely interested in the patented fireproofing process which the local manufactory uses, which is tasteless and harmless, and sees in the local product a far larger percentage of perfect blocks than can be found in the foreign blocks. He says he is anxious to do business with the local concern and will buy when his present stocks of wood are exhausted.

Mr. Lavietes says that the demand for pipe blocks has now reached 1,200 gross monthly and that this production must be doubled. New machinery has been bought so as to increase the output to meet the \$75,000 monthly demands of the pipe finishing industry.

Mr. Lavietes returned to New York with Mr. Ziechner Friday night, and will return to Boone by the first of next week.

Tax Penalty Will Increase After 1st

Watauga county taxpayers are advised that the penalty after March 1st, will be increased to two percent as prescribed by law.

Avery W. Greene, tax collector, calls attention to the fact that the penalty will double on taxes not paid on or before the first day of March, and all who can are urged to pay their taxes and save the increased penalty.

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO GIVE N. C. NEW SEAT

Washington, Feb. 19—The house approved yesterday a reappointment of its 435 seats on the basis of 1940 census figures, changing the size of 16 state delegations but making no increase in the total number of representatives.

The action involved adoption of a new formula for allotting the seats among the 48 states. If the senate fails to take similar action before March 8, however, the new reappointment will be made under the methods formerly used.

Whichever method ultimately prevails, California will gain three seats, and Arizona, New Mexico, Florida, Oregon, Tennessee and North Carolina each will gain one. Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Ohio each will lose one seat.

OFFICE CLOSSES SATURDAY

The office of the Watauga county selective service board will be closed next Saturday for the Washington birthday holiday.

CRANBERRY MINES MAY BE REOPENED BY U.S. STEEL CORP.

Reports Indicate That Heavy Demands for Iron and Steel Are Forcing Expansion; Obsolete Equipment of Famous Mine Has Been Salvaged

From reliable sources information reaches the Tri-County News, of Spruce Pine, that the United States Steel Corporation is seriously considering an extensive development in connection with the iron mines at Cranberry. "It seems safe to state," says that newspaper, "that this corporation, the largest of its kind in the world, is considering the Cranberry location for an industrial plant." The News continues:

"Sometime ago the obsolete mining equipment and facilities at Cranberry were dismantled after iron had been mined there since Revolutionary War times. It appeared then that there was no prospect of the large deposits there ever being worked again. With the heavy demand on the iron and steel producing industry of the country for products for the vast national armament program, expansion of the steel mills and plants seems inevitable. The Cranberry deposits are understood to be under consideration in connection with these expansion needs."

"Cranberry iron was for nearly 100 years known as the best raw material for high-grade steel making in the United States. With the development of processes that permitted high-grade steel to be made from inferior iron ores, the Cranberry operation was unable to compete with deposits more favorably located as to transportation and markets."

"Why the new interest in the Cranberry deposits has arisen has not yet been made public. The Tri-County News is inquiring in New York and Washington this week regarding the situation, and hopes to be able to give an account of the situation in the issue of February 20th."

Boy Scouts Take Over City Affairs

The Boy Scouts took over the city government last Wednesday, and during their tenure in office cited a number of well-known business men on charges of failure to dispose of rubbish, garbage, etc., about their business establishments, which provided fire hazards and contributed to the uncleanness of the city. Some arrests were made in this connection by the Scouts and one citizen was taken to "jail," it was stated.

Stephen Davis was mayor for a day; Jimmy McConnell, chief of the fire department; Gene Bingham, fire chief; Stanley South, water superintendent. Other Scouts participating were: Earl Payne, Ned Austin, Richard Bingham and Ted Hagaman.

The Scouts received numerous promises from business men to clean up their premises and abide by sanitary laws during the day, and say they hope to find the town all cleaned up when they take over the government for another day next year.

STOCKHOLDERS UTILITIES COMPANY MEET SATURDAY

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc., was held at the home office of the company in Burnsville, N. C., on Saturday, February 15th. Messrs. E. A. Feldtkeller, J. W. Perry, E. W. Mullikin, G. B. Woody and George T. Robbins were elected to serve as directors of the company until the next annual meeting.

Following the stockholders' meeting the board of directors elected the following officers: President, E. A. Feldtkeller; vice-president and treasurer, J. W. Perry; vice-president, George T. Robbins; secretary and assistant treasurer, T. P. Street.

Mr. George T. Robbins will supervise all operations of the company. The company provides electric service in Madison, Yancey, Mitchell, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties for 3,200 customers.

TIME SHOWED VALUE

Annually, 1,000,000 kangaroo skins are made into athletic shoes in the United States. Fifty years ago, the same skins were considered of no commercial value.

The work done by the human heart in one day is equal to lifelong 124 tons of a foot high.

HOUSE 'HAUNTY' EVICTED



Washington, D. C.—Margaret Russell (center), who donned a death mask and rose screaming in the gallery of the house of representatives as a protest against the lease-lend bill, is shown being escorted out by a policewoman and a detective.

COUNTY TEACHERS HEAR DR. ABRAMS

College Professor Stresses Importance of Education in Defense Program

In an address before the Watauga unit of the North Carolina Education Association here Saturday, Dr. W. Amos Abrams, Appalachian College English professor, asserted that the duty of the teacher in the national defense program is "to train the sons and daughters entrusted to our care in the ability to think clearly and calmly and to inculcate in them a love for and a desire to perpetuate through that love our American way of life."

At the same time, Abrams declared that he would not like to see our schools become miniature army camps where the body is made tough and the mind dogmatic through military discipline, and warned against the danger of America becoming a "nation of war mongers where the youth of the land are trained by the military and impregnated with the philosophy of intolerance."

The professor's remarks chiefly concerned the necessity of developing clear thinking in the student, asserting that in times when this is lacking, calm-under-fire soldier is worth a battalion of befuddled and hysterical men.

Speaking of the vast defense preparations recently inaugurated in the instruction of youths in carpentry, electricity and mechanics, Dr. Abrams said, "My only regret is that we have been forced by a national emergency to add what we should have had for many years. These courses are a preparation for living—not necessarily for national defense."

Dr. J. T. C. Wright, also of the Appalachian faculty, addressed the mathematics and science teachers, speaking on the value of all phases of mathematics in every-day life.

Calendar of Local Events To Be Kept

Arrangements have been made whereby a complete calendar of various gatherings, civic events, business meetings, etc., where a large number of people may be expected to gather, will be kept by Mrs. Ruth McConnell at the city hall.

By those arranging such meetings getting in touch with Mrs. McConnell, dates may be selected which will prevent the many conflicts which have occurred in the past. Mrs. Ruby Ellis, secretary of the merchants association, is co-operating in the matter, and the aid of the people is asked in keeping the calendar of events up-to-date.

SPRING QUARTER OPENS

Appalachian College will open registration for the spring quarter Tuesday, February 25, it is announced by Dean J. D. Rankin. It is expected that the enrollment which now stands at 950, will approximate 1,000 for the closing semester.

TAKES GOODYEAR AGENCY

The Farmers Hardware & Supply Company announces today that they have taken the local agency for Goodyear tires, and an advertisement in this issue of the local paper tells of the new line. A complete line of the tires are now on hand in the hardware store.

FARM MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED

Last Week in February to Bring Gatherings of Farmers in Different Sections

The county agents are going to hold a series of important farm meetings throughout Watauga county during the last week in February. A letter has been sent to all farmers in the county urging them to attend at least one of these meetings.

A motion picture which was taken in Watauga county will be shown at each of the meetings. The picture was made during the farm tour in 1939 and a large number of farmers will have the opportunity of seeing themselves as well as their farms in the picture.

The schedule for these meetings is as follows:
Stony Fork—Deep Gap school, on Monday, Feb. 24 at 9 a. m.
Meat Camp—Green Valley school, Monday, Feb. 24, at 2 p. m.
Bald Mountain—Todd school, on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 9 a. m.
Blue Ridge—Bamboo school, on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 2 p. m.
Blowing Rock—Blowing Rock high school, Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p. m.
North Fork—A. N. Thomas home, Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 2 p. m.
Shawneechaw—Liberty Methodist church, Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p. m.
Watauga—Valle Crucis school, on Tuesday, February 27, at 9 a. m.
Cove Creek—Mabel school, Tuesday, February 27, at 2 p. m.
Beaver Dam—Bethel high school, Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p. m.
Laurel Creek—V. D. Ward's store, Friday, Feb. 28, at 2 p. m.
Boone—County agent's office, Friday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p. m.

SENATE PASSES REVENUE BILL; TAX ON HOME FOODS KILLED

Raleigh, Feb. 19—Continuing quick work on major legislation, the senate yesterday passed the revenue bill on second reading and committees voted favorable reports on two phases of a program to reorganize principal state agencies.

The vote on the house-approved finance bill was 40 to 0, taken after 22 minutes of debate during which an attempt was made, and defeated, to restrict the list of foods which would be exempt to the sales tax.

Barring complications, the measure will be ordered ratified today following third reading consideration in the senate. The bill was passed by the house last week in record time.

The two government reorganization proposals would make the terms of highway and public works commissioners almost concurrent with that of the governor so that each chief executive could appoint his own road body; and provide a vote in the next general election on a constitutional amendment which would consolidate state public school administration in a new board of education.

BUS AUTO STORE

Mr. J. Y. Cline of Hickory, has purchased the Western Auto store in this city from Mr. George E. Anderson, and is now in charge of the popular business establishment. Associated with Mr. Cline in the conduct of the business is Mr. Boyd Cook of Boone. Mr. Cline and family are making their home in the John Howell house on Orchard street.

BURGLARY CASE CLIMAX TO SERIES LOCAL ROBBERIES

Home of Charlie Wilcox is Burglarized and Money Taken From Room Where Two Slept; Grocery Stores and Residences Included in Wave of Robberies

A wave of minor robberies in Boone and Blowing Rock reached its climax during the early morning hours last Saturday when the home of Charlie Wilcox of this city, was entered and about \$70 in currency and checks taken from his trousers in the room in which Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox slept.

The burglar entered the home through an unlocked door, and when Mrs. Wilcox was awakened she turned on the light. The intruder, who was in the bedroom doorway at the time, threw his arm over his face, backed out of the room and told them to turn off the light or he would shoot both of them. He then entered the room and took Mr. Wilcox's wallet from his trousers hanging on a bed post.

Saturday morning the pocketbook was found pushed under the door of Mr. Wilcox's business house, with the checks and other valuable papers intact.

A number of robberies have taken place recently. The high school was entered and candy and chewing gum taken; the King Street Grocery and Wyke's Grocery store, were entered through windows and cigarettes, candy, etc., together with small sums of money were taken. The Hi-Land Dry Cleaning Company was entered, two watches, a hunting knife, dagger and some money were taken from the safe. Four summer homes at Blowing Rock were entered.

Officers are busy working on the cases, and a number of arrests are expected to follow their investigations.

APPALACHIAN TO RECEIVE \$231,144

Joint Appropriations Committee Approves Increased Fund for Local College

The joint legislative appropriations committee on Tuesday approved an additional grant of \$21,150 for Appalachian State Teachers College, which President B. B. Dougherty told the committee would bring his institution up to the standards of the Association of Southern Colleges.

The total appropriation approved for Appalachian was \$231,144 for the biennium. The increase of \$21,150 over the budget commission's recommendation provides \$14,000 for salaries in the training school, \$2,000 for library books, \$3,150 for additional land for the college and \$2,000 for materials. The funds for materials, would reimburse President Dougherty for money which he spent out of his own pocket to buy a lot when it became available and pay a bill for structural steel for the institution.

Manship Will Open New Store In City

Mr. R. A. Manship, Jr., manager of the Crest store here since its establishment three years ago, resigned his position as of February 8th, in order to establish himself in the mercantile business in the Qualls building.

Mr. Manship expects to be ready to open his store by March 15, and will feature a complete line of men's furnishings, together with a modern ladies' shoe parlor. Decorators and painters are busily engaged in making the building ready for the new enterprise, and Mr. Manship is already buying goods for his business. A more detailed announcement concerning the new enterprise will be made later on.

Mr. W. B. Hallyburton of Morganton, has succeeded Mr. Manship as manager of the Crest store.

NEW MAIL SCHEDULE

A new mail schedule now in effect leaves Blowing Rock each morning for Shulls Mills at 9:30, or immediately following the arrival of the Boone mail, thus re-establishing direct mail service to Shulls Mills, which was disrupted by discontinuance of rail service following the August flood. Under the new arrangement mail reaches Shulls Mills only about three hours later than was the case by rail.