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DEFENSE BONDS TO BE OFFERED MAY 1 SAYS POSTMASTER

Thousands of Postoffices To Cooperate In National Effort; Smaller Investors May Buy Savings Stamps As in World War Days.

The United States defense savings bonds and postal savings stamps will be placed on sale in the Boone post office at the opening of business on Thursday, May 1, as part of the national effort to make America impregnable.

Postmaster Wiley G. Hartzog announced today that plans are nearly completed for this community, along with thousands of others from coast to coast, to do its full part at the opening of the savings program.

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, in a letter to postmasters throughout the country, said that the help of local postmasters would be "a real service to the country." He transmitted the thanks of Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau for the help that local postmasters had already given in the sale of United States securities, and also Mr. Morgenthau's thanks in advance "for the co-operation which he knows you will give to this new effort."

The new defense savings bond is similar to the familiar "baby bond," of which more than five billion dollars worth have been bought by more than two and a half million Americans since 1935.

A defense bond may be purchased May 1, or thereafter, for \$18.75. In ten years this bond will be worth \$25.00. This is an increase of 33 1/3 per cent, equal to an annual interest return of 2.9 per cent, compounded semi-annually. Any time after 60 days from the date of purchase, the bond may be redeemed for cash, in accordance with a table of redemption values printed on the face of the bond.

To spread investments widely among all the people in America, a limit of 45,000 has been set on the amount of these bonds to be bought by any one person in one year. The bonds are in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, all of which are sold for 75 per cent of their maturity value and all of which mature in ten years.

For the smaller investor who wants to buy a government bond on an easy payment plan, the post office offers...

SOUTHEASTERN TO OPEN BUILDING

Motor Express Line Expands Service by Occupation of New Building

The Southeastern Motor Lines announces the opening on May 1, of its new transport terminal and office building on Howard street, which has just been completed.

The building, which is designed to meet the ever-growing demands of motor truck transportation, is of concrete and cinder block construction and has a frontage of 27 feet and a depth of 80 feet.

Adequate space is provided for the unloading of vans on the interior of the building, right on the warehouse floor, and there is plenty of space for freight storage. Office space is provided at a convenient spot on the warehouse floor level, to facilitate the checking of shipments.

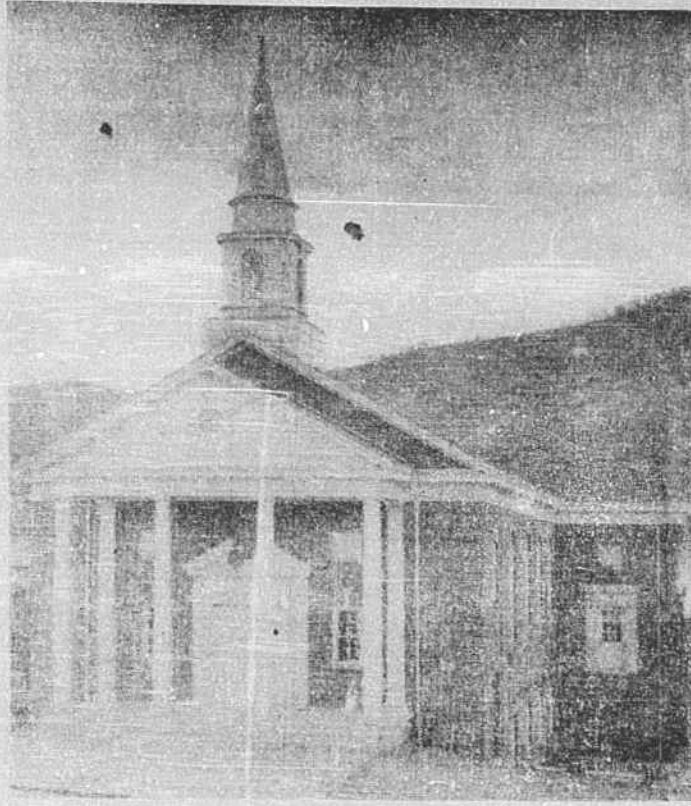
Thomas R. Miller, who has been in the motor transportation business for ten years and who has managed the Southeastern terminal since the company entered the territory, says the business of the concern has trebled. Ten vans arrive at and depart from the local terminal each 24 hours and fast service is provided all eastern and southern points. Thirty-six-hour freight service from New York is given. An advertisement in the paper today tells of the excellent service being rendered the public.

Baskerville to Appear At Blowing Rock Friday

Next Friday, April 25, John C. Baskerville of the state department of conservation and development, will show the colored movie of the mountains of western North Carolina at the high school auditorium at Blowing Rock. The time is 7:30.

The Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce invites the Boone Chamber of Commerce, and any others who might care to see this picture, to attend this meeting. There is no admission charge.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The handsome new church recently constructed through the efforts of the local Presbyterian congregation, and which will be occupied for the first time Sunday.

PRESBYTERIANS TO OCCUPY NEW CHURCH SUNDAY

City's Newest Church Building Handsomely Appointed; Plant to Represent Outlay of \$30,000; Congregation Shows Remarkable Growth

The congregation of the James I. Vance Memorial Presbyterian church will hold its worship service next Sunday in its handsome new \$30,000 plant which is nearing completion in the eastern section of the town.

The building, which is the result of long and faithful labor on the part of the Reverend John I. Rhea and the members of his congregation, is of red brick construction, following closely the colonial type of architecture, and is one of the most handsome of the city's many splendid church buildings. The main auditorium of the church with balcony space will seat 350 people when the permanent pews have been installed. The floors are of natural oak, while wainscot is of paneled clear poplar with natural finish. To the rear of the pulpit is ample space for the choir, and the spacious pastor's study, with one Sunday school room.

In the basement are located five Sunday school rooms, the kitchen and an assembly room which will seat 150, and which may be used on occasions as a dining room. A modern steam heating plant has been installed, which will make the entire building comfortable in the most severe weather, and the structure has been designed and erected in accordance with the best and latest thought in church architecture.

The Presbyterian church was founded here in October, 1939, by Rev. John I. Rhea, at which time there were 30 members of the congregation. Services were held in the high school building until the many details looking to the construction of a permanent home for the congregation could be worked out. There are now 70 members of the local congregation in addition to 18 members at the Baird's Creek mission.

Rev. Mr. Rhea and his co-workers are being congratulated by the community upon their diligence in supplying the magnificent addition to its religious life.

Threat To Democracy Seen If Britain Falls

"If Britain falls, the destruction of our democracy would appear possible without invading our continent at all," declared Dr. Willis A. Parker, eminent lecturer and director of extension work at Western Carolina Teachers College, who appeared here Tuesday night to climax a series of public forums.

"For in that event," he continued, "the dictators could impose one of two conditions, either of which would be destructive to our economy and dangerous to our freedom. One would be to boycott our trade; that would compel us to form an economic unit within the western hemisphere with an unbalanced condition almost certain to lead to division among ourselves. The other would be to bribe their way to a barter agreement with the less cooperative of the western nations and so force us all into their system of world trade, wherein our standards of living would certainly fall before the competition of enforced labor within the conquered countries."

"If Britain falls," he said, "we face two consequences. One is the control of communication; the other is the certain subordination of the existing Christian to a resurgent pagan pattern of human relations."

"Triumph of the dictators would destroy the Christian pattern of human brotherhood and put a degraded tyranny in its place."

Consequently, Dr. Parker urged support by our whole people of the "tardily begun" but now rapidly developing program of national defense.

"For just as the war is not a war of nations alone, but of ideas and passions and on one side of racially or politically allied populations, and of the resources of unwilling people in addition, no limit can be set to the scope of the effort nor to its duration," he said.

TO BUILD CHURCH

A Missionary Baptist church for the colored population of the town is to be built on African street, being the first church of this kind in this community for the colored. Work is to begin soon on the building, which will be of concrete block construction. Rev. Hiram Davidson is pastor of the congregation, and the first deacon will be Osier Mitchell.

Watauga Superior Court May End Criminal Docket This Afternoon; Judge Sink Passes Many Judgments

Pastor



Rev. John I. Rhea, pastor of the James I. Vance Memorial church.

Heaviest Criminal Docket in Many Years Being Speedily Cleared; Many Convicted of Driving While Intoxicated; Civil Docket May Be Started Today

The spring term of Watauga superior court convened Monday with Judge H. Hoyie Sink of Greensboro, presiding, and Solicitor L. S. Spurling of Lenoir, prosecuting the largest criminal docket to be tried in this county for several years.

However, the court is making splendid headway toward disposing of the hundred-odd cases docketed for trial and court attaches believe that by recess this (Wednesday) afternoon the court will be ready to turn its attention to the civil calendar.

Fifty-four defendants were docketed for trial on charges of operating automobiles under the influence of whiskey and Judge Sink passed out sentences on this score rapidly during the first day of the term. Those who were before the court for the first time on this charge were given a fine of \$50, required to pay the costs, to surrender their driving license and refrain from operating motor vehicles upon the highways of the state for a period of one year. Those upon whom this judgment was passed are:

Russell Trivett, Johnnie Moretz, Loy Wataon (who was also required to pay B. E. Maree \$50 damages to his car), Cecil Whittington, James D. Sturdivant, Dallas Calloway, Willard Hodges, Carl Owen, James Forest Moore, Edward A. Smith, Claud Wilson, L. B. Whitesides, Leonard P. Henderson, Willard Clawson, Norman Carroll, Joseph B. Harmon, Clayton Hayes, Edward Shoemaker, Clint Grimes, J. L. Scruggs, Charlie Minton, Tom Auton, Gerd Henson, Odus Mast, Bryan R. Shull, O. D. Gragg, Lonnie E. Townsend.

D. R. Icenhour, violation prohibition laws, \$250 and the costs.

Thos. R. Ervin, violation prohibition laws, \$25 and the costs.

Dewey Icenhour, violation prohibition laws, \$250 and costs.

Conley Icenhour, violation prohibition laws, \$200 and costs, also six months suspended sentence passed by Judge Warlick in 1938, placed into effect.

Kent Church, carrying concealed weapon, prayer for judgment continued for two years upon payment of \$50 and the costs.

Boss Taylor, driving drunk, \$50 (Continued on page five)

GARDEN PEAS ARE SEEN AS NEW CROP

Commercial Production of Peas Being Urged by Marketing Company

The Black Carter Marketing Company, one of the largest produce-handling concerns in the southeastern states, has announced the opening of a produce warehouse in Boone, and Mr. E. L. Hazen has been in the county for the past few days urging farmers to plant experimental acreage to garden peas for his new market.

Mr. Hazen is offering to sign contracts with the farmers, guaranteeing them 75 cents per bushel for their peas when ready, or will guarantee to buy all the product of the experimental plots, that is the No. 1 peas, at the day-by-day market price, whichever is preferred. Within a few hours Mr. Hazen had assurances of the planting of about 20 acres of peas, and many farmers are getting information on the new crop, which has never been produced here on a commercial scale.

If the pea crop works out satisfactorily Mr. Hazen states that there are at least 25 other truck crops which may be grown satisfactorily here, and which his company will handle in almost unlimited quantities.

All farmers interested in the culture of peas may get full information as to seed, type of fertilizer, culture, etc., either at the Farmers Hardware & Supply Company or at the office of the county agent.

Those desiring to plant peas, however, should make arrangements to do so right away, it is explained. At harvest time the peas will be delivered to the warehouse in Boone on specified dates and removed by van to the distributing centers.

Peas, which are a 74-day crop, will yield from 150 to 300 bushels per acre, Mr. Hazen says, as against 100 to 125 bushels per acre of beans. It is explained that the amount of peas which could be handled from this county is almost unlimited since peas produced here would be ready at a time when other sources of supply would be out of the product.

New Wire Stretcher Is Invented Here

Messrs. Lee L. Mast, T. L. Mast and Sam South were in town Monday demonstrating to visiting farmers a new wire stretcher clamp which they have perfected and on which they have received a patent from the U. S. patent office.

The model shown which was built by Mr. Lee L. Mast, one of the county's finest mechanics, will handle any kind of single strand or woven wire, and the clamp can be adjusted readily for stretching in almost a matter of seconds, whereas with the old clamp, about 30 minutes was required. The contrivance is a one man affair, no wrenches are used, and all that is needed is a hammer to drive staples. The owners of the invention envision mass production of the device soon.

Feathers of a bird, instead of covering the entire body, occupy restricted areas and only lap over the bare patches.

Two Hundred Lions, Lionesses In Boone; Local Club Acts As Host

Mull To Speak During Finals At Appalachian

Odus M. Mull of Shelby, speaker of the house of representatives during its recent session, has been selected as principal speaker at the commencement exercises at Appalachian College on May 9.

Friday morning, May 9, 126 seniors will receive diplomas at graduation exercises.

With the college symphony orchestra playing the processional, the exercises are scheduled to begin at 11 a. m. Following the introduction, Mull will deliver the address to the graduates.

Mr. Mull represents Cleveland county in the state assembly, having been made speaker of the lower house at the beginning of the last session. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College.

Following the address, degrees and certificates will be awarded by the president, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, with the assistance of other college officials.

Special music will be provided for the program by the college symphony orchestra and the college a cappella choir.

Henderson Gragg, Son Held on Assault Charge

W. Henderson Gragg, 57, and his son, Arthur Gragg, were bound over to Caldwell superior court under charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill Will Coffey by Judge A. R. Crisp in Caldwell recorder's court last Tuesday. Bond was set at \$500 each.

The elder Gragg is alleged to have shot Coffey near Coffey's Gap on March 10, inflicting serious wounds. Arthur Gragg is alleged to have struck Coffey with a mattock handle during the difficulties.

Both men denied any connection with the shooting, alleging that they were not at the scene at any time that day.

Henderson Gragg filed an appeal from a three-months' road sentence for an assault on Mrs. Sarah Wright of the same community.

Jule W. Tate Is Buried Thursday

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Waynesville for Jule Welch Tate, 41, of Blowing Rock, who died at the home Wednesday morning.

The services were held from the home of a brother, Joseph Tate, in Waynesville.

A native of Waynesville, Mr. Tate was the son of the late William M. and Naomi Tate. His wife, Mrs. Fannie Pearl Tate, survives.

Also surviving are three sons, John, Jule, Jr., and Russell Tate, and two daughters, Naomi and Essie Kathryn Tate, all of Blowing Rock.

Gathering of Visiting Lions is Entertained at College Cafeteria; Lion Governor to Speak; Dance at Blowing Rock Tonight

With approximately 200 delegates from neighboring towns gathering for the occasion, the Boone Lions Club will play host to visiting Lions and Lionesses in the Appalachian College cafeteria tonight, (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock.

Lion Governor "Heck" Everett of Charlotte, will appear, along with various officers and members of Morganton, Valdese, Lenoir, Newland, North Wilkesboro and Boone clubs. No feature speakers have been named, however, the program will include short reports by speakers from each club.

The Appalachian orchestra, tumblers and baton twirlers of the college will entertain in the cafeteria, after which the crowd will adjourn to the Green Park Hotel Casino in Blowing Rock to dance to the rhythm of Stubby Taylor's orchestra of Lenoir.

The address of welcome will be delivered by Dr. W. Amos Abrams, president of the Boone Lions Club, and Gene Wike, publicity director of the college, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Third District Juniors To Meet in Morganton

The third district Junior Order, United American Mechanics, will hold its annual spring district meeting in the Junior Order hall of Burkmont Council No. 44, at Morganton Tuesday night, April 29, at 7:30 o'clock.

This will be a business meeting and a trustee to serve the third district on the Junior Order Children's Home board of trustees will be elected for the new year. Reports on the work for the past year will be made by councils from the district and a program for the new year will be adopted.

Speakers of the evening will be J. L. White of Oxford, state councilor; Clyde R. Greene of Boone, trustee of the Children's Home, and George W. Wrenn of Black Mountain, field secretary of the western section.

George W. Jones of Morganton, is the district councilor and will preside at the meeting.

The third district is made up of councils in Avery, Burke, Mitchell, Caldwell and Watauga counties.

At a meeting of the local Juniors Monday evening, Howard Cottrell, Ray Estes and W. T. Casey were named delegates to the meeting at Morganton on April 29. All Juniors who possibly can are urged to attend this meeting and those desiring to attend should contact one of the delegates named.

APPALACHIAN HI FINALS MONDAY

Graduating Exercises in Charge of Members of Senior Class; Other Activities

The graduating exercises of Appalachian high school were held in the high school auditorium Monday evening with Prof. A. Frank Haurick delivering the address of welcome. Featured on the program were talks and musical selections by members of the senior class chosen by the members of the class to represent the group at graduation. The theme of the talks was "The Future of Appalachian High School." A. Y. Howell, Jr., class president, had charge of this part of the program and gave the introductory address. He was followed by J. B. Hagan, Jr., who discussed the topic, "Expansion in the Curriculum as a Result of the Addition of the Twelfth Grade." Hope Eller discussed "Additional Equipment Which Will Increase the Efficiency of Our Program," and Baxter Howell had as his subject "The Social Phase of Life at Appalachian High School." Tharon Young, whose illness prevented her attending the program, was to have discussed "Curriculum Expansion to Meet Future Needs."

Other seniors appearing on the program were Rebekah Boone, who played a piano solo, and the girls' trio, composed of Royster Barnette, Betty Lovill and Lorraine Bridge, and directed by J. Elwood Roberts.

49 Graduates

Following this part of the program the senior gift, a speaker's stand for the auditorium, was presented to the school by the class president and accepted by Prof. E. S. Christenbury. Immediately following this, graduation awards were presented by Mr. Christenbury to the following graduates:

Ruby Ashley, Royster Barnette, Floe Bingham, Mary George Blair, (Continued on page eight)