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DR. KING GIVES REPORT ON WORK OF HEALTH DEPT.

Need of Diphtheria Vaccinations Cited; Tuberculosis Clinic Next October; Dental Defects Among Draftees Mentioned; a Full Report of Health Progress

By ROBERT B. KING, M. D., (District Health Officer)

A report of the activities of the health department for 1940 was published a few months ago in which the need of better reporting of communicable diseases was pointed out, as well as the necessity for a greater use of the immunization against diphtheria, smallpox and typhoid fever which is made available through the health department. North Carolina ranks second among the states in the number of cases of diphtheria reported. Vaccination can change this if and when our people will let it. No one would expose their child to a mad dog, and yet this far greater killer is blithely ignored.

Our venereal disease work is keeping a rather steady level with the advantage, however, that more cases are reporting earlier. Early and steady treatment is most important in this trouble. One does not wait until a building is destroyed before trying to put out the fire, nor does one throw on a few buckets of water and stop before his purpose is accomplished, so it is with syphilis; a few doses of medicine does not cure and the longer we wait before starting treatment the harder it is to "put out."

Our next tuberculosis clinic will be held in October. This is another disease that demands continued vigilance if we are to make progress against its increase and one where halfway measures only too often means death for the victim.

Maternity service so far this year shows a nice increase over 1940. During these four months we have admitted 30 new pre-natals to our service. A clinic is set up at the Lutheran church on Clark's Creek and is held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

More men, who are called up for military service, are rejected for dental trouble than for any other cause. Certainly with this showing up, we see a greater need for dental service, and the best place to begin this service is in our school dental program. Our department should have an increased allotment of dental service, and this can only come about through an increased budget.

In our schools we should not forget the necessity of physical examinations of all teachers, janitors, bus drivers and others having close contact with our school children. The Lions Club is again sponsoring clinics for crippled children and is doing a great service to our unfortunates. This is a great opportunity and the Lions should be justly proud of their share in this work.

Let us not forget the F.S.A. program for general sanitary improvements for their clinics. Much of this goes unstung but the educational value as well as the actual prevention of sickness assured by these measures is of untold value to those directly concerned as well as to countless numbers who never realize their benefit.

Looking forward to the fiscal year starting July 1st, we feel that our work could benefit most by a sufficient increase in our appropriation to assure us at least 20 weeks of dental services every school year, and to add an additional sanitarian to our staff. An additional appropriation of \$500 would be sufficient to expand our health program.

Local Youths Join Army Flying Corps

Morris Eggers, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Eggers, and James, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Farthing, will leave Friday for Hicks Field, Fort Worth, Texas, where they will enter upon their duties with the United States air corps.

Messrs. Eggers and Farthing, who both taught at Mills Home, Thomasville, during the past year, enlisted in the air corps some time ago, but were allowed to defer their entrance until their school closed. Both have had considerable flying experience.

ATTEND BAPTIST MEETING
Rev. G. A. Hamby, Rev. Dwight Edmisten, Rev. J. C. Canipe, Rev. Vilas Minton and Rev. H. K. Middleton were among those attending the recent Southern Baptist convention in Birmingham, Ala.

U. S. Built Planes on French Isle



Scores of U. S. built war planes, sold to the French last year when they were battling the Nazis, are pictured in a meadow on the French Island of Martinique in the Caribbean sea. Reports that an infiltration of Nazi technicians was allegedly taking place on the island prompted some U. S. senate leaders to suggest the taking over of all French possessions in the Western Hemisphere, with the aid of the 21 other American republics.

United Service Organization Seeks To Raise \$150.00 In Watauga County

Memorial Services Largely Attended

The memorial services which were held at Oak Grove Baptist church Sunday morning under the sponsorship of Watauga Post American Legion, were largely attended, the auditorium being completely filled, an estimated 500 people being present. About 50 World War veterans and their families, together with one Spanish-American War veteran were present, but no survivor of the Civil War attended the meeting.

Lionel Ward, American Legion service officer, was in charge of the meeting, and following the address of welcome by Cleve Gross, gave the names of Watauga soldiers who were killed in action, who died in the service and who have later died. Albert Watson, Spanish-American war veteran, spoke briefly.

Mayor W. H. Gragg delivered a patriotic address and spoke briefly of the defense program. Barber Bill's quartet rendered several numbers.

The Sermon
Rev. Grady Hamby delivered the annual sermon from the subject, "Faithful Soldier in the World," using the Scripture from Timothy 4:1-9. The sermon outline follows:
1. I am ready. Paul loved his country and was always ready to defend it. He had to suffer, therefore, we have to suffer as he did. Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have been a good soldier in the name of the Lord." Men today need to fight in the army of God.

2. We need men to fight for souls. Men and women need to fall down on their knees and build a great defense program for God. Jesus says, "If I make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Are we ready to back this program the government has set for us? What we need today is for the nation to get right with God and let Him be ruler over all.
3. God will reward everyone who is a good soldier. There is a reward for all those who love His appearing. By serving our country we will serve one another and will have a great reward for it. We have protection in God. We must be a true soldier if we win.

After the sermon the exercises were concluded in the churchyard, where a cross was erected for every war since 1812, these crosses were explained by J. Wilson Norris, and each one decorated. At the conclusion of the exercises taps were sounded by J. B. Hagaman, Jr., and David Love.

Ministers Attend Mars Hill College Meeting

A number of Watauga county ministers are attending the pastor's school which started at Mars Hill College Monday, and which will continue for two weeks.

Among those attending the school from this county are: Rev. Dwight Edmisten, Rev. Vilas Minton, Rev. Grady Minton, Rev. Grady Hamby, Rev. R. C. Eggers, Rev. Carl Triplett, Rev. Clayton Greene, Rev. J. C. Canipe, Rev. Raymond Hendrix and Rev. N. M. Greene.

Chicago's police department recovers an average of nine of every ten automobiles stolen there.

Watt Gragg Chairman of Committee to Provide Recreational and Other Facilities for Soldiers; Rob Rivers Treasurer; Committees Named to Further Work of New Organization

A unit of the United Service organizations has been formed in Boone with W. H. Gragg as chairman and plans are underway to raise \$150 in Watauga county as a part of a national fund to provide amusement, recreational and other facilities to American soldiers.

R. L. Bingham has been named vice-chairman of the organization, and Gene Wike, publicity director.

The United Service organization is the result of the co-ordination of the resources and activities of the YMCA, the National Catholic Community service, the Salvation Army, the YWCA, the Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers Aid Association. Its purpose is to aid the American troops with religious service, personal counsel and guidance, social events and entertainment, group activities in dramatics, music and crafts, distribution of literature, information facilities, transportation and other aid to service men on leave and other workers in transit. In other words, the various activities of each of the organizations mentioned will be continued under the central agency, and citizens may be relieved of having to discriminate between several groups in making contributions for this particular cause.

The national goal for this purpose is \$10,785,000, while the state organization, under Chairman Robert Hanes, is to raise \$124,500, this county's share of which is \$150. A county-wide committee is being set up to raise this amount, and on the third day of June, national leaders, including the President, will fully explain the organization and its purposes and formally launch the campaign for funds. As quickly as possible thereafter, the local organization will go to work and finish its quota.

The Committees
Following is a partial list of the township committees which have thus far been named to assist in the campaign for the money:

Blowing Rock: G. C. Robbins, Mrs. Wade Klutz, Mrs. Ernestine Clarke. Boone: Rev. E. F. Troutman, Dr. F. E. Warman, Rev. J. C. Canipe, Rev. John I. Rhea, Rev. J. B. McLarty, Mrs. Ruby Ellis.

Cove Creek: Sam Horton, Mrs. Mary Harris, Marion Thomas.

Valle Crucis: Mrs. Sarah Wagner, Richard Olsen, Miss Wilma Baird.

Other committees will be named, and in the meantime it is urged that contributions to this important activity be forwarded at once to Rob Rivers, the treasurer.

REDECORATING

Work is going forward preparing the interior of Belk's big store for the summer season. The woodwork in both the basement and first floor department is being refinished, while the front will also be given a new coat of paint.

Gold wire has been drawn so fine that it weighs one ounce to 3,500 yards and makes human hair look coarse and thick in comparison.

NEW REGISTRATION DRIVE SET FOR JULY 1ST

Men Who Have Reached 21 Years of Age Since October 15th Must Register

Washington, May 27.—Approximately 1,000,000 young men who have become 21 years old since October 16 or will reach that age in the next five weeks were ordered by President Roosevelt yesterday to register on July 1 for possible military training.

The registration will be conducted by the selective service system's 6-500 boards throughout the country, and the new men signed up in each area are expected to be put at the bottom of their local draft lists in an order of priority among themselves to be determined by a new national lottery.

In a proclamation fixing the registration date, the President said the action was "required in the interests of the national defense" and defined those who must register as all unregistered male citizens and aliens in the United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Alaska who have attained their 21st birthday on or before July 1.

Some of those who have become 21 since the first group of 16,500,000 men were signed up on October 16 already have registered and volunteered for a year of training. A provision of the draft law allows voluntary service by men 18 to 21.

The July 1 date was chosen, it was understood, in order that men registering then would have time to find out before fall whether or not they might expect to be called for duty. This would permit them to plan ahead for their fall and winter work or educational schedules.

The manner of integrating these new men with the first group of draftees in each local area has been under consideration here for several months. Two principal methods were studied, one called for sand-wiching them among the original registrants by lottery; the other, for adding them to the end of the lists. Officials said yesterday that the latter method probably would be used.

Wine and Beer Dealers Must Have Licenses

Avery W. Greene, county tax collector, states that several dispensers of wine and beer in the county have not yet secured their licenses to sell the beverages, which should have been issued as of May 1. He states that all these delinquents must secure their licenses without further delay.

Last year there were 13 dealers in alcoholic drinks in the county.

BISMARCK SUNK IN 5-DAY CHASE OVER ATLANTIC

London, May 27.—The 35,000-ton German battleship Bismarck, one of the newest and most powerful in the world, was smashed and sunk today by British warships and aerial bombers on the fifth morning of as coldly implacable a chase as sea warfare has ever known.

From the Norwegian port of Bergen—where American-built Hudson warplanes attacked her before ever she left the harbor—she had been pursued and harried for 1,750 miles by a vast concentration of royal navy units afloat and in the skies until at last, crippled and whirling crazily and trapped and already mortally hit, she was sent to the bottom 400 miles west of Nazi-occupied Brest. The crew of 1,500 went down with her.

SUPPLY OF RED CROSS YARN IS NOW AVAILABLE

Mrs. Mae Miller states that she now has a new supply of Red Cross yarn to be used for making garments in connection with the war relief activities.

Mrs. Miller would like for anyone desiring to knit socks, gloves, sweaters, etc., to call at her home and secure the necessary materials.

FAIR MEETING

Fifty-two shares subscribed to Fair Association last night at \$10 per share.

It is urgently requested that all who can possibly do so to see either Clyde R. Greene, Wade E. Brown or myself this week and make your subscription.

A meeting of all stockholders and others who are interested in the organization of the fair, is called for Wednesday night, June 4th, in the Junior Order hall at 7:30 for the purpose of electing officers and perfecting the organization.

We would like to see every citizen in Boone who desires the fair to be there.

H. W. WILCOX.

Gre Lauds People of Watauga For Marked Progress As Plans Proceed For Expansion of Agricultural Fair

One Scot To Another



Sgt. David McLean of the Denver, Colo., police, whose father came from Scotland, hearing that David McLean of Glasgow had captured Rudolf Hess armed only with a pitchfork, decided to send him a shotgun for such further emergencies. He poses here with the gift.

PRESIDENT SAYS AID IMPERATIVE

Materials Must Reach Britain, Roosevelt States in Declaring National Emergency

Washington, May 28.—President Roosevelt last night proclaimed an unlimited national emergency and pledged full use of United States armed might, if necessary, to crush Hitlerism.

He announced the proclamation—placing the nation on a war footing—during a 45-minute fireside chat which was broadcast nationally and throughout the world.

Diplomats of the other 20 American republics were gathered about him in the historic East room of the White House as he made his momentous declaration.

Will Deliver Aid Safely

Bluntly reasserting the "freedom of the seas" policy which this country abandoned temporarily under the neutrality act, the President stated emphatically that all-out aid will be delivered safely to Great Britain and other nations fighting on the side of democracy.

Delivery of this aid, he said, "can be done; it must be done; it will be done."

He left unanswered the question whether convoys would be used to safeguard war cargoes. He pointed out, however, that the extended operations of the neutrality patrol in the Atlantic are helping to insure safe transit of munitions.

Military and naval technicians, he asserted, are working out new and additional safeguards which will be put into effect as needed.

Defines National Policy

Clearly and unmistakably he stated this country's national policy to be:

"First, we shall actively resist whenever necessary, and with all our resources, every attempt by Hitler to extend his Nazi domination to the Western Hemisphere, or to threaten it. We shall resist his every attempt to gain control of the seas. We insist upon the vital importance of keeping Hitlerism away from any point in the world which could be used and would be used as a base of attack upon the Americas."
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PAINT CLUB HOUSE

Messrs. Wilson Brothers and Vandy have been engaged for the past three weeks in the interior decoration of the Blowing Rock country club house. The work will be finished in about two more weeks.

BULLETIN!

Orville Hartley, 28, nephew of Mr. C. M. Critcher of Boone, was killed in an airplane crash near his home at Cortland, N. Y., today, according to information coming to Mr. Critcher by telegraph this afternoon. The message gave no details other than to state that the funeral would be held at 1:30 Thursday. Young Mr. Hartley owned an airplane, but had been intending to join the U. S. air corps for some time. Relatives here believe that, therefore, he was likely killed in the crash of an army ship.

Banquet at Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday Evening is Largely Attended; Hon. Virgil D. Guire Principal Speaker; Half the Required Money for Fair Purposes is Subscribed

More than fifty leading citizens of the town gathered at the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday evening to hear an address by Hon. Virgil D. Guire, newly-appointed state highway commissioner, and to lay plans for an enlarged Watauga County Agricultural Fair, which would be held in Boone next September.

The banquet, which was a joint meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Association and the Lions Club, was presided over by Mr. Herman Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor W. H. Gragg recognized each guest and John Frank Hampton, head of the Linville Company, and the only visitor from Avery county, in acknowledging his introduction, asked for support in securing a direct highway from Boone to Linville, thus giving the people of Avery county quick access to Boone, which he described as "our town, and the shopping center for a wide area."

Fair Proposal
Clyde R. Greene, president of the Boone Merchants Association, presented the proposal for the county fair, prefacing his remarks with a brief recapitulation of what the association, the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club and co-operating citizens and agencies have done for the town of Boone in the past few years. He mentioned the widened and improved streets of the town, the tobacco market, the Daniel Boone Hotel and many other improvements as the results of community teamwork.

He then explained that the Watauga County Fair which was organized at the Cove Creek high school several years ago, has outgrown its space in that community and proposed that the Blue Ridge Fair Association be incorporated, stock sold in the venture, and plans made for holding a tri-county fair in Boone next September. It was suggested that stock would be sold for \$10 per share and Mayor Gragg was first to endorse the proposal, with a substantial stock subscription; Mr. Hampton followed suit and when the entire group had been questioned, more than half the estimated fiscal requirements of the venture had been subscribed.

Plans are to hold the exhibits of livestock and farm products in the tobacco buildings, while the midway attractions would occupy a section of the adjacent Queen street territory. It is said that by this arrangement the fair could be staged with the minimum of expense.

It was unanimously agreed to go forward with the fair plans, and more definite announcements along this line will be forthcoming soon.

Mr. Guire's Address

Hon. Virgil D. Guire, Lenoir manufacturer and business man and member of the state highway commission, was presented to the audience by Wade E. Brown, local attorney.

Mr. Guire spoke entertainingly of the wonderful progress made in recent years by Watauga county and particularly by the town of Boone. "No town in the state has shown more marked growth in recent years than has Boone," he said.

The speaker then spoke of the great men produced in this area, and spoke of Dr. B. B. Dougherty as an outstanding educator at the head of the south's greatest colleges, Appalachian State. "When the history of this generation is written," declared Mr. Guire, "the name of Dr. Dougherty will be written alongside those of McIver and Aycock, as one of the leaders in educational thought and action in North Carolina. In fact, I think Dr. Dougherty has done more for the cause of public education than any man the state has produced."

Referring to the rugged qualities of character inherent in the people of this mountain region, Mr. Guire stated that Americanism is at its best right here in Watauga county, and expressed his deep interest and abiding faith in the citizenship of this immediate area. "The co-operative spirit, the Christian tendencies and the patriotism of the people here can't be duplicated, he said.

Speaking of the world crisis, Mr. Guire stated that in the fight for the preservation of democracy, the people of the south and particularly of western North Carolina will be depended upon to do a full share in the preservation of the American way of life. Touching briefly on (Continued on page eight)