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TO COLLECT OLD ALUMINUM HERE FOR DEFENSE AID

Next Week to Feature Nationwide Effort to Contribute Important Metal to Defense Program; Organization Named for Watauga County

The nation's gigantic aluminum-gathering campaign, scheduled for the week of July 21, will give every family an opportunity to contribute directly to the national defense program, says H. W. Wilcox, chairman of the local committee for the collection of aluminum.

During that week, voluntary workers will call at the homes of American families in every state asking for any old aluminum not in use. Purpose of the campaign is to supplement the vast supplies of the metal needed for the production of defense equipment, especially fighting planes.

Among the items which may be contributed are pots and pans, radio parts, toys, shakers, screening, old washing machine parts, picture frames, book ends, ice trays, measuring cups, camera equipment, kettles and double boilers, bottle and jar caps, refrigerator plates and dozens of others.

"Anything that's made of aluminum will do," Mr. Wilcox said. "That old kettle with the hole in it that's been lying around for years will help in making a plane. A careful search of pantries, basements, back porches and outbuildings will probably reveal several items no longer usable that will go to increase our present aluminum supplies."

The following is the general committee for the aluminum campaign: Wade E. Brown, general chairman of civil defense; H. W. Wilcox, chairman aluminum committee; Miss Elizabeth Bridge, Harry Hamilton, representing rural population; Mrs. F. E. Warman, women's organizations; B. W. Stallings, Boy Scouts; Lionel Ward, American Legion.

Others who will assist in the gathering of scrap aluminum in the different sections of the county are:

Mrs. J. C. Church, Shulls Mills; Mrs. Violet Hartley, Blowing Rock; Mrs. W. C. Greene, Laxon; Mrs. Jas. Miller, Todd; Mrs. J. A. Yount, Boone; Mrs. C. G. Hodges, Boone; Mrs. Jeff Stanbury, Boone; Mrs. Ira Fox, Vilas; Mrs. Lunda Nobles, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Bullis Greer, Zionville; Mrs. Dallas Wilson, Reece; Mrs. Clyde Perry, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Richard Olsen, Valle Crucis; Mrs. Etta Tester, Banner Elk; Mrs. Chas. Clark, Banner Elk; Mrs. Dewey Rominger, Rominger; Mrs. J. Y. Walker, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Wade Klutz, Blowing Rock.

The aluminum will be stored at the bus station for the time being.

WATAUGA GETS 126 TUTORS THIS YEAR

State School Commission Allots Teachers for the 1941-42 School Term

Watauga county will get 126 teachers in her public schools this year as against the 128 employed during the past term, according to the allotment made by the state school commission last week.

Secretary Nathan Yelton emphasized that adjustments based on attendance during the first two weeks of the new term are likely to send the total upward and alter teacher allotments in individual city or county districts.

The 1941-42 allotments are based on the average daily attendance of pupils last year, Yelton explained, although sizable enrollment increases are expected in schools located in or near populous defense centers.

The commission allotted 12,996 white teachers and 5,096 negroes to rural schools, with city schools receiving 4,332 white teachers and 2,116 negroes. Teachers allotted to elementary schools total 18,019 and high school teachers number 6,521.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Mr. R. M. Greene, in commenting on the church attendance in Boone last Sunday, stated that he observed 194 cars parked at different churches during worship hours, as follows: Advent, 32; Baptist, 72; Methodist, 48; Lutheran, 18; Presbyterian, 24.

The monkey wrench was named for its inventor, Charles Monck.

U. S. Marines On Guard In London



For the first time in history, U. S. marines line up in front of the embassy in London for inspection before mounting guard. In all, 63 officers and men, including 11 who were saved when the Dutch ship Maasdam was torpedoed, have been sent to London for fire warden duty.

Wade E. Brown Named Chairman of Watauga County Civil Defense Council

Wade E. Brown, Boone attorney, has been named by Governor J. M. Broughton as chairman of the Watauga county civil defense council. Mr. Brown was named under the governor's plan for establishing defense councils in every county of the state.

T. S. Johnson of Raleigh, has been appointed director of the state council for defense.

Mr. Brown states that the first activity of his organization will be the collection of aluminum scrap to be used in the defense program, and an organization for that purpose has been established, with Herman Wilcox as chairman and Miss Elizabeth Bridge as vice-chairman.

REGISTRANTS GET DEFERMENT

Number of Prospective Watauga County Soldiers Deferred Under 28-Year Ruling

Twenty-one Watauga county men registered under the selective service act have been definitely deferred under the ruling applying to registrants over 28 years old.

Of this number there were eight white and one colored who were potential 1-A men; three white men who had been notified to report for physical examination; six white men who had been examined, and four white school teachers who had been deferred during the present term of summer school.

Plans Completed For Drawing In Draft Lottery

Washington, July 14.—Officials have completed arrangements for the second "goldfish" bowl draft lottery in American peace-time history. The draw will determine the order in which 750,000 youths just passed 21 will be called to the colors for a year of training under the selective service act.

Selective service headquarters said that the historic bowl, used for the draft in the World War and in the first drawing October 29, 1940, of the current program, will be brought here under armed escort for use Thursday at 7 p. m. in the federal interdepartmental auditorium.

Gragg Officer of Booster Group

W. H. Gragg, mayor of Boone, was named one of the vice-presidents of Western North Carolina Communities, Inc., at a meeting of the organization held in Marion last Saturday. The organization is composed of cities, towns, counties, Chambers of Commerce, civic clubs and individuals and has as its objective the general promotion and improvement of the "western North Carolina empire" through mutual co-operation.

Brief plans for expanding the scope of activities in attracting tourists, industrialists and commercial enterprises to this region and for enlisting more extensive co-operation in the W. N. C. C. program were outlined, but are to be worked out more fully by the executive committee and at later meetings, it was announced.

The general purposes of the defense council as outlined by Mr. Brown are:

1. To provide adequate protection for the civilian population during periods of emergency.
2. To foster constructive civilian participation in the defense program.
3. To sustain national morale.

An executive committee of the council will be named soon.

PLANS MADE FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

Quartet of Metropolitan Opera Stars to Stage Performance at Blowing Rock

Meeting during the past week-end a committee composed of Mayor G. C. Robbins, George Robbins, C. S. Prevette and Norman Cordon, plans were laid for a Yonahlossee Music Festival to be held at Blowing Rock August 23.

Benefits from the occasion will go to Yonahlossee charity fund, from which the Blowing Rock Clinic and Linville Community Club will receive mutual benefits.

This occasion will bring a quartet of Metropolitan Opera stars to the resort for a one-day performance, Norman Cordon having consented to work the arrangements for talent, while the remaining committeemen have agreed to maneuver the physical set-up.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson Visits Blowing Rock

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the first World War President, spent the night at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, last Friday, en route to Asheville and the Smoky Mountains, with a party of three friends: Mrs. W. L. Clayton and Mrs. B. B. Jones of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. F. M. Dillard of Alexandria, Va.

Mrs. Wilson stated that neither she nor her late husband visited Northwestern North Carolina, due to the fact that until after his death the country was almost inaccessible.

PRESIDENT ASKS EXTENSION OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Washington, July 16.—In a surprise move that may alter the living habits of millions of Americans, President Roosevelt asked congress yesterday for authority to order a far-flung extension of daylight saving time. Under the plan, which is designed to conserve electricity for defense production, he could order clocks throughout the country, or in any part of the country, to be turned as much as two hours forward for the whole year or any part of the year.

NO BATHS IN BETWEEN

In Japan, during police examinations, sometimes taking years, applicants are not permitted to take baths.

PLANS PROCEED FOR COUNTY FAIR, SAYS HAMILTON

Indications Are That Agricultural Exhibition Will Be the Biggest Fair to Be Held in This Area; Farmers Asked to Anticipate Exhibits

The Watauga County Fair, which is scheduled to be held for the first time in Boone on September 8-13, will likely be the biggest and most comprehensive agricultural exhibit to take place in this section of the state, according to Harry Hamilton, president of the organization, who says plans for the event are rapidly taking shape.

Mr. Hamilton says that the attractions for the spectacular midway have already been arranged and that nothing will be left undone to provide the very best entertainment features for the large crowds which are expected to attend the fair.

Meantime, Mr. Hamilton urges the complete co-operation of farmers of the county, and insists that they begin now to make plans for their exhibits of farm products and livestock. The premium list this year will include \$1,000 in cash prizes, in addition to premiums of merchandise, etc., which are annually donated by business interests of the county.

Considerable interest is expected to develop in the pulling contests between teams of various farmers, and Mr. Hamilton asks for farmers to anticipate their entrance into the event. Prizes will be awarded on the basis of strength recording made on a machine, such as is used at the state fair.

Mr. Hamilton asks that the 4-H Club boys and girls, the boys of the F.F.A., and the home economics girls join in entering exhibits, and begin their preparations at once.

Newsman at Blowing Rock Hear Anderson

"Today democracy is facing its darkest hour in the history of mankind's struggle for individual freedom," Ed Anderson, editor of the Skyland Post, West Jefferson, president of the North Carolina Press Association, in an address before the convention of state news and editorial writers at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, Saturday.

"To emerge victorious," Mr. Anderson continued, "a heavy responsibility rests upon the press of North Carolina and the nation. Of all pillars of democracy—freedom of speech, of worship, of assembly, and of the press—freedom of the press is the strongest foundation stone."

Mr. Anderson's address was followed by talks by John A. Park, Publisher of the Raleigh Times, and election officers.

Officers elected are: R. Alton Jackson of Winston-Salem, president; Stuart Atkins of Gastonia, vice-president, and Ellen E. Hough of Hickory, secretary-treasurer.

The 1942 meeting will be held at Chapel Hill in May.

Milk Station To Be Opened at Sugar Grove

The Coble Dairy Products of Lexington, announces that within the near future a central milk collecting station is to be established at the old cheese factory building at Sugar Grove. When this is done, all the milk collected in Watauga will be shipped from Sugar Grove directly to Lexington, instead of being taken to a receiving station in Ashe county, as previously.

The Lexington concern has been collecting milk in the county for some time and is taking the surplus from about 150 Watauga producers.

WAR IN SYRIA FORMALLY ENDS WITH ARMISTICE

Acre, Palestine, July 15.—British and French military authorities last night signed an armistice formally and finally concluding hostilities in Syria.

The final draft of the convention evolved in a series of conferences beginning Saturday morning was signed after a day of consultations between the delegations headed by General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson and Colonel De Verdillac.

The complete agreement was reached soon after 4 p. m., after which the final draft of the "convention for cessation of hostilities" was prepared, details of which have not been made public.

Hero or Hero



Mary Pickford and Gen. J. F. Howell, commander of the United Confederate Veterans, break ground on Gettysburg battlefield for a memorial to Gen. James Longstreet, second in command to Gen. Lee at the famous battle.

COLEMAN VISITS BURLEY REGION

Tobacconist Believes Burley Warehouse Here Should Have Record Season

R. C. Coleman of Tabor City, lessee of the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouse here, was a visitor in the county the first of the week and made a trip through the tobacco-growing section of Northwestern Carolina and East Tennessee.

Mr. Coleman's observations on the trip led him to the prediction that the local warehouses will do a much greater volume of business this year than in either of the former two years of their existence.

Mr. Coleman bought out the Jones Brothers of Mount Airy, since last season and will have complete charge of the market here this year.

BUS STATION TO BE REMODELED

Wilcox Purchases Depot Property of Abandoned Linville River Railway Line

Herman W. Wilcox has closed a deal for the purchase of the depot property of the Linville River Railway Company, whose lines were abandoned following the flood of last August, and the front of the station will be remodeled to take care of the rapidly expanding needs of the Boone bus terminal.

Plans, site and building have been approved by the bus companies using the terminal as well as by the Utilities Commission, says Mr. Wilcox, and the remodeling will begin at an early date. It is understood that the work will be completed within a very short time.

The accessibility, location and arrangements of the streets make the property ideal for bus terminal purposes, and there is plenty of space for buses, as well as patrons on every side of the building.

Mrs. Richard Taylor Dies At Kansas Home

Mrs. Richard M. Taylor died last Saturday afternoon at her home in Topeka, Kansas, according to information reaching relatives here, funeral services and interment being in that city.

Mrs. Taylor will be remembered as the former Miss Ella Blair of Boone, but had resided in Kansas since her marriage many years ago. She is survived by one son and two daughters, the husband having died about a year ago.

UNITED SERVICE FUND

The United Service fund for Watauga county continues to grow with a contribution of \$5.00 from Mr. Paul Moldenhauer of Green Park Hotel, Blowing Rock. This, added to the \$189.32 previously reported, brings the grand total for the fund to date to \$194.32. The quota for the county was \$150.00.

All those who have contributions for the fund are urged to get them to Rob Rivers, treasurer, at once.

Since the above was placed in type a contribution of \$3.65 is reported from Oak Grove church.

SALVAGE CREW IS DISMANTLING NARROW GAUGE

West Virginia Concern Purchases Rails of Abandoned Linville River Railway Line; \$39,000 Purchase Price of Salvage; Line Was Built in 1919

The Midwest Steel Company of Charleston, W. Va., is rapidly salvaging the roadbed of the Linville River Railway Company, which abandoned its lines from Cranberry to Boone following the flood of last August, and the rails from the main line as well as the siding in the vicinity of the depot have already been taken up, the salvage work having progressed to a point below Appalachian College.

The iron is being hauled to Cranberry and shipped by rail from there. Crews are also taking up the rails on the Cranberry end of the line and it is believed that by the end of the summer the operation will have been completed. The West Virginia concern is said to have paid \$39,000 for the steel.

The last train to leave Boone on the narrow gauge was on August 13, 1940, and on the return trip to Boone the train was stopped at Cranberry, due to the flood conditions which had played havoc with bridges and roadbed during the afternoon. The local Chamber of Commerce and individuals joined in an effort to have the road rebuilt, but the interstate commerce commission approved its abandonment, when the company introduced figures to show the line had been a losing venture for many years.

The first section of the narrow gauge railway was built about 55 years ago by a group of Philadelphians from Johnson City to the iron mines at Cranberry. The William T. Ritter Lumber Company extended the road to Pineola in 1900 and in 1913 the East Tennessee Railroad acquired the Ritter holdings and extended the road to Shulls Mills in 1916, changing its name to the Linville River Railroad. In 1919, the people of Boone township voted bonds to aid in the construction of the line to Boone, and the road was one of the most potent factors in the development of the city. When passenger traffic diminished due to the inroads of the bus systems, sight-seeing trains during the summer time drew a large patronage from summer visitors to Blowing Rock and Boone.

SEEK \$100 FOR NORTH STATE FUND

Organization Headed by Governor to Raise Funds for Airplane Ambulance

A special committee has been named in Watauga county for the purpose of raising \$100 as a part of a \$75,000 state contribution, which will be used to purchase an ambulance airplane to render aid to the suffering civilians in bomb-torn areas of England.

The organization which has been established here by Gov. Broughton and Judge F. O. Bowman, state director, includes the following: Rob Rivers, chairman; Dr. H. B. Perry, C. C. Rogers, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Boone; Mrs. T. A. Weaver, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Fred Winkler and Mrs. Chas. Younce, Boone.

The Old North State fund is a non-profit humanitarian organization dedicated to the purpose of presenting the people of England with an ambulance airplane, as a gift from Tarhelia. It is explained that in numerous communities in England, where German bombers have maimed and crippled civilians, there are no hospital facilities, and these ambulances of the skyways are to bring medical aid, anesthetics, and surgical treatment to men, women and children of the embattled nation. All those desiring to aid in this movement, should make their contributions at once to either member of the committee mentioned, or leave with Rob Rivers at The Democrat office.

BRITISH EXPECT NAZIS TO OPEN PEACE DRIVE

London, July 16.—The British Press Association reported yesterday that Germany was preparing a new peace offensive apparently involving generous terms in the west.