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WAR GAMES BRING ENGINEERS UNIT INTO LOCALITY

38th Engineers Carry on Maneuvers From Boone-Blowing Rock Area; Scouting, Mining Bridges a Part of Unit's Activities

The wide-spread war games which have been conducted over the Carolinas for the past several weeks, drew into the hill country Sunday, when a force of the 38th engineers from Fort Jackson, moved into the outskirts of Boone, scouted the immediate territory, mined bridges on the Wilkesboro and Jefferson highways, and made ready to retard the progress of the "enemy" should he be sighted.

The contingent of men who came to Boone Sunday, was in command of Lieutenant Carter, commanding officer, 102nd cavalry, which unit came from Orange, N. J., and became a part of the 38th engineers. There were about 40 men, a number of armored and reconnaissance cars, motorcycles and other equipment. The contingent established headquarters on the Robert W. Pulliam property at Perkinsville, at almost the identical spot where General Stoneman and his men camped following the civil war. From that point the patrol parties of the "Blues" scouted the country for evidence of the approach of the "Reds." The command will likely establish camp in the vicinity of Blowing Rock.

Lieutenant Carter states that the 102nd cavalry, to which his men are attached, originated in England before the Revolutionary War, and was known as the Essex regiment. It was re-organized in America, as a volunteer militia, fought in the Revolution and has been in continuous existence with the exception of about 10 years.

This marked the first glimpse this section has had of the armed forces of the nation and great interest was manifested throughout the area. It is the hope of the people that some of the mechanized units may later come this way.

B. T. U. Conference To Be Held Nov. 25th

A conference for all Baptist Training Union workers and members of the Three Forks Association will be held at the Boone Baptist church November 25, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The principal feature of this meeting will be the conferences which will be held for the workers of the various departments, as follows: Junior boys and girls, intermediate boys and girls, junior leaders, young people and adults.

Similar meetings are being held November 24-28 in every association in North Carolina. These meetings are jointly promoted by the Training Union division of the department of Christian Education of the Baptist State convention of North Carolina, and the Training Union department of the Baptist Sunday School board, Nashville, Tenn. More than 5,000 Baptists are expected to attend these conferences throughout the state.

Inspiring addresses will be made by some of the leading Baptists of the state. Every member of the Three Forks association is urged to attend this meeting.

Mr. H. W. Wilcox, who announces the meeting, states that a beautiful award will be made to the church having the largest attendance. Every pastor and Training Union officer is urged to keep this before the churches and secure the largest possible attendance.

PRESIDENT PLACES BLAME FOR COAL STRIKE ON LEWIS

Washington, Nov. 18—President Roosevelt directly challenged today the validity of John L. Lewis' position in calling a strike in the captive coal mines, while Washington waited expectantly for government action to end the stoppage.

At a press conference, the chief executive disagreed with Lewis' contention that to accept an open shop in the captive mines would invalidate the United Mine Workers' contract with the commercial mines of the Appalachian area.

Meanwhile, expectation of government action was whetted by statements from those closely associated with the president that he was of the opinion that the time to "crack down" on Lewis, and on all interruptions in defense production, had arrived.

Buy Defense Bonds

Farewell to Mexico



Josephus Daniels (right), retiring U. S. ambassador to Mexico, and Mexico's president, Avila Camacho, embrace each other as the diplomat says good-by to the country in which he served so long. President Camacho called him one of the best American friends Mexico ever had.

BOONE HI WINS IN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Appalachian Students Win Over 325 Contestants in Fifth Annual Event

Competing with 325 students from Watauga, Ashe and Avery counties, Boone high school carried off top honors in the fifth annual Appalachian High School Music Festival sponsored by the A Cappella choir of Appalachian College, here last Wednesday. Miss Virginia Wary, head of the college music department, was chairman of the event and was assisted by other members of the music department.

Following a new procedure honor ratings of one and two, excellent and good were awarded instead of former ratings of first, second and third places. Boone high, the winner, was presented a bust of Schubert at the end of the festival. Nathan's Creek, West Jefferson and Blowing Rock followed the local high school in honor ratings.

From the winning school the following received honors: Mixed chorus, rating two; girls' chorus, rating one; advanced piano, Charles Boone, rating one; vocal trio, rating one; boys' quartet, rating one; soprano solo, Betty Winkler, rating two; soprano solo, Josephine Miller, rating one; alto solo, Betty Webster, rating two.

The Nathan's Creek tenor and baritone solos received ratings of two, while their bass solo was rated one. The West Jefferson vocal duet, vocal trio and soprano solos received ratings of two, and the Blowing Rock vocal duet, vocal trio, and soprano solos received number two honors.

Judges were members of the Lees-McRae music festival. This was the second division of the Harvest Festival, the dramatic division having been held on November 6.

Rites For Walter Baird Held Sunday

Valle Crucis, Nov. 18—Funeral services for Walter Baird, well-known farmer of this section, were held here Sunday afternoon with Rev. M. A. Osborne, pastor of the Valle Crucis Methodist church, officiating.

Mr. Baird, who had been ill for only a few days, died Saturday morning of pneumonia in the Watauga Hospital. He was 59 years of age. Interment was in the Baird family cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, the former Miss Sally Mast; three sons, Clint, Ralph and Junius, and one daughter, all of Valle Crucis.

Mrs. Baird, who was recently operated on in the Rutherfordton hospital, was unable to attend her husband's funeral. Mr. Clint Baird was also absent from the funeral, being confined in Watauga Hospital with pneumonia.

CIO SUPPORTS FOREIGN POLICY OF ROOSEVELT

Detroit, Nov. 18—Full support of President Roosevelt's foreign policy was voted by the Congress of Industrial Organizations at its annual convention today while a group of followers of John L. Lewis sat in glum silence and refused to give their approval.

Delegates adopted a resolution commending the chief executive's "forthright" stand in the foreign field, attacking Charles A. Lindbergh, whose name provoked a scattering of hisses, and urging extension of all possible aid and co-operation to Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China.

XMAS SEALS TO BE MAILED OUT FOR SALE NEXT WEEK

Every Citizen of Boone to Receive Seals in Current Campaign; Effort to Eliminate Tuberculosis is Made Through Sale of Stickers

Every citizen in Boone will receive Christmas seals through the mail next week. Be looking for them. Why? There is a definite need for funds in Watauga county to send five patients to the sanitarium. Can we afford to send them? Can we afford not to?

Man's battle against tuberculosis is about to be decided. Victory is in sight.

There was a time when we had to be contented with stopping the enemy, relieving the suffering and helping the victims. This still is necessary, but at last the time has come when we dare to think about a nation free from tuberculosis.

Victory can be won if the American public will be as generous in the less spectacular future ahead, when there will be less and less tuberculosis, as it has been in the dramatic past when the disease killed members in almost every home. It has been abolished in cattle. It can be in the human race if we isolate our patients today.

Your gift will further the cause of health, hasten the approach of the day when this communicable disease no longer will threaten your home. It will weaken the hold of tuberculosis on our people and strengthen the forces of defense.

GAS STATIONS ARE BURGLARIZED

Two Service Stations on Main Street of Town Are Entered Tuesday Evening

Two service stations on the main street of the town were broken into sometime Tuesday night and cigarettes, cigars and candies to the amount of something over \$100 were taken.

Berry & Wilson's Gulf station on the corner of King and Water streets was the heaviest loser. Albert Wilson, one of the operators of the place, states that in the neighborhood of 48 cartons of cigarettes, a number of boxes of cigars and about \$4 in change was taken.

The Boone Sinclair station, operated by E. L. Teague, was looted of 30 cartons of cigarettes and a half box of bar candy. Strangely enough, says Mr. Teague, about \$7.00 left in the cash register was untouched.

Both places were entered by breaking the glass and unfastening rest room windows, which led directly into the stations. There are no tangible clues as to the identity of the robbers.

Mrs. Jennie Blackburn Succumbs at Age of 68

Mrs. Jennie Edith Blackburn, prominent citizen of the Todd community, died Tuesday evening from a brief illness.

Funeral services are to be held today (Thursday) at 2 o'clock by Rev. Vilas Minton, who will be assisted in the rites by Rev. Ed Blackburn. In the event of continued fair weather, plans are to hold the services at the home place, otherwise at South Fork Baptist church. Burial will be in the home neighborhood.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters: Joe Blackburn, Mountain City, Tenn.; Hamp Blackburn, Todd; Newton Blackburn, Todd; Don Blackburn, West Jefferson; Mrs. M. C. Brown and Mrs. S. T. Brown, Boone; Mrs. W. G. Cook, Todd. Two brothers and one sister also survive: John Clawson, Asa Clawson and Mrs. Lee Greene. There are 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Welfare Department Asks For Old Clothing

Mr. Thomas Jackson, acting superintendent of public welfare, states that his department is in urgent need of old clothing for men, women or children.

Mr. Jackson states that since the sewing rooms closed there is no clothing available for the needy people of the county, and would appreciate the receipt of any kind of cast-off clothing.

'Somewhere' On the Broad Pacific



Impressive scene aboard a U. S. navy aircraft carrier somewhere on the broad Pacific shows the flight deck thronged with planes, all warming up for a take-off. These are fighter planes, scout planes, bombers and deadly torpedo planes and dive bombers.

Plans Being Made For Celebration of Opening of Local Burley Warehouses; Coleman Is Pleased With Prospects

REA TO IMPROVE ELECTRIC LINES

Contracts for Material for Re-vamping Northwest Utilities Approved

Mr. G. F. Messick REA superintendent of Lenoir, in town yesterday, tells The Democrat that the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation is to launch a large program of modernization on the old transmission lines of the Northwest Carolina Utilities, recently taken over by the REA, and that work will start at once.

Mr. Messick states that the REA in Washington has just notified him of the approval of contracts involving the following materials which are to be used in this improvement program:

Transformers, \$17,553.43; poles, \$13,687.70; hardware, switches, etc., \$11,524.31; contract labor, \$51,984.40.

Appreciation Day Awards Are Made

Mr. Claude Winebarger received \$7.50 at the weekly Appreciation Day program at the city hall last Wednesday afternoon. Miss Alice East was not present when her name was called for a similar gift.

Mrs. Maek Luttrell received a gift of vases from Bare's Fair store, while Chas. L. Keerans, Mrs. J. Crit Greene and M. W. Greene were given subscriptions to the Watauga Democrat. Mrs. Richard Mearns received a flash light from the Western Auto store.

Others who would have received valuable gifts had they been present were: Rebecca Boone, Mrs. Carl Beach, Mrs. Lelia Brown, Mrs. Frank Perry, Dona Henson, Mrs. C. L. Brown, I. S. Ayers, Edna Moretz, Mrs. Claud Watson and Gordie Triplett.

Appreciation Day is observed by members of the Merchants Association each Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Patrons of the merchants should be present for the distribution of the gifts.

Stores of City To Close For Thanksgiving

All the member-stores of the Boone Merchants Association will be closed today for Thanksgiving, according to Russell D. Hodges, president of the Association. As is usual, cafes, drug stores, etc., will remain open.

Other firms not having membership will also close, so that the managers and employees may have opportunity for a vacation period.

County and city offices, together with the office of the Watauga county selective service board, will also close for Thanksgiving, as will the postoffice and bank.

RED CROSS DRIVE IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS HERE

Enrollment Lists Are Now Being Turned in and a Number of Special Gifts Are Reported; Attractive Window Displays Noted

The Annual Red Cross Roll Call Campaign is showing satisfactory progress, according to Mrs. W. M. Matheson, Roll Call Chairman. Although canvassing is not complete, enrollment lists are already being turned in by volunteer workers.

Mrs. J. H. Council, Chairman of the special gifts committee, reports the following special contributions: Mrs. Moses H. Cone, Blowing Rock, \$11.00; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Beck, Blowing Rock, 5.00; Mrs. Joseph F. Cannon and Anne Cannon Reynolds, Blowing Rock, 200.00; Dr. A. P. Kephart, Camp Yonahlossee, 25.00; W. W. Mac Co., Boone, 2.00; Western Auto Co., Boone, 2.00; D. & P. Pipe Co., Boone, 5.00; Colvard Tire Co., Boone, 5.00; Belk-White Co., Boone, 3.00; Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home, 5.00.

The list of annual memberships is very incomplete at this time, but a list of names will be compiled for the next issue of this newspaper.

Three important but not well known phases of Red Cross work are represented in displays placed in the windows of three Boone stores. Mrs. J. A. W. Davis, chairman of Home Nursing, has an exhibit of materials and textbooks at the Carolina Pharmacy. Mrs. Mae Miller, chairman of War Production, has taken over the window of the Gateway Cafe with a quantity of supplies furnished by the National Red Cross on relief work. In the Boone Drug Company is an exhibit worked up by the local Campfire Girls illustrating the military and naval service work allotted to a local committee, having Rev. John Rhea as chairman.

Food For Defense Topic of Meeting

"Food for Defense" will be the theme of a meeting to be held at the Blowing Rock high school auditorium November 25th, at 7:30, under the joint sponsorship of the Rural Electrification Administration and extension service of the State College.

Miss Elizabeth Bridge, home demonstration agent, will be present, and will demonstrate the value of the different foods. An interesting feature of the meeting will be the grinding of grain, the making and baking of whole wheat muffins, with the food actually being consumed within 17 minutes.

Officials of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation will take advantage of the opportunity to explain to former patrons of the REA setup, under which they get their electric service, rates, etc. All patrons of the Northwest throughout this region are particularly urged to attend this meeting.

Local Nimrods In Successful Hunts

Boone hunters in the Mount Mitchell wild life area had good luck this season, two bucks having been brought down during the season, which ended in that region Saturday.

Gordon H. Winkler killed a fine 140-pound buck on the second day of the hunts, in a party composed of himself, Grady Farthing, Rob Rivers, Kenneth Linney, and W. H. Gragg.

Rob Rivers brought down an eight point 184-pound buck last Friday morning in his second hunt, in which he was joined by Mrs. Rivers.

On Sunday a party of local hunters will go to the Pisgah National Forest in quest of deer and bear. Those going are Paul A. Coffey, Craig Hollars, T. L. Mast, Coy Bingham, Arthur Adams, Bert Ellis and perhaps others.

Vilas, Nov. 17—Mr. and Mrs. Bud Isaacs visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Story of Lynn last week, when Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Story and three other men, went to the Pisgah Forest deer hunting. Mr. Isaacs killed a 110-pound doe an hour and a half after the hunt began.

Join the Red Cross