

RED CROSS WAR FUND HAS FINE RESPONSE HERE

Initial Effort on the Part of Workers Shows Collection of \$198.06; Only a Few of the Solicitors Have Reported

After only four days of solicitation, Mesdames W. M. Matheson and Russell D. Hodges, co-chairmen of the American Red Cross War Relief Fund, announce that \$198.06 has been received from local people to aid in relieving the distress caused to members of the armed forces since the start of the Jap-American war some ten days ago. The quota for the county is \$1,500, the largest to be assigned since the first World war, and \$50,000,000 must be raised over the nation to meet the unprecedented demands upon the organization.

The largest contribution to be made to date is the \$50 from the Fidelis class of the Boone Baptist church.

Mrs. E. E. Garbee, chairman of Watauga chapter, American Red Cross states, "Not since the American Revolution has our nation faced so great a crisis. Not since it was founded, 60 years ago, has the American Red Cross assumed such vast responsibilities toward the defense of its country. But this is not the first time that our organization has been called upon for great deeds and the expenditure of huge sums. During the first World war, Americans gave \$400,000,000 for the Red Cross. The Red Cross campaign in which we are engaged, will be our chance as civilians to assume a share in the coming battles and to prove the strength of our community and our nation."

The people are urged to contribute immediately and to the utmost of their ability, and make their reports promptly to one of the chairmen:

Following is a list of the early contributors:

Boone
Fannie Dougherty \$1, Arthur Dougherty \$1, Ernest Sims \$2, D. P. Wyke \$1, Fred Brown 20c, I. L. Smith \$1, W. M. Cook 50c, A. E. South \$1, Jones L. Story \$1, Helen Underdown \$1, Roxana Bingham 22c, Mrs. J. E. Joines 20c, Gordon Taylor \$1, Alma Shoemaker 50c, Wm. A. Smith \$1, E. B. Mast 25c, Lena Penick 50c, Mrs. Anna Graham 50c, Jack Grogan 50c, M. H. Coffey \$1, Mrs. Frank Miller \$1, Burrell Phillips 25c, Owen Wilson \$1, W. C. Clawson 25c, W. R. Winkler \$1, Mrs. Rob Rivers \$5, Rob Rivers \$5, Mrs. Hill Hagaman \$1.

Mrs. Coker Triplett \$1, Mrs. Bill Casey \$1, W. H. Walker \$5, V. C. Howell \$1, Dr. E. T. Glenn \$10, Mrs. J. B. Hagaman \$1, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glenn \$2, Bynum Taylor 30c, Mrs. Stanberry 50c, Mrs. Claud Todd 75c, Grace Pennell 25c, Mrs. Jones 25c, Mrs. Bob Agle \$1, Mrs. Frank M. Payne \$1, Frank M. Payne \$1, M. R. Maddux \$1, L. M. Lyon 50c, W. S. Collins 25c, Gulf Cafe 50c, M. C. Hollars \$1, Barnett Grocery 50c, Earl Cook \$1, Mrs. Vaught Mast \$1, Mrs. A. E. Hamby \$1, Mrs. M. P. Critcher \$1, Mrs. Edgar Brown \$1, Mrs. Chas. Ray 50c, Mrs. Hattie Brown 25c, Mrs. A. L. Cooke \$1, Mrs. Joe Cooke \$1, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home \$1, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Winkler \$1, Milton Winkler 25c, James E. Miller \$1, Mr. and Mrs. John Wellborn \$1, R. T. McGhee \$1 Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Henson \$1, W. F. Montgomery \$10.

Farmers Hardware \$25, Second-hand Store \$1, Tom Redmond 50c, Will C. Walker \$1, Boone Furniture Store \$2, Mrs. Virgie Wright 50c, Craig Hollars \$1, Parkway Co., \$1, Mable Bingham \$1, Mrs. Dean Bingham \$1, G. P. Hagaman \$1, Mrs. W. S. Whiting \$4, Tobacco Warehouse contributions \$18.03, Fidelis Class, Boone Baptist church \$50.

Blowing Rock
J. E. Young \$1, Howard Coffey 25c, Miss Margaret Vance 25c, Bowler Williams 50c, B. H. Moody \$1, W. B. Castle, J. M. Burns 50c, Tom Coffey 5c, Fred Hatley 10c, Miss Blair Sudderth 25c, W. E. Barnhardt 50c, Robin Hood \$1.

Auto Tags Must Be Displayed By Jan. 1

Mr. Miles Jones, state highway patrolman, states that all automobiles and trucks must display the new 1942 tags by January 1, and that he has received orders from Raleigh to make arrests of those who do not have their tags by this time.

Mr. Jones asks that the motoring public take heed of this notice, so that no penalties may result.

MAKES LONG TRIP TO SELL WEED



Mr. Horton Smith, resident of Caldwell county, left, is seen shaking hands with Mayor W. H. Gragg, as he brought his tobacco to the Mountain Burley Warehouse in an old-fashioned covered wagon. Mr. Smith traveled 41 miles each way in order to patronize the local market, and expected to be away from home four days on the round trip, but he felt amply rewarded for the long haul. His 98 pounds of burley brought him 30 cents per pound.

Democrat To Issue Monday Afternoon

In keeping with a custom of several years standing the Christmas week edition of the Watauga Democrat will come from the press next Monday afternoon, rather than on Wednesday afternoon, so that those publishing the paper may enjoy a Christmas vacation period.

Those desiring matter in this edition either for the news or advertising columns are urged to have the manuscript in by Saturday afternoon, as nothing but spot news matter can be handled on Monday.

Advertising matter will consist largely of Christmas greeting ads, a survey of the business houses reveals, and the publisher will gladly furnish both illustrations and copy for these ads.

ROLL CALL FUND TOTALS GIVEN

Total Receipts of \$995.90 Are Reported; Some New Memberships Received

The American Red Cross Roll Call fund has reached a total of \$995.90, or within considerably less than a hundred dollars of the quota assigned to the Watauga county chapter, according to a report by Mrs. W. M. Matheson, roll call chairman. There were 692 memberships, the remainder of the total having been made up by special contributions.

The amount of money received from each locality and the number of members is as follows:

Boone, \$508.75; 450 members.
Blowing Rock, \$292.; 56 members.
Cove Creek, \$54; 54 members.
Beaver Dam, \$49.75; 49 members.
Valle Crucis, \$41.40; 33 members.
Meat Camp, \$16.00; 16 members.
Deep Gap, \$13.00; 13 members.
Bald Mountain, \$10.00; 10 members.
Shawneehaw, \$7.00; 7 members.
Laurel Creek, \$4.00; 4 members.
Additional memberships include: Blowing Rock—Mrs. Dick Hollars, Mrs. H. P. Holshouser, Mrs. Frank Icenhour.

Boone: Mrs. W. M. Grubbs, S. E. Anderson, Roscoe J. Hartley, W. F. Montgomery, Mrs. W. F. Montgomery, Wm. Winkler, J. E. Rivers, Mrs. J. E. Rivers.
Special gift: A & P. Store, Boone, \$2.50.

Eleven Men To Be Sent To Fort Bragg

The local selective service board has received a call for 11 men to be selected and inducted into the army at Fort Bragg on January 13, but the list of names has not yet been determined.

The board has been notified to re-classify IV-A, II-A and II-B registrants. All registrants should immediately notify local board of any change of status.

DUTIES OF CIVIL DEFENSE GROUP GIVEN BY BROWN

Chairman of Local Defense Council Outlines Some of the Functions of Civil Defense Council; Personnel of the Committees

Wade E. Brown, chairman of the Watauga county committee on civilian defense, has issued the following statement relative to the duties and activities of the organization:

1. Aircraft warning service. Seven air raid stations organized in sections designated by army throughout the county, and which are now contacting army headquarters each day. Additional volunteers in this service will be needed to assist in the lookout for enemy aircraft, and for other warning and service activities along this line.

2. Volunteer registration. Every citizen who is willing to give assistance when the need arises is requested to register with local defense office, filling out a blank as to qualifications so that when needed full information will be available. A worker has been approved and the office will be in operation as soon as space may be secured and the necessary forms available.

3. "V Men" are appointed to study local needs and conditions pertaining to civil defense and be available for public meetings and give instructions as the need arises. D. J. Whitener, Appalachian College faculty, chairman; W. H. Gragg, mayor of Boone; Clyde R. Greene, G. C. Robbins, mayor of Blowing Rock, and S. F. Horton, principal of Cove Creek high school; W. R. Lovill, Boone.

4. Civil protection committee: W. H. Gragg, mayor of Boone, chairman; G. C. Robbins, mayor of Blowing Rock, (organization incomplete). Duties include fire protection, police protection, municipal air raid wardens, emergency medical service, emergency public works, utilities, etc.

5. Civil defense council, previously appointed.

Mr. Brown issues the following statement:

"All citizens are urged to be ready to co-operate in any defense activities as the need arises, while all the needs are taken care of at the present time. More committees and volunteers for various activities will be needed from time to time. There is no immediate prospect in sight for specific defense activity in our particular section, other than that now in operation, nor is it a time for frenzied activity until we know just what is most needed; but rather it is a time for the citizens of Watauga to think soberly of how each can help to do the job of winning this war most quickly and effectively and to be best prepared to protect the lives of our citizens to say nothing of the boys in service, as well as property here and elsewhere.

"After all, we are in war through no choice of our own or of our country. We are confident of ultimate victory, and the people of Watauga county will not be content to do less than their full share."

GEORGE D. GREENE DIES IN ACCIDENT

Son of Rev. Greene, Instantly Killed in Auto-Motorcycle Accident

George D. Greene, aged 25 years, son of Rev. Levi Greene of Deep Gap, was instantly killed Monday afternoon when a motorcycle he was driving on the outskirts of Lenoir, crashed into an auto operated by Mrs. Harold F. Coffey of that place.

It was said the accident was unavoidable, and investigations revealed that the motorcycle went out of control. The motorcycle was demolished and the automobile badly damaged.

Mr. Greene, who resided near Lenoir, is survived by the widow and one child, Lona Gay.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from Liberty Grove church in Watauga county, by Rev. Vilas Minton and Rev. H. M. Winkler, and interment was there.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

Mr. John Wood of Raleigh, gave a musical program in the college auditorium Sunday afternoon. Mr. Wood is an accomplished singer and very widely known. He can sing in four languages—English, French, Italian and Spanish.

Tobacco Sales To End For Holidays Friday Afternoon; Auctions To Be Resumed Dec. 29; Prices Are High

Chief in Far East



Lieut. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, former U. S. chief of staff, and more recently field marshal of the Philippine Islands, is now commander-in-chief of all the U. S. armed forces in the Far East.

SCOUTING IS TO BE EXTENDED HERE

Coach Garbee is Named District Chairman; Finance Campaign is Now On

Final plans have been made for the expansion of the Boy Scout movement in Boone and Watauga county and in the six other counties that make up what has been formerly known as the Winston-Salem council.

Following up the action of the recent scout meeting at Elkin, Scout Executive W. E. Vaughn-Lloyd and Gilbert Bush, special deputy Boy Scout regional executive, met here with local scout leaders at the home of Prof. E. E. Garbee, newly-elected chairman of the Watauga-Ashe district of the council, and mapped out details for conducting a finance campaign. Representatives from Ashe county were also present at the meeting.

During the present week, ending Saturday night, Watauga citizens are given an opportunity to help the county raise its share of the proposed \$15,800 budget to administer the entire council program, which will include the employment of an assistant executive who will serve all districts of the council.

The plans for expanding scouting in this council area provides for the organization of the seven counties into five districts—Watauga-Ashe district, Alleghany-Wilkes, Elkin-Yadkin, Surry and Forsyth. Each of these districts will have a district chairman, district vice-chairman, district commissioner, and chairmen of various committees. The district chairmen will be members of the council executive committee.

If the finance drive is successful, thereby making it possible for scouting to be made available to around 1,000 boys in the seven counties, the election of officers and organization will be held in January and the new council year will start in March.

Belk's Occupy New Enlarged Building

The Belk-White Company Saturday night completed the occupation of the new annex to the rear of its present store building, which practically doubles the floor space of the original establishment. Although some finishing work remains to be done in the newly-constructed portion of the building, the stocks have been moved in, new departments added, and the congestion in the big store materially relieved.

The addition contains the basement, street floor and mezzanine, making a total floor space of 18,500 square feet. The basement and street floors are 50x193, while the main mezzanine is 50x76, and the mezzanine in the front of the building is 50x15.

The entire store will be illuminated by fluorescent lights and many other improvements made following the rush of the Christmas shopping season. Incidentally three toylands have been established in the enlarged store, on basement, street and mezzanine floor.

More Than a Million and a Quarter Pounds of Burley Auctioned Up to Tuesday Evening; Sales Heavy Today With Prices Strong

Roscoe Coleman, operator of the Mountain Burley Tobacco warehouses here, disclosed Wednesday morning that pre-holiday sales of burley would close with the sales Friday of this week, and that there would be no sales next week. Sales will be resumed on Monday, December 29th. Mr. Coleman pointed out, however, that tobacco would be received on Friday and Saturday following Christmas and be held on the floors for the sales the following Monday.

Sales on the local floors continue heavy and up until Tuesday evening more than one and a quarter million pounds of burley had been disposed of. Wednesday the market was still strong, the average was running well beyond 30 cents in most instances, and warehousemen believed that by the close of the sales at 3:00 o'clock the turnover would be near 100,000 pounds for the day. On Monday and Tuesday 192,000 pounds were sold.

The sales at the local houses have already far exceeded those of last year when only 900,000 pounds were disposed of, indicating that the local market is experiencing a steady and healthy growth. Since considerable quantities of burley are being held for the sales after Christmas, warehousemen are of the opinion that the total for the season will be nearly two million pounds.

On Wednesday tobacco continues to pour in from adjacent counties and states and Thursday and Friday sales are expected to be extremely heavy.

Farmers Well Pleased
Conversation with a number of farmers at the warehouses each day indicates general satisfaction with prices received and with the fine treatment accorded by Mr. Coleman and his associates.

Mr. J. M. Dowell of Ashe county, sold a banner crop of tobacco Wednesday morning. His 760 pounds of weed averaged him 42 cents per pound.

Mr. French Ring of Lansing, Ashe county, sold 450 pounds for \$163.50, or an average of a little more than 36 cents.

Henry Hagaman Tuesday reported the sale of 300 pounds of tobacco for an average of 37 cents.

Mr. S. F. Moody of Vilas, is particularly well pleased with his tobacco sales. On Friday he sold the yield from 4-10 acre for \$168.10, or an average of 28 cents for his 598 pounds.

Heavy Burley Yield
Mr. Clyde Perry of Sugar Grove, on Friday sold 962 pounds of burley from four-tenths of an acre of land for \$305.10. The weed sold for an average of 31 2-3 cents per pound. This tobacco was raised on Mr. Perry's "garden spot," which plot brought him \$335, including tomatoes, etc., sold during the summer. Besides, says Mr. Perry, the family had all the vegetables needed for summer use and for home canning.

Mrs. J. L. Storie Succumbs on Tuesday

Mrs. Martha Carolyn Storie, aged 85 years, died at the home of a son, Mr. H. S. Storie, in Boone Tuesday afternoon, after a long period of illness.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from the Bethany Baptist church at Finley, Caldwell county, Rev. J. C. Canipe, Boone Baptist minister, being in charge of the rites, and interment was in that locality, Reins-Sturdivant being in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Storie, who was the widow of the late J. L. Storie, was the former Miss Martha Carolyn Curtis, daughter of William and Mary Curtis, and was reared in Caldwell county. However, most of her adult life had been spent in Watauga county where she was well known, and held in the very highest regard by her wide acquaintanceship. She was a devout member of the Baptist church, and one of the county's fine Christian characters.

Surviving are eight sons and daughters: W. J. Storie, New York City; R. L. Storie, Shulls Mills; J. F. Storie, Finley; Mrs. E. A. Hampton, Blowing Rock; H. S. and Jones Storie, Boone; Mrs. G. M. Teams, Shulls Mills, and C. M. Storie, Graham.