



U.S.O. APPEALS TO WATAUGA COUNTY FOR \$500 QUOTA

State Chairman of Service Organization Sends Letters to Local People Asking Their Help for Welfare Program of War Organization

Watauga county is being asked for \$500 for the benefit of the United Service Organization, to further its moral-building program of recreation, and general welfare for the men in the armed services of the country.

In the absence of a local organization to solicit funds for this cause, George M. Ivey, state chairman of the USO, Charlotte, N. C., is appealing directly to the people of the community and county, by letter, asking for their help in this enterprise.

"It takes an average of \$8.00 per man in the army, navy, marine corps and coast guard to provide the morale-building program of recreation, entertainment, welfare, and a home away from home" through the facilities of USO, which the war and navy departments and President Roosevelt have declared to be a definite part of the war effort.

"The state campaign headquarters of USO is using this method of appealing to the patriotic citizens of Boone and Watauga county to contribute to this national campaign in support of USO.

"You Help Someone You Know When You Give to USO."

"Assure the boys now fighting this war from Watauga county that their families and friends are guaranteeing USO to them wherever they may be by mailing your contribution in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

"Let's back up the men in the fighting lines by supporting the only national organization providing them with assistance and guidance by trained directors during their off-duty hours."

Information from state headquarters of the USO is to the effect that many local people have already responded to the appeal, and Mr. D. P. Lavietes of the D & P Pipe Works, generously proposes to subscribe ten per cent of the county's entire quota. Others are asked to make their remittances promptly in any amount, direct to Mr. George M. Ivey, 1315 Independence Building, Charlotte, N. C.

In connection with the request for funds in this locality, the following statement by Chester I. Bernard, president of the USO, outlining the policy of the organization, is of interest:

"The United Service Organizations is made up of six of the important welfare agencies in this country: the Young Men's Christian Association, the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the Young Women's Christian Associations, the Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers Aid Association. When this emergency came upon us and in through co-operation with the United States government and endorsed by the President of the United States, these agencies came together in a united effort to serve our soldiers and sailors, and in some cases in overburdened communities, defense workers, by bringing to them spiritual, social and recreational values in order that their morale might be maintained.

"Had this not been done, undoubtedly, the welfare work would have been carried on by the government. I am sure you will agree that if this were the case, much of the spiritual help which is so needed and which plays such a vital part in men and women's lives would be lost. Through the work and devotion of many unselfish people, this work was started over a year ago. At first, there were many difficulties to be overcome because to get together such an enormous undertaking, bringing into united action three religious faiths, was no easy task. However, a real job has been accomplished and today, the USO, through its member agencies, has 818 operations throughout this country, in addition to others outside of continental United States.

The assignment of an agency to conduct a specific operation is made in the first instance by a committee consisting of an executive representative of each agency plus a general officer of the USO and is approved by the officers of USO and the executive committee. The practical effect is that each of the agencies has an equal vote and it has been true almost without exception that no decision has been made except unanimously.

Watauga Men With The Colors

Join the Navy Among the 132 men from 20 western North Carolina counties who enlisted in the navy in Asheville Monday, were these three Wataugas: Russell Brady Campbell, Vilas; Talmadge Wesley McGuire, Valle Crucis, and Charles Proffitt, Jr., Sherwood.

With Engineers Jack Dean Lawrence, brother of Mrs. E. T. Glenn of Boone, and a former student at Appalachian, is in England with the 343rd Engineers. Jack is the son of George Lawrence and the late Lena Culver Lawrence.

Grady Wall a Visitor Pvt. Grady Wall returned to the army Tuesday after a few days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Wall of Boone R. F. D. 2. Pvt. Wall has been a patient in the Charleston military hospital for the past six months, but has practically recovered from his prolonged illness.

At Annapolis Mr. Neil Hartley, ensign in the U. S. navy, who has spent the summer at Columbia University, is now at Annapolis, where he is taking special courses at the naval academy.

Pvt. Greer Visitor Here Pvt. Edward Earl Greer, who is stationed at Eglin Field, Fla., has been spending some time in Boone visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Greer. Pvt. Greer has been in the army air corps since January 15, and with a few more hours flying will be able to take over the controls of a plane.

Returns to Air Corps Corporal Charles E. Love, of the U. S. army air corps, Charlotte base, returned to his post Saturday after spending a short furlough with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Love. Corporal Love was teaching in the Monroe schools before enlisting, and is waiting to be called to the officers' training school at Miami, Fla., in the physical training field.

Visits Parents Charles Storie, of Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., has returned after spending a few days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Storie of Blowing Rock, R. F. D.

To Enter Foreign Service Chaplain John I. Rhea, former Boone Presbyterian pastor, and since enlisting in the army being attached to the 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Camp Robinson, Ark., has advised friends here that he is to leave within a week or ten days for foreign service. During his absence, Mrs. Rhea and daughter, Judy, will live at 148 Carlisle Ave., Louisville, Ky.

In From New Mexico Corporal Gordon Winkler, U. S. air corps, Albuquerque, N. M., arrived Saturday and will spend a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roby Winkler, of the Rutherford section. Young Mr. Winkler has been in the army for 14 months and this is his first visit home.

At Camp Rucker Private R. K. Bingham, Jr., of Boone, who was formerly stationed at Fort Bragg, is now with the signal corps at Camp Rucker, Ala. Promoted to Technical Corporal Arthur M. Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Welch of Valle Crucis, who has been stationed at Fort Bragg for the past 18 months, has been promoted to technical corporal.

In Air Corps Maurice J. Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Harrison of Boone, who enlisted in the army air corps in August, is at Smyrna air base, near Nashville, Tenn.

Legion and Auxiliary To Meet On Friday

There will be a meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary at the hut Friday evening, September 11th, at 7:30. All ex-service men and their wives are urged to be present, as there will be important business to be transacted.

Cripple Clinic to Be Held September 17

Dr. Gaul of Charlotte, will be in the health office in Boone on Thursday, September 17, at 1:30 p. m., to hold his regular monthly crippled children's clinic.

BRISTLES

Revival of interest in American hog bristles for use in brushes is reported, since manufacturers are no longer able to secure the imported bristles.

TRUCK BEGINS TO GATHER JUNK IN COUNTY MONDAY

WPA Vehicle Starts Assembling Vast Amount of Scrap Collected in Recent Campaign; Half Million Pounds Thought to Be Available

After considerable delay, a large WPA truck arrived in the county Monday and began gathering the large quantity of scrap material, assembled during the recent junk campaign, which will soon be turned into guns, planes, tanks and ships to supplement America's stupendous war effort.

Harry M. Hamilton, county salvage chairman, states that the truck is equipped to weigh metal, and will buy the material outright, or accept it as a donation toward the total war effort. Mr. Hamilton says that a heightened interest is being shown throughout the county in the salvage effort, and that he expects the present campaign to yield no less than a half million pounds of the vital war materials. He urges everyone to aid in the shipment of all scrap metals, rubber, etc., and would highly appreciate any help the truck driver might receive in loading the junk. The shortage of labor precludes sending around sufficient help with the truck to handle heavy discarded machinery, etc.

Another truck will be in the county soon, and Mr. Hamilton asks that everyone make an especial effort to have something to sell or donate to the war. The situation regarding scrap iron is growing more serious, and some of the steel mills are threatened with shut-downs unless the flow of scrap is increased.

C. of C. Supper at Blowing Rock Friday

Blowing Rock, Sept. 8.—The Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce will give its annual supper and hold its autumn rally at the "Wagon Wheel" on Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. David Owens of Charlotte and Blowing Rock.

All members of the Chamber of Commerce and their wives will attend. The officers of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will be invited guests. A report on the summer's work will be given and some plans for another year will be discussed. Reservations for the supper should be made by 4:00 p. m. Thursday.

Merit Examinations To Be Given Oct. 3

Dr. deVyver, state merit system supervisor, has announced that another examination for clerical workers will be given on October 3. The final date for receipt of applications for this examination is September 16. Application blanks may be secured at the local welfare office.

The place for the examination has not been announced, but if as many as ten persons apply for the examination in Watauga county, it may be given in Boone.

Trucks, Buses and Taxis Are Ordered Under Federal Control

Washington, Sept. 8.—The nation's entire commercial transportation facilities, excepting railroads, airlines and private passenger vehicles, will be placed under strict government wartime control on November 15, the office of defense transportation announced tonight.

In a sweeping move to conserve equipment so there will be no interruption in essential traffic, ODT announced new regulations setting up nationwide rationing of gasoline, tires and parts for more than 5,000,000 commercial vehicles. The order will hit 4,890,000 non-military trucks, 154,000 buses and 50,000 taxicabs.

Heretofore gasoline rationing has applied to only the 17 eastern seaboard states and the District of Columbia. The order means the entire nation will be affected to some degree.

ODT Director Joseph B. Eastman defended the new program by saying "these motor vehicles must be kept rolling." After the effective date of the new regulation, operators of commercial vehicles must carry and show a "certificate of war necessity" before they will be able to obtain gasoline, tires or parts. These certificates will stipulate the maximum mileage allowed for individual vehicles or the maximum loads that they may carry, or both.

At 68 He Got in the Scrap . . . So Can You



On a 14-acre farm in southern Ohio, Alpha Etter, 68, gathered together a whole wagon-load of scrap and hauled it to a junk dealer in town. He was paid regular prices for the scrap, of course, but Farmer Etter did something for America, too. Scrap iron and steel are urgently needed by steel mills. Every bit of old metal, from an auto body to an old-fashioned flat-iron, can be used to make munitions for our boys at the battle fronts. Do your part and get the junk and scrap from your farm or yard, store or warehouse.

Watauga Cabbage Surplus a Problem; Aid of Federal Government Is Given

County Agent Harry M. Hamilton and other agricultural leaders in this area are making strong efforts to assist the cabbage growers of this and adjacent counties in disposing of their huge 1942 crop, which is moving slowly due to lack of transportation facilities and other causes.

A meeting was held at the county agent's office this (Wednesday) morning between Phillip W. Clore of the United States Agricultural Marketing Administration, county agents and other farm leaders from Watauga, Ashe

and Alleghany counties. There is said to be a likelihood that the surplus cabbage may be purchased under the surplus commodities plan of the federal government.

Since a large per cent of the income of local farmers is realized from the growing of cabbage, County Agent Hamilton was quick to realize the gravity of the problem facing the growers. He appealed to the state authorities for help in this connection, and Mr. Clore promptly came from Washington to try to aid in working out a solution of the problem.

Late Bulletins From The Fighting Fronts

RUSSIAN LINES HOLD AROUND STALINGRAD

Moscow, Sept. 9.—Massed German tanks, infantry and planes have made a frontal assault on Stalingrad from the west, and have forced the Russians back to new defensive positions, the Soviet high command announced today.

A midnight communique of the Red army also acknowledged a new Axis armored penetration of Soviet defenses in the area of Novorossisk, Black Sea naval base, where earlier reports had described the Soviet situation as difficult.

(The Moscow radio, heard by United Press in New York, broadcast the following account by a Tass agency correspondent of the fighting at Novorossisk:

"The Soviets are engaged in stubborn defensive battles which do not cease, night or day. The defenders of Novorossisk are holding back furious enemy onslaughts and, in frequent counter-attacks, wear down enemy forces, inflicting heavy losses."

Earlier dispatches from the Stalingrad front said the Germans had been checked in the frontal onslaught by a Soviet barrage which killed 3,000 attacking troops, and that the Nazis were being held all around the battle arc before the

city. The high command said the Soviet forces fought a "tense" battle west of Stalingrad, the area to which the Germans evidently have shifted the main weight of their attack.

ALLIES TO COME TO AID OF RUSSIA, CHURCHILL SAYS

London, Sept. 8.—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told a cheering house of commons today that Britain and the United States have assured Russia they are coming to her aid "as quickly as possible without regard to losses or sacrifices" and that the British 10th army in Iran and Iraq eventually may support the Russian left flank in the Caucasus.

The recent allied raid on Dieppe, he said, was a preliminary to the full-scale invasion.

JAPANESE LANDING FORCE DESTROYED AT MILNE BAY

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Sept. 9.—A Japanese landing force of 700 has been "practically destroyed" at Milne bay in southwestern New Guinea, and allied torpedo-bomber, and fighter planes probably damaged a destroyer in attacks off the Trobriand islands north of there, a communique announced. While the ground fighting in the Kokoda-Miyla sector, less than 60 miles from Port Morsby, was described as static, allied bombers scored heavily on the Japanese coastal base of Buna which feeds the Kokoda salient.

Fighter planes also bombed and strafed Japanese positions in this area, which is near a 6,000-foot gap leading through the Owen Stanley mountains to Port Foresby.

JAP ATTEMPTS TO LAND IN SOLOMON ISLES FAIL

Washington, Sept. 8.—American land and air power blasted away today at scattered Japanese forces which gambled heavily with troops, ships and planes in a desperate effort to reinforce their isolated parcels in the southeastern Solomon islands.

Disclosing the latest enemy attempts to regain lost footholds in the strategic Solomons, the navy reported yesterday that U. S. planes bombed and strafed fleets of small boats, destroying many of them and causing "heavy loss of life."

Presumably, the Japanese succeeded in landing some reinforcements for their shattered forces. The navy communique, however, referred to the landings as "attempted" and added that "our marine forces are continuing their efforts to search out and dispose" of isolated patrols which had withdrawn to the mountains and jungles after American occupation.

A U. S. air patrol discovered the

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WATAUGA COURT TERM WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 21

Judge Nettles to Preside at Fall Superior Court Term; About 50 Cases on State Docket; Few Civil Actions Slated For Trial; Jury List

The fall term of Watauga superior court will convene on Monday, September 21st, with Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville, presiding over the one-week criminal and civil session.

Fifty cases are to be tried on the state docket, about half the usual number, and most of them involving the commission of misdemeanors. Most interest centers in the re-trial of Adolphus Thomas on charges of fatally shooting a cousin, Bon Thomas. A mistrial resulted in this action at last spring's term, when the jury failed to agree on a verdict.

Only ten civil cases are calendared for trial and are expected to take the attention of the court on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Five of these are actions for divorce. The civil calendar follows:

- Civil Calendar S. J. Price vs. A. C. Williams, et al. Mrs. Roberta B. Hodges vs. Security Life & Trust Co. Annie Belle Horton Jones vs. Meredith Jones. Robert Gamewell Kincaid vs. Myrtle Cottrell Kincaid. William Greer vs. Ennis Carlton Greer. Carrie H. Johnson vs. Don S. Johnson. W. L. Cook vs. R. T. Greer et al. I. J. Bingham vs. S. C. Carroll. Henry W. Miller et al. vs. W. E. Vannoy, et al. Orpha Pitts vs. Oscar Pitts. Jurors

Those whose names have been drawn for jury service are as follows:

- Art Parker, T. J. McGuire, Bald Mountain; J. M. Sherwood, W. M. Clay, D. F. Greene, D. H. Eggers, Beaver Dam; Paul Coffey, E. W. Rainey, I. W. Bolick, T. H. Coffey, Jr., Blowing Rock; Carmie Story, Carmie Critcher, Blue Ridge; W. C. Greer, B. W. Stallings, George Main, George Austin, D. J. Whitener, J. L. Harrison, Boone; Henry Norris, R. D. Edmisten, J. M. Burkett, Willie Cole, Odus Wilson, Cove Creek; H. C. Hodges, Chas. Simmons, P. G. Carroll, Elk; Zeb V. Harmon, H. A. Haganam, Rufus Ward, Aud L. Ward, Laurel Creek; Henry Proffitt, Willie Proffitt, L. E. Beach, James McNeil, E. R. Stephens, Meat Camp; Arch Wilson, Clyde Wallace, J. R. May, North Fork; Lloyd Welch, Martin Yates, Shawneehaw; B. F. Wellborn, Greene Carroll, Joe J. Wellborn, E. B. Hardin, Stony Fork; G. W. Rowe, Henry Taylor, Don Shull, Arlie Hodges, C. P. Moore, Watauga.

Rev. and Mrs. Hamlet To Make Home Here

Rev. and Mrs. Peter Hamlet, who for the past 25 years have been missionaries of the Baptist church in China, have returned and arrived in Boone the first of the week, where they will reside in the I. G. Greer home.

Rev. and Mrs. Hamlet who had been prisoners of Japan in an occupied area, returned on the rescue ship Gripsolm recently. Mrs. Hamlet will be remembered here as the former Miss Lettie Spainhour, daughter of the late J. F. and Mrs. Spainhour of Morganton.

American Legion Gets \$184.82 From Carnival

The American Legion received \$184.82 as their share of the earnings of the Crescent Amusement Company's carnival, which was in Boone all last week, according to Mr. Kelley Osborne, chairman of the Legion's carnival committee.

Mr. Osborne takes occasion to thank all the people of Boone and Watauga county for their co-operation in patronizing the carnival and aiding the Legion in securing this nice sum of money.

18 to 20 Age Draft Measure Introduced

Washington, Sept. 8.—Lowering of the draftage from 20 to 18, which would make from 2,500,000 to 3,250,000 youths subject to military service, was proposed yesterday in a bill introduced by Representative Wadsworth, Republican, of New York, author of the original draft act.