

7,000 YEARLY DROWNINGS ARE LARGELY PREVENTABLE

Class in Life Saving and Water Safety to Be Held at Appalachian College, Beginning September 28; Miss Steed in Charge

"On the basis of available records it is estimated that more than 7,000 persons will lose their lives by drowning in the United States this year, despite the fact that water accidents are largely unnecessary and preventable."

This statement was made today by Miss Thursa Steed, chairman of the water safety committee of the Watauga chapter of the American Red Cross, in announcing the formation of a class in life saving and water safety, to be held at Appalachian College, beginning September 28th.

"Although the annual total of drownings has been decreased by one-third since the Red Cross life saving service was organized 25 years ago, it is still far beyond all reason and represents a needless toll of death and suffering," Miss Steed said. "Moreover, the figures cited do not take into account the much greater number of persons—estimated at 50 for every one drowned—who meet with near-drowning experiences. Such incidents are not only numerous and painful, but frequently so terrifying that the victims are unable to persuade themselves it is safe to attempt swimming or any kind of aquatic activity thereafter."

"The vast majority of water accidents," she pointed out, "are the result of ignorance and lack of skill. The number of such accidents among competent swimmers is very small, and there is no disputing the fact that the person who takes part in any kind of aquatic activity is safe only in proportion to his knowledge and ability."

Miss Steed requested those interested in the life saving and water safety course to get in touch with her at the college.

FROZEN

Overalls, overall jackets, dungarees, work shirts, pants, breeches and one-piece work suits made of cotton fabrics can be sold at no higher prices now than those prevailing last March.

'Miss America, 1942'



Here is Miss Jo-Carroll Dennison, who represented the state of Texas at the Atlantic City beauty contest, and who walked off with the famous title, "Miss America, 1942." She thus opened the door to fame and fortune. Miss Dennison is 18 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, and weighs a smooth 118 pounds.

Scout News

By Scout Stanley Harris

Troop No. 41, held its regular weekly meeting Monday night in the Scout hut. Scout South was appointed scribe to replace Wm. Wilson who has dropped out of the troop due to night employment. We discussed the Court of Honor which will be held October 5th. Also the Scout rally which is a district affair and will be held in the college gym in November. All Scouts will participate.

The troop voted to invite the prospective Scout troop from Cove Creek over for our next regular meeting which will be held in the Scout hut on Monday night, Sept. 29th at 8 o'clock. All local Scouts are urged to be present.

The meeting closed with Allegiance to the Flag, led by Scout Billy Aldridge.

Yunnan, one of the largest provinces of China, has an area about twice that of New England.

The Week In Washington

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, Sept. 22—Having completed their unofficial summer recess, most members of the senate and house are now back in Washington preparing to cast their votes on taxes, on wage freezing, on farm price stabilization and other vital legislation.

Following the President's "you do it or I will" order in regard to stabilizing wages and farm prices in order to prevent further inflation, both houses of congress are showing how rapidly they can come to an agreement when it seems necessary. The President gave them a deadline of October 1 for handling this situation, and it now seems quite definite that by that date the President will have final orders from congress to freeze wages at what they were this summer and to put a parity ceiling on farm prices.

The speed with which congress has acted on this measure stands out by contrast with the stalling which they have done in regard to the tax bill. It is argued that in putting through the largest tax bill in history much time must be consumed to consider the arguments of all interested groups, but it is still the general opinion here that a lot of the delay has been caused by the desire of many congressmen to postpone final action on taxes until after the election.

Months ago the secretary of the treasury pleaded for immediate action on taxes so that additional funds could be collected this year, but all talk of new taxes payable this year has now been abandoned. Most of the more recent pressure of the treasury department has been concerned with insisting on larger taxes than congress wanted to enact. It is still questionable whether a tax measure will finally be passed before the election, although some experts here think it will be difficult for congress to postpone final action for six weeks more.

At any rate, the taxes to be paid next year will undoubtedly be staggering as compared with other years and even those people with very low incomes will be required to share in taxes. If the 5 per cent Victory tax goes through, which is just a small part of the present tax bill, everyone earning \$12 a week or more will have 5 per cent deducted from wages or salaries, part of which will be considered taxes and part a form of compulsory saving, to be refunded after the war.

As the tax proposals stand now, a married man with two children and an income of \$2,000, will pay a tax of \$65. If his income is \$2,500, the tax will be \$163, if it is \$3,000, the tax will be \$275, if \$4,000, the tax will be \$528, and if \$5,000 the tax will be \$507.

Congress also is expected within the next two months to be asked to pass legislation for inducting youths of 18 and 19 years old into the armed services. Discussing the future selective service situation, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national selective service director, said, "we can't have a recess in the war until people grow up to be drafted." The young men have proved most valuable to the army, particularly in aviation, and it therefore, seems essential to our military leaders that they dip into the under-20 group, since the young men in their early 20s are most all in the armed forces already if they are not exempt because of physical unfitness or their necessity to war production.

General Hershey also said that married men with children would probably be called for military service next year. He pointed out that although he has issued instructions not to break up homes until necessary, there is no law or regulation which prevents the drafting of married men with children.

Pointing out the speed with which men are being mobilized—which is much faster than in the last war—General Hershey said that it may be necessary to mobilize between 10,000,000 and 13,000,000 men. "We will have to come to the realization," he said, "that there are not enough single men, that there are not enough married men without children" to mobilize such a force. "The supply of men is limited," he said, "even when you consider the 18 to 50 age group, because we are rejecting about 33 per cent of those called for duty."

A general tightening up of those things which are limiting production is also expected to be pushed rapidly. Donald Nelson, head of the war production board, said that production of war supplies has increased 350 per cent since Pearl Harbor, but that even greater production must be speeded in order to turn the tide of battle in our favor. Longer hours of work in production factories, plus steering of more materials into war production can be expected from now on.

The consumer will feel this tightening up as new steps are taken to conserve rubber by wider rationing of gasoline, and as more and more consumer goods become rationed or

Appalachian Hi School News

School is really under way as evidenced by the hurrying to and fro between classes and the load of books that one must carry with him everywhere he goes. Of course there is always time for a cheery "Hello" and even a chat about the good times we are having.

Besides regular classroom studies, each student has the privilege of joining a couple of clubs which meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The clubs were organized to meet the students' needs and desires as nearly as possible, and each person may choose the one best suited to his own particular interests. These organizations include such activities as current events, model airplane, music appreciation, boys' and girls' glee club, boys' and girls' basketball, folk dancing, travel, flower growing, current fiction and many others.

The student council was organized last week under the sponsorship of Mr. Williams, dramatics instructor. Officers elected were: Walter Boone, president; Faye Aldridge, vice-president, and Betty Jane Miller, secretary. Members include Stephen Davis, Baxter Miller, Louise Hardy and Constance Jackson from the senior class; Kenneth Clay, Glenn Greer, J. D. Miller, Nancy Jane Wilcox, Lois Howell and Dorothy Brown from the junior class; Arbie Greene, Rachel Anne Vance, Evelyn Hartley and Walter Cooke from the sophomore class; and Vernon Honeycutt, Bill Aldridge, Jean Wilson and Annie Mae Carroll from

eliminated. The report of the rubber investigation shows that the rubber situation really is perilous and it appears likely that confiscation of rubber products, including tires, will be necessary unless the public shows a much greater willingness to co-operate than has been demonstrated so far.

the freshman class. The purpose of the student council is to teach democracy in the high school and to train the students in self-government. This club meets every Wednesday morning from 9:45 to 10:15 in room 210 to discuss and try to solve the problems brought before it, and it is very important that each member be present.

The senior class will be lead this year by Stephen Davis. His corps of helpers will include Louise Hardy in as vice-president; Albert King as secretary, and Betty Jane Miller as treasurer.

Mrs. Penix's senior girls chose Mary Jo Ragan as president; Louise Greene as vice-president; Virginia Norris as secretary, and Ollie Jean Clawson as treasurer.

The commercial department of the demonstration high school is offering courses to adults in shorthand and typing from 4:30 till 6:30 every Monday through Friday. The only charge connected with either of these courses is a \$1.00 rental fee on a typewriter each month. Those interested in taking either or both courses, please get in touch with Mr. Wey or one of the high school's commercial teachers, Miss Bell and Miss Conlee.

SCRAP

Since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, a total of 3,100,000 pounds of scrap materials has been gathered and shipped from Martin county.

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BOONE ROUTE 2 PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones visited their daughter, Josephine, at a Winston-Salem hospital last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hartley and daughter Jane, have returned to Bristol after spending a week with Mrs. Hartley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cook.

Miss Jackie Cook has been ill suffering from an infected tooth. Mr. and Mrs. Ned Norris are visiting this week in Bristol.

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