



FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS NOW IN RED CROSS FUND

Watauga County Quota Over-Reports of War Fund Drive subscribed About 40%. Late Reports Indicate: Some of the Late Contributors.

Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the Red Cross war fund campaign in this county, revealed Tuesday evening that \$5,036.15 had been subscribed by Watauga county people, or nearly 40% per cent more than the quota of \$3,600 which was set for Watauga. There are still some reports to come in, and the figure given will be revised slightly upward when the final check-up is made.

Following are the names of some of the late contributors. The others will be published next week:

Willow Valley Neighborhood.
Ruth Greene, worker.
C. F. Thompson 1.00, A. W. Phillips 50, Mrs. James Tester .50, Mrs. C. F. Thompson .50, Juanita Tester .05, Mrs. R. S. Tester 1.00, Clyde Greene 1.00, Sarah Swift .25, Bert Swift .25, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Glenn 4.00, Earl Main .25, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greene 1.00, Spencer Campbell 1.00, Mrs. Spencer Campbell .50, Lucile James .25, Faye James .10, Mrs. Hannah Norris .25, Mrs. Desie Wilcox .50, Mrs. Crete Swift 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hartman 1.00, Mamie Lois Harmon .25, Cecil Harmon .25, Virginia Harmon .25, Mr. and Mrs. Roby Greene 1.00, Mrs. Dillard Greene 1.00, Howard Greene .10, Grady Harmon 1.00, Evelyn Simpson .75, Grover Harmon .50, Howard Simpson .40, Ronda Norris .25, Earl Norris .10, Thelma Norris .25, Wilma Norris .25.

Marie Greene, Worker
C. J. Greene 1.00, Mrs. C. J. Green 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. George Harmon 2.00, Raymond Harmon .50, Iva Jean Harmon .50, Oscar Harmon .50, Albert Harmon .50, Maxie Harmon .50, L. D. Harmon .50, Mrs. A. P. Ward 1.00, Spencer Cable .50, G. C. Ward .50, Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Harmon .50, J. O. Ward 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Edmisten 2.00, Mary Helen Edmisten 1.00, Hoyt Edmisten 1.00, Marie Greene .50, Spencer Greene .50.

Valle Crucis Neighborhood.
W. W. Mast, worker.
A. B. Hodges 1.00, Mrs. Stella Dunn 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kohne 1.00, Ralph Baird .50, Leonard Hodges 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Eggers 2.00, Mrs. Jennie Eggers .50.

Triplett Neighborhood.
Emmett Oliver, worker.
Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Carroll 2.00, Floyd Whisman 1.00, Mrs. Violet Hoak 2.00, Charlie Hodges 1.00, Mrs. Elsie Hodges 1.00, Claude Triplett 1.00, A. S. Hayes 1.00, A. J. Wheeler 1.00.

Winebarger Neighborhood.
O. G. Winebarger, worker.
Ford Miller .25, Earl Bryan 1.00, Arlie Bryan 1.00, Woodrow Winebarger 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moretz 2.00, Arlie Proffitt 1.00, Winebarger school 1.30.

Howard's Creek Neighborhood.
Mr. and Mrs. Finley Hodges, workers.

Blaine Miller 1.00, Watt Tester 1.00, Ronda Ragan 1.00, Miss Frances Miller .50, Mrs. W. L. Brown 1.00, David P. Miller 1.00, Mrs. Henry J. Hardin 1.00, John Greene 1.00, Mrs. N. L. Barnes .50, Mrs. W. O. Brown 1.00, Steve Brown 1.00, Roby Brown .50, W. O. Brown .50, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Brown 2.00, June Greene 1.00, B. B. Greene .50, Mrs. Bill Boyles 1.00, C. G. Hodges .50, Mrs. Roscoe Greer 1.00, N. E. Miller 1.00, Mrs. Bart Norris 1.00, Mrs. J. J. Miller 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Finley P. Hodges 2.00.

Miller School Neighborhood.
Herman Moretz, worker.

Letha Norris 1.00, Pansy Norris .55, Rosa Stanbury .50, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jackson 1.00, Mabel Keller .25, Pearl Cowles 1.00, Roxie Brown .50.

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Greater Activity Needed to Meet War Bond Quota

Watauga county as of March 15, still had \$12,187.50 to go on her quota of War bond sales for March, it is revealed by the War Savings Staff, Women's Division.

An intensified effort on the part of workers throughout the county will be required if the county is to exceed her quota, as has been the case in the past months.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Eden Holds Press Conference in U. S.



Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, holds a press conference in the British embassy in Washington. At this conference he said: "Co-operation between the United States, Great Britain, Soviet Russia, and China is pretty well indispensable if the world is to have lasting peace after the war." Shown left to right, are Lord Halifax and Anthony Eden.

Watch The Date

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FARTHING HEADS WAR LOAN DRIVE

Northwestern Bank Cashier To Be Chairman of Local War Finance Committee.

Mr. W. D. Farthing, cashier of the Northwestern Bank in this city, has been appointed chairman of the war finance committee for Watauga county, and will direct the second war loan drive in this county in April. The appointment was made by Hugh Leach, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, district chairman.

The April campaign will seek to sell Treasury bonds of all kinds with a goal of 13 billions for the nation as a whole. The quota for the state and for Watauga county have not yet been announced.

Mr. Farthing states that in the forthcoming campaign the War Savings Staff and the Victory Fund Committee organizations would be combined under the U. S. Treasury War Finance Committee. All committees formerly working on these organizations should be combined under the U. S. Treasury War Finance Committee. All committees formerly working under those organizations will be called upon to serve in this drive and other workers will be added. The object of the Treasury Department will be to seek out every person who can possibly purchase an \$18.75 bond or more.

The campaign will open April 12 and continue to May 1. "This second war loan drive will put across the largest financing program ever undertaken by any government in the history of the world," Mr. Farthing stated. "It will require the most enthusiastic effort on the part of the largest organization of volunteer salesmen ever assembled."

A wide variety of bonds will be offered including Series C tax notes Series E War Bonds, Series F and G Savings Bonds, 2% medium term bonds and 2½% 26 year bonds.

Mr. Farthing stated that a complete county organization for the local drive would be announced in a few days.

Burley Tobacco Bill Goes Through House

Washington, March 22.—Without objection the house approved today a bill which would permit all growers of burley tobacco to plant at least half an acre this year.

The bill was sent to the Senate. Its author, Rep. Flannagan (D. Va.) said he expected speedy passage there.

Favorable growing conditions and a record demand for farm products increased the farm income from 6,748 million dollars in 1941 to 10,200 million dollars in 1942.

FUN DRIVING BAN ENDED FOR EAST-RATION HALVED

New Ration Order Effective On Last Monday Limits Non-Occupational Car Use to 90 Miles A Month; Ride-Sharing Required for Supplements.

Eastern motorists in Watauga and the east generally were rid of the pleasure driving ban on Monday, at the start of the new gasoline ration period, but their troubles are only beginning.

At 12:01 a. m. when the ban was rescinded, basic "A" gasoline rations were halved to limit non-occupational driving to 90 miles per month. In terms of gasoline consumption this means each "A" card holder will be limited to a gallon and a half a week over a four-month period, instead of three gallons a week over a two-month period.

The "A" card holders have one advantage, but it is not too flexible. If they have been driving to work they will be eligible to supplemental rations, but first they must prove they have formed car-sharing clubs or convince their local rationing boards they are unable to do so. Failing in this, they'll face a gasoline famine.

The reduced gallonage may be used at the motorists discretion for family or personal necessity such as shopping, trips to the doctor or dentist, or even pleasure driving—at his own risk.

OPA has instructed ration boards to "get tough" on ride-sharing requirements. Reasons of inconvenience will no longer be accepted. Applicants for supplemental rations (Continued on page eight)

FIVE SCHOOLS IN FORENSIC EVENT

On Friday March 19, the following high schools participated in the sixth annual Appalachian High School Language and Forensic Tournament: Appalachian, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek, Elkland, and Jefferson.

Prof. S. J. Wood of the Department of English at Appalachian College directed the tournament, assisted by Miss Jean Stirewalt as student chairman.

The first and second place winners in each division are as follows: English—8th grade girls: Margery Bradley, Cove Creek and Peggy Lovill, Boone; Winstan Miller and James Benfield, Blowing Rock. 9th grade girls: Marylyn Johnson Boone, and Evelyn Vannoy, Jefferson. Boys: Floyd Furr, Boone, and Earl Coffey, Blowing Rock. 10th grade girls: Betty Jean Farthing Boone, and Mary Martha Bingham, Cove Creek. Boys: Wilbur Brewer, Cove Creek, and Alan Craig, Blowing Rock. 11th grade girls: Mary Hazel Farthing, Cove Creek, Willas Borden, Elkland; boys: Lane Reese, Cove Creek, and Gene Reese, Boone.

French: First year girls: Betty Jean Farthing, Boone, and Lelia Ward, Blowing Rock. Boys: Tommy Kelp, Blowing Rock. Second year girls: Mary Hazel Farthing, Cove Creek, and Frances Dillard, Jefferson; boys: H. Y. Mast, Cove Creek.

Declaration: Ronda Teams, Cove Creek, first; and John Graham, Elkland second.

Extemporaneous speaking: girls: Doris Howell, Boone, first, and tied (Continued on page eight)

LARGE DORMITORY AT BANNER ELK RAZED BY FLAMES

Lees-McRae College Suffers Big Loss in Monday Blaze; Loss From \$50,000 to \$75,000; College Library Is Saved; Boone Fireman Aid In Fighting Fire.

(Special to the Democrat.)

Banner Elk, March 22.—Lees-McRae Junior College, Banner Elk, suffered the greatest property loss in its history Monday afternoon when fire destroyed Tennessee Dormitory for girls. The loss was placed at between \$50,000 and \$75,000, and was partially covered by insurance.

Members of the faculty were at lunch when one of the girls who stayed in the dormitory rushed in and said the building was on fire. The alarm was sounded, and students, teachers, citizens and children of the community rushed to the scene to aid in any manner they could in extinguishing the blaze.

Boone Firemen Called.
Banner Elk itself has no fire department, but firemen were called from Boone, Newland and Elk Park and they arrived on the scene within 30 minutes.

However the blaze gained headway rapidly and despite valiant efforts the building could not be saved. Three hours after the fire started at 1:15 o'clock, smoldering ruins were all that remained of the four-story semi-fireproof stone building, which had concrete floors and was erected in 1925 as the second of the modern structures of the college plant.

Library Is Saved.
Through the work of students, the teachers and townspeople, who formed a line to pass the books from one to another, the college library of more than 1,000 volumes was saved. It was housed on the first floor of the dormitory.
Dr. W. C. Tate, president of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association which owns and operates the college Grace Hospital, and the Grandfather Home for children here, said that efforts will be started at once to replace the building. To do this, a campaign for funds will be conducted, with the hope and expectation that friends of the institution will respond liberally to the appeal for aid.

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MERCHANTS TO SERVE BANQUET

The members of the Boone Merchants Association will be hosts to their employees at the annual banquet to be held at the Gateway Cafe Thursday evening at 7:30.

The banquet will be in the form of a point meeting of the Merchants group and the Chamber of Commerce and the latter organization is slated to elect officers at this time.

In so far as the merchants are concerned the program will be strictly one of entertainment and fun.

Red Cross Garments Are Badly Needed

The Watauga County Red Cross Chapter is to receive soon 100 pounds of wool for garments for our service men, and the knitting committee would like to complete and ship all garments from previous quotas as soon as possible.

If, for any reason, garments cannot be finished within two months time, the committee would be glad to have them returned to the work room.

The following paragraph from a recent letter from Red Cross headquarters will explain why it is so important not to hold up this necessary work:

"If you have not already completed previous quotas, please make every effort to do so at the earliest possible moment. The calls from our field directors and from Naval Supply Depots are still greater than we can meet. A follow-up should be made with every worker who has had yarn for more than one month."

1943 Fishing License Are Now On Sale

Fishing license for the 1943 season, are now on sale at the usual places throughout the county, says County Warden Walter Edmisten, who reminds that the trout season will be open in this county on April 15th.

Little Miss Moffet



Lucky is little Ann Moffet of Millbridge, Maine, for while other little boys and girls must be content with stuffed Teddy bears she has the real McCoy. Maine game wardens found the cubs abandoned in the woods and little Ann applied for the job of foster mother.

VONLEY TRIPLETT DIES FROM SHOTS POLICE OFFICER

President of Elk Township Succumbs in Wilkes Hospital To Shots Fired in Altercation In Boone With Chief Gross; Funeral Services Held Friday.

Vonley Triplett, aged 39 years, resident of Elk Township, died in the Wilkes Hospital Wednesday night of last week, where he was taken on the Saturday previous, for treatment for gunshot wounds inflicted by Police Officer Lee Gross of Boone, when an altercation developed as the officer sought to arrest Triplett and his companions on charges of drunkenness.

Triplett was hit by two revolver bullets, one entering the left abdomen, the other in the right side. After he received emergency treatment in Boone, he was taken to North Wilkesboro, where little hope was ever held for his recovery.

According to official statements regarding the tragedy the shots were fired by the officer when he attempted to arrest Vonley Triplett, a brother Clyde, and two sons of the dead man, Raymond and Gurney Triplett on charges of inebriety. A general fight developed when the men resisted arrest, and the Police Chief states he fired the fatal shots in self-defense.

Deceased is survived by the widow, Mrs. Sallie Triplett, and five sons: Gurney, Raymond, Herbert, Arlie and Daniel Triplett.

The body was returned to Watauga and funeral services were conducted Friday at 2 o'clock at the Laurel Springs Baptist church.

Mrs. J. L. Glenn, 72, Succumbs Thursday

Mrs. J. L. Glenn, 72 of Sugar Grove, died at the home of a son, Dr. R. O. Glenn of Mountain City, Tennessee, last Thursday, after a short illness.

Mrs. Glenn was a native of Watauga County and the daughter of the late Edmond Marshal and Rachel Farthing Greer. Her noble and Christian character was manifest in her home and in her community.

The funeral services were conducted from Antioch Baptist Church, of which she had been a loyal member for many years at 2:00 Saturday afternoon by Rev. J. C. Canipe, assisted by Rev. W. C. Payne and Rev. D. M. Ermisten. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Her grandsons and nephews were pallbearers: Ray Farthing, Baxter Farthing, Hubert Thomas, Ralph Church, Wilson Hodges, Barton Farthing, Frank, Abner, and Edmond Greer, Victor Russel, Albert and Marshall Farthing.

Flower girls were granddaughters, nieces, and friends of the family.

She is survived by the husband, John Louis Glenn, whom she married June 4, 1886; six daughters: Mrs. Hard Thomas, Mrs. Ben Farthing, Mrs. Aubyn Farthing, all of Valle Crucis; Mrs. Clyde Tester of Banner Elk; Mrs. Orrus Trivette of Beech Creek; Mrs. Doughton Greene, of Sugar Grove; four sons: A. G. Glenn of Smithfield; R. O. Glenn of Mountain City, Tenn.; E. T. Glenn of Boone; E. L. Glenn of Sugar Grove; a sister, Miss Edith Greer of Sugar Grove; three brothers: Alfonso Greer of Butler, Tenn.; Orrus Greer or Rupert, Idaho; Raymond Greer of Morewood, Okla., twenty-six grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

County Agent Says Every Family Should Have Victory Garden

"Every family in Watauga county should plan to grow a garden this year," says county agent Harry M. Hamilton, who adds: "I think that most of the people of this county realize the importance of growing a larger and better garden, however there are some families in all sections of the county who have not had much of a garden in the past and it is these families that we want to encourage to plant a better garden."

"A Victory Garden simply means a garden that furnishes an ample supply of the proper vegetables for the families during the summer and enough to can for winter use."

"Every good gardener is urged to encourage those people in his or her community who have not had good gardens to grow the right kind of garden this year."

FARMERS MAY GET ADDITIONAL GAS TO MARKET PRODUCE

Community Committeemen Are Receiving Applications For Extra Gas For Use in Farmers' Cars, Tractors, Etc., A List Of The Various Committees.

Any farmer who will need an additional amount of gasoline for his car in order to haul produce to market can see his local community committeemen and place his application, says W. W. Mast, Chairman of the Watauga County Farm Transportation Committee.

Committeemen, continued Mr. Mast, will also take applications for tractors and other non-highway fuel burning equipment. Each application will be reviewed by the Watauga County Transportation Committee and recommendations will be made to the Office of Price Administration in order to assist farmers in securing sufficient gasoline to market farm produce. In view of tightening of gasoline regulations it is very necessary to attend to this at once.

Additional gasoline may be secured only through the above procedure.

Following are the names of the committeemen who may be seen regarding gasoline for farm cars and non-highway fuel-burning equipment:

Bald Mountain: W. F. Norris, W. S. Miller, M. H. Stevens.

Beaver Dam: George Robinson.

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Urgent Need Red Cross Surgical Dressings Is Noted; Need Workers

Local Red Cross officials point to the inadequate number of workers in the surgical dressings department and insist on every person in the community who possibly can, lending a hand in this essential war work. It is pointed out that local workers are still engaged in the filling of last November's quota, and it is felt that with complete cooperation of the people Watauga county can "catch up."

Information coming to the local chapter is to the effect that the Moore General Hospital at Swannanoa is now full to overflowing with wounded soldiers from the present war, and that they don't have enough bandages. Reports also reach the officials that ships docking on Carolina's coast and unloading wounded soldiers, bring stories of washing and reusing bandages.

No machine has been devised that can roll these bandages, so that there will be no wrinkles to irritate the raw wounds upon which they will be used. They must be made by hand—YOUR hands if you please, if there is to be enough. Immediate volunteers are requested.

W. T. GRAGG SUCCEMBS
Meager information tells of the recent death in the Globe neighborhood of Caldwell county of W. T. Gragg, aged citizen of that community who had made his home in Boone until the last few months. No details are available other than that the funeral services were conducted at Lenoir last Sunday.