



OVERFLOW GROUP CAMPERS IS SEEN AT YONAHLOSSEE

Kepharts Return From Promotional Trip; Say Enrollment at Summer Camp For Girls Near Complete; Numbers of Applicants Must Be Turned Away.

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart, owners of Camp Yonahlossee have just returned to the county, after a ten weeks promotion trip through the southeast. They are limiting their travel this year to this one trip, although they usually spend most of the months of March, April and May on the road.

Camp Yonahlossee was set up for 100 campers and a staff of about 40. Last season after taking about 25% more, or 125 campers, many had to be turned away. This year, says Dr. Kephart, many more will be turned away, for the enrollment is now almost complete.

Some difficulty in finding enough counselors was to have been anticipated but the Kepharts report that many of their former staff will return and that new ones of Yonahlossee's high standard in quality are available.

Since last season a number of marked improvements have been made, among which are a new six room crafts house, an enlargement of the kitchen and an addition of an electric dish washing machine, and the building of much stone wall.

Dr. Kephart expressed the opinion, upon inquiry, that from his experience in getting enrollments and an early and fine response, the indications are that this area will enjoy a very good season.

RED CROSS FUND OVER 53 HUNDRED

Late Reports Continue to Raise Total of War Fund; List Of Recent Contributors

The Red Cross fund in Watauga County has reached the sum of \$5,398.40, according to late figures compiled by Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the campaign, which was so successful that the \$3,800 quota established for the county was reached in the first few days of the effort.

Mr. Greene states that 55% of the money raised goes to national headquarters, while 45% per cent remains in the local treasury. He insists that all those who have not made their final reports to him, do so at once in order that the accounting may be completed and the report made to the national Red Cross organization.

Following is a list of the more recent contributors:

- Perkinsville Neighborhood: Mrs. R. C. Winebarger Worker, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Brown 2.00, Baird's Creek Neighborhood: Willie Earp, Worker, Carrie Hayes .25, Green Miller .05, Bynum Hodge 1.60, Don Coffey 1.00, Annie Mae Earp .10, Noah Earp .05, Monnie Green .50, Big Hill Neighborhood: M. H. Norris, worker, Mr. and Mrs. H. Earl Norris \$1.50, Mrs. Zora Jones .50, J. F. Moretz .50, Earl Moretz .50, Paul Moretz 1.00, Mrs. Mabel Moretz 1.00, Mrs. Nora Moretz 1.00, Ronda Jean Holman 1.00, E. F. Moretz .50, Mrs. E. F. Moretz 1.50, Elizabeth Moretz .25, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moretz 1.50, Ida Jones .50, Todd Neighborhood: Mrs. Fred Krider, worker, Mrs. M. A. Woodring 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krider 6.00, Walter Scott 1.00, Miss Nettie Davis 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Krider 2.00, Hort Bledsoe 1.00, Roby Winebarger 1.00, J. C. Krider 1.00, Silverstone Neighborhood: Shaw Eggers, worker, Mr. and Mrs. Conley Eggers 1.00, Mrs. Myrtle Kilmo 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ragan 1.00, Paul Perry 25, Trelee Perry .25, Mrs. William Greer, worker, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Edmisten, worker, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Edmisten 1.00. (Continued on page four.)

NO. 1 YANK IN TUNISIA INSPECTS TROOPS



Photo shows General Dwight Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of Allied forces in North Africa, in an informal pose enjoying a chuckle with some U. S. troops during an inspection tour of the Tunisian area shortly before the big battle for Tunisia got into full swing.

Chairman Watauga Red Cross Chapter Thanks People For Raising War Fund

Rev. M. H. Currie, Chairman of the Watauga Chapter American Red Cross, issues the following statement of commendation in regard to the unprecedented fine response of the people of the county to the Red Cross War Fund campaign:

It is with real pride and satisfaction that we review what the Watauga County Chapter has done during the War Fund Drive this year. Congratulations go to the entire citizenship of the county for the fine response to this call. Also to all who made the organized effort possible, we offer our sincere gratitude.

"I want to say a word of thanks, too, to the leaders in the drive, Mr. Clyde Greene and his co-chairman Mrs. J. E. Holshouser believed in what the whole county could do, and they have worked hard to give everyone an opportunity to give. Dr. Matheson and his crops of helpers in Boone, Mrs. Hayes and her helpers in Blowing Rock, have shown what patriotism and devoted energy can accomplish. A special appreciation goes to Mr. Harry Hamilton, who with his neighborhood leaders, and the help of Miss Elizabeth Bridge, proved that throughout the county, people know and love the American Red Cross and know how to dig down deep—and give.

"Though the drive for funds closes with the end of March, any who have not yet contributed as they wanted may contribute at any time. Through the kindness of Dr. Perry and Mr. G. H. Winkler, the local chapter will continue to enjoy the benefits of its present quarters. This is a real contribution toward our program, which serves you throughout the year.

"Because you have given liberally we will be able to meet our present budget, to send the stated 55 per cent to the total contributions to national headquarters, and from the surplus to expand in order to meet the rising needs of our men in the armed forces."

Watauga Boy Makes Good in Detroit, Mich.

Henry Whiting, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Whiting of Shulls Mills, sales manager for the Packard Motor Car Co., Detroit, Mich., has been honored by being made chairman of the Wayne County Republican Finance Committee, which comprises 13 of Detroit's most distinguished leaders. Henry, in a letter to his father, states that a part of his new duties will be to raise a half million dollars between now and March of 1944.

Henry Whiting is well known in Watauga where he peeled hemlock bark on Boone's Fork and shipped timber from his dad's mill at Shulls Mills. His successful career will be watched with much interest by Watauga county people.

WATCH THE LABEL on your copy of the Democrat. The date thereon indicated is the date the publisher will have to stop your paper, if renewal has not been received. Look now at the date, and don't miss a single issue of your county paper.

PLANS TAKE SHAPE FOR VICTORY BOND DRIVE IN WATAUGA

W. D. Farthing County Director Of April War Bond Effort, to Start on April 12; Complete Local Organization Will Be Formed at Meeting Tonight.

Mr. W. D. Farthing, county director; Mrs. J. A. W. Davis, County Chairman; Mrs. M. I. Maddux, chairman for Boone; and Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart went to Hickory on last Friday night to meet with officers of eight adjoining counties to hear Mr. W. H. Neil, area manager-war finance committee, 5th Federal Reserve District, and vice-president of the Wachovia Bank, Winston-Salem, give preliminary instructions for inaugurating the Victory Bond Drive, which starts on April 12th, for the purpose of selling \$13,000,000,000 worth of bonds by May 1.

On Monday the following local leaders met at the Gateway Club with Mr. Neal, Mr. A. G. Ford and Mr. J. T. Triplett of Lenoir; J. M. Shoemaker of Banner Elk, to take the first steps toward forming a county organization to conduct the campaign: W. D. Farthing, Mrs. J. A. W. Davis, Mrs. M. I. Maddux, Dr. and Mrs. Kephart, Mrs. W. M. Matheson, Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, Mrs. Stanley Harris, Clyde R. Green, Dr. D. J. Whitener, and Dr. W. Amos Abrams.

On Thursday night of this week a complete organization will be formed for a concentrated effort looking toward selling Watauga's share of this thirteen million dollars in government securities.

Every business concern, every organization, and every person in the county will be expected to accept some responsibility for reaching the goal set for Watauga.

"If we were asked to GIVE this share," says Dr. Kephart, rather than have our liberties taken from us, we would do so gladly. Since it is an investment which brings returns not only in cash, but in protection and security, in saving of the lives of our fighting men, and helps to prevent the destruction of the foundations of our government, we buy gladly and with real sacrifice."

Justices Of Peace Named By Assembly

Following are the names of Justices of the Peace for Watauga county named by the recent session of the General Assembly:

- Bald Mountain township: R. F. Vannoy, Glenn Howell, Beaver Dam: Asa L. Reese, Dave Hagaman, Blowing Rock: T. H. Coffey, Sr., W. C. Lentz, Blue Ridge: J. M. Bradshaw, Cove Creek: J. L. Wilson, Laurel Creek: E. B. Hagaman, Meat Camp: Verne Greene, C. G. Hodges, J. B. Clawson, North Fork: Sam South, Shawneehaw: Ernie Triplett, Dock Chappell, Stony Fork: E. B. Hardin, W. S. Moretz, Watauga: Clint Baird, Hayden Fox.

Nazis Think Beginning European Invasion Near

While Berlin still staggered under the shock of its second bombing by the RAF in three nights, German authorities acknowledged today that the wave of allied aerial blows possibly "marks the beginning" of an invasion of the continent, and Britain started clearing the coasts for a spring board for landings in Hitler's Europe.

For the 60th time since the war began, RAF bombers roared over the German capital in an overnight raid described officially as both heavy and successful. Twenty-one big bombers failed to return, compared with the nine lost Saturday night when the RAF dumped 900 tons of bombs in the heaviest pounding of Berlin up to then.

Other British bombers hammered war plants in Germany's Ruhr valley last night and 12 of them failed to get back to base. The loss of 33 bombers in the combined operations was the sixth heaviest toll ever suffered by the RAF in a single night.

PIANO RECITAL: Piano students of Mrs. Boone will be heard in recital Friday evening April 2nd at 8 o'clock in the College auditorium. The high school trio, under the direction of Mrs. Clark, will render vocal selections. All those who would like to attend will be welcomed.

G. A. R. VET IS 101



D. W. Stevens of Wasco, Ill., only surviving member of Elgin, Ill. Post 49, G. A. R. has just turned the century mark. He enlisted at 19 in the Army of the Potomac and fought in the battles of Antietam and Williamsport. A bit feeble in body, his mind is clear and alert.

MANY BONDS SOLD TO CITY RETAILERS

Officers Chamber Commerce Names At Ladies Night Banquet Session.

At the annual ladies night and employer-employee banquet of the Boone Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce \$4,150 worth of war bonds were sold, and new officers elected by the commerce group.

The bonds were sold through the auction of a large number of items of merchandise given by the different merchants. The bids were in terms of war bonds, and the one bidding the highest was given the article auctioned. Wade E. Brown acted as auctioneer, and so much interest developed in the sales, that additional guests volunteered donations and many gifts were offered for resale.

H. W. Wilcox was elected president of the Commerce body for the fifth term; S. C. Eggers, vice-president; C. A. Price, Treasurer; Bus Crowell, D. B. Dougherty, L. T. Tatum and J. E. Holshouser, directors.

Allied Bombers Attack Destroyers of Nippon

Allied heavy bombers intercepted a convoy of four enemy destroyers Wednesday, which were attempting to run supplies into New Guinea, probably sank one with a direct hit, five miles off Pinschafen, and forced the rest to flee northward under cover of heavy weather.

Bombers caught up with the convoy shortly after midnight and attacked with the aid of flares. A 500-pound bomb scored a direct hit on the stern of one large destroyer, and the rest were last sighted disappearing northeast of Cape Gloucester, at the southwest tip of New Britain.

It was believed that any attempt of Nippon to deliver supplies failed.

Three Forks Association To Hold Spring Session

The regular spring session of the Three Forks Baptist Association is to be held at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Boone, R. F. D. 2, on April 30, it has been announced. The complete program for the meeting will be announced later.

City Council Not To Issue Beer License After End Of April

Mayor W. H. Gragg tells the Democrat Wednesday morning that the City Council has decided not to issue any more beer and wine license in the Town of Boone after the expiration of the present licenses on April 30. Accordingly Mrs. Ruby P. Ellis, Secretary to the town board, has sent the following letter to the two local beer dealers:

"I have been instructed by the Mayor and Town Board to notify you that they will not issue any more beer and wine license in the town of Boone after your license expires on April 30. We are giving you this notice now, so that you may be able to dispose of the stock which you have on hand on or before April 30, 1943."

CHIEF GROSS FILLS BOND IN SHOOTING V ONLY TRIPLETT

Warrant For Boone Officer Taken by Member Triplett Family; Gross Waives Hearing; Takes Leave Of Absence From Police Force; Niley Cook Named.

Police Chief A. L. Gross, who appeared before Magistrate E. N. Hahn last Wednesday afternoon, as a result of a warrant taken by Mrs. Vonley Triplett charging him with the fatal shooting of her husband as an arrest was attempted here two weeks ago, waived preliminary hearing and filled bond of \$1,000 for his appearance at the April term of Superior Court.

The hearing was waived and the amount of bond fixed as a result of a telephone conversation with Solicitor L. S. Spurling.

Triplett died in a Wilkesboro hospital four days after the altercation in which Chief Gross stated he shot in defense of his own life, as he tried to secure the arrest of Triplett and three companions on a charge of inebriety.

Following the legal action Chief Gross asked the city council to grant him a leave of absence as police officer "until the facts in the case can be brought out before the public." The town board granted Mr. Gross' requests, and his place is being filled by Mr. Niley G. Cook.

Rommel Pursued by English, Yank Forces

Whipped on land and furiously bombed from the air, Marshal Rommel's weary Africa army is plunging toward Sfax tonight after being thrown out of Gabes and El Hamma, with the conquering British eighth army in hot pursuit and with American forces threatening his left flank.

The axis forces were drawing back on the coastal highway running 90 miles around the Gulf of Gabes to Sfax under relentless pressure.

The German luftwaffe tried in vain to fend off the devastating allied air attack, but these were pressed home against the fleeing enemy transports and 300 vehicles were either destroyed or damaged. Lighted by the fires of his wrecked motor carriers, Rommel's retreat highway last night was like a scene from Dante's inferno.

On the axis left flank, American forces were smashing at enemy machine gun outposts and other U. S. troops hurled back three German counter attacks designed to give Rommel elbow room on his retreat.

Another 2,000 prisoners were added to the allied bag in the south, swelling the total to 8,000. The advancing British first army in the north seized 700 and the Americans in the center gathered in 200 to make the total allied captives near 13,000 for the recent phase of the campaign, moreover, there were indications that Rommel again had abandoned large numbers of Italians of the 20th and 21st Italian army corps in his flight to save his own skin.

Reds Repulse Massed Nazi Donets Assault

Red army guardsmen, smashing an attack by massed German tanks supported by artillery and planes, have knocked out at least 42 enemy tanks and 18 planes in a day's fighting on the Donets river front, Russia's Tuesday midnight communique said.

Suddenly intensifying their attack in an attempt to break the Donets line which had held so firmly the German command sent an entire tank division against a sector held by the guardsmen, pick of the Red Army.

The tanks, estimated here to number upwards of 300 on the basis of normal German divisional strength attacked under the protection of a heavy artillery barrage and swarms (Continued on page eight.)

Escaped Prisoner From Local Camp Is Caught

Oscar Pitts, state penal director, said yesterday a representative of the prison department had been sent to Colville, Washington, to return Clemon Chappell, 27 year-old white man, who escaped from the Watauga prison camp at Boone last October.

Pitts said the escapee was serving a 15 to 25 year sentence for second degree murder and was sent up from Yadkin county in 1932.

Chappell, said Pitts, has one other escape record to his credit and two attempts.