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COUNTY REACHES GOAL IN SECOND WAR LOAN DRIVE

Farthing Says Quota is Already Reached in Bond Sale, But Asks Continued Purchase of Securities; Local Campaign Has Been Actively Prosecuted

Mr. W. D. Farthing, chairman of the second war loan campaign in Watauga County, told the Democrat that hurried calculations Tuesday night brought the assurance that Watauga has reached its goal of \$53,900 or perhaps surpassed it.

Mr. Farthing says that actual figures are not available at this time, but that accurate tabulations of the sales at the various agencies will be made as quickly as possible.

At the same time Mr. Farthing asks that those who haven't done their share in this campaign should do so at once, so that the showing of the county may be as impressive as possible. The campaign ends this week.

The local phase of the Victory loan drive has been prosecuted with vigor and enthusiasm by a county-wide organization, and it is felt that the citizens have responded most generously to the appeal of their government. The local campaign was known as the Lieutenant Bill Kephart Victory Loan campaign, in honor of the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart who died in the fighting on Guadalcanal. The names of John Conway and Henry Proffitt, two other Wataugans who lost their lives in the present war were used in connection with the campaign, and the mention of these men who so bravely went into their country's battle and gave their lives provided a powerful incentive to the campaign here.

Miss Hardin Honored At Greensboro College

In a recent election at Greensboro college, members of the Emerson Literary Society named Miss Margaret Jon Hardin, of Boone, as the president of the society.

Miss Hardin, a daughter of Mrs. R. H. Hardin and the late Dr. Hardin of Boone, is a rising senior. As society marshal in her freshman year and as recording secretary her sophomore year, Miss Hardin has been an active member of the Emerson Society. During the current school year, she has served as business manager of the Students' Handbook and as assistant business manager of the student newspaper, the Collegian. Her campus activities also include two years in the violin section of the college orchestra. She will succeed Miss Wilma Wall, of Thomasville.

New County Library Hours Announced

The County Library will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 to 5 o'clock, states Mrs. Maude Ingle, the librarian.

Mrs. Ingle further states that the library now has the state appropriation with which to buy new books, and that suggestions of any patron or teacher will be appreciated.

American Forces Storm Strongest Axis Positions As Africa Battle Nears Crisis

Allied headquarters in North Africa, April 27.—French troops have smashed to the outskirts of Pont Du Fahs, their high command announced tonight as the German defenses on the Tunisian bridgehead gave way slowly both at that key axis supply base and in the Medjez-El-Bab area, and front dispatches indicated that the critical stage of the great battle was near at hand.

Advancing in numerous sectors in the face of fierce opposition, allied forces pushed the axis line back to within 23 miles of Tunis and presumably were even closer to Bizerte.

Ten miles west of Mateur, however, American infantry which attacked the Djebel El Azzog were forced to fall back under heavy counter attacks. But even these troops were able to occupy the Djebel El Ajred in the area south of Jéna, itself due west of Mateur.

French Goumiers, driving into Pont Du Fahs from the southwest, were reported continuing their pressure on the retreating enemy in mountain terrain strewn with land mines.

Other French forces along the Mediterranean in the north, who had been reported within six miles of lake Achkel, and about 23 miles from Bizerte, advanced another three miles

Biggest Bond Buyer



Harry W. Hosford, Cleveland investment genius, who has bought 21 million dollars worth of war bonds in the current campaign. This amount probably tops purchases of any other individual in the nation. Hosford urged people to line up in front of bond booths.

ANOTHER RABID DOG SLAIN HERE

Mad Dog Scare Flares Anew in City; Dr. King Issues Warning.

Another rabid dog has been killed in the city, according to Dr. Robert R. King, of the district health department, who received the information from Raleigh Tuesday afternoon, the head of the dog having been sent there for diagnosis. The animal was slain by Hiram Carroll, a city employee.

A number of dogs were found to have been rabid in the early winter and a quarantine was declared and a large number of canines killed. Dr. King has not as yet declared a new quarantine but asks dog owners to keep the animals confined for the time being, and quotes the following sections from the state law, "An act to prevent rabies in the state of North Carolina": "Section 14. Every animal having rabies, and every animal known to have been bitten by another animal having rabies, shall be killed immediately by its owner or a peace officer. Provided, that if any animal known to have been bitten by a dog having rabies, but which has not developed the disease, shall have been vaccinated in accordance with this act, before being bitten, such animal shall be closely confined until it shall have been determined by the rabies inspector or a registered veterinarian that the animal has rabies, before it shall be required to be killed.

"Section 15. That every animal suspected of having rabies or having symptoms of the disease, or exposed to the disease, it shall be the duty of the person owning the animal or having possession thereof, to confine said animal in some secure place for at least three weeks and until released by the rabies inspector for the purpose of determining whether the animal has such disease."

Corporal James B. Farthing is now with the Officers Candidate Class 73, Ft. Sill, Okla.

VOTING FOR CITY OFFICIALS TAKES PLACE TUESDAY

Considerable Interest Awaits Outcome of Voting in Municipal Election Here; Light Vote in Prospect Due to Absence of Many Electors.

Citizens of the town of Boone will go to the polls next Tuesday to determine who will constitute the municipality's government during the next two years, and considerable interest appears to be developing in the race between the candidates of the two political parties.

Due to the fact that large numbers of the citizens of the town are in the armed forces and in war industry, and that absentee balloting is taboo, it is to be expected that a relatively small vote will be cast.

All of the incumbent officials have been nominated by the Republican party, including W. H. Gragg for Mayor; G. K. Moose, D. L. Wilcox and Kenneth Linney for aldermen. The Democrats have offered Gordon H. Winkler for mayor; Owen Wilson, Dr. W. M. Matheson and Lee H. Stout for aldermen.

It is expected that both parties will make a strong effort to get out their votes, and the outcome of the balloting will be watched with a great deal of interest.

REQUEST FOR BEER LICENSE IS REFUSED

Town Clerk Returns Check To Applicant; Beer Licenses Expire Friday.

One application has been made for license to sell wine and beer in the town of Boone for the coming year, it is revealed by G. K. Moose, town clerk, who says that the check was returned to the applicant, in accordance with a recent decision of the city council and mayor to issue no more license for the sale of these beverages in Boone.

The licenses expire on next Friday. The following letter which accompanied the return of the check to the applicant for license, is given out by Clerk Moose:

"Your registered letter of April 27th, containing cashier's check for \$25.00, in which you request that we issue you wine and beer license for next year, is duly acknowledged.

"As stated to you in a recent letter, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners have decided not to issue any wine and beer licenses. Your request is therefore refused and your check is being returned to you herewith."

Chamber Commerce, Merchants to Meet

A joint dinner session of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association will be held at the Gateway Cafe Thursday night, April 29, at 7:30.

Special guests will be the Appalachian Mountaineer basketball team and members of the Athletic Association. A short program has been arranged.

Mr. H. W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce urges full attendance to hear the discussion of urgent business, important to members of both organizations.

SHRUBBERY AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL THIS WEEK

Mayor W. H. Gragg again reminds the people that large quantity of various kinds of shrubbery will be available to them at the city Hall on Thursday and Friday of this week, at a very low cost. He asks that all who would like to plant some of this shrubbery get it while the various varieties are available.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION TO MEET AT OAK GROVE

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Three Forks Baptist Association will be held with Oak Grove Church May 5th.

This meeting was to have been held with Zion Hill Church, but due to the gas shortage it was thought best to meet at a more centrally located church. The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. and close at 2:30 p. m.

Miss Mary Currin of Raleigh will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the Oak Grove Church.

Miss Ola McNeil, business student at A. S. T. C. spent the week-end with her parents at Purlear, N. C.

SECOND WAR LOAN DRIVE NEARS END



"They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money"

U. S. Treasury Department

GRAND JURY IN USUAL REPORT IS VISITOR HERE

Affairs of County Reported to be in Good Shape; Minor Repairs Are Suggested.

Following is the report tendered to Judge Will Pless, just prior to the adjournment of Watauga Superior Court early last week:

"We have passed on all bills sent from the court to us, after examination of the witnesses, and reported same to the court.

"We sent a committee to visit the county home and find the inmates well treated and provided for, but some repairs are needed, namely: The barn needs new sills and the woodshed needs a new roof and should have immediate attention. The porch of the home should be repaired and some painting done, also a door should be cut in the spring house.

"A committee visited the Clerk of Court's office and reported on guardian G. F. Critcher, who had not made a report since Sept. 1940. The balance due was \$1,409.02.

"A committee visited the jail and found that repairs should be made on the roof, plumbing, and some window lights replaced.

The courthouse and county buildings were in good shape so far as we can tell, except toilets in county building should have attention.

"We recommend a room be provided for the comfort of the grand jury witnesses when court is in session.

"We also visited the State prison camp in a body and found everything in fine shape and were fed an excellent dinner, which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

"Respectfully submitted, THOS. H. COFFEY, JR., Foreman.

LOCAL YOUTH LEAVES ON LONG BICYCLE TRIP

Stanley South, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. South, left Monday for a two weeks bicycle tour to Charleston, S. C., and other southern cities. The young man who is traveling alone telephoned his parents Monday evening from Charlotte.

Stanley had just finished High School where he received a letter in scholarship and band work, and the solo bike tour comes in the nature of a vacation trip.

NAMED BANK DIRECTOR

Mr. Gordon H. Winkler of Boone, was recently named a director in the Northwestern system of banks. Mr. Winkler had for some time been a member of the board of managers of the Boone branch of the institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krider spent Easter in Winston-Salem with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barbor.

RED CROSS LEADER VISITOR HERE

Mrs. Stewart Says Watauga One Of State's Leaders in War Fund Campaign.

Mrs. Catherine M. Stewart, eastern area American Red Cross representative was in the city Tuesday, conferring with local Red Cross leaders, and expressed genuine pleasure over the fact that Watauga county raised 175 per cent of its quota in last month's war fund campaign, placing it along with the leaders in the entire state. The state as a whole raised 124 per cent of its quota, Mrs. Stewart said.

Mrs. Stewart says that the Watauga chapter is being sent a special certificate of award for its fine work in so quickly and generously oversubscribing its war loan quota.

General McNair Will Recover In A Month

Lieut.-Gen. Lesley J. McNair, severely wounded at the front in Africa only two days ago, surprised his army surgeons Tuesday by strolling into headquarters with his left arm in a sling and a big square patch covering the back of his head.

Doctors who performed two emergency operations on the general after he had been struck in the head and shoulder by German shell fragments last Friday, predicted the hard-bitten veteran would be recovered completely in about a month.

SURGICAL DRESSING ROOM TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY

The Red Cross surgical dressing room in Boone is to be closed temporarily, according to information given out Wednesday by Mrs. F. E. Warman.

Italy Demands Hitler Attack U. S. From Air; Knox Sees Possible Nuisance Raids

An Italian general, smarting under the fierce aerial lambasting given Italy by American fliers, has called upon Hitler to launch axis air attacks upon the United States, the German radio said last night, shortly after unusually heavy raids on Italy were announced.

The time now has come to supplement submarine warfare with axis and Japanese air attacks, and Hitler's "word that enemy attacks should be answered bomb for bomb should also be put in practice against the cities and factories of the United States," the General said. The broadcast, quoting a Rome publication, was recorded by the Associated Press. Although the signal

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS THIRD DAY OF SESSION

Lack of Witnesses Delays Trial of Number of Civil Cases; Adjournment Comes Wednesday Afternoon, Further Judgments of the Court.

The spring term of Watauga Superior court, which had been calendared for a two weeks session adjourned last Wednesday afternoon, after having completed the trial of the criminal docket, and disposed of some of the cases on the civil calendar.

A scarcity of witnesses precluded the trial of many of the civil actions. Following are the additional judgments passed by Judge Will Pless, who presided at the brief session of the tribunal:

Denver Norris, driving drunk, \$150 and the cost.

James H. Saylor, driving drunk, \$125 and the cost.

Wm. T. Miller, driving drunk, \$200 and the cost.

Lee Teague, driving drunk, \$75 and cost.

Sam Ray, assault on a female. Six months on roads, suspended on payment of one-half the cost.

Bart Norris, allowing prisoner to escape, \$100 and the cost.

Arlie Oliver, petty larceny, and temporary larceny of automobile, 4 months on roads.

Perry Norris, assault with deadly weapon. Placed on probation.

Carl Parlier, Eugene Bumgarner, larceny, prayer for judgment continued to next term on condition defendants enlist in army.

M. W. Bolick, driving drunk, \$50 and cost.

Bernas Lyle, driving drunk, \$50 and the cost.

Kibble Triplett, setting fire to woodland, 12 to 18 months.

Hade Triplett, setting fire to woodland, 12 to 18 months.

Palmer Triplett, allowing fire to get in woodland, 30 days.

Clayton Cole, breaking and entering, 3 to 5 years in state prison.

Susie and Jane Price, breaking and entering 1 to 2 years in state prison.

Oscar Pitts, non-support, suspended on payment of \$54 to his wife and cost of action.

Britain's Bombers Smash At Great Inland Port

Britain's mighty four-engined bombers showered 30 tons of bombs a minute on Duisburg, Europe's greatest inland port, for 45 minutes last night in a raid that compared with the 1,000 plane attack on Cologne last May, the air ministry news service said.

The RAF's Whirlwinds and Spitfires, raiding channel shipping in daylight, bombed, gunned and probably sunk three German ships off the Jersey coast. All planes returned.

Last night's raiding force was believed considerably smaller in number than the massed fleet of planes that pulverized Cologne, but the bomb load of the type of planes used is greater than that of the mixed force that participated in the Cologne raid.

A total of 1,350 tons of bombs, ranging from four-ton block-busters to two pound incendiaries, battered Duisburg. This compared with the 1,500 tons dropped in the crushing raid on Cologne.

Seventeen planes were lost in the Duisburg raid.

Well-Fed Soldiers.

Well-fed soldiers remain healthier and recover sooner from fatigue and wounds; they can fight offener and throughout a longer period, reports the Army Medical Service.

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At that point, the general's name appeared to be given as Pece. He declared that "the great distance which until now has assured the United States of safety could be overcome," and added that "reprisals are due so that the war-like equilibrium would be restituted."

In Washington, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said Tuesday that "nuisance" raids on American shores were possible, and that the Germans might undertake such suicide missions against the East Coast.

Hitler once promised that air attacks upon the reich would be answered "bomb for bomb," but thus far the axis has made only the lightest of reprisal raids.