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## LOCAL BOND SALES ALMOST DOUBLE COUNTY'S QUOTA

Late Reports Indicate Sales In Victory Loan Drive \$99,411.25; Quota Was \$53,900; Farthing Expresses Thanks to Each Worker and Investor.

Mr. W. D. Farthing, chairman of the second victory loan campaign in Watauga county, reveals that local citizens purchased \$99,411.25 in war bonds during the month of April, almost doubling their prescribed quota of \$53,900.

Mr. Farthing states that since remittances are made to Richmond through the Charlotte Federal Reserve Bank, some delay may be occasioned, enough so perhaps in some instances, that some of the purchases might not be credited on the April campaign.

Mr. Farthing takes occasion to extend sincere thanks to the workers who achieved this outstanding success, and to every investor in the county, who so willingly cooperated with the government in exceeding their share of the thirteen billion dollar loan.

In the closing days of the campaign the bank and other agencies selling the bonds experienced a rush of business, at some times as many as eight or ten buyers waiting in line to be served.

## Former Appalachian Student Writes From The British Isles

E. E. Garber, former athletic coach at Appalachian State Teachers College, has received the following letter from Technical Sergeant H. F. (Red) Gilliam, former student at Appalachian which will be of interest to his friends in this community:

Dear Coach: First let me say that I received your letter of several weeks back and that I was tickled to death to hear from you. It is also a great feeling to us fellows who have been in this scrap for two years to know that such people as you are in there plugging for us and are in a position to give the kids, that are to follow, the kind of instruction and training that we have found, for experience is necessary to do a good job in this situation and get it over with. May I also say congratulations on your rank in the navy and I'm sure that you deserved it. I yet have the names and addresses that you sent me but honestly I haven't been on a pass since I received it and I haven't had a chance to look for any of the people you mentioned. If and when I get to London I intend to check with the Red Cross and find them. I have still been able to find only two fellows I knew in the states and I have had a letter from another one. He found my address where I had registered with the Red Cross in London and wrote me. We hope to be able to get together sometime.

I certainly would like to have been in the states while the Red Cross drive was in progress because the things they are doing for us is beyond words. And I'm sure that the calls in the future will be met willingly by all the soldiers that have shared these things with us. I'm saying these things because I know how you have always been sold on the work they have done and will continue to do in the future.

## Guernsey Cattle Sale To Be Held in Boone

The second annual Boone purebred promotional sale will be held at W. M. Winkler's farm, Boone, N. C. on Friday May 14, at 1:00 p. m. The animals that are consigned to this sale are from some of the best purebred Guernsey herds in the state.

This sale is being held to give the farmers in this section an opportunity to secure some outstanding dairy animals. If farmers will take advantage of this rare opportunity and buy some of these bulls and heifers the dairy program in this county will be greatly strengthened. It is hard to buy good cows, therefore, about the only way to secure these good cows is to raise them. A number of farmers in this county have already said they were planning to buy an animal or two in this sale and it is hoped that more farmers will take advantage of this opportunity to buy better dairy animals.

Twenty Madison county growers have set the new Thomas variety of black walnuts on their farms to demonstrate that walnuts can be produced on a commercial basis.

## Gives "Lowdown"



Vice President Henry Wallace is pictured upon his return from an airplane tour of seven Latin-American nations, giving "news-men" the "lowdown." He said our southern neighbors have agreed that it is to their interest as well as that of the United States that the war be won as rapidly as possible.

## PAUL TOWNSEND LIKES NAVY POST

Former Boone Pastor, Chaplain In Navy Would Not Swap Job For Any Other

The following dispatch from New York dated May 1, and written for the Charlotte Observer by Edward A. Oldham under the heading "North Carolina in New York," will be of interest to the many friends of Rev. Paul W. Townsend, former pastor of the Methodist church in Boone:

It was a North Carolina chaplain of the coast guard training station at Manhattan beach who recently made the impromptu talk in Miss Marian Young's "Martha Deane" program and was so impressive in its sincerity and realism as to bring forth an avalanche of enthusiastic comments. Brief references were made at the time in this column to Chaplain Paul W. Townsend's touching remarks on the faith of men under fire. Since then, your columnist has requested Mr. Townsend to put into writing his spoken story which was entirely impromptu. I am now in position to present for the first time in print his impressive narrative, though much of its touching effectiveness is lost by not being accompanied by the speaker's soft southern voice and impressive delivery.

Chaplain Townsend said: "I am very proud of my post as a navy chaplain; I would not exchange it for any other job, but I might almost say that I have been chaplain to the navy, the coast guard, and the army as well, for I have just completed a year's tour of duty on a ship where we had men from all these branches of the service with us, as well as men from the forces of our allies. Because of my experience with these lads I have the highest admiration and respect and love for them. I have seen them pass through many trying experiences and as they have faced one danger after another, I have seen them meet every test and acquit themselves like true men.

"You might ask the question, What of the faith of men under fire? I would answer it by saying that I do not believe there are many atheists on the deep waters. Atheism and cynicism do not flourish there. When men look into the face of danger they do some serious thinking, and as never before they reach out for the strong hand of God, and they find that He is there.

"I shall never forget a church service held just a short time before all hands knew they would be in the midst of a battle. The mess hall was packed with soldiers and sailors, Americans and their allies, officers and men of many faiths, gathered to worship Him who was the Father of them all. A quartet of army officers sang "The Old Rugged Cross," and I can still hear the voices of that throng of men as they sang with a special meaning "Onward Christian Soldiers," and as they repeated the Lord's prayer. For me, and I believe for every man there, the place was charged with the presence of God. We could say of that mess hall as Jacob said at Bethel: "Surely this is the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven."

"Nor shall I ever forget another day, when the hearts of a shipload of men turned to God and their spirits were uplifted by the power of religious faith. We had on board with us several hundred men who had escaped safely from their sinking ship. We were carrying them to a port from which they were going home. In the middle of the night we were in an action from which we escaped torpedoed by the grace (Continued on page eight.)

## ONE HUNDRED AND NINE TO GRADUATE AT APPALACHIAN

College Commencement Gets Under Way Thursday Night; Hon. Ervin Carlyle To Deliver Address at Graduation Exercises Friday Morning.

One hundred and nine Appalachian College students will receive diplomas at the hands of Dr. B. B. Dougherty Friday morning, when Hon. Ervin Carlyle of Winston-Salem will deliver the principal address.

The commencement exercises will begin Thursday evening at 8:15, when the Senior class will present an all-girl cast in a three-act comedy entitled "Lovely Ladies."

The graduation exercises start at 10:30 Friday morning, and following is a complete program of the activities:

Processional—J. Elwood Roberts. Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy—Congregation.

Invocation—Dr. E. K. McLarty. Planets, Stars and Airs of Space by Bach—A Cappella Choir.

Address—Hon. Ervin Carlyle. Conferring of Degrees and Awarding of Diplomas—Dr. B. B. Dougherty.

Benediction—Rev. Edwin F. Troutman.

Recessional—J. Elwood Roberts.

## PAY AS YOU GO TAX BILL PASSES HOUSE

Washington, May 4.—Terminating one of the bitterest party battles in recent years, the House today passed 313 to 95, a pay-as-you go bill, wiping out the 1942 Federal income tax liabilities completely for approximately 90 per cent of the taxpayers and imposing a 20 per cent withholding tax against the taxable portions of wages and salaries effective July 1.

The action came in a dramatic series of steps in which the Democrats barely battered down, 206 to 202, the modified Ruml plan which would have skipped a complete tax year.

Against the Ruml plan were 192 Democrats, 11 Republicans, and three minor party members.

For it were 188 Republicans and 14 Democrats.

When the Ruml bill failed, the Republicans swung almost to the man to the compromise, and a measure supported by Democratic leaders never came to a vote.

In the debate tempers flared, at one time reaching such a pitch that Speaker Rayburn got out the house rule book to decree that no member could call another a demagogue.

The approved bill, offered by Representatives Robertson, Democrat, of Virginia, and Forand, Democrat of Rhode Island, abates the six per cent normal and 13 per cent first bracket surtax on the 1942 income of all taxpayers, wiping out approximately \$7,600,000,000 of the \$10,000,000,000 of Federal assessments against last year's incomes.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where Republicans and some Democrats are prepared to open a new battle for the Ruml skip-a-year plan.

## Outgoing Mayor Pledges Support to New Officers

Mr. W. H. Gragg, mayor of Boone for the past two years, and for two previous terms, felicitates his successor Gordon H. Winkler on his victory and makes the following statement:

"I deeply appreciate the loyal support of the people of the city and thank everyone who contributed to my good showing. The people have spoken and I am satisfied.

"I offer my services and complete cooperation to the incoming mayor and town board. They are fine, high class citizens, and we may expect a splendid administration of the affairs of the city.

"I have no criticism to offer in connection with the campaign, or none regarding either of the successful candidates. I want to commend the leaders of the Democratic party and the election officials for providing a fair, square and honest election in every respect. I have only the best of feelings toward our new officials."

## MERCHANTS TO MEET AT CITY HALL TONIGHT

The merchants of the city are asked to meet at the Junior Hall on Thursday night, May 6, at 7:30. All the merchants are urged to be present as many important matters of vital concern to the retailers will come up for discussion.

## NEW BOARD OF ALDERMEN



Dr. W. M. Matheson, Lee H. Stout, and Owen Wilson, who were elected Tuesday as aldermen for the town of Boone, along with Gordon H. Winkler, who defeated W. H. Gragg for Mayor. The cut of Mayor Winkler, which the Democrat had, has been misplaced, and cannot be located. Another cut will be secured, however, and will be published in the next edition.

## SUGAR GROVE P. O. IS ROBBED

Three Hundred Dollars Postal Funds Taken In Local Postal Robbery.

The postoffice at Sugar Grove was entered Saturday night and about \$300 in Federal funds, and a similar amount belonging to Mr. V. B. Mast, the postmaster, was taken.

The front door of the building was forced open, but there are no clues as to the identity of the robbers.

Mr. Mast has reported the incident to the Department, and a federal investigation is expected to start shortly.

## BIZERTE IN RANGE OF U. S. BIG GUNS

Bizerte now is within heavy artillery range of American and French troops driving along the northern shores of Lake Achikel toward the big naval base, reports from the African war theatre said.

This allied column pushed forward two more miles overnight to occupy more than half the northern shores of the lake, and now has swung toward Bizerte, meeting some resistance in rough country.

Meanwhile, American troops fanning out from captured Mateur were striking toward Bizerte and south-east toward Tunis.

The Nazi retreat east of Mateur continues, it was said, and the Americans are mopping up Axis soldiers, apparently in large number, who were by-passed and then pocketed between the Jefna position and Mateur when the U. S. troops plunged in a lightning, 14-mile advance into the strategic rail center.

Part of the American forces pursued the retreating Nazis toward Ferryville, power center of the Bizerte naval base, 10 miles northeast of Mateur.

Others fanned out to the southeast in a 10-mile advance which carried them within ten miles of Tebourba, the gateway to Tunis. They reached a point eight miles south of Mateur toward the line of the Tine River which is only six miles northwest of Tebourba.

## Wool Available For Army Sweaters

The Red Cross knitting committee reports wool on hand for making army sleeveless sweaters and mufflers, also a few navy turtle neck sweaters.

The Red Cross work room will be open on Wednesday and Friday afternoons for the purpose of distributing wool and receiving finished work.

For further information as to the knitting program call Mrs. H. S. Webster, Phone 118.

BUY WAR SAVINGS BONDS

## DEMOCRATS MAKE CLEAN SWEEP IN VOTING TUESDAY

Entire Incumbent Republican Slate Is Defeated in Election Conducted Without Incident; New Officials To Take Over Reins of Government Today.

In Tuesday's municipal election the Democrats elected an entire slate of candidates by an average majority of 115, the two candidates for mayor having received a total vote of 624, about one hundred less than the usual vote cast in this city.

Gordon H. Winkler defeated W. H. Gragg, incumbent mayor by a majority of 110, the vote being: Winkler 367, Gragg 257.

The vote for the democratic candidates for aldermen is as follows: Dr. W. M. Matheson 382; Lee H. Stout 378; Owen Wilson, 357.

Republican: G. K. Moose 269; D. L. Wilcox 251; Kenneth Linney 240.

All the defeated Republican candidates were incumbents.

Gordon H. Winkler who heads the new city administration is a former member of the General Assembly and a well known insurance man.

Dr. W. M. Matheson, dentist, who led the Democratic ticket, is a popular business and civic leader, while Lee H. Stout, the only successful candidate who has previously served on the town board, is the local Standard oil dealer. Owen Wilson, the manager of Smithy's Store, like the others, is a splendid business man and popular citizen.

The voting progressed without incident, and both slates of candidates and their friends put forth every effort to get out a full vote. Since so many local citizens are in the armed forces and in war work, it is felt that the vote cast was about the maximum that could be cast at this time.

The new slate of officers will be expected, due to their fine business background, to furnish the city with a splendid government. They are expected to take over the affairs of the city today.

## War Ration Book Three To Be Issued In June

War Ration Book Three, which provides new stamps to replace those running out in the first two ration books, will be distributed to persons in Watauga County beginning late in June and ending July 21, Gordon H. Winkler, chairman of the local ration board, announced today.

"There will be no school house registration such as featured the issuance of the first two ration books," Mr. Winkler said. "Application forms good for a single person or an entire family will be dropped in every mailbox by postmen between May 20 and June 5. The head of the house will fill out the cards which are pre-addressed to OPA mail centers, for the entire family and mail them between June 1 and 10. OPA mail centers will begin sending out the books late in June."

War Ration Book Three will contain "unit" stamps such as those now in use for sugar, coffee and shoes and "point" stamps like those now being used for the purchase of processed foods, meats and fats, he explained.

Unit stamps will be printed with pictures of planes, guns, tanks and aircraft carriers, while the point stamps, in the familiar 8, 5, 2 and one-point series, will be printed this time in brown ink rather than in red or blue. The letters of the alphabet will appear on these, just as in War Ration Book Two.

The new replacement book will not have immediate use, the chairman explained. The unit stamps in it will be used for coffee, sugar and shoes when Book One runs out in the fall. The point stamps are intended as a safety measure in case War Ration Book Two is used up before a replacement book for processed foods and meat-fat rationing can roll off the presses. Mr. Winkler explained.

## Invents Attachment To Smoking Pipe Machine

Earl Calhoun of the D. & P. Pipe Works of this city, who incidentally, has never before been in a smoking pipe factory has invented an attachment to the pipe roughing machine that increases its production by at least 40 per cent.

An application for a patent in his name will be made by the D. & P. Pipe Works.

If Thomas Jefferson was living today he would probably be the country's most enthusiastic Victory gardener.

## SURGICAL DRESSING ROOM TO REOPEN

Red Cross Project Had Been Closed; More than 100,000 Dressings Shipped.

The Red Cross Surgical dressings room in Boone which was temporarily closed last week, will reopen Tuesday afternoon May 10 at 2:00 o'clock. The room was closed because of defective plumbing and because material had not been received to make dressings. Material is now on hand and the plumbing has been repaired.

A large shipment of finished dressings was recently made to the War Department. To date 112,200 dressings have been shipped. In addition, 450 twenty-five pound bags of finished dressings are almost ready to send, besides 16,200 dressings of other kinds. This shipment of 28 large cartons will be made next week if we have enough help in packing. This shipment will bring the local Red Cross Chapter up on quotas, in so far as material has been received.

Material has just been received for the February quota, and material has not yet arrived for the April and May quotas. The credit for the large number of dressings made locally and the fact that material is used as fast as it arrives, is not due alone to the efforts of the women of Boone, but also to the many women out in the county who are helping in the eight rooms being maintained in the different communities. Without their help it would not be possible for the Boone room to keep up with their quota.

This statement is being made in response to the many inquiries we receive relative to the work of the Watauga County Red Cross Surgical dressing rooms.

All the supervisors of Boone are asked to meet Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Red Cross room. It is urged that at least one supervisor from each room in the county be present if possible.

## Present Ceiling Prices on Meats Must Be Observed

Mr. Gordon Winkler, chairman of the local War Price and Rationing Board today issued a reminder that the postponement of the effective date for new retail dollars and cents ceiling prices on beef, veal, lamb and mutton does not mean that prices of these meats are uncontrolled.

"Merchants will continue to observe their present ceiling prices, the highest price charged during March 1942, until the new order becomes effective."

The dollars and cents price regulation now being reexamined in the light of the President's recent "hold the line" order, is slated to go into effect May 17.

Home economists say that the steam pressure canner is the only safe method of conserving certain types of vegetables.