



DAVID OVENS TO ADDRESS MEETING AT BLOWING ROCK

Part Blowing Rock Is Playing As Resort in War Effort to Be Evaluated at Mass Meeting; Civic Leaders From Boone Invited; Other Blowing Rock News

Blowing Rock, July 3.—David Owens of Charlotte and Blowing Rock will address the mass meeting at Blowing Rock High School on next Friday evening, under the sponsorship of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce. F. W. Webster, the president, will preside.

The primary object of the gathering will be to evaluate the contributions which Blowing Rock and similar summer resorts are making to the all-out war effort. Plans for post-war developments will also be discussed. Reports will be heard from the finance and advertising committees for the Chamber of Commerce, and contributions will be received for underwriting the advertising campaign of the summer. Special music will be provided by local artists.

Special invitations have been issued to the officers of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, as well as other civic leaders in that community.

Lieut. Frederick Maness of Camp Maxey, Texas, has been the guest of his mother, Mrs. John Schenck Sr., and Mr. Schenck at "Lawndale Cottage" for ten days. This is his first leave of absence for almost a year, and he has been the recipient of many social favors while in Blowing Rock. He returned to duty Saturday.

Sgt. Charles Brown is spending his first furlough in two years with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Brown, in Blowing Rock. Sgt. Brown has been in the South American area for the past two years and only recently returned to the States.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Grier and daughter, Miss Alice Grier, went to (Continued on page six.)

Nazi Lose 13,000 in New Drive on Russia

The big German offensive against Central Russia drove into two populated places near Belgorad at the southern anchor of the 165-mile front Tuesday despite terrific losses which mounted to at least 13,000 German dead, in two days of fierce fighting, the Russians announced today.

WAR RATIONING GUIDE

SUGAR—Stamp 13, good for five pounds of sugar, valid June 1 and good until August 15. Stamps 15 and 16 now may be used to obtain sugar for canning good for five pounds each, valid until October 31.

COFFEE—Stamp 21 became valid July 1 for one pound and will expire July 21. Stamp 22 will be valid from July 22 until August 11.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 5 in A book good for three gallons but must last through July 21—four months, instead of two, as heretofore.

In getting renewal of supplementary gasoline rations, renewal applications should be obtained at nearest service station, filled out and mailed, together with tire inspection certificate, to the ration board sometime within 30 days before the old book expires. Issuing new books requires 10 days, after which new book and tire certificate will be mailed to applicant. Avoid visiting ration board personally whenever possible.

TIRES—Owners of passenger cars and commercial vehicles may get their casings recapped with reclaimed rubber camelback with out applying to their local War Price and Ration boards for certificates.

SHOES—Coupon 18 in the sugar and coffee ration book valid for one pair of shoes expires October 31.

FOOD—Blue stamps K, L and M, which became valid May 24 will expire at midnight July 7. New red stamps for purchase of meats, fats, oils and canned fish, are effective as follows: P, June 27 through July 31; Q, July 4 through July 31; R, July 11 thru July 31; S, July 18 through July 31.

Armored Vests



The new armored vests worn by our airmen on bombing missions may quickly be removed in an emergency by a tug on a rip cord. Lieut. L. L. Cox and Lieut. J. T. Lundy demonstrate. The pilot and co-pilot are protected by the vest in front only as they have armor built into the backs of their seats. Other crewmen are protected back and front.

LOCAL PLANS MADE TO PUT LOAFERS TO WORK IN THIS AREA

Committee Named To Act In Accordance With Proclamation of Governor; Many Reports Being Received; Committee to Meet Regularly.

A mass meeting of local citizens was held in the courthouse Thursday evening to set up an organization to deal with loafers and idlers in this county, in line with the proclamation of Governor Broughton, looking to the full-time employment of every able-bodied person in the State.

The meeting which was called by H. G. Farthing, recently named county chairman of the campaign by the Governor, was attended by a representative group of citizens and the loafing in this area was discussed freely. The following committee was appointed to make a further study and survey of the situation and to cooperate fully with the Governor in his emergency war-time move:

Bernard Dougherty, Herman Wilcox, Richard Olsen, Russell D. Hodges, Mrs. May Miller, Walter C. Greene, Wade E. Brown, Watt H. Gragg, A. E. South, H. M. Hamilton, Tom Jackson, Grover Robbins, Gordon Winkler and Mrs. F. E. Warnan.

The committee met at the office of Attorney Wade E. Brown Monday evening. The conviction of the group is that it is the duty of every able-bodied man and woman in this county to devote their full time to the war effort, regardless of their financial standing. In many parts of the world Watauga men are fighting that the American way of life may be preserved, and the home folks should do their full share.

Various reports have already been received by the committee, and all loafers should be promptly reported to some member of the group so that action may be taken. Meeting will be held regularly to act on information gathered.

County agent Hamilton has a farm committee working in cooperation with the central organization, which is gathering data on the labor situation among the farmers, where a rather acute shortage exists. All those, incidentally, who are interested in doing farm work, should apply at the county agent's office.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING FRIDAY

Teachers, P. T. A. Leaders And Others Interested Are Asked to Attend.

An educational meeting will be held at the Appalachian High School Friday July 9, starting at 10 a. m., and continuing to 5 p. m., and is being held under the sponsorship of the North Carolina Education Association. All teachers, P. T. A. leaders and other laymen interested in the educational program are invited to attend the conference.

The following are the topics to be used for open forum discussions:

- 1. In-Service Training During the Emergency.
2. Federal Aid to Education.
3. War and Peace Fund Campaign.
4. Fall Program Planning.
5. Future Steps in North Carolina Education.

Lions Club In Meeting At Green Park Tuesday

The Boone Lions Club held its annual ladies night banquet at the Green Park Hotel Tuesday evening, at which time R. A. Manship was installed as president along with other new officers by District Governor Amos Abrams.

There was a full attendance of club members, their wives and invited guests. An interesting feature of the gathering was a radio program by Cullen Johnson, who with Mrs. Johnson, are spending some time in Boone.

Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burns, Shelby; Dr. and Mrs. J. Harold Wolfe; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Council and Mrs. Sparks of Winston-Salem.

Besides president R. A. Manship, who succeeds Dr. D. J. Whitener, other officers installed were: F. M. Payne, first vice-president; J. E. Holshouser, second vice-president; Dr. R. C. Busted, secretary-treasurer; Dr. G. K. Moose, lion tamer; Ted Norman, tail twister; Wade E. Brown, Dr. Abrams, M. R. Maddux and Dr. W. M. Matheson, directors.

Five More Wataugans Accepted into Navy

Navy Recruiter, J. E. Huffman, who is in Boone at the Post Office on each Monday and Tuesday announced that five more Watauga county seventeen-year olds, had been accepted and sworn into the U. S. Naval Reserve. In addition to these five already sworn in, five additional young men left Tuesday night for Raleigh for final physical examinations and enlistment.

Those already in and at Naval training stations are: Jack Edward Kerley and William Berle Storey, both of Blowing Rock; W. G. Greene Jr., of Laxon; S. V. Davis of Todd, and William Roy Johnson of Boone.

Those who left for final physical examinations include R. H. Moretz and Daniel Webster Lewis of Deep Gap; Lonze Triplett of Triplett; and Dallas Grimes and Coy Hagler, both colored, of Boone. According to Recruiter Huffman, these ten youths will defer that much longer the induction of ten Watauga County fathers. While enlistments are voluntarily open to seventeen year olds at the present time, it is thought that there may be some curtailment and possible elimination of all volunteering.

U. S. Railroad in Britain



A railroad system of 20 miles serves a thousand acre American supply depot in Great Britain. Seventeen miles of track are standard gauge and three miles are narrow gauge. New switch engines built in America to British specifications operate on the standard sections. Col. Walter T. Wlcey of Copake, N. Y., commanding officer of the depot, is shown giving instructions to the engine crew.

Seventy-Five Delegates Attend Sessions Of Southeastern Institute of Probation

SUGAR, COFFEE RATIONING MAY BE SUSPENDED

President Roosevelt Friday held out the prospect that sugar soon may be removed from the ration list, followed later by coffee.

It all depends upon how successfully the Allied anti-submarine campaign goes.

The possibility was set forth in Mr. Roosevelt's message vetoing the congressional ban on subsidies. He said:

"We must not only keep the price of necessities down, but we must increase when we can the supply, which helps relieve the pressure of higher prices and helps reduce the temptations of the black markets."

"With the improvement in the war against the submarine we may even be able soon to remove sugar and possibly later coffee from the ration list."

Local Farmers Sell Lambs Through Pool

Forty-three farmers sold 252 lambs through the Watauga Lamb pool on Friday July 2.

The lambs were sold to Armour & Company, Abingdon, Va., for the following prices: Blue O (choice) 14.50; Red O (good) 13.50. Bucks were discounted \$1.00 per hundred.

There were 159 blue ewe and wether lambs, and 16 red buck lambs in this shipment.

The next shipment will be made sometime during the first week in August.

Six Jap Ships Sunk And Four Damaged

Six Jap ships probably were sunk and four damaged in the battle with American warships in the Kula gulf allied headquarters said today.

One United States cruiser was sunk in the battle fought the morning of July 6 in the narrow body of water between New Georgia and Kolombangara in the Central Solomons.

At Bremerton, Wash, Navy Secretary Frank Knox said he had received additional details and was able to report "the Japs have taken another damned good licking."

Allied Planes Strike Heavily at Sicily

Allied planes struck heavily yesterday at six towns in Sicily and a seventh in Sardinia in their pre-invasion campaign to gain air supremacy in the Mediterranean, shooting down 56 enemy aircraft for a two-day total of 101.

Thirty flying fortresses, raiding Gerbini in Sicily, were jumped by 100 German planes and when the battle was over, 41 of the enemy and three of the four-engined U. S. bombers lay in smoking ruins. It was one of the greatest single victories yet scored by the fortresses.

Swap-work

Last year Ashe County growers at Chestnut Hill cooperated in filling their silos by exchanging labor and equipment. The plan worked so well that it will be followed in hay making this year, reports County Agent R. H. Grouse.

LIEUT. KEPHART IS AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART

Son of Blowing Rock Residents Was First Watauga Man to Lose Life in Present Conflict; Squadron Mate Tells Of The Death Of Local Man.

News has just been received that Lieut. William Perry Kephart, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart, of Blowing Rock, who was the first Watauga man to die in action in the present war, has been awarded the Purple Heart. It is stated that there is a rather definite possibility that there will be other posthumous citations.

Of interest to the friends of late air force pilot and his family here, is the following letter from a squadron mate, who was present at the time of the death of Lieut. Kephart:

"Up until the fatal night, life was not too bad on the island. We underwent a few bombings of no serious nature, and although we participated in quite a few dive bombings attacks, none of our squadron was harmed and we were in high spirits. I remember that the second day we were on Guadalcanal, Bill and Bob Mohler had the 'A' sector search and Bill found six Jap destroyers. With justification he could have reported them and returned to the base, but instead he attacked them alone. Although we did not say much to Bill outside of a few congratulations, deep inside we all had a deep admiration for his courage and nerve, and I write this in utter sincerity. I think that any of the old gang will admit the same thing.

"On the night of the shelling I was in the hospital with a case of malaria, so I was in the sick bay's dugout. The shelling was pretty bad but everybody stood it well and I daresay it was the same in Bill's dugout. After the shelling had been going on for a couple of hours a wounded choreman to say that he had been hit by a shell and he needed help. We went to the dugout with stretchers and cleared the entrance. We removed the wounded and as they were still shelling and bombing we took shelter until it was over before returning. It was pretty dark and I could not see much but I can assure you folks that Bill's death was instantaneous and he underwent no suffering.

"I can't tell you how badly we felt after this sad experience. It is the closest that I ever saw the fellows come to breaking down while on the island when they received the news. It was no less than everyone of us expected ourselves, but it didn't seem possible to have it happen to Bill, because he always kept our spirits so high. I always looked up to Bill because he treated me so fine when I came to the squadron as a green pilot, and I know that I shall never have a finer friend than he was when I knew him."

Community Cannery Will Open On Tuesday

The community cannery at Vilas sponsored by Ernest Hillard, teacher of vocational agriculture, will open Tuesday July 13. At first the canning days will be Tuesdays and Fridays.

The lay-out in the cannery is being changed and this with many new pieces of equipment which will be installed during the season will hasten very much the canning of foods. The new equipment includes a power sealer, furnace stove, blanching vat, exhaust vat, no. 2 retort and many other small items.

There will be an adequate supply of tin cans for home canning. The cannery will be glad to accept fuel wood for payment of cans and processing fees.

Dr. McDonald Visits Boone On Saturday

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, Democratic candidate for Governor in the primary election to be held in May 1944, was in town Saturday, mingling with friends and getting the "lay of the land" regarding his political fortunes in this area.

Dr. McDonald, who made an unsuccessful, but spectacular race against former Governor Hoey in 1936, states that while it is far too early for the campaign to take definite shape, the prospects for his candidacy next year look exceedingly good. He thinks his chances are far better than when he was nosed out of a place on the second primary ticket before, by a very narrow margin.

Dr. McDonald's opponent in the next primary will be Hon. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty and Judge Johnson J. Hayes Deliver Addresses as Probation and Parole Officials Gather Here From 12 States; Trip to Blowing Rock and Outdoor Picnic Planned by Chamber of Commerce and Retailers in Honor of Guests; Convention Comes to End With Friday Morning Session.

Seventy-five representatives were here for the opening session today of the Institute on Probation and Parole of the Southeastern States, held in the Science building of Appalachian State Teachers College.

The institute got under way Monday morning at 8:30 with greetings by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, College president, and Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of the Middle District Federal Court, followed by an address "The Outlook for Federal Probation," by Henry P. Chandler, director of the administrative office of the United States courts.

Lieut. John Rose, U. S. N. R., used as his subject, "Crime and Culture in the South." "Parole in a Rural Setting," was the subject discussed by Edwin Gill, commissioner of revenue of North Carolina.

Afternoon Session Following lunch in the college cafeteria, a round-table discussion was held. The topic was "Public Relations." Hathaway Criss, North Carolina commissioner of paroles, presided, with Harry Sample, director of the North Carolina probation commission as leader.

The closing speech of the day was made by John F. Landis, chief U. S. probation officer, of Baltimore, Md. He spoke on "War-time Probation in an Industrial Area." The first day's session closed at 5 p. m.

Tuesday's Session Dr. John D. Reichard, medical officer in charge of United States Public Health service hospital, Lexington, Ky., was the principal speaker before the institute on Tuesday. Some excerpts from his address are given:

"We do not yet fully understand the physiology and anatomy and chemistry of normal behavior, why one person remains well adjusted in harrowing combat conditions, and another one goes all to pieces before he hears a gun fired and therefore we should be very conservative about generalizations concerning misbehavior until we know something more about why most people behave reasonably normally.

"The proper conception of the individual is that of personality," Mr. Reichard went on to say. "It represents the individual as a whole. The personality is continuously adjusting to situations. Certain personalities may be described by the term vulnerable. Some are prone to break under severe stress such as war, under the impact of giving up their original training and unable to adjust themselves become antisocial.

"The individuals are divided into two categories as regard attitude toward the world and themselves, the neurotic who realizes his difficulties and will try to conform to society's demands and the psychopath, who refuses to admit he is at fault, and therefore is much more difficult to convert to a co-operative point of view."

Entertainment Planned The Boone Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association plan to take the institute delegates on a sight-seeing trip to Blowing Rock followed by a fish fry at the local hatchery Thursday evening at six o'clock. Mr. H. W. Wilcox, Chamber of Commerce president, issues the (Continued on page four.)