



DEMOCRAT TO AID IN DRIVE TO EASE PULP SHORTAGE

Thousands of Cords Pulpwood Required for War Purposes; WPB Institutes Victory Pulpwood Campaign in Effort to Relieve Serious Shortages.

The Watauga Democrat has joined other weekly and daily newspapers of the nation in a campaign to aid the Government in solving the serious pulpwood shortage situation.

It is the second time since Pearl Harbor that the nation's newspapers have been called upon to overcome a serious war material shortage.

Last fall it was the newspapers' United Scrap Metal Campaign. At that time scores of steel mills faced shutdowns for lack of vital materials. What the newspapers accomplished in that drive is history. The situation was saved with more than 8,000,000 tons of precious metal collected.

Now it is the pulpwood campaign and it is equally serious because hundreds of thousands of cords of the nation's pulpwood are required for war purposes.

The Victory Pulpwood Campaign was initiated by the War Production Board, with the cooperation of other Federal Departments, was agencies and industry. It is designed to relieve increasingly serious shortages in pulpwood, the raw material which makes smokeless powder, rayon for parachutes, plastics for airplane parts, shell and bomb casings and shipping containers for ammunition, food, supplies, blood plasma and other necessities for our armed forces and our allies.

Of the pulpwood campaign, Mr. Donald Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, says:

"Once again in an emergency situation involving production for the war effort, American newspapers have offered their assistance to the War Production Board. This voluntary and unsolicited action represents the highest expression of practical patriotism—the kind of patriotism which, if emulated by farmers and woodsmen in the pulpwood producing areas of the United States, will solve the problem of current and threatening pulpwood shortages and, by its broader example, help to hasten the winning of the war. Personally and as Chairman of the War Production Board, I am happy to welcome the assistance of the newspapers in this important production campaign."

The campaign to increase the production of pulpwood for the manufacture of products vitally necessary for military needs overseas and for home front war uses, is addressed to farmers, woodland owners, forest laborers and other available workers in the three major pulpwood producing areas of the South, Northeast and Lake States, where manpower shortages have been developed because of the withdrawal of the woodsmen for service in the armed forces or other war work.

The growing seriousness of pulpwood shortages prompted Mr. Nelson to issue the following appeal to the farmers:

"If every one of the more than 2,800,000 farmers in the 27 pulpwood producing states were to de-

LOCAL STORE IS VASTLY IMPROVED

Hunt's Department Store Enlarged to More Than Twice Former Floor Space

Hunt's Department Store, one of the leading retail establishments in this area, has just completed an enlargement program which provides approximately twice the floor space formerly used by the establishment. The ground floor of the structure was rearranged so that the entire front of the building, including the portion formerly used by McGuire's Beauty Salon, is used by Hunt's and a second entrance has been provided. In addition the entire second floor has been taken over by the store, and two wide interior stairways provide access to the departments housed there.

Mr. Guy Hunt, manager of the store calls attention to the fact that this is the sixth time the store has been enlarged during the six years he has been in business here.

The enlarged store has been repaired throughout and the front is greatly improved by the use of gray stucco. The stock of merchandise carried by the store is larger than at any time in its history, despite war conditions, and the firm enjoys an ever-widening volume of trade.

Boone Marine Major Saves Life of Fellow Officer in Heavy Surf

Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif., August 21.—A Boone, N. C. Marine with a background of athletics was commended today for saving the life of a fellow marine officer as they were swimming near La Jolla, California.

He is Major J. H. Thomas whose wife and family reside at Boone, N. C., who saved the life of Major J. S. Winch in heavy surf by holding him afloat until a surfboard arrived to take him ashore.

Major Thomas is provost marshal at Camp Elliott. He saved several swimmers' lives at Cape May, N. J., in 1925 and 1926, and from 1937 through 1931 instructed CCC boys in North Carolina camps in life-saving. In 1941 he rescued the company clerk of a CCC camp at New River, N. C.

ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE TUESDAY

Annual Baptist Gathering at the Clark's Creek Church; Association 103 Years Old.

The Three Forks Baptist Association will convene for a two days session at Clark's Creek Church, near Valle Crucis next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, with Rev. Vilas Minton scheduled to deliver the principal sermon.

A full program for the session is being completed, says Mr. S. C. Eggers, the moderator and a night session will be held Tuesday at 7:30. A number of prominent visitors are expected to take part in the program, including I. G. Greer of Thomasville, Smith Hagaman of Winston-Salem, Rev. M. A. Huggins of Raleigh and others.

The Three Forks Baptist Association was formed 103 years ago, with the Three Forks Church being the first church. Mr. Eggers is the 13th Moderator; Clyde R. Greene is the present Clerk; Doughton Greene, Historian, and Wade E. Brown, vice-moderator and Chairman of the Executive Board. There are 40 churches in the association with a membership of 8,000, or slightly more than one-third the population of the county.

Mr. Eggers insists that all delegates attend the sessions of the Association next week, so that they may make reports to their respective churches. All are asked to stay for the night session Tuesday.

170 Jap Planes Bagged; 1,500 Nips Bite Dust

One hundred seventy Jap planes were destroyed and 1,500 Japs killed in a big allied raid on Wewak, New Guinea, the high command announced Tuesday.

Ten thousand bombs were dropped on Wewak, which is about 350 miles northwest of the Salamaua ground front in New Guinea, in the heaviest raid yet staged in the southwest Pacific area.

The raiders destroyed the greatest part of the air force at Wewak.

General Douglas MacArthur said of the performance: "It was a crippling blow at an opportune moment."

"Numerically, the opposing forces were about equal in strength but one was in the air and the other was not. Nothing is so helpless as a plane on the ground."

"In war, surprise is decisive." The raiders in a mass attack upon a heavy concentration of enemy air groups, surprised more than 225 airplanes and their crews on the ground.

Consumer Education Conference Starts At Appalachian; Gov. Broughton Speaks

The Planning Conference on Consumer Education got off to a fine start Tuesday in the auditorium of the New Science Building at Appalachian College.

President B. B. Dougherty in his characteristic happy style, welcomed the membership to the "welcome welcome ever given, a real Appalachian welcome," and introduced Governor J. M. Broughton.

The Governor spoke of the many minor causes of irritation connected with adjustment to the war effort, reviewed the heroic story of American loyalty and self-denial whenever the common cause demanded and frank information revealed the need. He expressed confidence in North Carolinians to be of the same qual-

AIR PASSENGER SERVICE IS SEEN FOR THIS CITY

Greyhound Corporation Plans Combined Helicopter-Bus Service for Towns On Its System; Boone One of Proposed Stops For New Passenger Service.

An indication of "things to come" is contained in the recent application filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board by the Greyhound Corporation for a nation-wide air-bus transportation system, in which it is proposed to operate helicopters of large carrying capacity to provide passenger, mail and express service to Boone and other points along the 60,000 miles of highway traversed by Greyhound buses.

The most novel feature of the project, says Mr. H. W. Wilcox, local Greyhound manager and president of the Chamber of Commerce, and one for which helicopters are fitted, is the plan to adapt present bus terminals, bus garages and other facilities close to central stations of cities and towns as landing ports and maintenance hangars.

Just as motor buses can make frequent stops without loss of operating efficiency to serve small communities, so will the helicopter-air buses be able to maintain schedules providing for landings at comparatively short distances. Thus the convenience and speed of air travel will be made available to thousands of the smaller communities, and by operating both land and air transportation we will be able to offer a coordinated travel service that will be entirely new.

If the aircraft can be obtained, it is Greyhound's purpose to start operation of this service between some of the larger cities in the very near future, it is said.

Boone on Proposed Route.

In a recent letter to H. W. Wilcox, Mr. Brawner, traffic manager for the Greyhound Corporation stated that plans had already been made to operate this new service through Boone and that the present terminal with some changes, could be used. It is pointed out that the proposed craft will not require an airfield, can be landed in as small a space as 150 feet square, 14 passenger will be carried at a speed of about 100 miles per hour. The service is to be coordinated with transcontinental planes, and those wishing to go long distances could take the helicopter to the nearest field accommodating the regular transport craft.

The Chamber of Commerce is working closely with Greyhound so the new service may be made available to Boone as soon as possible. The traffic department of Greyhound has assured Mr. Wilcox that he will be kept informed on all developments regarding the proposed new air-bus service.

This probably would remove the immediate necessity of this city securing an airport, states Mr. Wilcox, who states that where available land cannot be secured the Corporation intends to build landing decks on top of present bus terminals.

LIONS CLUB IN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

The Boone Lions Club held its regular meeting at the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday evening August 17. The Program Committee conducted a quiz period about the history of Boone and Watauga County. Prizes were awarded Dr. Amos Abrams and Mr. Ted Norman.

Guests of the Club were Mr. B. G. Childs, Professor of Education of Duke University; Dr. Roy Morrison University of North Carolina, representative of OPA; a former Lion President, Richard Kelley, of the Navy; Mr. Wm. Kelsey, Miami, Fla.; and visiting Professor Harvey Cutts, Greenville, Ga.

MISSING IN SICILIAN CAMPAIGN



Brigadier-General Charles Keerans, son of Mr. Charles Keerans of Boone, the commander of an airborne division in the Sicilian invasion, who has been officially reported as missing in action. Photo Courtesy of Charlotte Observer.

WINGATE HAMBY MEETS DEATH IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Wingate Hamby, 39, a resident of Stony Fork Township was fatally injured Sunday night on highway 421, just east of Boone, when presumably the door to the 34 Ford car opened, sideswiped a highway fence, and careened down an embankment on the opposite side of the road.

Sheriff C. M. Watson was notified at about 1 a. m. of the accident when the injured man was discovered by a passing motorist. The sheriff says that indications were the car rubbed against the wire highway fence for about 50 yards before the driver fell to the roadway, and that the left arm was rubbed against the coarse wire fence and literally crushed. Injuries to the head brought his death shortly after he was taken to the Wilkes Hospital.

This was the first fatal accident to occur in Watauga County this year, it is revealed.

Funeral services for the deceased were conducted from Stony Fork Baptist Church Monday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, Rev. W. D. Ashby conducting the rites, and burial was in the neighborhood cemetery. Reinsturdivant had charge of the arrangements.

Surviving are the widow, Lula Lee Miller Hamby and one daughter, Edna; the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hamby; six brothers, Prince, Dewey, Edward, Stewart, Clyde and Ray Hamby; three sisters: Mrs. Thelma Greene, Mrs. Eller Watsin, Mrs. Blanche Greene.

BATTLE OF SICILY ENDS ON TUESDAY

38-Day Battle for Italian Stronghold Ends in Complete Victory; Artillery Hits Mainland.

The 38 day battle for Sicily ended Tuesday with the fall of Messina to American soldiers who stormed thru the hillside streets of the ancient city and then established contact with the British eighth army coming up from the south, as Axis resistance ceased.

The stirring finish, however, only appeared to have set the stage for the next operations against Europe. Almost simultaneously with the announcement of the end of the Sicilian campaign, a large formation of Flying Fortresses roared across the Mediterranean from recently established bases and gave France its first bombing.

Istres Le Tube and Salon, the latter north-west of Marseille, were blasted in a round trip which involved at least 1,000 miles.

The special communique announcing the capture of Messina said simply:

"American troops captured Messina early this morning. Some artillery fire is being directed on the city from the Italian mainland."

The Germans, nervously blowing up installations on the exposed toe of Italy in apparent fear of an extension of allied amphibious operations, began pouring fire into Messina from 15 inch and other batteries stationed on the mainland across the two-mile wide straits not long after the city fell to the Americans.

The Americans rushed up their heaviest artillery in their field batteries and duelled with the Germans and allied airmen and seamen the question was, "where do we go from here?"

From the Sicilian springboard Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had a choice of numerous objectives, ranging from the shores of Southern France to the shores of Greece, with vulnerable Italy square in the middle.

The entire Sicilian campaign had hardly cost more lives than the final three weeks of the operations in North Africa, and each of the outfits engaged had emerged ready for new and harder tests.

2 RATTLESNAKES KILLED

Mr. Monroe Greene of Deep Gap, killed a rattlesnake in the highway on the Lenoir-Blowing Rock mountain Tuesday. The car ran over the reptile, and Mr. Greene finished killing it. On Monday Mr. James Sherwood of Villas, ran over and killed a large rattler on the same highway.

JURORS SELECTED FOR FALL COURT

September Term Watauga Superior Court in Session Week September 20.

The following have been drawn for jury service by the board of county commissioners for the fall term of Watauga Superior court which is to convene for a one week's session September 20th, with Judge Julius Rousseau of North Wilkesboro presiding:

M. O. Greene, J. Enzer Townsend, Cloy Pennell, C. O. Matney, Ben H. Phillips, Stewart Aldridge, R. S. Jones, C. L. Baird, Lloyd F. Wilcox, Smith Isaacs, Willett Moretz, Lloyd L. Hayes, Forest Greene, Dwight Cable, G. C. Robbins, M. L. Miller, Jason Moretz, Marshall Corbett, Floyd Eggers, M. C. Cook, Joe Moody, G. C. Greene, Charlie Miller, Clint Reid Noah Story, Albert Watson, Miles A. Ward, John A. Penley, J. E. Maltba, W. C. Eggers, Waldo Tugman, Geo. McGuire, Clint Eggers, Riley May, Clyde Robinson, George W. Robinson, Roby Wallace, W. H. Cook, E. Finley Shore, E. J. Presnell, Fred A. Greene, Claude Greene, C. T. Cornett, A. C. Shoemaker.

Alfred Thomas Finds Beans Good Cash Crop

Mr. Alfred Thomas of Mabel is finding snapbeans to be a good cash crop, says L. E. Tuckwiller, assistant county agent.

Mr. Thomas leased nine-tenths of an acre of sloping land to Raymond Warren for beans on the share-crop basis. Mr. Warren has recently completed the harvesting and marketing of the beans, which brought a total of \$436 gross income. The cost of hired labor was small, and Mr. Thomas estimates that the net income will be approximately \$350.

Governor Broughton was a visitor in the city Tuesday, where he spoke at Appalachian college, and mingled with friends in the city for a short while.

DOUGHTON SPEAKS THURSDAY NIGHT

Congressman to Deliver Address at Summer School Finals This Evening

Hon. R. L. Doughton, veteran Congressman and Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the national House of Representatives will deliver the address at the summer commencement of the Appalachian State Teachers College on Thursday evening of this week at 8:30.

All the people of the community and county are extended a cordial invitation to hear Mr. Doughton on this occasion.

Watauga Youth Gets Scholarship at State

Dana Tugman of R. F. D. 2, Boone is one of twelve outstanding farm boys in North Carolina to be awarded a \$100 scholarship to help them enter the School of Agriculture at N. C. State College next month. Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, director of instruction in the school, announced the last of the week.

The scholarships are provided annually by Sears Roebuck Company to assist worthy farm youths in getting an agricultural education.

PLANS ARE MADE FOR ANNUAL COOK REUNION

The reunion of the members of the Cook family in Watauga and adjacent counties will be held at the Mt. Vernon Church on September 19th.

It is announced that there will be some very prominent speakers on the program from various sections of the state, and it is urged for all the Cook clan to be there with well-filled dinner baskets.

Further information regarding the reunion may be secured from either of the following: W. L. Cook, Nile G. Cook, E. M. Cook, Rev. Will J. Cook, Boone, N. C.; Mack J. Cook or Todd L. Cook, of Lenoir, N. C.