



INTENSIFIED PULPWOOD DRIVE IS STARTED TODAY

People Are Asked to Cut Cord of Wood for Every Boy in Service in New National Campaign Aimed at Averting a Serious Paper Shortage.

Cut a Cord of Pulpwood for Every Local Boy in Service.

This is the slogan and goal of a new national drive announced this week by Walter M. Dear, chairman of the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee, as a climax to the Victory Pulpwood Campaign which this newspaper has been supporting.

The new drive begins on Armistice Day, next Thursday, and runs until December 11 when the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee hopes to see the treasured 2,500,000 cord pulpwood shortage for 1943 averted.

With many hundreds of Watauga men in the armed forces, Watauga County is asked to produce just as many extra cords of pulpwood between November 11 and December 11th.

More than 1200 local pulpwood committees organized as part of the newspaper Victory Pulpwood Campaign are expected to enlist in the new drive which will cover pulpwood producing areas in 27 states of the Northeast, South, Appalachian and Lake States.

The idea for the new drive was suggested by one of the newspapers participating in the Victory Pulpwood Campaign. It was the Jackson Herald of Ripley, W. Va., of which Sattis Simmons is publisher. So enthusiastic was the response of the people of Ripley and Jackson counties that the quota of 1700 cords for as many local boys in the service was passed in a few weeks.

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Grandfather Orphanage Truck to Gather Food

Banner Elk. — Miss Anne Bryan, superintendent of Grandfather Home for Children, has announced that the orphanage truck will make trips throughout Holston Presbytery and surrounding territory during the month of November. The purpose of the truck trips will be to gather in canned foods, farm produce and grain which have been collected for the orphanage.

On Tuesday November 23, the truck will be in Boone, Blowing Rock, Pinola and Crossnore.

Empty fruit jars were distributed throughout Holston Presbytery early in the summer, which the members of the Woman's Auxiliary have filled with fruits and vegetables for the orphanage. Last year thousands of jars were sent back, and it is hoped that this year the response will be even greater. According to Miss Bryan, the orphanage was able to can only a small amount of fruits because of farm shortages. Also badly needed are grains—corn, wheat and oats—supplies of vegetables, although the orphanage farm produced a variety of the latter.

Drought Is Broken By Copious Rains

General rains throughout this area Sunday and Monday brought relief from the prolonged drought, which had dried up late pasture, seriously cut the cabbage crop, and brought springs and other sources of water to a dangerously low level.

The rains were followed by colder weather, Wednesday bringing in temperatures well below freezing, with prospects for continued cold.

Schools Asked to Finish Scrap Collections Soon

Plans are being made to have the scrap dealers purchase the scrap metal that has been assembled at the various schools in the county. All schools are urged to complete their scrap collection as soon as possible. All principals in the different schools should advise the County Superintendent S. F. Horton concerning the amount of scrap material that has been assembled at their schools.

Former Appalachian Student Dies in Algiers

Pfc. Herbert Poole, son of Mrs. Belle Poole and the late John T. Poole, of Forest City, died October 1 in Algiers, according to a message from the War Department.

Pfc. Poole was well-known in Boone, where he had attended Appalachian College. He had been overseas but a few weeks.

Miners Lay Down Picks and Go Hunting



Some of the 500,000 miners who left their posts for the fourth time in six months. The strike came at the expiration of the period during which the miners had agreed to work without a contract and resulted in a second government seizure of the property. These men are from the Westland mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Company.

BURLEY GRADING MOST IMPORTANT

State College Expert, and Local Warehousemen Urge Farmers to Use Care in Grading.

It is possible for Burley growers to add from two to five cents per pound to the sales value of their crop by using more care in the sorting, tying, bulking, and handling of this product, says W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing expert of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, who joins with the management of the local tobacco warehouse, in urging farmers to use especial care in grading their leaf this year, so as to realize the highest price possible. Mr. Hedrick continues:

"Of the three stages of tobacco farming, marketing accounts for more money than does the growing or curing. Time spent at the sorting bench will pay growers a higher dividend per hour than trying to sell a badly-sorted basket on the warehouse floor.

"Buyers have grades to buy and every basket that is on the warehouse floor in the proper condition receives plenty of bidding at the auction. Many complaints of low prices heard from farmers are due to poor handling of the crop before delivery to the warehouse floors.

Most growers have excellent tobacco land and curing barns, but there are many who do not have a properly lighted sorting room. This is essential to proper handling, and every grower needs a sorting room with plenty of north light available."

Mr. R. C. Coleman operator of the local warehouse, and Mr. S. C. Eggers, sales manager, ask that the farmers of the county grade their burley carefully and attend the grading demonstrations which are announced by County Agent Hamilton in this newspaper today.

60 Nazi U-Boats Sunk In Last Three Months

Allied forces, sinking U-boats at the rate of five a week, destroyed at least 60 during the last three months and brought their kill to 150 for a six months' period, the British and American governments said Tuesday night.

In a London Speech, Prime Minister Churchill declared, "we have broken the back of the U-boat war."

President Roosevelt further amplified the formal statement of the two governments by telling a press conference that 60 was the number of U-boats certainly destroyed. A substantial additional number probably was sunk, he said.

Mr. Roosevelt emphasized that more German U-boats than allied merchant ships were sunk in August, September and October, and commented that things were going along very well.

Considerable Real Estate Activity Here

Considerable real estate trading has taken place in this community recently, according to Mr. S. C. Eggers local realtor, who says that the number of transfers this season has been unusually large.

There has been a considerable demand recently, he says, for both town property and farming lands.

ONLY ONE AUTO TAG WILL BE REQUIRED IN '44

North Carolina motorists will only get one auto tag next year, and this will be used on the rear of the car rather than on the front, as was stated, through misinformation, in the Democrat last week.

WAR FUND DRIVE MOVES SLOWLY

About a Thousand Dollars Raised in County Against Total Asked of \$2,500; Prompt Action Urged

The campaign to raise \$2,500 in Watauga County for the National War Relief Fund is moving rather slowly in the county, only about one thousand dollars having been collected as of Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. M. R. Maddux, chairman of the drive, who is working diligently, says that those who have been personally solicited, have responded generously, but that it is obviously impossible to secure enough active workers to conduct house-to-house campaign of the county. She respectfully asks all who have not contributed to this important phase of the war effort, do so at once. Those who find it more convenient, may leave their contributions with Mr. Adams at the Northwestern Bank.

Mrs. Maddux asks every member of her organization to redouble his or her efforts so that the goal may be reached by the 15th. The needs of the people for whom this money is intended are urgent, and YOU are urged to contribute now.

Watauga has never yet failed to do its share in every movement designed to aid the war program. It surely will not fail now.

Sgt. Burl Storie Tells Radio Audience Of "The Old Home Town"

Sergeant Burl Storie of Boone, really thinks a great deal of his home town. Last Friday evening Sergeant Storie appeared as a guest on the unusual new radio show, "What's Your Home Town?", presented by the soldiers of Morris Field, Charlotte, N. C. He really went to town over the air telling folks what a swell place Boone is, and how much he is enjoying army life. The show is broadcast every Friday night at 10:30 p. m. over station W. B. T.'s 50,000 watt transmitter with a frequency of 1100 kilocycles. Sergeant Storie really got a thrill out of his radio debut, when genial master of ceremonies Larry Walker asked what Boone wanted to do for Storie the next time he gets home, and Sergeant Bill Franklin read off an impressive list of gifts which Boone merchant had donated. The "What's Your Home Town?" radio show was conceived and is being written by Corporal Jack Waters.

County Agent Acts to Aid Farmers, Tenants

In order to help farmers who are needing tenants to farm on the shares and work by the day, County Agent Harry Hamilton asks all tenants looking for work to see him or the U. S. Employment Service. Farmers who are needing tenants should also let their needs be known. A number of tenants and farmers have contacted Mr. Hamilton in regard to their needs and every effort is being made by his office to get the farmer who needs help and the tenant who needs a place, together.

Xmas Cards to Soldiers Must Be Sent First Class

The War Department has advised that Christmas greeting cards for soldiers overseas must be sent in sealed envelopes and prepaid at the first class rate. The Department further says that cards mailed now, will, according to the Army Postal Service, reach even the most remote A. P. O.'s by December 25th.

CHRISTMAS MAIL MUST BE SENT IN PRESENT MONTH

Postal Officials Say Handling of Christmas Mail Impossibility Unless November is "Christmas Mailing Month"; Small Volume May Be Handled Dec.

Delivery of the annual flood of Christmas gifts and cards on time, always a serious problem, "will be more than that this year—it will be an impossibility—unless Christmas mailings are made largely in November," Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., stated yesterday.

"Transportation facilities are burdened to the limit with war materials and personnel, and the Postal Service has sent more than thirty-one thousand experienced employees into the army and Navy," Mr. Brown is advised by Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, and continues, "The only solution to the Christmas problem is: Mail in November. Mark your parcels 'Do Not Open Until Christmas.' That is the only way to avoid disappointment on Christmas Day not only for many civilians but also for millions of the members of the armed forces who are still in this country.

"It is also the only way to avoid the possibility of a Christmas emergency in the transportation and postal services. If the public will cooperate by mailing their Christmas parcels DURING NOVEMBER, we can handle a small volume of light, last-minute mailings, such as cards, up to December 10—but we can do that and avoid an emergency only if November is really 'Christmas Mailing Month.'"

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Winter Line Erected By Germans in Italy

The German command, using Italian slave labor, has erected a new "winter line" across Italy directly in front of the present positions of the allies, it was disclosed today and is pouring in reinforcements in its greatest efforts to date to stem the drive of the allied armies northward.

Even as existence of the line was disclosed by German soldiers captured at various points along the front, allied armies already were pounding against it, and the British eighth smashed forward in a five-mile thrust which caught the Germans off guard and carried to the area of the mouth of the Sangro river at the new line's eastern anchor.

Nearly 50 towns and villages passed into allied hands as a result of allied gains along the Adriatic coast and in the central sector near Isernia. To the west heavy rains and strong formations of enemy troops and guns in the Mignano area along the main road to Rome kept the fifth army near a standstill.

The western buttress of the new Nazi line is the Aurunci mountains on the Tyrrhenian coast some 50 miles northwest of Naples. Its Adriatic bastion is on the heights north of the river Sangro. Between these two ends it makes use of some of the most rugged mountains in Italy, with peaks rising to 7,000 feet.

Japanese Troops Land For Clash With Marines

Under cover of darkness, the Japs landed several hundred troops with supplies from barges last Saturday night, and early Sunday north of the U. S. Marine beachhead at Empress Augusta Bay, headquarters announced Wednesday.

The Americans are now in contact with these forces.

Adm. William F. Halsey's headquarters in amplification of Gen. MacArthur's report, said the Marines had thrown tanks against the counter invasion troops, and the Japs were using 90 millimeter mortars.

The landing point was located as four to seven miles northwest of Cape Torikina.

The Japs went ashore from 21 barges, which probably made the southward run from Buka, on Bougainville's northern tip, under protection of a heavy cruiser and two destroyers. Yesterday's communique had reported low-level torpedo attacks by Australian-manned Beauforts on the warships during which the destroyers were believed hit.

CANNERY TO BE OPEN FOR CANNING MEATS

The community cannery at Vilas will be open on Friday and Saturday of this week and succeeding weeks for the purpose of canning meats, it is announced by Ernest Hillard, the manager.

FLYING NURSE



Lieut. Charlotte Young U. S. army nurse pictured in her cold climate costume as she awaits orders in Seattle, Wash. She flies with the sick and wounded from outposts to hospitals in the U. S.

FORMER WATAUGA PASTOR SUCCEUMBS

Rev. J. A. McKaughan Dies in Winston-Salem Friday; Rites Are Held Sunday Afternoon.

Funeral services for Rev. Jesse Alfred McKaughan, 82, former pastor of the Cove Creek Baptist church who died in Winston-Salem Friday, were conducted in that city Sunday afternoon.

The body remained at a funeral home chapel until Sunday, when it was taken to the First Baptist Church to lie in state from 1:30 to 2:30. Services were conducted at that time by Rev. D. H. Wilcox, Smith Hugamian, I. G. Greer, Rev. James M. Hayes, and Rev. A. M. Church.

Interment was in the family burying ground at Rockford.

Mr. McKaughan was born at Dobson September 22, 1861, and had lived in Winston-Salem for the past ten years. He moved there from Cove Creek, Watauga County, where he was pastor of the Baptist Church for a long period of time.

Survivors include the widow; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Farrell, of Greensboro and Mrs. John Nicholson of Miami, Fla.; two sons, Jesse A. McKaughan, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., and Judson Van McKaughan, of Asheville.

Seek Applicants For Work In Naval Yards

A civil service representative will be in the North Wilkesboro office on Thursday, Nov. 11, to interview applicants for positions in naval yards.

Another representative will be in North Wilkesboro on Thursday and Saturday and in Boone on Friday, Nov. 12, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon and Jefferson courthouse from 2:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. to interview applicants (male and female) for clerk, typist and stenographer jobs with the army service forces.

Other job openings follow: Laborers for a job in Tennessee, mining engineer (field engineer), draftsman, cryptographer, time checker, shoe repairman, machine operator, turret-lathe operator (leadman), sheet-metal worker II, acetylene welder, mechanic, card grinder, foundry chipper, textile learner, salesperson, surgical instruments.

SIXTEEN REPORT TO INDUCTION CENTER

The following men from Watauga County reported to an army induction center on November 9, it is revealed by the local Selective Service Board:

- Ben Alvin Hardy
- Carl Isaac Oakes
- Chalmers Fleming McCallum
- Allen William Mast
- Dillard Gwynen Davenport
- James Stanford Bauguess
- Granville Kerley Hartley
- Carl Clyde Henson
- Odell Rodney Cook
- Billy Frantz Henson
- Charles Ray Moody
- Roby Lenoir Brown
- George Calvin Eggers
- Archie Rulford Triplett
- James Randolph Coffey
- Bynum Everette Maliba

RURAL ROUTE PATRONS SHOULD AFFIX STAMPS

In order to facilitate the collection and dispatch of mail matter on rural routes, all first and third class matter deposited in rural letter boxes for collection by the carrier should have stamps affixed at the proper rate of postage.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

PVT. DISHMAN IS DROWNED; RITES HELD AT MABEL

Watauga Man Loses Life, With Three Others When Boat is Sunk in Oregon; Body Interred Here; Large Crowd Attends Services.

Pfc. Glenn H. Dishman of Mabel lost his life by drowning at Camp Adair, Washington, on October 24, when a boat in which he and two comrades were crossing a river, hit a rock and capsized. A fourth soldier, who witnessed the accident, lost his life in an attempt to effect a rescue.

The funeral rites were held at the home church, Union Baptist, at Mabel last Friday, the body having been accompanied to Watauga by Pfc. Jack L. Proffit of Vilas, N. C., who was also stationed at Camp Adair.

The largest crowd ever to attend a funeral in the Mabel community gathered for the rites, it being estimated that 1,500 people paid their respects. Rev. W. D. Ashley was in charge of the services, and the American Legion and visiting soldiers conducted the graveside rites. The Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements.

Pfc. Dishman leaves to mourn his passing his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dishman; four sisters: Mrs. Georgia Lawrence, Trade, Tenn.; Mrs. Dora Eggers, Valejo, Calif.; Mrs. Dare Brown, Lenoir, N. C.; Miss Helen Dishman, Mabel, N. C. and one brother, Mack Dishman Mabel, N. C., together with a large number of close relatives and personal friends.

The ball bearers and flower girls were selected from among the boyhood friends of deceased.

Pfc. Dishman was 23 years old, a member of Union Baptist Church, and one of the best and most popular young men of the Mabel community.

REYNOLDS WILL NOT RUN IN 1944

Robert Rice Reynolds, chairman of the state military committee, formally announced Monday night that he will retire from the Senate when his present term expires in 1945.

Asserting he will not be a candidate for renomination in the North Carolina Democratic primary next year, the 59-year-old opponent of administration foreign policy declared: "While I will not be a candidate in the Democratic primary of 1944, I wish to state emphatically that I am not retiring from public life.

"I shall at all times, not only during the balance of my present term in the Senate of the United States, but thereafter, continue to champion those principles which I have always felt were for the best interests of my state and my country."

A self-styled isolationist, and one of five senators who voted on Friday against a resolution favoring the establishment of a general international organization with power to prevent international aggression, Reynolds did not announce his plans after next year.

There have been suggestions that the Asheville lawyer was considering retirement, but his statement came from his office without advance warning.

Reynolds, often a thorn in the administration side during the last several years of his two terms in the senate blamed the "tremendous pressure of work" for his decision.

Children's Book Week Will Be Observed Here

The annual children's book week will be observed by the Watauga County Library on November 14-25.

This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of book week, created to encourage a lasting appreciation of good books. Endorsed by leading periodicals, schools, clubs, Christian associations and magazines, whose help has done much to aid children in discovering new worlds through reading.

Mrs. Ingle invites the parents and children to visit the library next week and participate in the special programs planned for young people.

STORES TO CLOSE ARMISTICE DAY

All the grocery stores of the city and the large majority of other retail outlets are expected to close today in observance of Armistice Day, it is stated by Mrs. Ruby Ellis, Secretary of the Retail Merchants Association.

The bank, postoffice, county and city offices will also be closed for the day.