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WAR FUND QUOTA THOUGHT REACHED IN THIS COUNTY

Delayed Reports Would Likely Put Campaign Over Top; Chairman Urges Workers to Make Reports; List of Recent Contributors

Mrs. M. R. Maddux, chairman of the War Fund campaign in this county, believes that when outstanding reports are received and tabulated, the quota of \$2,600 for the War Fund in Watauga County will have been reached. A number of reports are still to be received, and Mrs. Maddux asks that workers make their returns to her at the earliest possible time.

Following is a list of the late contributors to the fund:

County
Southern Bell T. & T. Co., \$7.50; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goodnight, \$5; Paul A. Coffey, \$20; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coffey, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Coffey, \$10; John W. Williams, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carroll, \$8; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carroll, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carroll, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carroll, \$2; B. F. Carroll, \$5; Mrs. Herman Moretz, \$2; Earl Norris, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Brown, \$2; Blaine Moretz, \$50; Avery Moretz, \$1; Dock Watson, \$1; L. M. Moretz, \$2; W. C. Downs, \$1; W. D. Norris, \$1; Herman Moretz, \$1; Cecil Moretz, \$1; W. A. Deaton, \$5; Mrs. W. A. Deaton, \$7c; Ada Greene, \$5c; Jack Lookabill, \$1.

Silver Lake
T. M. Triplett, \$1; Aster Cook, \$1; H. G. Cook, \$1; T. H. Coffey, Jr., \$1; Bill Lentz, \$1; J. E. Young, \$1; Roy Young, \$1; C. C. Winkler, \$50; H. P. Holshouser, \$50; Grover Walters, \$25; R. E. Lentz, \$1; Johnny Brooks Lentz, \$1.

Foscoe
Mrs. J. D. Coffey, \$1; R. L. Hatley, \$1; Mrs. David McLean, \$1; Mrs. Florence Byrd, \$50; Mrs. Charley Storie, \$50; Mrs. Vance Coffey, \$1; Mrs. Emma Badgett, \$1; Bernice Badgett, \$1; Mrs. Ella Coffey, \$50; Mrs. Lee Moody, \$50; Mrs. Letcher Byrd, \$1; Mrs. Lark Calloway, \$50; O. L. Coffey, \$1; Mrs. Bob Fox, \$1; Mrs. Ike Johnson, \$50; C. P. Moore, \$1.50; Mrs. Walter Storie, \$50.

Sugar Grove
Mrs. Dean Swift, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Y. Walker, \$1; Miss Cornelia W. H. 50c; W. H. Shull, \$50; A. C. Sw. \$1; A. W. Phillips, \$50; C. F. Thomson, \$1; Spencer Cable, \$1; Howa Simpson, \$1; Leonard Ward, \$50; J. O. Ward, \$50; G. C. Ward. (Continued on page two)

MRS. PULLIAM DIES ON FRIDAY

Former Resident of This City Succumbs in California; Rites Sunday

Mrs. J. G. Pulliam, aged member of a pioneer Boone family, but for a number of years a resident of Santa Maria, Calif., died in that city last Friday, it has been learned here.

Funeral details are incomplete, but information is that the services will be conducted from the Boone Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, and interment will be in the family cemetery near this city. Mrs. Mary Leslie Marshall, with whom Mrs. Pulliam made her home, will accompany the body back to Boone.

Mrs. Pulliam was reared in Boone, a daughter of the late Robert and Mrs. Shearer, and was widely known in this area. She was the wife of Rev. J. G. Pulliam, prominent Baptist minister, who died several years ago.

Mrs. Pulliam had widespread friendships acquired through her many fine traits of Christian character, and the news of her death is received with sorrow by the people of her home community.

Surviving are a son and a daughter, Robert W. Pulliam, of Boone and Camp Davis, N. C., and Mrs. Mary Leslie Marshall, Santa Maria, Calif.

Retreat For Preachers To Be Held in Boone

A preachers' and pastor's retreat will be held at the First Baptist Church here on December 2 to December 15 for all who will attend. All pastors and preachers are urged to come.

Dr. Walter Johnson, Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill College, and J. C. Pipes will be the teachers. Rev. J. C. Canipe and the Boone church will be host. Bed and breakfast will be free to all who spend the night. The sessions will begin at 2 p. m. on Dec. 13 and end at noon on Dec. 15.

Detour



A considerable chunk of this hill was blown away by German soldiers to retard the Allied 8th army forces advancing along the winding road, near Isernia, Italy.

PEAK OF HOLIDAY SHOPPING TO BE REACHED SOON

Early Shoppers Finding Satisfactory Display of Gift Items in Stores of City; Shoppers are Extended Cordial Welcome to Town

The peak of the Christmas shopping season is expected to be reached in the next few days, and early shoppers in the city are finding comprehensive lines of gift merchandise on display in spite of the restrictions imposed on manufacturing for civilian use by the all-out war effort.

Merchants have made every effort to supply the needs of their customers during the holiday season, and today's issue of The Democrat is largely a Christmas shopping directory. Merchants, city officials and others have joined in extending a cordial welcome to the Christmas shoppers and burley tobacco growers, and subscribers to their county newspaper can ascertain before coming to town, just what is available in the way of gift merchandise.

Most of the merchants are insisting on early shopping, both in order to avoid late shortages, and to alleviate the rush at the last minute. The co-operation of the public would be appreciated by the retailers in this connection.

TOY MATINEE A BIG SUCCESS

Toys Received Now Being Repaired for Distribution; Big Job Ahead

The annual toy matinee held at the Appalachian Theatre last Thursday morning was a brilliant success as far as the enjoyment and toys were concerned. The Tarzan picture as well as the cartoon and "Our Gang Comedy" were accepted very favorably by the Demonstration and High School students who put on a toy drive to help the needy children of the county and community.

The toys are now being repaired by the Boy Scouts, the Fire Department and the workshop at the college under the direction of Dr. Orby Southard. In this worthwhile effort so far we have achieved some success, but the big job is still ahead. That is the bags of fruit for each youngster that attends the party on December 26.

Elsewhere on this page you will find The Democrat's "Empty Stocking Fund," which fund is to purchase the fruits and candies for these needy children. The Democrat has received several contributions thus far, some from another state, which goes to show that the folks who used to live in Boone have not forgotten our needy youngsters on Christmas. Send your dollar in to The Democrat, care of the "Empty Stocking Fund" and your name and amount will appear on the first page each week until Christmas.

The co-operation of the mayor of Boone, the Lions Club, the welfare department, the Watauga Democrat and Woman's Club are always instrumental in making a big success of these annual parties, and we can say positively that we are depending on you and you and you to help us again this year and "we are sure you won't forget."

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AUTO LICENSE TAG BUREAU NOW IN OPERATION HERE

Efforts of Chamber of Commerce Committee Results in Establishment of License Bureau in Office of W. R. Winkler

A reissuance office for the sale of 1944 automobile license plates was established Tuesday morning in the offices of Mr. W. R. Winkler, local Buick dealer, thus supplying to the people of this section a service and convenience which they have long needed.

At a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting a special committee was appointed consisting of Grady Farthing, chairman, Harry Hamilton and Clyde R. Greene, to investigate the possibility of securing a license bureau for this locality, and the activity of this committee, with the cooperation of Mr. Winkler, resulted in the establishment of this public service.

Immediately after the Chamber of Commerce met, Mr. Farthing contacted Mr. T. B. Ward, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, who stated that the time that it was too late to establish other offices. On Nov. 30, however, Mr. Farthing's insistence brought the information from Mr. Ward that the arrangement had been worked out for the establishment of the local office.

Mr. Winkler co-operated throughout in the efforts for the establishment of the local office and spent three days in Asheville last week receiving instructions relative to the sale of the auto plates. Mr. O. J. Wilkins, an official of the Carolina Motor Club, was in town Tuesday aiding in getting the office started.

Mr. Winkler, Mr. Farthing and any others who were instrumental in securing the office for Boone are to be congratulated for their work. For a number of years people of this county have been forced to go or send to neighboring towns to get their auto plates, and Mr. Winkler in offering these for sale right here at home, is rendering a public service that will be highly appreciated by all motorists of the area.

FARM MEETING TO BE HELD HERE

Representatives From Six Counties to Attend Gathering in Boone

An important meeting to be attended by farm agents, home demonstration agents, and a number of AAA officials of six counties, will be held in Boone on December 13, it has been announced by F. R. Farnham, district farm agent, who states that similar meetings will be held in Asheville on the 14th, and at Franklin on the 18th.

The main purpose of the meetings is to help prepare the agents and AAA personnel for January gatherings at which will be launched the tremendous food and feed production program of 1944.

The meetings are being called by Mr. Farnham, who will preside, and Miss Anna C. Rowe, district home agent. Among the speakers at the sessions, besides the district agents, will be Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of agronomy extension, who will discuss the value of the use of lime; W. T. Cathey, state AAA committeeman for the western district, and E. W. Cannon, secretary of the Bureau. (Continued on page five)

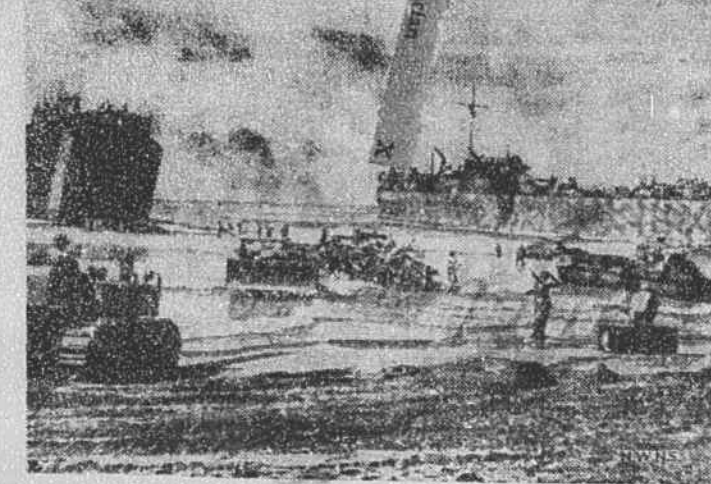
Cleveland and Washington Residents Contribute To Empty Stocking Fund

While there has been only one new local contributor to The Democrat's empty stocking fund since last issue, folks in other sections of the country who are familiar with the destitution of some of the little folks back in the hill country are beginning to send in their contributions.

From Cleveland, Ohio, Ralph Hayes, a Watauga man who is working in war industry, writes on behalf of he and four friends, stating, "Inclosed find \$5.00 for the Empty Stocking Fund. We sure think it's a fine thing, and we are glad to contribute to such a worthy cause." The others who aided in making the contribution are Claude Wheeler, Olen Miller, Walter Watson and Dewey Hodges.

From Washington, D. C., Lt. Col. Alfred Mordecai sends a check for \$3.00, with an appreciated Merry Christmas wish. Col. Mordecai has been in Watauga enough, too, to know that many children will not be cheered on

1,000 Japs Killed in 9-Day Battle



Two landing ship tanks approach the beach at Bouganville Island as tractors, trucks and bulldozers roll inland. Approximately 1,000 Japs were killed in this area after a 10-day battle.

Burley Brings Average Of \$52.26 At Opening Sale To Set New Record In Boone

Sales Start Tuesday Afternoon Rather Than Wednesday; High Prices Bring General Satisfaction to Farmers; Believe Local Market Led the Burley Belt in Price Average

Thirty-five thousand pounds of burley was auctioned at the opening sales of the Mountain Burley Warehouses here Tuesday afternoon for an average of \$52.26 per hundred, setting an all-time record for the local market. Last year's opening sales, it is recalled, averaged about \$42.00 per hundred. So far as can be learned at this time, the Boone market is leading the entire burley belt in price averages.

The sales are continuing Wednesday morning, with the prospects that during the day at least 100,000 pounds of weed will be auctioned, with no indications that there will be a lowering of price averages.

The low receipts of tobacco for the opening sale, which had been previously scheduled for Wednesday, are due to the fact that unprecedented dry weather during the last several weeks prevented the handling of the crop, and only during the last few days have the farmers been able to do their grading. Tobacco is moving rapidly Wednesday morning, however, and peak sales of the weed will likely be reached in the next few days.

At the opening sale farmers were present from all parts of the tri-state burley belt, and general satisfaction was expressed at the prices received for the crop. The high crop Tuesday was sold by Mr. R. R. Rice, of Madison County, for an average of \$54.50 per hundred.

Mr. R. C. Coleman, operator of the local warehouses, points out that the floor will be cleaned of tobacco every day, and that there will be room every hour in the twenty-four. There is no waiting to unload and Mr. Coleman's motto of a "first sale every day" is attracting an increasing number of burley growers to the local market.

Lions Club to Aid In Christmas Party

The Boone Lions Club met in regular session at the Gateway Cafe Tuesday evening, with Lion President Frank Payne presiding.

Activities to be participated in by the club were discussed and outlined by the members. Prominent among these will be the club sponsorship, in co-operation with other organizations, of a Christmas party at the Appalachian Theatre for needy children.

At the invitation of Lion D. J. Whitener, the club voted to sponsor the collection of war records in the county to be preserved in permanent archives for future historical reference. A streamer enlisting the aid of the people of Watauga County in collecting records was ordered for showing at the Appalachian Theatre.

Selective Service Board in New Office

The Selective Service Board has been moved to a new location in the county office building. The present offices adjoin those of the Ration Board.

BOONE TOWNSHIP MADE INTO THREE DIFFERENT UNITS

Action of Commissioners in Creating Two New Townships is Without Opposition; Approximate Boundaries of New Units Given

The Board of County Commissioners, acting on an application filed more than a month ago by a number of citizens, on Monday, divided Boone township into three separate governmental units, leaving the town of Boone as Boone Township, and establishing townships east and west of the city limits.

A number of people appeared before the commissioners during the day in support of the application, and no protest was filed against the action.

According to the resolution of the board, Boone township henceforth will include only the city of Boone. New River Township has approximately the following boundaries: Beginning at the corner of Meat Camp and Stony Fork Townships and running a western direction with the Meat Camp Township line to a point where the Junaluska road crosses the said township line; thence with the said road to the line of the corporate limits of the town of Boone; thence with said line to where the Poplar Grove Road crosses the Boone corporate limit line; thence continuing south with the Poplar Grove road to the Watauga Township line; thence with the Watauga, Blue Ridge, Blowing Rock, Elk and Stony Fork Township lines to the beginning point.

Brushy Fork Township will contain, roughly speaking, that portion of Boone township as formerly existed, lying west of the town of Boone, the approximate boundaries being: Beginning at the corner of Meat Camp and Cove Creek townships and runs an eastern direction with the said Meat Camp township line as now established to the point where the Junaluska road crosses said township line; thence with said road to the corporate limits of the town of Boone; thence with said corporate limits to a point where the Poplar Grove road crosses the said town line; then with the Poplar Grove road to the Watauga Township line, and with the lines of Watauga, Laurel Creek and Cove Creek as now established, to the beginning.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET SATURDAY

Dr. Heflin Predicts Eventual Passage of Federal Education Bill

The Watauga County Teachers Association met on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 4, at Appalachian High School. The guest speaker for the meeting was Dr. Harry Heflin, of the college education department. Dr. Heflin spoke on the "Federal Aid to Education Bill," and pointed out the fact that the federal bill to aid education, which has recently been killed in Congress, will come to the attention of Congress again, and eventually the bill will pass. He gave evidences of the need for federal aid to education by pointing out the states which are in great need of an improved educational system North Carolina, which already spends 30 per cent of her total yearly income for the schools of the state, ranks very high in illiteracy. Federal aid would tend to equalize and to raise the standards of education throughout the country.

The program committee, under the direction of Mr. Cratis Williams, of the Appalachian High School faculty, announced the dates and plans for future meetings to be held during the year. Committee chairmen were appointed to plan and to supervise the next meeting, which will be conducted as departmental meetings on March 11. On that date the teachers in the primary, grammar grade, and high school subject-matter fields will hold separate meetings to discuss their individual problems.

Other dates announced for future meetings are April 8 and May 6.

Business Properties Change Hands in City

Mr. W. H. Jones recently bought from his brother, Mr. Tom D. Jones, the business in Boone known as the Jones Grocery, in the old Smithy building, in turn selling to his brother the Meat Camp Service Station and Grocery Store.

At about the same time Mr. W. H. Jones sold his Quality Shoe Shop to Mr. Chas. Rogers, owner of the Daniel Boone Shoe Shop.