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RED CROSS NAMES SLATE OF OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEET

Rev. Edwin Troutman is Chairman of Watauga Red Cross Unit; Reports Heard of Various Committee Activities During Past Year

At the annual meeting of Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross, held in the courthouse Monday evening, Rev. Edwin F. Troutman was named chairman, routine business matters were discussed and reports of the different committees presented.

Other officers elected were: Vice-chairman, R. W. Watkins; secretary, Mrs. Russell D. Hodges; treasurer, Mr. Alfred Adams; executive secretary, Mrs. F. E. Warman; executive committee, Wade F. Brown, G. K. Moose and, Dr. W. M. Matheson.

Reports were heard from the following committees: First aid and accident prevention reported by Wade Brown, that 265 certificates were issued during the past year.

Mrs. Leighty, chairman of knitting, accounted for 2,850 hours of volunteer work within the county. The home service chairman, Mrs. F. E. Warman, investigated several hundred cases, securing support for families of service men and also personal aid to others in service.

Miss Thursa Steed's report on water safety and life saving showed that four courses had been offered during the year. The surgical dressing report, made by Mrs. Warman, brought forth a problem in the need of a work room for the township of Boone.

Miss Alice Brown Succumbs Saturday

Miss Alice Brown, aged 55 years, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown, of the Rich Mountain section, last Saturday.

Funeral services were conducted from the Oak Grove Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:30, Rev. Ronda Eerp and Rev. Burl Culler being in charge of the rites, and interment was in the Hine cemetery.

To Suggest Means of Abolishing Cattle Lice

J. Myron Maxwell, in charge of the entomology extension service, Raleigh, will be in the county on Friday, January 14, to give suggestions on how to get rid of cattle lice.

While in the county, Mr. Maxwell will conduct a demonstration on various ways to destroy cattle lice. This demonstration will be held at W. H. Walker's farm at Sugar Grove at 2 p. m., on Friday, Jan. 14.

A number of farmers are always having trouble in getting rid of lice in their herds, therefore, I want to urge as many farmers as can to attend this demonstration on Friday afternoon.

Rickenbacker No. 2?



Maj. Gregory Boyington, who shot down 25 Jap planes and vowed he would fly every day until he broke the record of 26 air victories set by Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker and equaled by Maj. Joe Foss.

SEAL SALE QUOTA ALMOST REACHED

Total of \$917.97 Collected From Sale of Health Stickers Thus Far

A total of \$917.97 has been collected up to the present from the sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals and bangles, states M. S. J. E. Holshouser, chairman of the campaign in Watauga County, who believes that when all funds are turned in there will be no trouble in meeting the county quota of \$950.

Following is a list of the receipts from the different sections of the county: Bethel, received for seals, \$69.70; for bangles, \$51.13; total, \$74.83. Boone, seals, \$329.80; bangles, \$21.99; total, \$341.77.

Valle Crucis, seals, \$76.21; bangles, \$14.14; total, \$90.35. Bald Mountain, North Fork, Stony Fork, Elk, seals, \$86.50; bangles, \$9.50; total, \$96.

Cove Creek, seals, \$135.04; bangles, \$32.28; total, \$137.32. Blowing Rock, seals, \$135.25; bangles, \$13.49; total, \$148.74.

Following is a list of contributors from Blowing Rock. The names of other contributors will be used as space permits: Mrs. and Mrs. E. A. Banner, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bannett, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bolick, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bolick, Mrs. Charles F. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cannon, Mrs. Joseph F. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Cannon, Charles M. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Castle, Miss Ann Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Coffey, Miss Luda Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Coffey, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Coker, Mrs. J. L. Coker, A. M. Critner, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Critner, Mrs. W. L. Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dula, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dunn.

Miss Vida Hunt, Francis, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gray, Mrs. Ben J. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Greene, Collis Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Don Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Lyles Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartley, Miss Grace Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Hartley, Wade Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hollifield, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holshouser, Mrs. W. L. Holshouser, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Icenhour, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Icenhour, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Icenhour, Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Kaitilah, Miss Epile Keller, Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Keys, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Klutz, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Klutz, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Klutz, Mrs. John Lentz, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lentz, Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Main, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin, Mrs. H. C. Martin, Mrs. Anna Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Moody, Mr. and Mrs. David Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Penning, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Pennell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Phair, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pitts, Mrs. C. S. Brvette, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Razook, Miss Lena Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. John Reinking, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Robbins, Lee Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Minnie Robbins, Virginia Ryder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Stone, Miss Blair Sudderth, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sudderth, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tate, Mr. and Mrs. D. Tester, Dr. Ann Thomas, Mrs. James Trammell, Mrs. James I. Vance, Miss Margaret Vance, Mrs. E. B. Walker, Judge and Mrs. W. E. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Walters, Dr. Mary C. Warfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Winkler, Robert Whitewright, Mr. and Mrs. Joe White, Mrs. C. A. Williams, Mrs. John Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Winkler, Mrs. Wayne Wirgman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Young, Blowing Rock High School.

Tugman Resigns as Manager Farmers Store

BEAVER DAM MAN IS KILLED BY FALLING TREE

Virgil Harman Meets Death Monday When Trapped by Falling Tree in Clearing Right of Way for REA Extension; Funeral Thursday

Virgil Harman, 45 years old, resident of the Beaver Dam section, met instant death Monday when crushed by a falling tree, as he and a number of other workers were clearing the right-of-way for an extension of a REA transmission line.

The men, who were working on the farm of Mr. Will Wilson, were engaged in felling a large beech tree, when the fatal accident occurred. When the tree was cut free it fell in an unexpected direction and Mr. Harman was unable to escape. No one else was injured.

Funeral services are to be conducted from the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church at 10:30 a. m. Thursday by Rev. Nathan Greene, and interment will be in the cemetery there. Reinstatement Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

The widow, Mrs. Cora Hicks Harman, and the following sons and daughters survive: Mrs. Cecil Marshall, of Vilas; Mrs. Jas. Isaacs, Rockwell, N. C.; Mrs. McCoy Franklin, Connelly Springs; Edith Harman, Vilas; Henry Harman, who is with an overseas army, and Roy Harman.

Highlights of Roosevelt Message to Congress

Washington, Jan. 12.—Highlights from President Roosevelt's message to Congress on the state of the nation:

As you know, I have for three years hesitated to recommend a national service act. Today, however, I am convinced of its necessity. Although I believe that we and our allies can win the war without such a measure, I am certain that nothing less than total mobilization of all our resources of manpower and capital will guarantee an earlier victory and reduce the toll of suffering and sorrow and blood.

Over-confidence and complacency are among our deadliest enemies.

If ever there was a time to subordinate individual or group selfishness to the national good, that time is now. Disunity at home—bickerings, self-seeking partisanship, stoppages of work, inflation, business as usual, politics as usual, luxury as usual—these are the influences which can undermine the morale of the brave men ready to die at the front for us.

We are united in determination that this war shall not be followed by another interim which leads to new disaster—that we shall not repeat the tragic errors of ostrich isolationism—that we shall not repeat the excesses of the wild twenties when this nation went for a joyride on a roller coaster which ended in a tragic crash.

The best interests of each nation, large and small, demand that all freedom-loving nations shall join in a just and durable system of peace.

Unquestioned military control over disturbers of the peace is as necessary among nations as it is among citizens in a community. Returning from my journeys, I must confess to a sense of "let down" when I found many evidences of faulty perspectives here in Washington. The faulty perspective consists in over-emphasizing lesser problems and thereby under-emphasizing the first and greatest problem.

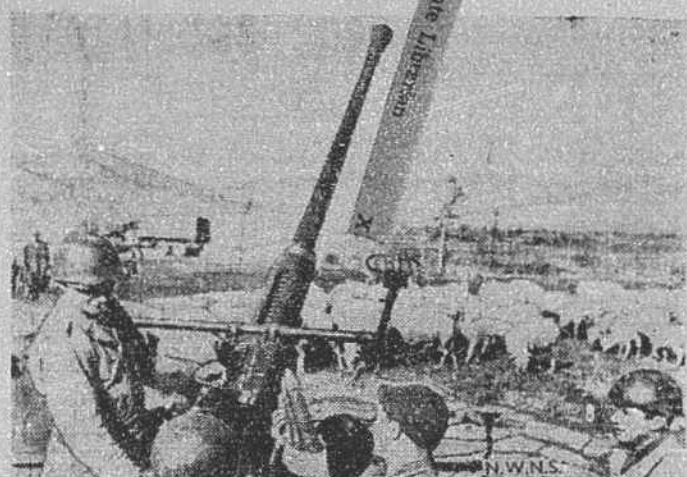
The overwhelming majority of our people are ready and eager to make whatever further contributions are needed to win the war as quickly as possible—if only they are given the chance to know what is required of them.

We cannot have stabilization by wishful thinking. We must take positive action to maintain the integrity of the American dollar.

Soviets Drive Deep Into Pre-War Poland

London, Jan. 12.—Red army forces, in a simultaneous attack with Rovno region guerillas, tore through bewildered Germans 35 miles inside old Poland, forcing the Sluch river near Sarny yesterday while Moscow announced that 15,000 Germans were killed in last week's smashing victory at Kirovograd.

Sheep in the Meadow and War All Around



Unmindful of the dangers about them and in the sky above, these sheep graze peacefully before an allied anti-aircraft battery in Italy. The gunners stand ready to repel an enemy air attack. Despite meat rationing these gunners concentrate their efforts on bombers.

All Records Are Eclipsed at Burley Warehouses With Sales of 2,404,298 Pounds; Market to Close January 20

RAILWAY EXPRESS SERVICE ASSURED

Number of Important Matters to Be Considered at Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Railway express service for Boone has now been assured, states W. H. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, who has devoted much effort toward securing faster transportation facilities for this area. Mr. Wilcox states that the details of the new service will be released in time for the next edition of The Democrat.

Mr. Wilcox has called a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce for Tuesday evening at 7:30, which will be held at the Gateway Cafe. Several important matters are to be discussed at this meeting, it is said, and a large attendance is desired.

James O. Phillips Dies in Capital City

James O. Phillips, R. M. 1-c, U. S. N. Fleet Reserve, died Jan. 2 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, D. C., of a coronary heart disease, at the age of 40 years, 1 month and 12 days.

Funeral services were conducted at Old Mt. Pleasant Church Jan. 6 at 11 a. m., with the pastor, Rev. Mr. Leonard, in charge, assisted by Dr. W. A. Deaton.

A son of the late Roe and Ida Moretz Phillips, he spent most of his life with the U. S. Navy, serving at different periods in the United States, the Philippine Islands, China, Cuba and other points on land and sea. His last work was with the naval radio station, Charleston, S. C. He had been a patient at the naval hospital at Charleston, Bethesda, Md., and St. Elizabeth during his illness of nine months, with only occasional over-night and week-end leave at Charleston.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Susie Lookabill Phillips, and two children, Peggy Joan and George Edward; four brothers, A. C., C. G. and W. W. Phillips, of Baltimore, Md., and Robert Phillips, of Blowing Rock; two sisters, Mrs. Gene Norris, of Arkansas, and Mrs. Fin Winebarger, of Boone Route 1.

Miss Lois Stanbury Dies in Winston-Salem

Miss Lois Stanbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Stanbury of Boone, died in a Winston-Salem hospital Monday, where she had been a patient for a long period of time. Miss Stanbury had been in poor health for a long period of time and her condition had been critical for the past several weeks.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon by Dr. W. A. Stanbury, Methodist minister of Winston-Salem, assisted by Rev. J. C. Canipe, and interment was in the city cemetery.

Miss Stanbury was held in high esteem in Watauga county where she was reared. She was a graduate nurse by occupation and was employed in a Greensboro hospital when she became ill.

Thirty to 40 million tons of raw material and foodstuffs are imported into Great Britain annually.

WAR LOAN DRIVE TO GET UNDER WAY ON NEXT THURSDAY

Quota of \$122,000 Given Watauga County in Current War-Financing Campaign; Organization to Be Completed Next Friday Evening

Watauga County's quota in the Fourth War Loan campaign has been established at \$122,000, says Mr. W. D. Farthing, Watauga County chairman of the war finance committee, who points out that the figure set for the county is only two thousand dollars more than was the case in the Third War Loan, in which \$243,000 worth of bonds were sold, exceeding the quota by more than 100 per cent.

The War Savings sales organization in the county will be virtually the same as heretofore, and a meeting of the workers will be held at the Gateway Cafe next Friday evening, at which time the organization will be completed, and plans laid for an energetic campaign to raise the local share of the war-financing fund as quickly as possible.

The campaign will start next Tuesday and continue until February 13, and during the period an effort will be made to give everyone a chance to buy his share of the war securities.

Mr. Farthing, in noting the enthusiasm with which Watauga County people have responded to the appeals of their government in past campaigns, solicits a continuation of the fine co-operation here in order that Watauga may even exceed its fine performances of the past. No effort will be spared to make this the most successful bond campaign thus far carried on in this county.

BIDS TO BE TAKEN FOR MAIL ROUTES

Contracts to Be Let for Number of Star Routes in and Out of Boone

Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., states that proposals will be received at the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General until 5:15 p. m., February 23, 1944, for carrying a number of mail routes in and out of Boone, as follows:

Boone to Lenoir, No. 18228; Boone to Lenoir railway station, No. 18227; Boone to West Jefferson, No. 18224; Triplett to Boone, No. 18226; North Wilkesboro to Boone, No. 18192; Mountain City to Boone, No. 18236; Elk Park to Boone, No. 18234; Hickory to Boone, No. 18333.

The contracts will be let for the period of July 1, 1944, to June 30, 1945. Proposal forms and all necessary information will be furnished upon application to the Boone postoffice.

Before the war the city of Khar-kov, Russia, had 135 schools for a population of 925,000 persons.

Name Of Lieut. Kephart Perpetuated In Christening of New Destroyer Escort

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 7.—The heroism of a Greensboro naval officer who gave his life in action over Guadalcanal was perpetuated by his hometown and the U. S. Navy today when his mother stood on the fore-castle of a sleek new man of war in Charleston Navy Yard, smashed a silver bottle of champagne over the bow and named her the USS Kephart.

The sponsor, Mrs. A. P. Kephart, now of Blowing Rock, was escorted to the bow of the speedy gray warship by Rear Admiral Jules Jones, USN, commandant of the Sixth Naval District, and the Charleston Navy Yard, after hearing Mayor W. H. Sullivan, of Greensboro, pay an eloquent tribute to her son—Lieut. William Perry Kephart—in whose honor a proud Greensboro purchased \$5,000,000 in bonds, especially earmarked to build a ship to bear his name.

Relating the incidents which led up to Lieut. Kephart's heroic death in battle over Guadalcanal, Mayor Sullivan declared:

"Until October 14, 1942, when he paid the supreme sacrifice for his beloved country, he was our hometown boy of whom we were justly proud. Since that date he has belonged to the nation and his name is written with the names of our heroes. His life and example are a challenge to the highest type of young American manhood."

Standing by on the fore-castle as Mrs. Kephart advanced to send a

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