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FIFTH WAR LOAN CAMPAIGN STARTS ON NEXT MONDAY

Watauga County Goal is Set at \$143,000; County to Be Given Special Recognition if Sales of E Bonds Surpassed; Organization Meet Friday

The Fifth War Loan campaign will officially get under way over the nation next Monday, June 12, and Mr. W. D. Farthing, chairman of the War Savings Staff for Watauga county, states that an organization meeting to formally launch the local phase of the effort, will be held here Friday, with members of the State War Savings organization in attendance.

Mr. Farthing states that all sales during this week of E, F and G series war bonds will be counted on Watauga's quota of \$143,000, and insists that everyone buy every bond possible in order that Watauga may continue to exceed every demand made on her for aid in connection with the war effort.

Of the overall quota of \$143,000, \$96,000 of E series bonds are to be sold in Watauga, and Mr. Farthing states that if the county reaches the E bond quota and surpasses it by as much as 10 per cent, the name of the county will be placed on a bronze plate on one of the navy's big battleships in recognition of the accomplishment.

Full organization details will be formulated at the Friday meeting and plans made for inaugurating an intensive campaign beginning next Monday.

Local Jeweler to Sponsor Contest For Bass Fishermen Here

Mr. B. W. Stallings, local angling enthusiast, who has quite a reputation as a bass fisherman, is sponsoring a contest for anglers this season, in which a \$25 war bond will be given the Watauga person catching the largest bass in the mountain district, with a second and third prize to be announced later.

Mr. Stallings says that if interest justifies the contest it will become an annual affair, and will expand in the interest of better sportsmanship.

Mr. Stallings has arranged for the City Meat Market to be the official weigh station for the competing fishermen, and prizes will be awarded on weight of fish rather than length. Official blanks will be available at the market, and fish will be weighed at any time through the courtesy of Mr. Tatum, during the bass season which opens on the 10th. A chart on the wall of the market will give the weight of entered fish, where caught, and tackle used.

The competition among the bass fishermen last year became keen, with no inducement offered for the biggest fish. It is expected that the Stallings contest will arouse even greater interest among those who fish for bass in this area.

County Singing Is Outstanding Event

The county singing convention which was held at the Gospel Tabernacle in Boone Sunday, was one of the most successful events of the kind ever held in the county, both from the point of entertainment and attendance. The large building was filled and perhaps as many remained on the outside. There were 24 soloists, duets, trios and quartets and choirs from Watauga and adjoining counties. The next singing will be held at the same place on the first Sunday in October. S. C. Eggers was elected chairman of the organization; John Cook, vice-chairman, and Z. T. Greene, secretary.

L. D. Tester, 83 Years Old, Taken By Death

L. D. Tester, 83 years of age, died at his home at Sugar Grove on June 2, and funeral services will be held at Willow Valley Church on June 8, at 2 o'clock, with Rev. R. J. Starling, pastor of Henson's Chapel Methodist Church, in charge of the rites, assisted by Rev. Leroy Woods, of Boone. Burial will be in the Harmon cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home in charge of the details.

Surviving are the following children: Clyde Tester, Banner Elk; Mrs. Dewey Rominger, of Rominger; Mrs. Bynum Trivette and Mrs. V. D. Ward, of Sugar Grove, and Don Tester, of Gooding, Idaho, who is on his way home for the funeral.

Demoted!

An unidentified major general is reported to have been reduced to a lieutenant-colonelcy, and returned to the states from England, as a result of giving information as to the date of D-day at a recent cocktail party.

Heads Merchants



Clyde R. Greene, Boone hardware merchant and civic leader, was named president of the North Carolina Merchants Association at the final business session of the organization convention in Raleigh Tuesday.

Boone Man Given The Flying Cross

S-Sgt. Edward E. Greer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Greer, of Boone, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. It has been announced by the War Department.

Sgt. Greer, who is a member of the Fifth Air Force in the Pacific theatre, was recently awarded the Air Medal, the citation at that time saying: "For meritorious service while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of long-range bombing missions against enemy airbases and installations and attacks on enemy naval vessels and shipping."

Sgt. Greer, who enlisted in the air corps at 18, has been in foreign service since April, 1943.

Gasoline Committee to Meet in Boone June 12

A meeting of the gasoline advisory committee of Watauga county will be held in the courthouse in Boone on Monday, June 12, at 7:30 p. m., it is announced by Lee Stout, chairman of the local committee, who insists that all gasoline distributors and dealers be present for an explanation of the new regulations affecting the industry which become effective June 15.

Mr. J. Mac Moore, of the OPA rationing staff, will speak.

Fishing On Middle Fork Started June 1

That part of Middle Fork stream owned and controlled by the stockholders of the Watauga Club, Inc., was opened to fishermen on June 1. It had previously been announced that the stream would open on June 15th.

Anglers fishing in the stream are urged to abide by all the rules of good sportsmanship.

In Kentucky Camp



Pvt. Stuart Wilcox, of Boone, recently received a three-day pass and came home on a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilcox of Boone, and his wife at Laxon, after spending 82 days in the hospital at Camp Campbell, Ky., where he is stationed. His parents have received word that he has arrived back at camp and is getting along fine. His address is: Pvt. Stuart Wilcox, 34596060, Medical Section, 1580th Service Unit, Barracks 38, Camp Campbell, Ky.

PATRIOTIC RALLY JULY THE FOURTH PLANS OF LEGION

Civic Organizations Asked by Legion Post to Take Part in Fourth of July Celebration; Speeches, Athletic Activities, Etc., Are Planned

At a recent meeting of Watauga Post 130, American Legion, it was agreed to sponsor a patriotic celebration in Boone on July Fourth, the first time in many years that this city has witnessed an Independence Day rally.

Ralph G. Greer, Legion commander, states that other organizations are being asked to take part in the celebration, and that the Legionnaires plan to work with the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association, Lions Club and other patriotic groups, toward making the proposed rally the big event of the season.

A speaker has been secured for the occasion who is well known and highly regarded in this section of the state, it is said, and a number of athletic features will be worked out to enliven the program. The finishing touches will be put on the Fifth War Loan campaign at this time. Many other features will be released as soon as the details are completed.

Dr. Whitener New Head of Civilian Defense Council

Dr. D. J. Whitener, of Appalachian College, has been named chairman of the Watauga County Civilian Defense Council to succeed Wade E. Brown, who recently entered upon his duties as a lieutenant in the navy.

Dr. Whitener was appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of Mr. Brown, Assistant State Director George K. Snow, and State Civilian Defense Director R. L. McMillan.

In notifying the local educator of his appointment to this emergency post, Governor Broughton wrote: "This recommendation has my full approval, and am therefore happy to inform you of this appointment."

Plans Made For Aid To Local War Veterans

A meeting was held at the county agent's office on Friday, June 2, to make plans for setting up a county-wide organization to help returning war veterans get relocated and adjusted to civilian life.

Only a small group met for this initial meeting. Those present were: H. C. Holmes, of State College extension service; Raleigh; F. R. Farnham, district farm agent, Asheville; Dr. D. J. Whitener, of the Boone Lions Club; J. E. Holshouser, of the Boone Chamber of Commerce; W. W. Mast, chairman AAA; Stewart Barnes, farm labor assistant; L. E. Tuckwiller, assistant county agent, and H. M. Hamilton, Jr., county agent.

It was decided at this meeting for the county agents to hold meetings with different neighborhood leaders in each community of the county and explain the purpose of this work and to ask these leaders to select a representative to serve on an advisory committee for Watauga county. It was also decided that all the civic organizations in Boone should have representatives on this committee.

Mrs. Wilson Dies at Silverstone on Friday

Mrs. Lucinda Holtzclaw Wilson, a prominent resident of the Silverstone neighborhood of Watauga county, died at the home Friday morning, after a long period of failing health. She was 80 years old and was the widow of Asa Wilson, who has been dead for many years.

Funeral services were held from the Silverstone Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. D. M. Edmisten conducting the rites, and interment was in the neighborhood cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by three sons and two daughters: William D. Wilson, Thomas L. Wilson, Albert Wilson, Miss Ethel Wilson and Mrs. Charles Perry.

Bass Fishing Starts In This Area June 10

The bass fishing season opens in Watauga county on June 10, states County Game Warden Walter Edmisten, who states that indications are that anglers will enjoy splendid sport in the bass waters of the area this year.

The trout fishing season opened here on April 15.

FRANCE INVADED!

In England



Pvt. Robert C. Winkler has arrived safely somewhere in England, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winkler, of Boone.

VALLE CRUCIS MAN MISSING IN ITALY

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Caudill Had Received Air Medal and Clusters

Staff Sergeant William Caudill, of Valle Crucis, has been reported as missing in action over Italy since April 27, according to advices received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Caudill, from the War Department.

Sergeant Caudill, who had been in the army for 18 months and on active overseas duty for six months, was a gunner on a B-24 bomber, and had been decorated with the Air Medal, Silver Star, and oak leaf clusters for his deeds of gallantry over enemy targets. He is 20 years old, and received his final training at a California army air base.

Mr. and Mrs. Caudill have three other sons in the service of their country.

Typhoid Clinics Are Continuing In County

The typhoid clinics being conducted in the county are continuing, and the health department gives out the following remaining dates:

- June 13th: Howard's Creek School 9:30 to 10:30.
- Rich Mt. School 10:00 to 12:00.
- Silverstone (store) 1:30 to 2:30.
- June 15th: Triplett School 9:30 to 10:30.
- Bamboo School 11:00 to 12:00.
- Aho 1:00 to 2:00.
- Blowing Rock 2:30 to 3:30.
- June 20th: Meat Camp (Stevens store) 9:30 to 10:30.
- Green Valley School 11:00-12:00.
- Riverview School 1:00 to 2:00.
- Castle School 2:30 to 3:30.
- June 21st: Don Hagaman's store 9:30 to 10:30.
- Reece (Dean Reece's store) 11:00 to 12:00.
- Bethel School 1:00 to 2:00.
- Timbered Ridge Church 2:30-3:00.
- June 22nd: Valle Crucis 9:30 to 10:30.
- Matney (Tester's Store) 11:00 to 12:00.
- Rominger Postoffice 1:30 to 2:30.
- Victor Ward's store 3:00 to 4:00.

In New Guinea



Pfc. Joe Hayes has notified his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hayes, of Triplett, that he has arrived safely in New Guinea. He entered the army Oct. 13, 1942. He took his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif.

LONG-HERALDED SMASH AT NAZI FORTRESS STARTS MONDAY NIGHT

Losses Unexpectedly Light as Combined Fleets of Great Britain and U. S. Hurl Troops on Hitler Fortress; Eleven Thousand Planes Provide Umbrella for Ground Troops, Who Push Rapidly Into Continent

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, June 6.—The Allies landed in the Normandy section of northwest France early today and by evening had smashed their way inland on a broad front, making good a gigantic air and sea invasion against unexpectedly slight German oppositions.

Prime Minister Churchill said part of the record-shattering number of parachute and glider troops were fighting in Caen, nine miles inland, and had seized a number of important bridges in the invasion area.

Lieut. Hartley Gets Flying Cross

An Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England, May 13.—First Lieut. Louis E. Hartley, 28, of Nebo, N. C., bombardier on an Eighth AAF Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement" while participating in more than a score of heavy bombing assaults on Nazi targets in Germany and the occupied countries of Europe. He already held the air medal with three Oak Leaf clusters.

The AAF bombardier graduated in 1939 from Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone, N. C., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Hartley, of Vilas, N. C. Before entering service April 1, 1942, at Asheville, N. C., he was an assistant instructor in English. He won his wings and commission at the Midland, Texas, bombing school.

Lieut. Hartley's wife, Mrs. Margaret M. Hartley, is now residing at 15 New Street, Marion, N. C.

375 REGISTERED AT LOCAL COLLEGE

Appalachian Reports Good Gain Over 1943 Summer Term; Graduate School Doubled

Registration for the first summer term at Appalachian College began Tuesday and is continuing this morning, reports from the office of H. R. Eggers, registrar, being that 375 have already been enrolled with prospects for the total registration reaching 500 later on. A year ago today the registration stood 25 below the '44 enrollment.

Registration will continue throughout the week, says Mr. Eggers, although classroom work began Wednesday morning. Of particular interest is the fact that in the graduate school conducted with the cooperation of the University, the enrollment has doubled this year.

William E. Setzer Dies at Age of 75

William Ester Setzer, aged 75 years, well-known resident of Boone, died at Wilkes Hospital, North Wilkesboro, Monday. He had been ill for several months, but his condition had not been regarded as critical until recently.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Advent Christian Church, by Dr. F. E. Warman and Rev. S. E. Gragg, and interment was in the city cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home took care of the details.

Mr. Setzer, who was a native of Caldwell county, had resided in Boone for the past 30 years. He was a deeply religious man and a devout member of the Advent Church. He was kindly and charitable toward his fellow man and possessed fine qualities of citizenship.

He is survived by the widow and three daughters Mrs. Gladys Hicks, Mrs. Allen Adams and Mrs. Louise King, of Boone. There is one sister, Mrs. Caroline Greene, of Lenoir.

Lions Club Elects Officers For Year

At a meeting of the Boone Lions Club Tuesday evening, officers for the coming year were elected. Dr. G. K. Moose was elected president. Other officers were: First vice-president, Guy Hunt; second vice-president, C. H. Mock; third vice-president, Lee H. Stout; secretary-treasurer, Dr. R. C. Busted, lion tamer, Dr. Orby Southard; tail twister, T. M. Greer; directors, Harry Hamilton and Dr. W. Amos Abrams.

Allied losses in every branch were declared to be far less than had been counted upon in advance.

Thousands of highly-trained troops leaped down well behind Nazi lines from carrier sky trains boring through the rainy, stormy night, and a headquarters officer declared this "very large scale" operation was "carried out with great precision. Our losses in aircraft were extremely small. It was a fine job—very fine indeed."

The airborne troops carried the brunt of early battle, creating a large diversion and many demolitions.

Airborne troops who led the assault before daylight on a history-making scale, suffered "extremely small" losses in the air, headquarters disclosed tonight, even though the great plane fleets extended across two hundred miles of sky and used navigation lights to keep formation.

Four thousand ships and thousands of smaller landing craft took the thousands of American, British and Canadian seaborne forces from England to France under protection of eleven thousand Allied bombers and fighters who wrought gigantic havoc with the whole elaborate coastal defense system that the Nazis had spent four years building. Naval gunfire completed the job, and the beachheads were secured quickly.

Coastal batteries were virtually silenced by the guns of the British, American and Allied fleets, including battleships, and the beachheads were speedily consolidated.

British Prime Minister Churchill, in announcing the successful invasion to the House of Commons at noon—six hours after the first seaborne troops landed—said the landings were "the first of a series."

Churchill announced that Allied airborne troops had captured several strategic bridges in France before they could be blown up and that "there is even fighting proceeding in the town of Caen."

"Air-borne troops are well established and the follow-up are proceeding with very much less loss than we expected," Churchill reported in a second statement of the day to the House of Commons.

Allied bombers, climaxing ninety-six hours of steady pounding, lashed German coastal defenses this morning with ten thousand tons of explosives.

Fighters who went out to guard the beaches had little to do, however, as the German air force up till afternoon had flown only fifty sorties against the invading forces.

The Germans were known to have probably 1,750 fighters and 500 bombers to meet the attack, why they did not use them at the start was not apparent, but Allied airmen warned that a violent reaction might be expected soon, noting that Hermann Goering in an order of the day had told his air forces, "The invasion must be beaten off even if the Luftwaffe perishes."

An optimistic air pervaded this headquarters over the smooth manner in which was launched the great crusade to liberate Nazi-enslaved Europe, a crusade in which the supreme commander, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, told his men, "We will accept nothing less than full victory."

Bulletin

Wednesday morning radio dispatches told of additional invasion landing in the Calais area, at the narrowest point of the English channel, far north of the original allied effort, and near the Belgian border.

MANAGES CO-OP STORE

Mr. Owen Little, of Zionville, has been named manager of the Watauga Farmers Cooperative Store, to succeed Glenn Howell, who is returning to his home in Bald Mountain township, to give his full attention to his agricultural activities.

TONSIL CLINIC TO BE HELD AT BLOWING ROCK

There will be a tonsil clinic held at the Blowing Rock Hospital on June 13th, it was announced today by Dr. Mary C. Warfield.