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FARTHING URGES INCREASED SALE SERIES 'E' BONDS

Despite Exceeding of Overall Bond Quota, Increased Purchases Necessary to Reach Goal in 'E' Series

Although most of the promotion work for the Fifth War Loan campaign is over, Mr. W. D. Farthing, chairman of the local War Savings Staff, reminds citizens that Watauga county has not reached its goal in Series E bonds and urges that everyone who has not bought all the bonds possible, do so at once.

While the overall quota for war bond sales in the county has been exceeded by \$126,000, sales of Series E Bonds through July 15, totaled only \$64,147.75, short of the quota of \$96,000 by approximately \$32,000.

Total bond sales in the county and cleared through the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, Va., through July 15th, totaled \$263,227.75. The county's overall quota is \$143,000.

The quota of Series E bonds must be reached before Mr. Farthing considers that the county's participation in the Fifth War Loan campaign has been a success. All purchases of bonds of this denomination made through July 29 will be counted toward the campaign quota, and Mr. Farthing expressed confidence that when the complete report is made, this county will have reached its goal.

The Series E bonds are the bonds bought by most individuals, and every bond that a person buys not only helps to defeat the enemy but also helps to keep down inflation, said Mr. Farthing. The bonds bought before the end of July will be dated July 1 and will thus draw interest from that date. When they mature, the patriotic citizens who have bought them to help support the war will have money to buy the things they have done without in order to help their country, Mr. Farthing explained.

He urged that all persons in the county who can possibly afford to buy more of these bonds do so at once and add their money to the many fighting dollars which Watauga county citizens have already sent to help the soldier's fight in the many battlefields of the world.

Arthur D. Adams, 63, Dies at Vilas Home After a Long Illness

Arthur D. Adams, prominent farmer of the Vilas section, died at his home on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Adams had been in a state of bad health for a long time. Funeral services were conducted from the Brushy Fork Baptist Church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. D. Ashley and Rev. J. C. Canipe conducted the rites. Interment was in the Adams cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

Surviving are the widow and two sons John T. Adams, Boone, and Walter Adams, Portsmouth, Va. There is one surviving sister, Mrs. G. L. Hodges, of Boone Route 2.

Mr. Adams was a son of the late Tilman Adams and Mrs. Nancy Adams. He was born and reared in Watauga county. He engaged in farming and cattle raising until illness forced his retirement. He had been a member of the Brushy Fork Baptist Church for 26 years, and when his health permitted took an active interest in the activities of his church. He was a member of the Junior Order. Mr. Adams was one of the county's fine citizens.

Jake Caudill Heads Local Wildlife Club

Jake V. Caudill was named president of the Watauga Wildlife Club at a meeting of the organization held at the Parkway Company on Thursday evening. Other officers elected were Kenneth Linney, vice-president, and Dr. R. C. Busted, secretary-treasurer.

It was said at the meeting that there is a slight prospect of the federal government establishing a fish hatchery on the property owned by the state, and which was abandoned some time ago.

Two Bound to Court For Selling Whiskey

Niley and Joe Trivett, of Boone, were tried Thursday before U. S. Commissioner S. C. Eggers on a charge of selling non-taxpaid liquor and were bound to federal court at Wilkesboro.

Killed In Action



JAMES WILLIAM LOOKABILL.

BODY OF LOCAL SAILOR IS LOST

Telegram to Parents of James William Lookabill Indicates Body Has Not Been Recovered

The body of James William Lookabill, shipfitter, U. S. Navy, who was killed in action as announced in the last edition of The Democrat, hasn't been recovered, according to information contained in a telegram to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lookabill, of Zionsville.

The full text of the message which is signed by Vice-Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel, follows:

"The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your son, James William Lookabill, shipfitter (third class, U. S. N. R.), was killed in action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country. The department extends to you its sincerest sympathy in your great loss. On account of existing conditions the body, if recovered, cannot be returned at present. If further details are received you will be informed. To prevent possible aid to our enemies please do not divulge the name of his ship or station."

Entered Service July, 1943
James William Lookabill entered the navy in July, 1943, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., after which he spent two weeks in Norfolk, going from there to Boston, Mass., where he spent a short time before sailing for England on his 19th birthday, November 20, 1943. He spent some time in Glasgow, Scotland; in Iceland and England, and had written an interesting letter as to a visit to the Isle of Man. It is presumed he lost his life when the vessel on which he was serving participated in the invasion of Europe.

Dr. Len Hagaman Will Enter Navy

Lenoir, July 18.—Dr. Len D. Hagaman, Caldwell county health officer, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the navy and will leave Lenoir to report for duty at Camp Peary, Va., on July 21st. No successor has as yet been named to his post here.

Dr. Hagaman has been head of the local health department since July, 1941, and for several months prior to becoming head of the department he had served as assistant health officer.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Hagaman, of Winston-Salem, Dr. Hagaman was graduated from Wake Forest and received his M. D. degree at the University of Pennsylvania. He served his internship at Gallinger Municipal Hospital in Washington, D. C., and received his public health training at the School of Public Health of the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. Hagaman and little daughter, Margaret Lynn, will make their home in Statesville with Mrs. Hagaman's mother when Dr. Hagaman leaves for Camp Peary.

American Legion and Auxiliary to Meet

Ralph G. Greer, post commander, has called a meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary for Friday night, July 11st, at 8:30 p. m. Besides the regular routine of business, there will be an installation of officers for the ensuing year, after which refreshments will be served by the Auxiliary.

All ex-service men and their wives are invited, and all service men are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

ALLIE BREAK NAZI LINES ON DRIVE TO PARIS

Americans Capture St. Lo and Force German Withdrawal, as British and Canadians Lung Into Plane Leading to Paris

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, July 19.—Behind an 8,000-ton bombardment by 2,200 planes, the most concentrated in history, the British Second Army burst wide open the German line at Caen Tuesday and, sweeping across the flat plain toward Paris, met Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's panzers in a showdown tank battle.

American troops captured St. Lo, central bastion of the enemy line, and the simultaneous blows shattered the communications of between 20 and 25 German divisions—possibly 250,000 men—threatening them with disaster as the Allied power exploded in a massive co-ordinated drive toward the heart of France.

Gen. Sir B. L. Montgomery's tanks smashed the German line in a surprise offensive from the Orne bridgehead just above Caen. They then veered southward to lunge out on the open plain and engage the enemy's armored strength.

Richard D. McMillan, of the United Press, reported that dozens of separate tank battles, parts of one mighty struggle, broke out as the German panzer crews, with no more hedgerows and gullies to hide in and with Paris itself only 112 miles beyond, turned and fought.

Huge pockets of Germans were passed by in the sweeping advances as the tanks plunged through suburbs of Caen where the enemy had held out stoutly after the main city fell last week. These were being rapidly mopped up by the infantry.

Fighter and dive-bombers pounded the enemy in direct support of the Second Army, reaching ever deeper into France. More than 7,500 sorties were flown during the day.

Even conservative headquarters spokesmen described the day's successes as "gigantic proportions" as the German reverses flowed westward along the entire 120-mile front and the Lessay-Periers—St. Lo line facing the Americans began to disintegrate.

The new offensive, announced in the first special press conference called at supreme headquarters since D-Day, caught the Germans by surprise, and the headquarters statement said, "Gen. Montgomery is well pleased with the progress made in the first day's fighting of this battle."

AIRPORT PLANS HEARD BY C. OF C.

Meeting Last Thursday Devoted to Discussion of Air Transportation Facilities For This Area

At a meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce last Thursday evening, called for the purpose of discussing plans for the postwar construction of an airport in this area, heard talks by Messrs. Stout and Tyson, representing an airport engineering firm, who spoke on airport designing and construction.

At the meeting the joint airport committee representing the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers, unanimously agreed to concentrate on one airport for the two towns. H. W. Wilcox, president of the local organization, states that engineers from the Civil Aeronautics administration will be here some time this week to further investigate prospects for the proposed airport.

Mr. Smith Hagaman of Winston-Salem, spoke briefly on the possibilities of aeronautics for this immediate section and the country in general. He said he believed air transportation will lower hospitalization costs, since a large number of patients can be carried to hospitals by air, and this will aid considerably in lowering costs and assist in aiding serious cases in speeding aid to them. Mr. Hagaman believes the Chamber of Commerce is showing foresight in its endeavor to develop this kind of transportation.

He believes the time will come when airplanes will be as cheap as automobiles, and air travel will be the most economical method of travel, considering the time saved. Attending the meeting Thursday evening from Blowing Rock were F. W. Webster, Dr. A. P. Kephart, G. C. Robbins and Hal C. Martin.

ELECTRIFICATION

Federal funds loaned for rural electrification, or set aside for approved loans, show an all-time total of slightly over 50,000 million dollars.

Evacuate Children From London



School children in the London area are shown as they were prepared for evacuation to safety zones. The death toll from the Nazi flying robots since June 14 has averaged one person per bomb with considerable property damage reported.

COBLE TO PAY MORE FOR MILK

Processor Announces Increases Which Will Benefit Watauga Milk Producers

George S. Coble, owner of the Coble Dairy Products Company, Lexington, announced Saturday an increase in producer prices for milk affecting thousands of farmers in Piedmont and Western North Carolina and Virginia.

Coble said the increase was made possible by recent contracts between the company and the army to supply milk at Cam LeJue and Cherry Point, which previously had been supplied by out-of-state dairies.

Coble added his company had been negotiating with the army for several months in regard to the contracts and that it was necessary to expand the facilities at the company's plants in order to process milk to meet the army specifications.

The increased price schedule was announced by Coble after a conference with W. Korr Scott, state commissioner of agriculture; John A. Arey, extension dairyman; L. L. Ray, lecturer of the State Grange; Harry B. Caldwell, State Grange master, and others.

The schedule, effective immediately, is:

Grade A milk received at Ramseur, Lexington and Guilford College, \$4.40 cwt.; grade A milk received at all other points where the retail price is 16 cents a quart or is subject to long haul in tank truck quantities, \$4.05 cwt.; milk purchased from farmers who have mechanical milk cooling equipment only, \$3.40 cwt.; all other milk, \$3 cwt. All these prices are based on four per cent butterfat.

Prices prevailing before the change were \$4 for all grade A to \$3.20 to farmers with mechanical cooler only and \$2.80 for all other milk.

Lions Club Favors Recreation Center

The boys' and girls' committee of the Boone Lions Club favors the development of a recreation center for the youth of the town. Boys and girls need wholesome recreation in a desirable place and under adult supervision of a sympathetic nature. Drinking fountains have been purchased by the Lions Club and have arrived and will be installed at the first opportunity. These drinking fountains are to be placed in the business section of the city.

The new Lions' community betterment committee favors placing benches in the business section for the comfort of visitors. The Lions' health committee urges everyone to co-operate with the health officials in curbing the polio menace.

Mr. Tom Cash of Winston-Salem, and Mr. S. M. Ayers of Boone, were guests of the club at its meeting Tuesday evening.

Fifteen committees presented extensive plans for work to be done by the Boone Lions Club during the coming year. The ladies are to have four opportunities (four ladies' nights) to show their power to tame the Lions.

WHEAT

The War Food Administration has announced higher loans on wheat for the present crop, an increase of 7 cents a bushel.

POLIO EPIDEMIC SENDS COUNTY'S TOTAL TO 14

Four New Cases Reported by Health Department During Past Week; Five Carried to Hickory Wednesday for Follow-up Treatment

Four cases of infantile paralysis reported by the county health department in the past seven days sent Watauga county's polio total to 14. This is a decrease of one for the same period during the previous two weeks.

The four new cases reported by the health department are:

Buddy Council, age 12, son of Mrs. Jennings Loven, Blowing Rock; Lavonne Hampton, age 13, aunt, Miss Minne Day, Blowing Rock Route 1.

Johnnie Ray, aged 8, son of Mr. Clyde Ray, Deep Gap; Newland Wellborn, age 19, of Deep Gap.

Buddy Council was taken to the orthopedic hospital in Gastonia Monday by Mrs. Virginia Smith, county health nurse, but has returned to his home, as he was pronounced out of danger by attending physicians.

Newland Wellborn is now at the Hickory Health center.

Five children from the county who have been ill with polio, and who are said to have passed the three-weeks quarantine period, were carried to Hickory Wednesday for examination and follow-up treatment by Dr. Gaul.

The county health department again urges that people keep their children at home, away from all types of public gatherings, off the streets and other public places.

Peak Not Yet Reached

Raleigh, July 12.—While health officials voiced fear that infantile paralysis had not reached its peak in North Carolina, school authorities today considered postponing the opening of schools in areas infected or adjacent to those where the disease is most heavily concentrated.

Recommendations adopted by the state board of health for preventing spread of the disease included closing all non-profit summer camps in all parts of the state and close to new campers all commercial camps operating in counties where the disease is prevalent.

Since June 1 and through last night 318 cases had been reported. Fourteen resulted in deaths.

31 Polio Cases in Ashe

Reports Monday revealed that Ashe county now has a total of 31 cases of infantile paralysis, most of which are being treated in Hickory or Charlotte. In view of the increasing epidemic, the Ashe county board of health has raised to 16 the age limit forbidding children to assemble in public places.

Local Red Cross Makes Fifty Uniforms For Emergency Hospital

The Boone chapter of the Red Cross received a call Saturday for 50 nurses' uniforms to be used at the Hickory emergency hospital for polio patients, says Mrs. William Grubbs, chairman of the local chapter.

The following ladies gathered at the Red Cross rooms where the garments were cut: Mesdames J. T. C. Wright, Mae Miller, Wiley Smith, L. T. Tatum, Graydon Eggers, T. M. Greer and Beach Keller. The garments were taken home to be sewed by the following ladies: Mesdames James H. Council, H. B. Perry, F. M. Payne, Joe Ragan, Floy Hagaman, Elsie Hagaman, D. L. Wilcox, Mae Miller, Willie Chester, Alice Council, Robbins, Beach Keller, R. W. Watkins, James Winkler, Dolph Lyons, Edwin Troutman, A. Antonakos, Minnie Coffey, J. C. Canipe, Mrs. Connie Storie, Mrs. Meecher and Miss Estelle Grubbs.

Bound to Federal Court For Retailing

Joe Trivett, of Boone, was tried before United States Commissioner S. C. Eggers, on a charge of selling non-tax paid whiskey last week and was bound to Federal court in Wilkesboro.

The cast was developed through the efforts of Special Investigator Hight Dotson, former resident of Boone, who now resides in North Wilkesboro.

COVE CREEK CANNERY OPENS

The new community cannery at the Cove Creek High School will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week, Ernest Hillard announced this week. The hours are 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

EMORY M'CALL TO SPEAK SATURDAY

Republican Convention to Hear Address by Ninth District Congressional Candidate

Hon. Emory C. McCall, of Lenoir, Republican candidate for congress in the ninth district, will deliver an address at the courthouse here Saturday, when the Republicans of Watauga meet to nominate candidates for the various county offices, according to an announcement by Earl D. Cook, chairman of the Republican executive committee.

The convention will be called to order at 2:00 o'clock, and candidates will be nominated for the three places on the board of county commissioners, representative to the general assembly, register of deeds and county surveyor.

The various precincts will meet at 2 o'clock on Friday to name delegates to the county convention.

Plans Being Made For Annual Horse Show

The annual Blowing Rock Horse Show will be held on August 4 and 5, with War Bonds and Stamps offered for prizes, it has been announced following a meeting of the board of directors of the annual event.

It was decided by the directors to name the show grounds "Broyhill Park" as a tribute to Tom H. Broyhill, an outstanding patron of the show. Improvements to the buildings and grounds is underway in preparation for the show.

J. Luther Snyder is president of the show, and members of the board of directors are Mrs. Joseph Cannon, Mrs. W. B. Woolston, L. M. Tate, C. G. Beck, Milton Chapman, Dr. A. P. Kephart, William Nebel and Rev. Walter K. Keys.

Annual Report of County Library

Following is the annual report of the Watauga County Public Library for the year ending July 1, 1944, as submitted by Mrs. Maude P. Ingles, librarian:

Total appropriation from county and school board	\$ 443.00
State grants	1,484.35
Total	\$1,927.35
Total amount spent for books	\$1,025.29
Operating expenses	830.43

Total	\$1,855.72
Number of books added during the year, 782; total volumes at end of year, 2,462. Total number of books lent for home use during the year, 8,949. Total number of books lent through the schools, 2,915. Total circulation, 11,364.	

334 Register For Second Term at ASTC

Registration for the second summer term at Appalachian State Teachers College this (Wednesday) morning had reached 334, and registration will continue during the balance of the week. These figures are 28 ahead of the same period last year, and Registrar H. R. Eggers expects the total to reach 375 before the registration period ends.