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LEGION JOINS IN NATIONAL SCRAP PAPER CAMPAIGN

Watauga Post Makes Definite Plans for Covering County in Co-operation With National Scrap Paper Campaign During September

Watauga Post, American Legion, has made detailed plans for sponsoring a county-wide campaign for scrap paper to cover the county during the month of September, in line with the decision of the National Legion organization to carry a drive for the essential war material in every county in the United States.

H. S. Steelman, the post commander, has appointed Ralph G. Greer as chairman to head the committee in putting the campaign into effect. Mr. Greer has already conferred with the county superintendent of schools in aiding in the gathering of scrap paper, cardboard, old books and magazines. No doubt there are thousands of pounds of such material in the county it can be gathered up.

This is an opportunity for everyone to have a little part in helping to win the war. Mr. Greer is asking everyone to be gathering this material up and getting it ready to be put on the market when the time comes to gather it up. Take a little extra care in bundling the paper—bundle paper in a pack separate; magazines in another pack and cardboard in another.

Lunch Rooms to Open At Beginning of School

The government subsidy which was taken off last spring, has been made available to the schools to help carry on their lunch room programs, and Mr. Moody, of the state department, says that there will be some surplus commodities available, and with the help of the local P. T. A., which is working at the present time, the lunch rooms at the Boone schools will open at the beginning of school and should be able to serve as good a meal as they did last year, if not a better one.

Although the prices of milk and other foods have gone up since last year, the additional help which the P. T. A. is giving will enable the lunch rooms to maintain or improve their meals.

The P. T. A. is asking that each school family give at least ten quarts of canned food to help out in the lunch rooms this year. The food will be collected and delivered to the school lunch rooms by members of the P. T. A.

Ration Calendar for Week of August 21

Processed Foods
Blue A8 through F5 (book 4) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

Meats and Fats
Red A8 through D5 (Book 4) now valid for 10 points each for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

Sugar
Sugar stamps Nos. 30, 31 and 32 (Book 4) good for five pounds each indefinitely. Stamp No. 33 becomes valid Sept. 1.

Canning Sugar
Sugar stamp No. 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar until Feb. 28, 1945. Apply to local board for supplemental rations.

Shoes
Airplane stamps 1 and 2 (Book 3) valid indefinitely.

Fuel Oil
Period 4 and 5 coupons for current season good until Sept. 30. Period coupons for next year, valid now.

Gasoline
All coupons now valid through Nov. 8.

TVA Representative Is Seeking Workers

H. R. Bryan, TVA representative, will be at the U. S. Employment Service in Boone on Thursday and Friday, the 24th and 25th of August, and also on Thursday, Aug. 31, and Friday, Sept. 1. Mr. Bryan states that there are a number of openings for laborers, carpenters and jack hammer operators at a construction job on a hydro-electric plant in Western North Carolina.

Mr. Bryan will interview all applicants interested in these jobs.

Was In Invasion



Pvt. Dudley W. Swift, U. S. paratrooper, son of Mrs. R. S. Swift of Boone, is back in England in a hospital after having taken part in the European invasion.

HIGH YIELDS AID HELP SHORTAGE

Local AAA Chairman Points to Advantages of Higher Yields Pasture, Forage Crops

Producing higher yields of pasture and forage crops by the use of lime and superphosphate fertilizer is an effective way to meet the wartime shortage of farm help, and a quick way to reach feed and food production goals for war needs, W. W. Mast, Watauga AAA county chairman declared today.

"If every farmer in Watauga county would take a few days during the early fall months to spread lime on his permanent pasture, and on the land where he expects to seed adapted grasses and legumes next year, the county's production pasture and forage crops would be increased tremendously," Mr. Mast said.

"Lime spread now, and superphosphate later, can do much to grow feed to produce the milk, eggs and beef we need. Immediate application is important," Mr. Mast added. "Lime is a conditioner of the soil and needs time to be dissolved by winter rains and snows before its full effect in sweetening acid soil can be realized. There is plenty of lime to be had now, either through the Triple-A program or from commercial dealers."

Lime and superphosphate are available to any farmer who will apply these materials on his land in accordance with the Triple-A conservation program. The quantity of lime or phosphate a farmer may receive is determined on the basis of the size of his farm. Farmers should call at the Triple-A office in Boone, to get complete details of the program and to make application for the materials.

DUGGER BUYS ELK PARK RESIDENCE FOR HOTEL

Elk Park—Ben S. Dugger, who was proprietor for a number of years, of the Elk Park hotel, which was destroyed by fire this spring, has bought the large Ledford residence in Elk Park, and is having it remodeled extensively for use as a new Elk Park hotel. The first wing of 10 bedrooms is nearing completion now, and Mr. Dugger says that the completed building will be composed of 20 bedrooms. The hotel will be in operation for the winter season.

In Richmond



John Harvey Bingham, Ph. M. 2c, is in a U. S. Naval Training Dispensary in Richmond, Va. He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Bingham of Boone, and has been in the Navy since Jan. 25, 1942.

YANK FORCES ARE SAID TO BE HALF WAY TO GERMANY

Armor Reaches Point 165 Miles From Reich; Opposition is Not Intense; Many Towns and Cities Fall in New American Campaigns

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Aug. 22—An American armored column has driven more than half way across France on the road to Germany, plunging past the ancient town of Sens, 58 miles southeast of Paris, in a 65-mile smash against only meager opposition, a dramatic front dispatch disclosed tonight.

Sens is a full 180 airline miles from the original Normandy invasion beachhead—much farther over the road of battle—and only 165 miles from the German border to the northeast near the Saar town of Neunkirchen. Germany also lies due east 200 miles away at the Rhine.

West of Paris, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's American armored and infantry forces mounted a new drive northwestward along the Seine toward the sea in an effort to encircle more thousands of battered Germans caught on the south side of the wide, almost bridgeless river.

On the allied extreme left flank along the channel coast British, Canadian, Belgian and Dutch troops spurred forward with swift drives on many sectors running up to almost a score of miles, closing in on the threatened German forces from the west.

Among the many towns from the coast to south of Paris, which fell during the day, were Cabourg and Houlgate on the channel; Dozite, five miles inland; Gacc, 35 miles to the south; Etampes, 27 miles south of Paris, and Pithiviers, 12 miles below Etampes.

In addition allied troops fought into the outskirts of the world-famed resort of Deauville on the coast, battled in the streets of Lisieux, 16 miles southeast of Deauville, reached the fringes of Orbec, 11 miles farther southeastward, and beat their way around Nazi resistance at Rambouillet, 22 miles southwest of Paris.

Nowhere along the entire front from the channel to Sens did the Germans appear able to check the allies, whose pauses—notably before Paris—were rather from allied choice than because of enemy opposition.

Pfc. John Marsh Is Seriously Wounded In French Fighting

Mr. and Mrs. Crater Marsh, of Boone, received information Tuesday that a son, Pfc. John D. Marsh, had been seriously wounded in France on Aug. 7th. The War Department message gave no further details.

Pfc. Marsh entered the service in June, 1943, and had been overseas since last December. He was a member of the Ninth division, which was one of the units taking part in the original invasion of France.

Thousands Are Asking For Absentee Ballots

Raleigh, Aug. 22—Applications for absentee ballots for use in the November 7 general election by Tar Heel members of the armed forces continued to pour into the office of Secretary of State Thad Eure today.

The office received 2,129 applications today, Eure said, bringing to 32,385 the number received at this source alone since federal application cards were made available at military posts throughout the world.

Secretary Raymond Maxwell, of the state board of elections, said that application blanks being sent to county were equally heavy and indications were that most of the estimated 200,000 North Carolinians of voting age now in service would vote.

Maxwell said an order for an additional 100,000 absentee ballots had been placed with printers after a survey of county boards showed the original order of 150,000 ballots probably would be insufficient to meet demands.

44,956 "GOOD" JAPS

Washington—The navy said Monday that revised reports say that 44,956 Japanese were killed during the conquest of Saipan, Tinian and Guam in the Marianas.

President Visits Outlying Base



President Roosevelt visited an undisclosed outlying base in the Pacific. He is shown as he enjoys "GI" dinner, center, flanked by enlisted men and officers. Shown left to right are Capt. A. E. Price, Pfc. William Goff, USSMC, of Datesville, Ark., the President, Pfc. Ferdinand Rutscher, Irvington, N. Y., and Brig. Gen. Harry Thompson.

Appalachian To Open September 19

Appalachian State Teachers College has announced that its regular fall and winter term will open on September 19, rather than on September 5th, as had previously been planned.

The change in opening dates was made in order to co-operate with the State Health Department in its fight against infantile paralysis. Dates for public school openings had been set at September 18.

JAPS ARE BLASTED IN WIDE FORAYS

American Airmen Blast Truk, Yap, in Wide Sweep Across Pacific

Pearl Harbor, Aug. 22—American heavy bombers based in the Marianas Islands raided Yap island, guarding the central eastern approach to the Philippines, for the second consecutive day Sunday without encountering enemy interception.

Army Liberators that struck at Truk in the eastern Carolines, however, ran into Japanese fighter planes. They overcame the opposition, completed their mission and returned to their base.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced these aerial actions today and also reported another raid on Nauru, west of the Gilberts, and an attack on enemy shipping in the Marcus island area. One Japanese medium cargo vessel was destroyed near Marcus, which is 1,200 miles southeast of Tokyo, and a smaller ship was left burning.

The announcement covered actions over a Pacific Ocean area of 90,000 square miles, demonstrating how American warplanes can fan out from their new advanced bases in the Marianas.

A Nimitz report Monday night and today's southwest Pacific communique showed that allied bombers are roaming the skies from north of Tokyo to Australia without encountering serious aerial opposition. The announcements covered raids into five island groups that failed to stir up a single enemy interceptor.

Rev. Hoke H. Ritchie Installed as Pastor of Lutheran Churches

The Rev. Hoke Henderson Ritchie was installed as pastor of the Watauga Evangelical Lutheran Parish, consisting of Holy Trinity, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion and Old Mt. Pleasant Churches, near Boone, on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 20. The Rev. J. L. Morgan, D. D., president of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, officiated. He was assisted by the Rev. J. L. Thornburg, pastor of St. John's E.L. Church, Statesville, and the Rev. J. L. Norris, pastor of Kimball Memorial E. L. Church, Kannapolis.

The Rev. Mr. Thornburg brought the message on "The Charge to the Pastor," while Dr. Morgan brought "The Charge to the Congregations." The Rev. Mr. Norris was the Liturgist for the occasion.

The first Arbor Day was in Nebraska in 1872 and since then the idea has spread to every state and some foreign countries.

REDS PASS IASI IN NEW DRIVES

37,000 Nazi Casualties Are Reported in New Drives of Russians

London, Aug. 22—Tremendous new twin Russian offensives on the long-dormant Romanian battleground have gained 38 to 44 miles on a 156-mile front, topping the big industrial city of Iasi and costing the Germans 25,000 dead and more than 12,000 prisoners in three days, Moscow announced tonight.

Two orders of the day from Premier Stalin and the regular Soviet midnight communique confirmed the savage new offensive which the Germans had been pessimistically reporting since last week-end, and disclosed that the second and third Ukrainian front armies of Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky and Gen. Feodor Tolbukhin had swept up more than 350 towns in the initial stages of their attack.

Quiet since last April, these two powerful armies apparently were aiming at the Ploesti oilfields, Germany's chief source of vital petroleum, now 160-odd miles southwest of the battle lines. Already the Russians were less than 65 miles from the Danube River.

On other fronts of a line now stretching 1,400 miles in a north-south zigzag, the Russians announced steady successes in an apparent campaign to slice Warsaw and northwest Poland off from East Prussia and extension of a sharp-pointed wedge into the center of Estonia while combating terrific German counterattacks on the Latvian gap position west of Riga.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS SET

Washington—The state and war departments disclosed Monday that the Swedish motorship Gripsholm is scheduled to leave New York "on or about" Wednesday for a new American-German exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war and civilians awaiting repatriation.

The exchange will be made at Goteborg, Sweden, about Sept. 8, the announcement said, and the Gripsholm is expected to return to New York with the Americans late next month.

The U. S. farm-mortgage debt was reduced by 850 million dollars during 1942 and 1943.

Soldier's Wife, Baby



Olivia Joy Hodges, born June 30th, shown with her mother, Mrs. Greer C. Hodges, of 4335 Madison Avenue, Fresno, Calif., who has never been seen by her father, a corporal serving overseas in the army signal aircraft warning service, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Hodges, of Boone. The father last was home in November.

PARALYSIS BAN TO BE LIFTED IN CO. WEDNESDAY

Quarantine Goes Off. Since No New Cases Had Been Reported for Six Weeks; Children Should Not Be Exposed Unnecessarily

The infantile paralysis ban is being lifted today (Wednesday) in Watauga county, it is learned by the District Health Department here, who acted upon the advice from State health officials before removing the quarantine.

However, parents were asked at the same time to be careful not to expose children unnecessarily.

No new cases of polio had been reported from Watauga county in six weeks, the total of those having been afflicted with the malady during the current epidemic remaining at 14.

When it appeared that the infantile paralysis situation was growing critical here, the Board of Health on July 3, issued an order prohibiting all children under 16 years from attending public gatherings, and the summer schools operating in Boone at the time were closed.

Advice from Raleigh on Monday indicated that five new cases of infantile paralysis had been reported from the state as a whole during the week-end period, bringing the total for the summer epidemic to 571.

GI Joes May Take Pick Of 42,000,000 Acres

Service in Armed Forces Counts Two Years On Tenure of Homesteads

Washington, Aug. 22—If GI Joe wants a homestead when he comes home from the war, he can—under terms of the pending soldier benefit bill—take his pick of 42,000,000 acres still open in this country, the department of interior said today.

The house-approved bill, now awaiting senate action, gives veterans of World War II the same homesteading privileges enjoyed by fighters in other American wars since 1863. It is a separate measure from the recently-enacted GI bill of rights.

Under the benefit bill, service in the armed forces automatically counts for two years of the five year tenure required for claiming up to 160 acres of public domain by squatter rights under the homestead act.

Commissioner Fred W. Johnson of the general land office, department of interior, who counts acres among other chores, said that besides the 42,000,000 acres open in continental United States, there are some 323,000,000 unoccupied acres in Alaska. Only about 2,000,000 of these have been surveyed, however, he said.

Funeral Held Friday For Bertha Killian

Funeral services for Bertha Mae Killian, 19, who died in Richard Baker hospital, Hickory, early Wednesday of last week, were held at Sardis Baptist Church, Hudson, at 11 o'clock Friday morning. Burial followed in Antioch cemetery in Alexander county. Rev. E. F. Sullivan, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church, Hickory, was in charge of the rites.

Miss Killian resided on the Brookford Road, near Hickory. A daughter of the late Walter Killian and Essie Osborne Killian, of Alexander county, she was born June 28, 1925. Survivors include the mother, of Hickory Route 3; four sisters, Mrs. E. W. Bentley of Boone; Mrs. Don Triplett, Lenoir; Mrs. D. M. Wilson and Miss Jeraldine Killian of Hickory Route 3, and one brother, Walter Killian, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, Camp Peary, Va.

DOUGHTON TO BE ON INAUGURATION GROUP

Washington—Congress has rounded out its committee of legislators to arrange for inauguration Jan. 20, 1945, of a new President—regardless of whether he is Franklin D. Roosevelt or Thomas E. Dewey.

Speaker Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, named Representatives Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, and Martin, Republican, Massachusetts, to serve with him on the house committee. The senate last June chose Senators Byrd, Democrat, Virginia; McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, and Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, as its committee.

The original tailor shop of Andrew Jackson is housed in a brick museum at Greenville, Tenn.