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WAR FUND DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY IN THIS COUNTY

Effort to Raise \$4,500 in Watauga County Gets Under Way as Intensive Campaign is Planned; Organization in Town of Boone is Formed

The National War Fund campaign gets under way in Watauga county October 9, with a goal of \$4,500, for the benefit of the federation of 22 leading war-related appeals to provide essential wartime service to our armed forces, merchant marine, and prisoners of war, and to supply essential wartime relief to our Allies and to the refugees from occupied countries.

Mr. H. M. Hamilton, Jr., is the chairman of the Watauga county phase of the campaign, and is organizing the county in such a manner that each township will have its individual quota, and so that every person in the county will actually have an opportunity of giving to this fund for the relief of our own fighting men in every part of the world.

Need Continues Great
Early ending of hostilities in Europe cannot result in any immediate reduction in the services of National War Fund agencies, according to a statement by Winthrop W. Aldrich, president of the fund, received today by Chairman Hamilton.

Victory in the European theatre may, on the contrary, "increase rather than diminish the need for help." Mr. Aldrich advised Mr. Hamilton. The Aldrich statement anticipates increased demands on War Fund agencies arising from the morale needs of our forces when they become occupation forces, from the complicated problems in the repatriation of war prisoners, from the need of prompt aid to civilian populations in the newly liberated countries to supplement the relief programs of the UNRRA and other (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

Boone Demonstration School To Organize Beginners' Band

Sixty boys and girls on musical instruments by the middle of October, is the ambitious goal aimed at by the Boone Demonstration school in its intensive campaign to reorganize and make permanent the instrumental music program in the public schools.

"In the past when parents had to assume the heavy burden of outright purchase of expensive instruments, we have had as many as 40 pupils on instruments," said Garnett F. Felts, band director of the Boone Demonstration schools. "Now that we are planning a rental program on moderately priced instruments, a goal of 65 young musicians is not visionary." Mr. Felts states also that used instruments may be purchased at reasonably low prices.

Complete details of the proposed plan will be made public as soon as the plan has been approved in detail by the directors of the Boone Demonstration schools.

Debt Is Lifted From Presbyterian Church

The recent campaign to raise \$4,500 to liquidate the debt on the James I. Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church has been completed, and it is announced that the dedicatory service will be held on Oct. 22nd.

Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian will preach his last sermon Sunday morning at 11, and the pastor-elect, Rev. J. Kenton Parker, and family will move to Boone on the tenth.

A large congregation was presented last Sunday at the Communion service. Miss Virginia Wary rendered a solo, and T/S Blain Miller, of the U. S. Army, who has been in the Pacific was present for the services. Miss Helen Foster of Appalachian music department will be guest violin soloist Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service.

Meeting C. of C. Group Postponed to Oct. 12

The meeting of the members of the special committees appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, to prepare material for an advertising booklet, which was to have been held Thursday evening of this week, has been postponed to the regular meeting time of the organization on Oct. 12, it is announced by H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization.

The postponement came as a result of a number of conflicts with the original date.

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ALFRED E. SMITH

ALFRED E. SMITH TAKEN BY DEATH

Former New York Governor and Presidential Aspirant Dies Wednesday Morning

Alfred E. Smith, 79, former New York governor and unsuccessful Democratic aspirant for the Presidency in 1928, died in a New York hospital early Wednesday morning, following an illness of several weeks. A few hours prior to his death it had been thought that his condition was slightly improved.

Smith, whose meteoric career in New York politics brought him the Democratic party's nomination for the Presidency in 1928, and precipitated perhaps the bitterest battle in the political history of the nation, served in the state assembly, as sheriff of New York county, and four times elected governor of the Empire State. In his presidential bid, however, he was engulfed in a landslide for President Hoover, being the worst defeated candidate from a point of electoral votes up to that time.

Smith was a life-long friend of President Roosevelt, but broke with the chief executive several years ago, at times taking the stump against Roosevelt. Failing in his desire to unseat the President, Smith had not been mentioned lately in the political news, and had made no pronouncements concerning the present campaign.

Farm Machinery Is Taken From Ration List, Says Triple-A

According to information received today by Mr. W. W. Mast, chairman of the county Triple-A committee from the state Triple-A committee in Raleigh, the following pieces of machinery and equipment have been removed from WFA rationing and distribution control: Combines, corn binders, manure spreaders, mowers, side delivery rakes, hay loaders, pickup hay balers, wheel tractors, garden tractors, well water systems, power pumps, farm milk coolers, sheet metal, water well casing, farm scales, grain drills, potato planters, potato diggers, sifo fillers, irrigation pumps and power sprayers.

The only piece of machinery remaining on the ration list is the corn picker, Mr. Mast advised.

"The action now announced is in accord with the War Food Administration's policy to lift war-time restrictions as quickly as possible," Mr. Mast stated.

District Democratic Meeting Set for Oct. 12

State Chairman William B. Umstead has given out the information that the ninth district Democratic meeting will be held at Statesville on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 11 a. m.

W. R. Winkler, chairman of the Watauga County Democratic Executive Committee, states that a large delegation will likely attend the meeting from Watauga county, and asks that those interested in going leave word of their intentions at the local Democratic headquarters.

Sgt. Lloyd R. Norris Is Wounded in Italy

Sgt. Lloyd R. Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conley Norris, of Sugar Grove, was wounded in action on the Italian front recently, it was revealed in a message received by the family Monday. The seriousness of his wounds was not disclosed.

Sgt. Norris, who has been in the army for about two years, has been in overseas service for the past six months.

YANKEES DRIVE FOUR MILES IN MAIN NAZI LINE

First Army in Big Break Through of Siegfried Line; Attack Continues as More Men and Armor Drive to Outflank Ruined Nazi Stronghold

Supreme Allied Headquarters, Oct. 3—Powerful elements of the United States First Army have smashed a four-mile gap through the Siegfried line north of Aachen, 12 miles north of the first Allied wedge driven into the massive German fortifications, and tonight more men and armor were driving to outflank the ruined stronghold of Aachen.

"The attack continues and advances are being made against varying resistance," supreme headquarters said late tonight.

The twin penetrations of the Siegfried line were 30 miles from Cologne at one point and 32 miles from Dusseldorf at the other.

"We are definitely through the old Siegfried line," declared an American officer. "We have our second major breach. There still are fortifications and antitank defenses ahead of us which the Germans built recently," he added.

In a spectacular 36-hour drive the doughboys—virtually without air support—captured Ubach, nine miles north of Aachen and three below Gelenkirchen, and drove the Germans from the moated 12th century castle of Rimberg on the German-Dutch border. Thirty-nine enemy pillboxes were knocked out and between 400 and 500 prisoners captured in furious fighting.

The first gap in the Siegfried defenses was driven just below Aachen at the outset of the invasion of Germany. Today's breakthrough placed Lt. Gen. Hodges' troops almost astride a main highway running north from Aachen to Gelenkirchen.

All along the Aachen front the battle flamed bitterly, with the Nazis trying desperately to close the breaches in the defenses of the Rhineland. For the past two days the enemy was purely on the defensive, despite the fact that Allied air support was being hampered by the weather.

P.-T.A. Will Meet Monday, October 9

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Boone schools will hold its first meeting on Monday night, Oct. 9, at 7:30, at the high school building.

Mrs. F. E. Warman, president of the association, has announced that the first meeting will be in the form of a "pitch-in" supper. This type of meeting was held last year at the close of school and proved to be very successful.

The new teachers of the two schools will be guests of the P.T.A. on this night.

All parents are asked to bring a covered dish for supper.

The P.T.A. committees have been working on the canned food project and their efforts are meeting with great success.

Receives Souvenirs of Italian War Theatre

Mr. Dave Hodges, of Boone, has received from his son, Pfc. Dean B. Hodges, a package containing a number of souvenirs from the campaigns in which he has been engaged on the Italian front.

Included in the collection is a German swastika from an enemy uniform, a couple of watches, apparently of German make, a large spoon with the name of the Grand Hotel, Rome, stamped thereon, a change purse with a quantity of foreign currency, beads and numerous other items.

Pfc. Hodges participated in the taking of Rome and has been engaged in the fighting in Italy since that time.

Feed Wheat Available To Farmers Saturday

Two carloads of feed wheat will be available to the farmers of the county at the bins in Boone on Saturday, it is announced from the office of the Watauga County Agricultural Conservation Association.

County-Wide Teachers Meeting Next Saturday

A county-wide teachers meeting will be held at the Boone High School building on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 2 o'clock p. m. All the teachers in the county are expected to attend this meeting.

Tank Goes Through Siegfried Line



Following a path blasted by U. S. Army engineers, an American tank passes through a belt of concrete and steel dragon's teeth obstacles in the Siegfried line near Aachen.

Nazis Last March



When 20,000 Germans surrendered to 25 Yanks without loss of a single American, they were allowed to march under arms to prison camp. They carried the Nazi flag until they entered the prison pen.

RECONVERSION BILL IS SIGNED

President Reluctantly Accepts Machinery For Getting Nation on Peacetime Footing

Washington, Oct. 3—President Roosevelt accepted today the congressionally designed machinery for getting the nation back from a wartime to a peacetime basis, but declared it would not run satisfactorily without further tinkering.

He announced at a news conference that he had signed with reluctance the surplus war property disposal bill and had also signed the bill to establish an office of war mobilization and reconversion. Both measures, sharply varying from administration recommendations, were enacted by congress just before it took a recess until after the national elections.

That creating the office of war mobilization and reconversion was "quite satisfactory" so far as it went, Mr. Roosevelt said in a statement, but it did not "adequately deal with the human side of reconversion."

He observed that the bill as finally enacted failed to provide for transportation of migratory war workers back home or to places of new employment, failed to provide unemployment compensation for federal employees, and failed to establish nationwide minimum standards for unemployment benefits.

The measure leaves unemployment compensation to the state. Mr. Roosevelt said he was glad to know that the house ways and means committee planned further study of these matters. "I hope that the differences which I have pointed out in the bill before me will be promptly rectified," he said.

Attend Political Meet In Raleigh on Tuesday

Mr. W. R. Winkler, local Democratic chairman; Mrs. Mae Miller, member of the state executive committee; Mr. Pat McGuire and Mrs. Jessie McGuire were in Raleigh Tuesday attending a political rally called by State Chairman Umstead, and which was attended by county chairmen and other leading figures from each of the 100 counties of the state.

The purpose of the gathering was to institute a campaign in the state, which would turn out the largest possible number of votes for the Democratic ticket in the November election.

Mrs. McGuire went from Raleigh to Wilmington, where she will visit with a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Holland.

TO FELICITATE CHINA REPUBLIC

Local China Relief Organization to Commemorate Founding of Chinese Republic

Mrs. W. M. Burwell, county chairman of the United China Relief, has called upon all co-chairmen in the county to ask the schools and churches to join in the commemoration of the 33rd anniversary of the Chinese republic, which occurs on October 10th.

The churches are asked to give recognition to this important anniversary at services next Sunday, while schools are urged to prepare suitable programs for presentation on the 10th. This is in line with recent requests of Governor Broughton that the people of the state thus recognize the long friendship existing between the people of America and China.

Mrs. Burwell says, "In the great crusade to liberate the oppressed peoples of Asia, the battle flags of the United States and China fly side by side. Our fighting men and China's march shoulder to shoulder with the same weapons, under the same leaders, for the same cause, the freedom of all men."

"Out of this comradeship of arms and aspirations grow an understanding and an appreciation of East for West and West for East that might never have been achieved in many decades of peacetime relations."

In urging complete support of the National War Fund campaign as well as an observance of the Chinese anniversary, Mrs. Burwell quotes the following from President Roosevelt: "What China has done for the American people and for the cause to which the American people are dedicated is written large across the pages of our common history. China has paid in blood, tears and treasure as high a price as a people can pay for the freedom in which it believes."

Claims Under G.I. Bill of Rights Paid Vets of War Through U.S.E.S.

If you are a veteran of World War 2 and need money to tide you over during your readjustment to civilian life and a suitable job, you can file a claim for readjustment allowance at your U. S. Employment Service office. The following length of service in the armed forces will qualify you to draw \$20 a week:

90 days service any time from Sept. 16, 1940, until peace is declared—or less time, if injury or disability was incurred in line of duty. If your service was for only 90 days, you would draw \$20 a week for 24 weeks; and for four weeks additional for each additional month of service up to 52 weeks. Thus, in order to draw \$20 a week for 52 weeks, you would have had to be in the service for a period of 10 months.

Illness or disability which occurs during a period of unemployment for which allowances have already started will not disqualify you.

If you are a veteran and want to file a claim for readjustment allowance, call at the U.S.E.S. office at the courthouse at any time from 8:30 to 12:30 from Monday through Saturday, bringing your discharge with you.

Cub Scout Meeting To Be Held Friday

A Cub Scout pack meeting, for the purpose of reorganizing or disbanding the local organization will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church.

All Cub Scouts in the community together with their parents, are asked to attend.

HIGHWAY POSTAL COACHES SEEN FOR THIS TOWN

Postmaster Brown Reveals That Plans Are Progressing For the Establishment of New Type Postal Service Between Here and Greensboro

Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., yesterday revealed preliminary plans for the establishment of a highway postal service, that will include a direct route between Boone and Greensboro, and has received a letter from W. L. Cornelius, chief clerk of the railway mail service in Greensboro, outlining the plan for the new type of service.

Mr. Brown, who has been working with officials for several months on the proposed new service, by way of explanation, states that a highway postoffice is a coach type vehicle, about 33 feet long designed to speed up mail service, and operating in the same manner as railway postoffices.

The mobile postoffice, Mr. Brown says, carries a mail clerk, and from 150 to 200 sacks of mail. The postoffice on wheels are made with parcel post storage space and equipped with pouch racks and sorting cases in order that postal clerks may receive, dispatch and separate mails as in a railway postoffice.

The prospective service for Boone, which Mr. Brown is very hopeful may be instituted soon, calls for one of the units leaving Greensboro no later than 2 a. m. daily, arriving here six hours later; to leave Boone daily at 2 p. m., arriving in Greensboro by 8 o'clock. Winston-Salem, Elkin, North Wilkesboro and the smaller offices on or near the proposed line would be served en route.

In view of the fact, says Postmaster Brown, that numbers of trains have been discontinued in this country in recent years and that star route service has not been entirely satisfactory over heavier trunk lines, the Postoffice Department has established at least six highway routes in the United States, which have been satisfactory. Boone is one of the points under serious consideration for the expansion of this new and improved type of service, looking toward permanent establishment of the highway postoffices.

Local Employment Office Secures Large Number War Workers

The U. S. Employment Service, since opening an office in Boone on July 10, has been successful in securing a large number of workers from this area for defense plants and has assisted hundreds of applicants in finding suitable employment.

The local office has sent direct to defense work 45 persons, including 25 machinists, helpers and laborers to the Norfolk navy yard; 17 carpenters, waitresses and laborers to Fontana Dam; one machinist to the Washington, D. C. navy yard; one electrician to Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation at Elizabeth City, and one radio technician trainee to Holbaard Signal Depot in Baltimore. In addition others have been placed at various positions throughout the state.

Fifteen veterans have registered at the office since mid-July and 10 veterans have been placed in work. Eight handicapped persons have been assisted in finding work. More than 100 callers have desired information regarding employment in Watauga county and half of this number were hired locally. The office has also been able to direct a few laborers to the lumber industry in the county.

Charles C. Love, in charge of the local office, states that the co-operation of local job-seekers and employers with the U. S. Employment Service has been commendable.

The Boone office, located in the courthouse, will continue to be open daily from 8:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. It has been advised that representatives from Glenn L. Martin Company will visit Boone on Oct. 6 and Oct. 13 in the interest of securing aircraft workers. There are many well paying jobs open with this establishment.

Boone Cannery Quits Operation Next Friday

Friday, Oct. 6, will be the last day of operation of the Boone community cannery until sometime in November, Dr. Orby Southard, supervisor, has announced.

Plans are being made to can meat on two or three days in November, and anyone wishing to do meat canning at the cannery should contact Dr. Southard.