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## POLIO CAMPAIGN GETS UNDER WAY HERE JANUARY 14

**Howard Cottrell Named Chairman of Effort to Raise Funds for Combatting Polio; No President's Ball to Be Held This Year**

Mr. Howard Cottrell has been named chairman of the campaign to raise funds for the fight against infantile paralysis this year, and announces that the drive in Watauga county to raise a quota of \$1,740 for the relief of those suffering with polio is getting under way this week.

The campaign, which is linked with the birthday of President Roosevelt, and which has hitherto been launched by a President's Birthday Ball, will take a different turn in the county this year. Mr. Cottrell states there will be no ball, but there will be two small dances held at the Boone high school, the first on the evening of January 12, and the second on the evening of the 18th. Tickets are on sale at the different business houses of the town. The chairman states, however, that these two small gatherings are only incidental to the main campaign for funds. He is contacting the teachers of the county, and other leaders, and expects to set up a full committee in every section to the end that the quota may be reached promptly and fully. The official dates for the campaign are January 14 through the 31st. All contributions will be welcomed.

**Cites Local Benefits**

Mr. Cottrell in launching his appeal for the infantile paralysis fund, calls attention to the vast benefits received by Watauga county children last summer when 16 were afflicted with polio. At least one of these is in Warm Springs, Ga., at this time, doing well, while most of the others have recovered. Figuring on the national basis of \$5,000 average being spent on each person afflicted, Watauga county actually received \$80,000 last year, while all the infantile paralysis chapters in the state only turned in from their funds \$75,000 during the epidemic. The National Infantile Paralysis Foundation sent \$500,000 into the state, and the death rate from last year's epidemic, as a result of this treatment, was held to 3.4 percent, the lowest in the history of the nation.

It is further stated by Mr. Cottrell that 50 percent of all funds raised this year stays in the treasury of the county organization, to provide immediate and direct aid to those who have suffered from the disease, and need braces or other attention.

Further announcements as to committees, etc., will be made in the next edition of this newspaper.

## FILE NOW FOR TOBACCO BASE

February 1 is Final Date for Applying For New Grower Allotment for 1945

All eligible producers who are interested in applying for a new grower burley tobacco allotment for 1945 should file their request at the Watauga County AAA office prior to February 1, according to W. W. Mast, chairman of the Watauga County AAA committee.

Mr. Mast pointed out that the announcement by the War Food Administration that marketing quotas will apply on this type of tobacco for the marketing year 1945-46 specified that five percent of the national marketing quota would be made available for establishing new allotments.

"To be eligible for such an allotment either the farm operator or the person growing the tobacco, shall be living on the farm and largely dependent on the farm for his livelihood," Mr. Mast said.

## Chamber of Commerce To Hold Dinner Meeting On Thursday Evening

A dinner meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Gateway Cafe Thursday evening at 7:30, it is stated by H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization, who says that several matters of importance are to be considered, and that he would like to have a full attendance.

"Let everyone be thinking of the highway improvements into Boone," says Mr. Wilcox, "and be prepared to give your views on the situation. We all realize that Boone will likely have to depend on highways as its sole mode of transportation, and we should take serious thought about this matter. Of course, we know nothing can be done immediately about rebuilding or improving these roads, but we can get ready, decide on what we need the worst, and go after them when the time comes."

About 5 million pounds of food will be stored in freezer locker plants in North Carolina during 1945. These plants will also cure about 3 to 10 million pounds of meat for farmers.

## You Can Help Others Like Him



Six weeks after he was hit by a crippling attack of infantile paralysis, small Jerry Hamrick of Lincolnton, N. C., was on his feet again. He was treated at the Hickory Emergency Infantile Paralysis Hospital by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The March of Dimes, to cover this work, will be held January 14 to 31.

## Wounded



Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Storie of Shulls Mills, have received word that their son, Staff Sergeant Dillard J. Storie, was wounded in action in Germany December 3. He was inducted in August, 1941, trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., and sent overseas in July, 1942. He was with the First Division of the First Army, which was first to land in North Africa. His division was returned to England in the fall of 1943 to receive special training for the invasion of France. There again it was first, going from Normandy through Belgium and on into Germany.

## TO ASSIST VETS IN FILING CLAIMS

Assistant State Service Officer to Assist Local Veterans in Getting Benefits

Lionel Ward, service officer for Watauga Post American Legion, has announced that Mr. Richard Hulme, assistant state service officer, will be at the Parkway Company Jan. 16, from nine until his services are no longer needed, for the purpose of assisting Mr. Ward in filing claims for the veterans and dependents of deceased veterans.

Mr. Hulme will have the papers necessary for filing claims for the widows of veterans of the First World War, on the new pension bill that was passed in December.

Any war veterans or their dependents who have not filed their claims are asked to see Mr. Hulme on the date mentioned.

## Three Volunteer For Naval Service Here

Three Blowing Rock men volunteered for service in the navy and left last Wednesday for the naval training center at Great Lakes, Ill. They are: Bill Downs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Downs; Steve Johnson, son of Mrs. Carrie Johnson, and Tom Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Greene.

Young Downs has one brother, J. C. Downs, S. 1-c, who is serving in the Pacific area, while Greene is the fourth member of his family to fight for Uncle Sam. Three brothers, Dennis, Dee and Charles Greene are serving in the army and all are overseas.

## GOOD BURLEY CROP

Mr. G. W. Robertson of Reece, on Monday sold 1,818 pounds of tobacco for \$969.18, the highest of the crop bringing 58 cents, most of the remainder bringing 56 and 57 cents. The crop was grown on nine-tenths of an acre of land.

## LICENSE REFUSED LAST BEER PLACE IN COMMUNITY

Town Council Cites "Legal Grounds" For Their Refusal To License Local Cafe. First Time No Beer Available Since 1933

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler and the board of aldermen have joined in refusing to issue beer license to the cafe, known as Ruth's Place, and until recently owned by Mrs. Ruth Bare, thus closing the last outlet for the foamy beverage in this city.

City officials, in making known their refusal to grant the license, stated that their action was based on "legal grounds."

The wine and beer issue has constantly flared during the past years, but this is the first time since 1932 beer was made legal in 1933, that none of the beverage could be procured in Boone. Whether or not any legal action will be brought as a result of the action of the city council could not be learned.

## JOHN C. FORD TAKEN BY DEATH

John C. Ford, 66, prominent Blowing Rock business man and former owner of the Blowing Rock for which the town is named, died Thursday night after a long illness.

Mr. Ford was a widely known farmer and at one time was engaged in the real estate business.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Bailey Camp Church and burial was in the Bolick cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Barbara Bolick, of Blowing Rock; seven daughters, Mrs. Butler Craig, Mrs. Phil Harmon, Mrs. Avery Jackson, Mrs. Glenn Teague, Mrs. Elmer Wood, Mrs. Harold Wood and Miss Clarissa Ford, all of Blowing Rock; three sons, Darius, William and John W. Ford, all of Blowing Rock; 29 grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Clinton Bolick, Mrs. Ellen Cook, Mrs. M. Teague and Mrs. Zora Hamlet; and five brothers, George, Cordova, Cicero, Squire and Ira Ford.

## In England



Pvt. Claude H. Winebarger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Winebarger of Boone Route 2, who is now in England. He went overseas in November and was trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp McCoy, Wis.

## COUNTY RAISES 430% OF QUOTA IN BOND DRIVE

Sixth War Loan Most Successful; 'E' Bond Quota is Heavily Exceeded; Chairman Greene Thanks People for Their Fine Work

Watauga county people bought \$503,272.25 worth of bonds in the Sixth War Loan campaign which closed the end of December, or 430 percent of the county's overall quota of \$117,000, it is revealed by Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the local War Savings Staff.

At the same time, the final figures indicate that Watauga also went over the top in the sale of "E" bonds with purchases of \$105,581.25 of this type of security, or exactly 125 percent of the established quota of \$84,000.

**Service Men Buy Bonds**

Mr. Greene points to the significant fact that men and women now in the service of their country, fighting the nation's war, bought \$9,600 in bonds during the campaign, and he rightly feels that special commendation should go to these people for their subscriptions. Should civilians of the county bought in proportion, the subscription would have been stupendous, he says.

Mr. Greene takes occasion to thank all the men and women throughout the county for their fine work of solicitation, the school children for their splendid efforts in every section, and every man, woman and child who bought a bond, for their fine co-operation in making this the most successful war-financing campaign since the beginning of hostilities.

## Lieut. Stewart Back From Two Years in Far Pacific Waters

Lieut. Flucie Stewart, for five years football coach at Appalachian College, returned to Boone Saturday direct from Saipan Island, and is spending a two weeks' leave with Mrs. Stewart. The trip from the far Pacific naval base was made by plane and Lieut. Stewart landed in Charlotte in six days' time.

The husky college athlete, who has been in combat zones in the Pacific for the past two years, sees the possibility of overwhelming thrusts at the Japs when bases on Saipan and in the Philippines are fully developed, and thinks the day of retribution for the Nips is growing nearer.

Lieut. Stewart says the tales of Jap cruelty and treachery which have reached the States are fully justified by the facts. "In fact," he says, "the half hasn't been told of the viciousness of these rats of the Pacific. It's a big job to exterminate them, but they have already been made to feel the force of American men and machines."

Lieut. Stewart saw his principal action at Tarawa and Saipan, and at the latter place visited the grave of Lieut. Hal Bingham of Boone, who was killed during the initial invasion of that island. He has numerous pictures, some of them made from Japanese films showing life among the natives of the Pacific islands, together with numbers of views of the Japs, their institutions and customs.

Lieut. Stewart has high praise for the different armed services in the Pacific and finds morale high. He puts in a special plug for the Marines, whom he believes to be about the toughest fighting men he has seen, but has strong for all those brave men in all services, who actually do down-to-earth fighting on the beaches and in the jungle. He was fortunate in having suffered no injuries during his long stay in the Pacific, but does feel the need of the brief rest he is getting.

Following his leave here, Lieut. Stewart will go to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he will be attached to the Naval Air Base for the time being.

## Masonic Order in Installation Ceremony

The Masons of Snow Lodge No. 363, held their first meeting in the Junior Order hall in Boone on Friday night, Jan. 5. Officers for 1945 were installed as follows:

T. M. Greer, W. M.; Dean Bingham, Sr. W.; J. V. Caudill, Jr. W.; Clyde R. Greene, treasurer; J. E. Clay, secretary; Wm. M. Matheson, S. D.; Amos Abrams, J. D.; R. C. Busted, Sr. S.; J. O. Cannon, Jr. S.; Russell D. Hodges, marshal.

The meeting was well attended by the membership of the lodge. A number of distinguished visitors were present among them being J. L. Stout, W. M. of Cranberry Lodge No. 598, and Roy A. Harmon, past D. D. M. of the 40th Masonic district.

There will be a special communication for the purpose of conferring the second degree Friday night, Jan. 12, at 7:30 o'clock.

Extra Victory gardens will be needed this year as food shortages develop and demands for food grow greater. Fresh vegetables provide the most vitamins.

## Wounded



Pvt. Roy Woodard, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Woodard of Boone, who was wounded in the fighting in France on November 27, is now recovering in a hospital in France. He entered the service January 20, 1944, and has served overseas since last July.

## AMERICAN TROOPS LAND ON LUZON

800-Ship Convoy Unloads Tanks and Armor For Drive Into Heart of Philippine Islands

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Jan. 10—Tens of thousands of U. S. Sixth Army forces, accompanied ashore by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, landed Tuesday along 15 miles of Lingayen gulf coast on Luzon Island from an 800-ship convoy and pushed deep into flatlands leading 120 miles south to Manila over ideal tank-war country.

Tanks were among the equipment put ashore in strength to make possible a powerhouse offensive.

From the beaches, cleared of Japs by fierce warship shelling and aerial bombings, the lightly opposed Yanks surged inland over the same crescent of sand dunes the Japanese employed three years ago.

A field dispatch, disclosing that MacArthur already has set up headquarters on Luzon, said the landings were on the southern extremity of the gulf which includes the city of Lingayen.

Within two hours after the first transports had disgorged the soldiers to landing boats, following a dawn shelling of the areas, MacArthur was back on the island where he fought the losing battles which opened the Pacific war.

The way for this showdown fight for all the Philippines was paved by a multiplicity of warships and aerial attacks. These included the destruction or damage of 262 enemy planes and the sinking or damaging of 73 ships in three days of carrier-based assaults on Luzon, Formosa and Okinawa, in the Ryukyu chain.

Spencer Davis, Associated Press war correspondent aboard a flagship, said huge stores of equipment, guns and armor already have been put ashore for the drive toward Manila down territory suited for mechanized war.

Deep penetrations inland by some of the landing forces already have been made, Davis said.

In a shortwave broadcast direct from Luzon, George Thomas Foster, of NBC, said the 70-mile-long convoy reached the gulf without the loss of a single soldier.

## OTHER LATE WAR NEWS

**Western Front**—U. S. troops and tanks buck through snowdrifts, punch to within three miles of the enemy's last escape highway in Belgian bulge; great battle is expected to reach climax in 24 hours. German attacks in northeastern France dwindle.

**Eastern Front**—Red army troops win control of nearly one-half of Budapest. German counter-push above Budapest appears stalled.

In Italy, German troops halt four-day retreat on eastern end of front and dig in.

## Cpl. Smith Mast is Wounded in Germany

Cpl. Smith Mast, of Vilas, was wounded three weeks ago in Germany, and is now in a hospital in England, where he is improving. A brother, Vaught Mast, BM 1-c, of Boone, and a nephew, Cecil Ward, Y 1-c, of Elizabethton, Tenn., who are also in the European theatre of operations, recently visited their injured kinsman.

## Pfc. Glenn Cottrell Prisoner of Nazis

Pfc. Glenn D. Cottrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cottrell of R.F.D. 2, Boone, is a prisoner of the German government, according to a telegram to the parents under date of January 6, from the office of the adjutant general.

Pfc. Cottrell had been reported missing in action in France on August 17, and this is the first word received by the family since that time.

## BURLEY SALES THREE MILLION TO SET RECORD

Tuesday's Average on Mountain Burley Warehouse Floors 48.49; Receipts Still Heavy; No Closing Date for Market Has Been Established

Sales at the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouse reached the season total of 2,840,442 pounds at the close of the auction on Tuesday, and warehousemen stated that the sales of today will put the poundage for the season to well over the three million pound mark, to establish an all-time record for the local houses.

Total money paid out to the farmers of the belt as of Tuesday was \$1,377,870.15, for a season average of \$47.11 per hundred. On Wednesday morning from 400,000 to 450,000 pounds of burley were on the baskets for today's sales, and receipts continued rather strong, with no information thus far having been received as to the probable closing date of the market.

**On Three-Hour Schedule**

The sales at the local houses went on a three-hour schedule week, rather than the two-hour plan which had been followed throughout the belt last week. It is understood, however, that no set of buyers may purchase more than 1,080 baskets in the three-hour sales period. This is due to the manpower shortage which has caused congestion in the manufacturing plants.

**Averages Higher**

Tuesday's sales brought higher averages, when 178,088 pounds were sold for \$86,374.83, or an average of \$48.49. On Monday total sales were 214,496 for \$102,582.77, average \$47.83.

Farmers appear highly pleased with the prices they are receiving this year for their tobacco, and information is that due to the bad weather a number of large crops are yet to be brought to the market. Despite the shortened sales hours, congestion at the local houses has been held to a minimum, and R. C. Coleman, warehouseman, is sticking to his old motto of "a first sale every day."

## PLANS MADE FOR REA EXTENSION

Men in Different Sections of County Taking Applications for Postwar Service

The Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation is making definite plans for the extension of the REA lines into different sections of the county, just as soon as materials are available following the war, it is stated by local officials of the organization, and everything is being placed in readiness for the expanded program.

Men have been designated in each section of the county to take applications from prospective members. All those interested are asked to see the man named in their respective neighborhoods. The list of these workers and the communities follows:

John Wellborn, Stony Fork; Elmer Triplett, Triplett; Carl Storie, Blue Ridge; E. B. Hardin, Laxon; M. H. Norris, Lower Meat Camp; Warren Greene, Sanders; Wade Clawson, upper Meat Camp; W. W. Winebarger, Tamarack; S. F. Moody, Rich Mountain; Sanford Creed, Beaver Dam; Kenneth Farthing, Valle Crucis; Paul Wright, Shulls Mills; Kent Brown, Blowing Rock.

It is stated that the additional electric lines will positively be constructed, and that as a matter of fact, the funds for this purpose have already been appropriated.

## Legislature Awaits Budget Message

Raleigh, Jan. 10—Reading of committee appointments was completed yesterday in the legislature and the rapid pace of operations begun last week slowed down a bit as members awaited the budget message to be read today with introduction of the finance and appropriation bills.

Governor Cherry's message on the fiscal affairs of the senate was generally expected to follow the same lines he has endorsed, both during his campaign and in his inaugural address: last Thursday. He consistently has advocated conservative handling of the surplus and the retention of the present tax structure during the war emergency.

Speaker Oscar Richardson announced the membership of 48 house committees at a brief morning session yesterday.

## Cpl. Asa L. Reese Wounded in Action

Corporal Asa L. Reese, Jr., of Reese, who is with a paratroop division on the western front, was slightly wounded in the invasion of Holland, and is now a patient in a hospital in England, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa L. Reese, have been advised.