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LATIN AMERICA TALKS BOOKED AT APPALACHIAN

Dr. Samuel Inman to Open Series of Lectures in State at Appalachian College Today; To Speak at University, Wake Forest and Others

Dr. Samuel Guy Inman, adviser to the State Department on Latin-American affairs, and a member of the United States delegation to the Mexico City conference of American republics, took a plane to North Carolina immediately upon conclusion of the conference to give a series of addresses in 21 colleges and universities in the state during the two-week period March 8-22, it was announced in Chapel Hill by Dr. Eugene E. Pfaff, director of the Southern Council on International Relations.

Dr. Inman will begin his series of lectures at Appalachian College in Boone Thursday evening, March 8, at 7 o'clock. Other colleges in his itinerary include: University of North Carolina, Women's College of the University, Wake Forest and Davidson Colleges.

Dr. Inman's series of addresses is being sponsored by the Southern Council as a part of its program of public information in North Carolina last fall. This state will, as a result of Dr. Inman's appearance, be the first in the country to get from a State Department official a first-hand analysis of the results of the Mexico City conference.

MARCH 15 MEANS THREE-WAY SOCK FOR TAXPAYERS

Some Must Pay On 1943 and 1944 and Incomes For the Current Year

Washington—March 15 means a three-way sock for some income taxpayers.

They will have to pay: (1) Tax still owed on 1944 income; (2) the portion of 1943 tax postponed last March and (3) the first installment of estimated tax on their 1945 income.

Collectors of internal revenue have been sending out bills to all taxpayers who postponed part of their 1943 tax. (Remember the "unforgotten" tax when the change-over was made to pay-as-you-go?) Persons who make declarations of estimated tax for 1945 must pay at least one-fourth of their estimated tax.

Separate Transactions
The payment of postponed tax, of estimated 1945 tax and of tax due on 1944 income are separate transactions.

You must file a declaration of estimated tax on or before March 15:
If you expect to receive in 1945 wages subject to withholding in excess of \$5,000 plus \$500 for each surtax exemption except your own. (For example, a single person with no dependents who expects wages of more than \$5,000 must file; a married person with no dependents and a single person with one dependent must file if they expect wages of more than \$5,500.)

2. Or you expect income of more than \$100 from all sources other than withholding wages, provided your total income is expected to amount to \$500 or more.

Single persons who receive only wages subject to withholding do not have to file declarations unless they expect to earn more than \$96.15 a week or \$416.66 a month. Married persons with no dependents or single persons with one dependent need not file a declaration unless they expect to get more than \$105.76 a week or \$458.33 a month.

Estimates May Be Amended
Because estimating taxes a year in advance is more or less guesswork, the law allows a taxpayer to amend his estimates when he pays quarterly tax installments June 15, Sept. 15 and January 15.

Farmers who receive more than two-thirds of their income from farming may postpone (if they wish) the filing of declarations until Jan. 15, 1946.

Declarations of estimated tax are made on form 1040-ES. There are no special work sheets this year for estimating your tax. If you made your income tax return for 1944 on form 1040, either the long or short return, you can use that form as a guide in figuring your estimated tax for 1945.

MARINES OPEN NEW ASSAULT ON TWO JIMA

Guam, March 7.—Preceded by the most intense artillery bombardment of the Iwo campaign, three marine divisions resumed the offensive on the north end of the tiny island Tuesday and engaged the Japs in "heavy fighting." Small gains were scored. The marines were supported for the first time by land-based army fighter planes flying from the captured Motoyama airfield No. 1 on the south end of the island.
More than 14,000 enemy dead have been counted.

Killed in Action



PFC. WILLIAM H. VINES

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Sugar Grove Man Reported Missing, Is Killed in Fighting in France

Pfc. William H. Vines, of Sugar Grove, who was reported last week to have been missing in action in the European war theatre, is revealed to have been killed in action in France on January 29. The information came to the family last week in a telegram from the office of the Adjutant General.

Pfc. Vines, who was 19 years old, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Vines, of Sugar Grove, and had been in the army almost a year and on active duty since last December 1. He was a graduate of Bethel High School, and had driven a school bus for a short time before going into the service.

Besides the parents he is survived by four brothers and one sister: Pfc. James Vines, in the Pacific; Thomas, Vance, Johnny Vines, and Miss Ruby Vines, of the home.

COLEMAN ADVISES BURLEY GROWERS

Warehouseman Insists That Plenty of Tobacco Seed Be Sown By Farmers

Mr. R. C. Coleman, of Tabor City, operator of the Mountain Burley Warehouses here, has been in town for a few days looking after plans of the warehouse corporation to build a new warehouse here.

Mr. Coleman takes occasion to insist that burley growers of the belt sow plenty of tobacco seed this year, in order that there may be no shortage of plants at setting time. Early sowing is also suggested so that if there is a failure the first try, there will still be time to produce plants.
It is revealed that plans are going forward for the construction of the new warehouse but that government priority for the structure has been once denied. It is felt, however, that by altering the plans, and perhaps reducing the size of the building to some extent that approval can be secured soon.

Stores To Start Observance of Half Holiday Next Week

Local retailers will again observe a half-holiday this year, closing their places of business each Thursday afternoon, beginning March 15, it has been decided by the membership of the local Merchants Association.

Last year the holiday was observed on Wednesday afternoons and attention is called to the changed date.

Everyone should own a comfortable bed and comfortable shoes because he's in one or the other all his life.

B. G. Leake Dies After Liberation

Mrs. B. G. Leake, of Valle Crucis, has just received word from an army nurse, recently returned from Manila, that her husband passed away about Feb. 9, 1945, some three days after American forces had effected his liberation from a Jap internment camp.

The nurse, Lt. Col. Gwendolyn Hinchey, was returned to Los Angeles, Calif., from Santa Tomas internment camp in Manila, where she had been a prisoner of war since the fall of Bataan, and where Mr. Leake had also been held by the Japs. In a long distance telephone conversation, Lt. Hinchey indicated that Mr. Leake died of starvation and pulmonary tuberculosis.

So far, no official information from the government has been received by Mrs. Leake.

COUNTY FARMERS HOLD MEETING IN BOONE SATURDAY

Large Number of Men, Women and Children Gather to Discuss Farm Problems and to Participate in Program; Best Meeting Ever Held

Test demonstration farmers of Watauga county and their families held a county-wide meeting at the courthouse in Boone last Saturday at 2 p. m. The meeting was well attended by men, women and children from all sections of the county.

The program consisted of talks by demonstration farmers and their wives. Hard Thomas and George Farthing entertained the crowd with several string music numbers.

It was the opinion of a number of the farmers that this was the best meeting the demonstration farmers have ever held in the county.

The following farmers were elected to serve as members of the county committee on the demonstration farm program: Howard Edmisten, Sugar Grove, chairman; Wade F. Norris, Todd, vice-chairman; Henry Taylor, Valle Crucis, regular member; Stuart J. Barnes, Boone, secretary and treasurer.

Program for the meeting was as follows, with Howard Edmisten, president of the test demonstration farmers organization, presiding:

Remarks, L. E. Tucwiler, assistant county agent.
Progress reports: What the Test Demonstration Program Has Meant to My Farm and Home, Bert Farthing and Mrs. Bun A. Hodges.

What the Test Demonstration Program Has Meant to my Community, D. G. Greene and Mrs. Henry Taylor.

What the Test Demonstration Program Has Meant to my County, Stewart J. Barnes.

What the Test Demonstration Program Has Meant to the Young People, Aud L. Ward and Mrs. J. W. Norris.

Poem, Ernie Creston Triplett.
Report on Brushy Fork Watershed, Tom Lawrence and Grady Bradley.

Farm Record Book, W. W. Mast, Vaughn Tugman.

Report on Muscle Shoals Trip, Howard Edmisten and H. M. Hamilton, Jr.

Remarks, George Robinson, Sanford Creed and W. J. Farthing.

Financial Report, Stewart J. Barnes, treasurer.

Election of Officers.

Red Cross Emblem To Go Up in Home Windows Over U. S.

Washington—Alongside the blue and gold service stars in millions of windows throughout the United States this month, another symbol of service will be displayed—the Red Cross contributor's emblem.

Signifying families' participation in the 1945 Red Cross War Fund drive, the crimson cross will be distributed by more than 3,000,000 volunteers who will go from home to home, pushing toward this year's goal of \$180,000,000. These solicitors will remind 1944 participants in the drive of what their contributions did last year, and will familiarize the newcomers to the community with the job that lies ahead for Red Cross this year.

When the Red Cross solicitor leaves each home, he hopes to have another contributor signed "on the dotted line" of the national membership card. Then the contributor's emblem will go up in the window, and another family will have done its part to help put the 1945 drive over the top. Each volunteer will carry with him credentials indicating his official connection with the drive.

Contributors to the 1945 Red Cross War Fund will also receive the little lapel flag, symbolic of their alliance with the organization which now has more than 10,000 workers overseas helping to maintain the comfort and morale of our men and women on the fighting fronts and in battle zones.

As usual, the Red Cross War Fund will be conducted, national officials said, without any lines of distinction as to race, creed or faith. Every American will have an equal opportunity with every other American to do his part in the drive.

Men overseas with the military are becoming daily more aware of the good that Red Cross is doing, and are writing home to remind their parents to donate to the Red Cross, many chapters have reported. Not only the parents, sisters, brothers, wives and sweethearts of fighting men will want to have the Red Cross service emblem in the windows of their homes—their fighting men want it there, too.

REDS TAKE 500 TOWNS

London, March 7.—The first White Russian army reached the Oder river's northeastern outlet to the Baltic yesterday in a slashing 25-mile advance that took 500 German towns and extinguished the staggered enemy's hopes of any effective counterattack against the north flank of the Soviet spearhead aimed at Berlin from the east.

Inter-American Session Held



Photo above shows Dr. Esequil Padilla, Mexican minister of foreign affairs, and president of the Inter-American conference on problems of war and peace, as he spoke at session of the conference in Mexico City.

434 STUDENTS AT APPALACHIAN

Sixteen Percent Increase in College Enrollment is Shown in Registration

Registration at Appalachian College for the spring quarter shows that 434 students are now enrolled, representing an increase of 16 percent over the number at a comparable figure in 1944.

Of the total number 380 students live on the campus—more than the total registration of last year.

Eighteen students graduated last quarter and eight withdrew to enter military service. To help balance the loss five new students have entered the college. They are: Billy Alexander, a freshman from Sheriff's Mills; Louise Upchurch, a returned student from Mt. Gilead; Willie Mae Callihan, of Rutherfordton, a transfer from Woman's College; Katherine Vannoy, a freshman from Wilkesboro, and Annerly Blevins, a freshman from Hickory.

"This indicates that we are holding our own," states Mr. H. R. Eggers, the registrar.

Three Are Accepted, One Rejected by Navy

Of four men who left Boone Monday for Raleigh to undergo physical examinations for the navy, three were accepted. They are: Donal Clyde Storie, Shulls Mills; Willis Augustine Moretz, Boone, and David Franklin Mast, Valle Crucis.

Letcher Teague, of Boone, the fourth man in the group, was rejected. Mr. Teague, who has two sons in the service, volunteered for navy duty, and was rejected by Recruiting Officer Huffman here, because of the loss of some fingers on the right hand. Mr. Huffman, however, commended Teague for his persistence in paying his own way to Raleigh in a final effort to get into the service. He was rejected there for the same cause.

John Thomas Winkler Gets Bronze Star Award

John Thomas Winkler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Winkler, of Boone, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in the Philippines. A letter to the parents from Major General Leonard F. Wing states:

"By direction of the President, I have had the privilege of awarding your son, John Thomas, a Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the army on Jan. 19, 1945, in the Philippine Islands. I deem it a privilege to serve in the same command with your son who typifies the finest in the American army, a brave and gallant soldier. I join with you in the prayer for his safe return when this war is won."

Charter Granted To New Boone Business

Among the certificates of incorporation filed with the secretary of state Tuesday was one to the Watauga Hardware of Boone, to operate a general hardware business.

The authorized capital stock is \$50,000, subscribed stock \$6,000 by J. H. Doughton of Statesville, Amos Wagner of Sparta, and J. G. Gambill of North Wilkesboro.

VINSON GIVEN APPROVAL AS NEW U. S. LOAN CHIEF

Washington, March 6.—The senate confirmed today President Roosevelt's nomination of Fred M. Vinson to be federal loan administrator. Acting with unusual speed, the senate approved the appointment of the 58-year-old Kentuckian to head the \$40,000,000 Reconstruction Finance corporation and allied agencies.

For satisfying both selfish and humanitarian motives, there is nothing like War Bonds.

SUNDAY DELIVERY OF SOLDIER MAIL

Boone Postoffice Establishes New Service For Benefit of Relatives of Servicemen

Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., ever on the alert in finding ways and means of improving the local postal service, has announced an innovation in mail delivery service. For the past two Sundays all air mail and V-mail letters from soldiers and sailors, addressed to the residents of the city, have been delivered by postal employees, even though no special delivery stamps were attached.

Mr. Brown states that this service, which is performed patriotically by members of the local postoffice organization, without cost to the government, has elicited a spontaneous expression of approval from the patrons of the office, and that the practice will be continued. He points out that parents of soldiers are particularly anxious for their mail on Sundays, and that besides an opportunity is permitted to answer the mail during the long afternoon, and thus bring tidings to the servicemen quicker.

BASIC BURLEY ALLOTMENTS TO BE UNCHANGED

Individual farm acreage allotments for burley tobacco in 1945-46 will be the same as for 1944-45, which totaled 588,000 acres, it has been announced by the War Food administration.

In addition to the acreage allotments, an amount equal to two percent of the total burley acreage allotted to all farms in 1940 will be made available for increasing individual farm acreage found by the local agricultural adjustment administration committee to be essential.

This means that if a county had an allotment of 1,000 acres in 1940, the AAA can, at its discretion, allocate two percent or 20 additional acres in the county this year.

Pfc. Dean B. Hodges Receives Purple Heart

Pfc. Dean B. Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hodges, of Boone, has received the Purple Heart award on account of wounds presumably received in action in Italy where he has been for the past several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges had not been apprised of his injuries, their first information being the receipt of the award. An accompanying letter from their son referred to sending the medal, but gave no further details.

Ration Guide

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2, now valid, expire March 31.
C2, D2, E2, F2, G2, now valid, expire April 28.
H2, J2, K2, L2, M2, now valid, expire June 2.
MEATS, FATS—Red stamps Q5, R5, S5 now valid expire March 31.
T5, U5, V5, X5, now valid, expire April 28.
Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2, D2, now valid, expire June 2.
SUGAR—Sugar stamp 35 good for five pounds, expires June 2.
SHOES—Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 in Book 3, good indefinitely.
FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons from last season. Periods 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 from this season—all valid for 10 gallons each.
GASOLINE—A-14 coupons valid through March 31. Rationing rules require that each car owner write his license number and state on each coupon in his possession as soon as it is issued to him by his local rationing board. Your mileage rationing record must be presented to the board when applying for supplemental B and C gasoline rations.

RED CROSS WAR FUND CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY HERE

Mayor Winkler Issues Proclamation as Campaign Starts; Initial Survey Indicates People in Generous Mood; County is Thoroughly Organized

The Red Cross War Fund campaign has started off in Boone and the county with indications that the response of the people will be liberal, as the effort to raise \$6,700 here is intensified. Canvassers have already begun to make their rounds and most persons are reported as having given or subscribed more than was the case in last year's campaign.

In line with the opening of the campaign, Mayor Gordon H. Winkler issued a proclamation today outlining the urgent needs of the organization and insisting that the people of the community rally to the support of the Red Cross chapter in the current campaign. The proclamation of the mayor is as follows:

Whereas, American fighting men the world over are giving to the last ounce of their strength in the effort to free the world of dictatorship, and

Whereas, the American home front is striving through its war industries, its manpower and its moral support to stand firmly behind the armed forces, and

Whereas, the American Red Cross is serving our fighting men at home and overseas, as well as by means of understanding, friendly men and women trained especially for their duties, and

Whereas, the American Red Cross assists servicemen's families in the United States as well as serving those in uniform, and

Whereas, the American people through the Red Cross have sent 10,000,000 pints of blood to our wounded, thus forming a veritable life-line between us and them, and

Whereas, the American Red Cross is ready to give assistance in the event of any natural or man-made disaster on the home front,

Therefore, I, Gordon H. Winkler, mayor of the city of Boone, in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, naming March as American Red Cross Month, do here and now urge all citizens of this community to contribute without reservation to the 1945 Red Cross War Fund through the local chapter; I further urge that they remember that the war is not yet won, and that when the peace comes the Red Cross must, through its war fund, maintain itself to work for the better interests of the American people in the post-war world.

PRODUCTION OF RED CROSS AID TO WAR VICTIMS

Output of Volunteers Helps Fill Civilian Needs in Twenty Nations

Clothing and articles made by local Red Cross volunteers since World War II began have helped to serve the needs of United States servicemen and war-stricken civilian populations around the world, Mrs. W. M. Burwell, chairman of the production corps of the Boone Red Cross chapter, said this week.

Civilian war victims in any of 20 nations may be wearing garments sewn by Watauga county women, according to Mrs. Burwell.

Soldiers and sailors departing for overseas duty receive kit bags filled here. Patients in army and navy hospitals, as well as able-bodied servicemen, are issued supplementary supplies which our volunteers make. The local Red Cross chapter shares in an output of millions of sewn and knitted garments and comfort articles by American Red Cross chapters.

Women who can sew or otherwise participate should apply at the Red Cross chapter at its rooms in the office adjoining the Democrat building.

Cologne Falls To American First Army

Paris, March 7.—Cologne fell swiftly to the U. S. First Army in the climax of its eastward drive yesterday as General Eisenhower lifted the news blackout on operations of the American Third Army and revealed that its armor was racing toward the Rhine in a breakthrough that covered 32 miles in two days.

These dramatic developments, coming when the Ninth Army and its British and Canadian allies had virtually completed occupation of all German territory west of the Rhur, shifted the big punches to the middle Rhine farther south and opened the way for the allies to push the enemy out of the area west of the Rhine and north of the Moselle.

The supreme allied headquarters announcement of the capture of the bomb-blackened Rhineland capital, said that only sporadic fighting continued last night in Cologne's southern outskirts.