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—Thomas Jefferson.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1945

HUMAN RECONVERSION

Human reconversion is probably the most important problem of the postwar era.

Men trained in the grim skills of warfare must be reorientated to civilian life. Moreover, they must be shown that they are welcome back home and that their sacrifices have been appreciated.

For that reason, the program of the Watauga chapter of the American Red Cross is more important than ever in the months ahead. Through the Red Cross, returning veterans can find the help and guidance so essential to their proper adjustment.

Already, the local Red Cross "postwar" plans are in operation. Fighting men returning to Watauga county are using Red Cross assistance in filing claims for government benefits, in obtaining financial aid during the adjudication period, and in getting friendly advice and counsel on personal problems.

Because a war doesn't end with the last shot fired, and because a community's war responsibility isn't finished until its sons have been welcomed back to its civic, social and economic life, people of Watauga county must continue to support their Red Cross through contributions of money and service. As the 1945 Red Cross War Fund campaign progresses, it is vital to "Keep Your Red Cross at His Side."

Letters To The Editor

PRAISE FOR MR. EGGERS
Editor Democrat:
Please publish attached letter in Democrat this week.
Yours truly,
E. D. COOK.

Dear Mr. Cook:
I again am writing you with respect to your representative from Watauga county.

Mr. Eggers served with me on the education committee and I know he has supported the North Carolina Education association's school program to the fullest for better pay for teachers and ten months pay for principals.

He also served with me on the roads committee and signed a bill that will spend about 15 million dollars on our farm to market roads which will be matched by the federal government.

He has taken a decided interest in the agriculture program, conservation and development, public welfare, institutions for the deaf and veterans' affairs.

When we have more men like Mr. Eggers in the general assembly we will have a better state.
Very respectfully yours,
R. V. ALEXANDER.

OPA FREEZES PRICE MARK-UPS OF RETAIL MERCHANTS

Washington, March 19—OPA tonight froze the price mark-ups of some 300,000 retailers selling clothes, dry goods, furniture and house furnishings. The aim, the agency explained, is to insure that consumers get the benefit of lowered factory prices which are forthcoming. Each store was frozen to the mark-up margin that it had in use today, March 19. Price-tagging provisions were written into the order to help shoppers become their own price policemen.

GOSPEL TABERNACLE

We are very sorry to announce that Evangelist J. Harold Smith will not be able to come here this week to start a meeting according to plans. This is due to Bro. Smith's ill health.

However, the regular monthly services will be held. Rev. Rufus Mitchell will be here to conduct the services. Everyone is invited to these services and help us in the work for the Lord. Services at 8 o'clock Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

From Our Early Files

ITEMS FROM THE DEMOCRAT OF MARCH 22, 1906

Uncle Tommy Norris died at his home at Sands last week.

Roy Dotson, a student at the Training School, has been right sick for several days at the home of Mr. John Stanbury, where he is boarding.

W. A. Stanbury of Boone, has been chosen one of the speakers in his class in the annual debate at Trinity which comes off on April 27th.

Miss Nannie Rivers, who has been teaching in Patrick county, Va., for the past year, arrived at the old home last Saturday, where she will remain for a month taking a much-needed rest.

Ira Horton, a negro who was raised in Boone, murdered a woman in the state of Washington recently, and was promptly taken out and riddled with bullets by a posse of enraged citizens. No further particulars are given in the letter to June Horton, colored, telling of the tragedy.

Sketches From Life

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fields in the place of young men who had been called away on other business; a lot of houses needed paint and a lot of barns needed new roofs. These were some of the things that could be put aside for a while longer. But America was still the rich, productive land she had always been. She could still lay more of Nature's rich bounty on the dotted line than any nation in all the world. She could still give to her people the highest standard of living, more of the good things that science has been able to develop, a more humane government, and more of the human rights than are known by any other people in any other land.

Yes, it was good to know that America was still doing business at the same old stand and in the same old way. It was good to hear the prophets of gloom disturbing the ether waves with their predictions of "eternal bonfire." It was good to see the long furrows on the Western plains open before the plowshare. It was good to see smoke rising from a thousand furnaces. It was extra good to feel that in a world which so recently has experienced every conceivable affliction, America can carry on with the same hair-do she wore a hundred years ago.

A lot of the warriors returning from the battlefields of the world will expect to find here in the States a veritable land of milk and honey where a living can be had by the turn of a hand. They will expect a thousand favors from the folks who minded the home fires while they were in those dim, distant lands beyond the seas. To use an old Navy expression, they will want an "egg in their beer." But they are going to find the same thing they left, thank the good Lord. They are going to find a land that will give you back more than you put into it. They are going to find a land where you can run your mouth to heart's content. They are going to find a land that is wicked and Godly, a land that is hard and charitable, a land that could never be changed so long as she is known by the name America. And that, after all, is what they should be looking for.

Time has a way of playing tricks on folks. Stay away a little while and things change. Here in Boone heads have grown a bit whiter and there are a few more lines on the faces of those you meet along the streets. But there is the same old welcome for the returning wanderer, a welcome that gladdens the heart; there is the same slap on the back and the same charitable ways that have always characterized the best little town in the world.

An old man down at the bank corner shed tears for a son who had died at Saipan; a mother told of her baby going to his long sleep in Belgium; a pretty little teen-age girl had a letter returned from her boyfriend bearing the words "missing in action." These were some of the things that burdened the hearts of Boone people in recent days... but they were about their business. They were raising a few more dollars for the Red Cross; they were buying a few more war bonds; they were bending every energy toward the winning of the war... they were giving without stint to the liberation of mankind and the establishment of a world of decency.

It was good to have had this opportunity to visit Boone and to have had the chance of filling one of The Democrat's columns once again. Filling this column was, after all, the main reason for having written all of the above words. There is no other excuse except... my brother Robert awakened me in the wee small hours, just after nine a. m., and suggested that I do so.

U. S. turkey growers plan to raise about 39 1/2 million turkeys this year, about 8 percent more than the record crop of last year. There were 6 percent more breeder hens on Jan. 1.

No ration stamps in War Ration Book 4 will be good for canning sugar this year. Local boards will issue home canning sugar coupons good through November 30.

Lespedeza can lift the mortgage from the farm, increase the soil bank account, raise the standard of living, and buy that necessary tractor or other farm equipment, says an enthusiast.

Boone Demonstration School News

Attendance Record
The attendance record for the sixth month of school shows a slight improvement over the previous month, but it is still below former school levels. Thus far in the year, the girls have had a better attendance average than the boys. For the month of February the percentage of attendance was 92, the total enrollment for the first seven grades being 537.

Seventh Grade Ball Game
On Friday, March 9, the seventh grade of Blowing Rock came to Appalachian high to play the seventh grades in basketball. Both groups played good games, with Boone winning both contests. The boys defeated Blowing Rock by the score of 32-20, while the girls won by a score of 5-0. The two teams returned the games on March 15, and this series was divided. The girls lost by a score of 18-11, and the boys won 38-13.

Student Council Organized
The pupils of the school organized a student council to help with school problems that may arise. The group was chosen from the upper grammar grades and consists of 12 members. From this group the following officers were chosen: President, Bill Crawford; vice-president, Eleanor Greer; secretary, Martha Council; treasurer, Harold Ragan. The group is now working on a monitor system to help the pupils move about the building more quietly. Faculty supervision is by Gail Clay and Katherine Coble.

Blowing Rock High School News

Seniors Have Meeting
The Blowing Rock seniors recently had a meeting to decide on their graduation. Their flowers will be roses; the class colors will be red and white. They decided on their class motto, "In the invisible crown of character, implant a jewel each day."

Seventh Grade Decorates Lunchroom
The Blowing Rock school lunchroom was decorated for spring with pictures of birds and with japonicas.

Contest Winners
The bird contest winners in the Blowing Rock school were Sadie Triplett first prize, Margaret Mordcaie second prize. Each contestant wrote an essay on birds. Sadie Triplett read her essay on March 17 at the Bird Club meeting.

7th Grade Plays Boone
The Blowing Rock 7th grade boys and girls played Boone's 7th grade boys and girls here March 15. The score of the girls' game was 10-20 in Blowing Rock's favor. The boys' score was 38-13 in Boone's favor.

Inter-Class Tournament
The annual inter-class tournament is being played in the Blowing Rock school. The 7th and 8th grades played Tuesday. The 8th boys defeated the 7th boys, but a good game was played. The 7th grade girls won. The 10th and 12th grade boys defeated the ninth grade boys. The 9th grade girls defeated the 7th grade. The latter part of the tournament was played March 16.

10th Grade Student Wins
Adele Greene, a tenth grade student of Blowing Rock school, was a winner in an art contest sponsored by Art Instruction, Inc. She will receive one month of free instruction in art as a result of her drawing.

Ration Guide

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. E2, F2, G2, H2, J2, now valid, expire June 30.

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. N2, P2, Q2, R2, S2, now valid, expire June 30.

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.

SHOES—Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 in Book 3, good indefinitely. GASOLINE: A-15 coupons valid after March 22 through June 21. 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.

CARRIER PLANES BLAST JAP INDUSTRIAL CENTERS
U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam, March 20—Great swarms of carrier planes, firing rockets and bombs, dived Monday on Japan's leading shipbuilding city of Kobe, its major naval base of Kure and installations around its lifeblood artery, the inland sea, while more than 300 Superforts rained 2,500 tons of incendiary bombs on Nagoya.

Maybe You Know... by COMKLEY



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Polio Officials to Meet in North Wilkesboro

North Wilkesboro—Officers of eight county chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will gather in North Wilkesboro on March 29 for a meeting with Dr. Ralph McDonald, state chapter chairman.

Present at the meeting, which will be held at 12:30 p. m. at Hotel Wilkes, will be the chairman, treasurer, women's division chairman and polio fund chairman of the chapters in Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Davie, Surry, Alleghany, Ashe and Avery counties.

WANT ADS

TO ALL MILK PRODUCERS—We will receive milk daily after March 21st. Coble Dairy Products, Sugar Grove, N. C. 1p

WANTED—Copy Dugger's "Balsam Groves of the Grandfather Mountains." Write, giving price, to Pegram A. Bryant, Statesville, N. C. 1c

TENDERGREEN BEANS—Idaho grown, special 20 cents a pound. Complete list of seeds and Vigoro. Western Auto-Associate Store. 1c

FOR SALE—228 acres good land, with springs and branches, has 8-room house with lights and water. Located on good road about two miles from Vilas. Priced reasonably and on easy terms. Z. A. Robertson & Co., Johnson City, Tenn., Phone 1948-JJ or C. M. Critcher, Boone, N. C. 3-22-3p

WANTED—Baby buggy. Mrs. Hardin Coffey, Box 292, Blowing Rock, N. C. 1p

FOR SALE—Fine Guernsey cows and heifers. If you need one see Coy Yates, Vilas, N. C. 1p

FOR SALE—Jersey cow with calf at side. Jeff Milton, at Poplar Grove church. 1cS

WANTED—Furnished house or apartment. If interested, call Mrs. John Howell, 149-J, Boone. 1c

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FOR SALE—Two young Jersey cows, one fresh, one to freshen in April. A. W. Hodgson, Route 2, Boone. 1p

WANTED—Auto, any model or make in good condition, also lawn mower. See or write Ed Qualls, Boone, N. C. 1p

FOR SALE—Refrigerator, 50-lb., porcelain lined, good condition, also coal or wood with hot water front. Ed Qualls, Boone, N. C. 1p

FOR SALE—Bay horse, 10 years old. Work anywhere. Weight about 1,000 lbs. Price Reasonable. W. B. Waters, Reese, N. C., Beaver Dam Township. 1p

Advertisement for Spur THE COLA DRINK WITH CANADA DRY QUALITY. Includes a bottle illustration and the text 'Spur THE COLA DRINK WITH CANADA DRY QUALITY'.

Watauga Farmers Asked To Raise More Chickens

Because of increased needs for eggs and poultry products to augment the nation's supply of meat, farmers of Watauga county are urged to raise more broiler and roaster chickens this year and to obtain chicks early so as to have more pullets ready for fall and winter laying, according to W. W. Mast, chairman of the Watauga county AAA committee.

"Broilers and roasters are needed to add to the nation's meat supply during the coming year," he said. "Producers with brooder space not needed for laying flock replacements would do well to use the extra space for broilers and roasters. The resulting addition to the meat supply will come during the season's low point for other meats."

"Present indications are that total meat supplies to be available during the first half of this year will be at a yearly rate of about 125 pounds per capita, compared with an annual rate of 150 pounds per person available during the first half of 1944," he stated.

Mr. Mast said the general feed picture indicates that the supply of corn and oats, important ingredients in mixed feeds, will be about one-fourth greater than 1944. For the nation as a whole, there is expected to be about 14 percent less livestock than last year, mainly hogs and poultry.

"With prospects for considerably more feed per animal unit, there is no need this year to limit poultry or egg production in order to conserve national feed supplies," he concluded.

WANT ADS

FOR RENT—About 1 acre for potatoes or early beans, one mile west of Boone. See A. L. Gross. 1p

FOR SALE—1935 model Chevrolet pickup, good condition. M. C. D. Ward, Silverstone. 3-22-2p

WANTED—Kodak. Will pay cash for folding kodak, size 120 or 116. Chas. J. Eggers, Zionville, N. C. 1p

LOST—Pocketbook containing gas stamps, driver's license and other papers and money. Reward if returned to A. L. Triplett, Blowing Rock or to Democrat office. 1p

FOR RENT—House, good garden and cow pasture. Cash rent. James B. Mast, Sherwood, N. C. 1p

PASTURE FOR RENT by the month or boundary for 20 to 30 head. James B. Mast, Sugar Grove, N. C. 1p

FOR SALE—13 acres of land, 10 acres cleared, balance in nice locust. Good spring, fine building sight. 4 1/2 miles from Boone near Jefferson highway. Avery Pressnell, Route 3, Box 38, Jonesboro, Tenn. 3-15-3p

WOOD—Anyone wanting stove wood of any kind call Boone Oil Company, Boone, N. C. Phone 198. 3-1-4p

DR. C. G. BAUGHMAN, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Elizabethton, Tenn., will be at the Hageman Clinic in Boone the first Monday in each month for the practice of his profession. 12-1-1f

FOR SALE—One used saw mill with saw and belt, with or without steam power. Priced to sell, not to keep. Mountain Hickory Dogwood Co., Mountain City, Tenn. 1-25-8c

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