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CITY DEBT BEING REFUNDED AT LOW RATE OF INTEREST

Sale of \$205,000 Refunding Bonds of the Town at 2.88% is Announced; Saving of \$70,346.25 to Citizens is Effected

Two hundred and five thousand dollars refunding bonds, representing the total debt of the town, were sold on May 29 at an interest rate of 2.8879 percent, it is revealed by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, who points out that the refunding plan will save the taxpayers of the town \$70,346.25.

City officials had been working on the refunding proposal for some time.

A syndicate composed of the First Security Corporation, Durham; Vance Security Corporation, E. L. Hardin & Company, Winston-Salem, and R. S. Dickson & Company, Charlotte, bought the bonds at the rate which is highly satisfactory to city officials, who had been working diligently on a plan to gain for the taxpayers a lower rate of interest. They are particularly pleased with the interest rate since no less an authority than Roger Babson states that money rates will continue low for only a short time, and that six percent money is the offering.

Under the new plan the debt of the town will be retired in 20 years, rather than in 26, as under the former financing arrangement, and the amount paid in principal and interest will be about the same annually as heretofore. Savings accomplished under the refinancing plan are to be used for civic improvements.

Mayor Winkler states that the indebtedness of the town has been cut down during the past two years to the amount of \$35,000, and that aside from the bonded obligations of the city there are no debts other than current operating expenses which are paid weekly.

In pointing out that wells are to be dug soon to augment the water supply in dry periods and that a program of street improvement must be carried out this year, Mayor Winkler insists upon the full co-operation of the taxpayers, in order that the city may carry on the necessary work, and maintain its sound fiscal standing.

Memorial Service To Honor Olma D. Greene Who Died in Germany

A memorial service will be held at the Three Forks Baptist church Sunday, June 10, in honor of Pfc. Olma D. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Greene, of Boone, who was killed in the fighting at Luxembourg on January 11.

The service will begin at 3:30 p. m., and the memorial message will be delivered by Rev. Raymond Hendrix and Rev. G. A. Hamby. The American Legion will take part in the program, and the public generally is invited.

Ration Guide

Processed Foods

June Blue stamps N2 through S2, expire June 30; T2 through X2, expire July 31; Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1, expire August 31; D1 through H1, expire September 30.

Meats, Fats

Red stamps E2 through J2, expire June 30; K2 through P2, expire July 31; Q2 through U2, expire Aug. 31; V2 through Y2, expire Sept. 30.

Sugar

Sugar stamp 36 expires Aug. 31.

Shoes

Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2 and 3, in Book Three, continue valid indefinitely.

New Stamp Valid Aug. 1.

Gasoline

A15 coupons good for four gallons each through June 21. B6 and B7, C6 and C7 coupons good for five gallons each. T coupons for second quarter valid through June 30.

Tires

No certificates for new tires will be issued to eligible applicants if present tires can be repaired or recapped. Any tire that shows abuse by running beyond the point of recapping will not be replaced.

New Stamps Valid

Five new blue stamps, worth 10 points each—a total of 50 points—and five red stamps, also worth 10 points each for a total of 50 points, became valid for buying processed foods, meats and fats, respectively, on June 1.

The five new blue stamps are D-1, E-1, F-1, G-1 and H-1. The five red stamps are V-2, W-2, X-2, Y-2 and Z-2. These red and blue stamps, valid June 1, will be good through September 30.

Memorial Service

Next Sunday, June 30, at 2:30 o'clock, there will be a memorial service at Meat Camp Baptist church in honor of the boys in service. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

John Bull Traitor



John Amery, an Englishman who broadcast for the Germans, shown with his wife seen after his capture. He was placed in a camp by his Italian patriot captors, after he had tried to escape to Switzerland. Amery requested that he be placed in British custody.

LOCAL ESCAPEE GIVES SELF UP

Chester Carroll Surrenders to West Virginia Officers; Wants to Return

A man giving his name as Chester B. Carroll, 30, of Boone, walked into a police station in Beckley, W. Va., last Sunday and told officers he was a fugitive from a North Carolina road camp where he was serving time for murder, and wanted to return to North Carolina to "pull my time."

Carroll stated that since his escape eight months ago, he had worked in Beckley as a painter and for a hotel.

Carroll was sentenced from Watauga county in 1941 to 10 to 12 years in connection with the death of Dean Payne, which occurred at a road house near Boone. He escaped from the Watauga unit of the state prison department in October of 1944, and this is the first news of his whereabouts.

Missionary From China To Speak At Advent Church

Miss Hannah Stocks, an Advent Christian missionary from China, will speak at the Boone Advent Christian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and also Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Miss Stocks has had many years of active missionary work in China, and has passed through many thrilling experiences as when she fled from the Japanese to take up work in the interior of China. She will tell how she was flown out of China last fall and finally reached the shores of California.

The people of Boone and surrounding neighborhoods will have an unusual opportunity to receive first-hand information about the present conditions in China from an American who has been in the midst of the Japanese war in China. Each one has an invitation to hear Miss Stocks.

Stallings Bass Contest To Be Again Conducted

Mr. B. W. Stallings, local jeweler, and bass fishing enthusiast, in commenting on the opening of the bass season next Sunday, states that his big fish contest will again be conducted this year.

The decision to make the bass contest an annual affair was reached after consideration of the many comments heard during the contest last year, and the fact that most all the bass fishermen in the section participated. As was the case last year, a number of prizes will be awarded, and the prize list together with detailed information will be published later.

Mr. Stallings states that this year there will be a junior contest, open to all lads in the county 16 and under, and that prizes will be offered in this group.

As was the case last year competing fishermen must weigh their catches at City Meat Market, where the official record will be kept.

Mrs. F. J. Trivett Dies From Lingering Illness

Mrs. F. J. Trivett, age 67 years, a well-known and esteemed resident of the Beech Creek section, died at the home last Thursday, from an illness which began several months ago.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday from the Zion Hill Baptist church by Rev. W. C. Payne, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, four sons and one daughter: Roy Trivett, Beech Creek; Lieut. Dewey Trivett, Navy, Norfolk, Va.; Cpl. Charlie Trivett, Philippines; Sgt. Paul Trivett, Miami, Fla.; and Mrs. Carmel Shook, Chanute Field, Ill.

ALLIES SET UP MILITARY RULE OVER GERMANY

Zones of Occupation for Four Powers are Defined, as Ironclad Rule is Established for Conquered Country; Country Has No Arms

Paris, June 5—The allied big four today stripped Germany to its pre-Hitler frontiers and assumed supreme control of the country and its 7,800,000 people under ironclad military rule in place of a central government which they said no longer existed. They set up occupational zones for the United States, Great Britain, Russia and France.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov and Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, constituting a supreme control commission representing the United States, Britain, Russia and France, respectively, proclaimed the allied action in a declaration signed in ruined Berlin.

The United States will occupy southwestern Germany, Great Britain, northwestern Germany, Russia eastern Germany and France western Germany.

Greater Berlin will be occupied by all four powers and governed by interallied authority.

There will be four commandants, one for each occupying power, and they will take turns serving as chief commandant.

Article 10 of the declaration provides that "the forces, nationals, ships, aircraft, military equipment and other property in Germany or in German control or service or at German disposal, of any other country at war with any of the allies will be subject to the provisions of this declaration and of any proclamations, orders, ordinances or instructions issued thereunder."

With the declaration, Germany entered what was officially called the occupation period, following the capitulation period.

The allies will agree on the designation of future periods—but it was understood that the occupation period will be a long one.

The revision of the old German frontiers, especially as regards the great slice of territory claimed by Poland, will be left for the future. It was made plain that the allied action does not mean the annexation of Germany.

By today's action, one day before the first anniversary of the invasion of Normandy, Germany was left a supine, formless mass of territory and people without a government, without an army, navy or air force, and without police except those chosen by the conquerors.

Funds Urgently Needed For Cemetery Work

Mr. James H. Council, treasurer of the local cemetery committee, calls attention to the fact that funds are urgently needed to pay for the upkeep and improvements being carried on at the graveyard, and asks that all those willing to contribute to this fund to leave their money at The Democrat office.

Since the cemetery is maintained solely by free-will contributions, the matter of financing the improvements has been difficult. At this time, Mr. Council states, a deficit exists, and those who have relatives interred there should make their contributions at once.

Quota For Cancer Relief Is Raised Here

Watauga county's quota in the campaign against cancer has been fully subscribed, says Paul A. Coffey, county chairman of the effort, whose final report indicates the collection of \$130.95. Funds derived from such campaigns will be used to promote cancer clinics in the various sections of the country, it is stated.

Mr. Coffey takes occasion to thank the people for their co-operation in making the campaign successful.

Bass Season to Open In County on Sunday

The bass fishing season will open in Watauga county next Sunday, it is announced by Walter Edmisten, county game warden, who adds that all other types of fish can now be taken, and that the trout fishing season remains open.

Due to bad weather the fishing hasn't been quite so good this season, it is said, but anglers look for an improvement in the situation.

TEXT: ROOSEVELT

Ibague, Colombia—A brief biography of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt is being printed for the Tolima state government. The biography, to be used in the school's current history and cultural courses, stresses Roosevelt's activities as "the good neighbor."

What Was Once City of Berlin



One of the first official RAF pictures of Berlin since its fall. This aerial view in the area between Friedrich Hain and Lichtenberg, taken from a low-flying mosquito plane, gives striking evidence of the complete devastation of the German capital.

To the American People:

Your sons, husbands and others who are standing today upon the battle fronts are fighting for more than victory in war. They are fighting for a new world of freedom and peace.

We, upon whom has been placed the responsibility of leading the American forces, appeal to you with all possible earnestness to invest in war bonds to the fullest extent of your capacity.

Give us not only the needed implements of war, but the assurance and backing of a united people so necessary to hasten the victory and speed the return of your fighting men.

GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL
ADM. WILLIAM D. LEHAY
GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR
ADM. ERNEST J. KING
GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
GEN. H. H. ARNOLD

BUSTEED HEADS LOCAL LIONS CLUB

Secretary-Treasurer Lions Club Is Elevated to Presidency; Other Officers

At the regular meeting Tuesday night, Dr. Robert C. Busted was elected president of the Boone Lions Club for the year 1945-46. Lion Busted has been secretary-treasurer of the club for several years. Other new officers who will assume their duties at the first meeting in July are:

Lion tamer, Joe Crawford; tail twister, Maurice O'Sullivan; secretary-treasurer, Ralph W. House; directors, Lee Stout and J. E. Holshouser; third vice-president, A. R. Smith; second vice-president, J. V. Caudill; first vice-president, Clyde R. Greene.

Lions Jim Winkler and Grady Morretz had charge of the election to select the new officers.

Ladies' night will be on Tuesday night, July 3. The place where this meeting will be held and the nature of the meeting has not yet been determined.

President G. K. Moose announced that the new state highway commissioner will be in Boone on Saturday night, June 15. A special dinner will be held in his honor, details to be announced later.

The annual state Lions convention will be held at Black Mountain on Tuesday, June 12. Lion Southard announced the rules for appraising the Victory gardens. The club is giving prizes of \$10 and \$5 for the best Victory garden in town.

Visitors at the meeting Tuesday night were Dr. A. P. Kephart, Lieut. Wade E. Brown of the navy; Coach R. W. Watkins, of the college, and Mr. W. J. Stowe of Concord.

Dr. Eilen Winston, state superintendent of public welfare for North Carolina, will be guest speaker at the club meeting on June 19.

Okinawa Resistance Island Nearing End

A complete news blackout on the swift American operations on southern Okinawa hinted at important developments Tuesday as Japan, losing important ground on manifold war fronts, frankly expressed fears of a homeland invasion.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz stargely omitted all mention of Okinawa ground activity in a delayed communique which told only of scattered aerial blows against Nippon.

This extraordinary admission was taken to indicate a later announcement might be forthcoming on the expected end of organized resistance on the important island. The Japs at last reports were being compressed into the small southern tip of the island and were losing their grasp of the huge Naha airfield, best in the Ryukyus.

WATAUGA PASSES BOND QUOTA, BUT E BOND SALES LAG

Watauga and Northampton First Counties in State to Reach Overall Seventh War Loan Quota; Strong Effort Being Made to Reach E Quota

Watauga county shares the honor with Northampton of being the first county in North Carolina to exceed her overall quota in the Seventh War Loan, Clyde R. Greene, local war fund chairman, is advised in a letter from W. H. Neal, area manager for the War Finance committee. The two counties were reported as passing their overall quotas on the same day.

While expressing pleasure over this report, Mr. Greene is frankly disappointed that such a poor showing has been made in "E" bond sales in this campaign. Watauga continues to have only bought \$50,000 in this type of security, as against an E bond quota of \$136,000.

Box Supper
Plans are going forward for the old-fashioned box supper which was announced last week, and through the medium of which considerable stimulation of E bond sales should be attained.

The event will be held in the high school auditorium, and the boxes will be sold by Harry Hamilton and the Cottrell Twins for the high dollar in E bond sales. String music will enliven the occasion and a veteran of the present war will speak briefly.

The Women's Club of the town will be responsible for the delivery of the boxes, and Mr. Greene is asking the Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge, the Junior Order Lodge, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion and the Merchants Association to see that the men are present with the disposition to purchase the boxes.

Mr. Greene is extending an invitation to everyone to be present on this occasion, and help put the final push behind the sales of E bonds. "We certainly don't want our county to fail to go over the top in the sales of E bonds, while our men are still facing the Japs in the fox holes," he said.

Capt. Shook, Veteran Of Army Air Raids on Germany, Visitor Here

Captain Carmel Shook, of the army air forces, who made 112 missions as the pilot of a Thunderbolt fighter ship over Germany, has been in the county three days, where he was called on account of the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. F. J. Trivett of Beech Creek.

Capt. Shook, a native of Banner Elk, who is now in an aero engineering school at Chanute Field, Ill., speaks enthusiastically of the air force, and the quality of the ships and men who fly them. He states that he had encountered a minimum of German fighter plane opposition, and that he only succeeded in knocking down one enemy ship. His duties were principally to strafe German troops, motor convoys and the like, and this type of operation proved most costly to the enemy.

Capt. Shook is intensely interested in the jet propulsion type of plane which he says will practically double the speed of about 400 miles per hour which the Thunderbolt reaches.

Last year's pig crop was down 34 percent from the year before. Since pork accounts for about 60 percent of the meat supply, no wonder there's a shortage.

To the People of this Community

Mortally wounded Staff Sergeant George K. Keathley of Lamesa, Texas, stood up for 15 minutes and mowed down attacking Germans. After he had driven off the Nazis, he slumped to the ground, turned to a comrade and whispered: "Write to my wife, tell her I did everything I could for her and my country."

This Medal of Honor soldier did more than write to Mrs. Keathley. He wrote to you, too. Can you sincerely answer: "I am doing all I can for my country?" Not unless you are doing your share in the Mighty 7th War Loan. Your maximum War Bond purchase of any of the war loans is needed the most now as Sgt. Keathley's comrades head for the Pacific for the final round of the world struggle to save your country from Fascist hands.

THE EDITOR

