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RAYMOND SMITH TO SPEAK HERE ON NEXT FRIDAY

New State Highway Commissioner Guest of Chamber of Commerce; Other Highway Officials to Gather for Important Session of C. of C.

Hon. Raymond Smith, newly appointed State highway commissioner for the Eighth division, will be a special guest at the Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting Friday evening at the Gateway Cafe, according to H. W. Wilcox, president, who states that a number of other highway department officials will likely be present on this occasion.

Since this is to be one of the most important meetings of the year, and will be largely attended, Mr. Wilcox suggests that all members of the Chamber of Commerce advise Russell D. Hodges or C. A. Price of their intentions, so that dinner reservations may be made.

Lt. Col. Cook to Attend
Lt. Col. Olen Cook, of Blowing Rock, will be present, and tell something of his experiences as a member of the general staff air corps, and his work during the 18 months he spent in Italy.

Officers of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce have been asked to attend.

The membership campaign continues, the latest additions to the list being Standard Oil Co., W. H. Gragg, W. C. Greene, S. C. Eggers, J. E. Holshouser, Grady Farthing and Atlantic Greyhound Corporation. Others desiring to join the Chamber of Commerce are asked to do so at once.

MANY REGISTER AT APPALACHIAN

Largest Summer School Enrollment Since War in Prospect at College

The first summer term of Appalachian College got under way Tuesday and at the close of the day, Registrar H. R. Eggers revealed that 465 had been registered, with prospects that when enrollment is complete, about 600 will have entered the local institution. This is by far the heaviest wartime registration at the college, and the first day's registration is exactly 118 more than was the case a year ago.

Mr. Eggers states that all dormitory space on the campus has been filled for about two weeks, and that many teachers are finding places in the homes of the community.

Among the states now represented on the campus are: Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, New Jersey, Michigan and Ohio. Interesting is the fact that this year about three times as many graduate students are registered as ever before.

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 re-capped. Any tire that shows abuse by running beyond the point of re-capping 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.

Through scientific cross-breeding, a sheep without wrinkles in its skin has been developed.



Promoted

Mr. M. J. O'Sullivan, who has been manager of the local Crest stores for more than a year and a half goes to North Wilkesboro Friday where he becomes manager of the Crest store there, the largest one of the nine establishments in the organization. Mr. O'Sullivan came to Boone from St. Louis, where he was with the S. S. Kresge Co., and during his local residence has been active in the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association and Lions Club. He is particularly fond of this community and her people and regrets that his promotion with the Crest firm necessitates his and his family moving to another town.

AUSSIES PLUNGE ON IN ATTACKS ON NORTH BORNEO

General MacArthur Makes Bold Bid for Oil and Rubber of Rich Island; Advances General On All Fronts; Naval Forces Pave the Way

Manila, June 12—Sweating Australian troops plunged steadily inland in British North Borneo against negligible resistance today after four unopposed landings in the Brunel bay area Sunday, as Gen. Douglas MacArthur bid boldly for the oil and rubber of the world's third largest island.

Already the invasion had secured for the Allied navies Brunei bay, one of the Southwest Pacific's finest anchorages only 800 miles from Singapore; swept through the ruined town of Brooketon, where new Japanese oil machinery lay ready to be taken to the wells, and secured the town of Victoria and Labuan airfield on Labuan island.

Brunei, capital town of the British protectorate of the same name, was the next objective, and already the Australians had plodded within 13 miles of it in the oppressive tropical heat.

The Australians, members of the tough ninth infantry division—the famed "Desert Rats" of Tobruk and El Alamein—hit the deserted beaches Sunday at 9:15 a. m., at four points, on the southeastern tip of Labuan island at the mouth of Brunel bay, on Muara island, also in the bay, at Brunei bluff and at Brooketon town.

Advances were general on all fronts, and within two hours after the initial landings MacArthur himself went ashore with his air forces commander, Gen. George C. Kenney, and other top officers.

MacArthur's regular headquarters communicate here this morning did not mention the landings, but a headquarters spokesman announced them, and front correspondents wireless back detailed accounts of the breathlessly easy operation.

They credited the smoothness of the job to daring naval forces which penetrated Brunei bay three days ahead of "D-Day," removed 70 Jap mines from the channel, set up buoys and charted the waters right up to shore under sporadic Jap fire.

50 Nations Adopt Plan For Peace

San Francisco, June 12—The heart of a new world charter—provisions for a security council to enforce peace and back up its decisions with armed might—was approved unanimously late today by a United Nations conference commission.

Accepted by diplomats of 50 nations at a public session in San Francisco's opera house was a committee report which termed these provisions "a great historic development" and the keystone of a peace structure.

BLOWING ROCK TO HAVE IMPROVED ELECTRIC LINES

Resort City Guaranteed Adequate Electric Current, as REA Lets Contract for 44,000-Volt Line From Lenoir, Costing \$425,000

Blowing Rock was assured of abundant electric power for many years to come by the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation in a meeting of its board of directors Saturday, when a contract was let for the construction of a 44,000-volt transmission line from Lenoir through West Jefferson, via Blowing Rock and Boone.

The contract was signed by B. O. Vannort, engineer, the consideration being around \$425,000, and the REA hopes to start construction on the line the latter part of the summer, in an effort to have the project completed before the severe winter weather arrives.

A delegation of Blowing Rock citizens attended the meeting of the board and expressed pleasure at hearing of the plans for the expanded service. Inasmuch as Blowing Rock's postwar plans include the construction of numerous houses, hotels, etc., the matter of adequate electric energy is of vital importance.

DELMER POTTER A WAR CASUALTY

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Potter Loses Life in Okinawa Campaign

Delmer Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Potter, of North Fork township, has been killed in the fighting in the Okinawa area, according to official word reaching the family, but no details of his death were contained in the terse message from the War Department. Mr. Potter is the first man from his immediate neighborhood to lose his life in the present war.

Besides the parents he is survived by the widow and four small children.

Yanks Launch All-Out Smash Against Japs On Okinawa Island

An all-out American smash against the last-stand position of the Japs on Okinawa was reported by Fleet Admiral Nimitz Wednesday less than 24 hours after it was disclosed the Nips had ignored a Yank offer to negotiate for their surrender and spare them from inevitable death.

Yank marines and soldiers were atop Okinawa's southern escarpment where the Japs must fight and die with their backs to the sea.

B-29's Burn Out 102 Square Miles In Six Jap Cities

Guam, June 12—B-29's have burned out or damaged 102.67 square miles of urban-industrial areas in Japan's six largest cities, 21st bomb command headquarters announced today.

Nearly four square miles of Kobe and more than three square miles of Osaka were burned out in Superfortress bombings June 5 and 7, respectively, reconnaissance photographs disclosed.

The daily attacks on the Jap homeland were begun last Thursday, when B-29's heavily raided the Osaka arsenal and war plants, and have continued with B-29's, army Mustangs and Thunderbolts, fleet carrier planes and marine Corsairs all taking a hand in blasting industrial and military targets.

Local Rural Carrier Is Honored by State Ass'n.

Clyde Winebarger has been notified that he has been unanimously elected a member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Rural Carrier's Association, to succeed Ray Hendren, of Gilreath, who has resigned as rural carrier. The other members of the committee are Taylor Melvin of Fayetteville, and Roy Moore of Belmont. Mrs. Winebarger was elected a member of the Auxiliary executive committee at the regular convention in Raleigh last July. The state association has 900 members and is a member of the national association with over 30,000 members.

War Brides Arrive in U. S. From Britain



A group of more than 60 English girls who married American soldiers arrived from Europe aboard the USS Barry. Photo shows some of the war brides who left for all parts of the country to homes of their American husbands.

2 LOCAL MEN ON ILL-FATED SHIP

Cecil Farthing and Olen Goodnight Members of Crew of U.S.S. Bates

Cecil Farthing, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed G. Farthing, and Olen Goodnight, seaman first class, son of Mrs. J. L. Goodnight, both of Boone, are revealed to have been members of the crew of the U.S.S. Bates, one of four ships which the navy said Monday had been sunk off Okinawa.

The local men had been shipmates on the Bates since she was commissioned almost two years ago.

The vessel was a high speed auxiliary transport, normally carrying 150 to 190 men, is reported to have suffered 60 casualties. Lieut. Comdr. Henry A. Wilmerding, who was in command, was wounded.

The Bates had crossed the Atlantic 16 times, and participated in the invasion of Normandy. On going to the Pacific it had been in some of the major naval engagements, including Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Mrs. Goodnight has received a letter from her son, written after the destruction of the Bates, in which he says: "Cecil and I are still side by side and as healthy as we were when we left the states."

Farm Insecticides Manufactured Here

Southern Agricultural Insecticides, which maintains principal offices in Hendersonville, N. C., and Palmetto, Fla., has purchased a warehouse near the bus terminal from the Building and Loan, where they are engaged in compounding a complete line of farm insecticides and fungicides.

It is pointed out by the management that in cases where farmers are having trouble with insects, they may call and get field service. Recommendations will gladly be made as to plant diseases and bug and insect control. The firm states that its beetle dust is far superior to the pre-war product, and that their cabbage dust should particularly appeal to local farmers. The business is operated on a wholesale basis.

Mr. F. E. Smoak, of Miami, Fla., is manager of the local plant and will reside here each year from May to October, returning to Florida for the winter season.

Chatham Buys Wool From Watauga Pool

The Watauga wool pool has been sold to the Chatham Manufacturing Company, Elkin, for the following prices: 54 cents for clear wool and 49 cents for light burry.

Chatham specified that it would not buy any wool belonging to people outside Watauga county. The wool will be taken up on Wednesday, June 27, and Thursday, June 28. A schedule giving the different places where wool will be taken up is being mailed to each sheepman in the county.

Sugar Grove Postoffice Goes Into Second Class

The postoffice at Sugar Grove, oldest postal establishment in the county, has been made a third class office, Representative Doughton has been informed. Vardry Mast is postmaster.

SGT. WELCH BACK FROM NAZI CAMP

Deep Gap Man Aided by Underground in Efforts to Evade Capture by Germans

Sgt. Paul Welch, son of Mrs. Walter Welch and the late Mr. Welch, of Deep Gap, arrived Sunday to spend 60 days with home folks, after having spent 15 months as a prisoner of the German government.

Sgt. Welch, who was a member of a crew of a bomber shot down over Holland, states that he was supplied civilian clothes by the underground, passports were arranged, and that he traveled (often on German vehicles) to a point near the Spanish border, before being arrested, 30 days after the bomber crashed. He states that the Germans did not treat him too harshly, the worst part of his experience being the one-meal-a-day soup diet, and the long periods of confinement in box cars while camps were being moved from the path of the allied armies. He had lost 40 pounds of weight, but otherwise says he is in good shape.

Sgt. Welch has a brother, Frank Welch, who was in the army which liberated his camp, but he knew nothing of his being there until he returned home.

WILDLIFE CLUB TO HAVE FISH FRY

Officers to Be Named at Meeting of Sportsmen to Be Held This Evening at Legion Hut

The Watauga Wildlife Club will hold a fish-fry at the American Legion hut this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock, at which time new officers of the organization will be elected, it is stated by President Jake V. Caudill.

At the same time a new set of by-laws will come up for the approval of the club, designed to permit the local club to become affiliated with the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

An effort is being made to secure a speaker, and an interesting program is being arranged for the gathering.

A full attendance of the membership is urgently requested.

Blowing Rock Post Office Steps Up in Class

Blowing Rock, June 11—Postmaster G. M. Sudderth announces that effective July 1, the Blowing Rock post office goes from class three to class two. He states that this is due to the increase in business through the office. This means that all employees of the office go under civil service as of that date.

Mr. Sudderth states that this will provide five employees, in addition to himself, during the summer season and two during the winter. While the mail will be put in boxes on Sundays after July 1st, the windows will not be open on Sundays, nor will packages be delivered.

Crippled Children's Clinic Is Announced

Dr. John S. Gaul, of Charlotte, will be in the district health office in Boone on June 20, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of conducting a clinic for crippled children. All cripples in the county who desire medical attention are urged to attend this clinic.

BOX SUPPER TO SPUR SALES OF 'E' BONDS HERE

Cottrell Twins and Harry Hamilton to Auction Box Lunches; Program of Music, Other Features to Enliven Gathering Thursday Evening

An old-fashioned box supper, designed to accentuate the sale of series E War Bonds, and to bring to a successful conclusion the Seventh War Loan campaign in Watauga, will be held at the Boone high school auditorium at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, June 14, says Clyde R. Greene, local war fund chairman, who states that a program of music and other entertainment features will be provided for the gala occasion.

The Cottrell twins and Harry Hamilton will comprise the auctioneering staff and their riotous performance will highlight the evening. Boxes will be auctioned for E bond purchases, and the ladies of the community are being asked to supply the boxes, while the men are being depended upon for the cash.

Thursday being Flag Day, Mr. Greene states that it is a most appropriate time to put the extra push behind the War Loan campaign, and place Watauga county in the position of maintaining her unbroken record of surpassing her quota in every war-financing appeal.

Latest reports indicate that while Watauga has already passed her overall quota, the E bond quota has been less than half subscribed. Individuals have bought only \$60,000 worth of bonds as against the E quota of \$136,000. Mr. Greene and others of the war savings staff insist that there be complete co-operation in the closing days of the campaign, so that the quota may be reached in both categories of bond sales.

JOE MAST HURT AS RIFLE IS FIRED

Nine-Year-Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mast, Critically Injured as Gun Goes Off

Joe Mast, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mast, of Adams, was critically injured by a bullet from a .22 calibre rifle, accidentally fired by a neighbor youth, Bill Brown, 14, as the lad played in the yard of Mr. J. C. Hodges Saturday afternoon.

The bullet entered the right side of the lower abdomen, and passed through the body, and so serious was the injury that for a time grave doubts were entertained as to the child's recovery. However, late reports from the Wilkes Hospital, where the boy was taken immediately following the accident, indicate that he has survived a slight attack of pneumonia, and is definitely improved, with brightening chances for his recovery.

CECIL GREENE, seaman second class, who has completed his boot training at a naval technical training school in Memphis, Tenn., is spending the week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Greene. He will return to Memphis Sunday, where he will take courses in radio, radar, etc.

To the People of this Community

"My Thinking — My Money — My Time will stay in this war to the finish."

Ted R. Gamble, National director of the War Finance Division and leader of the millions of volunteers who are selling you the extra War Bonds needed to beat the Japs and complete the war job in Europe, put the wartime credo of Americans in these 14 words.

It's good advice to follow not only during war loans but every day. You can't help too much to win a war.

Today's community and national war loan totals should reflect your personal determination to see the war through. Regardless of what the War News column in today's paper says, unless you have gone to the actual limit of your buying power.

THE EDITOR