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## VICTORY LOAN QUOTA IS SET FOR WATAUGA

Overall Bond Quota of \$138,000 is Established for County as Campaign Gets Under Way Here; E Bond Quota is Set at \$82,000

Watauga county people have been asked by the War Finance Committee of the Treasury Department to buy Victory Bonds in the sum of \$128,000 in the last extra effort or campaign to sell government securities for war-financing purposes.

Included in the overall quota is \$82,000 in E bonds to be sold to individuals in the campaign which started last Monday and which continues through December 31st.

Mr. Alfred Adams, chairman of the local War Savings Staff, called an organization meeting of workers last Friday evening when plans were mapped for conducting a vigorous campaign to reach the county's quota as quickly as possible. Under the slogan, "They have finished their job... let's finish ours!" solicitors will see to it that the importance of purchasing these bonds is brought to the attention of every citizen.

Seven war-time bond campaigns have preceded this one, which is to take care of costs incurred by the country in bringing home the nation's soldiers and taking care of those who remain in foreign lands, of hospitalization and rehabilitation, of terminating war contracts, and the many other expenses continuing, although fighting has ceased.

## THROGS VISIT MOUNTAIN AREA

Warm Weather of Past Few Days Continues to Attract Visitors to Area

An unusually large number of visitors have been coming to Blowing Rock and Boone to enjoy the unseasonably warm weather which followed the frosts, and have a look at the colorful fronds of the mountain forests. Although the leaves are rapidly disappearing, continued favorable weather is resulting in a continued large number of sightseers. Eating establishments remaining open at Blowing Rock, report record Sunday crowds, while in Boone it has been necessary for the one Sunday cafe to close early, after supplies of food had been exhausted. There is a growing tendency on the part of lowlanders to have a look at the mountains during the brisk autumn days, and there is every indication that the tourist season is thus being lengthened somewhat every year.

## Mrs. Fay Triplett Rites Are Held Today

Mrs. Fay Triplett, 18 years old, died Monday at the Watauga hospital, and funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Stony Fork Baptist Church, with interment in Mountain View cemetery by Reins-Sturdivant. Ross Greene conducted the rites.

Surviving is the husband, John Triplett, with the army overseas, and one small son, Howard Dale Triplett. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linza Hendrix, also survive.

## Childhood Education Association to Meet

The Childhood Education Association will meet in the auditorium of the Science building, Appalachian College, Saturday morning, Nov. 3, at 10 o'clock, with Miss Lena Horton of Columbia University, being the guest speaker. Miss Benbow of Winston-Salem, former president of the state association, will appear on the program.

Miss Hattie Parrot, of the state department of education, Raleigh, will be present. An interesting and helpful program is planned and all teachers of the county are urged to attend.

## SHOE RATIONING OVER; INCREASE IN OUTPUT SEEN

The end of shoe rationing was ordered yesterday, effective at midnight today (Wednesday).

Terminating a program which began on Feb. 8, 1943, OPA Administrator Chester Bowles said rationing can be lifted because shoe production has increased substantially since V-J day.

## Bradley Meets Vets



Gen. Omar Bradley, administrator of veterans' affairs, who is shown conferring with disabled veterans on his recent visit to Chicago. With him (left to right) Pvt. Clarence Finn, Wave Betty Smith, and Sgt. Harold Dixon.

## WAR FUND DRIVE STILL FALLS SHORT

Two Thousand Dollars Collected Against Quota of Forty-Six Hundred

The United War Fund and Community Chest campaign in Watauga county is still being conducted, and while receipts are mounting, total collections are still far short of the goal of \$4,600 which has been established for the county.

Late reports from the office of Chairman H. M. Hamilton indicate that about two thousand dollars have actually been turned in, and Mr. Hamilton is insisting that solicitors redouble their efforts so that the quota may be reached quickly and not interfere with the Victory Loan drive which is now getting started. A number of War Fund canvassers in the county have passed their quotas and Mr. Hamilton is anxious that others make greater efforts to the end that Watauga county will not fail in this last effort to aid the men who won the war.

## RATION BOARD TO SERVE 3 COUNTIES

Present Plans Call for Establishment of Area Rationing Board at Jefferson

According to information received here from the Charlotte OPA district office, the Ashe county ration board office is to remain open as an area board for Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties, and most of the activities of the boards in the other two counties will be done away with.

The new ruling, which is meeting with some opposition here, is to become effective as of November 1. It is stated, however, that a clerk will remain on duty in Boone during the present life of OPA. The authorization for OPA expires as of June 30, 1946.

## Highway Commissioner Visits City On Tuesday

District Highway Commissioner Raymond Smith, of Mount Airy, accompanied by Z. V. Stewart, division engineer of Lenoir, made a routine inspection trip to this area Tuesday and visited briefly with friends in the city.

Commissioner Smith, who recently succeeded Mr. V. D. Guire, of Lenoir, as commissioner, referred to the handicaps under which the commission had been working during the war, and envisions a greatly expanded program of road building and maintenance in the state as soon as there is improvement in the equipment and manpower situation.

## Workers Are Needed at Red Cross Sewing Room

Mrs. Mae Miller, production chairman for the Watauga chapter, American Red Cross, states that workers are urgently needed at the Red Cross sewing room here, and issues an appeal to the women of the town and county to join in this work.

The local chapter has been assigned a quota of hospital garments which are needed immediately in order that wounded men may be properly cared for.

## ELLISON BOUND TO COURT WITHOUT PRIVILEGE OF BAIL

North Fork Man is Refused Bail in Preliminary Hearing Held Before Justice of the Peace Edw. N. Hahn Monday

Sam Ellison, North Fork resident, who has been a prisoner in the county jail for more than two weeks, held on a charge of slaying a neighbor, Howard Hockeday, was denied privilege of bail by Justice of the Peace Edwin N. Hahn Monday afternoon, and remanded to jail where he will await trial on a homicide count at the regular spring term of Watauga Superior court.

Justice Hahn bound the prisoner to the higher court, without allowing bail, after the examination of three witnesses in the case. Evidence was introduced tending to show that some of the pellets from the death-dealing shotgun had entered the side and back of the slain man, and Mr. Hahn bases his decision largely on this circumstance.

Evidence was introduced indicating that Hockeday had approached Ellison relative to some hogs belonging to the latter, who were alleged to have been destroying Hockeday's corn.

Ellison contends that he fired the fatal shots in self-defense, and surrendered himself to officers just as quickly as he could reach Boone. He told officers he fired after Hockeday approached him with drawn rifle. It is further alleged by the defense that the dead man had been to Ellison's house earlier, expressing to Mrs. Ellison his intention of killing her husband.

## PARK IS PLANNED AT BLOWING ROCK

Recreation Commission Named at Resort in Conformity With State Law

At a special meeting of the town council of Blowing Rock, a park and recreation commission was appointed in conformity with the state laws passed at the last session of the legislature.

The law requires that there be one representative from the town board on the park commission, and in this case it is W. B. Castle. There also must be one representative from the local school board, and this is filled by W. C. Lentz.

The law requires one representative from the welfare board and since there is no board operating under this name, it was felt that a representative from the Community Club would meet this requirement, so the president of the Community Club will be a member of the park commission. At the present time, Mrs. W. K. Keys is president of that organization and becomes a member of the park commission. G. C. Robbins, Mrs. Joe Cannon, David Owens, F. W. Webster, W. K. Keys and J. Luther Snyder comprise the other members of the commission.

Definite plans are being discussed for erection of a pavilion type building, tennis courts, shuffle board courts and the provision of an adequate number of benches for the park. If material and labor conditions permit, it is planned to have all of these facilities ready for the next summer season.

## Many Local People Inspect the New Ford

A large number of Watauga county people have been gathering at the Winkler Motor Company since Friday to take their first peek at the new 1946 Ford automobile, on display there.

Mr. Winkler states that the visitors without exception highly praised the new Ford, which includes many improvements new to the automobile world, and adds that orders are being placed rapidly for the new cars.

Production of the new Ford is now well under way, and at least some of the new models should be available for delivery before long.

## Red Cross First Aid Classes Being Arranged

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Watkins will conduct a Red Cross first aid class for the people of the town, beginning Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p. m., at the boys' gymnasium, Appalachian College.

## That Millions in Europe May Eat



This little Yugoslav boy is too hungry to wait for his mother to warm up the can of beans that represents his first nourishing food in a long time. A drive is now being made by the "Victory Collection of Canned Food," to gather canned food to be shipped to the starving in EEurope.

## Truman Visit To Statesville Cancelled; Many Local Leaders Are Disappointed

Considerable disappointment is being expressed locally over the inability of President Truman to fill his speaking engagement at Statesville on November 2. Definite information was forthcoming from Washington Tuesday to the effect that all immediately scheduled appearances of the Chief Executive had been cancelled, and whether the domestic labor situation or the highly complicated international set-up intervened to keep the President in Washington was not disclosed at the White House.

Anyway, local Democratic leaders who had been engaging in arranging transportation for the hundred or so Wataugans who had planned to go to Statesville, have

called off all plans, and announce that those who desire to go to Statesville on the first and second to hear other high government officials speak to a special meeting of the state senate, should make their own private arrangements. This action was taken when it developed that only a negligible number are showing any inclination to make the trip since the President will not be on hand.

Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson and Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson are on the program for the state senate meeting, and there is no word from Washington as to whether or not these gentlemen have altered their plans since the President's decision was made public.

## CHERRY TELLS COMMISSION TO WORK COUNTY ROADS

Plain-talking Gregg Cherry instructed the state highway and public works commission last week to concentrate its immediate efforts on county and secondary roads.

Contracts for new highway and bridge construction totaling \$1,042,350, for which bids were received on Oct. 9, were awarded. However the commission rejected a bid of \$227,217 on 4,701 miles to be built to connect Mount Mitchell with the Blue Ridge Parkway in Graham county. The commission felt the bid was too high, since no federal funds were involved.

It is all right and good, the governor personally told the commission, to have fine arterial highways, but rural roads have been neglected too long, and "now is the time to do something about it."

"The time has come," he said, "for somebody to spend his whole time on the handling of county and secondary roads." He suggested that each district have a force to spend all its time on rural roads—of which he estimated there are 40,000 miles in the state. And he recommended that the forces of prison labor on the main highways be curtailed and put to getting rural roads into shape for the winter.

Reminded of the hard-hitting tactics of his legislative days, the governor said the problem of country roads as the most important yet to arise in his administration, and that he was unable to understand why more work had not been done along those lines.

"It seems that sentiment is that we can't do much about it unless we follow rigid engineering plans. Leave the roads where they are but put them in passable condition. Why some of the people in the west are on the verge of a revolution about it," he said.

He said that it seemed that contractors could get machinery, so why couldn't the state. He said he well realized that insufficient labor could be obtained for 45 cents an hour, but that the state would just have to pay more.

"If it takes more money, we might as well make up our minds to

pay it," he said. "The job is up to us."

"We must put county roads first." Community roads should be assisted, too, he said. He referred to the present rule of not building a road unless seven families lived within one mile of one another and said such a policy "should be more liberal."

The engineering department, he said, "has got to be sold on the idea of county and secondary roads."

He told Chief Engineer Vance Baise that Baise had been dealing with figures, blueprints and contracts so long that "you don't have the proper vision of county roads."

The governor asserted he had been informed that on occasions there was not the proper co-operation between officials routing school buses, and the engineers. Roads, he said, must be furnished for school buses.

In reply, Chairman A. H. Graham said the commission wanted the people of the state to know that everything possible would be done for roads as soon as possible. The people, he said, had been denied sufficient improvements simply because of inability to get the necessary equipment and labor.

"Equipment," he said, "is at a lower ebb than at any time during the war." There is very little surplus war equipment available.

He explained that contractors were not getting new equipment now, but that they had obtained quite a bit of it while working on war contracts. He added he did not feel that pay increases already granted personnel were sufficient, and that pay must be on an equal basis with private industry.

He said that some of the reports which had reached the governor on condition of rural roads were "exaggerated." The wrong impression spread after the October 9 highway lettings, he said, adding that work on those highways would not interfere with that on county roads.

Oslo University in Norway, closed by the Nazis in 1943 because its professors refused to collaborate, has been reopened.

## ONE KILLED, TWO ARE INJURED IN TRUCK ACCIDENT

W. O. Hyatt of Rockingham, is Decapitated as Produce Truck Leaves Highway Near Wilkes County Line; Driver Held on Manslaughter Charge

W. O. Hyatt, 52 years old, resident of Rockingham, was instantly killed and two others injured when the produce truck in which they were riding, went out of control and plummeted down an embankment on Highway 421 near the Wilkes county line Saturday afternoon.

State Highway Patrolman C. M. Jones, who investigated the fatal accident, said that Hyatt's son, David Thomas Hyatt, the driver of the vehicle, suffered a fractured nose and other less serious injuries, and a grandson, William Lassiter, 10 years old, was bruised in the crash. They were taken to a North Wilkesboro hospital for treatment, and Patrolman Jones states that the driver is being held under \$1,000 bond on a manslaughter charge, following statements by witnesses that he was intoxicated. A hearing will be held on November 13.

Officer Jones states that Hyatt's head was completely severed, and was found on the shoulder of the road, while the body lay more than thirty feet away. The driver of the truck and the Lassiter child were held fast in the smashed cab of the vehicle, and men chopped away the metal with an axe to extricate them. Mr. Jones stated that rubber marks were visible on the hard surface for more than 100 feet before the vehicle turned over in the road and careened from the highway.

The truck had been to Boone where a truckload of cabbage had been purchased from a dealer, and the load was en route to Rockingham when the accident occurred.

## COMMITTEES TO AID SERVICEMEN

Veterans' Service Officer Releases Names of Those Who Will Aid Veterans

Lionel Ward, county veterans' service officer, in compliance with a request of the North Carolina veterans commission, has appointed a number of committees to help with the problems confronting men recently discharged from the armed services.

Following is a list of the committees, the first named in each instance being the chairman:

Publicity: Beach Keller, Rob Rivers, Ralph G. Greer.

Business Advice: Austin South, Paul A. Coffey, W. D. Farthing.

Legal Aid: Charles T. Zimmerman, Wade E. Brown, L. H. Smith.

Loans: Alfred Adams, W. W. Mast, W. H. Gragg.

Farm Advice: H. M. Hamilton, Jr., R. L. Maltha, Dwight Cable.

Education: Dr. B. B. Dougherty, S. F. Horton, Bernard Dougherty.

Welfare: Dave P. Mast, Mrs. T. M. Greer.

Mr. Ward states that any veteran needing advice from any member of either committee, can see them at any time. The members of the local organization will get recognition from the Governor and may expect to have letters from the chief executive soon.

## CHERRY URGES INCREASED AID FOR NEEDY PERSONS

Raleigh, Oct. 29—Governor Cherry tonight called for increased average grants to needy aged and families of dependent children in North Carolina, declaring, "Every citizen has the right to expect minimum security at all times."

Addressing county welfare superintendents attending the 26th annual public welfare institute for North Carolina social workers, Cherry said that North Carolina ranks among the states as 46th in average old age assistance payments and 44th in payments to dependent children.

"Both the individual counties and the state government will have to work together to pull North Carolina up from this advertised low rank," he said. "The 1945 general assembly made additional state funds available for this specific purpose and expects you to carry out its objective with the least possible delay."

Columbia is depending on higher United States coffee prices to increase its income.