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RED CROSS ROLL CALL CAMPAIGN LAGS IN COUNTY

Only About 25 Per Cent of Quota Raised So Far; Former Servicemen Highly Praise Work of Organization During Wartime

Approximately 25 per cent of the \$5,100 quota of the Watauga County chapter of the American Red Cross has been raised in the first official week of the 1946 Red Cross fund campaign, A. T. Adams, secretary of the drive, announced yesterday. More than 110 volunteer workers are now soliciting individuals and business firms in behalf of the campaign.

The public is well acquainted with the great work done by the Red Cross in war work such as the blood donor service, prisoner of war service, camp and hospital council service, service clubs, and in service here at home such as disaster relief, home service, nursing service and hospital council service; but the work was brought to our very threshold back in 1940 when the flood struck this section doing immeasurable damage in the Deep Gap community. It was then that the Red Cross went into action for our own people, building a complete house for a family whose home had gone down the mountain in a flood of water and land; clothing and feeding whole families and furnishing them with necessities until they could again work for themselves. That was on the home front. Our own servicemen can tell us what the Red Cross did for them;

Coach Flucie Stewart

"You ask me what the Red Cross meant to me? Well, I will tell you some of the things I've seen. . . I saw 78 survivors from a lost ship brought in and outfitted completely even to tooth paste and razor blades, furnished with transportation to hospitals, given aid in settling their pay accounts, all by the Red Cross. . . I saw 100,000 Red Cross packages delivered to Siapan for distribution to troops on the island and to the ships in the harbor. . . I saw a number of pilots who had been knocked down at sea and were picked up by our submarines and destroyers, brought ashore and turned over to the Red Cross which did the same for them as they did for those mentioned above. . . It was the Red Cross that served as messenger to and from home in time of emergency for the servicemen—any man or woman could contact his family anytime through the Red Cross; the commanding officers always accepted a statement from the Red Cross as authentic. Then again, one day a Japanese prison ship was torpedoed off Siapan. It was carrying Australian prisoners of war—220 survivors were picked up and brought to Siapan where the Red Cross furnished them with clothing, food, medical treatment and the extras they needed to get along until transport could be arranged to Australia."

John Tatum

John Tatum, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Tatum, approached one of the local Red Cross workers recently and said he wanted to make a contribution to the organization, said he, "While I was at the front, the Red Cross workers crawled to the very front lines bringing coffee and doughnuts to the fighting men."

Alex Wilson

Alex Wilson, who spent six months in the German prison camp, Stalag 7A, said, "I am fully convinced that if it hadn't been for the Red Cross I would never have come out of prison camp alive. We received parcels from the Red Cross through Switzerland every day except Sunday during the whole time I was there and the food we got in those parcels kept us alive." Mr. Wilson told of how the prisoners of war received mail messages through the Red Cross. . . in the prison camps as on the battle field and in far away camps, the Red Cross was the only sure means of communication with relatives in time of emergency.

Brendell's Garage to Have New Home

Construction work has been started on a two-story cinder block building to house the Brendell garage and Hudson agency on the lot in front of the hosiery mill on Howard street. J. R. Brendell, owner, is supervising the construction, and plans to move into the completed building within the next 60 days. The street floor of the building will be used as a sales room where the Hudson automobile will be sold; the garage shop will be on the basement floor with an entrance at the side.



Blind Hero to Run



Former Marine Sgt. Al Schmidt, Frankford, Pa., who has been selected by Pennsylvania Democrats to run for state secretary of internal affairs, Schmidt, winner of the navy cross for killing 200 Japs, was the hero of the movie, "Pride of the Marines."

Jeff Stanbury Sells Dairy Property Here

A real estate transaction has been consummated whereby Fred Winkler became the owner of the Jeff Stanbury farm just outside the city limits east of Boone. Mr. Stanbury, for reason of poor health, has retired from farming operations and has purchased a home in Weaverville where he and Mrs. Stanbury will move within the next few days. Mr. Winkler plans to occupy the brick residence on the newly acquired property and will subdivide the land to be sold in lots later on. The Stanbury milk route has been taken over by the Hillside Dairy, while R. H. Vannoy has purchased the physical equipment of the dairy. The Winkler home on Howard street has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Craven, who will occupy it immediately.

Order Eastern Star Elects New Officers

Snow Chapter No. 220, Eastern Star, held its regular meeting Monday night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Blanche Keller, worthy matron; Lee Stout, worthy patron; Lena Geer, associate matron; T. M. Greer, associate patron; Delcie Welch, conductress; Nell Linney, associate Conductress; Helen Underdown, secretary, and Virginia Miller, treasurer. These officers will be installed at the next regular meeting. Following the meeting a social hour was enjoyed by the members and guests of the chapter.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO HOLD MEETING IN WINSTON-SALEM

A state-wide meeting of Young Democrats will be held in Winston-Salem April 27-28, it was disclosed Saturday, following a meeting of Mrs. Henrietta Price Gillespie, president, with William S. Davis of Winston-Salem, state director of the organization. Davis was named by Mrs. Gillespie, of Asheville, as chairman for the meeting. He will be assisted by George Corn, of Chapel Hill. Principal business of the two-day session, according to Mrs. Gillespie, will be to select a location and date for the Young Democratic convention.

Late News Bulletins

LEWIS ASKS FOR MORE PAY, LESS WORK

John L. Lewis called on the nation's bituminous coal operators Tuesday to boost pay and shorten the work week and create a health and welfare fund for the 400,000 soft coal miners.

WICKER NAMED 8TH DISTRICT GOP CANDIDATE

Lexington, March 12 — J. H. Whicker, North Wilkesboro lawyer, was nominated here today as the Republican candidate for congress from the eighth North Carolina district.

40 PER CENT WHEAT CUT REQUESTED

Washington, March 11—President Truman's famine emergency committee asked Americans tonight to eat 40 per cent less wheat and 20 per cent less fats to send more to the hungry abroad and suggested 39 ways to do it.

The suggestions called for open face pies, buckwheat cakes instead of wheatcakes, open sandwiches, broiled instead of fried fish, substitution of fruit and other desserts for pastries.

Bakers were asked to cut the weight of single loaves of bread and other products by at least 10 per cent.

DISASTER LOOMS IF BIG POWERS FAIL, HULL SAYS

Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull warned tonight, in the midst of worsening Big Three relations, that the world faces "unspeakable disaster" if any or all of the big powers fail to pull together for world peace. "We who are living now must not allow the human race to commit suicide through lack of vision or through selfishness, impatience or provocation," he said. The aged Tennessean who charted U. S. foreign policy through most of the war, issued a formal statement as the United Nations security council, which he helped sponsor, prepared to meet in New York.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING TO BE "DRASTICALLY" CURBED

A "drastic" order curbing commercial construction in favor of houses took shape today along with a senate move to restore the subsidy and other features of the housing bill which the administration seeks. Housing Administrator Wilson Wyatt said the order will be issued "in a matter of days." Other officials reported it will hold up thousands of non-essential factories and business buildings now on blueprints and will require persons seeking to erect amusement facilities to show they are needed. The officials who gave these details with the understanding that their names not be used described the forthcoming order as "drastic and far-reaching."

MASTER BLACK MARKET RING REPORTED BROKEN

New York, March 12—A black market ring said to be the largest ever uncovered in the United States, was alleged today in federal grand jury indictments against seven corporations and 245 persons. Seven indictments charged that the ring, with the aid of ration coupons faked from tinted paper and cut-up telephone books, overdrawed ration accounts by 75,000,000 meat coupons and sugar coupons amounting to 6,600,000,000 pounds of sugar.

RURAL ROADS TO RECEIVE FIRST CONSIDERATION

Chairman Graham Says "Immediate Objective" is to Improve Some 48,000 Miles of Farm-to-Market Highways

Raleigh—A policy of "meeting first problems first" will be followed by the State Highway and Public Works Commission, its Chairman, A. H. Graham, said today in discussing the stabilization and surface treatment of the county road system.

The "immediate objective," he said, will be to put the farm-to-market roads in condition to withstand next winter's weather. There are about 48,000 miles on the county system, and virtually every mile will require some degree of attention this year, for these roads bore the brunt of the damage done by the unusually severe weather last winter. Instructions have already gone out to the division engineers, the Chairman said, and the county roads are to be stabilized this spring, summer and early fall as rapidly as humanly possible.

Acute shortages in equipment, materials and manpower still handicap even routine highway activities, the Chairman stated, and there appears to be little relief in prospect anytime in the near future. Despite this situation, the Highway Commission is going ahead by doing everything it can to put the roads in shape for withstanding the strain of winter weather.

"I firmly believe," Graham stated, "that the people of North Carolina will endorse this policy of meeting first problems first, and it is our earnest desire to overcome, as much as we can, the handicaps under which we must operate these days in conditioning the roads to meet the traffic requirements demanded of them."

As is always the case, primary attention will be given to the county roads called on to carry the heaviest burdens of daily traffic. These will include, in the majority of instances, rural mail routes and school bus routes, the highway chairman said.

This program of conditioning the county roads for next winter will not in any way supplant the long-range improvements calling for surface treatment or stabilization of a permanent character on 30,000 miles of the county system during the next ten years.

"We would like very much to carry both projects along at one and the same time," Chairman Graham said in discussing the longer program, "but this unfortunately enough, is impossible in view of our still critical lack of the necessary implements and manpower to do the work."

However, a start will be made on the permanent program in the very near future. Plans are already in the making, and actual work will begin later this spring. This program calls for surface treatment or effective stabilization of an average of 3,000 miles per year during the next decade. Because there are conditions existing which are beyond the control of the Highway Commission, being mainly the inability to procure equipment and materials in anything like required quantities, Graham said that reaching the average of 3,000 miles is not anticipated this year and probably not in 1947, either. However, the Highway Commission is counting on making up the deficit just as soon as it can get delivery on equipment already on order and placed orders for more equipment with assurance of prompt delivery.

Then, too, the Highway Commission is planning to let some of this work to contract, the mileage to be handled by private firms to be determined by the ability of road contractors to do the work at a reasonable cost. The Highway Chairman pointed out today that the road builders are up against the same sort of difficulties facing the Highway Commission in its inability to award contracts for as much mileage as the contractors can handle at a reasonable price figure.

"If the public will bear with us during this period when there are so many handicaps to surmount, we think we can say with confidence that a greatly improved secondary road system will prevail throughout the rural areas of the state within a reasonable time," the Chairman stated.

Fibber McGee and Molly are devoting their entire program to Red Cross on Tuesday, March 19, NBC, 9:30-10 p. m., EST.

F. T. Sherrill, of Greensboro, spent the week-end with his family here.

Clyde R. Greene Named G. O. P. Candidate For Congress in 9th District

Candidate for Congress



CLYDE R. GREENE

9-YEAR-OLD CHILD FATALLY BURNED

Wila Lucille Millsaps Dies in Local Hospital From Burns Received Received Last Saturday

Wila Lucille Millsaps, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin H. Millsaps of Sugar Grove, died in the Watauga hospital Sunday morning, a victim of burns received when she is thought to have ignited her clothing while replenishing the fuel of a wood stove. Her parents, working in the yard and barn nearby, heard her screams and rushed to the house to find her aflame from head to foot. She was brought immediately to the hospital but was so critically burned that death came Sunday morning at 1:30.

Surviving are the parents, two brothers, Jack and Charles, and one sister, Floy Lee.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Bethel Church, with Rev. Robert Shores in charge, and interment in the Millsaps cemetery at Sugar Grove.

Thos. H. Coffey, Sr., Injured in Fall

Mr. T. H. Coffey, former representative from Watauga county to the North Carolina general assembly and well-known citizen of Blowing Rock, is in the Watauga hospital in a very serious condition following a fall at his home Thursday which resulted in two broken ribs.

Mr. Coffey fell from a ladder while members of the family were momentarily absent. One of the broken ribs injured the left lung and attending physicians regard his condition as critical.

90 Veterans Enrolled At Appalachian State

A total of 90 veterans are included in the student body of 650 at Appalachian College at the present time, it has been announced by Registrar H. R. Eggers.

A majority of the veterans are single men, but some of them are married and have their wives here with them. There is only one woman in the group of veterans. She is Second Lieut. Mrs. Jones Ashley, ANC. The apartment house recently provided for veterans and their wives is completely filled, and so is Newland hall, the dormitory which has been set aside for the single men.

DARK FLOUR BREAD SOON TO APPEAR ON FAMILY TABLES

Minneapolis, Minn., March 12—Bread made from the dark flour soon will be reaching the public in quantity but if consumer tests are indicative many persons will not notice a change has been made in their staff of life. Since March 4, 80 percent extraction flour has been going out of this milling center at an average rate exceeding 5,000,000 pounds a day.

Miss Daphne Penny, of Bowman Gray Medical College, Winston-Salem, is teaching a group of college students of the Baptist Student Union each evening this week from 6:30 till 7:30 at Lovill hall. The topic for study is "Christian Personality."

Local Business Man and Civic Leader is Choice of His Party To Oppose Doughton in Fall Election; Will Wage Active Campaign

The ninth district Republican convention in session in Lenoir Saturday unanimously selected Clyde R. Greene, prominent local merchant and civic leader, as the party's candidate to oppose Democratic Representative Robert L. Doughton in the general election to be held this fall.

Approximately 220 delegates attended the convention. Delegates were in attendance from Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Iredell, Rowan, Stanley and Watauga counties.

Upton Blevins of Ashe, and E. C. McCall of Caldwell, were placed in nomination but the McCall nomination was withdrawn when it was stated that Caldwell would not have a candidate for congress at this time. Mr. Greene was elected by an overwhelming majority and Mr. Blevins moved that the choice of Mr. Greene be unanimous.

Mr. Greene is 48 years old and was born and reared in Watauga county. He attended Appalachian College and Draughn Business College. He is manager of the Farmers Hardware and Supply Company, a Mason, member of the Lions Club, Junior Order and the Boone Baptist Church.

In district affairs, Mr. Greene is a former chairman of the Republican executive committee of the 9th congressional district. Well known throughout the state, he is president of the North Carolina Merchants Association and councillor of the North Carolina Junior Order. He is a member of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and is chairman of the 1946 Red Cross Roll Call campaign in the county.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Greene stated that he would visit and make speeches in every county in the district.

The name of Mr. Greene was placed before the convention by W. H. Gragg, of Boone, who reviewed for the convention his work in civic, business, fraternal and religious life in the community and through out the state of North Carolina.

The following were named members of the state executive committee from the various counties of the district: Urcy Deal, Alexander; Beale Poovey, Alleghany; E. E. Thomas, Ashe; J. L. Ross, Cabarrus; Emery McCall, Caldwell; Russell Sherrill, Iredell; G. C. Peeler and R. P. Lowery, Rowan; J. J. Morton, Stanley, and Russell D. Hodges, Watauga.

Attending the convention in addition to Mr. Greene and Mr. Gragg were S. C. Eggers and Chairman E. D. Cook, of the county Republican executive committee.

William L. Daugherty Dies in Lenoir Hospital

Lenoir, March 12—William Lawson Daugherty of Blowing Rock, retired locomotive engineer, who had been ill of pneumonia for four days, died in a Lenoir hospital on Thursday evening at 6:45 o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at Mt. Bethel Reformed Church, Blowing Rock, with Dr. W. W. Rowe, pastor of the Zion Reformed Church of Lenoir. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Born on Sept. 30, 1864, in Black Mountain, he was a member of the Chestnut Methodist Church in Lumberton. He had been employed by the Southern Railway and Raleigh and Chester Railway Co., and was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He made his home in Lumberton for about 40 years, but for the past few years had resided at Blowing Rock.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mary Ingle Daugherty; two sons, William L. Daugherty, Jr., Blowing Rock and H. H. Daugherty, Bloomfield, N. J.; one brother, J. M. Daugherty, Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Henderson, Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. A. F. Lyon, Black Mountain.

\$95,000 IS ADDED FOR SCHOOL BUS UPKEEP

Maintenance of North Carolina's 4,950 school buses during the remainder of the term will be financed insofar as possible with \$95,000 transferred from the twelfth grade adjustment fund of next school year, the state board of education decided in Raleigh Friday.