

Uncle Sam Gets Tough With Army Deserters; Heavy Penalties Sure

Uncle Sam's leniency toward deserters is a thing of the past, according to an announcement by Gen. J. Van B. Miles, State Director of Selective Service.

Henceforth the authorities have considered some sickness and change of environment, and have made penalties light. From now on, however, Uncle Sam is going to get tough.

Henceforth, all deserters will lose their U. S. citizenship. They also will be court-martialed, and probably imprisoned, for long terms, in a Federal penitentiary.

The usual term for desertion, in war time is 20 years. Under aggravating circumstances the penalty may be death.

Angel of Death Takes J. L. King on Xmas Day

The Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King on Christmas morning, and took Mr. King away, took him to live with Jesus. Some day we will meet to part no more in that beautiful home in heaven. But our loss is Heaven's gain.

Mr. King, widely known throughout the county, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cordia King; two brothers, M. S. and Jim King of Belmont; one sister, Mrs. Hester Roberts, of Tennessee, and a host of friends.

MARYLAND

Maryland has been selected by the Bureau of Industrial Conservation of the OPM for launching its program to increase salvage of waste paper, rags, scrap metal, and rubber.

SAFE

The millionth ton of American food shipped to Great Britain under the lease-lend law has arrived safely, the British Food Ministry has informed Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard.

LIGHTS

Nearly 1,400,000 of the nation's farms have substituted electric lights for the traditional oil lamp during the past six and one half years, according to the Rural Electrification Administration.

Catholic Services

Waynesville, every Sunday 11:00 a. m.
Bryson City, every 1st Sunday 8:00 a. m.
Franklin, every 2nd and 5th Sunday 8:00 a. m.
Cherokee, every 3rd Sunday 8:00 a. m.
"Murphy, every 4th Sunday 8:00 A. M."

Sincerely yours,
Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher

Navy Will Hold Back News of Sub Sinkings

A statement sent to this newspaper by the Navy Department requests the public not to be over-eager for news about what the navy is doing against the enemy submarines operating near our Pacific Coast.

Regardless of how many subs we sink, the Navy says, the news will be kept from the public until enough time has passed to destroy completely the value of the information to the enemy.

It is explained that if the foe knows a sub has been sunk, it can quickly send a replacement. Also, ignorance as to the fate of undersea craft serves to make the enemy worry, and thus helps break down his morale.

Robert Lee Nicholson Dies on New Year's Day

Funeral services were held last Saturday, Jan. 3, for Robert Lee Nicholson who died on New Year's day at his home, near Blairsville. He was 71 years old.

Mr. Nicholson was widely known throughout his section as a good citizen and a church worker. He had been a member of the Baptist church for more than half a century and for many years was a Bible School teacher. Last rites were conducted in the Baptist church in Blairsville.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss May Sullivan, whom he married in 1903, and six children, three sons and three daughters. He also is mourned by a number of grand-children and a host of friends.

TIMELY VERSE

The Scout does not make a practice of printing verse. However, an exception must be taken in the case of Mr. R. C. Cornwell, of Grandview, because the verses he has written are so singularly appropriate to the food-for defense campaign now being pushed in this county. The verses follow:

"IN NINETEEN FORTY-TWO"
Hark, America! one and all
Defense is calling you:
The Japanese must surely fall
In Nineteen Forty-Two.

Our ships now plough the seas,
Our planes soar skies so blue;
We'll lick those Japanese
In Nineteen Forty-Two.

Let's all grow gardens, strong—
That's something all can do—
While our boys right our wrong
In Nineteen Forty-Two.

These Ten Questions Probably Will 'Stump' The Wisest Wise Man

"A fool can ask a question a wise man can't answer", says an old maxim. A child can do the same thing, as is proven by these questions,

printed in the Griffin (Ga.) Daily News:

- "How come a fish can't smile?"
- "How come a cat in a fur coat gets cold?"
- "How come women's ain't bald headed?"
- "How come a boy can't kiss his elbow?"
- "How come a worm ain't got no feet?"
- "How come the toes is shorter'n the fingers?"
- "How come a rooster crows and a hen cackles?"
- "How come a' elephant is so big an' a flea so little?"
- "How come sugar sweet and vinegar sour?"
- "How come two eyes, two ears, and one nose?"

Miss Dicie Gregory, 21, Is Dead, At Culberson

Miss Dicie Gregory died at her home in Culberson on December 31, and was buried next day from the Shady Grove Baptist Church, with the Rev. W. T. Truett officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery with Dawson Funeral Home in charge.

The deceased was 21 years old, and is mourned by a host of friends.

George Chambers, 56, Dies, Rites January 3

George Chambers, 56, well known farmer and rock mason of Clay County died suddenly at his home in the Crawford's Creek section on Monday, Dec. 29, and was buried Saturday, January 3rd with Townson Funeral Home in charge. The funeral was held over to await arrival of two of Mr. Chambers' sons from the far West.

Mr. Chambers is survived by his widow; by three daughters, Mrs. Opal Howell, of Murphy; Mrs. Beatrice Massey, of Brasstown and Miss Houstine, at home; and three sons; Hill of Ogden, Utah; Blake of Berkeley, Cal. and Carl, at home. A brother, the Rev. H. W. Chambers, and four sisters also survive.

War Work to Improve N. C. National Standing

Facts stated by Gov. Broughton in his article found in another column of this paper are expected to change the status of the State in the National set-up.

The Census of 1939 showed North Carolina as being among the "low income States" with an average per capita income of only \$312 as compared to a national average of \$541. In that census North Carolina stood 41st in the scale—only seven from the absolute bottom.

Judge Alley's Portrait Unveiled in Waynesville

Judge Felix E. Alley, almost as well known in this section as in Waynesville, where he makes his home, was honored by Transylvania County a few days ago when an oil painting of him was unveiled in the Court house. A large crowd attended.

State Pushing Work On 33 Road Projects

Thirty-three construction projects are now in progress on 22 highways of the North Carolina network, according to the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Of these projects, it has been necessary to close the highways on only five short stretches.

Mitchell is Restored To Rank of Brig. Gen. Years After Death

A few years ago Brig. Gen. William L. Mitchell, then head of the Army Air Corps, declared, in print, that a single airplane costing less than \$100,000 could sink a battleship costing \$10,000,000.

Higher ranking officers in both army and navy declared Mitchell not only impertinent but crazy. He was court-martialed, reduced in rank to a Colonelcy, and literally forced out of the service. He died a short time later, many said of a broken heart.

On Tuesday the Senate Military Affairs Committee recommended that the rank of Brigadier General be restored to the dead hero.

Meal Tickets Issued To Travelling Soldiers

A soldier can travel the length and breadth of the country without a cent of cash under a new plan adopted by the Quartermaster Corps. Meal tickets are issued, with each ticket good for \$1.00 per meal in dining cars and 75 cents in restaurants.

The tickets are not exchangeable for anything but food.

Two Officials of TVA Are Given Promotions

R. C. Perkins, Construction Superintendent of Nottely Dam on the Nottely River above Ranger, North Carolina has been promoted to be superintendent also of the Chatuge Project near Hayesville, North Carolina.

R. V. Sass has been transferred from Construction Superintendent of Chatuge Dam, and made superintendent at Ocoee No. 2 Dam near Ducktown, Tennessee.

Rev. Cash Will Address Pastor's Conference

Three ministers from this immediate section, the Revs. E. F. Baker, A. B. Cash and B. F. Shope will have prominent places on the program of the Western North Carolina Ministers' Conference to be held in the First Baptist Church at Sylva on Jan. 12.

The Rev. Cash will speak on "The Church's Message and Messengers." The topic of the Rev. Baker will be: "The Outlook for the Church in the Present Crisis." Rev. Shope's subject will be: "The Church's Final Hope."

W. H. Covert, of Bryson City is President of the conference and W. N. Cook, of Webster, is Secretary.

Beer Licenses Issued To 23 Establishments

The State Department of Revenue has issued 23 retail beer licenses in Cherokee County.

Figures compiled by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors

Committee, as of December 31, disclosed that 4,822 retail outlets have been licensed by the state for the 1941-42 fiscal year. It is probable that the number will reach 5,000 before the tax year ends April 30.

The beer industry pays almost \$5,000,000 in taxes a year in North Carolina; about 42 per cent of which goes to the state treasury.

Louis Shields, who spent the holidays here with his parents, has returned to Chapel Hill where he is a student at the University of North Carolina.

State's Auto Tax Bill Is Over \$40,000,000

North Carolina motorists, farmers, truckers and other motor vehicle owners paid in 1941 a record-breaking total of \$40,355,000 in automotive taxes to the state. An estimated \$31,266,000 was derived from gasoline taxes, and an estimated \$9,110,000 from registration and other fees.

Car owners are now paying to the State more money than everybody used to pay in taxes to the state just a few years ago. In 1923 the State's total revenue was \$16,187,859.

More than half of the families in the state now own automobiles.

Schedule of 4-H Clubs Announced For Month

January meetings of 4-H clubs throughout Cherokee County have been scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 6; in the Marble School at 9 A. M. and in the Court House in Murphy at 12:45 P. M., both E. S. T.

Wednesday, Jan. 7; in the School auditorium, in Andrews at 10:30 A. M. and in the Martins Creek School at 2 o'clock P. M. both E. S. T.

Thursday, Jan. 8; in the Peachtree School, at 10 o'clock in the morning, E. S. T.

Farmers in increasing numbers are making inquiries concerning the thinning and management of their timber lands, reports J. T. Richardson, assistant farm agent.

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