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"The Red Cross is great because it reflects and is sustained by an idea that is lodged in the emotions and in the consciousness of all the people. That idea is the dignity of man, and the responsibility of all society toward its individual members."
Basil O'Connor

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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

Penland Gets His Beer Bill Back On Favorable Calendar

Those few prophets who, early in the session, expressed the view that the 1945 General Assembly would not reach final adjournment until about March 15 were then regarded by most observers as being unduly pessimistic. What was there to stand in the way of adjournment by March 5th or 7th? There appeared to be no great issues at stake which might bring on protracted fights. There were the biennial revenue and appropriations bills to enact, of course, but no one expected much change or much fight on the revenue bill, except perhaps in committee. The general fund surplus might have invited many raiding parties, but it was pretty well disposed of early in the session by the debt retirement measure. There would quite naturally be fights of greater or less seriousness over appropriations, but it was generally expected that the Joint Appropriations Committee would work out the bill, report it, and that would be that. There were the biennial liquor and beer and wine bills, but no one expected them to delay matters very much, whatever their fates might be. But by the end of eight full legislative week, with only ten more legislative days left if adjournment is to come by March 15, those few "pessimists" who still held to the date of March 15 were being reclassified by many as optimists.

SE 147—Introduced by Penland, February 7 (beer and wine election) Feb. 28, reported unfavorably by Senate Committee on Finance, March 2, taken from unfavorable and placed on favorable calendar.

HB 165—Introduced by Cover, January 30 (Drafting by Justices of the Peace) March 2, reported unfavorably by House Judiciary Committee No. 1.

HB 437—Introduced by Cover, February 16 (Murphy mayor and commissioners' term February 27, reported favorably by House Com-

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Motion Picture Red Cross Week Is March 15-21

American Red Cross feature pictures in interest of the War Fund drive will be shown at the Henn Theatres and Dickey Theatre March 15-21, which has been designated as Red Cross week by the Motion Picture Industry. An opportunity to give will be offered to all theatre goers at the performances during that week.

Mrs. Robert S. Bault is theatre chairman for the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross, and she announces that the following committee members will assist in the collections at the theatres: Mrs. W. G. Darnell, Mrs. Duke Whitley, Mrs. Jimmy Ward, Mrs. Robert Cox, Miss Margaret Curd, Miss Mary Lee Felmet, Miss Virginia Ann Morgan, Miss Mildred Farrow, Miss Beatrice Robbins, Mrs. Wilbur Franklin, Miss Laura Bynum, Miss Elba Sneed, Mrs. J. C. Townsend, Miss Josephine Johnson, Mrs. Sam Spence, Mrs. Jack Hennessee and Miss Elizabeth Ann Elkins.

This chapter has a quota of \$5,900.

SUNDAY SERMON TOPIC

"The Glory of Going On" will be the sermon topic of Rev. Ralph Taylor at First Methodist church, Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The second in a series of sermons for youth will be delivered by Mr. Taylor at 7:30 p. m.

SERMON SUBJECTS

The subject for the 11 o'clock sermon Sunday at Calvary Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Voyles, will be: "Peter's Sin and Repentance". At 7:30 p. m. the subject will be: "An Efficient Church".

FSA Families Are Producing Foods

While the army, the navy, the marines, and the bombardiers are subsidizing the Japs on Iwo Jima, the 225 families on the Farm Security Administration program are adding their bit to the national food supply, so that there may be no shortage of good in the American fox holes on this fateful island, states Ernest F. Arnold, F.S.A. supervisor for Cherokee and Clay counties.

In 1944 these families planted 2,358 acres of corn and in 1945 they will plant 2,579 acres. In 1945 they are planting twice as much wheat as they planted in 1944 and are increasing their legume hay crops 60 percent over 1944. They are also increasing their potato and truck crops 78.5 acres over 1944. They are not only increasing the acreage but will otherwise increase the yield by the use of more and better fertilizers and by planting better seeds. They are making these acreage increases despite the fact that there is an acute labor shortage on the farms, due to the fact that the boys have been called to the army and many have responded to the plea for workers in defense plants.

Last year these 225 families had 415 milk cows. This year they have 500 milk cows. In 1944 they produced 1,345 pigs and in 1945 they will produce 1,771. On these farms they maintained in 1944, 10,494 laying hens, and in 1945 they will maintain 16,970 hens. In 1944 they produced 12,767 broilers and in 1945 they will produce 19,340. The increase in the number of laying hens alone means an added production of some 60,000 dozen eggs.

Farms, for which farm plans have been made, are also making a record in the increased conservation of the food produced on these farms. In 1944 they canned 108,018 quart cans of food. In 1945 these farm women will can 128,069 making an increase of more than 20,000 quarts. In 1944 these families stored 6,221 bushels of food and in 1945 they will store 14,035 bushels.

These families realize that if the war continues there will be a growing demand for food and they are doing their part toward seeing to it that our victorious fighting men are not to be faced with a food shortage. The farm plans worked out with these 225 families also reveal that they have an average net worth gain of \$292 per farm family. At this rate of rehabilitation these farmers will be able to buy a comfortable home within a period of 10 years. All of this is being done by farmers with an average cash income of less than \$1000 per year.

Farm families who are unable to get adequate financial aid from other sources are made loans by the Farm Security Administration for the purchase of work-stock, dairy cows, baby chicks, feed, seed and fertilizers, as well as loans to tenant farmers to purchase farms. Any honest, industrious, low-income farmer who cannot secure loans from other sources may get financial aid through the Farm Security Administration to enable him to increase his food and feed supply which he is being urged called upon to do by the National Administration.



ONE BROTHER IS KILLED—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stiles, Murphy, Route 1, has received word from the Navy Department that their son, Hoyt Stiles, S 1/c, age 18, above center, has been killed in action in the Pacific. They have not been informed in what battle he was killed. He participated in the French, Philippine, and Luzon invasions. Hoyt entered service at the age of sixteen.



received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and Amphibious Training at Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Stiles have two other sons in service—Clayton Stiles, S 1/c left, stationed at Bayonne, N. J., and Cpl. Wayne Stiles, right, Marine Air Corps, now transferring from Quantico, Virginia, to a destination unknown.



\$2,500 Is Contributed In Red Cross Drive

Captain Miller Transferred To Prison In Japan

Mrs. E. S. Miller has received a message from H. P. Cooper of Atlanta who was in Washington last week, that he learned through Congressman Ramspeck that Captain Edward S. (Bill) Miller was transferred from the Philippines to Japan. Following is the word received:

"Bill was transferred to Japan with a group of other American prisoners of war prior to the American invasion of the Philippines. Final report in Washington listed as reaching Japan well and in good health. A special flag has been placed by Bill's name so that any additional information will be forwarded immediately."

Red Cross Aids In 98 Cases During February

The Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross, in its home service office, during the month of February handled 98 cases for service men and families—ninety-five cases were closed and three continued.

The cases acted on were divided as follows: Active service men and dependants: inquiries and messages, 26 army and seven navy; activities re prisoners of war, four; information only, 36 army and 18 navy; social histories, one army and one navy; furlough and furlough extension verification, four army and seven navy; report on health of serviceman's family, nine army and five navy; other reports, one army assistance with government benefits, six army and 10 navy; consultation and guidance, two army and two navy; referral to other agencies, one army and one navy.

Ex-servicemen and dependants: assistance with claims for death pension, two army; assistance with insurance claims, three army; information, four army; consultation and guidance, two army; referral to other agencies, one army; other services, two army.

Civilian and other: inquiries and messages, one army; information, six army.

The home service office, directed by Mrs. H. G. Elkins, chairman, and Mrs. Robt. S. Bault, secretary, states that services to veterans are greatly on the increase.

Wilson Wounded A Second Time

A telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Murphy, R. F. D. No. 1, stated that their son, Pfc. George J. Wilson, was seriously wounded in action on Leyte Island, December 20.

Pfc. Wilson is with the first cavalry division and has spent 20 months overseas. This is the second time he has been wounded. No word of his condition has been received.

W.N.C. Tournament To End Saturday

The W. N. C. basketball tournament starts Thursday, with games in Robbinsville and Murphy. Robbinsville boys will play Nantahala boys at 8 p. m., and Hiwassee Dam and Fontana Dam will meet at 2 p. m. The semi-finals for the winners of these two games will be Friday, at 2 p. m., in Robbinsville.

Hayesville and Murphy boys will meet Friday at 8 p. m., in Murphy. The finals will be in Robbinsville Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

The 1945 War Fund drive of the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross is progressing nicely, according to War Fund Chairman Harry E. Bishop, who states that approximately \$2,500 has been contributed. The goal is \$5,900.

Mr. Bishop urges all workers to complete their canvass at the earliest possible date, and turn in their reports, so that the campaign will not drag out to the end of the month.

Murphy All-Stars and Hayesville All-Stars played here Monday night in a game for the benefit of the Red Cross war fund, bringing in a total of \$24.75.

Special gifts, \$25 or up, already reported are as follows: Those giving \$25 each were: Man Shop, Murphy Hardware Company, J. W. Davidson, C. E. Weir, W. F. Forsyth, E. C. Moore, L. L. Mason, Dale Lee, E. P. Hawkins, H. M. Whittaker, S. N. Bobo, Paul Owenby, Mrs. Maude Dickey, Standard Service Station by Loren Davis, Sheridan Stiles, J. B. Mulkey, J. W. Franklin, W. M. Fain, W. E. Hampton, Grover C. Mauney, Murphy Sinclair Station by Howard West, Dr. Robert Cox, Cherokee Scout by Addie Mae Cooke, W. P. Odum, A. & P. Tea Co., W. M. Lay & Co., J. E. Graves, Gay Hawkins, Ross Lovingsood, J. D. Burch, Robert Weaver.

Those giving \$50 each were: H. E. Dickey, H. E. Bishop, Dr. J. R. Bell, W. M. Mauney, L. M. Shields, Dr. W. A. Hoover.

Those giving \$100 each were: E. G. Brumby, Jr., a friend, Ragland Bros. Company and Hhe H. T. Hackney Company.

Those giving \$150 each were: Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Murphy Box and Poling Manufacturing Co.

Other special gifts perhaps have been contributed to the workers but have not yet been turned in, because the workers have not completed their canvass.

Hayden McClure Killed Tuesday In Gastonia

Funeral services for Hayden McClure, 30, of Gastonia, who was killed there Tuesday, were held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at Rogers chapel, with the Rev. Fred Stiles and the Rev. Freed Townsend officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Ivie Funeral home in charge.

Pallbearers were: Blain Haney, Claude Jones, Grady Ballew, J. H. Lane, C. G. McClure, and Jess Nix.

Surviving are the widow, four children, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius McClure; five brothers, Lum McClure of Fontana Dam, Virgil of Blainesville; Willard, Charlie, and Willie Ray McClure of Murphy; three sisters, Mrs. Lurline Haney, Mrs. Ella Mann and Mrs. Luna Jones, all of Cherokee county.

ATTENDS WAR FINANCE DIVISION MEETING

Mrs. H. Bueck attended a meeting of regional and area chairmen of the War Finance division in Raleigh during the past week end. She was accompanied by Mr. Bueck and their son, H. C.

Nineteen Are Arrested Here On Saturday

Policeman Ezra Price states that Saturday was a record-breaker in the number of arrests made in town. Nineteen people were arrested, 18 of them for public drunkenness, one for driving while drunk, and one for disorderly conduct.

Tried before Mayor M. W. Fain Monday, those charged with public drunkenness were fined \$2.50 and taxed with costs, which amounted to approximately \$11.85 in each case. In this list were: Ed Moore, Max Newman, Frank Mills, Delmas Dye, Otis Burnett, Sam Voyles, Fred Decker, Glen Mann, Leonard Moore, Robert Johnson, John Byers, Bob Hedden, Clyde McCoy, Walter Mills and Ruth Sutton, Roy S. Barker and Andy Nation gave bond (amount not shown) for appearance March 17.

Allen Wise was bound over to superior court under a bond of \$200 for driving while intoxicated, and Charlie Heggler, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$5 and taxed with costs of \$13.85.

Bayless Gets Meritorious Service Award

Headquarters, Army Transportation Corps, Europe—Keeping daily records of all trains handled by the Second Military Railway Service, and consolidating all tonnage reports that come in from railway units is the job of statistics office headed by First Lieutenant Raymond H. Greene, of 208 Prospect St., Willimantic, Connecticut.

This office is a section of the headquarters of the Second Military Railway Service in Europe. It submits weekly tonnage, equipment and territorial reports to the Office of the Chief of Transportation and daily reports to the commanding general of the Second Military Railway Service.

Recently, these men, as a part of the Headquarters of the Second Military Railway Service, received the first award of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque in the European Theater of Operations "for superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks since arrival on the Continent."

Doing this statistical work are: Corporal Garland J. Talbert of 278 Carroll St., Akron, Ohio., Pfc. John H. Bayless of 112 Campbell street, Murphy, N. C., and WAC Sergeant Jewell Moorman of 4206 Speedway avenue, Austin, Texas.

IN BELGIUM

UNAKA.—Pvt. Tommy Jenkins of Unaka has arrived in Belgium safely. He has one brother of Akron. Pvt. Jenkins is the son of Jerry Jenkins of Unaka.

IMPROVES

Miss Peggy Johnson, who was in Pettie hospital last week, was sufficiently improved to return to her room at the Henry House Saturday.

Business Club Is Being Organized

Fifty business and professional men of Murphy were called together in a dinner meeting at Regal hotel Thursday evening for the purpose of forming a club or association to promote the interests of this section. It was generally agreed that the organization be called "The Business Men's Club", but it was not voted on.

J. B. Gray, who presided, was elected temporary chairman. R. W. Easley, Jr., was elected temporary secretary-treasurer. The following were appointed on a temporary board of directors: Dr. W. A. Hoover, Jim Gibbs, V. M. Johnson, C. L. Alverson, P. J. Henn, Frank Forsyth, Frank Ellis, Miss Addie Mae Cooke, T. A. Case, and W. M. Fain.

The board is to meet this week and map out some regulations and rules for the club. A permanent organization will be formed at a general meeting to be held within a month.

H. Bueck, superintendent of Murphy schools, was the principal speaker. He declared, "Unless we do something for ourselves we are not going to be able to meet the degree of living to which we have accustomed ourselves. Pooling our assets and advertising them will pay dividends. We wish to see the good business that this county has enjoyed continued."

Brief talks were made by The Rev. Ralph Taylor, on behalf of the churches; J. D. Elrod, on the dairy industry; A. Q. Ketner, on agricultural possibilities; W. O. Hoffman on mining; T. A. Case on forestry; and numerous others who expressed themselves favorably to such an organization.



IS TRANSFERRED—Gles F. Bryson S 2/c R. M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bryson of Marble, who has been transferred to San Bruno, Calif., for further training before being sent overseas. Bryson entered the Navy May 1, 1944 and received his six weeks boot training at Camp Perry, Va. He was sent to Auburn, Ala., to radio school and then to Noroton Heights training school.

Bryson graduated from Andrews high school in the class of 1944.



ON IWO JIMA—Pfc. W. R. Martin, Jr., who was with the 5th Division that landed on Iwo Jima, recently, Pfc. Martin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Martin of Unaka. He has been in the U. S. Marines 19 months. He took his basic training at San Diego, Calif. He also has two brothers in service, S/Sgt. Kermit Martin, who is on the Western front, and Sgt. Lee Martin, who is somewhere in the South Pacific. W. R. Martin is principal of Unaka school.

Mrs. Dakin Is Freed From Jap Prison Camp

Mrs. Bessie May Dakin, daughter of Mrs. C. M. Sneed of Murphy R. F. D. No. 2, Box 163, has been freed from a Japanese internment camp where she had been held for about three years, according to a message received by her mother.

The telegram informed Mrs. Sneed that her daughter had been freed from Los Banos internment camp, but did not mention Mrs. Dakin's health and did not advise whether her husband had been rescued or not.

Mrs. Dakin and her husband had been in the same internment camp for at least a part of their internment, but Mrs. Dakin apparently had been moved since her family heard from her last.

The Cherokee county native, who lived in this section for a number of years, went to the Philippines with her husband about a year before the war started. Her husband was in the mining business and she was a nurse.

Sylvia Pastor Preaches Sunday

Rev. C. M. Warren, pastor of Sylvia Baptist church, will preach at First Baptist church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and the Rev. R. Lane Akins will preach at 7:30 p. m.