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The News is glad to publish letters, not too long, on matters of general interest. But such communications must be accompanied by the real name of the writer, even when they are to be published under a nom de plume.—"If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or free government, I would choose a free press."—Jefferson. Member of—North Carolina Press Ass'n.

Federated Women's Clubs

This week the annual meeting of the third district of the North Carolina Federated Women's Clubs was held in West Jefferson, with such able leaders as Mrs. J. Henry Highsmith, state president, and Mrs. R. A. McLaughlin, second vice-president, as speakers on the program.

The theme of the program was war service and post-war planning and it was a real inspiration to hear what the women's clubs are doing along this line. Women as individuals have always been among the most effective workers in whatever they choose to accomplish, and when they are organized, unusual results are almost always obtained.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, of which the local club is a member, has an outstanding record of achievement. Any woman, who is a member of a federated woman's club should be proud of the service which her organization is rendering locally as well as throughout the state and nation.

The spirit of the organization, so aptly expressed in the collect, is indeed worthy of the consideration of any woman, or group of women.

We pass it on to our readers here that they may know what club women strive to stand for:

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight-forward and unafraid.

Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene and gentle.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are as one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common woman's heart of us all; and O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

United War Fund Drive?

Many people throughout the nation are asking, "Just what is the United War Fund Drive?" It is the combination of seventeen war agencies united into one big fund. Wherever the Japs and Nazis have marched they have crushed under their heel those whom it is our christian duty to assist. This we have done. Agencies have been formed to aid them. And in the past we have had a number of drives for these agencies. Now they are combined into one fund, the United War Fund, and you may give to them all through this fund.

This not only includes the USO, but the following agencies: United Seaman's Service, War Prisoners Aid, Belgian War Relief Society, British War Relief Society, French Relief Fund, Friends of Luxembourg, Greek War Relief Association, Norwegian Relief, Polish War Relief, Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Russian War Relief, United China Relief, United Czechoslovak Relief, United Yugoslav Relief Fund, Refugee Relief Trustee and United States Committee for the care of European Children. Dr. T. R. Burgess is serving as chairman

of the drive for this county and the quota has been set at \$1,128.00. Surely it should not be hard to raise when we consider citizens in occupied countries have given their life's blood, that our own American citizens are, yes even some Alleghany men, are prisoners of war or have given their lives that the world might be safe for democracy. Let's all make a sacrifice to give to the United War Fund Drive.

Postwar Jobs

The question of what is going to become of war workers when the war ends and production of war equipment stops is one of the questions which Washington and industry are trying to answer right now.

So far the solution has not been found. Large industries, which know they can employ an enormous number of men when they are ready for all-out civilian production, don't know what they can do about those workers while they are installing new equipment for peacetime manufacturing.

Unless some answer is found, there is bound to be a period of six months, or a year of widespread unemployment.

At present there is enough money saved by the people of this country, in war bonds and in savings banks, to almost guarantee a major buying spree and period of prosperity after the war. But if those savings have to be spent to support families temporarily unemployed, enough will be used up to explode all our dreams of new cars, new homes or new anything.

One plan which has been given some consideration has been to compel industry to give war workers a 6-months' vacation with pay during that transition period. But such a solution would indirectly cost the consumer billions of dollars and would force smaller companies into bankruptcy.

With all the brilliant minds which are working on this problem, it would seem that they could arrive at some better answer than government or industry hand-outs.

Keep The Record Clean

The people of the United States have become so used to enjoying railroad transportation that is practically free of accidents to passengers, that they are shocked when a train wreck does occur.

It is true that the number of passenger fatalities this year will exceed those of any year for the past twenty years, although the fatalities per 100,000,000 passenger-miles are very little more than they were in 1940, 1926 and 1925, and less than they were in 1922 and some of the earlier years.

Figures show that the chances of the average passenger being killed in a train wreck are on a ratio of but one chance in four million. This means, even at the death rate this year, the average passenger can look forward to traveling in safety 370,000,000 miles—a journey which would require constant travel for about 1200 years.

If one could be as safe from accidental death at home or in recreation as on the train, untold grief and suffering would be averted.

The New York Times points out editorially that just to keep a sense of proportion, it is well to remember that seven bad railroad crashes since 1940 have cost 175 lives; whereas in the single year of 1941 automobile accidents killed 40,000 people in the United States.

Initiative Saves Lives

It is a matter of record that medical service for American armed forces is unequalled throughout the world, and fatalities among our wounded are unbelievably low.

The foundation for such a service was an independent American medical system and a privately supported and operated American Red Cross. This combination was ready to give medical care which could not have been secured in any other way.

The blood plasma service of the American Red Cross will go down in history as one of the most remarkable life-saving activities ever recorded. Without it, countless thousands of American soldiers and sailors would never return home.

One of the things to be proud of about American medical service and Red Cross service is that it is a testimonial to the superiority of private initiative and enterprise in science and relief work, as contrasted with the ideals of the totalitarian state in controlling and dominating the lives of citizens.

CARPENTER RITES HELD ON TUESDAY

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T. Carpenter, and nine children, Clay, Sparta; John Mac, Castleton, Md.; Basil, Lancaster, Pa.; Paul and Gene, Independence, Va.; Howard, U. S. army, now stationed at Camp Shenango, Pa.; Mrs. Clyde Edwards, Glade Valley; Mrs. Ellis Jarvis, Sugar Grove, Va; and Mrs. John Cleary, Coatsville, Pa. Also three sisters, Mrs. George Nelson, Mangum, Okla.; Mrs. Mazie Wagoner, Buffalo, Wyo. and Mrs. Verdine Hines, Stratford, N. C. and 26 grandchildren and three great grandchildren survive.

Pall bearers were: C. C. Castevens, Wayne Blevins, Dick Doughton, Hersel Edwards, Olin Carpenter and Rufus Reeves.

Flower girls were: Mrs. Georgia Dillard, Mexie Phipps, Jo Ann Phipps, Anna Lee Carpenter, Viola Carpenter, Kathleen Carpenter, Imogene Carpenter, Bessie Edwards, Frances Edwards, Jennie Hines, Thelma Gray Hines, Rose Reynolds, Reba Blevins, Betty Edwards, Eula Mae Reeves, Wava Lee Jarvis, Lorene Jarvis, Lura Jarvis and Mrs. Lou Tolbert.

Cherry Lane H. D. Club Held Meet

The Cherry Lane home demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. G. P. Crutchfield October 6th. Miss Frances Capel, assisted by Miss Rose E. Bryan, gave a very interesting demonstration on canning meats, with a pressure cooker and used steak and pork chops as an example.

The following members were present: Mrs. R. L. Hanks, Mrs. Emma Smith, Mrs. Roscoe Smith, Mrs. Earn Hanks, Mrs. Alfred Caudle, Mrs. Worth Smith and Mrs. Crutchfield.

Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Earn Hanks November third.

Mrs. Nan Edwards and Mrs. N. C. Shepherd, of Scottville, are guests this week of Mrs. A. F. Reeves and daughters.

Whitehead News

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Sunday, were: Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tedder, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Nichols, Mr. Quincy Tedder, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Ruth Tedder Moore and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Richardson and family, Mrs. Mary Petty and Mrs. Nannie Ham.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ham, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Evans and Mrs. Evans' niece; Mr. Allen Evans, Mrs. Mary Petty and daughter, Grace, Miss Ruby Anderson, Mrs. Stella Joiner, Mrs. Beal Poole and son, Ralph, and Mr. Talmadge Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Evans returned to their home in Maryland, after spending some time with Mr. Evans' father, Mr. Allen Evans, and relatives elsewhere.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Richardson, Sunday, were: Mr. and Mrs. Mack C. Edwards and Mrs. W. M. Edwards.

Rev. and Mrs. Mack Tedder were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Joiner.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Richardson during the week end were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pugh and son, Bryan, of Wilkesville; Mrs. Mae Woodruff, of Yadkinville; Mr. and Mrs. Hersel Edwards and Norma Fender, of Glade Valley, Mrs. Paul Richardson and Elsie Wagoner, Sparta, and Mrs. Earl Richardson and son, Kenneth, of Piney Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Irvin, of Bel Air, Md., are visiting at the home of Eddie Hoppers. Mrs. Irvin's mother will return with them to their home in Maryland to spend the winter.

Rocky Ridge News

Mrs. Bill Williams and baby daughter, visited relatives in Sparta, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Douglas are visiting relatives here. Mr. Douglas is employed in defense work in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Hazel Van Dyke and Miss Beulah Fields spent Saturday in West Jefferson, shopping.

Mr. George C. Perry and John Dancy Maines made a business trip to Galax, Saturday.

Mrs. Ellen Wiegler, Miss Doris Wiegler, Mrs. Perry Newcomer and son, Larry, visited Mr. and Mrs. Carson Wiegler, at Scottville, Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Perry and daughters, Kathleen and Louise, spent Sunday with Mrs. Perry's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Grubb, near Nathan's Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Englishart, of Portsmouth, Va., visited in the home of J. F. Allan, last week.

'Mission to Moscow'



Piney Creek News

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Grade Two: Mrs. John Osborne, who has been ill this fall, has recovered and is now teaching her second grade. During her absence, Mrs. Jim McKnight substituted for her and did a good piece of work. The honor roll for this grade is Betty Halsey, Carlene Delp.

Grade Three: The third grade, with Mrs. Kathleen Maxwell as teacher, has organized a little glee club. They are learning some pretty fall songs.

Honor roll: Alma Delp, Carol Sue Kennedy, Paul Reeves, Jimmy Brown, Grace Blevins, Melba Fitzgerald, Edna Jones, Maxine Triplett, Jimmy Byerly, Ruby Loggins, Ella Ruth Hampton, Elaine Kennedy.

Grade Four: Honor roll: J. C. Brown, Jimmy Baldwin, Edna Musgrove, Patsy Jo Weaver, Emma Jean Warden, Marie Wooten.

Grade Five: The fifth grade has organized a Story Tellers' Club, which meets each Friday afternoon. Miss Jean McMillan is teacher. Honor roll: Marie Brown, Edna Gibson.

Grade Seven: The seventh grade, under the leadership of Mrs. Parrye Busic, has organized a Happy Time Club, with Arnold Delp as president. Larry Paisley is vice-president, with Louise Brown as secretary-treasurer and Betty Farmer as program chairman.

High School: The eighth grade is studying North Carolina. They are collecting and assembling material for a play.

The ninth grade is observing Better English Week. The twelfth grade gave one of the most interesting chapel programs of the year recently. It was written and directed by Miss Gertrude Graybeal, the story of the play depicted some happenings of the present war. The boys and girls did their parts well and made the act very real to the audience. The agriculture boys are painting their building and doing a fine job. Each day the building grows whiter.

PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR WAR FUND DRIVE

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own war prisoners," Dr. Burgess continued. "Let those who have bought war bonds not be content to stop there—the National War Fund is just as important, and serves a humanitarian purpose besides," Dr. Burgess pointed out.

The national appeal for \$125,000,000 is large, but still short of the huge sum asked in the United War Chest Drive of 1918, for the American people were asked for and donated \$170,000,000 in the campaign of twenty-five years ago.

Alleghany county now has more than 400 boys in the service; some in training in all parts of the United States, some fighting on the battle fronts and still others prisoners of war. Our county has been asked to raise \$1128.00, approximately \$3.00 for each man we have in the service. This amount covers the entertainment and recreation of our boys in the army and those who are prisoners of war for an es-

Should Apply For "A" Books

Stamps in the new "A" gas books will become valid November 9, the local rationing board announced. Registration for the books start at once. The applications are available at every post office in the county.

"Be sure these applications are filled out correctly and then mail them to the local rationing office together with the tire inspection record and the old "A" book", an official said.

TOBACCO GROWERS TO VOTE ON QUOTAS

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gible voters is necessary to adopt quotas. An eligible voter is any owner, tenant or sharecropper who shares in the 1943 Burley tobacco crop. No farmer, whether an individual, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity, will be entitled to more than one vote, even though such farmer may have been engaged in the production of Burley tobacco in two or more communities, counties, or States, in 1943.

ALLIED FORCES PUSH ON TOWARDS ROME

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The White House said Marshal Badoglio had communicated Italy's declaration against her former Axis partner to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied commander in the Mediterranean theatre.

The Red army scored "important successes" in some sectors today in the great Battle of the Dnieper, edged closer to the White Russian citadel of Vitebsk in the north and landed on the Sea of Azov in the south, Moscow announced tonight.

After the Soviet daily operational communique had announced the Dnieper and Vitebsk gains, the Moscow radio in a broadcast recorded by the Soviet monitor disclosed the Sea of Azov flanking move, saying the Russians beat off three German counterattacks to effect the landing at the southern end of the long German eastern front defense line.

The landing was made by night, Moscow said, near Yalta, 20 miles southwest of Melitopol, where the Nazis for several days have been reporting big Russian attacks.

Berlin was silent of this, its most noteworthy announcement being a report that the Russians had opened a new drive in an area described only as "north of Kiev."

The latest addition to General MacArthur's aerial armory, the Thunderbolt fighter, took the spotlight over the week end when four of them tackled 32 Japanese fighters over Wewak, New Guinea, downing eight and possibly ten.

This stirring action of eight to one odds was the feature of today's communique which also reported new Allied air blows in the Solomons, a stir of Japanese air activity, and the killing of more than 400 Japanese by Australians in mopping up operations to the northwest of captured Finchanien, New Guinea.

PLANS MADE BY H. D. LEADERS, SAT.

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Miss Capel has announced her schedule to include a meat canning demonstration at Turkey Knob school house on October 18 at 2 o'clock; at Piney Creek school, at two o'clock, on October 20, and Mrs. John Truitt's home at Vox, at two o'clock. Meat demonstrations will be given at these meetings, also.

CAUDILL — EDWARDS

Paul Edwards and June Caudill were married at the home of G. Glenn Nichols, on October 8. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Edwards, of the Chestnut Grove community.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Caudill, of Whitehead.