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ALONG THE POLITICAL FRONT LOCALLY

Well, now that the time for filing for the Democratic primary is over the various candidates know who their opponents are and can get down to some real old time campaigning.

When the filing closed Saturday night there were found to be two candidates for sheriff, Martin and Hyatt. Our neighbor counties are more fortunate, or are they? Some of them have six candidates, for sheriff and others four or five. Swain has three men in the race for Chairman of the board, Hyatt, Cope and Estes. Cope announced last week and Estes is announcing this week. There are only two filed for commissioner members, D. P. Shook incumbent, and Stoke Thomas.

There are still four in the Register's race, Locke Woodard, the incumbent, Frank D. Kirkland, E. J. (Mutt) Seay, and Porter G. Styles.

The clerk of court race is still between Harold Sandlin and Henry J. Truett, no others having filed.

Whitaker for the Senate has no opposition locally, Penland in Swain county and Patton in Macon are in the race.

McKinley Edwards has no opposition for the house.

Baxter Jones is determined to unseat John M. Queen for solicitor. Queen and Haywood county seem to think that the job belongs to them. But Jones is making a real fight this time and if his good friends in these Western counties stick by him he will beat John in this primary.

The sheriff's race, as usual, is the center of most interest right now. Martin and Hyatt are both well versed in campaigning and the results of the race will probably be in doubt until the votes are counted.

ELECTRIC PLANT SOLD TO NANTAHALA FIRM

Bryson City's municipally owned hydro-electric plant, distribution system and equipment will be transferred to the Nantahala Power and Light Company on July 1, 1942, as a result of the special election held Tuesday for the sale of said plant.

Only 71 votes sold the plant to the Nantahala firm for the sum of \$300,000.00, the vote cast being 100 per cent for sale. Only 84 of Bryson City's estimated 800 citizens of voting age registered for the special election, which indicates little interest shown in big matters.

The terms of the sale to the Nantahala firm are that the town of Bryson City will sell and transfer to said company its hydro-electric plant, distribution system and equipment in consideration of the sum of \$300,000 to be paid by said company by the assumption by it of the payment of \$300,000 principal on face amount of the outstanding Utility Refunding Bonds and Street and Utility Refunding Bonds of the town, together with interest accruing thereon from and after July 1, 1942.

\$15,000 IN DEFENSE STAMPS AND BONDS PLEGGED BY RY. EMPLOYEES HERE MON. NIGHT

About 100 Southern Railway employees of Bryson City area, their families and friends attended the meeting held in the courthouse Monday night for obtaining by volunteer action subscriptions for U. S. Defense stamps and bonds by the railway employees.

W. L. Lathan, superintendent of Swain county schools, was introduced by E. B. Whitaker, who presided at the meeting. Mr. Lathan stated that the purpose of this meeting was not merely for enthusiasm but was of much more serious concern, namely: a matter of life and death. Mr. Lathan also stated that our very lives are at stake in this world conflict and that one of the biggest enemies in our country today is complacency. "Every one has a part to play in this conflict. More guns, tanks, planes, and explosives are needed for the days ahead of us. And for all these money is needed. We should enter into the purchase of Defense Stamps and Bonds in such a way that no compulsion will be necessary. At least 10 per cent of one's salary should be turned into Stamps and Bonds. We must outmatch our enemy's output if we are to win this war, and win we must and we will. Whatever hardships, let's endure them; give up our luxuries that we might win this

Preston To Operate Fryemont Theatre

Mr. and Mrs. William Preston, of Pineville, Ky., will take over the management of the Fryemont Theatre on May 1st, it was announced here this week. They are succeeding W. C. Macon, of Old Fort, who has operated the show since January.

Mr. Preston has had wide experience in the theatre business, being the owner of two theatres in Kentucky at this time. He has secured a long lease on the Fryemont Theatre and plans to do extensive alterations on the building to make it a modern type show house.

Sam Stone will continue as operator under the new management.

GEORGIA MEN ARE BOUND OVER ON FIRE SETTING CHARGES

James H. Martin, Hugh Plott and William A. Barnes, all of Hiwassee, Ga., are confined to Swain jail awaiting trial at the May term of United States District Court charged with setting fire to national forests in Swain and Graham counties.

The three men were given a preliminary hearing Monday before U. S. Commissioner W. O. Calhoun. One witness was called, Charles Melchior, forester in the Nantahala forest, who testified that he caught the three in the act of lighting a fire in Graham county on Government property. Their bonds were set by Worth McKinney, assistant United States attorney, as follows: Martin was placed under a \$2,500.00 bond, Barnes and Plott, \$1,500.00 each.

The men were placed back in jail after their bonds were set. Their trials will be in federal court when it convenes here on May 25. Evidence heard at the preliminary trial showed that the fires believed to have been set by these men, 14 in Swain and 28 in Graham county, have cost the United States \$6,200, including damage to property and the cost of fighting the blazes.

NAVY RECRUITING CRUISER WILL BE IN BRYSON MAY 6

On Wednesday morning, May 6, a recruiting cruiser, a trailer sent out by the United States Navy, will stop in Bryson City. This cruiser is a complete recruiting office on wheels; and will be manned by a capable crew composed of: Chief Water tender C. M. Pollard, Chief Boilermaker C. B. Farran, and Pharmacist's Mate, C. T. Cole, and Yeoman E. L. Rankin, Jr.

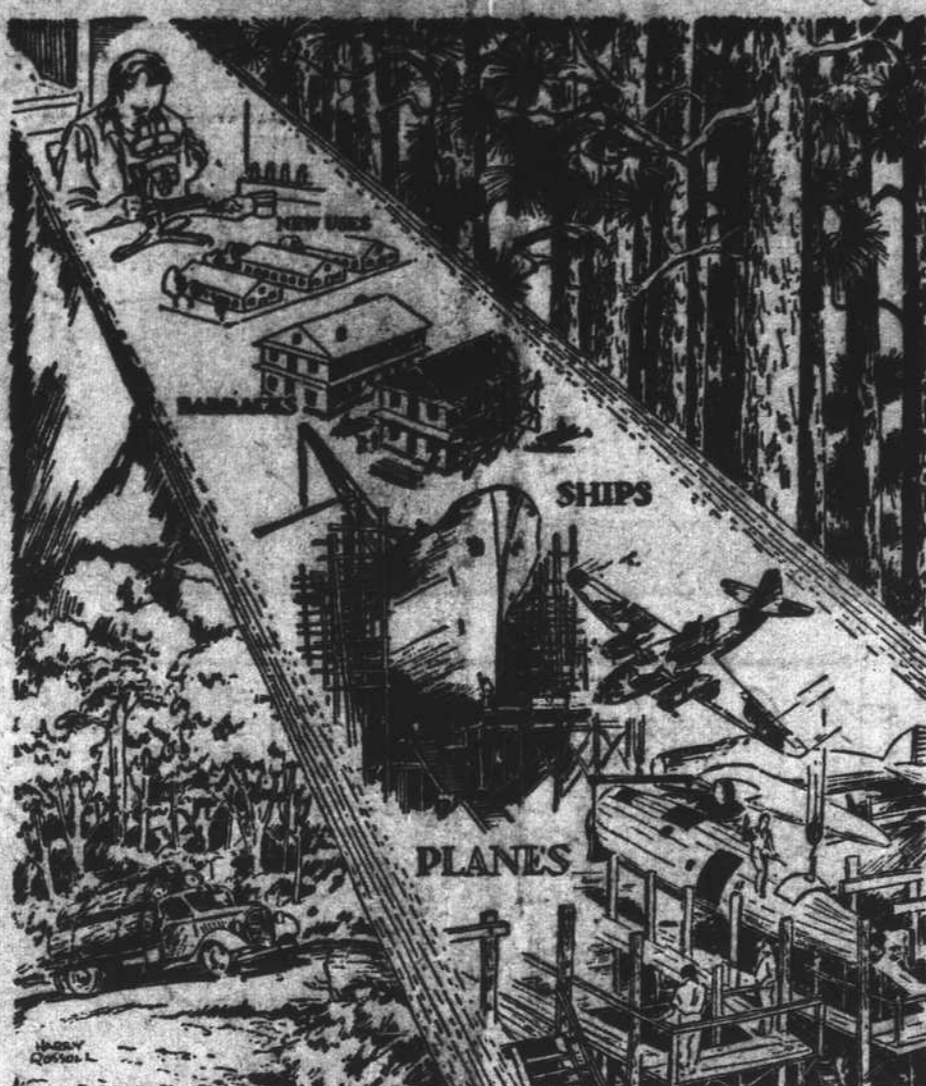
The cruiser is for the purpose of carrying recruiting service to the immediate convenience of those qualified and desiring information concerning service in the United States Navy.

W. T. Martin Expected Home From Sylva Hospital Today

Postmaster W. T. Martin, who underwent an operation at the Sylva hospital two weeks ago, is expected to be brought home today.

Dr. Brown, Presbyterian minister of Clyde, will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock worship hour.

WOOD GOES TO WAR



Winning a war is the nation's big job today. America's forests, like America's people, are all-out for national defense. Lumber for construction of barracks and other buildings; timber and wood products for ships and planes; and the many by-products of the forest such as paper, plastics, and wood cellulose, are just a few examples of the thousands of ways in which wood goes to war.

Much of the vital production rolling off assembly lines is dependent on American forests. To keep production rolling will make a heavy drain on these forest resources. To offset this drain, the public must take steps to insure its forests full protection against their greatest enemies: fire, disease, and wasteful unregulated exploitation.

SWAIN CO. CITIZENS TO REGISTER FOR SUGAR RATIONING MAY 4, 5, 6, 7

The Office of Price Administration has announced sugar rationing dates. Wholesale and retail grocery firms, institutions and industrial users of sugar will register on April 23 and 29, and individual consumers will register on May 4, 5, 6, and 7. Registration places for both Trade and Consumer are as follows: Bryson City, courthouse; Alarka School; Almond School; Bushnell School, Proctor School, Whittier School, and Cherokee. People will be expected to register at the nearest registration center. Registration hours will be from 3:30 o'clock to 7:00 in afternoons of above dates.

Wholesale and retail grocery firms, institutions, and industrial users of sugar personally must appear and make application for purchase certificates. They must bring with them information concerning inventories of sugar on hand, average shipments of sugar received, and value of sales during 1941. Wholesalers and retailers should have with them a record of gross sales of business for the week of April 25, 1942, as the quantity of sugar allowed will be based upon such record. Hotels, cafes or other industrial users of sugar should have a record available of the amount of sugar used each month during 1941. Sugar will be rationed to such institutions on the basis of these monthly records. Individuals should have available the dates of birth of each member of the family and the amount of gross sales of business for the week of April 25, 1942. This information will be necessary in issuing individual ration books. Any member of a family over eighteen years of age may register and receive ration books for each member of the family. In other words, only one member of a family over eighteen years of age need appear for registration.

The public is requested to observe these dates. No individual sugar rationing books can be issued on April 23 and 29, as these dates are exclusively for trade registration.

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FIRES BURNING OVER THOUSANDS OF ACRES IN PISGAH FOREST

Pisgah National Forest has been closed to the public as hundreds of smoke weary fire-fighters battled to bring under control flames that have already swept over 10,000 acres of timberlands in Transylvania and Haywood counties since last Sunday.

Officials said that fire lines are being held in some areas, but the seriousness of the situation is unchanged.

Kelly Bennett Appointed Chairman of USO Fund Campaign For Swain

Dr. Kelly E. Bennett announced this week that he has accepted the chairmanship of the USO War Fund Campaign for Swain county and that the campaign will begin on May 11. Dr. Bennett said that he will announce his committees and plan for conducting the campaign next week.

Swain county's part in this fund has been set at \$800. The national funds calls for \$32,000,000. Last year the fund was for \$10,000,000, but now that we are at war, with increasing numbers of men being inducted into our armed forces, we need the service provided by USO more than ever, both at home, on transport ships and at the overseas bases, chairman Bennett said.

The funds collected by the United Service Organizations are used through six agencies: The YMCA, the Salvation Army, YWCA, the National Travelers Aid Association, the Jewish Welfare Board and the National Catholic Community Service.

EDWARDS ANNOUNCES REGISTRATION PLACES FOR 4TH DRAFT ON 27

McKinley Edwards, chairman of the Swain county selective service board has announced the following places to be used for registering men who will register on the Nation's 4th draft on Monday, April 27, 1942:

Bryson City, courthouse; Almond, school house; Alarka, school house; Wesser, Queen's store; Bushnell school house; Proctor, school house; Fontana Dam, TVA; Fontana Mine, North Carolina Exploration Co.; Whittier, school house; Cherokee, Council hall.

Men required to register on this date are those born on or after April 28, 1877, and on or before Feb. 16, 1897, and thereafter and had attained their 45th birthday on or before February 16, 1942, and have not attained their 65th birthday on April 27, 1942.

Swain County Girls In Knoxville Hospital Nurses Graduation

In the class of 25 nurses receiving their diplomas at the 1942 graduation exercises of the Fort Sanders hospital in Knoxville Saturday night were two girls from Swain county; Miss Mildred Oliver, of Judson and Miss Joyce Wiggins, of Bryson City. Other Western North Carolina girls in the class were: Gladys Craig, Marble, and Geneva Maxey, Murhy.

Dr. Bacon Moves Into New Office Building

Dr. H. L. Bacon has taken four rooms on the second floor of the new office building on Main street and has moved his equipment and supplies to them.

WALKER SAYS SOCO GAP ROAD TO OPEN ABOUT JUNE FIRST

Will Shorten Distance From Bryson City To Asheville By 10 Miles Or More

J. C. Walker, division highway engineer, said this week that he expected the new Soco Gap highway, from Soco Gap to Cherokee Indian Reservation, to be opened about June 1st. This road will provide a new short route from the East into the park, and will shorten the distance between Bryson City and Asheville by some 10 or 11 miles.

The grading of the highway has been completed and gravel has been put down. Mr. Walker said that an asphalt surface would be applied soon.

The new road, a 12-mile link, will offer what is conceded to be the most scenic approach to the national park.

Soco Gap has an elevation of 3,227 feet. The Blue Ridge Parkway will cross Soco Gap (when it is completed after the war), and will enter the park above Cherokee.

MOODY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN CIVILIAN DEFENSE FOR SWAIN

E. H. (Bill) Moody has been notified by Governor Broughton of his appointment as Chairman of the Civilian Defense committee for Swain county, succeeding McKinley Edwards, who resigned to accept the chairmanship of the Swain county Selective Service Board. Mr. Moody has accepted the appointment which has to do with all phases of civilian defense work in this county.

Keeter Attends Rationing Meeting In Asheville

J. K. Keeter, clerk to the Swain county rationing board attended a meeting in Asheville Monday at which rationing board members from 15 western counties heard Theodore S. Johnson, state rationing administrator explain the sugar rationing program.

April 28 and 29 have been set as the days for the registration of trade and industrial users and May 4, 5, 6, and 7 for the registration of individual consumers.

Mr. Keeter said that state officials are still somewhat confused as just how the matter is to be handled and that it will take, sometime to work out smooth working program of rationing sugar.

TVA OFFERS WOOD TO THOSE WHO WILL HAUL IT AWAY BEFORE IT IS PILED

A Tennessee Valley Authority official of the reservoir clearance division who visited The Times office Wednesday said that the clearance division has set aside an area in the reservoir from the bridge on U. S. No. 19 down the river to Almond on the right hand bank of the river, or the East bank which can be reached over the road along the river for people of the county who wish can go and get wood. The official stated that the citizens are welcome to all this wood provided they get it before it is piled for burning. The wood is being cut in length of 10 to 12 feet and left on the ground. If the citizens do not take advantage of the offer and get the wood out before it

CATHEY ANNOUNCES NAMES OF DEMOCRATS FILED FOR PRIMARY

Large Number Seeks
Offices As Filing Date
Closed Saturday

T. J. Cathey, chairman of the Swain county board of elections, announced Monday the names of the Democrat candidates who filed with him for the coming Democratic primary election on May 30 as follows:

For Sheriff: G. H. Martin, incumbent, and Frank Hyatt, who now holds the office of clerk of court. For Clerk of Court: Harold H. Sandlin and Henry J. Truett. For Register of Deeds: Locke Woodard, incumbent; Emmett J. (Mutt) Seay, Frank D. Kirkland, and Porter G. Styles. Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners: Robert L. Hyatt, Verne L. Cope, and Robert Estes. For Commissioners: D. P. Shook and Stoke Thomas.

McKinley Edwards is seeking reelection to the lower house and Edwin Whitaker to the State senate.

P. O. Elliott is out for nomination as Justice of the Peace and H. H. Welch for Coroner; J. G. Woodard and Tom Kirkland are running for constables' posts in Charleston township.

JURORS DRAWN FOR U. S. DISTRICT COURT TERM HERE

J. Y. Jordan, clerk of the United States District court of the Western North Carolina District, has announced the following jury list to serve during the Bryson City session of the court which will convene Monday, May 25:

Swain county, N. P. Seay, C. C. Birchfield, Gaston Ledford, E. A. Breedlove, Alfred Edwards, Tom Clark and A. P. Cochran.

Graham, C. F. Denton, J. W. Shope, Elijah Myers, Dillard Phillips and Fred S. Martin.

Clay, J. M. Tiger, Claude Cherry, T. J. Herbert, Frank Moore, Joseph B. Byers, and William M. Carter.

Jackson, J. P. Bumgarner, Charlie Jennings, L. B. Cabe, Uly Farmer, Bill Higdon and Jake Wild.

Macon, James Holdbrooks, W. G. Mallione, Augustus Baty, Lee Holland and B. B. Lenoir, Jr.

Cherokee, R. B. Ferguson.

Move To Florida

Mrs. Ollie Crisp and Mrs. John Anthony and son, Jimmy, will leave Thursday for Fernandina, Fla., where they will make their home. They are moving from Judson where they are having to give up their home as it will be flooded when Fontana lake fills up.

Library To Be Open Thursday Evenings

Beginning on Thursday, April 30, the Public Library will be open to the public every Thursday evening from 7 until 9 o'clock.

Half-Price

Plans have been worked out with dentists whereby Northampton county 4-H Club members will receive dental attention at half price during April, reports Assistant Farm Agent H. G. Snipes.

is too late then the TVA will be forced to pile it up for burning. After this wood is piled it will not be available to the public, for this reason: TVA said that it had been their experience that when they let the public take wood from the piles they usually pick out what they want and leave the rest scattered about, which is extra expense to TVA in re-piling in shape to burn.

The public is free to go in after this wood without having to get a permit or see anyone about it, the official said. Just so the brush piles are not disturbed and the wood is gotten before it is piled up. There is considerable wood in this area suitable for pulp wood sale.