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## Swain Farm Men & Women To Adopt Nat. Living Control Plan

### County Farm And Home Agents To Meet With Neighborhood Committees

Next week Program Planning Committees from 48 Swain County neighborhoods will meet in their respective localities to discuss the various war measures, plans and regulations—to fit them to each neighborhood for maximum effort. In addition to plans for a general discussion of sugar rationing, probable rationing of truck mileage, of fertilizers; the groups will discuss in detail the National Plan for: Controlling the Cost of living and its adaptation to the rural families of each Swain neighborhood.

Farm men and women realize perhaps more than any other group the destructive force to democracy of inflation. They remember far too well the period following the last war when flour was 70% higher than it is now—when lard was 80% higher—streaked meat sold for twice as much as it does now—coffee was out of sight and other necessities were priced accordingly.

American citizens have learned from past experiences that inflation lulls us to sleep and keeps us drugged until many businesses go bankrupt and individuals lose all they possess. Inflation affects the average American citizen in at least the following ways:

Inflation makes people think they have more buying power than they really have.

Inflation tends to get individuals into debt for things they cannot pay for quickly.

Inflation gets farmers and others into the habit of living above their income.

Inflation increases taxes and public debt.

Inflation reduces tendency to save; it discourages thrift.

Inflation establishes prices higher than normal, causing people to adjust their spending at a level which they cannot maintain.

Inflation means higher prices which make it hard for low income families to buy what they need.

Inflation makes dollars cheaper. They will not buy as much. Therefore, we have to borrow and mortgage the future for a much longer time.

It is the hope of nearly every American citizen that we will be able to avoid inflation—we can providing there is a nationwide compliance with the program to control the cost of living. We can, providing, every citizen makes an honest effort to understand this program and applies its principles to his field living.

Realizing the need for a better general understanding of this and other war time programs, the Neighborhood Program Planning Committees will discuss plans to keep their neighbors clearly and properly informed concerning all war time programs.

To quote President Roosevelt from his address of April 27:

"There is one front and one battle where everyone in the United States—every man, woman, and child—is in action and will be privileged to remain in action throughout this war. That front is right here at home. The price of civilization must be paid in hard work and sorrow and blood. The price is not too high. If you doubt it, ask those millions under the tyranny of Hitlerism."

Efficient action on the home front requires organization, planning, and unified action the same as at the battle front. Swain County men and women with their neighborhood committees, their community committees, and the Central Planning Committee for the county are organized for planning and a unified action.

### Gas Rationing May Be Nationwide By July 1

Nationwide gasoline rationing, more for the purpose of saving tires than gas, seems to be a surety by July 1st. It also appears that when you buy your auto use tax stamp in July that you will have to register the serial number of the tires on your car, and any extra tires you might have.

Uncle Sam now has a record of every civilian. Their age, weight, etc., were furnished when the sugar registration was made—and from this basic information he now has the dope. So may come rationing on clothes, food and other items.

### Polling Places To Open And Close By War Time

Polling places in Swain county and the rest of North Carolina will open and close by Eastern War Time for Saturday's primary, it was announced by State Election Officials in Raleigh Tuesday. The polls will be open between the hours of 6:30 A. M. and 6:30 P. M.

## CRISP AND GIBSON ARE REPORTED MISSING IN PHILIPPINE ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Crisp received a telegram last Thursday from the War Department stating that their son, French O. Crisp, who was with the forces in the Philippines, was missing in action. All the men in the battle of Bataan and Corregidor not accounted for are reported missing by the war department. It may be that Mr. Crisp is held prisoner by the Japs.

French left Bryson City one year ago today, May 28, for Fort Bragg and became a member of Co. B, 803rd Engineers, after a few weeks at Fort Bragg he was sent to Fort Belvoir, Va., and on October 4th he sailed from Angel Island, Calif., on the President Cleveland by way of Hawaii and Wake Island for the Philippines. After landing at Fort Stansburg, Pampanga, P. I., he was sent to Manila and of course followed the fighting force into Bataan.

The last news Mr. and Mrs. Crisp had from their son directly was on Nov. 18th.

Mr. Joel Gibson also received a wire from the War Department telling that his brother, Robert Edgar Gibson, is missing following the fall of Bataan. Mr. Gibson is the son of the late, Mr. and Mrs. Mann Gibson, and is a brother of Mrs. Winnie Carter and Mrs. Ransom Messer. He is a veteran of World War I and has been with the regular army in the Philippines for sometime. The wire did not state whether he had been killed or is now a prisoner of war.

## PRESBYTERIAN GROUP TO MEET IN KNOXVILLE

The Eighty-Second General Assembly, Presbyterian church in the United States, will convene in the 150-year-old First Presbyterian church, Knoxville, Tenn., at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night, May 28, to continue through a six-day session.

This Assembly has been designated the Religious Education Advance Assembly in view of the fact that the four-year movement of the United Religious Education Advance will be launched by the executive committee of Religious Education and Publication at a featured program Saturday night at 7:30.

### State NYA Head Goes Into Military Service

Raleigh, May 26.—State NYA Administrator John A. Lang of Carthage and Raleigh will report to Fort Bragg Saturday, May 30, for induction into the United States Army as a buck private to undergo the basic training leading to officer's training school.

Warren T. Davis, Jr., of Nashville, present deputy State NYA Administrator, will become Acting Administrator in the absence of Mr. Lang.

### Power Company Moving To New Office Here

Mr. J. A. Sutton, local manager of the Nantahala Power and Light Company, stated Wednesday that a force of men are now engaged in moving the office and warehouse supplies of his company from the Main street office to new quarters in the building on Everett Street, which was recently vacated by the postoffice.

Mr. Sutton stated that they will be ready to do business in the new office at once.

## OVER MILLION DOLLARS PAID TO OLD-AGED AND SURVIVORS DURING '41

Awards of monthly benefits under the Federal old-age and survivors insurance system were made to 4,790 persons in North Carolina during the year 1941, according to D. W. Lambert, manager of the Asheville office of the Social Security Board. These awards represent benefits totaling \$63,966 a month, he said. In addition awards of lump-sum death payments totaling \$188,324 were made to 2,027 individuals in the State last year.

Included in the monthly benefits awards, he said, were 1,386 for workers past age 65, representing total payment of \$25,948 a month; 272 for aged wives of workers eligible for benefits—\$3,557 a month; 2210 for children of retired workers or of deceased workers—\$21,551 a month; 110 for aged widows of deceased workers—\$1,918 a month; 676 for widows with young children—\$10,566 a month; and 36 for parents of deceased workers—\$426 a month.

Mr. Lambert said that throughout the country awards of monthly benefits to workers past 65 had not increased this year as might normally be expected, partially as a result of better employment opportunities for older workers in war production. Thousands of workers who are eligible for old-age and survivors insurance payments have not claimed their retirement benefits because they prefer regular jobs with good pay instead of the modest income provided under the old-age and survivors insurance system. "Many of these older workers," he said, "will receive larger benefits when they do apply, because they are now earning higher wages than they did in the past. On the other hand, there are some workers, 65 years old and over, who are receiving lower wages now than they did formerly. These should go to the office of the Social Security Board and find out whether or not it would be to their advantage to file an application for benefits at this time."

Mr. Lambert explained that benefits are based on average monthly wages, but the law permits a worker who has reached the age of 65 to file his claim and thus "freeze" the amount of his retirement benefits even though he does not intend to retire immediately, and does not expect to claim benefits until he gives up his job.

Total payments made to people in North Carolina during 1941 under the old-age and survivors insurance system amounted to \$1,304,000, including \$560,000 to retired workers, \$66,000 to aged wives, \$329,000 to children, \$20,000 to aged widows, \$143,000 to widows with young children, \$5,000 to parents of deceased workers, and lump-sum death payments totaling \$186,000.

## LARGE NUMBER OF SWAIN COUNTY STUDENTS HAVE PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORDS

A large number of children attending public schools in Swain county have been listed as having perfect attendance. One, Rosa Lee Carson, a member of the tenth grade at Almond, has a record of seven years of perfect attendance.

By schools, these students are: Alarka, Irene Lindsay, Rdy Barker, Matthew Brooks, Dave Herron, William Cochran, Glenn Earls, Rufe Oliver, Essie Hughes, Lois Parris, Alda Woodard, Dorothy Fortner, Lee Herron, Alene Barker, Addie Cochran, Betty Jean Earls, Jeanette Ledford, D. C. Earls, Jessie Oliver, Gladys Jones, Fannie Ledford, Lillian Earls, Evelyn Barker, Cecil Dorsey, Wesley Herron, Clarence Ledford, Ruthie Barker, Ruby Cochran, Bobby Dorsey, Enoch Cochran.

Almond, Margie Evelyn Phillips, Jack Webster Tabor, Eva Nell Bailey, Frank Byrd, J. B. Stevenson, Mildred Tabor, Dessie Mae Allen, Merrell Jenkins, Wendell Owenby, Freda Mae McCall, Geraldine Orr, David Allen Beame, Herman Breedlove, Manota Guess, H. W. Ammons, John Edwards, Louise Edwards, Billy Crisp, Clara Bell Tabor, Lionel Toherow, Fred Byrd, Sidney Ball, Hall Battle, Mamie Bell Kirkland, H. D. Monteith, Maxine Dills, Bernice Freeman, Deaver Orr, Pauline Byrd, Mary Ruth Golden, Sidney Barker, Marjorie Orr, Leonard Mashburn, Clova Lee Mashburn, Cecil Carroll Toherow, Marie Crisp, Helen Dills, Bobby Toherow, Judson Enloe, Clyde Bates, Maurice

## 3 Men Sentenced To Federal Prison For Setting Out Fires

### Martin, Hilton And Plott Given 1 to 5 Years, Barnes Found Not Guilty

Three of four Georgia men charged with setting forest fires in Swain and Graham counties were convicted in U. S. district court here Tuesday afternoon and sentenced by Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, to serve from 1 to 5 years in prison.

Judge Webb sentenced James Henry Martin, 18, to serve five years and gave Knox Hilton, 20, and Hugh A. Plott, 35, a year and a day each. The fourth defendant, William Barnes, 19, was found not guilty. All four of the men live in or near Hiwassee, Towns county, Ga.

Trial of the case began when court convened at 9:30 A. M., with the first government witness being Charles Melchior, supervisor of Nantahala National Forests, with office in Franklin, who told of the search for the men. He said that in "three minutes after I saw smoke, and heard that fires were burning in Nantahala forest along the highway, I started out to find them."

"I followed the fires from Robbinsville to Deal's Gap where they ended. I saw a Ford car and talked with four men in it. They all gave me false TVA numbers, and all but Barnes gave me false names. They told me they knew nothing about the fires, and didn't see them set. I checked for five days, contacting Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith of Murphy, who drove behind this car from near Robbinsville to Deal's Gap, and saw the men throw out something and immediately smoke would rise, and fire start, and went to Georgia to try to find Hilton, who has left his home. I went to Fontana dam site where the other three were working, talked with them, and they still denied any knowledge of the affair."

Mr. Melchior said all the fires were on the right side of the highway except one. He read the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and said he got the number of the license tag from Mrs. Smith who had copied it. He said he went to the Nantahala Power and Light Company, learned that power was turned off for seven hours on April 6 because a transformer worth \$4,000 was destroyed, besides other damage. No power was available in Robbinsville, Andrews, Topson, and Blue Ridge, he said, adding that the cost of fighting the 23 fires, which burned over 5,000 acres of government property and 3,000 acres of privately-owned property was more than \$15,000, not including the timber loss.

**MARTIN TAKES STAND**  
James Martin then took the stand. (Continued on page 4)

## PURCHASE OF WAR BONDS FOR MAY MORE THAN DOUBLED

Swain county citizens purchased a total of \$8512.50 in War Bonds during the first three weeks of this month, reports Mr. S. W. Black, chairman of Swain County War Bond drive. These bonds were purchased through the Bryson City Bank, the Bryson City postoffice, the Whittier and Cherokee postoffices. The report is for May 1st through 22nd.

The amounts sold by each place is as follows:

Bryson City Bank—May 1 to 8, \$1218.75; May 9 to 15, \$2775.00; and May 16 to 22, \$1200.00, total of \$5193.75.

Bryson City postoffice—May 1 to 8, \$487.50; May 9 to 15, \$525.00; May 16 to 22, \$393.75, total of \$1406.25.

Whittier postoffice—May 1 to 8, \$131.25; May 9 to 15, \$18.75; May 16 to 22, \$93.75.

Cherokee postoffice—May 1 to 8, \$206.25; May 9 to 15, \$1293.75; May 16 to 22, \$168.75, total of \$1668.75.

## FARM PEOPLE AFFECTED VITALLY BY INFLATION

"Farm people who study President Roosevelt's seven-point program to control the cost of living will recognize in it an attempt to prevent the disastrous results which followed the upward spiralling of prices during the first World War," says Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service. "Every person who farmed from 1918 through the early 1920's will want to avoid inflation of prices, land values, and other things that led to mortgages which scores of farmers have never been able to lift," the agricultural leader declared.

Dean Schaub said that President Roosevelt's program is designed to "not only control the cost of living, but to: (1) Prevent a few from getting rich at the expense of many; (2) make it possible for the poor and rich to share alike in the products available; (3) help prevent a serious depression after the war, such as paralyzed America following World War I; (4) maintain, insofar as possible, desirable social and economic conditions for our soldiers and sailors to return to after winning the fight for America's freedom; and (5) cause much of the war debt to be paid as we go."

The Extension director listed eight reasons why farmers dread inflation. "First", he said, "inflation creates a feeling of prosperity which is not sound. It tends to get farmers into debt for such things as land and machinery, which they cannot pay for quickly."

Third, inflation gets farmers into the habit of living above their income. Inflation increases taxes and public debt. It reduces tendencies to save and discourages thrift. Sixth, it establishes a price level higher than normal to which farmers adjust their level of living and outlook on life, which cannot be maintained.

Inflation means higher prices which make it hard for low income farm families to buy what they need. And finally, it makes dollars cheaper. Therefore, farmers have to borrow—have to mortgage for the future.

### Man Bound To Court On Shoplifting Charge

A white man about 40 years of age, giving his name as Clifford Powers of Asheville, was arrested on the streets here Tuesday afternoon by Chief of Police E. H. Corpening after he had been suspected of taking articles from Bryson City stores. Chief Corpening had been suspicious of the man's actions for a day or two and when arrested and arranged for trial before Justice J. Allen Glenn he had certain articles of goods lifted from the stores of Fred DeHart and Belk's store. Among the articles were shoes, ties, shirts, and other items which he placed in a shopping bag after making small purchases.

He remains in Swain county jail in default of \$300 bond required by Justice Glenn for his appearance at the July term of court.

## SATURDAY'S PRIMARY WILL BE HOTLY CONTESTED AFFAIR

### Much Interest In Race For Sheriff, Five Candidates Unopposed

Considerable interest is being shown in the coming Democratic primary for Saturday, May 30, with the race for sheriff taking the lead. G. H. Martin, incumbent, is opposed by Frank Hyatt, present clerk of court for the office. Both men are making a very strong race.

Five candidates are able to sit back and take it easy until the November campaign as they are unopposed—McKinley Edwards for representative; D. P. Shook and Stokes Thomas for county commissioners; H. H. Welch, for coroner; and P. O. Elliott for Justice of the Peace.

On the ticket for clerk of court are Harold H. Sandlin and Henry J. Truett.

In the race for register of deeds is the incumbent Locke Woodard and three new men who are: Franklin D. Kirkland, E. J. (Mutt) Seay and Porter G. Styles.

Three new men are seeking the office of chairman of the board of commissioners. They are: V. L. Cope, Robert Hyatt, who is a member of the board, and R. D. Estes.

Swain county has two men seeking district offices. Baxter C. Jones is a candidate for solicitor against John M. Queen, incumbent of Waynesville. Edwin Whitaker is opposed in the state senate race by A. Lee Penland, of Hayesville.

Gardner Woodard and Tom Kirkland are opposing each other for the office of township constable.

## JOHN M. QUEEN SEEKS REFLECTION

John M. Queen of Waynesville, veteran solicitor of the 20th judicial district, announces his candidacy for renomination by the Democratic party as solicitor in this issue of The Times.

Mr. Queen has been in Bryson City this week in the interest of his candidacy, greeting his friends. He stated that he is running on his record in office which is known to all. Justice and fairness in the enforcement of the law and the performance of his duties has always been his aim, he said. Mr. Queen's ability as a trial lawyer is attested to by all who have witnessed his work as solicitor in the courts of the district.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### R. C. Head To Give Nursing Course

Mrs. Elmer Carlson will be in the auditorium of the Bryson City court-house Monday, June 1, between 2 and 4 o'clock P. M. to receive applications from Swain county women who desire to take the Red Cross Home nursing course which she will teach.

### CC Directors To Meet Friday Night, June 5th

W. T. Martin, president of the Chamber of Commerce has called a meeting of the directors of this organization to meet Friday night, June 5th at 8 o'clock in the information booth and office.

### Belk Makes Change Of Interior Of Store

Belk's Department Store here has improved the looks of their store by changing their office and infant's department. The office and cashier's desk is now more in the center of the building with the infants department being remodeled in the place where their office formerly occupied.

### Private McClanahan Returns To Fort After Vis't Home

Private France McClanahan of Alarka who has been on a week's leave because of the accident to his brother, Fred Smith, who had both legs broken in an automobile accident, two weeks ago Sunday morning as he was returning to his work at Fontana, left Tuesday to return to his company at Fort Benjamin Harrison, in Indiana.