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LARGE ATTENDANCE AT FEDERATION PICNIC HELD HERE JULY 10

Helping To Win The War Was Keynote Sounded In Program

Helping to win the war was the keynote of the Farmers Federation annual Swain county picnic held here last Friday. Over 600 people turned out from the county and bought or pledged \$609.00 worth of stamps and bonds at the Federation booth during a day of fun and friendship. Bonds were handed to patriotic citizens at the auditorium platform; and a race to spend their prize money on war stamps was held between winners of the children's relay races.

"On December 10," explained J. K. McClure, president, "The Farmers Federation decided to do everything it could to help prosecute this war." Because poultry is our fastest growing meat, the Federation has distributed 35,000 quality baby chicks from its hatchery since January, and it has been the Government's agent in egg buying and tobacco parity programs.

More supply flocks in Swain county are urged, and Mr. McClure pointed out that every dollar of trade with the Federation strengthens an organization which finds new markets for farmers and upholds farm prices.

There was plenty of time for fun, too, at the picnic. Guitars and banjos made the air lively. Harry Talbot, the Happy-Go-Lucky Boys, Jack Jones, Jr., and Nevil Cochran, who played on the radio, WAIR, Frank Reed of Fairview, and the mills boys trio, Helen and Allene Cunningham and Edith Drake sang. D. F. Millwood, ventriloquist brought his talking doll all the way from Rutherford county, and the Federation string band, Johnny Rhymer, Gaither Robinson and Gay Sluder played.

An important guest was Ray C. Dent, of the Colonial Mica Company, who explained the importance of clear mica, found in this region used in the manufacture of airplanes. He requested samples of mica from Swain county farmers.

S. W. Black, president of Bryson City Bank, and chairman of the county war bond committee, urged everyone to contribute. H. C. Enloe, chairman of the Federation committee, John Breedlove, committee member, Frank Byrd, manager of the Bryson City warehouse, A. C. Reynolds, teaching the Federation Training school, Bill Brawley, manager of the Federation Seed department, and Dumont Clarke, director of the religious department also spoke.

Plenty of watermelons and "war lemonade" were served at lunch hour.

Tom Jumper's team of Cherokee Indians won the tug-of-war championship from three strong Swain county teams. James Jumper, end man, weighed 230 pounds.

Mrs. Tommy Downs had the largest family with ten children.

Wiley Waldron brought the biggest truckload, 20. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carson and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jumper were the longest and shortest married couples respectively; Mrs. Eva Frady won the prize for boys in service with 2; Mr. John Breedlove won the baldest head; and Mildred Frady won the bond contest.

Winners in the children's relay races were Carl Bowers, Thomas Cochran, Christine Hyde, Barbara Parton, Evelyn Elliott, Hugh Seay, Jimmy Lewis, Roy Muse, Stanley Sitton, Wilfred Johnson, Earl Smith, Bert Williams, Helen Parrish, Thelma Sawyer, Garnell Bowers, Dorothy Sitton, June Frisbie, Virginia Hyde, Leroy Stevenson, Edd Brogden, O'Neal Muse, Dallas Messer, Anna Cable, Juanita DeHart, Ruth Ledford, Maxine Tallent, Bob Ensley, Benning Rochester, Desner Byrd, Alva Frisbe.

Dr. E. W. Fisher Reports For Army Duty in Penn.

Dr. Ernest W. Fisher has been commissioned as 1st Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Medical corps, and reported for duty on July 1 at Carlisle Barracks, Penn.

Dr. Fisher is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Fisher, of Bushnell. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and received his M.D. degree from the Medical College of South Carolina at Charleston. He completed his internship at Watts hospital in Durham.

Personnel Of Murphy TVA Office Transferred To Bryson City

The TVA Land Acquisition Office formerly operated in Murphy was transferred to Bryson City July 1st and the personnel from the Murphy office is now located in the Land Acquisition office here in the DeHart building on Main street. TVA officials said that some land matters of acquisition in the Murphy area are yet to be completed but that the work would be handled from the Bryson City office. The principal work done in the Bryson City office in preparation for acquiring the land of the Fontana reservoir. A number of tracks on Hazel Creek will be bought at once, official stated. It will be after the first of 1943 before much other land is bought, they said.

CLYDE WILSON DIES IN AIRPLANE CRASH

Bryson City relatives of Clyde Henderson Wilson, 21, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson of Hayesville have been notified that he was killed instantly in the crash of a training plane at Shaw Field near Sumter, S. C., at 9:30, Wednesday morning.

Surviving are his parents; two brothers, Governor, of Bryson City; Jack, of the U. S. navy, stationed at Seattle, Wash.; and six sisters, Mrs. Harry Marlowe, Mrs. Ethel Sherrill, of Bryson; Mrs. W. E. Ayers, of Dilford, Ga.; Mrs. E. C. Franklin, of Fontana; Mrs. Neal Cabe and Miss Katherine Wilson, of Hayesville.

Clyde is well known in Bryson City, having lived here before his family moved to Hayesville. He enlisted in June, 1941, and in January became an aviation cadet.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

BAKER TO BE SPEAKER FOR FIRST BAPTIST AUGUST REVIVAL

Rev. W. H. Covert, pastor of the First Baptist church, has announced that the Rev. E. F. Baker, pastor of the Andrews First Baptist church, will be the speaker during a two weeks' revival to be held in the Bryson City church, beginning Sunday, August 9th.

STATE COLLEGE HINTS FOR FARM HOMEMAKERS

BY RUTH CURRENT
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Every garment in active service is a good slogan for the patriotic home maker.

Keeping this slogan in mind, why not divide the family clothing into the following groups: (1) Those garments ready for use; (2) those garments needing repairs; (3) those garments that can be remodeled; and (4) those which can be used for other purposes.

Not even hopeless garments should be discarded.

When buying materials be sure what the fabrics are made of and whether they will fade, shrink or lose their finish when cleaned or washed. Appropriate, comfortable, durable clothes are necessary to every family's efficiency and morale.

In view of the shortage of new pressure cookers and the absolute necessity of canning all food possible, pressure cookers—both old and new—should be looked upon as a trust from the Nation. Patriotic plans should be made, therefore, so that each pressure cooker available will serve several families. Not only will you be patriotic to lend your pressure cooker—but help your neighbor or friend use it if she does not know how.

Buy sparingly and carefully only goods necessary now for the health and welfare of your family.

Carry packages. Shop for your neighbor and let her shop for you.

Lend-Lease

More than 5,178,000,000 pounds of American farm products had been delivered to representatives of the United Nations for Lend-Lease shipment up to June 1.

OXFORD ORPHANAGE CLASS WILL GIVE CONCERT TONIGHT

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will present a concert in the school auditorium here tonight at 8:00 o'clock. The class is sponsored by Ocoee Lodge No. 427 A. F. & A. M.

History of the Masonic Orphanage dates back to 1872 when the training school and home was opened with an enrollment of 135. Since that time more than six thousand children have been benefited by the orphanage and are now in all parts of the world as useful citizens.

For at least 50 years the singing class of the Oxford Orphanage have made annual tours of the state, each year bringing a new class with a new program.

The little visitors always present an enjoyable program. Everyone should hear it.

Preliminary Surveys For Railroad Still In Progress By TVA

TVA engineers are still busy running preliminary surveys for relocation of the Southern railway track from Bryson City to Wesser Creek. Several routes are being considered which will take this line of road out of the Fontana basin.

DRAFT BOARD GETS NEW POLICY FOR SELECTING MEN

Four Categories Separate Men For Selection For Duty

State Headquarters of Selective Service has announced that all North Carolina local boards have been advised of the adoption by Congress of a policy which provides that registrants be separated into categories and that all registrants in each category be selected for induction before any registrant in the succeeding category is selected. The four broad categories are as follows:

CATEGORY ONE—Single men with no dependents.

CATEGORY TWO—Single men with dependents.

CATEGORY THREE—Married men who do not have children but who maintain a bona fide relationship in their homes with their wives, provided marriage took place prior to December 8, 1941, and at a time when selection was not imminent.

CATEGORY FOUR—Registrants who with their wives and children, or with their children alone, maintain a bona fide family relationship in their homes, provided marriage took place prior to December 8, 1941, and at a time when selection was not imminent.

Local boards in North Carolina have all been advised that they should fill their July and subsequent calls in accordance with this policy, if possible. But the boards have also been advised that the national interest requires that all calls to meet the manpower requirements of the armed forces must be filled on schedule. If any local board does not have a sufficient number of single I-A men available to fill its call, it has been authorized to depart from the general rule of priority and use married men who ordinarily might be expected to be in category 3, if such departure is necessary to meet said call.

Selectees are requested to carry with them to induction station one towel, razor, tooth brush, comb and soap.

Red Cross Asks For Sweaters For Men

The Red Cross is asking the Swain county chapter for thirty-two men's sweaters. These are to be shipped to the American Red Cross Warehouse in Middletown New Jersey as soon as possible. Will those women who are knitting sweaters please finish them as soon as possible and bring them to Mrs. Caney Myers?

Stronger

The United States is much stronger in the present emergency because of the large use made of farm machinery, say experts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

CCC BRINGS TO CLOSE 9 1-4 YEARS OF SERVICE IN CONSERVATION

When the Civilian Conservation Corps closed its books on June 30, it had completed 9 1-4 years of service in conserving the natural and human resources of America. During that period CCC camps under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Forest Service and the State Forester advanced the cause of forest conservation in North Carolina by at least a generation, both on the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests and on State and privately owned lands. A total of 4,900,000 man-days of work was done, of which about 60 per cent was on the national forests.

Perhaps the greatest benefit rendered by the CCC in North Carolina was to the boys, largely recruited within the state, who lived and worked in the camps. They learned useful trades and habits of industry and self-reliance and developed strong and healthy bodies. Army officers find ex-CCC boys who enter the armed forces to be in much better than average physical trim and, as a result of CCC training in first aid and in such specialized skills as truck and tractor driving and telephone maintenance, able in a short time to handle the mechanized equipment of modern warfare.

ON THE TAR HEEL FRONT IN WASHINGTON

BY ROBERT A. ERWIN AND
FRANCES MCKUSICK

C. C. McGinnis, of Raleigh, State WPA Administrator, made a brief report on the current WPA program in North Carolina when he stopped off at the United States Capitol on his way to Chicago for a meeting of State WPA executives from all over the country.

"We have a lot of defense projects under way in the construction field," he said, "while in the non-construction field we are staffing civilian defense offices, sponsoring recreation programs for camps, maneuver and war industry areas, and conducting the child welfare program in the schools. An extensive gardening and canning program is now under way, the canned foods to be used for next Winter's school lunches.

The Administrator said a survey showed that during the past seven years WPA had constructed or aided in constructing of 22 airports in 21 North Carolina cities, including two at Elizabeth City, one of which is used by the Coast Guard.

"The significant thing is the number."

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American Women Urged To Save All Fats

"Out of the frying pan into the firing line." That's the motto for all patriotic American women to emblazon—at least metaphorically—on the walls of their kitchens for the duration.

For our country is calling for the salvage of some 500 million pounds of fats and greases ordinarily thrown out from frying pans, roasting pans, and broilers into the garbage pail, and it intends to send those fats straight to the fighting fronts.

Fats yield glycerine and it is this that the war production boards needs in making explosives.

Local meat dealers have been enlisted to buy the fats and send to the proper place.

Mr. Northington In Mission Hospital

Mr. J. R. Northington, agent at the Bryson City office of the Southern for past few years, is reported not to be doing so well following an operation recently. Mr. Northington has been in the hospital for the past six weeks.

Dr. Bacon Leaves

Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Bacon left Wednesday for Southern Pines where they will visit Mrs. Bacon's father, Dr. E. T. Green before Dr. Bacon leaves to report for Army duty on Friday. Mrs. Bacon will return to Bryson City accompanied by her father.

500 Men Working On Fontana Reservoir Clearance Project

Officials of the Reservoir Clearance Division of TVA on the Fontana Project stated Wednesday that 500 men working in six crews are now making good progress in the clearance work. All clearance work is now being done on the left hand side of the Little Tennessee river from Almond toward Fontana. Officials stated that this side would be completed during the summer months while conditions are more favorable, and that during the winter months conditions would be better on the right hand side than on the left.

Some clearing, however, has been completed on the right side. All clearing and burning has been done on both sides of the Little Tennessee and the Nantahala above Almond. It will require a year or more to complete the clearing, it was said.

Coming to Bryson City



Ray Whitley

RAY WHITLEY, the famous singing cowboy of the movies will be in Bryson City in person, Monday July 27.

He will appear at the Fryemont Theatre with his Six Bar Cowboys—direct from Hollywood—and will give four performances, afternoon and night.

Whitley, incidentally, stopped in Bryson City yesterday for a brief visit with his friend, William Preston, manager of the Fryemont.

Lions Club Sponsors Charity Case At Sanatorium In Black Mountain

The Bryson City Lions Club held its regular meeting at Lloyd's Motor Court last Thursday evening. Gwin D. Franks presided. The attention of the club was called to a worthy charity case in sanatorium of Black Mountain that was about to be turned out for lack of funds. The club voted unanimously to pay the bill for the next two months which will be the approximate length of stay of the patient. The club has taken part in financing other patients from Swain county at Black Mountain Sanatorium.

Social Security Official

To Be Here Tues., at 4 P. M.

A representative of the Asheville field office of the Social Security Board will be at the jury room of the courthouse here Tuesday, July 21, at 4 P. M. EWT.

Wage earners who have worked in a job covered by the Social Security Act since December 31, 1936, and have attained age 65, may be eligible to file claim for themselves, their wives, or minor children whether they have an account number or not.

Surviving relatives of deceased workers, such as widows, children, or parents, or if none of the above, persons who paid funeral expenses, may be eligible to file claim.

Persons who have need of social security account numbers or other information pertaining to the act are invited to meet this representative at the time and place mentioned.

Joe Clouse With Bombing Squadron

Joe Clouse, son of Mrs. Jennie Clouse, is stationed at Blythe, California, with the bombing squadron H. Q. S., S. D. 46 B. G. Joe has been with the squadron since last September as mechanic on the bombing planes. He writes his mother that he likes his work fine.

WAYNESVILLE HAS DISASTROUS GAS TANK EXPLOSION

Four Killed, Five Seriously Injured In Early Morning Blast

A gasoline storage tank at the Standard Oil Company's bulk station in Waynesville blew up early Tuesday morning, killing four persons and injuring five others seriously.

The terrific blast hurled the 18,000-gallon steel tank a distance of 300 feet, spewed burning gasoline high into the air, and knocked windows out of houses within a radius of 1,500 feet of the plant.

The family of Andy Caldwell, 57, including his wife, 40 and son, 14, and daughter, 9, were killed when their home was destroyed. The charred bodies of the mother and two children were found in the ashes of the home. Mr. Caldwell died in a hospital four hours after the blast.

Those injured were: W. L. Hardin, Jr., manager of the plant; Lawrence L. Kerley, Waynesville fire chief; Thomas Dewitt and Fred Walkup, both of Spartanburg and both drivers for the Petroleum Transportation company of Gastonia, and W. C. Fincher, an employee of the town of Waynesville.

Shortly before the huge tank blew up, Mr. Hardin telephoned the Standard Oil company officials in Asheville that it had sprung a leak and that there was danger of an explosion. Nearby families had been warned of the impending danger.

The blast and fire that followed destroyed the tank that exploded and four others containing gasoline, fuel oil, and kerosene oil; three dwelling houses; one 4,000-gallon tank truck; three trucks owned by the company; the pumping station house and warehouse at the plant; a large pile of scrap rubber, complete stock of grease and oil and a few new tires.

SCHEDULE FOR JULY H. D. CLUB MEETINGS

Mrs. Geraldine Hyatt, Home Demonstration Agent, will be out of the county July 17.

The curb market will be open each Saturday from 9 A. M. to 12 noon in the log building on Main street near Catholic church.

Monday, July 20, at Bryson Branch with Mrs. Alice Perryman.

Tuesday, July 21, at Judson, with Mrs. Mary Mashburn.

Wednesday, July 22, Ela with Mrs. R. H. Hyatt.

Thursday, July 23, Whittier, at the log hut.

Friday, July 24, Arlington, picnic meeting at 6 P. M.

Monday, July 27, Cold Springs, at the church.

Tuesday, July 28, Grassy Branch, Mrs. Elizabeth Orr.

Wednesday, July 29, at Needmore, with Mrs. John Breedlove.

Thursday, July 30, at Almond, with Mrs. Edd Bates.

Canning and drying fruits and vegetables will be the demonstration for this month, and canning problems will be discussed at these meetings.

Jackson County Seeks Test Farm; Committee To Inspect Site

When the United States Government purchased a large part of the State Test farm at Swannanoa for the purpose of building a large army hospital that meant that a new site for the farm would have to be selected. Several counties, including Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Jackson immediately began to present their favored sites. Jackson county has a splendid location at Cullowhee and the Jackson county people, aided by citizens of Swain county are pressing their claim vigorously. A committee from Raleigh headed by W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, will come to Cullowhee next Tuesday to inspect the proposed location.

Following the inspection the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will hold a banquet in Sylva for the visitors.

Indications in June were that total supplies of the four principal feed grains in 1942-43 may be about 4 percent below the near-record 1941-42 supply.