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## Boy Scout Troop To Observe 33rd Anniversary Week

### County Doubles Quota Of \$132 For Infantile Paralysis Fund

#### Chairman Morgan Reports Loyal Support In Drive For Funds

A special tag day drive to collect dimes by the boy and girl scout troops on Saturday climaxed a two weeks' drive in the county for funds for the annual infantile paralysis campaign held each January in honor of President Roosevelt's birthday. Chairman Carey Morgan reported that the boys and girls collected \$107.00 during this drive on Saturday. Mr. Morgan stated that \$275.00 has already been received by his committee from the scout's drive, the washing wells, the school children's collections and other gifts. He expects at least \$25.00 from sources not yet reported which will swell the total to \$300.00 or more.

The committee, headed by Mr. Morgan with Dr. Kelly Bennett, Dr. John L. Woody, Wayne Battle, Mack Bennett and Philip Brintnall, as members, is very grateful for the response and co-operation of the general public, and is especially appreciative of the fine work done by Miss Pearl McHan, head of the girl scouts, Chas. Robinson, scoutmaster and Miss Patton, director of Swain Hi band. The band gave a thirty minute concert on the square at 11 o'clock Saturday morning just preceding the drive of the scouts.

Of the funds raised in the campaign 50 per cent will be used in Swain county to help in the crippled children's work and the other 50 per cent goes to the National Foundation to carry on research. The drive was nationwide. There is no discrimination in age, race, color or creed, in the Foundation's work—its hand of mercy reaches everywhere.

#### Bryson City Schools Active In Fund Drive

The last week in January was observed in the local elementary and high schools by a drive for Infantile Paralysis funds. Dime cards were placed in the home rooms. The response of the boys and girls was very generous. Two home rooms donated \$6.00 each. The total raised in the high school department was \$30.90. The elementary school pupils contributed a total of \$31.40 making a grand total of \$62.30 raised by the boys and girls of the Bryson City Schools.

### 40 MEN TO LEAVE FOR CAMP JACKSON MON.

Of the 76 men who went to Camp Croft, Spartanburg, S. C. for their final physical examination, 40 were accepted and returned to their homes here the first of the week. These 40 men will leave for induction at Camp Jackson Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Final report on the remaining 36 had not been received by the local board before press time.

The men leaving Monday are: Geo. A. Fuller, Joe W. Conley, Joseph H. Lakey, Vellie S. Wright, Dewey Webb, Martin A. Shytle, Vaughn E. Simonds, Rollins T. Cook, Rufe R. Davis, Edwin Walkingstick, Dee Simonds, Boyce J. Allison, Gordon C. Lindsay, Samuel R. Davis, Fred M. Bailey, Hardy W. Freeman, Onley E. Rogers, Lee H. Cochran, John D. Gilchrist, Earl Sizemore, Arnold D. Kirkland, Gilmer E. Barnes, Phillip Owle, Patrick M. Dooley, Frank G. Ammons, Robert N. Scott, Earl J. Rolland, Leroy Street, Benjamin H. Winchester, Paul J. Bryson, Frank J. Hyde, Neavil J. Cochran, John W. Ledford, Wayne E. Millsaps, Riley H. Holden, Ralph W. Winchester, Dennie L. Lindsay, Porter W. Stephenson, Clayton J. Calhoun, Joel M. McLean.

#### Bryson City Boys Leave For Youth Training Center

Robert Nixon, Bayless Crisp and Edwin Cope left here last week for Blacksburg, Va., where they will enter the national youth training center for a 14 weeks' course in aircraft mechanics.

#### Change In Time For Fire Siren Test

W. T. Hyams, chief of the Bryson City Fire Department, said that beginning Saturday the fire siren test would be blown at 12 o'clock on that day. For the past few months the test has been made at 10 min. before 8 o'clock on Monday night in order to remind the members of the department of the meeting at 8 o'clock. Prior to that time the test was made at noon each Saturday. The order returning the test signal to Saturday noon came through the Army with the idea in mind to prevent any mix-up in the test and a possible air raid alarm, Mr. Hyams said.

### RED CROSS CHAPTER MAPS FUND DRIVE

A group of local Red Cross officials met Monday afternoon to make plans for the War Fund campaign to be held in March. Mrs. Katherine Stewart, field representative of the national Red Cross met with the group.

The campaign will start March 1 with A. M. Simons as War Fund campaign chairman. Divisional chairmen are: Charles M. Robinson, Jr., residential; S. W. Black, business section; Miss Jess Shank, Carolina Wood Turning Company plant; Mrs. Geraldine Hyatt, rural area; Philip E. Brintnall, publicity chairman.

The Tennessee Valley authority makes its own arrangements about presenting special drives, and this group has been referred to C. E. Blee, in charge of the Fontana Dam project.

Sam Gilliam will be war fund campaign chairman at Cherokee for the Cherokee auxiliary, and will name his helpers.

It was voted to buy flags for decorating.

### NO HOPE FOR LOWER SALES TAX RATE IN N. C.

North Carolinians will continue to pay the same 3 per cent sales tax as in the past. A bill which called for a 2 per cent tax introduced in the lower house has been given a cold shoulder by the joint finance committee. In fact the committee flatly refused to approve a two per cent levy.

#### Coffee Drinkers Cut Still Further

One pound for six weeks is the new order affecting coffee rationing. On ration stamps Nos. 26 and 27 each person was allowed one pound for five weeks. That has been cut to six weeks. Stamp No. 25 in the back of your ration book No. 1 will be valid for one pound of coffee after February 8 and that pound will have to last through March 21.

### 2,700 BOOKS READ BY SWAIN PEOPLE DURING JANUARY

Swain county people enjoy reading good books according to report of Miss Catherine Ogden, Librarian, who reports that 1684 books were issued from the Marianna Black Library in Bryson City and 1015 circulated by the bookmobile. This, of course, isn't all the books read by Swain citizens during the month. Many were probably read from private libraries and private scores. It does prove, however, that the library project is very worthwhile and furnishes pleasurable reading for old and young.

Plans are being worked out to continue the operation of the library and bookmobile after February 25 at which time WPA assistance will be discontinued. Mrs. Ethel Sherrill, and Miss Juanita Meadows have been assisting under this program.

### JAPANESE HAVE AMERICAN YOUTH SIZED UP AS SOFT

#### Scout Program Disproves This Idea And Toughens Up Boys Of Nation

America must win this war. Yes, if we appreciate the value of democracy, if we appreciate our privileges, if we appreciate all of the splendid progress of our country, we have just got to put everything we have, regardless of sacrifice, into a cooperative effort to win the war. We in Scouting have a very definite share in this effort.

Ambassador Grew who served for many years in Japan tells us that the Japanese people have for some time sized up America and particularly our youth on the basis of our activities as being soft, lacking in those fundamental essentials that are necessary for successful warfare. Reluctantly I must admit there is some basis for truth in their belief, though I do believe that since Pearl Harbor we have been awake. But there is need for us to go further.

We need to "toughen up" and (Continued to page 4)

### SWAIN MEN SERVING IN ARMED FORCES

#### Early Smiley Visits Parents

Pvt. Earl Smiley, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smiley, left yesterday for his base at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., after an eight day furlough here with his parents. Young Smiley was inducted about five months ago at Camp Jackson. He was placed in the Air Corps and sent to St. Petersburg, Fla., for four months basic training and transferred two weeks ago to Jefferson Barracks. He is with the ground force of the Air Service.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Parris Have Two Sons In Service

Mr. and Mrs. George Parris have had recent word from their sons, Roy C. Parris who is with the ground crew in the Army Air Corps, stationed at Watertown, S. C. He enlisted February 1st a year ago and has not been home since that time. Also from Edward Parris, who volunteered December 24 in the Navy as a carpenter's mate. He is now stationed at Great Lakes, Ill.

#### Jack DeHart in Kentucky

Mr. S. A. DeHart has had recent word from his son, Jack DeHart, private in the Army at Camp Beckwithe, Ky. Jack was inducted about four months ago. At the time of writing he was just recovering from a severe cold, but is well and on active duty again.

#### H. H. Painter In Marines

H. H. Painter, son of Mrs. Fern Painter and the late Hanley H. Painter, is now stationed at Paris Island, S. C. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on January 14.

#### Charles Myers Stationed At Orlando, Florida

Mrs. and Mrs. A. H. Myers have recent word from their son, Charles, who is stationed at Orlando, Fla., with the Army Air Corps. Charles was inducted November 3rd, at Camp Jackson, then sent to Miami Beach, for six weeks and from there to Orlando. He is doing office work there.

#### Immunizations Against Typhoid To Be Held In Schools

Miss Turner will be at the Bryson City School Friday morning, Feb. 5, to vaccinate against typhoid. Friday afternoon she will be at the Whit-tier School to do immunizations. She will be at each of these schools every Friday for four weeks. All those who wish to be vaccinated against typhoid are invited to come.

Miss Turner will start a Home Nursing Class for High School girls Monday, Feb. 8.

### FIND WAR WORK OR FIGHT IS ORDER BY MAN-POWER HEAD

#### Able-Bodied Men 18-38 To Be Affected By Order Of M'Nutt

Every able-bodied man between 18 and 38 was warned by the Government Tuesday that he must either be employed in vital war industry or expect to be drafted into the armed forces. The order came through War Manpower coordinator Paul V. M'Nutt and it told the men in 29 occupations that, even though they have five or six children, they must find war-important jobs by spring or face induction. The Government informed 36 kinds of businesses that their physically fit male workers from 18 to 38 will soon be doing more vital work—or shouldering arms.

#### JUST A BEGINNING

McNutt declared that this was just a beginning. The lists will be expanded later, he said. He indicated that all dependency deferments would eventually be eliminated. Ten out of every 14 able-bodied men between 18 and 38 will be in the armed forces by the end of the year, McNutt said. There are about 22,154,000 men in this age group; many of these of course are not able-bodied. McNutt served notice that the present 37-year age top on inductions may be increased at any time by executive order.

#### TVA HIT

Since January first workers on TVA projects, such as the Fontana dam, except the most highly skilled, have not been eligible for deferment since these projects are not considered among the most vital of war industries or projects. Many more older men will be toward holding most of the jobs on these jobs by spring.

#### Edwards' Bill Would Fix Salary Of Tax Col. and Accountant

Swain county's representative, McKinley Edwards introduced two bills on January 23, as follows: HB 136—"To amend Chapter 415 of the Public-local laws of 1941, relating to the transfer of the duties of Tax Collector of the County Accountant of Swain County." (Accountant to receive for service as accountant and tax collector \$2400 per year.) Sent to Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns.

HB 137—"To amend Chapter 283 of the Public-Local Laws of 1941, relating to the per dime compensation of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Swain County." (Per dime of \$7.00 for not more than seven days in any one month when actually engaged in performance of duties.) Sent to committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

#### Earl Byrd Missing In Action

Mrs. Avery Gouge has been informed by the war department that her son, Earl Byrd of the 400th Bomb Squadron stationed somewhere in the Pacific, is missing in action.

#### Favorable weather has enabled farmers to get their tobacco plant beds started, reports J. C. Tomlinson, assistant farm agent.

#### BAPTIST HOUR SPEAKER



Dr. J. Clyde Turner, Pastor First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C., who will speak the first three Sunday mornings in February, 1943, on The Baptist Hour program.

Dr. J. Clyde Turner, Pastor First Baptist Church, Greensboro, will be the speaker on The Baptist Hour for the first Sundays in February, the general theme of his messages being, "Christian Resources in the Crises", as announced by S. F. Lowe, Chairman of the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. These programs are carried by an independent network of 35 stations at 8:30 EWT Sunday mornings. Beautiful printed copies of each message can be had by writing each time to THE BAPTIST HOUR in care of the station over which you hear the programs.

Mr. Lowe further states that Dr. Turner is one of the most popular speakers among Southern Baptists, being in constant demand as a speaker for assemblies, colleges and church meetings throughout the South. This is a return engagement of Dr. Turner on The Baptist Hour, the first engagement being in the 1941 Series.

The Radio Committee reports that fan mail responses to The Baptist Hour programs over the 35 stations on the network indicate that the audience is tremendous. The programs are heard in North Carolina over Stations WBIG of Greensboro and WPTF of Raleigh.

### JURORS SELECTED FOR MARCH TERM OF COURT

Swain County Board of Commissioners in regular session on Monday, February 1, selected the following persons to serve as jurors during the two weeks' term of superior court which will convene on Monday, March 1:

- FIRST WEEK
- D. J. Medlin, Bryson City
  - Ras Brown, Bryson City
  - Bob Collins, Grassy Branch
  - A. T. Blanton, Bryson City
  - G. E. Blankenship, Bryson City
  - Rufus Monteith, Bushnell
  - Ralph Beck, Bryson City
  - Ed Bradley, Bryson City
  - L. B. Calhoun, Proctor
  - J. E. Freeman, Cherokee
  - Robert Arvey, Parrish
  - Ed Cochran, Alarka
  - P. R. Bennett, Jr., Bryson City
  - Ernest B. Lindsay, Judson
  - Glenn Woodard, Bryson City
  - W. W. Monteith, Bryson City
  - Joel DeHart, Bryson City
  - Hanley Jones, Alarka
  - H. L. Thomas, Bryson City
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### Berlin Thomasson Troop To Get Official Registration Into National Ranks

Next week has been set aside as Boy Scouts Week in the nation in observance of the 33rd anniversary of Scouting. The week will be especially significant in Bryson City because during it the Berlin Thomasson Troop No. 1 of Bryson City will be officially registered into the national ranks of Scouting.

The local Rotary Club under the leadership of President Warren Lathan is sponsoring the troop, and has invited the Boy Scouts to be its guests at the Thursday evening supper meeting. Other guests will be the Troop Committee and Mr. W. C. Wall of Asheville, the Assistant Scout Executive for the Daniel Boone Council.

The Troop Committee is composed of Rotarians: J. H. Seay, Berlin Thomasson, Carey Morgan, Bob Evans, Lions: Dr. J. L. Woody, G. H. Martin, and John Elerding.

At the Installation Service Thursday evening Scout badges will be presented to the boys who have earned them, the charter will be presented to the troop, and the pledge of allegiance will be made to the Flag.

### Berlin Thomasson Troop No. 1 ROLL

- Scoutmaster ..... Chas. Robinson, Jr.
- Asst. Scoutmaster..... James A. Sutton
- Junior Asst. .... Leland Close
- Troop Scribe ..... Bobby Stallings

### WOLF PATROL—

- Ed. Weeks, Patrol Leader
- Don Cole, Asst. Patrol Leader
- Hugh Seay, Jimmy Gray, Wayne Beard, James Welch, Bennie Robinson, Bobby Stallings. (No vacancies)

### EAGLE PATROL—

- Ernest Newell, Patrol Leader
- Percy Estes, Asst. Patrol Leader
- Buddy Angel, Jack Franklin, Bob Sherrill, Dwight Welch, Jack Sherrill, Hall Callahan. (No vacancies)

### RAM PATROL—

- Bruce Williams, Patrol Leader
- Joe Estes, Asst. Patrol Leader
- Ken Nixon, Mac Woody, Wayne Blankenship, Harold Cope, O'Neil Muse. (One vacancy).

### BAT PATROL—

- Porter Crisp, Patrol Leader
- Tommy Alston, Asst. Patrol Leader
- J. C. Sparks, Dent Ensley, Billy Lewis, Earle Martin, G. D. Clark. (One vacancy).

### COUNTY SCHOOL BUSES AFFECTED UNDER ODT REGULATIONS

The office of defense transportation has set-up certain requirements for operation of school buses that must be complied with if gasoline and repair parts are to be obtained in the future operation of our buses.

All stops are to be spaced on school bus route one-fourth mile apart; mileage must be curtailed in some manner as to get only within one and one-half miles of children living at the end of routes, etc.

Bus routes in the county are now being re-worked in order to comply with these requirements. This ruling will not affect transportation in the county to a great extent. A number of buses are being pulled back from the end of routes to comply with the one and one-half mile limit, and numerous stops are being eliminated.

County school officials hope that the public will understand that it is not their desire to curtail transportation in any way, but that they are being forced to comply with this Federal Government regulation. They hope further that the public will understand that this is only another of the sacrifices we must all make as a result of the war.

Announcements of all changes will be made in the schools in such manner that they may be thoroughly understood before any of the changes are made.

### NYA Places Swain Youth

Willard Stillwell, of Almond, trained in the Asheville NYA War Production Training Center, was placed in the Newport News shipyards last week as a sheet metal worker.

## 728 Books Collected In Victory Book Campaign Jan. 15-30

Swain county stands right at the top with other Western North Carolina counties in the number of books contributed in the 1943 Victory Book campaign which officially ended Saturday night. Miss Catherine Ogden, chairman of the Swain county committee, said Wednesday that 783 books had been counted. In addition to this 282 magazines and funny books were brought in which would make a total of 1065 pieces collected.

Miss Ogden wishes to express her gratitude to everyone who helped in the drive, especially the Red Cross, boy and girl scouts, USO, heads of the various civic organizations, schools, ministers, Mrs. Thomasson's art class for making the large posters and the Bryson City Times for printing deposit signs.

Most of the books brought in are good and ones which the men in service will enjoy, Miss Ogden said. These books will be sent to Asheville where expert librarians will sort and classify them to be shipped to the service men in the various army and navy centers. The magazines and funny books will be sent to the soldiers at Moore general hospital, at Swannanoa.