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## Red Cross War Fund Drive - For County - March 22 to 27

### Two Men Killed In 140-Foot Fall Into Feldspar Mine Pit

Whitehall, Inc., Operators Of Mine Where Accident Happened At 10:30 Monday A.M.

Swain county's first fatal mine accident in some years occurred Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Whitehall, Inc., feldspar pit two miles north of town when two workmen, James Hughes, 35, was killed instantly, and Arthur Pittman, 22, died a few hours later in the Sylva hospital.

Both men were badly crushed in the 140-foot fall to the bottom of the pit.

They had been engaged in clearing away some loose dirt from behind a protective fence at the top of the pit, which had slid down a steep embankment above the pit opening in preparation for repairing the fence with more solid timbers. The accident occurred when they lost their footing after putting too much weight against the fence which broke, causing them to slide into the pit.

The body of Hughes was taken to Moody Funeral Home, and Pittman, unconscious, was rushed to the hospital.

Hughes, a native of Spruce Pine, Mitchell county, is survived by the widow, the former Miss Pansy Pittman, of Spruce Pine; two daughters and a son. The body was taken Monday afternoon to Spruce Pine for the funeral and burial.

Pittman, also a native of Spruce Pine, was married about six months ago to Miss Esther Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Ball, of Bryson City. Besides the widow, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Pittman, and seven brothers and sisters, all of Bryson City.

The body of Pittman was also taken to Spruce Pine for funeral and burial service.

Coroner H. H. Welch said that he would hold an inquest Friday.

Steve Sparks is superintendent and J. C. Sparks is foreman of the Feldspar mine, which employs about a dozen men.

### COUNTY WAR BOARD TO AID DEFERMENT OF FARM WORKERS

In a move to relieve the shortage of farm workers, the Swain County USDA War Board has been asked to make requests for deferment of farm workers to local Selective Service officials, according to H. C. Enloe, chairman of the board.

Under a new program announced by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard and Selective Service Director, Lewis B. Hershey, County USDA War Boards have been asked to take steps to place farm workers in deferred classifications even though the worker or his employer does not seek deferment, the chairman said.

If a local draft board finds a farm worker is not producing enough war units to warrant deferment, it must refer the case to the local war board and allow 30 days for the worker to be placed in another job before calling him for induction into the armed forces, it was pointed out. Cases of farm workers producing an insufficient number of war units for deferment previously have been referred to the U. S. Employment Service.

"This latest move by the Manpower Commission is designed to keep as many workers as possible on farms in order that the nation's food production goals may be met this year," Mr. Enloe said. "The memorandum to draft boards provides that farm workers are to be retained in deferred classifications, even though it means quotas for the armed forces cannot be met immediately.

He said draft boards also have been instructed to classify as farm-deferred, either in Class II-C or III-C, any man with farming experience who is now engaged in other work if

### Cherokee Mother, Son In Service, Praises the Red Cross

This week an Indian mother approached a Cherokee Red Cross worker with a ten dollar bill and this remark—"I want to contribute regularly to the Red Cross—I am getting a part of my son's army check—he is fighting and has written me that his only real pleasure is provided by the Red Cross—this is my first regular contribution—I will bring more each month."

### Examination For Postmaster At Fontana Dam, N. C.

The United States Civil Service commission has announced an open competitive examination to fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster in Fontana Dam, N. C., in accordance with an act of congress, approved June 25, 1938.

In order to be eligible for examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must have actually resided within the delivery of the postoffice for which examination is held for at least one year, must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limit. The competition is open to both men and women.

All applications must be properly executed and filed at Washington, D. C., by April 6, 1943. Date for the examination will be stated on the cards sent applicants after the date for the close of receipt of applications and will be about 15 days after that date.

Salary for the Fontana offices is \$2,400 per year.

### Whitaker And Edwards Return From Raleigh

Senator Edwin B. Whitaker and Representative McKinley Edwards arrived home last week following adjournment of the 1943 session of the State Legislature on Wednesday.

This year's session of the legislature was the shortest in a great many years. The session as a whole worked harmoniously, and was commended by the Governor as having done a good job.

### Local Officers Attend F. B. I. Conference

Chief of Police E. H. Corpening, E. I. Welch, of the Sheriff's Department, Sergeant T. A. Sandlin and Glenn Roberts of the State Highway patrol, J. L. Woody and F. F. Grant of the Auxiliary police, attended a regular quarterly conference of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Asheville Wednesday, March 10.

### Kephart Tavern Makes Improvements, Raises Rating

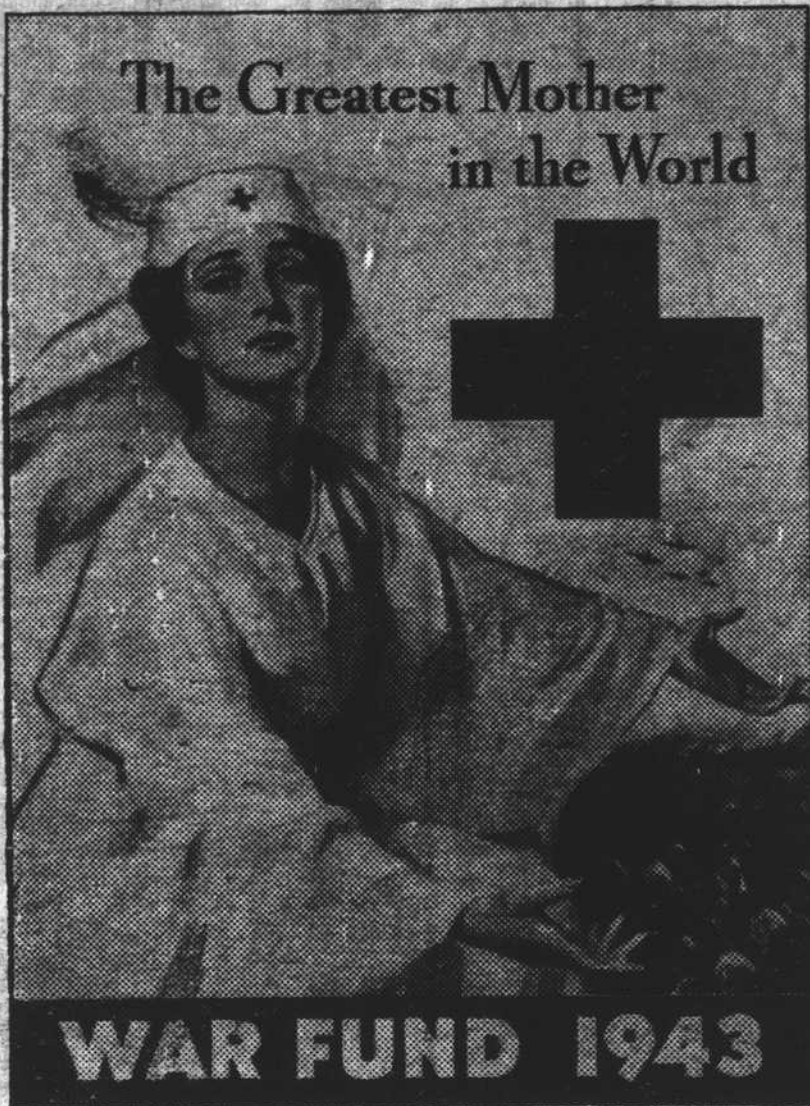
W. P. Angel, of Kephart Tavern, stated today that he has made certain improvements at the Tavern to conform with State health board requirements for a "B" grade rating. Mr. Angel stated further that he is making other changes and improvements to make his place an "A" grade restaurant. The private dining room is being enlarged to care for large groups, such as Lions club, etc.

### Mrs. Stearns' Father Dies

Mrs. I. K. Stearns left by automobile Tuesday night for Cincinnati to attend the funeral of her father, E. H. Gruening, who died at his home in that city Tuesday morning.

General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of U. S. Army: The Army depends heavily upon the Red Cross as a vital link between its men and their homes. Red Cross is of inestimable value to us in maintaining morale.

He goes back to farming before being called to appear for induction.



### "The Greatest Mother"

Somewhere, on some distant battlefield, an American soldier will be wounded in action today. He may be your son. Or the laughing, tow-headed kid that only yesterday lived in a house down the street. Remember?

Strong but tender hands will carry him back to an Army dressing station. A blood transfusion may be required to save his life—blood contributed to the American Red Cross by thousands of Americans back home.

He will be brought to a base hospital where Army nurses, recruited by the American Red Cross, will dress his wounds. Sympathetic Red Cross workers will advise his family of his progress, and, as he convalesces, other Red Cross workers will help speed his recovery.

Somewhere tonight an American boy is longing for home. He may be in bomb-scarred London—in far-off Australia, in a Pacific island jungle, or on a North African desert.

But his heart and his mind will be back in the States, at the home fireside. He will long to pat the head of that frisky pup; to laugh again with the girl who awaits his return; to live the life of a civilized man.

If he can, he will go to the American Red Cross club. It won't be the home for which he longs. It will be only a substitute—an antidote for loneliness. But there he will find a warm welcome, an American style meal, a comfortable bed. He may sit down to write a letter to the folks back home. He will find entertainment to relieve his mind of the thoughts that pass through the minds of homesick men.

He may be at some distant outpost, far removed from that Red Cross club. But tonight, or the next night the Red Cross will come to him, bringing with it

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### SEVEN VOLUNTEERS, 49 DRAFTEES TO LEAVE MARCH 24TH FOR EXAMINATION AT CROFT

### Sixteen Colored Men Left On 16th For Fort Bragg

Swain County Selective Service Board officials have announced the following list of names of men to leave on Wednesday, March 24th for Camp Croft for their final physical examination. Those passing the examination and accepted for service will not know what branch of service they will be in until assignments have been made. Draftees are now placed in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

**VOLUNTEERS** — Hubert Winfred Eall, Walter Nelson Seay, William Harold Melton, Sam Edward Hedden, Joseph Franks, Clint Brogden, Hastings Benard Buchanan.

**DRAFTEES** — James Thurman Green, Harvey Barker, Robert Burns, Fredrick David Slagle, Odell Sutton, General Pearson Ledford, William Claude Cable, Gomer Watkins, Donald Barker, Edd Henry Carson, Jesse James Seay, James Woodrow Laney, James Clint Lowe, Troy Albert Lewis, Charles Alec Randall, Laynous Frank Robinson, Leonard Washington Smiley, Albert Lloyd Watkins, Jennings Crawford Wiggins, Vernon Mil-

lard Lollis, Mark Grant, Garfield Thomas, Grady Barker, Kenneth Osco Sneed, Roy Lee Gibby, Johnny Butler Sneed, Willard Joseph Plemmon, Thurman Samuel Walls, Carroll Tabbar, Warren Harding Chastain, Samuel Dock Lambert, George Buhel Cochran, James Robert Woodard, Lennard Lee Roper, James Denning Rochester, Carter A. Cable, Loyd Styles, James William Stanberry, Lester Ewen Gregory, William Frank Thompson, Johnnie Mack Herron, Robert Leroy Ramey, Sylvester Wayne Southards, Glenn Dewayne Brown, Arville Hodge, John Harley Tallent, Harrie Malone Parton, Leonard Williams, and Lloyd Alexander Shell.

### First Draft For Colored

Fourteen colored men left Tuesday the 16th for Fort Bragg. This was the county's first call for colored draftees. They are:

Vernon Sanders, Garland Henry Powell, Robert Lee McDonald, Rube DeHart, Robert Lee Parrish, Robert Anderson Brice, Carl Eugene Powell, James Morris Simpson, Albert Lawrence Davidson, Dimple Smith, James Bruce Walker, Ernest Fredrick Coleman, Serge Dillard Thomas and Wallace Coleman.

### SWAIN DRIVE FOR RED CROSS WAR FUND STARTS MONDAY

The local Red Cross volunteer workers are completing plans for the greatest drive for money they have ever made. Monday, Mar. 22, is the opening day for the local War Fund Drive.

In announcing plans for Swain War Fund Drive, Mr. A. M. Simons, Chairman of War Fund Committee, stated that the American Red Cross was being called upon for the greatest service in its history—this service will require more than \$125,000,000 for 1943. Thus it is evident, Mr. Simons continued, every loyal American citizen must give much more than ever before. We should expect to give double our 1942 contribution.

The American Red Cross is the only non-military organization that goes with our men to the scene of the battle. It is the only such organization that places its services to American men in uniform all over the world. "It goes where your boy is." It is the only medium through which you can contact your boy on the battle front or in the enemy prison camp.

At the time this is written there are more than 2,780 trained Red Cross workers serving with the Armed forces—among other things they provide two-way contact between each fighter and his home. The American Red Cross has to date supplied more than 1 1/2 million pints of blood to the Army and Navy which has meant life to thousands of American boys.

To date more than 30,000 registered graduate nurses have been recruited by Red Cross for service with our forces. More than 1,000,000 women volunteers have produced more than 520,000,000 Red Cross surgical dressings—and the list of services continues many times over. To quote Gen. MacArthur: "No call however great or small passes unheeded. The Red Cross never fails the soldier."

Thus, Mr. Simons concluded, we see something of the tremendous and imperative need the American Red Cross has for our generous contributions. This will be the only time this year that Red Cross will call upon us for help—we must not be "too late with too little."

### RUTH PATTERSON VALEDICTORIAN OF SWAIN HI CLASS

Miss Ruth Patterson, daughter of Mr. S. R. Patterson, and the late Mrs. Patterson, of Bryson City, stands highest in scholarship in the senior class of Swain High school. Her average for the four years of high school work is 95.5.

Mary Ellen Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pearly Cole of Bryson City, stands second with an average for the four years of high school work of 94.2.

Miss Patterson will make the valedictory address at the graduation exercises. Miss Cole will give the salutatory.

### BROUGHTON APPOINTS MRS. M'KEE TO NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. E. L. McKee, state senator for the 32nd district, of Sylva, was named a member of the State Board of Education by Governor Broughton last week. She, as the member from the 12th Congressional district, will take office April 1.

The new board of education was named in compliance with the constitutional amendment adopted at the election last fall and will take the place of the State school commission and the other boards in charge of the education system of the state.

Mrs. McKee was the only woman named on the board.

All Army and Navy nurses are recruited through Red Cross.

### BIG RED CROSS WAR FUND RALLY TO BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

Come To The Court House At 8 O'Clock For Information, Fun, Music, Etc.

As a demonstration of enthusiasm and sport for our Swain County boys and others in uniform for America Swain citizens will gather in the courtroom Friday night for an hour of informational discussion on Red Cross, music by Swain Hi Band, and group singing of patriotic songs.

Mr. Simons, War Fund Drive Chairman, in announcing the program for the Rally, stated that Miss Jesse Shanks of Carolina Wood Turning Company, Senator Whitaker, Supt. E. C. Blair of Cherokee and Joe Auten of TVA will present interesting and vital information on our American Red Cross and its service to our boys and to others.

The Swain Hi band under the supervision of Miss Patton will provide martial music for the occasion and also accompany the assembly in songs everyone knows.

It will be an occasion of entertainment and education for all. The local citizens extend a hearty invitation to all—come out and bring your friends. Meet your neighbor and learn about how your Red Cross is serving men in uniform.

### SUMMARY OF ACTS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### Nine Months School Term Ratified, Other Important Legislation Passed

The simultaneous fall of gavels in the hands of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate shortly after noon on March 10 brought to a close one of the shortest but one of the most important sessions in recent years. Duly enrolled and ratified were bills providing for record-breaking appropriations, a State-supported nine months school term, a new set-up for the State Board of Education, innovations in State, county and municipal finance in authorizations for the establishment of capital reserves, and the granting of broad and unprecedented powers to the Governor, to be exercised in emergencies.

Of significance also were the types of bills that were left, strayed or otherwise found wanting at the finish. The alcoholic beverage situation, after a great deal of discussion and in spite of a great flurry of bills, was left practically unchanged, except for the provisions of HB 100 which prohibits the sale of wine and beer between 11:30 A. M. and 7:00 A. M., consumption on the premises between midnight and 7:00 A. M., and authorizes counties and towns to prohibit Sunday sales. HB 291, the liquor referendum bill, died in the House Committee on Propositions and Grievances. A similar fate was met by HB 523, which would have authorized local referenda on the question of the sale of wine and beer, the coup de grace being delivered by the House Finance Committee, which also reported unfavorably some two-score local wine and beer measures. SB 97, which would have authorized the establishment of ABC stores in cities having a population of 15,000 or more, in dry counties, upon a vote of the people of such cities, got through the Senate but was reported unfavorably by the House Committee. On the other hand, HB 144, which would have created a Wine Control Division in the Department of Revenue, would have permitted the sale of 20% wine in dry counties and would have provided regulations with respect to adulteration, labelling, times and places of sale, etc., struggled through a hard fight in the House and reached the Senate only to lie upon the table.

Among other bills that were reported unfavorably or tabled during the closing days of the session were: HB

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