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## PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZEN RE-IMBURSES RED CROSS FOR COMMUNITY BLDG., DEBT

Red Cross Officials  
Feel That Criticism Was  
Unjust In Matter

One of Swain County's public-spirited citizens has re-imbursed Swain County Chapter, American Red Cross, for the money it paid on the Community House, to free it from debt!

This gift was UNSOLICITED, and is one of the finest gifts ever received, as it puts back into the treasury every cent of scrap money paid out. The chapter had paid \$331.00 to V. L. Cope and Close Hardware, firms who had carried these debts, without interest, since the building was finished. It has been added to the Red Cross War Fund along with approximately \$2,000 more dollars. All of the scrap money has not come into the treasury yet, as the buyers have a hard time to get cars to move it.

In explanation chapter officials want to say: "The Red Cross was named as donor for the scrap money. They paid the bills for gathering it in from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and other out-of-the-way places. At the executive board meeting held in January, this board is composed of all officers and chairmen of departments, this debt on the Community House was discussed. The board voted unanimously to pay it as they felt that the scrap had been given by all the people; that the Community House was used by all the people, and that it would be pleasing to all the people to have this building free from debt.

The name of the donor is not revealed at their request. They feel that the criticism has been unjust. They are wholly familiar with the work done by Swain County Chapter over a period of 31 years. They felt that the officials have used the money wisely, and felt that by returning every penny the Chapter spent on the Community House, no unkind criticism could mar its record.

To those who felt that the Executive Board did wrong to spend this money, local officials take this way of informing you that not a penny of Red Cross money, from any source, is tied up in the Community House. And the officials want to publicly thank the person who has removed the criticism made by persons in Swain county, and express their sincere gratitude.

WAYNE BATTLE, Chairman  
MRS. D. R. BRYSON, Sec.-Treas.  
Swain County Chapter, A. R. C.

## MRS HYATT ANNOUNCES APRIL HDC MEETINGS

Mrs. Geraldine Hyatt, Home Demonstration agent for Swain county, has announced community meetings for April as follows:

Whittier—April 15, at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Jack Peyton.  
Galbreath Creek—April 15, at 2:30 P. M. at Thomas Chapel church.  
Arlington—April 16, at 2:00 o'clock P. M. with Mrs. V. L. Cope.  
Almond—April 20, at 2:00 P. M., with Mrs. Mrs. Louise Bailey.  
Ela—April 21, at 2:00 P. M., with Mrs. Beatrice Seay.  
Judson—April 23, at 2:00 P. M., with Mrs. Herbert Enloe.  
Bryson Branch—April 22, at 2:00 P. M., with Mrs. Emma Sherrill.  
Alarka—April 28, at 2 P. M., at Alarka school house.  
Cold Springs—April 29, at 2 P. M., with Mrs. George McHan.

## Navy Recruiter To Be In Courthouse April 19-21

A Navy recruiter will be in Bryson City at the Swain County Court House on April 19, 20, and 21 to enlist men for the United States Navy. If you're seventeen years old, or between the ages of 38 and 49, it will be your privilege to volunteer for the Navy. Don't hesitate. Investigate the Navy today while there are still openings for you. Remember, see the Navy Recruiter in Bryson City at Court house on April 19, 20 and 21. Don't delay. Join the Navy today.

## Post War

In a poll by Fortune magazine, 40.3 percent of farmers favored a new league or association with all nations and 23.3 percent were for using U. S. influence for world peace without ties.

## F. F. GRANT IS ELECTED HEAD OF ROTARY CLUB

The Bryson City Rotary club held its annual election of officers at the regular dinner meeting on last Thursday night at which time the following were elected: Floyd F. Grant for president, Elbert Welch, Secretary - Treasurer; Carey Morgan, Wayne Battle, A. M. Simons and J. H. Seay were elected to the board of directors. The new officers take office the first of July. Warren L. Lathan is the retiring president and he automatically becomes vice-president.

Mr. Grant is a charter member of the club and has been secretary-treasurer since the club was organized in 1933.

## Navy Recruiting Restrictions Lifted

Raleigh, April 12.—The strict quota which in the past three months has retarded the enlistment of hundreds of 17-year-olds in the Navy was lifted today, and an unlimited number of North Carolina youngsters now may volunteer, it was announced by Lt. Cmdr. Charles B. Neely, head of the State's Navy recruiting.

Under new regulations, issued by the Navy Department, all 17-year-olds—and men between the ages of 38 and 50—are eligible for immediate enlistment.

## MRS. WATSON BURIED AT CLARK CEMETERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Wiggins Watson, 75, who died April 8, were held Sunday at 11 o'clock at Deep Creek Baptist church with the Rev. John Freeman officiating. Burial was in Clark cemetery on Galbreath creek. Moody Funeral Home was in charge.

Mrs. Watson, a native of Swain county, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wiggins. Sixty years ago she married the Rev. Thad D. Watson, Baptist minister. Twelve children were born to this union and ten are living.

Surviving are her husband; three daughters, Delia, of Bryson City, Julia of Franklin; Mayne of Selma, Ala.; seven sons, Fate of Shoal Creek; Julius, Albert and Robert of Bryson City; Henry, Thomas and Walter of Tellico Plains, Tenn.; 40 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. The pallbearers were sons-in law and nephews. Flower girls were her grandchildren.

## Dennis Case Graduates From Air Mechanics School

Keesler Field, Miss., April 13—Trained for 17 weeks in all phases of maintenance for B-24 Liberator Bombers, 20 North Carolina boys were graduated as expert airplane mechanics on April 12 from this unit of the Army Air Force Technical Training Command.

Among this group was Pfc. Dennis V. Case, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Case of Bryson City.

These men are now ready to shoulder the burden of responsibility in keeping the big Liberators in fighting condition for attack against the Axis. Some will receive early assignment to line duty, while others will augment their training by attending aerial gunnery schools.

## E. W. Crowling, Jr., TVA Official Talks To Lions

The Bryson City Lions Club was host to the members of the Land Acquisition division of the Tennessee Valley Authority at its regular dinner meeting last Thursday evening.

W. E. Crowling, Jr., of the Authority, was the main speaker of the evening. He explained the policy of the authority in purchasing property in the Fontana reservoir basin. President Gwen Franks presided.

## Support Prices

Support prices for dry edible beans, dry peas, peanuts, soybeans, and flaxseed have been increased to encourage greater production.



"They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money"  
U. S. Treasury Department

## SWAIN HIGH SENIORS TO HOLD CLASS DAY EXERCISES APRIL 23

"Double Trouble, Boil  
And Bubble" To Be  
Presented At 11 A. M.

CAST OF CHARACTERS  
First witch—Mary Nell Leatherwood  
Second witch—Reva Muse, Readers  
Third witch—Violet Dee Long  
Super Snooper Dooper (our protective detective)—F. B. I. Herbert Hyde Junior—Floyd Cunningham  
Manager of Flayden Shakes—Max Abbott  
Secretaries—Hazel Brown, Eloise Stevenson, Ruth Hyatt  
Teachers—Frankie Lee DeHart, Louise Edwards, Helen Swann  
Lawyer—Bennaneal Monteith  
Register of Deeds—Annie Bell Welch  
Librarians—Martha Sandlin, Katherine Covert  
Beauticians—Lexie Howard, Christine Breedlove  
Housewives—Rosa Lee Shook, Aileen Shook, Beatrice Monteith  
Husbands—Harold Grant, Fred Stanberry, Iverson Bradley  
Journalists—Anne Gilliam, Mary Elizabeth Hunt  
Doctors—Leland Close, Reva Muse  
Nurses—Bonnie Martin, Etta Clark, Moquette Monteith, Louise Parrish, Talitha DeHart, Gladys Jenkins  
Canteen Blues Singers—Maggie Alice Sandlin, Mary Ellen Cole  
Chorus Girls—Oberia Seay Read, Nellie Crisp, Mary Margaret Seay, Sally Sue Mincy, Mildred Cagle, Pauline Lovingood  
Canteen Hostesses—Lexie Shuler, Willie Mae Buchanan  
Comedian—Porter Crisp  
Master of Ceremonies—Odas Crisp  
Service Women—Norma Codispoli, Francis Cooper  
Service Men—Edwin Monteith, Ted Bishop, James Ammons, Harold Swann, Walter Nelson, Wallace Martin, Ray DeHart, John Goodman  
President of Clabber Girl Baking Powder—Douglas Strain

SYNOPSIS—The weird sisters tell Junior what happened to the Class of '43.  
SCENES—  
Scene I: An Office  
Scene II: A Hospital  
Scene III: A Beauty Salon  
Scene IV: The Canteen.

## Commencement Program

Friday, April 23—10:00 A. M. 8th grade graduates will be given certificates of promotion to high school. This is the first group to graduate from elementary school under the new twelve year plan which the public school system of North Carolina has adopted.

Friday, April 23—11:00 A. M. Senior Class Day Exercises. Note that the hour has been changed from 1:00 P. M. to 11:00 A. M.

Sunday, April 25—11:15 A. M. Bacalaureate Sermon, preached by Rev. Charles M. Robinson of the local Presbyterian church.

Monday, April 26—11:00 A. M.—Graduation exercises.

## Franklin Minister



## REVIVAL BEGINS AT METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. J. L. Stokes, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, is the speaker at a series of revival meetings which began at the local Methodist church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. C. O. Newell, pastor of the Bryson City church, has announced that there will be services each evening through April 25th at 8 o'clock.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend these services.

## CHIEF ENGINEERS OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY HERE LAST WEEK

Chief Engineer of Central Lines of the Southern Railway H. E. Tyrrell and Assistant Chief, E. Bennett, came to Bryson City last Thursday in their private car which remained in the local yard for two days while the officials conferred with TVA officials regarding the relocating and rebuilding of the Bryson-Wesser section of the company's line.

## Commissioners Ban Beer, Wine Sales On Sunday

At their regular meeting on Monday, April 15, the Swain county board of commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution regulating the sale of beer and wine in Swain county as provided for in Chapter 180, Session 1943 of the North Carolina Legislature, which reads as follows: That from and after ratification of this resolution, which went into effect immediately, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, licensed to sell beer or wine in Swain county, to sell or offer for sale any beer or wine in the county from 11:30 o'clock P. M. on each Saturday until 7 o'clock A. M. on the following Monday.

Violation of this resolution carries a penalty of \$50 fine and cost and/or imprisonment not less than thirty days and the license of said violator shall be automatically revoked.

The town of Bryson City banned the sale of beer and wine on Sundays, a year ago.

Jackson county commissioners have banned the sale of beer and wine from the entire county after May 1st, and no license will be issued thereafter.

## CHAIRMAN BLACK SAYS DRIVE IS UNDERWAY TO RAISE COUNTY'S WAR BOND QUOTA OF \$133,100

### Snow And Freezing Weather Hurts Fruit

High winds whipping in from the west Tuesday afternoon brought a mass of freezing weather for this section with the temperature dropping to freezing and below on Tuesday night, followed with snow flurries Wednesday and Wednesday night. The temperature, however, did not go below 25 Wednesday night with warmer weather in sight for today. Heavy snow fall is reported higher in the mountains. It is feared that much damage has been caused to the fruit crop, and early garden vegetables.

## RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS MEETING MONDAY NITE

The working and planning recreation committee recently appointed for the city met Mon. nite and appointed managers and directors for carrying out certain forms of entertainment and recreation during the year as follows:

SOFTBALL LEAGUE (men and women), Carroll Wright, Claude Patterson, Harry Meadows.  
SQUARE DANCES—members of fire department.  
SWIMMING POOL—City, county and TVA officials.  
CITY PARK ISLAND—City officials.

VOLLEY BALL—(men and men), Woman's Club.  
SHUFFLE BOARD—Woman's Club.  
HORSESHOE—(men and women), A. H. Myers, F. F. Grant.

GOLF—(men and women), Harlin Earwood, S. W. Black, D. R. Bryson.  
BOYS' ACTIVITIES—C. M. Robinson, Jimmy Sutton, Leo H. Suggs.

GIRLS' ACTIVITIES—Doris Lyday, Helen Gillespie, Pearl McHan.  
FISHING CONTEST—(men and women), K. E. Bennett, R. D. Pyron.  
ROUND DANCE—Local Orchestra.

HIKING CLUB—(men and women), S. P. Davis, E. B. Whitaker, J. L. Woody.  
FENCING—Mr. Bob Kellenback.

All of the people named above are urged to attend a meeting at the court house next Monday night to working out plans for starting the recreation program to functioning.

## William H. Douthit With Army Air Force In Utah

Keams, Utah—William H. Douthit of Parrish, North Carolina, is now stationed at this Army Air Forces Basic Training Center, it is announced by Col. Converse R. Lewis, Commander.

The husband of Mrs. Vandye Dale Douthit, Lauada, North Carolina. Pvt. Douthit has been in the Army Air Forces since June 21, 1942.

Men at this post are trained under the rigorous program of the Air Forces Technical Training Command. They are taught how to march, the use of small arms and machine guns, chemical warfare and other kindred subjects before going to duty with ground crews.

## Local Rotarians Attend District Conference

Warren L. Lathan, president of the Bryson City Rotary club, F. F. Grant, president elect, and Stanley W. Black, attended the annual district convention of Rotary International of the 190th district in Greenville, S. C., on Tuesday. The meeting was a one-day affair this year.

Charles G. Tennent, Asheville business man, was elected governor for the 190th district at the meeting on Tuesday. He succeeds Dr. Sylvester Green, president of Coker College, Hartsville, S. C. The 190th district is made up of clubs of Western North Carolina and North West South Carolina. Governors are alternated between the two states.

## Sheep

Elbert Tyson of Ballards Cross Roads, Pitt County, has produced 48 lambs from 36 ewes, and he plans to increase his flock to fifty ewes next year, reports S. C. Winchester, assistant farm agent.

## Not asked to Give Money But Invest In Best Securities With Interest

S. W. Black, chairman of Swain county War Bond Finance Committee, has announced that the committee has begun its drive to raise Swain County's quota of \$133,100 in War Bonds and Stamps during April.

In order to raise this amount it is necessary to get every idle dollar invested—you are not asked to give your money but to invest it in the best investment in the world today—Government Bonds which will pay you interest from the day you invest your money.

Don't wait to be solicited but buy your bonds NOW from the post office or bank. How much should you invest? Every dollar you can possibly spare. Let your conscience, as a patriotic American citizen, be your guide.

A large number of workers have been asked to assist the committee in making this drive and the object is to raise this quota or more before May 1.

Swain county citizens have responded nobly in the past. Do not fail your country now—and when investing your dollars remember the boys at the front who are giving their lives that you may continue to enjoy the blessings of living in a free country.

## PARENTS OF WAR DEAD TO BE HONORED AT WAYNESVILLE MEET

Former Governor Clyde R. Hoey will be the principal speaker at a meeting in Waynesville on Monday night, April 19, at 8 o'clock at which time all men from Swain county and 14 other Western North Carolina counties who have given their lives in this war will be honored.

Families of the deceased soldiers, sailors, marines and other service men will be given special recognition at the meeting. This meeting is also being held in behalf of the Second War Loan drive for this entire western area of the state.

Swain county men who have been killed or reported missing in action are as follows: Pvt. John Claude Thomasson, Co. A. 120th Inf., killed in an accident at Fort Jackson July 13, 1942. He volunteered Nov. 2 1940, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Thomasson.

Clyde Henderson Wilson, son of Rev. and Mrs. Joe Wilson, now of Hayesville, was killed in the crash of his trainer plane at Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C., July 16, 1942, just ten days before he was to have graduated and received his commission. Cadet Wilson enlisted in the Army Air Corps in July, 1941.

French Crisp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Crisp, reported missing after the fall of Bataan, after many months, was reported a prisoner of Japan.

Robert Edgar Gibson, brother of Joel A. Gibson, and Mrs. Vinnie Carter and Mrs. A. R. Messer, is still in the missing list following the fall of Bataan. He is presumed by relatives to have been killed. Mr. Gibson had been in the army since 1917 and saw service in World War I. He received the Distinguished Service Cross in the first World War.

Mrs. Avery Gouge of Asheville, formerly of Swain county, received word a few weeks ago that her son, Earl Byrd, is missing in the South Pacific area.

Killed and missing from the Cherokee Indian Reservation are: Samuel Otter, son of Mrs. Mary Joe Otter, missing in naval action. Sheredin Smith, killed while serving with the Marines on Guadalcanal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Smith.

## W. O. Calhoun Comes Out For Mayor

A third candidate, W. O. Calhoun, has announced for the office of mayor for the town of Bryson City to be voted on in the May 4th election. Previous announcements have been made by H. H. Welch, and Bill Moody, incumbent.

Candidates for the board of aldermen are: Thurman Leatherwood, and R. Q. Woody, incumbents, and Hill Coffey.