

New Appeal Is Made For More War Crops

The nation's urgent need for food and fiber crops to fill wartime requirements this year makes it essential that farmers plant to the full limit of their capacity before the spring planting season is over, according to G. T. Scott, chairman of the State USDA War Board.

"This year is probably the most critical year in the history of American agriculture", Scott said. "War-time needs for food have grown steadily for the past two years, and it is estimated military and Lend-Lease purchases will take about one-fourth of the 1943 farm output. Demands for food vary greatly from time to time, and each new offensive by the United Nations means more food is necessary. We who grow this food must meet our production goals if we expect our fighters and war workers to meet theirs."

In a recent appeal for increased plantings, Chester Davis, War Food Administrator, pledged efforts of that agency to organize the nation's latent labor resources and seek additional machinery so farmers can harvest the crops planted, and to work for continued adequate price supports to protect farmers in the market places.

"With these facts in mind, it is up to us as farmers to take a greater degree of chance this year and plant the full acreage we can expect to handle under the most favorable conditions."

In increasing plantings, he said, farmers should not overlook the urgent need for more feed grain and hay crops which are essential if record livestock production is to be maintained.

MEN CLASSIFIED BY LOCAL DRAFT BOARD ANNOUNCED

The Swain county selective service board has announced recent new classifications for men of the county. They include:

1-A—Henry R. Dunlap; 3-A—Ray X. Wright; 3-A—(H) Roy G. Beard, Quincy A. Owl, Ralph E. Byrd, Riley Waldroup, David L. Branton, Ross Davis, Norman E. Nelson, Tom Bright, Fred Roberts, Fred Hurley, Ammons Sequoyah, Walton Martin, Gola P. Cochran, James L. Davis, Archie L. Crisp, Alexander F. Neely, James W. DeHart, Willard R. Nations, James W. Battle, Samuel McMahan, Julius R. Coleman, and Ted A. Gribble.

2-B—Charles E. Green, James H. Sutton, Claude C. Gossett, Garland J. DeHart, James D. Thompson, Lawson J. Styles, Charles R. Anders, Ronald D. Webb, Baxter C. Chambers, Weather T. McMahan, Royston Wiggins, Claude J. McLean, Vernon L. Shuler, Lloyd R. Knight, Lee C. Arvey, James H. Cline, Ben L. G. Herron, Walter T. Wiggins, Luther Wiggins, Ned M. Childers, Frank W. Smiley, Commodore Casada, Henry Wiggins, Wade E. McDonald, Edward B. Watson, Floyd A. Cochran, Mann J. Bowers, Donald C. Hall, Roy L. Payne, Conway B. Saunooke, Cecil L. Byrd, Leslie H. Jenkins, Ben E. Banks, George Phillips, Albert S. Lambert, Claude Carson.

1-C—Johnnie K. French

Pfc. Carroll Seay Spent Short Visit With Parents

Pfc. Carroll Seay, with Co. L. 9th ski troop infantry stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis., spent Wednesday and Wednesday night of a ten-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Seay. He spent one day and night in Ohio with Mrs. Seay who holds a position in a defense plant. The rest of his furlough was spent in travel.

Dr. P. R. Bennett Returns To His Practice

Dr. P. R. Bennett returned to his office and to general practice May 1st after a period of rest following injuries received in an automobile accident last winter.

Attends Meeting In Raleigh

Dr. J. L. Woody returned Wednesday night from Raleigh where he attended the meeting of the State Dental Society which was held there this week. About 200 dentists attended.

MOODY ELECTED MAYOR OVER 2 OPPONENTS AS LIGHT VOTE IS CAST

A total of 357 of the possibly 600 qualified voters of Bryson City went to the polls in the city election Tuesday and re-elected E. H. (Bill) Moody as mayor over his two opponents, H. H. Welch and W. O. Calhoun. Moody received 183 votes as compared with 86 for Harley H. Welch and 88 for W. O. Calhoun. The three aldermen were elected without opposition. They are Thurman Leathwood and Queve Woody, incumbents and J. Hill Coffey a new member who replaces C. E. Gibson. Mr. Gibson who has served as a member for two terms recently moved out of the corporation limits, thus eliminating himself as a candidate for re-election. The board members each received 357 votes, or the total vote cast.

The newly elected officers will serve for a term of two years.

RITES ARE HELD FOR MRS. WM. DOUTHIT OF PARRISH

Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie Welch Douthit, 48, of Parrish, who died Saturday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock in Franklin, following an operation, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Tabor cemetery, with Rev. Forrest Blankenship officiating.

Mrs. Douthit was a native of Swain county and the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Welch. She was an active member of the Brush Creek Baptist church and was for twelve years postmistress at Parrish.

Surviving are her husband, three daughters: Mrs. Glenn Davis of Newport News, Va.; Mrs. Locke DeHart, Bryson City; and Miss Betty Douthit of Parrish; five sons: Harold in the armed forces, Paul, Claude, Earl and Max, at home; two grandchildren, and four brothers: John H. Welch of Bryson City; T. M. Welch of Needmore; Harry Welch of Blue Ridge, Ga.; and W. J. Welch of Springfield, Ohio; and four sisters: Mrs. W. H. Marr, Parrish; Mrs. Joe Wilson, Hayesville; Mrs. W. C. Arp, Etowah, Tenn.; and Mrs. M. W. Breedlove of Needmore.

HARLEY E. ASHE 45, BURIED LAST THURSDAY

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Moody Funeral Home chapel for Harley E. Ashe, 45, who died suddenly April 26, at his home in Newport News, Va. Burial was in the new TVA cemetery, Highway No. 19 near Lauada.

The Rev. W. H. Covert officiated. Mr. Ashe suffered a stroke of paralysis at 9:30 P. M. Monday, April 26, and died at 2:30 A. M. Tuesday the 27. The body arrived in Bryson City Thursday.

He was a member of the Tabernacle Baptist church of Newport News and was active in the work of the church.

He was the eldest son of the late Mr. Will Ashe and Mrs. Ashe of Judson. He was born March 26, 1897. On May 29, 1923, he was married to Miss Pearl Woody, who with one daughter, Nell, survive.

For the past 15 years Mr. Ashe and family have made their home in Newport News where Mr. Ashe was employed with the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company.

Also surviving are three brothers, Samuel B. Ashe and Claude Ashe of Newport News; W. D. L. Ashe of Judson, and three sisters, Miss Ida Ashe of Judson, Mrs. Edd Plemmons, of Gaffney, S. C., and Mrs. Nancy Anthony of Bushnell.

Pvt. Glenn McKinney On 15 Day Furlough From Fort Lewis, Wash.

Pvt. Glenn McKinney, stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, arrived Friday on a 15 day furlough which he is spending here with his wife, the former Miss Ruth McClure.

Dr. R. E. McClure To Preach In Presbyterian Church

Dr. R. E. McClure, newly-elected Executive Secretary of Asheville Presbytery, will be the guest minister at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning.

Dr. McClure is a graduate of Davidson College, Union Seminary, and Yale Divinity School. Until recently he has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church of New Bern, N. C.

The congregation and minister of the Presbyterian church cordially invites anyone not regularly affiliated with any church in the community to worship with us, and to hear Dr. McClure.

Local Boys Recently Inducted Into Navy Are Visiting Parents

Earl Crisp, Troy Shook and Ellis Totherow will leave today to return to the Bainbridge, Md., Naval Training Base, after spending the past week with their parents and other relatives in the county. These men were inducted in the Navy about six weeks ago and are taking their "boot" training at Bainbridge. On returning to their base they will be assigned to the various Naval trade schools.

Ray "Bouncer" Seay also taking his "boot" training at Bainbridge arrived Wednesday morning to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Seay. Ray was inducted about the time that the boys mentioned above were.

Other Swain county boys stationed at Bainbridge who came in with Carroll for a short furlough with their parents are: Harold Collins, Odell Cochran, Bert L. Mathews, John Henry Hall, Carl Tipton, Leonard O. Brooks and Jack D. Fuller.

First Baptist Daily Vacation Bible School Begins Monday the 10th

The season has now come when the churches are making plans for their Vacation Bible schools. These are one of the newer activities of the church, and one of the most fruitful. This phase of the work of the churches has been in progress for only something like twenty-five years, but it has spread very rapidly and has commanded itself by its results. From very humble beginnings, the number of Vacation Bible school among Southern Baptist churches has grown to 3830 in 1942, and it is anticipated that the number will be increased in 1943. In these schools thousands of boys and girls have had a consecutive and systematic training in the Bible such as would be hard to get elsewhere. The Sunday School is indispensable, yet in a two-weeks Vacation Bible school more time is given to Bible study than in a year at Sunday school.

Boys and girls like to attend Vacation Bible School. Boys and girls are just now in greater spiritual need than ever; they need more not less help from the churches; they must not be neglected spiritually. There are therefore more needs for the Vacation Bible School than heretofore.

The Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist church starts next Monday, May 10. And at various times during the summer the other churches will doubtless be conducting their Vacation Schools. I am hoping that the parents of the children in Bryson City will cooperate with the teachers and pastors in planning for and urging the children to attend one or another of these Vacation Bible Schools in the church of their choice.

WILLIAM H. COVERT,
Pastor, First Baptist Church

WAR BOND CHAIRMAN S. W. BLACK REPORTS ON RESULTS OF SECOND WAR LOAN CAMPAIGN

Although reports are not all in the second War Loan drive in Swain county was highly successful, reports S. W. Black, county chairman of the war bond sales committee.

Reports coming to Mr. Black show the following totals:

	(Cash Sales)	(Retirement Value)
Bryson City Bank	\$63,302.18	\$80,403.90
Bryson City Post office	9,393.75	12,525.00
Cherokee	6,986.30	9,315.06
Whittier P. O.	1,125.00	1,500.00
Cherokee P. O.	1,350.00	1,800.00
N. C. Exploration Co.	811.75	1,082.33
Miscellaneous	86.00	114.70
Credit State of N. C.	30,000.00	30,000.00
Totals	\$113,054.98	\$137,040.99

In addition to the above amounts the Bryson City Bank reports a purchase of \$50,000.00 for its bond account.

What Is Inflation?

Do you have excess cash? You will answer, "No." But the fact remains that you do. For almost every wage earner these days has an income, in checkbook or pocketbook, well above the cost of his living, taxes, insurance and debt repayments.

You never actually "bid" against anybody for a porterhouse steak, but when you take the spending of all average Americans as a group, it's a different story. So it is important that excess money be saved rather than used collectively to bid up prices. If it is spent, instead of saved, prices soar. . . That's inflation.

Ideally, it should be invested in Government securities during the Second War Loan.

"They give their lives . . . You lend your money."

LT. T. H. SPENCER AND WIFE OF ENGLAND ARE BRYSON CITY VISITORS

"Why should Americans go to England or Europe for scenery when you have the finest in the world right here in Western North Carolina?" This remark in the form of a question was made to the editor of The Times yesterday by a distinguished British citizen now visiting in Bryson City. Lieutenant T. H. Spencer and Mrs. Spencer are spending three weeks at Frymont Inn, resting, fishing and enjoying our wonderful scenery. They arrived here about two weeks ago and will leave on May 7 for the West Indies. Lieut. Spencer is in the British Colonial Service. He has traveled extensively, having spent 15 years in the near East, some time in the tropics and for the past several months he has been taking special training in Canada. His parents live on the Isle of Wight. He was born at Shanklin.

When asked how he came to pick out Bryson City for a place to rest he said that his government had granted him a short rest period and while in Washington a few weeks ago he asked a government official where he could find a place to go that had beautiful scenery, good fishing, and would be quiet and restful. This officer told him that he did not know but that he would introduce him to a man there who formerly lived in Asheville. The Asheville man told him that he should go to Bryson City. So he came and found more than he had hoped for.

Lt. Spencer's official position forbade him from making any predictions or opinions on the war situation other than to say that the Allies are going to win and that the peace following the war must be such that the world will not have to go through the horrors of a war such as this again.

He said that the British people think President Roosevelt is one of the greatest men this nation has ever produced.

C & M PUTTING IN WATER, SEWER LINES FOR TRAILER CAMP

The C & M division of TVA is laying a three inch water line from the water main on Bryson Branch to their new trailer camp site on Black hill. A six inch sewer line of concrete pipe is also being put down by the division. Work is being rushed in order that trailer units may soon begin locating on the property.

WAAC RECRUITING PARTY GUESTS OF LIONS CLUB

WAAC CIVILIAN COMMITTEE IS ORGANIZED HERE

Lt. Ruth Merrylees and Auxiliary Beatrice Dixon, WAACs, of the Asheville Army Recruiting Station were in town on Thursday of last week to further the drive for enrollees in the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps.

In an interview Friday morning Lt. Merrylees stated that a WAAC Civilian Committee had been appointed in Bryson City. The committee will have on hand application banks, pamphlets, and information concerning enrollment in the WAACs. Members of the committee appointed are: Mrs. Geraldine Hyatt, Mrs. Fred Hicks, Miss Helen Higdon, and Miss Lois Winkler. Honorary WAAC Recruiters appointed are Mayor Wm. Moody, Mr. Gwen D. Franks, president of the Lions Club, Mr. W. N. Lathan, president of the Rotary Club, and Mr. Jones, manager of Belk's.

DANCE, BINGO ENJOYED AS RECREATIONAL PROGRAM OPENS

A large number of men and ladies of the TVA personnel and local folk enjoyed the opening dance and bingo party put on last Friday night by the Bryson City Recreational program committee. Mr. Vincent Wright and his orchestra furnished music for the occasion. This orchestra is made up mostly of TVA employees with a few players from the Swain high school band, and is one that our city should be proud to have available for dances and other entertainment features. The Bingo party held in connection with the dance was enjoyed by quite a number of both young and old. Many nice prizes were won during the evening.

FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. KEENER HELD SATURDAY P. M.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Lou Keener, of Columbus, Ga., formerly of Judson, and widow of Ulrich W. Keener, were held from the Moody Funeral Home Saturday afternoon, May 1, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Covert, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Bryson City, officiated.

Mrs. Keener was 76 years old. She is survived by two sons, six daughters, thirty-two grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren. Interment was in the new cemetery at Lauada.

Caney Sizemore Dies Following Car Accident

Caney Sizemore, 21, son of Mrs. Tishie Sizemore of Chambers Creek community, died at 12:15 A. M. today in the Sylva hospital from a fractured skull and other injuries suffered when his automobile left Highway 288 at a point about six miles below Bushnell and plunged 600 feet almost into the Little Tennessee river at 7:30 Wednesday evening. Sizemore was thrown from the car at about half way in its wild plunge down the mountain side.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at press time.

He is survived by his mother and four brothers: Clifford, and Earl, both in the armed service; Vinson and G. L. of Chamber Creek, and three sisters: Mrs. Hester Fuller, Mrs. Alma Tipton and Mrs. Omie Crisp, all of Fontana.

James Sizemore, a brother, of Bushnell died about six weeks ago from a heart attack.

In Aston Park Hospital

G. D. Franks, who entered Aston Park hospital, Asheville, last week in a serious condition, is reported to be some better.

Lt. Merrylees states that she, Auxiliary Dixon, and Sgt. Giddens, who is accompanying the WAACs, had a most enjoyable evening with the members of the Lions Club Thursday at their regular meeting. Lt. Merrylees called on every Lion to do their part in the procurement of enrollees for the WAACs.

When quizzed as to the opportunities now offered enrollees in the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps the Lieutenant stated:

"There is opportunity for every woman to learn a great deal during her service with the Corps, since the Army has opened so many of its specialists schools to the WAACs, and with the WAAC's own schools now firmly established."

After five weeks of basic training, individual WAACs are eligible for assignment to one of a number of specialists schools.

For example, the WAAC Administrative Specialists Schools, located at the WAAC Training Centers and at selected colleges, have a term of six weeks, as do the Motor Transport School and the Bakers and Cooks School.

A thirteen-weeks course is offered at the Midland Radio and Television School in Kansas City, Missouri, where some WAACs learn to be radio repair women and operators. Lt. Merrylees said. Photographic Laboratory Technicians are trained at the Army's famous photographic school at Lowery Field, Colorado, taking a twelve-week course. Musicians of the four WAAC bands can attend the Army Music School at Fort Myer, Va.

"Every WAAC has the opportunity to be selected to attend an Officer Candidate School, the officer pointed out, and after graduation there are excellent opportunities to attend one of the Army's famous service schools for additional training."

Some of the service schools open to WAAC officers include the Quartermaster, Chemical Warfare, Adjutant General's, Ordnance, Special Services, Army Exchange, Command and General Staff, and the Inspector General's School.

And besides these, Lt. Merrylees concluded, quite a number of WAACs receive training "on-the-job", thus working and learning at the same time.

AMERICAN GENERAL KILLED IN CRASH

Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commander-in-chief of American forces in the European theatre, was killed Monday in an airplane accident in a remote area of Iceland, it has been announced by the army. Other high ranking officers are feared to have been killed also.

Methodist Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, who was representing 31 American Protestant denominations in a global tour of U. S. military bases, also was killed in the crash.

Pvt. Mack O. Powell Visiting Parents

Pvt. Mack O. Powell, who volunteered in the Army some time ago, arrived a few days ago to spend until the 12th with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Powell, Sr. Mack was first sent to Keesler Field, Miss., where he took the cook and bakery course and for the past two months he has been stationed at Hobbs Army Air Field where he is 1st cook. Upon request of his Captain Mack has signed up for officer candidate school and will enter this school as soon as called after returning to Hobbs Field.

J. B., another son of Mr. and Mrs. Powell, is with Marine Corps Quarter Master division, at Marine Barracks, Barstow, Calif.

Pvt. Dallas J. Rogers Visits His Parents

Pvt. Dallas J. Rogers of Fort Benning, Ga., spent the past week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Rogers. He was inducted into the army on October 6, 1942, and for some time he was stationed at Camp Stewart in Georgia. He is now with Battery C. 455th C. A. Bn. at Fort Benning.