



# THE TRANSYLVANIA TIMES

Adjudged Best Large Non-Daily In North Carolina And Second Best In Nation In 1943

Vol. 54; No. 6

\* 16 PAGES TODAY \*

BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, FEB. 10, 1944

\* SECTION ONE \*

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

## GERMAN CARAVAN HERE TONIGHT

### Red Cross War Fund Quota \$8,100

#### LARGEST AMOUNT NEEDED IN RED CROSS HISTORY

Campaign To Be Conducted In March. To Follow Plan Of 1943 NEEDS ARE GREATER

Transylvania county's 1944 American Red Cross war fund quota is \$8,100.00, which is \$2,700.00 more than the 1943 quota.

The national goal is \$200,000,000. Because of the rapidly increasing war services, a great deal more money will be needed to carry on the organization's vast program this year, it is explained.

The campaign to raise this record amount of money will be conducted in Transylvania and throughout the nation during the month of March.

Plans for conducting the drive are being mapped out along the same line as was followed last year. Zone and block leaders are being asked to canvass the town of Brevard, employees of all business houses here will be asked to give an extra day's pay, members of Home Demonstration clubs and 4-H clubs, under the direction of Miss Annabel Teague, will be requested to canvass the county area and the full co-operation of all schools will be solicited.

The Red Cross is confronted with responsibilities of unprecedented proportions as the war enters its most crucial stage, the drive chairmen pointed out.

Its wartime services include helping servicemen with personal problems, sending food parcels to war prisoners, aiding families of service men and disabled veterans, collecting life-saving blood, making surgical dressings, and many other services.

"Yes, our quota is high but we expect to go over the top as we have always done in the past," the drive chairmen said.

#### USE CAMOUFLAGE TO FOIL PLANES

Officers Seize A 60-Gallon Still In Rich Mountain Section

Camouflaged overhead so that it could not be spotted from an airplane, a steamer type still of 60 gallons was destroyed by officers Saturday in the Rich Mountain section. About 450 gallons of beer were also seized.

The still was not in operation at the time of the raid and no arrests have been made.

#### Farmers Can Sign 1944 Farm Plans At AAA Office

The county AAA office is setting aside seven days, from February 12 through 19, for Transylvania farmers to come in and file 1944 farm plans.

It will also be possible for those desiring to do so to place orders for lime and phosphate at this time.

T. J. Wilson, chairman of the county AAA committee, urges all farmers in this county who did not attend the farm meetings or have not previously filled out their farm plans, to come to the office here during the period being set aside for this purpose and fix out their plans.

As announced last week it will be impossible for farmers to cooperate in the 1944 program unless a farm plan is filed with the county committee.

#### Brevard Commerce Committee To Renew Campaign To Raise Funds For Brevard College

Will Meet Sunday Afternoon At Methodist Church. Plans Are Given

The Brevard college finance committee of the senior chamber of commerce here will meet Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church and map out plans to collect pledges that were made nearly three years ago to a college building fund and to solicit additional contributions.

Dr. E. J. Coltrane, president of the college, met with the directors and explained that the board of trustees is now sponsoring a drive to increase the institution's endowment fund from \$61,000 to \$200,000 by June 10, of this year and that a million dollar building program will be launched for the postwar era.

In 1941 when it was rumored that the college might be moved to Winston-Salem, members of the Brevard chamber of commerce got busy and pledged \$64,000 to a college building fund and as a result of this effort, the trustees assured the community that the college would not be moved.

At that time the goal was to raise \$500,000 in Western North Carolina, but the campaign was interrupted by the war.

"I understand that many people who made pledges want to pay them now and I think this is the ideal time to collect the money and either put it in the endowment fund or invest it in bonds for the postwar building program," Dr. Coltrane said.

"There is universal feeling that the college should be developed here and only failure to develop it would cause any change in this attitude," he said.

Dr. Coltrane stated that \$90,000 of the \$139,000 of endowment money had already been raised in various sections of the state.

"The chairman of our board would like to see this community contribute at least \$5,000 to the endowment fund," he declared, and explained that \$200,000 is the goal.

#### Singing Convention At Enon Church

The place of meeting for the lower district singing convention on the fourth Sunday in February has been changed from Pisgah Forest to the Enon Baptist church, it has been announced by Arnold Brown, president.

The meeting will be held at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20, and all singers are invited to attend. The main feature of the convention will be organization for the spring and summer.

#### PAUL SMATHERS IS BUILDING A LARGE ADDITION

Construction Started A Few Days Ago. Two More Additions Planned

Construction work on a large addition to the Smathers Manufacturing company building here has been started and is expected to be completed in the near future, Paul Smathers announced today.

The addition is 40 x 85 feet and will house the blacksmith, wood-working and painting departments and will practically double the company's present floor space.

Mr. Smathers stated that he plans to erect two more additions after the war. One of them will be a two-story brick structure extending from the present building out to the sidewalk on Broad street and the other will be the erection of a modern gray iron foundry back of the present building and facing on French Broad avenue.

"The purpose of the new building program is to enable us to broaden and expand our present operations," Mr. Smathers said, "and to pave the way for peacetime production of small tractors, power lawn mowers, electric churns, mowing machines, etc., which went to make up our line during the pre-war days."

#### FSA OFFICE NOW OPEN EVERY DAY

Miss Elaine Huggins To Be In Brevard Office Working With Supervisors

There has been a recent change in the local Farm Security office routine which enables the office to be open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. Since last November the local office had been open only two days a week, but under the new plan Miss Elaine Huggins, who came to Brevard from Washington, will be in the office at all times.

James E. Fletcher, associate county supervisor for the FSA, will spend the last four days of each week in the Brevard office and Miss Mary E. Johnson, associate home supervisor, is going to try to spend three or four days each week in the office here.

Recently a committee, consisting of James R. Dickson, Frank P. Shuford, M. O. McCall and Ralph Galloway, alternate, held a meeting.

#### Capital Letters

BY THOMPSON GREENWOOD

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—G. O. P.—The Republicans are showing more interest in their convention to be held in Charlotte on Thursday, March 16, than in several years.

There is a reason. Republican political pie in the South has had very little filling—pitifully little during the past 11 or 12 years—but there is some chance for improvement during the next year. Now this is said with all due respect for the Democrats; but if the Republicans elect a President and can bring 10 per cent as much Republican money to North Carolina during the next four years as the Democrats did during the first year after they came into power in 1933, they need not worry one minute about any expenses incurred in attending the convention.

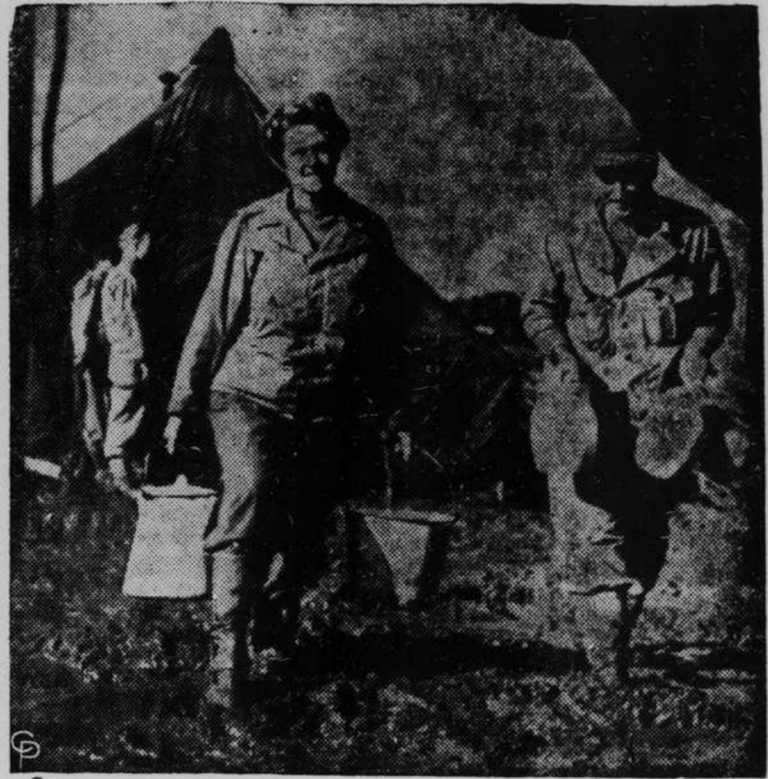
If you are a good Republican

(we will still count you a good one even if you went for FDR in 1932) you really ought to be at that get-together at Charlotte. Just think of all the post offices—IF.

CONVENTION—The Democrats are going to decide when to hold their State convention around February 24, it seems. Chances are—in fact it is safe to say definitely—the convention will be held before the Primary, which comes during the last week in May. Back in the good old days the convention was held during the hottest day of the year, and the day served as a sort of honeymoon for the new Governor. However, times change.

If memory serves correctly, the first convention held before the

#### MUD'S COLD BUT THE COFFEE'S HOT



LUCY D. BROOKE (left), Englewood, N. J., Red Cross hospital worker with the Fifth Army in Italy, and Pfc. Irving Autz, Cuero, Tex., plow through the mud to tote buckets and pitchers of hot coffee to wounded fighters in an advanced evacuation hospital tent behind the battle line. In this war, women of all the services are proving that they can be as valiant as their combat troops. Red Cross Photo.

#### 24 Transylvania Men Are Accepted For Military Service; 17 In Navy

#### ANNUAL RED CROSS MEETING WILL BE HELD HERE TUES.

Will Meet At Baptist Church To Elect Officers And Hear Reports

The annual meeting of the Transylvania chapter of the American Red Cross will be held next Tuesday night at the First Baptist church here, Jerry Jerome, chairman, announced today.

The meeting will start at 8 o'clock and all members and subscribers are invited to attend.

The election of officers will be held and reports covering the past year's work will be given.

O. E. Roberts, of the American Red Cross staff, will be present and discuss the organization's great wartime functions.

Other officers of the local chapter include Mrs. C. M. Douglas, secretary; Alex Kizer, treasurer; C. M. Douglas, roll call chairman; Ashby Johnson, home service chairman and Ed Anderson, publicity chairman.

#### Several Fights And Public Drunks Here

Three fights took place here in town last week and a large number were arrested for public drunkenness, it was learned from officers.

Kenneth Wyatt and Bernard Petty were fined and taxed with the cost in the mayor's court here Monday night on charges of fighting. The fines were suspended.

Mandy Reece and Ernest Smith, colored, were both fined for fighting. The fines were suspended.

Sneed Siniard and Lyday Morris were said to have had a fight near the Square here last Saturday afternoon. Morris was alleged to have struck Siniard and then to have cut his clothing with a knife. He is charged with assault with a deadly weapon and Siniard is charged with merely simple assault. A hearing is to be held next Monday.

As yet no hearing has been held in the Wood-Kilpatrick case.

Flight Officer Harold P. Vannah, Jr., who spent a furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Vannah, left last week for Columbia S. C., air base, where he is in the replacement depot.

#### Group Took Pre-Induction Examinations At Camp Croft. List Given

Twenty-four Transylvania county men have been accepted for service in the armed forces and are expected to report for active duty in the near future, Mrs. Allie B. Harlike, clerk of the draft board here, announced today. The 24 men took their pre-induction physical examinations at Camp Croft recently. Seventeen of them were accepted for the navy, six for the army and one for the marines.

Those accepted for navy service were: Arthur Dishmon, Van R. Tinsley, Wm. Howard Lance, Ervin A. Mulenex, Ralph M. Owen, James C. Gaither, James D. Mahaffey, Elzie B. Young, Thomas L. Osteen, Robert G. Sittin, Albert L. Liles, Burder W. Teague, Brack J. Norris, Clyde F. Moore, Howard R. Fisher, Gerald S. Grose and J. Von Tritt.

Accepted for army service were: Luther M. Holden, Harlow Owen, Alvin C. McCrary, Clinton F. Owen, L. C. Galloway and James R. O'Dell.

Fleming McCall was the only one of the group to go to the marine corps. He reported for immediate service and is now stationed at Parris Island, S. C.

Van R. Tinsley, of the navy group, also volunteered for immediate service. He left yesterday morning. The others are expected to leave on February 28.

#### Scouts To Attend Church Here Sunday Night In A Body; Observing Birthday

As one of the main features in the observance of the 34th anniversary of Scouting, all Boy Scouts and Scout leaders are expected to attend church here Sunday night in a body at the First Baptist church and hear a special sermon by Rev. B. W. Thomason. The service will start at 7:30 o'clock. Members of the district committee and parents of the Scouts are invited to attend the service.

Most of the troops here are holding special observance programs this week and the regular monthly court of honor is to be conducted at the Brevard Methodist church tomorrow night at 8 o'clock with Jack Trantham in charge.

Through the co-operation of Alex Patterson, the Scouts have an attractive window display in one of the windows of the Patterson's Department store here.

#### Public Invited To Inspect German Captured Equipment; Bond Rally Starts 8 O'Clock

County Is Still Behind On Its Fourth War Loan Drive Quota

War bond sales in Transylvania county during the Fourth War Loan drive now total a little over \$200,000, or about 60 per cent of the quota of \$346,000, Chairman E. H. McMahan announced today. He also reported that the sale of E, F and G bonds is less than \$100,000 or a little over one-half of the quota.

"The drive, which was scheduled to end on February 15, has been continued throughout this month and I see no reason why we will not reach our quota," Mr. McMahan said.

"However, the only way we can do it is for every one to buy extra bonds this month."

Nearly \$75,000 worth of bonds have been sold at the rallies that have been held so far in the county. A total of \$14,100 was sold at the rally at Little River, \$12,200 at the Lions club rally, \$16,300 at the Pisgah Forest P-TA meeting and \$18,500 at Lake Toxaway rally Monday night.

Record sales are expected at the county-wide rally Thursday night and the final rally is to be held at Conestee school next Monday night at 8 o'clock with J. A. Glazener as speaker.

Reports at the regular weekly meeting of the war finance committee Tuesday night indicate that zone and block leaders here have sold over \$10,000 worth of bonds. Mrs. George Massey's zone is leading the other five zones.

#### Seize Large Still In Upper End County

A 90-gallon still was captured in the Frozen Creek section of Transylvania county on Tuesday, it was reported yesterday by Deputy W. T. Brown. There were no arrests made and the still was not in operation at the time of seizure.

Other local officers accompanying Deputy Brown on the raid were Roy Reece, Gill Thomas and Arch Rogers.

#### Hospital Unit To Meet Tomorrow

The executive committee of the Hospital Auxiliary has decided to hold the meeting at the Red Cross work room at 2:30 this Friday afternoon. After the business meeting, it is hoped that all members will start to make surgical dressings.

It is pointed out that membership fee for one year is one dollar for active membership and five dollars for associate membership. Any new members or old members who wish to renew their membership and have not been called upon by the membership committee, should get in touch with Mrs. H. P. Vannah, it is announced.

Judge Will Pless To Speak At Rally. To Honor War Parents

A record crowd of Transylvanians from every section of the county are expected to see the caravan of German captured equipment here tonight and to attend the big war bond rally that will be held in the Brevard high school auditorium.

The caravan will arrive here at 7 o'clock and will be featured in a parade through the business district and to the high school where the German equipment can be inspected by the public from 7:30 until 8 o'clock tonight.

The rally, featuring music by the Ecusta band and a patriotic address by Judge J. Will Pless, will commence at 8 o'clock, and every one is invited to attend. All parents who have four or more sons and daughters serving in the armed forces and all parents whose sons have died in the present conflict will be honor guests. They are asked to sit on the stage and will be recognized by Ralph R. Fisher, district commander of the American Legion.

The parade will be formed in front of the courthouse on East Main street. Those who will take part in it include the Boy and Girl Scouts, Cubs and Brownies, members of the American Legion, members of the physical fitness classes at Brevard high school and all others who will join the parade in cars or who will walk. Those in cars are requested to display flags. C. M. Douglas has charge of parade arrangements.

Following the program at the high school, war bonds will be sold at auction and sales are expected

#### ARMY BAND WILL GIVE A CONCERT

Public Invited To Hear Program Here This Saturday Afternoon

A band concert will be given here on the courthouse lawn Saturday afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock by the Moore General hospital band under the sponsorship of the Brevard junior chamber of commerce.

Between numbers short talks will be made and a public auction sale of war bonds will be conducted.

The Jaycees also announced that two Jeeps will be here all day on Saturday and will take bond and stamp purchasers for a free ride.

Last Saturday the Jaycees sold around \$2,500 worth of bonds and stamps. All bond purchasers are entitled to free rides and all children who buy \$5.00 worth of stamps from the Jaycees can ride in one of the Jeeps.

"The public is cordially invited to hear the concert by this outstanding army band," Howard Schmidt, president of the Jaycees, stated.

#### Mrs. Eddie Varner Is Now Manager Of Varner Drug Store

Mrs. Eddie Varner is now manager of Varner's Drug store here, succeeding Tom Varner who resigned to accept a traveling position with the Walgreen agency. He will cover parts of North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, with headquarters in Atlanta.

Ed Welfare, who recently joined the staff of this popular local drug store, is assistant manager. He came here from Winston-Salem where he served as head of a large Walgreen soda fountain.

Mrs. Varner, who was before her marriage Miss Nell Duckworth, is a graduate of Brevard high and Brevard college commercial department. She has been working in the store since it was established a little over three years ago by her husband who is now an Ensign in the Navy, stationed at Solomons Island, Md.

—Turn To Page Eight