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RE-ASSESSMENT BOARD IS NAMED

German Drive Checked, Allies Attempt A Cut-Off

ARMIES SMASHING INTO NAZIS FROM NORTH AND SOUTH

Enemy Salient Narrowed To Less Than 20 Miles. Bastogne Freed.

LOSSES VERY HEAVY

At last the German advance in Belgium has been checked to nearly a standstill and powerful allied counter attacks from the south and north have cut through several miles of the Nazi offensive lines and reduced the enemy salient to less than 20 miles, late reports Thursday indicated.

The third army is reported to be driving hard into the German lines from the south and Field Marshal Montgomery's forces and the seventh army are said to be counterattacking fiercely from the north.

If these two powerful forces can cut through and isolate the large number of German divisions already in Belgium, a great victory will have been won.

Thursday it was reported that relief troops had reached and come to the rescue of the encircled Bastogne garrison that held out gallantly since Dec. 20.

The Germans tried to get the garrison to surrender on Christmas eve and again on Christmas day showered it with Christmas cards, calling for surrender, but they refused to do it and thus tied up several German divisions for days and prevented them from capturing this key point that is served by seven highways.

It is stated that Rundstedt has lost the initiative in his great all out gamble to smash through the —Turn To Page Four

Women At Work In Transylvania



MRS. DOROTHY MITCHELL, shown above, is county accountant and tax supervisor of Transylvania county. She was appointed to these offices in September, 1942, following the resignation of Ralph Lyday. She has served efficiently and effectively, and was reappointed recently for another year. Mrs. Mitchell is the daughter of Mrs. Grace H. Smith, of Atlanta, Ga., and formerly of Brevard. Her father, the late W. L. Smith, died some time ago. She was born in South Carolina where she took high school training. Later she graduated from Draughan's School of Commerce in Atlanta. For several years she worked in the F. E. R. A. office here and was county supervisor of the WPA lunchrooms. Later she worked in the draft board office. She married Tom Mitchell, one of the managers of the Brevard Lumber company, in 1934 and they have two children, Lee, 8 years old and Ruth 5.

YULE BUSINESS HERE SURPASSES FORMER RECORDS

Increased Sales Over Last Year Ranges From 10 To 30 Per Cent

Christmas business in Brevard surpassed all former records by increases ranging from 10 to 30 per cent over the previous record year of 1943 and the Brevard post-office had an increase of approximately 20 per cent on Christmas cards and packages, a check up by a Times reporter reveals.

Merchants in all lines of business reported gains, with the department stores showing perhaps the largest increase.

"We've never seen anything like it," one of the leading local merchants declared. "Every day last week was exceptional and Saturday beat anything we've ever experienced."

Grocery stores here also did an unusual volume of business, particularly on Friday and Saturday.

A further check at the Transylvania Trust company on the volume of Christmas business done here verified statements made by individual merchants.

The stores were closed Monday and Tuesday, except groceries which opened Tuesday.

All stores will be open next Monday, New Year's day, but the bank, post office, town and county offices will be closed.

One of the major reasons assigned for the increased business was the fact that individual incomes now are at a peak.

The Christmas season was quietly observed here. The police department reported that 13 persons were arrested, mostly on charges of public drunkenness. They were tried Tuesday night in the mayor's court.

The weather during the holidays was unusually pretty and mild.

May 1945 Bring Victory To a Weary World



TO RE-VALUE ALL PROPERTY DURING NEXT 2 MONTHS

Harry Patton Is Chairman And R. P. Kilpatrick And Ed Loftis Are Members

COMMISSIONERS MEET

At a call meeting of the Transylvania county board of commissioners, held in the courthouse here Wednesday afternoon, plans were made for re-valuation of property in this county for taxation purposes during the months of January and February.

This action was in conformity with the requirements of the state law that provides for re-assessment or re-valuation of property every four years.

Harry Patton, of Brevard and Pisgah Forest, and a prominent business man and farmer, was appointed as chairman of the county's re-assessment board. The other two members of the board are R. P. Kilpatrick and J. Ed Loftis, of Brevard, both of whom are well known.

All three of these men, it was pointed out, have had extensive experience in real estate and general property values.

The county's present valuation is \$6,400,000. Business property, homes and personal property are supposed to be valued at around 60 per cent of the selling price and farm land is listed on the tax books at from \$4 to \$65 per acre.

Within the next few days a joint meeting of the commissioners and members of the re-assessment board will be held and definite —Turn To Page Five

Mrs. Fred Holt And Mrs. Hollis Fort Appointed Co-Chairmen Of County Infantile Paralysis Drive

MRS. ROTHBAUER DIED IN DURHAM

Popular Brevard First Grade Teacher Passed Away This Morning

Mrs. Edwin Rothbauer, popular first grade teacher at Brevard elementary school, died early Thursday morning at the Duke hospital in Durham following an illness of several weeks, it was learned here.

The body is expected to be brought here some time tonight, but funeral arrangements are still incomplete.

Mrs. Rothbauer resumed teaching last fall, but had to give it up about two months ago on account of the condition of her health. She had been in Duke hospital for 10 days.

She is survived by her husband, Sgt. Edwin Rothbauer; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynch Moore, of Brevard; one sister, Miss Beatrice Moore, teach at Shallotte, N. C.; two brothers, Sgt. Clifton Moore, of the army air corps and Allison Moore, of the U. S. marines.

Brevard College Advisory Committee Named By Trustees

The board of trustees of Brevard college has appointed a local advisory committee composed of Harry H. Straus, Mrs. J. H. Picklesimer, S. E. Varner, George Wheeler and Ed M. Anderson, Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., chairman, has announced.

"We think it will be helpful and to the best interest of the college to have in Brevard a local advisory committee that will make suggestions from time to time relative to policy, finances, program or anything else for the general good of the college," Mr. Hardin stated.

A meeting of the local committee will be held in the near future.

County's Quota Is Set At \$1,184.00. More Than Double Last Year's.

Mrs. Fred Holt, of Brevard and Mrs. Hollis Fort, of Pisgah Forest, have been appointed co-chairmen of the Transylvania County Infantile Paralysis drive for 1945. Dr. Ralph McDonald, state chairman, has announced.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. McDonald also announced that this county's quota is \$1,184.00, which is more than double the 1944 quota.

The reason for this high quota is because of the serious epidemic of infantile paralysis in the state last summer, he stated.

"The serious epidemic with over 850 cases reported so far and with the expenditure of over a half million dollars for medical and hospital care, make it absolutely necessary that we raise all of the funds we can this year," he said.

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Citizens' Committee Is Appointed. To Meet Next Tuesday Night Here.

The appointment of a citizen's committee of the Transylvania County Infantile Paralysis campaign for 1945 was announced today by Mrs. Fred Holt and Mrs. Hollis Fort, co-chairmen.

The purpose of this committee is to assist in working out plans for the drive that will start Jan. 14 and end Jan. 31, they explained.

A meeting of this committee will be held next Tuesday night, Jan. 2, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Holt here at 554 Country Club road.

Appointed on the citizens' committee are:

George Wheeler, president of the Brevard chamber of commerce; William Bangs, president of the Jaycees; F. S. Best, president of Kiwanis club; John Ford, president of Lions club; Supt. J. B. Jones; R. T. Kimzey, principal —Turn To Page Five

PRIZES OFFERED IN BABY CONTEST

First Arrival In County To Receive Awards In Times' Baby Derby

Always eager to give a glad welcome to newcomers, whatever the age or circumstances, Brevard merchants are offering to the first white infant born in Transylvania county in 1945 (or its parents) a number of useful gifts.

The following prizes are being offered: a dozen cans of Stokely's baby food by Cash and Carry store; two suits or dresses dry cleaned and pressed by Whiteway dry cleaners; 25-lb. bag of Ful-O-Pep chick feed by Farmers Federation; a portrait of the baby when he or she is six months old by Austin's studio; two tickets to the Co-Ed and Clemson theatres; a wool baby shawl by the Union;

article to cost not over \$2.50 by —Turn To Page Five

Tax Listing To Be Started In Transylvania Next Monday, All Listers Met Here Wednesday

FELLOWSHIP AND VICTORY SERVICE TO BE HELD SUN.

Parents Of All Service Men And Women Are Invited To Attend

A Christian fellowship meeting and Victory prayer service of all denominations will be held at the First Baptist church here on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 31, beginning at 2 o'clock, sponsored by the executive committee of the Transylvania Baptist association.

The meeting will be mainly in recognition of community servicemen and families of servicemen who have made the supreme sacrifice. Church leaders and officers and parents and families representing the men in service are particularly invited to attend.

The program will include a song service, prayers by leaders of the various communities, reports of —Turn To Page Four

Schedule Of Listers Announced. Property Must Be Listed In January

Listing of property for the purpose of taxation for the year 1945 will be started in Transylvania county next Monday morning, Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, county tax supervisor, has announced.

Township tax listers met in the courthouse here Wednesday and received instructions and supplies.

The listers are Mrs. Edwin Morgan, Brevard, outside of the town; L. F. Lyday, Boyd township; E. Carl Allison, Cathey's Creek; George W. Maxwell, Dunn's Rock; Clyde Hubbard, Eastatoe; A. C. Price, Gloucester; L. E. Cash, Hogback; Mrs. Celia Shuford Boyd, Little River. Those living inside of the city limit of Brevard will list in the tax supervisor's office here.

A schedule of the township listers was announced and the books will be in the townships until Jan. 12th, after which time they will be returned to the supervisor's office here in the courthouse.

Mrs. Mitchell asked that all —Turn To Page Four

APPEAL IS ISSUED TO BUY E BONDS

County Needs Around \$10,000 By Saturday To Go Over Top Of Quota

In response to a telegram received Wednesday from state headquarters, Chairman Ed H. McMahan issued an urgent appeal to every man, woman and child in Transylvania county to buy another E bond before Saturday afternoon in order to put the county over the top before the Sixth War Loan drive ends.

The county still needs from \$6,000 to \$10,000 more E bond sales to reach its \$150,000 quota, he declared.

"We urgently appeal to you to put forth vigorous action with all committees functioning for remaining few days of Sixth War Loan drive to see that North Carolina again makes her E bond quota," Allison James, executive manager of the state finance committee, wired Chairman McMahan.

"E bond sales through Dec. 26th show \$2,400,000 yet to go for \$34,000,000 quota. If your county —Turn To Page Four

Women Sell \$26,850 In Bonds In Brevard And \$2,867 In The County

Zone chairmen and block leaders who made a complete canvass of Brevard during the sixth War Loan drive sold a total of \$26,850.00 worth of bonds, Mrs. Oliver Orr, chairman of the women's division of the Transylvania county war finance committee, announced today.

In making the announcement Mrs. Orr highly commended all of the six zone chairmen and block leaders and particularly Mrs. Julius Sader, head of all zones.

The zone report is as follows: Forest Hills—Mrs. Frank Kerber, chairman and Mrs. Frank

Scruggs, block leader, total sales \$250.00.

Southwest zone — Mrs. Poe, chairman and Mrs. Edna Morris, Mrs. Justus and Mrs. Gill Thomas, block leaders, \$5,050.00.

Northwest zone—Mrs. Paul Baker, chairman, Mrs. Ethelyn Doyle, Miss Marie Galloway, Mrs. Jesse Rockwood, Mrs. L. A. Lothery, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Crisp, block leaders, \$6,650.00.

North Brevard — Mrs. T. E. Moody, chairman, Mrs. E. W. James, block leader, \$275.00. (report incomplete.) —Turn To Page Eight

Presbyterian Church Services Announced

Rev. Ashby Johnson, pastor of the Brevard Presbyterian church who will be in Richmond, Va., for the next five weeks studying at the Union Seminary, today announced a schedule of services for the Sundays that he will be away.

Rev. Charles B. Ratchford, of Hendersonville, will preach Sunday morning, December 31; Dr. E. J. Coltrane, president of Brevard college, Sunday, January 7; Dr. Gilbert Lycan, Queens college, Charlotte, January 14; Dr. R. T. L. Liston, president of King college, Bristol, Tenn., January 21 and Dr. D. R. Freeman, superintendent of the Orphanage at Black Mountain, January 28.

Public Invited To Attend Installation Of Dunn's Rock Officers Friday Night

The newly elected officers of Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge here will be installed at a public installation service to be held in the hall Friday night at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday. The public is cordially invited to attend.

J. E. Shipman, of Hendersonville, past grand master, will have charge of the installation ceremony and will install the following elected and appointed officers: D. R. Boyd, worshipful master; T. E. Reid, senior warden; D. F. Barnett, junior warden; A. N. Jenkins, treasurer; Henry Hender-

son, secretary; E. L. Happ, senior deacon; Gill Thomas, junior deacon; K. L. Barkley, senior steward; John F. DeBord, junior steward and Ralph Parrish, Tyler. A. J. Creasman, of Asheville, district deputy grand master, will act as marshal.

S. N. Foster, of Toppenish, Wash., who has been a continuous member of the lodge for over 50 years, will receive the 50-year gold button. Since he will be unable to attend, A. H. Harris will receive the button for him.

Rev. W. A. Jenkins and H. B. —Turn To Page Eight

License Tag Sale Less Than Half Of 1943 At Same Date

License tag sales as of Thursday morning are less than half for the same date in 1943, according to C. M. Douglas, manager of the Carolina Motor club branch here.

Car plates are going extremely slow, the manager said, with total sales Thursday morning being only 400 as against 800 for the same date in 1943.

Truck license sales were 100 Thursday morning against 175 for the same period in 1943. The license office will be open Saturday until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the manager stated, and will be made until Monday, Dec. 29.