

**Gneiss**

**By MRS. F. E. MASHBURN**  
Mrs. Myrtle F. Keener, the primary teacher of the Pine Grove school, was a welcome visitor at Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keener's home this week-end.

Sam Bryson, teacher of the Walnut Creek school, spent the week-end with his family at Cullasaja.

Friday, March 21, Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill conducted a very interesting meeting in the home of Mrs. F. E. Mashburn. The next meeting is to be held April 1 at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Straine.

W. A. and W. J. Berry, and also C. J. Crisp of Walnut Creek, were visiting on Ellijay Sunday.

Howard Keener, an employee of the Nantahala dam, spent the week-end with his family.

Mrs. Josephine Leopard is visiting her son, Benny and wife, at Yellow Mountain, Jackson county. Bert Tilson is critically ill.

Gum Hills has been in very poor health for months.

"Uncle" Tommie Hills is back in his little home, getting his garden ready for planting.

"Uncle" Jim Houston is at the home of Mac McCall at present. He has been bed fast for several years.

G. D. Hedden got his left leg hurt recently, while at work on the Nantahala dam. He expects to return to his work Tuesday.

Ernest Hedden, who got his leg broken in February is now home from Angel hospital.

Tillery Henderson is still going on crutches. He got his left ankle injured while logging a few weeks ago.

Ed Crisp is suffering from injuries caused by a log rolling on him and also a peevie handle struck his head.

The monthly singing convention, held at Pine Grove last Sunday afternoon was splendid.

Miss Gertrude Holland was called home recently from Gastonia because of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Hettie Holland.

On April 13 at 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. L. Stokes II, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, is to hold an Easter service in the Walnut Creek school house. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. John Holland is on the sick list.

Miss Eula Mashburn is home from Franklin where she has been staying.

Mrs. George Keener is very busy these days caring for 200 Plymouth Rock baby chicks in their nice new brooder house Mr. Keener made for them.

**Lions**

**Hear Averell Tell Of Trip Through West**

The Lions Club held its regular bi-weekly meeting at Cagle's cafe, last Monday night, when 18 members enjoyed a good ham dinner.

Lion Averell related some of the highlights of his vacation trip to the West coast during the past winter. He said that en route to Washington, D. C. he and Mrs. Averell stopped over in Lincoln to call on the Rev. Frank Bloxham, former Franklin Lions Club president, whom they found well located and with a fine church of historical significance. "In fact, the church is approaching its centennial celebration, and Mr. Bloxham is giving the celebration his usual energetic and careful planning. In Washington the 40th annual meeting of the American Society of Foresters was attended for three days in the Hotel Mayflower, where 500 foresters were present. Lions Club attendance was made at Winchester, Va., where 75 members attended, bringing Christmas toys for the underprivileged children of the town.

"A round-trip railroad journey was enjoyed to southern California and back by way of Canada, making 18 states and five provinces of Canada traversed. Lions Club attendance was made up in Riverside, Calif., where 100 Lions gathered in the Spanish room of the famous Mission Inn for a boisterous meeting.

"A Country At War"

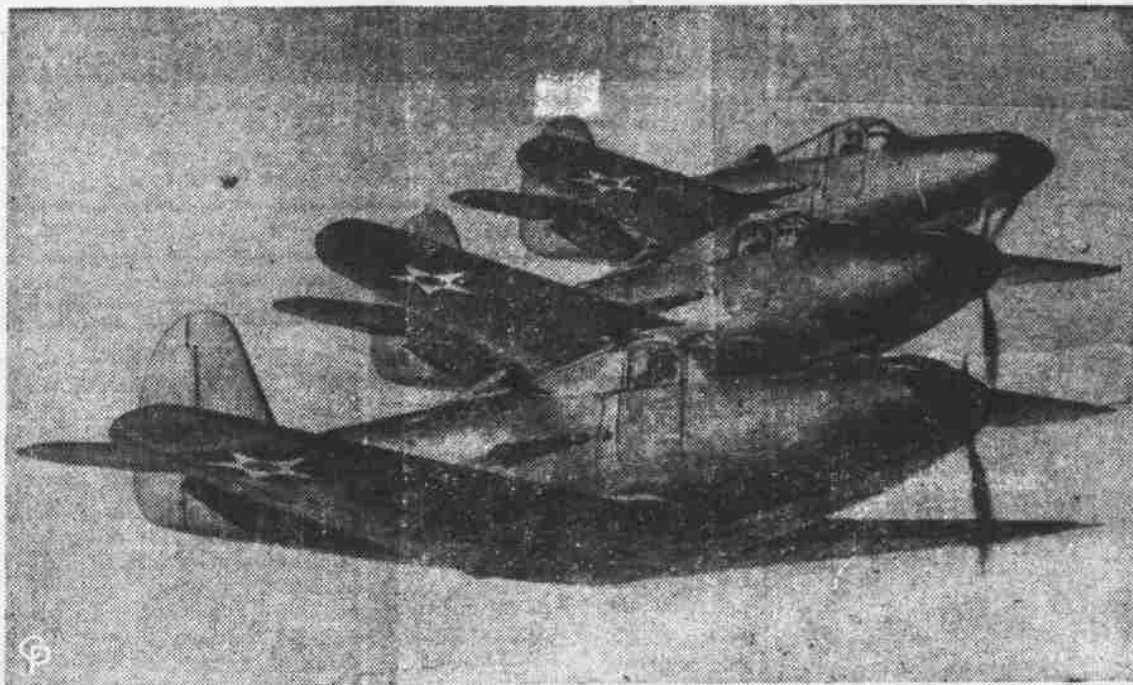
"On entering Canada, one is impressed immediately that you are in a country at war. Going from Victoria to Vancouver the boat was crowded with soldiers in their Royal Canadian Army uniforms, packs and helmets strapped on their backs, heading east. The train was crowded with army officers, and aviators in their blue gray uniforms with silver wings, also going east. The Bern machine gun factory was illuminated—bright as day—and train loads of airplanes in wooden crates were seen."

Ray English from Hendersonville, and now with the Burrell Motor company was ushered in as a new member of the Franklin club. The members made a donation of \$11.00 to the Boy Scouts.

The following letter of thanks was read by President Thad Bryson from a 7-year-old girl—the 26th child in Macon county to be helped by the club's sight conservation program:

"Dear Sirs: I am writing this letter thanking you all for the

**The Airacobras Begin to Fill the Air**



For the first time, the new Airacobras of the army air corps go through a formation flight at Buffalo, N. Y. These are being flown by pilots from Selfridge Field, Mt. Clemens, Mich., who took delivery of the planes at the Bell Aircraft Corp. plant. The Airacobra is a cannon-armed single-engine fighter with engine located behind the pilot's compartment. Britain wants them badly.

**This Week In Defense**

**We've Got What It Takes**

**By HARRIET ELLIOTT, Consumer Commissioner, National Defense Advisory Commission**

(Miss Elliott is dean of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. We are printing the following article, somewhat abridged, instead of the weekly bulletin, on defense.)

A few days ago I was en route by train to a speaking engagement and found a traveling companion who turned out to be one of my former students. In the course of conversation this young woman said in substance, "Miss Elliott, my mother tells me that during the first World War she had to pay phenomenally high prices for everything, even for commodities which were abundant. Today our industrial resources are being directed to military production almost as fully as then and yet we have plenty. We are in an emergency, but we've got what it takes! We can produce all we need, if all of us work at it. After nine months of defense efforts, the cost of living does not seem any higher today than it did a year ago." Then she added, "I guess we have to thank our Consumer Division for that."

I informed her quickly that in my opinion no single agency could take sole credit for this accomplishment, just as no single group could be given sole credit for the strides we are making in our defense preparations. The stability in the cost of living and in our general national economy has been maintained because of the united effort of government, industry and the civilian population. It was interesting to note, however, that this young woman was not thinking in terms of "business as usual." I was impressed by the fact that she was thinking of new jobs, increased production and a great national effort to meet an emergency. I find that there are too many persons thinking in terms of 1916 instead of 1941.

It is imperative that each one of us realize that our way of life is at stake; that we must provide ourselves with total defense now; and not wait until those who threaten democracy are on our very doorstep. That is the lesson learned by those nations of Europe which did too little too late. Let us profit by their unfortunate fate.

Knowledge of, and belief in what we are defending is the strength of our entire defense program. Let us, then, take stock of our heritage and those principles which we are preparing to defend. The American concept of democratic living is founded on individual equality, opportunity, security and freedom. It includes those essential freedoms of speech, expression, religion and thought, freedom from poverty and misery, freedom from personal persecution and tyranny. We have seen these freedoms die in the countries overrun by dictators.

We must, therefore, make intensive efforts not merely to produce planes, and ships and tanks and guns. We must strengthen our homes through health and fitness and democratic living. We must build community bulwarks of defense through educational and recreational facilities and other public services. We must insure democracy in our economic life by preventing anti-social, unwarranted private gain from the defense pro-

gram; protect our standard of living by gearing industrial production to meet military and civilian needs; preserve our civil liberties; and make democracy a living, beneficent force in the daily life of all who dwell within our land. While striving towards these goals, we must be prepared to make those sacrifices which are necessary, and in the interest of the national welfare. If it should be necessary for us to give up, temporarily, certain luxuries or to direct our buying in such a way as to conserve materials essential for military purposes, we must be prepared to do so. But we must have the knowledge and planning to meet such sacrifices with the least dislocation of our everyday living.

**LOANS**

A total of more than \$6,870,000.000 has been loaned by credit institutions operating under the supervision of the Farm Credit Administration since the FCA was organized in May, 1933.

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Let me describe briefly what is being done to protect democratic living in the course of the defense program. At a time when billions of dollars are being invested in defense preparations, steps are being taken to promote stability of our economy and to balance military and civilian needs.

The Division of Purchases of the Office of Production Management advises on all government purchases of defense materials and supplies, giving consideration to production capacity, prices, quality and delivery requirements. Proposed orders which may affect the price and supply of goods available for civilians are reviewed by the Consumer Division of the Defense Commission. Where necessary to protect consumer needs, we recommend such modifications as will accomplish that end without interfering with military requirements.

This type of action is but a part of the effort to protect living standards while facilitating the defense program. The Price Stabilization Division of the National Defense Advisory Commission is working to keep prices stable in essential defense materials such as lumber and metals. Already this division has succeeded in effecting a reduction in the price of a number of vital materials.

Better Business Bureaus have been active in examining advertising and discouraging the "Buy Now" type, which causes unjustified consumer fears and buying panics. A number of manufacturers have announced that they will not seek profit through higher prices but through increased sales volume at low prices. The National Association of Real Estate Boards has urged all realtors and property owners to keep rentals fair and to avoid critical conditions and profiteering.

Civic organizations are keeping their members informed of these developments. They are reinforcing their educational programs to enable consumers to serve themselves and contribute to the defense program by wiser buying practices.

This much is being done. But we must do more. We must intensify all these activities on the standard of living front, and extend our efforts on the social welfare. In this day of ruthless aggression and overweening national ambition, there is ample proof that vigilance is the price of liberty. The most potent defense in a democracy is a well-informed public. We are preparing to become the arsenal of Democracy. I believe we face this task with the material goods we need, with the knowledge necessary to use these goods for the benefit of all our people. I think we've got what it takes to secure total defense for America.

"When you encounter stumbling stones along the way, step on them and go ahead."

**Midway News**

We are glad to report the sick folks of Midway improving.

Charlie Ledford, who is employed at Fort Bragg, spent the week-end with home folks.

The folks here have been quite busy planting their gardens and potato patches for the last few days.

Mrs. John Shope left today for Fayetteville where her husband is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shope were called home from Fort Bragg Wednesday on account of the death of Mrs. Shope's father, Mr. Bud Ledford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arrent, Will Cheek, Enda Cheek and George Sprinkle spent the week-end in Hayesville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Henson of Otto were the guests of Mrs. Marion Saunders one day the past week.

**AAA Participation Was 88 Per Cent Last Year**

North Carolina had a larger participation in the Agricultural Conservation Program in 1940 than in any previous year, according to an announcement from State college.

About 7,039,000 acres—or 88 per cent of North Carolina's 7,990,000 acres of cropland, was covered by farms in the 1940 program, as compared with 63 per cent in 1939. The previous high mark was 83 per cent in 1938.

**FEATS OF POWER**  
THE GREAT PYRAMID OF EGYPT  
TOOK 100,000 MEN 30 YEARS TO BUILD!  
FOR STEADY PULLING POWER. TRY  
**ESSO EXTRA** PUTS MUSCLE IN YOUR MOTOR

**Riverside**

Miss Ella Moore visited friends in Asheville last week-end.

Miss Edna Ramey, who is attending school at the Asheville Beauty Academy, visited Misses Maggie and Blanche Ledbetter Sunday.

Kenneth Cook, who has been enrolled in the CCC camp at Columbia, S. C., returned to his home last week.

R. B. Curtis, of Demorest, Ga., visited friends in this section last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Conley and son, and Mrs. Maude Justice and son, of Tesenta, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ingram Conley and family Sunday.

Miss Wilda Mae Saunders visited relatives at Hazelwood during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thurmond and children, of Rabun Gap, Ga., spent the week-end with Mrs. Thurmond's mother, Mrs. G. C. Dowdle.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurshel Rhodes, of Candler, visited Mr. Rhodes' father, Mr. Jim Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Stiles last week-end.

Kenneth Young of the Otto CCC camp, is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Young.

**A Public Trust**

This Committee is voluntarily cooperating with law enforcement officials to protect the public and North Carolina's legalized beer industry from law-violating retailers.

We look upon that responsibility as a public trust. Beer retailers who violate North Carolina law must be eliminated.

We will continue to be keenly aware of the privilege of protecting this economically and socially important industry for the benefit of all North Carolinians.

You can help us attain this worthwhile objective by withholding your patronage from those few outlets which tolerate unwholesome conditions.

**BREWERS AND NORTH CAROLINA BEER DISTRIBUTORS COMMITTEE**

EDGAR H. BAIN, State Director  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**A REPORT to America**

The Ford Motor Company's business has always been to serve the needs of the American people. In providing them with low-cost transportation for the past 38 years, we have developed one of the country's largest and most useful industrial units. During a national emergency, we feel that these facilities should be devoted without reserve to our country's needs. Toward that end we started rolling months ago, with these results:

5 Several months ago work was started, on our own initiative, on an entirely new 1500 horsepower airplane engine especially designed for mass production. This engine is now in the test stage and plans are being developed for producing it in large quantities when and if needed.

6 A Ford aircraft apprentice school has been established, to train 2000 students at a time.

That is a report of progress to date.

The experience and facilities of this company can be used to do much of the job which America now needs to get done in a hurry.

Our way of working, which avoids all possible red tape, enables us to get results and get them fast. This benefits users of our products and workers who produce them.

We are ready to make anything we know how to make, to make it to the limit of our capacity if need be, to make it as fast as we can go, and to start the next job whenever our country asks us to. And to this end, we know we have the full confidence and loyal support of the workmen throughout our plants.

- 1 A \$21,000,000 Ford airplane engine factory, started only 6 months ago, is nearly completed. Production will start with an initial order for 4,236 eighteen cylinder, air-cooled, double-row, radial engines.
- 2 We are building a new \$800,000 Ford magnesium alloy foundry, one of the few in the country. It is already producing lightweight airplane engine castings.
- 3 Army reconnaissance cars—military vehicles of an entirely new type—are rolling off special Ford assembly lines at the rate of more than 600 a month. We have produced Army staff cars and bomber service trucks.
- 4 The government has given the "go-ahead" and work is now under way for the fast construction of an \$11,000,000 Ford plant to produce bomber airframe assemblies by mass production methods.



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