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WAR PICTURE ON ALL FRONTS

President Submits Record Budget; British, U. S. Forces Holding

The big news of the week has been the Washington pact pledging 26 nations to pool all their resources in war against the Axis and unification of the Allied command in the Pacific, with General Sir Archibald Wavell, British hero of the first Libyan campaign as supreme commander of all Allied land, air and sea forces in the Southwest Pacific.

New forces under Gen. Wavell are being concentrated upon the defense of Singapore and the Dutch Indies, composed of ABCD (American, British, Chinese and Dutch) units, American planes are making their presence felt.

THE UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations pledged to joint action following the Roosevelt-Churchill conferences, are planning a grand strategy to speed unity on all fronts. Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the U. S. Asiatic fleet, will head all naval forces under Gen. Wavell; Major General George H. Brett of U. S. Air Forces will serve as deputy Supreme Commander. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is in supreme command of the Chinese theatre of war, including Thailand and Indo-China.

WASHINGTON

On Tuesday President Roosevelt addressed the Congress on the state of the nation in a speech that told the entire world of the part the U. S. planned to play in cooperation with the united nations to defeat the axis. On Wednesday the President submitted a budget for \$77,000,000,000 to be spent in the next 18 months to defeat the axis. The president calls for \$9,000,000,000 in new taxes.

THE PHILIPPINES

The Japs have unleashed fierce aerial drives on Luzon, destroying four towns and killing many civilians. Gen. McArthur has reported American forces are holding against renewed attack.

SINGAPORE

British still holding out under renewed Jap onslaught by air, land and sea along the western Malayan front. Long range Jap flying boats have struck at the Canberra, Australia, air force field. A CBS broadcast last night reported a Tokyo radio as saying "The Japanese fleet is fighting the U. S. fleet in the Pacific."

LONDON

London reports that the Russians are threatening the entire surviving German army of the Crimea, and smashing forward on the entire battle line to Finland. A team of British ships and planes raided the German held Norwegian coast, and RAF pounded targets in Germany, France and the Netherlands.

CAIRO

RAF destroyed 44 planes on the axis airdrome in Sicily, frustrating a supposed move to land troops on the British fortified island of Malta. One British plane was lost.

William Ransom Ledford, Sr., Passes January 2

William Ransom Ledford, Sr., 78, died from a heart attack at the home of his son, Howard, on January 2, 1942. He was born in Hiawassee, Ga., April 4, 1863, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George R. Ledford. Mr. Ledford was married to Miss Hattie Conley, October 28, 1900, and was a citizen of Macon county for 40 years. The funeral services were conducted at the Union Methodist church at 2:30 p. m., Saturday, January 3, with the Rev. J. C. Swain officiating. The pallbearers were: Lorenz Williamson, Jester Henson, Ralph Waldrop, George Henson, Raymond Penland, John McPherson.

He is survived by five sons, Clifton, Dee, Richard, Schuyler, and Howard and a number of grandchildren. His wife died several years ago and two sons, William and Don are also deceased.

Barney Berry of Fairbanks, Alaska, who spent several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Berry, before Christmas, has returned to his home. Mr. Berry has lived in Alaska for six years. While here, he and his parents and sister Ethel made an extended motor trip to Raleigh, Washington, Norfolk and Newport News.

Some Highlights In President's Speech To Congress Tuesday

The militarists in Berlin and Tokyo started this war. But the massed, angered forces of common humanity will finish it.

They know that victory for us means victory for the institution of democracy—the ideal of the family, the simple principles of common decency and humanity.

They know that victory for us means victory for religion. And they could not tolerate that. The world is too small to provide adequate "living room" for both Hitler and God.

Our own objectives are clear; the objective of smashing the militarism imposed by war lords upon their enslaved peoples—the objective of liberating the subjugated nations—the objective of establishing and securing freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want and freedom from fear everywhere in the world.

We must raise our sights all along the production line. Let no man say it cannot be done. It must be done—and we have undertaken to do it.

These figures (calling for 60,000 planes in 1942 and 125,000 in 1943; 45,000 tanks in 1942 and 75,000 in 1943; 20,000 anti-aircraft guns in 1942 and 35,000 in 1943; 8,000,000 tons of shipping in 1942 and 10,000,000 in 1943) and similar figures for a multitude of other implements of war will give the Japanese and Nazis a little idea of just what they accomplished in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Our task is hard—our task is unprecedented—and the time is short. We must strain every existing armament-producing facility to the utmost. We must convert every available plant and tool to war production. That goes all the way from the greatest plants to the smallest—from the huge automobile industry to the village machine shop.

We have already tasted defeat. We may suffer further setbacks. We must face the fact of a hard war, a long war, a bloody war, a costly war.

BEN WOODRUFF TRANSFERRED

Telephone Head Will Go To Charlotte With Southern Bell

Ben Woodruff, for the past four years manager of the Western Carolina Telephone company of offices in Franklin, Highlands, Sylva, Cullowhee, Bryson City and Clayton, Ga., has accepted a position with the Southern Bell Telephone company in Charlotte. He and Mrs. Woodruff and son will leave Franklin for their new home at the end of the month.

Mr. Woodruff's new position is a deserved promotion, which will place him in Southern Bell's division plant department.

J. R. Hughey, of Asheville, who has been working with the Southern Bell Telephone company in Asheville and Charlotte, will succeed Mr. Woodruff as manager of the Western Carolina company. He is already on the ground, acquainting himself with the work, and will be ready to take over when Mr. Woodruff leaves.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughey will move to Franklin about the first of February. They have one child.

A. G. Cagle Appointed Chairman Of Infantile Paralysis Campaign

A. G. Cagle has been appointed Franklin chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Campaign which is held annually at this time each year. The Foundation that was established by President Roosevelt for the prevention and treatment of poliomyelitis promotes this national drive for funds at the time of the President's birthday.

Plans will be announced next week.

Expert Shooting Wins McDowell Medal

Joseph D. McDowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. McDowell of Cullasaja, who left Franklin on July 22 with 16 other selectees, and who later enlisted for three years in the Coast Artillery, is at home on a 10-day furlough. He has received a medal with two bars for expert automatic rifle and pistol shooting.

Stationed at Fort Totten, Long Island, his Battalion is stationed in Central Park, New York City, where he mans an anti-aircraft gun. He is a member of the 3rd Battalion in charge of guns and ammunition and also searchlights for the defense of the city against air raids.

Lester Arnold Enlists In Navy

Lester L. Arnold, Macon county's efficient Registrar of Deeds, was accepted as a volunteer in the Navy on January 3 at the Raleigh office. He had already passed his examination in Asheville, on December 14. He is at home on furlough until Saturday, January 10, when he will report back to Raleigh and Norfolk.

C. Tom Bryson will serve as deputy registrar.

WAR RELIEF FUNDS GROW

Committee For Red Cross Campaign Working For Quota

All reports on the Red Cross War Relief campaign have not yet been turned in to Harley Cabe, county chairman, so that the full amount raised to date in Franklin and rural sections cannot be announced this week. A considerable amount was raised last Saturday by the women's committee, with representatives in the post-office at the dime board and in the Bank building. Many firms have already contributed 100 per cent, and others are expected to do so.

The committee hopes to raise the entire quota of \$1,500 by next Saturday, January 10, when collections will again be made at the Bank and postoffice.

Navy Calls

For Enlistment For Duty In Construction

Special notice has been given that Lieutenant Commander E. J. Spaulding, CES-V(S), U.S.N.R., will visit the Navy Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, Raleigh, on January 9, 1942, for the purpose of interviewing candidates for headquarter construction companies.

These men must be able to pass the usual physical qualifications for Class V-6, Naval Reserve, and will be enlisted with ratings according to qualifications.

Men interested should present themselves at the above address (at their own expense) at 8 a. m., on the morning of January 9.

Those accepted by Lieutenant Commander Spaulding, will be enlisted and placed on active duty with pay, forwarded to the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., for a three-week period of indoctrination.

Age limits for this Class are from 17 to 49 inclusive.

Rates of pay to commence (without previous Naval Service): Chief petty officers, \$99 a month. First class petty officers \$84 per month. Second class petty officers \$72 a month. Third class petty officers \$60 a month. Seamen first class and fireman second class \$54 a month.

Married petty officers, second class and above, receive an additional allowance of \$1.15 a day for dependents.

Uniforms, subsistence and lodging, medical and dental care, are free.

(Signed) McF. W. WOOD, Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy, Officer-in-Charge

Franklin Man Injured In Bus Wreck

Frank Cunningham of Franklin Route 3 received broken legs, face and head lacerations, Wednesday, December 31, when an Asheville-Atlanta bus left the highway two miles east of Commerce, Ga. He was taken to a Commerce hospital in a serious condition, and has

TIRE QUOTA IS ANNOUNCED

Rationing Board To Post Applications Every Tuesday

Macon county's tire quota for January has been announced by the local board as follows:

Passenger cars, motorcycles and light trucks, six tires, five tubes. Truck and bus, tires, 27; tubes, 23.

The tire rationing board composed of Dr. W. E. Furr, J. E. Perry and Roy F. Cunningham, were sworn in Saturday, January 3. These citizens serve without pay. They will meet weekly and rationing made by them will be posted on the bulletin board in the court house every Tuesday morning, showing the applications which have been approved and to whom they go for their certificates.

Inspectors Appointed

Application blanks, which have been placed in the hands of all tire dealers in Franklin, when filled out, may be handed to any member of the rationing board, according to Dr. Furr, chairman. L. B. Phillips, Lee Poindexter and L. M. Patton have been designated as authorized inspectors for the tire rationing board. This board has received its instructions and regulations from the Office of Price Administration to ration tires by certificate for cars and trucks vital to civilian needs; that is to say, essential to the war program or to the health and welfare of the nation.

Fontana

Dam Work Applications Now Being Made

The Fontana dam site on the Little Tennessee in Swain county will be open for work soon, according to information received from Gordon R. Clapp, general manager of TVA.

Applications for work on these jobs are now being received. Blanks may be had at post offices in the surrounding area, and will be received up to January 16.

T. W. Porter, postmaster, states that over 400 applications have been applied for at the local postoffice.

Farm Census

To Be Taken In January To Aid Defense

North Carolina's 1942 farm census, to be taken by the U. S. and State Departments of Agriculture during January, will be used throughout the State as an accurate compilation of agricultural information "essential in planning food for defense programs."

"Cooperation of farmers in furnishing tax lists with farm statistics and other information for the census is a patriotic duty that will yield money and satisfaction dividends," Farm Census Supervisor W. T. Garriss of the State Department of Agriculture, said today.

Information farmers will furnish the tax lists during the next forty days will include data on acreage, livestock, farm machinery, population, and poultry.

"North Carolina is the only Southern State conducting a farm census and as a result the agricultural leadership is better prepared today to cooperate in the 'food for victory' campaigns and in the defense movements," Garriss emphasized.

"Farmers will volunteer agricultural information at tax listing time and the tax lister will forward county summaries to the Department for publication and distribution to agricultural agencies and leaders, particularly those working with the 'food for defense' programs," he added.

"The names of farmers giving farm census information will be regarded as confidential."

Every county in the State will participate in the 1942 farm census which has been conducted for 25 years.

Mr. Cunningham was on his way to New Orleans, La., to spend the New Year with his son, Oran, who is aerial photographer in the United States Army Air Corps. Oran is at present visiting his father and mother. Garth Cunningham of Wilmington, another son, employed in the ship yard, is expected soon.

Ten others were injured in the wreck.

Garden, Poultry, Machinery Repair Program Presented

Chief of Police



C. D. Baird Will Attend FBI School for Officers of the Law

Town Board

Grants Leave To Baird To Attend FBI School

At the meeting of the town board on Monday night, leave was granted to Chief of Police Baird to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation school that will be conducted in Greenville, S. C., January 19 to 24. This is one of a number of schools being conducted by the Department of Justice for officers of the law throughout the country at this time.

P. L. Threlkeld, WPA engineer, reported that information had been received that the WPA grant for completing the street work in Franklin had been approved in Washington, but confirmation had not yet been received at this office.

CENSUS SHOWS MACON FIGURES

Population Classified By Sex, Age, Race And Rural-Farm

The male population of Macon county exceeds the female, according to detailed statistics of population released last week by the 1940 Census Bureau. Other details revealed show a very small percentage of others than native born residing in the county.

The population of each county in North Carolina in this release is classified by sex, race, age, and farm residence according to final data. Three major racial classifications are given, white, Negro, and "other races," the last including mainly Indians, Chinese and Japanese. All population is classified as rural that is not living in cities or towns of 2,500 or more. The rural-farm population comprises all persons living on farms, regardless of their occupation.

The figures for Macon county are as follows:

Total population, 15,880; male, 8,185, female, 7,695.

Race: white, 15,414; native, 15,398; foreign born, 16; Negro, 465, other races, 1. Rural farm population, 11,112.

Divided in age groups, the figures are as follows:

Under five years, 1,921; five to 24, 6,679; 25 to 64, 6,366; 65 and over, 924; 21 and over, 8,391 (voting population).

Other figures to be released soon will include statistics according to counties of education, school attendance, citizenship, etc.

County Commissioners Hold Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners on Monday handled routine matters, referring several applicants for relief to the county superintendent of welfare for investigation. John Dills, jailer, was granted ten cents a day additional pay for each inmate of the county jail until April 1, to cover extra expense during the winter months.

Sgt. Paul J. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bradley of Franklin Route 3, who was wounded during the recent maneuvers in the eastern part of the state, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily. The collision of a car and tank during a blackout on November 17 caused Sgt. Bradley to sustain a skull and knee fracture.

Large Meeting of Leaders Hear Plans For Increase In Production

More than 200 farmers and farm women who are leaders in Macon county's "Food For Freedom" program crowded the auditorium of the Agricultural building on Monday afternoon. How to increase garden and poultry production and repair farm machinery were discussed at this gathering, which was called by Sam W. Mendenhall, county agent, and Mrs. Florence Sherrill, home agent, to prepare to meet the war needs.

Mr. Mendenhall in his address stressed the importance of producing eggs and poultry, demonstrating a practical lamp brooder that can be made from materials available on almost every farm, and at small expense. The brooder exhibited was made by the boys in the agriculture classes at the Franklin high school, under the direction of E. J. Whitmore, teacher. The speaker advised a ration of corn, wheat, oats, lespedeza and soy beans for poultry.

Mrs. Sherrill presented figures to show the difference between the profit of having a garden sufficient for home needs and loss from not having a garden. She reported that 2083 farmers in the county had gardens as against 163 that did not, and estimated that \$190,000 was saved by the production of gardens, and a minimum of \$15,000 lost because of no gardens.

Answering the question of "What Can I do?" Mrs. Sherrill explained an exhibit of seeds for a "Victory Garden" which contained "a whole arsenal of weapons" towards winning the war. She quoted Winston Churchill in closing "May we all come through this year with safety and honor."

Lynn Presents Machinery Repair J. C. Lynn, district farm agent, who, as a reserve officer, expects to be called to military service shortly, presented the Farm Machinery Repair Program of the government. As against the need for increased machinery to produce more food with fewer men, with a 75-80 per cent shortage of metal, he laid before the meeting the details to be followed to meet this problem.

The solution included the repairing of old machinery, ordering of replacement parts and collecting all scrap iron on the farm to be used in the manufacture of steel for munitions.

It was suggested that this metal be donated for the Red Cross War Relief Fund.

Cooperation with local hardware dealers by placing written orders for repair parts needed was an important part of this program. Those present were urged to carry this information to every farmer in the county. He urged the pastors of rural churches to carry the message of the collection of scrap iron to their congregations.

Please Return Red Cross Articles

Mrs. James E. Perry, Red Cross production chairman, requests that all baby blankets be returned to the Red Cross distribution center at the Episcopal rectory at once, whether they are finished or not. The shipment will have to go forward at an early day.

"There is still plenty of wool for knitting sweaters and socks and we need more knitters," said Mrs. Perry. This appeal goes to all women in the county who can give this service to the soldiers and sailors in their spare moments at home. Mrs. W. H. Sellers, chairman of knitting, has taught a number of women how to knit. For anyone who wishes to learn Mrs. Sellers will provide a teacher.

Mrs. Bill Cope Of Nantahala Passes

Mrs. Lillie Cope, 56, of the Nantahala township, died Sunday January 4, at 10 p. m. She was born June 2, 1885, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Waters of Nantahala.

Final rites were conducted Tuesday, January 6, at the Nantahala Baptist church, with the Rev. Philip Passmore in charge of the services.

Mrs. Cope is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Ellis Buchanan of Franklin Route 3, Mrs. Willard Johnson of Andrews, and two brothers, Sam Waters of Aquone and Harrison Waters of North Belmont; two sisters, Mrs. Susie McClure of Biltmore and Mrs. Martha Hicks of Aquone, and three grandchildren.