

Cooperation Put Over Red Cross Campaign In The Willetts Section

By S. Jerome Phillips

Since having worked in several drives to raise money for the war effort, we wish to take this means, through the columns of The Herald, to thank each and every one in the Willetts community for having contributed so generously in the present campaign to raise funds for the American Red Cross. The people of the Ochre Hill section deserve special mention for having given a much appreciated sum that was raised in a general collection at their church.

Working in this drive has given many opportunities of observing the spirit in which many of the contributions were given. As one outstanding example, we shall mention that of an elderly gentleman lying upon a sick bed. This man surely felt a very keen sense of obligation to give to this worthy cause. On entering this home, it was not the purpose of soliciting funds, but to pay a visit to a neighbor who was ill. While there the lady of the house asked about the Red Cross drive. She wanted to know how it was progressing and when it would end. Being told that it was going along nicely and that we wished to reach our quota as early as possible, she took from her purse a dollar which she gladly gave as her contribution to the Red Cross. She was told that since her husband was confined to his bed, that a dollar's contribution would suffice for them both. Then it was that husband speaking with much difficulty said, "No, I wish to give something too." Calling to his wife, he told her where she would find a silver dollar that had been given to him some years ago by his little grandson as a Christmas gift. The silver dollar was found and given with this comment: "I know of no better use to put this dollar than to give it to the Red Cross, hoping that it may give comfort to some boy in the service of our country."

With children, in many instances giving their last penny, and with decrepit old people putting in their donations as a tear drops from the eye and the heart swells with gratitude at the thought of being able to do something, one is made to feel that a majority of our people are ready to back our war effort until the enemy is subdued, and our loved ones can have a chance to return home to live their lives in a free and peaceful America.

Seniors Elect Superlatives

The superlatives for the senior class of the Sylva high school are as follows:

- Most studious boy, Walter Brown Copes.
- Most studious girl, Jeanne Barrett.
- Most attractive boy, Bill Phillips.
- Most attractive girl, Jeanne Barrett.
- Most popular boy, Bill Phillips.
- Most popular girl, Doris Glenda Bryson.
- Most athletic boy, Bill Phillips.
- Most athletic girl, Doris Glenda Bryson.
- Most likely to succeed (boy), Walter Brown Copes.
- Most likely to succeed (girl), Jeanne Barrett.
- Most cooperative (boy), Terry Howell.
- Most cooperative (girl), Joy Stillwell.
- Best all around boy, Bill Cooper.
- Best all around girl, Martha Hall.
- Neatest boy, Jimmy Keener.
- Neatest girl, Mary Cecil Bryson.

William Crawford Claimed By Death

William Crawford, 83, a well known citizen of the Cullowhee community, passed away at his home Monday.

He is survived by his son, Howard Crawford, and a daughter, Mrs. Dennis Fisher, both of Sylva. Funeral arrangements were incomplete yesterday.

VISITING FROM WEST

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson and son, Joe, arrived last week from Bauxite, Ark., and are spending some time with Mr. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thompson, in Dillsboro. They spent some time last week in Black Mountain visiting Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shaler Gilley, and sister, Mrs. Fritz Smith and Mr. Smith.

Cullowhee Club Has Full Program At March Meeting

At the regular meeting of the Cullowhee Woman's Club, held on Wednesday evening in the parlors of Moore dormitory at Western Carolina Teachers college, Mrs. W. A. Ashbrook, president made the following announcements that the club would sponsor the film on the control of cancer, "Choose to Live," in the college auditorium on Thursday afternoon and that the club had raised ten thousand dollars (face value) in the fourth war bond drive.

Miss Fannie Goodman gave a report of a meeting held by a joint committee of members from three civic organizations in Cullowhee to discuss plans for juvenile welfare and organizing a recreation center.

Mrs. H. T. Hunter, chairman for Red Cross work in Cullowhee, announced that plans are under way for folding 9000 surgical dressings which are to arrive this week.

For the program Miss Leonora Smith, chairman of the Cullowhee Book Club, presented Mrs. John Worth McDevitt, who discussed recent books concerning the war, and Miss Mabel Tyree, who reviewed Sinclair Lewis' latest novel, Gideon Planish.

Miss Smith announced that the book club would exchange books on March 28 and would have its next meeting at Miss Anne Albright's apartment on the evening of April 11.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. McMurray S. Richey, Miss Claudia Baker, and Miss Rachel Rosenberger. Special guests for the meeting were Mrs. Tyson Cathey, who has recently moved to Cullowhee, and Miss Alvah Grayson, of Rutherfordton.

Legion Groups Hear Seaman Jack Allison

The American Legion met Friday at the Court House. John F. Corbin, president presided over the business meeting.

The Auxiliary of the American Legion held their meeting at the same time in another room, they had a card shower for the boys at Moore General Hospital, and over 150 general greeting cards were brought by the members, after the business meetings the Auxiliary was invited to join the Legion for their program.

Jack C. Allison, Mo. MM 1/c, gave a very interesting talk on some of his experiences, he has been on a submarine in the Pacific Area for the past two and one-half years.

Home At Gay Burns To Ground Early Tuesday

The home, and all contents of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, was destroyed by fire in the Gay section at five o'clock Tuesday morning. The family had spent the night away from home.

The origin of the devastating blaze is undetermined. The canned goods and meat storage was in an out-building and was not destroyed.

Mrs. E. M. Keyes Entertains WCTC Group

The twenty-two members of the Creative Writing Workshop at Western Carolina Teachers College, for which Dr. Grant McCollie, head of the English department, is faculty sponsor, were the guests of Mrs. E. M. Keyes in East La Porte on Tuesday evening at a buffet supper. After the supper members read original poems, short stories, and miscellaneous paragraphs, which were constructively criticized by the group. Mrs. Keyes, who is particularly interested in the writing group, is one of the club's most active sponsors.

ON FURLOUGH

S/c Albert F. Carden, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Carden, of Sylva, is spending a few days with his parents and wife, the former Miss Helen Edwards, of Bryson City. Seaman Carden has just completed a course in storekeeper school at Sampson, N. Y., and is now enroute to San Diego, Calif., for further schooling.

Killed In Action



PFC WILLIAM R. GUFFEY, who was killed in action in Burma. Pfc. Guffey was inducted at Fort Bragg on March 14, 1942. He received training at Camp Claiborne, La., and later took training as a paratrooper and received his wings at Fort Benning, Ga. Due to an injury which occurred during his last jump he was transferred to the Medical Corps at Camp Sutton, and from there he was sent overseas.

Miss Crisp Is Bride Of Sergeant Wm. O. Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Crisp, of Bryson City, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Irene Crisp, to Sgt. William O. Wilson, U. S. Army, son of Mrs. T. O. Wilson, and the late Thomas O. Wilson, of Sylva.

The ceremony was performed in the First Baptist church, Greenville, S. C., with the Rev. L. M. Latimer officiating. The double ring ceremony was used.

The bride wore a navy ensemble with red accessories. Her corsage was of red roses and gardenias.

Mrs. Claude C. Williams, sister of the bridegroom, was matron of honor and Mr. Williams served as best man.

Mrs. Crisp graduated from Bryson City high school and the Henshaw-School of Beauty Culture, North Wilkesboro.

Sgt. Wilson received his education at Sylva high school, and worked with the State Highway Commission, and was employed by the Utah Construction Company when he entered service in March, 1942. He has been stationed at Camp Wallace, Texas, Seattle, Wash., Camp Haan, Calif., and is now stationed at Camp Livingston, La.

After a short wedding trip Sgt. and Mrs. Wilson will go to Alexandria, La.

Methodist Women Hold Joint Session Here

On Wednesday evening the circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in joint session in the Allison Building of the Methodist church. Mrs. Dan Moore, president, led the devotional and had charge of the business session. Plans for the year's work was discussed and reports for the first quarter made out.

The Annie Cowan Circle was hostess and Mrs. Philip Stovall, assisted by other members, served light refreshments during the social hour.

Birthday Dinner Given For Mrs. C. W. Mills

Mrs. E. C. Cable honored her mother, Mrs. C. W. Mills, with a dinner on her birthday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mills, Mrs. Cable, mother-in-law of the hostess, and her son, Claude Cable, who was home on furlough from Camp Croft, S. C.

ON FURLOUGH

Private Henry H. Dills, son of Henry Dills, of Cullowhee, is spending a week's furlough in Cullowhee visiting his father and other members of his family. For the last four months Private Dills, who is in the field artillery, has been stationed at Fort Bragg.

Jackson Man Reported Missing

James E. Haskett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haskett, of Tuckaseegee, has been reported missing in action over Germany.

Advice Given On Fertilizing The Victory Garden

Stable or barn-lot manure is the best garden fertilizer for use on most soils, except where the land is already oversupplied with organic matter, which is rarely the case. The time for applying the manure will vary, but as a rule it should be spread just before plowing. Inasmuch as the garden is usually planted very shortly after plowing, it is desirable that the manure should be well rotted and rather fine. Coarse or strawy manure not only may interfere with the cultivation of the crops, but does not give as good results as does thoroughly rotted manure. Some farmers follow the practice of first plowing the garden, then spreading several loads of well-composted manure over the surface and working it into the soil with a disk harrow.

The addition of 50 to 80 pounds of superphosphate to each ton of manure, either in the stable or during the composting period, will aid in the decomposition of the manure and also greatly increase its value as a fertilizer.

On farms where large flocks of poultry are kept there is often a considerable accumulation of poultry manure, which may be used at a rate not exceeding 100 pounds for each 1,000 square feet. It should be borne in mind that sheep, goat and poultry manures contain a high percentage of nitrogen and therefore should be used sparingly; otherwise injury to crops may occur.

The quantity of fertilizer to use will depend upon the condition of the soil, its natural fertility, and the crops being grown. Tomatoes and beans, for example, do not normally require a great amount of fertilizer, especially nitrogen; whereas onions, celery, lettuce, and the root crops, and potatoes will respond to relatively large applications.

A good garden fertilizer contains 5% ammonia, 7% phosphoric acid and 5% potash. This is the regular 5-7-5 commercial fertilizer used quite extensively in this state for truck growing. Although, due to war conditions, we must use the special Victory Garden fertilizer, which is a 5-10-5 analysis and can be purchased at local stores.

On the average garden soil this should be applied at the rate of 2,000 pounds per acre broadcast. When used in the row and thoroughly mixed with the soil about 1000 pounds per acre is sufficient.

Commercial fertilizers as a rule should be applied either a few days before planting or at the time the crops are planted. The usual practice is to plow the land and give it its first harrowing, then spread the fertilizer from a pail or with a fertilizer distributor, harrowing the soil two or three times to get it in proper condition and at the same time mixing the fertilizer with it.

The roots of most garden crops spread to considerable distances. The application of fertilizer to the entire area, therefore, will provide a uniform source of food for the plants to feed on. Care must be taken not to place fertilizer too near seedlings or young plants, as burning of the roots is likely to occur.

Most of the vegetable crops, particularly the leafy type such as lettuce, spinach, mustard, cabbage, and the like should have a side application of nitrate of soda after they are up and growing. In some cases two applications may be necessary. You must keep close watch over the crops and apply a little nitrogen when they are not growing properly. This should be applied at the rate of 250 pounds per acre or one pound per 100 feet of row where rows are 24 inches apart.

Lime improves the texture of certain heavy soils, but its excessive use may prove injurious to most garden crops. Most of the garden vegetables do best on soil that is slightly acid, and all vegetables are injured by the application of lime in excess of their requirement. For this reason lime should be applied only where it is definitely shown by actual test to be necessary, and in no case should it be applied in large quantities. As a matter of fact most garden soils in a state of high fertility do not require the addition of lime. With good grainage, plenty of manure in the soil, the moderate use of commercial fertilizers, the growth requirements of nearly all vegetables may be fully met.

Whittier Man Saves Lives Of Americans In Bougainville Area

At Camp McCain



PFC. PAUL W. BUCHANAN, son of Mrs. Caroline Bryson, is at Camp McCain. He was inducted December 5th, 1942, at Camp Croft, S. C., and was sent to Fort Bragg, then to Camp Phillips, where he took his basic training. He was then sent to Nashville, Tenn., on maneuvers. He is now stationed at Camp McCain, Miss.

Somewhere In The South Pacific (delayed)—Seabee Chief Carpenter's Mate Joseph R. Bumgarner, 46, of Whittier, who fought in the forests of France with the Marines during World War I, has been awarded a letter of commendation for risking his life to evacuate Marine and Seabee casualties from a Jap mortar barrage during the Bougainville invasion.

Chief Bumgarner was in charge of a detail building bridges in advance of the front line, when the Japs attacked another road-cutting detail of Seabees and their Marine security guard. Seven men were killed and 20 wounded.

Chief Bumgarner went to the area and had the injured men brought to safety. The commendation from Major General Allen Turnage, commanding officer of a Marine division stated: "With complete disregard for your own safety you arranged for their evacuation. You displayed outstanding bravery and initiative, in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Naval Service."

As a Marine in World War I, Chief Bumgarner won the Victory Medal and fought in the St. Mihiel, Aisne-Marne, and Meuse-Argonne engagements. He is one of six members of a Marine company which took part in five major engagements of the last war, who are still alive.

Plans Being Made For City-Wide Easter Services

Committees from the Baptist and Methodist churches met in joint session on Sunday evening to make plans for the Sunrise Service to be held Easter Morning at the Keener Cemetery in Sylva. The full program will be announced at a later date.

Bus Operating To Rubber Plant

Ned Tucker, director of personnel of the Dayton Rubber Manufacturing Company, of Waynesville, announced yesterday that complete bus service from Dillsboro to the rubber plant was being made for all three shifts.

The local bus is being operated by L. H. Gates, well known local taxi operator.

The bus leaves Dillsboro at six, two and ten o'clock, in time to get to the plant for the shift changes. The workmen coming off the shifts are brought back on the return trip.

A number of local people are now employed at the plant which is on war work. Others are being added each week.

Mrs. Moore Gives Bridge Party

Mrs. Dan K. Moore was hostess last Saturday afternoon to her bridge club and several extra guests. Her home was beautifully decorated with arrangements of spring flowers.

Three tables were made up for play. At the conclusion of the games, Mrs. Philip Stovall held high score, Mrs. Dan M. Allison low and Mrs. E. L. McKee and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan drew the slam prizes.

Mrs. Moore served a salad and a sweet course.

Those playing were Mrs. R. L. Atrial, Mrs. W. T. Wise, Mrs. D. M. Hall, Mrs. T. N. Massie, Mrs. Leon Sutton, Mrs. Grover Wilkes, Mrs. W. K. Chapman, Mrs. Paul Ellis, Mrs. C. C. Buchanan, Mrs. E. L. McKee, Mrs. Dan Allison and Mrs. Philip Stovall.

School Library Gets 71 Books

The Library of the Sylva high school has received 71 books recently. Included in the group are books of biography, English, literature and fiction.

Mrs. E. L. McElfresh gave 61 volumes and the Beta Club presented 10 books these are: "Springboard to Berlin," "Hungry Hill," "The Robe," "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," "Young Ames," "Kate Russell, War Time Nurse," "Blue Hills," "Thunderhead," and "Ginger Lee."

These books have been filed and placed in the library, ready for the use of the students.

Woman's Club To Start Library Section Here

The Woman's Club met on Tuesday, March 21, at the home of Mrs. Philip Stovall. Mrs. Walter Jones, president, presided over the business meeting. It was decided that the club start a book shelf at the library, and the members were urged to bring books, and fill the shelf as rapidly as possible.

A card shower was given for the soldiers at Moore General Hospital and over a hundred cards were brought by the members, Easter, birthday, and general greeting cards made up the collection.

Miss Annie Louise Madison, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Grover Wilkes, who in turn presented two of her music pupils Joy Stillwell and Jean Barrett, who each played two selections: Joy Stillwell played The First Movement from Mozart's Sonata in F Major and Chopin's Waltz in A Flat Major Opus 42. Jean Barrett played Chopin's Waltz in A Major Opus 34, Number One, and Clairdelune by Debussy.

The hostesses, assisted by Miss Lucile Wilson and Mrs. Padgett, served a delicious salad course.

Concert Given At W. C. T. C.

On Saturday evening, March 25, a string ensemble from the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra presented a program in the Hoey auditorium at Western Carolina Teachers college.

Dr. Benjamin Swalin, conductor of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra conducted the program. The soloists were Miss Rachel Rosenberger and Mrs. Gregory Perky, violinists. Miss Rosenberger is a member of the faculty of Western Carolina Teachers college. She is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and is well-known throughout the state for her exceptional musical ability. She is a member of the first violin section of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

Miss Barrett Is Contest Winner

For the past two or three months the American Legion has been sponsoring an oratorical contest, it was intended that most of the schools in the county enter this contest; but Sylva high school was the only school to enter.

The entire senior class participated in this contest. Miss Jean Barrett won first place and was given a \$25 war bond by the Legion.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pfc. James O. Fisher has spent a ten-day furlough with his wife, the former Miss Ethel Hayes and his family in Whittier. Pfc. Fisher is stationed at Camp Doreen, Miss.