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Week's Review of WAR NEWS

Monday, June 10, was the darkest day of the European war for Allies, as Signor Mussolini's declaration that Italy had joined the war with Germany. Immediately after the declaration, German forces marched directly into French territory.

The next day, however, a ray of sunshine and hope sped across the ether waves, as President Roosevelt, in a world-wide broadcast, promised the Allies material from the United States. In less than 24 hours after the presidential speech from Charlottesville, word came from London that the Allies, already appreciative in volume and steadily growing in scope, is one of the reasons for the hope.

In spite of this hope from the western hemisphere, the Nazi war machine was steadily pushing toward the east, and were only 100 miles away. Hitler announced that his army was "running on wheels" and that Paris would be reached in eight days. On the same day, the massive German army was 12 1/2 miles from the French capital, which was being evacuated, as Germans closed in on three sides.

The French government moved to Paris several days ago. News of the city, huge fires marked the territory through which Hitler's destructive army had passed, had been seen.

The French fought stubbornly to hold their position in the city of Paris. The British heavily shelled Italian towns in the air, and the ports were bombed, and exports of Italian goods were halted. The Royal Air Force also hit hard Italy's gasoline resources in Sicily.

Ships in many ports throughout the world were seized, and their crews captured. One large ship was captured in Canadian waters.

In Washington, the government is working at a feverish pace, to get to motion the turning over of manufacturing equipment to private industry for "immediate production of sizeable quantities of smokeless powder, and small arms ammunition."

Mr. Ford and his engineers looked over a modern pursuit plane, with the idea of converting their large plant into a factory, which they said would produce 1,000 planes a day. At least 1,000 planes a day, in six months, without interruption to normal output of automobiles, Mr. Ford said.

Germany was on the verge of entering the war with the Allies yesterday, after having broken commercial relations with Italy, at the same time ordering its ships to take shelter in the near-by ports, and was said to have sent its battle fleet out to sea.

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Directors Are Urging Payment C. Of C. Pledges

Cooperation In Furnishing Community Center Is Being Asked

The directors of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce made out a budget for the first of the year to total \$4,065. Of this amount \$2,600 has been pledged and to date \$680 of the pledges have been paid in to the treasurer.

The group had felt that a more extensive program should be planned for 1940 than had been attempted in the previous year. As the following will show the need for the payment of pledges at this time is urgent.

Last year there was paid in for expenditures of the Chamber of Commerce \$2,538.31 with \$300 uncollected pledges. It was estimated that new sources of revenue and money from persons who should have been solicited in 1939, who were not, that would swell the total to \$1,225.69, making the prospects for 1940 \$4,065.

Budget for the division of finance and operations include: office rental, \$300; office help for summer, \$150; telephone and telegraph, \$100; postage, \$100; office supplies, \$35; water and lights, \$30; janitor and fuel, \$50; travel allowance, \$50; Rotary expense, \$25; salary of secretary, \$1,500. The latter has not been paid on this basis, since the first of the year, but on an annual \$1,200 allotment.

For the division of advertising and publicity the following was set up: mayors tour of Florida, \$100; trips to take leaflets and other items, \$350; advertising, news, magazines, signs and such features, \$300.

For the division of community interests: annual dinner, \$125; Masonic Conclave, \$100; high school band, concerts and other expenses, \$150; convention, industries, and agriculture, \$200; recreation, tennis, and community center, \$400. J. Dale Stentz, secretary, is also asking that the people co-operate in the furnishing of the community center. Card tables for the playing of various games are needed at this time.

It was pointed out that the tourists will soon be coming in larger numbers and if the community center is to serve the purpose it was intended for the visitor it must have more and better facilities for entertainment.

Desks for writing and chairs are also needed. Through the courtesy of J. E. Massie a number of chairs have been provided, but there are still not a sufficient supply for the summer season.

Mr. Stentz also points out the need for a hostess at the community center to supervise the entertainment features, to meet the visitors, and to get them registered.

Katherine Hill Is Awarded English Prize At Wykenham Rise

Katherine Hill, who recently graduated from Wykenham Rise, junior college, of Washington, Conn., was awarded the faculty prize in English, which is one of the coveted awards of the school. Miss Hill is the granddaughter of Mrs. Chas. R. Thomas, and before going to Wykenham Rise, attended Salem Academy.

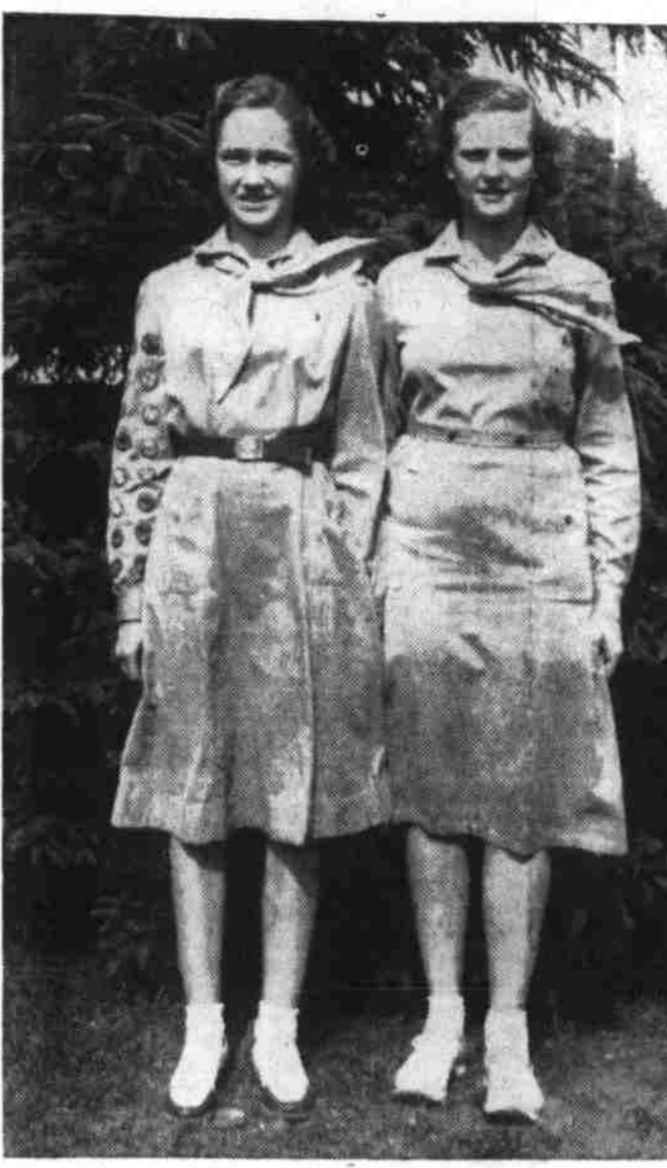
W. M. U. Of County Baptist Association Will Meet June 21

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of the Haywood Baptist Association will be held at the Canton First Baptist church, on Friday, June 21st, beginning at 10 o'clock. The members are urged to attend, and those churches having no missionary organizations are invited to send representatives. All pastors are most cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. J. C. Patrick and her daughter, Miss Frances Louise Patrick, of Scottsboro, Ala., have returned home after visiting the former's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patrick.

Rev. and Mrs. William H. Neese had as their guests at the Crabtree Methodist parsonage during the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. H. Floyd Amick, Miss Sallie Amick Mrs. Thomas Brown, Miss Mary Willis Brown, Leonard and Richard Brown, all of Liberty, S. C., and Miss Sara Marie Neese, of Winston-Salem.

Receive Girl Scout Awards



Patsy Gwyn (left) and Lois Massie, members of Waynesville Troop 13, Girl Scouts, of the Asheville Council, who received the high award of "Curved Bar" at the recent Girl Scout Court of Awards held here. Miss Polly Lee, director of the Asheville Council, made the presentations. Mrs. E. C. Wagenfeld is captain of the troop, and Mrs. John M. Queen, Jr., and Miss Margaret Perry are lieutenants.

Red Cross Dance Friday Nets \$46 For War Relief

The square dance which was held on Friday night at the Gordon Hotel pavilion was both a social and financial success according to Miss Betsy Lane Quinlan, general chairman of the affair.

The sum of \$46 was realized, with all expenses donated. This brings the total of contributions on the second call to \$300 which is asked from the Waynesville chapter up to \$120.

Haywood Motor Company Opens At The Depot

B. L. Branson has opened the Haywood Motor Company here, and has the agency for Oldsmobile. The firm is at the same place formerly occupied by the Waynesville Motor Company, at the depot.

Mr. Branson, for 10 years, has been connected with automobile sales firms in Asheville. For 14 years he was associated with the Suncrest Lumber Company, and was for a time in Waynesville. He is a brother of F. E. Branson, of Canton, who is also in the automobile business.

Large Group Leaves Tuesday For 8-Day Trip Into Wilderness Area

The largest mountain expedition ever staged in eastern America will leave Cataloochee Ranch Tuesday for an eight-day ride into the wilderness area in the northeast section of the Great Smoky Mountains National park.

The expedition, under the direction of Thomas Alexander, will travel 100 miles, taking with them special photographers to get movies and stills of the trip. The film will be part of a travelogue of North Carolina which is being sponsored by R. J. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem.

Sixteen of the party of 26 are from the north. Four are photographers and five guides, all of whom are natives of Haywood county. Fourteen pack horses will be required to carry all the needs for the party.

The group will arrive in Asheville Monday, and will be taken to Cataloochee ranch by bus. After spending the night at the ranch, the group will leave early Tuesday for their wilderness trip. They will return on June 25.

Mattress-Making Project Started Here On Tuesday

State Extension Service, AAA And Surplus Commodities Corp. Sponsor Project

The mattress program in Haywood County was begun on Tuesday of this week. The program is being sponsored co-operatively by the State College Extension Service, the Triple A and the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, throughout the state.

The "swan song of shucks and straw mattresses in farm homes of North Carolina is being sung by the rasp of needle through surplus ticking and cotton supplied free to the low-income families." The mattresses are being made at a building on the Dellwood road, formerly the Waynesville Mattress company.

The National Youth Administration girls and boys are helping with the work here and elsewhere in the state. Here they are making the ticks and are also at work on the finishing of the mattresses. Miss Anna C. Rowe, district home demonstration agent, Miss Mary Margaret Smith, county home agent, and Eugene Starnes from State College, are supervising the work. Mr. Starnes is assisting in all the projects in the state.

The family making application for a mattress is required to make a deposit of \$1.00 which covers all necessary expenses, and must agree to assist in making the mattress. At a specified time one or two members of the family applying for a mattress are instructed to come to the mattress center and help with the work, learning at the same time how to make mattresses.

Only one mattress is allotted to each family under the program set up. Fifty pounds of cotton and 10 yards of ticking are required for the making of one mattress. When complete, the mattresses being made are valued at approximately \$15.00. To qualify for a mattress under the program the family income must be \$400 or less per year.

Two hundred and twenty families have made applications for mattresses in Haywood County. There are still more who are eligible and they are asked to come to the county farm agent's office at once and make application, as the county is entitled to 15 more mattresses.

This offer has been made to 88 counties in the state which have a county home demonstration agent. It is estimated that within this month there will be approximately 30,000 families enrolled in this program in North Carolina.

County Receives \$289,194.53 From Social Security

Twenty-five North Carolina counties, those with large industries, received 60.6 per cent, or \$17,659,496.91, of the approximately \$29,143,262.12 distributed in the 100 counties in aid, assistance, insurance and services provided in the ten divisions of the National Social Security act, through last year, generally, it is estimated from official sources by Charles G. Powell, chairman of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation commission.

Haywood county received a total of \$289,194.53, which was divided as follows: Old age assistance, \$114,423.10; old age and survivors insurance, \$2,596.04; unemployment compensation, \$88,339.37; aid to dependent children, \$33,754.50; aid to blind, \$10,031.52; and five services, \$40,050.

Eighteen counties received more than half, \$14,751,181.53, or 50.6 per cent of these funds in the state; 15 counties received \$13,356,710.65, or 45.8 per cent; ten counties received \$10,697,110.20, or 36.7 per cent; and five counties received 23.77 per cent, or \$6,925,893.64.

Private Dining Rooms Added To WWNC Cafe

The W. W. N. C. Cafe, a Grade A eating place on Main street, owned and operated by Christ George, is being remodeled this week.

Four private dining booths are being built in the cafe, with construction so that the walls of each of the four may slide back and forth, one large dining room be converted from the four. The owner feels that he can now take care of private parties in a more satisfactory manner than heretofore.

County Has 22% Gain In Population

33 Per Cent More Farms Listed Than Ten Years Ago, According To Report

A preliminary census count, shows that Haywood County has made a gain of 22 1/2 per cent in population in the past ten years.

The figures as released yesterday from the Asheville census office, shows Haywood to have 34,719 people, as compared with 28,273 in 1930, a net gain of 6,446.

In the 1940 agricultural census, Charles Z. Flack, supervisor of the census of this district, showed that Haywood County now has 3,122 farms which is a net gain of about 33 per cent over 1930, when the county was said to have had 2,125.

According to the preliminary figures, Haywood has 75 fewer farms now than in 1935, when an agricultural census was made. This can be explained by the fact that some of the smaller farms have been merged with larger ones.

Preliminary returns have already been made for the incorporated towns in Haywood. Canton has about 5,000. Hazelwood, 1,512, and Clyde 510.

Waynesville needed only 61 to have an even 3,000 several weeks ago when the first preliminary count was made. The Chamber of Commerce at the time asked that those who had not been counted to let it be known at their office. As far as can be learned, no effort has been made to round up the additional 61, and so Waynesville's official count remains just a few short of the 3,000 mark. It was pointed out in several instances where it would be a distinct advantage to have a population of 3,000, and while the official census enumerators have expressed a willingness to co-operate, they are officially through with this town, but should some group or organization bring it to their attention that there are some here who have not been counted, then, and only then, will the official count of this town be 3,000 or more.

Charlotte needed several thousand to reach the 100,000 mark. In a determined effort to reach their goal, the Chamber of Commerce there led a systematic drive, and in a few short weeks, the official count was more than 100,000.

Rev. Odell Brown Becomes Pastor Of Jonathan Charge

The Rev. Odell Brown will assume the pastorate of the Jonathan charge today, according to the Rev. W. L. Hutchins, superintendent of the Waynesville district of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. He will succeed the Rev. J. D. Pyatt, who was transferred to the Sandy Mush charge in the Asheville district several weeks ago.

Mr. Brown is a graduate of Duke University, where he received the bachelor of divinity degree last week. The official board of the church and other representatives will meet Mr. Brown and his family tonight at the parsonage.

Son Of Dr. Sisk Named Buncombe Health Officer

Dr. W. N. Sisk, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. N. Sisk, was named health officer this week by the Buncombe county board of health.

Dr. Sisk is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. He received his M. D. and M. A. degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He interned at the Cincinnati general hospital and the United States Marine Hospital. He became connected with the U. S. Public Health service in 1937 and was stationed in Giles County, Tenn. In 1937-38 he spent 12 months at Johns Hopkins, where he obtained a degree of master of public health.

Dr. Sisk and his wife and young daughter have been spending several days here with his parents.

Mrs. Rufus Siler spent the past week in Greensboro, where she went to attend the commencement exercises at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina from which her daughter, Miss Emily Siler graduated. Miss Siler accompanied her mother home.