

Patriotism At High Pitch In Haywood

Civilian Defense Council Fully Organized

Committees Are Organized To Carry Defense Work

Committees Being Sought To Carry On Work In County; District Health Office Is Headquarters.

A meeting of the Civilian Defense Council held in the court on Friday evening, with 50 persons present, plans formulated to get the work of organization underway, with Corpening, acting chairman.

It was decided to move the volunteer office of which Robt. S. Miller has charge, into the first floor of the court.

For effective operation of the volunteer office requires extensive planning, the council appointed the following committees:

Registration committee, Mrs. Doyle Corpening, chairman, Lee McElrath, secretary, N. Allen, which group volunteers to jobs and training. It has secured the facts concerning course committee, J. C. Corpening, chairman, and Mrs. W. H. F. Corpening, secretary, members, committee clears existing courses and makes arrangements for the development of new courses.

Printing and enrollment committee, Chas. E. Ray, Jr., chairman, and Westmoreland, W. C. W. P. Whitesides, M. H. Wayne Corpening, W. L. Corpening, and Carlton Peyton. This group is responsible for re-

gistration of Civilian Defense Volunteers Starts

Civilian Defense Volunteer office was opened yesterday morning in the rooms occupied by the health department, with Robt. S. Miller in charge of registration.

Civilian defense volunteers are asked to register, even though they have done so with other groups. There will be a public file of names.

Registration is made, a list of the services offered by the office will be open from 8:30 to 10:00 o'clock each day.

Welfare Office To Be Clearing House For Christmas Cheer

The welfare department has compiled a list of the needy families in the county to which the welfare office is asked to make donations of Christmas cheer.

The welfare department is also asking for Christmas cheer for the following: 10 girls from Haywood county and 10 to 16 years of age.

Russian Ambassador Arrives



Maxim Litvinoff (right), new Soviet Ambassador to the United States, is greeted by George T. Summerlin, Chief of the Division of Protocol of the State Department at the Capital's airport in Washington. The new Russian envoy arrived aboard a special chartered plane from the West coast.

Mountaineer To Appear Again Friday; Christmas Edition On Next Tuesday

The Mountaineer will be published again Thursday afternoon and distributed early Friday morning. This is following the annual custom of many years of getting out two issues the week before Christmas.

Ferguson And Medford Appointed Tax Collectors

The county commissioners at their regular third Monday meeting held yesterday appointed Johnny J. Ferguson and B. D. Medford as assistant collectors to succeed themselves.

Annual Benefit Matinee Friday Admission By Toy

J. E. Massie, manager of the Park Theatre, is sponsoring a showing of the picture, "One Foot in Heaven" on Friday afternoon at 3:15 as his contribution to the community Christmas tree to be held on Christmas afternoon on the court house grounds.

Every Member Of The Mountaineer Staff Buys Defense Stamps Or Bonds

The nine regular employees of The Mountaineer are 100 per cent for America and victory.

Rotary Has Two New Directors

Guy Massie and Ben Sloan were named directors of the Rotary Club last Friday to fill two vacancies on the board, created by Dr. Thomas Stringfield who is serving in England and J. C. Lynn who was promoted to district county agent.

Summerrow Safe In Pearl Harbor

Rufus Summerrow is safe at Pearl Harbor, according to a cablegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Summerrow, of Hazelwood.

Rufus is connected with the navy yards at Pearl Harbor. The cablegram was received Saturday.

\$30,000 In Defense Bonds Sold In Week

Mercury Hits 13 Monday Morning

Monday morning brought the coldest weather of the year, as the mercury slid down to 13, according to the official reading made by Lawrence Kerley, official observer. The former low was 17.

The next lowest of the week was last Thursday, with a reading of 21. The week's report:

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
Dec. 10	55	28	0
Dec. 11	47	21	0
Dec. 12	44	23	0
Dec. 13	52	37	.65
Dec. 15	48	13	0

Rev. H. G. Hammett Elected President Ministers Group

Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of the First Baptist church, was elected president of the Haywood County Ministerial Association at a luncheon meeting held during the week at the home of Mrs. H. W. Burnette.

Others elected to serve with the Rev. Hammett are: vice president, Rev. W. R. Kelly, pastor of the Canton Methodist church; secretary and treasurer, Rev. R. E. MacBlain, rector of Grace Episcopal church.

Rev. Frank Leatherwood, of Waynesville was made chairman of the program committee, with the Rev. George B. Hammond, pastor of the Canton Presbyterian church, and the Rev. J. Clay Madison, of the First Methodist church, of Waynesville, as members.

Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month.

Back to His Job

A United States sailor, hurriedly summoned to return to his post following the Japanese attack on U. S. territory in the Pacific Ocean, kisses his girl goodbye before boarding a train at Pennsylvania Station, New York City.

Commissioners Draw Jury For January Court

The jury for the January term of civil court, which will convene here on Monday, the 5th, with Judge Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville, presiding, was drawn on Monday by the county commissioners.

Shook To Receive Fifty-Year Masonic Certificate

John W. Shook, of Clyde, who has been a Mason for the past 50 years, will be awarded a 50-year certificate of membership this month.

Law Prohibits Shooting Of Fireworks Or Sale Of Them In Haywood County

A warning is being issued jointly today by the sheriff and police of Waynesville and Hazelwood, of the \$50 fine that will be imposed upon any one convicted of shooting or selling fireworks in the county or any town in the county.

Drivers Of Pet Dairy To Hear A Safety Expert

The 15 drivers of Pet Dairy Products Company plant here, will have a three-night session on highway safety conducted by Gordon Thomaslin, of the safety division of the state highway department.

Crowd Packs The Court House In Patriotic Rally

W. Roy Francis Makes Stirring Appeal In Address Before Huge Patriotic Rally

Since Hitler and all the little Hitlers have declared war on the United States, the citizens of this county, have had the fire of patriotism kindled in their very souls, and last night a crowd over-flowed the main court room of the court house, with many in the balcony in a patriotic rally.

The principal address by W. Roy Francis, stirred the audience, which was made up of people of every walk of life.

The inspiring program got underway with a band concert, concluding with the national anthem, as the State Guards filed in. The Girl Scouts occupied the front row, while Boy Scouts in uniform served as ushers.

"I have no doubt as to the outcome of this war, because our flag is supported by a united people and guided by the unseen hand of God," Major J. Harsen Howell told the audience. He was introduced by W. H. F. Miller, commander of the American Legion, who also served as master of ceremonies.

Concluding Major Howell's brief remarks, Doris Grahl sang "God Bless America," accompanied by the band of which she is a member.

"America don't need oratory to show our patriotism," Mr. Miller said, as he outlined the needs of the day, which included support of the Red Cross, as he presented Rev. H. G. Hammett, county chairman.

"Talk American Red Cross. Support the Red Cross, and give generously," the chairman said as he read a telegram from national headquarters asking for funds for the war relief emergency.

Rev. Mr. Hammett outlined the accomplishments of the Red Cross, and its part in

Declaration Of War Makes Changes In Selective Draft

The local draft board has received notices of a number of changes made since the declaration of war by the United States.

The release of officers and enlisted men from active service has been suspended. The War Department has given instructions that release of officers and enlisted men from military service be suspended except for cases of incompetence and physical disability.

The Army Air Corps is sending certain key civilian employees outside continental United States for the maintenance of military aircraft. When such requests are made by the air corps or other competent military officials, they should be granted.

There will also be a reclassification of the men. It is understood that class 11-A was designed to offer a reasonable opportunity for employers to locate and train replacements for key employers. It was pointed out that it is now well over a year, since the first registration.

Francis Volunteers Services To War Department

W. R. Francis, former assistant U. S. district attorney, who offered his services last March to the War Department, has recently received a letter from Robert P. Patterson stating that he would be assigned to duties suited to his rank.

Boy Scouts Collecting Paper Of All Kinds For National Defense Program

Paper! Paper! Paper! That is what Waynesville Scouts are collecting as their part of the defense program.

Every ounce. Every pound is wanted. Any color. Any size. Any weight. Any type.