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This Newspaper Gets Award Of Merit For Pulpwood Campaign

This newspaper has just been given a beautiful Award of Merit by the American Newspaper Publishers Association of New York, for the part this paper has played in the campaign to increase pulpwood production.

The award will be framed and hung over the desk of the editor. The award is beautifully printed on ivory parchment, and measures about 13 by 17 inches.

A copy of the award, reduced in size, is being published in today's issue.

The award was given in recognition of the "outstanding contribution to the nation's war program... and for the effective effort of this newspaper to increase the production of pulpwood during the 1943 Victory Pulpwood Campaign."

In presenting the award, Walter M. Dear, chairman of the newspaper pulpwood committee said:

"You have cooperated most generously in the 1943 Victory Pulpwood Campaign, and I am happy to send you the enclosed Award of Merit as a token of appreciation from the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

"While we cannot yet estimate the results of this newspaper campaign in terms of pulpwood production, I believe we can feel justly proud of our record. Your newspaper, with the support of your local pulpwood committee and your community, has performed a patriotic and vital service for our country and the men who are fighting for its preservation.

"However, one doesn't rest on one's record in wartime. Certainly, the boys in uniform are not getting because the trend has changed from Axis to Allied attack. The war has not been won yet, and there are stiff battles ahead on the home front, as well as on the fighting fronts.

"Pulpwood is still a vital war material, made scarce by the manpower shortage. Our fighting forces will need it so long as the war lasts, so long as there is an American soldier on foreign soil.

The War Production Board, at whose request we conducted the 1943 campaign, shortly will announce 1944 goals based on estimated military and essential civilian requirements. Consequently, I am asking for your continued support of the Victory Pulpwood Campaign in 1944 through the influential columns of your newspapers and the local pulpwood committees that you have formed.

"I am sure that we can count on your continued cooperation in the Victory Pulpwood Campaign for 1944 and so long as there is an acute need for weapons and materials of war made from pulpwood."

Public Executive Here For Holidays

J. H. Trentham of Chicago, left yesterday for his home after spending the Christmas holidays here with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Trentham.

Mr. Trentham is office manager of the Chicago office of the Charles Reinhardt Sons, nationally known publishing company.

Mrs. W. R. Nash, of Cleveland, Ohio, has arrived to visit her mother, Mrs. Bon Atkinson. Her husband, L. Nash, is now serving overseas.

Sleet Storm Hit This Area Christmas Day

The blanket of ice that was spread over the highways of this area on Christmas Day kept many who planned to spend Christmas with friends and families from making their trips, or if they had started, placed them several hours in reaching their destination.

Buses ran on irregular schedules for the greater part of the morning and around 2:30 all schedules were cancelled and no buses traveled on the highways from that time until around 3:30 Sunday morning when the regular hours were resumed.

A number of persons are reported to have slipped and fallen, but no serious accidents have been reported. Many persons who had planned to deliver their Christmas gifts during Christmas Day, were forced to wait until Sunday. A drizzling rain poured down

Has Reason to Smile



PLUMP little Alice Faye, daughter of the screen star and orchestra leader Phil Harris, seems quite elated over her mother's new temporary retirement. The blond film star is expecting another addition to the family and the youngster above is looking forward to a new brother or sister. (International)

Post Office Only Place To Be Closed On New Year's Day

Business in the community will not take a vacation from a regular work-a-day Saturday this week, despite the fact that it falls on New Year's Day. The merchants took action on the matter a few weeks ago, and it was decided that due to the fact that the Christmas week-end was of unusual length, the day would not be observed with a vacation.

The post office will be the only office closed for the day. In the U. S. Postal Service New Year's Day is a national holiday and is always observed as such.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Massey announce the birth of a son, James Dale Massey, on December 26, at their home on the Dellwood Road.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Daniels, of Baltimore, Md., announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara June, on December 25, at the Haywood County Hospital. Mrs. Daniels was the former Miss Birdell Middleton, of Balsam.

Miss Meta Dicus has returned home after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Roberts, in Pompano, Florida. She will spend a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dicus, before returning to Lees McRea College, where she is a student.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brown, of Bristol, Tenn., spent the holidays here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Davis. Mrs. Brown is the former Miss Catherine Davis.

Christmas Eve night and by morning the temperatures had dropped and as a result there was as much as two inches of ice surface in many places, with every inch of highways coated in a perfectly frozen sheet.

It was pointed out by many of the local citizens, that had the tire on most cars not been in such a worn condition automobile owners would not have been so cautious as to stay off the highways, but that under the conditions they were afraid to venture out.

There was said to have been fewer motor vehicles off the highways in this area during the first part of Saturday than ever noted since the automobile has been the accepted mode of travel.

Jury Announced For January Civil Term Of Court

The following jury has been drawn by the county commissioners for the January term of civil court which will convene here on the 10th, with Judge F. E. Alley presiding:

For the first week: W. N. Freel, Beaverdam; Tom P. Messer, Waynesville; G. B. Sanford, Iron Duff; Joe Carver, Jonathan; C. F. Medford, Iron Duff; George Erwin, Pigeon; J. W. Burruss, East Fork; O. L. Smathers, Clyde; G. G. Rector, Fines Creek; W. T. Conard, White Oak.

Dewey Stovall, Waynesville; Donald Kelley, Waynesville; Ralph Robinson, Beaverdam; C. C. Willis, Beaverdam; H. C. Green, Fines Creek; W. H. Jordan, Waynesville; Elmer Crawford, East Fork; Jesse Grogan, Pigeon; John C. Sharp, Cecil; J. Medford Mease, Pigeon; Frank Bradshaw, Iron Duff; Boone Rogers, Crabtree; Lush Caldwell, Cataloochee; Grady V. Howell, Jonathan.

Drawn for the second week were: Harley Wells, Pigeon; D. E. Worley, Beaverdam; Mark Galloway, Waynesville; Roy Phillips, Waynesville; M. V. Jenkins, White Oak; M. L. Hogland, White Oak; Grady C. Rogers, Clyde; Connie Muse, Waynesville; M. T. Brooks, Beaverdam; W. T. Wilson, Waynesville; Carbet W. Wright, Pigeon; Joe Rogers, Fines Creek; J. L. Smart, Crabtree; John Howell, Jonathan; John Campbell, Ivy Hill; and Joe Michael, East Fork.

Woody Addresses Rotary Club On Civic Projects

Jonathan Woody addressed the Waynesville Rotary Club here last Friday on "Rotary's Obligation To The Community."

Mr. Woody pointed out several civic improvement projects which he suggested the Rotary Club could sponsor during the coming year. As a result of his address, the board of directors will have the program Friday to formally present to the club their recommendations for launching a broad community-wide improvement program.

Dr. Kilgore, N. C. Chemist, Expires

RALEIGH. Plans for the funeral of Dr. Benjamin W. Kilgore, state chemist and farm leader, are being made in Raleigh. He died at his home Monday night. Kilgore first came to North Carolina in 1889 as assistant chemist of the state experiment station.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore had as their guest for a few days last week, Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. M. B. Munn, of Charlotte.

Prefers This Rank



A FORMER Michigan state senator, Pfc. Harry Glass of Grand Rapids, Mich., is putting the broom to good use as orderly with the U. S. 5th Air Force in New Guinea. He says he would rather be an enlisted man than an officer, adding "after this thing is over, we'll be in the major's." (International)

Joint Installation 4 Masonic Bodies To Be Held Monday

Joint installation of the four Masonic bodies in the 41st district, which includes the Cluden, Canton, Waynesville, and Pigeon Valley will be held at the Clyde high school on Monday night, January 3rd. Thomas J. Harkins, past grand master of the Lodge of North Carolina, will install the officers and make the address.

The four masters to be installed include: J. S. Davis, master of Waynesville Lodge; Robert Corzine, master of the Clyde Lodge; Bruce Nanney, master of the Pigeon River Lodge; and J. D. Justice, master of the Sonoma Lodge. There will be in all a total of forty officers installed including nine from each lodge in addition to the masters.

A number of prominent Masons from Asheville will be special guests of the installation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore had as their guest for a few days last week, Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. M. B. Munn, of Charlotte.

Fifty-Eight Men Report For Service In December Call

Fifty-eight men left here on Friday morning for Camp Croft making up the December call under the selective service system. Henry Furman Robertson was named leader of the group and Fred Ellis Davis, Jr., (volunteer), Thomas Harmon Rogers, Jr., (volunteer), and George Musgrave Scott as assistant leaders.

Included in the group were the following volunteers: Samuel Irving Lanning, Ashbury Homer Green, John David Mitchell, Alro Caldwell, James William Guy, Louie Curtis, Forest Landis McClure, Wilfred Rufus Mehaffey, Jay Mark Russell, Edward Sherrill, Ned Andrew Stewart, and Glenn Ray Whitner.

Transferred from other draft boards were: Edd Hampton Queen, from Hampton, Va.; Robert Dee Rogers, from Yorktown, Va.; George Musgrave Scott, from Plymouth; Kermit Wayne Thompson, from Gastonia; Jack James Ferguson, from Newport News, Va.; Norman Crawford James, Jr., from Wilmington; and Bruce Conard, from Newport News, Va.

Others were: Hugh Author Phillips, Isom Sutton, Glenn Boyd Ferguson, Beauford Carroll Messer, Buford Elmore Noland, Wesley Roosevelt Gibson, Henry Furman Robertson, Jack Cagle, Estes Emery Myers, Samuel Daniel Robertson.

Charles Robert Lowe, James Duncan Bradshaw, James Kenneth Edwards, Wid Woodrow Wyatt, Guy Virgil Grogan, Loyd Shelton, Jr., Joe Sam Tate, Robert Hobert Moore, Junior Levi Conard, Junior Clyde Clark, Clyde Teaster, Joseph Edward Massie, Glenn Norman.

Willard Howell, Troy Lee Hannah, Jack Trammell, Thomas Andrew Sutton, Edgar Warlick, Lewis James Burnett, Robert Flint Smith, Ollas Grant Creasman, Spurgeon Clarence Shelton, Hillary Hill Medford, Robert Ellis Ferga, Calvin Theodore McCall, Louie Richard Gibson and Samuel Wayne Knight.

Local and County Schools To Open This Morning

The Waynesville district schools and those throughout the county are scheduled to open this morning after a three day delay, it was learned yesterday afternoon from M. H. Bowles, acting county superintendent of education.

The schools were to have opened on Monday, the 27th, but due to sickness and weather conditions over the week-end, the opening was postponed until today.

'44 Business Depends On Collapse Of Axis, Says Roger Babson

Bliss in a Foxhole



THE MOST PLEASANT moment he ever spent in a foxhole is being enjoyed here by Pvt. Don Finholm of Lettington, Mich. This photo, which just arrived shows him eating a turkey leg in Italy on Thanksgiving Day. His knees serve as a table for his mess kit plate. (International)

January Schedule County Home Clubs Is Announced

The January schedule of the Haywood County Home Demonstration clubs has been announced as follows by Miss Mary Margaret Smith, county home agent:

Beaverdam Club with Mrs. Paul Robinson at 2 o'clock, Tuesday, January 4th; Allen's Creek Club with Mrs. Henry Francis at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, 5th; Dellwood Club with Mrs. L. W. Wall at 2 on Thursday, 6th; the Jonathan Creek Club with Mrs. Medford Leatherwood at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon, 7th.

Maple Grove Club with Mrs. Ed Glavich at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, 11th; Fines Creek Club with Mrs. Charles McCrary at 10:30 o'clock on Thursday, 13th; the Iron Duff Club with Mrs. Fannie Davis at 2 o'clock on Friday, 14th; Morning Star Club with Mrs. Robert Wood at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, 17th.

Rock Spring Club with Mrs. Wayne McElroy, at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, 18th; Bethel Club with Mrs. Paul Hyatt at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, 19th; Maggie Club with Mrs. Herbert Platt at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, 20th; Hyder Mountain Club with Mrs. Marshall Kirkpatrick at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon, 21st.

Ratchiff Cove Club with Mrs. Woodie Jones at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, 24th; Clyde Club with Mrs. Roy Medford at 10:20 o'clock Tuesday morning, 25th; Cecil Club with Mrs. Thomas Erwin at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, 26th; West Canton Club with Mrs. Maude Medford at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, 27th; Junaluska Club with Mrs. A. J. McCracken at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon, 28th.

There will be a county home demonstration agents school conducted at Franklin on Monday, the 10th, which Miss Smith, county agent from Haywood, will attend.

PUBLIC WANTS ALARM CLOCKS

"What are some of the shortages which have bothered you most?" Nearly 5,000 persons throughout the county were asked this question, in a recent survey of consumer requirements made by the Office of Civilian Requirements. The most serious inconvenience and hardship is caused by the shortage of food affects the greatest number — followed in order of number by electric, galvanized ware, some textile products, and alarm clocks. "Most of the needs brought out by this survey can and will be met," Arthur D. Whitesides, vice-chairman of OCR, said.

Miss Eleanor Messer, who resides in Asheville, was the guest of relatives here during the week.

Famous Statistician Predicts 10% Increase In Retail Sales During 1944.

By Roger W. Babson

Babson Park, Mass.—Most firms are booked to capacity. If any more business were offered they would not be able to handle it for many months. This is roughly my forecast for 1944. The Babsonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business for the final quarter of 1943 averaged 141 compared with 150.7 for the same period of 1942. The all-time high was reached in December, 1942, when my Index stood at 155.6. It is not possible that this record can be exceeded in 1944.

COMMODITY PRICES

War developments will influence commodity prices during 1944. The collapse of Germany could result in a sharp, though temporary, reaction in leading wholesale indexes. If the going in Italy or elsewhere should prove unexpectedly hard—indicating a longer war—prices should firm. Cattle and hogs may bring lower average prices. Soybean and corn prices face the test of large marketings. They will do well to hold. Increased imports of coffee, cocoa and sugar will hold down their prices.

Continued heavy demand is indicated for most industrial commodities. To what extent efforts to roll back food prices to September 15, 1942, levels will succeed is problematical. Mounting over-all shortages, unprecedented demand and necessity for maximum output will tend to maintain strong upward pressure on most prices. Advancing parity prices, storage, insurance and black markets further tend to keep prices high. Subsidies will be granted certain producers during 1944.

INVENTORIES

Businessmen should watch the Government's policy of disposing of its huge inventories of consumer merchandise. With supplies at a much higher level than in World War I, retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers should insist there be no dumping on domestic markets. This could smash prices. Flooding the export markets could make it difficult to sell goods abroad at a fair profit. I hope a substantial portion of our surplus will be given to the peoples of Continental Europe and China.

SALES PROSPECTS

I forecast that retail dollar sales will average 5 to 10 per cent higher in 1944 than in 1943. Sales volume of consumer goods will again start to climb as smaller companies get the okay on postwar merchandise. I expect some decline from 1943 in the physical volume of retail sales due to scarcity of goods and less employment. Substitute merchandise has sold well but manufacturers and wholesaler.

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Only Six Men Reclassified During Past Week

Only six men were reclassified under the selective service system by the local draft board during the week.

Sam Wiley Killian and Abraham Lincoln Ensley, Jr., were placed in class 1-A.

In class 1-A (H), Delos Edward Hoyle.

In class 2-A, William Howard Covington.

In class 4-A, Charlie Andy McAmis.

In class 4-F, Samuel Newel Edwards.

4-H Club Schedule For January Meetings Announced By Agent

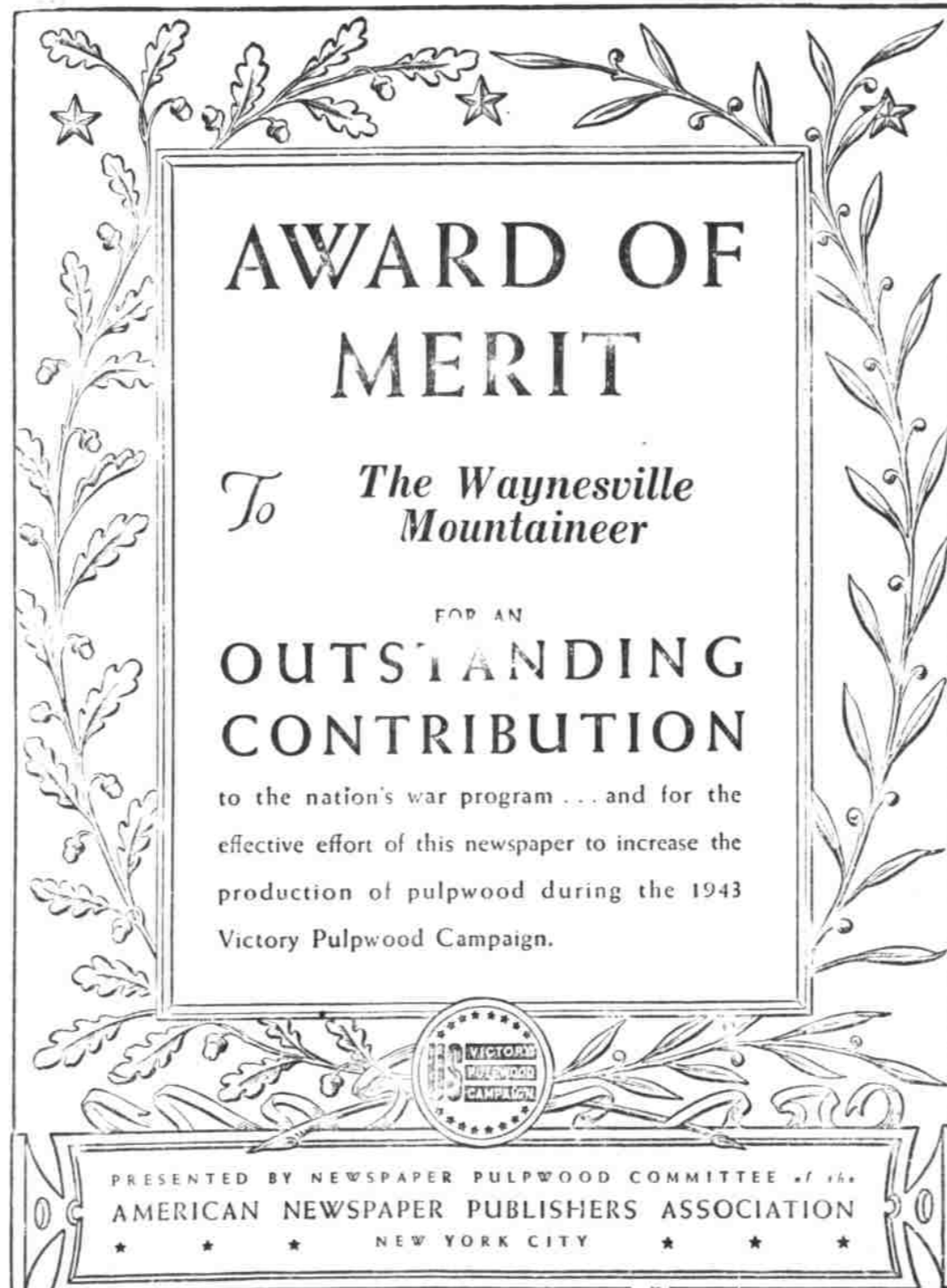
The January schedule of the 4-H Clubs of the county have been announced by the county home agent, as follows:

Clubs meeting on Monday, 3rd, include: Bethel, at 9:00 o'clock; Canton, at 10:00 o'clock; Beaverdam, at 11:30 o'clock; and Clyde, at 1:00 o'clock.

Clubs meeting on Tuesday, 4th, will be: Crabtree, at 9:00 o'clock; and Fines Creek, at 11:00 o'clock.

Club meetings on Wednesday, 5th, are: Cecil, at 9:00 o'clock; and Cruso, at 11:00 o'clock.

The Waynesville club will meet at 9:00 o'clock on Thursday, the 6th.




AWARD OF MERIT

To *The Waynesville Mountaineer*

FOR AN

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to the nation's war program... and for the effective effort of this newspaper to increase the production of pulpwood during the 1943 Victory Pulpwood Campaign.



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