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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1944 (One Day Nearer Victory)

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OPA To Clean Up Gas And Sugar Rings

Haywood Baptists To Hold Two-Day Session

Thursday and Friday, August 17 and 18, At Olivet and Rock Spring Churches.

Haywood Baptist Association will hold their 59th annual session Thursday and Friday, August 17 and 18, with the churches of the Olivet and Peach-branches as hosts on Thursday at the Rock Spring Baptist church and on Friday, Rev. H. Pettit is the moderator and Howard Hall is clerk.

An interesting program has been arranged for the two-day session, starting with morning and afternoon prayer held each day.

The first session will begin at 10 o'clock at the Olivet church, with a 15-minute devotional. After the business session, a program of the general theme: "Our Faith Through Missionary Work" will be given with five taking part as follows: Cooperative Program, by Rev. R. Erwin, W. M. U., by Mrs. H. G. National Missions, by Rev. J. C. Pipes, Home and Foreign Missions, by Rev. Hobart Rogers, Rev. M. A. Huggins will deliver the missionary message. The Association will adjourn for a picnic dinner.

The afternoon session will continue at 2:30, with a 15-minute period, followed by a 45-minute discussion of "Proving Our Faith Through Christian Education." Sam Knight will discuss "Baptist Training Union."

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Robert B. White Humously Gets Sole Heart

Robert B. White has been posthumously awarded Ferguson Bur-ghess, 23, quartermaster, U. S. Navy, son of Mrs. Charles Roy White of Waynesville, who received the receipt of their son's bravery from the War Department last week.

White, a native of Dar-lington, whose parents were killed in action on Oct. 1, 1943 in the South Pacific theater. He was a student at the State University when he entered the service and was killed in Seattle.

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Construction Company Opens In Waynesville

Waynesville Construction Company, Inc., has opened for business here to do a contracting business, in addition to rendering plumbing and electrical service, together with the sale of coal and fuel.

W. C. Hillman is president of the company, and S. H. Bushnell, Jr., is vice president. The company will do general building and construction as well as handle the sale of items in the former Hillman yard and

Mayor Smathers Organizes Citizens Action Group

Mayor William H. Smathers of Atlantic City, N. J., former mayor of Waynesville, is serving as chairman of the National Citizens Action Committee, a national organization for the promotion of progressive legislation.

The committee which is headed by Hillman is reported to be working on labor, farm, business and social groups.

Wellco Has A Perfect Production Record Here

The Wellco Shoe Corporation has made an outstanding record in the production of over a million and a half units for the government, and not a single item has been rejected.

The recognition received by the local manufacturing plant is one of the highest tributes that can be paid for precise workmanship. The plant manufactures hospital slippers for every branch of the government, in addition to leg-gings for the army. The plant has also made other items for the government.

The record of the plant places it in a class almost by itself. Leo Weill, president of the firm, said yesterday he was highly pleased with the record, and was especially proud of his employees that were so careful and painstaking to see that every item was made perfect.

The plant started production about three years ago, and at that time, no local people knew anything about the manufacturing processes which the plant uses. "We have over 200 employees, and they learn quickly, and turn out beautiful work," said Heinz Rollman, executive in charge of production.

Sgt. Wm Medford Reported Killed In Action July 11

Sgt. William Medford, Jr., who was reported missing in action in France on June 6, has been reported killed in action on July 4, it was learned in a message from the War Department to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Medford, of Waynesville.

Sgt. Medford, according to the War Department, rejoined his outfit on June 11, after he had first been reported missing. Sgt. Medford entered the service in August, 1942, as a volunteer and was inducted at Fort Jackson, S. C.

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Pvt. C. W. Sutton Reported Killed In France July 18

Private Charlie W. Sutton, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sutton of Waynesville, is reported as killed in action on July 18 in France, according to a message received by his wife, the former Miss Faye Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Green of Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1.

Pvt. Sutton was inducted in the service at Camp Croft on Oct. 1, 1943 and from there transferred to France.

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Fewer War Bonds Are Being Cashed

"Fewer people are cashing war bonds now than at any time in many months," according to James T. Noland, cashier of the First National Bank here.

Those bonds that were cashed were only by people who really had an urgent need for the money, Mr. Noland pointed out.

Boyhood Friends Killed In Same Battle



Sergeant Cecil Yount, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Yount, and Technician Fifth Grade Claude Underwood, who were killed in action on July 11 on Saipan, according to information sent their parents by the War Department.



Two Waynesville Boys Die Together On Saipan

Two Waynesville men, Sgt. Cecil Yount, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Yount, and Technician fifth grade, Claude W. Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Underwood of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, were reported killed in action on Saipan on July 11.

The messages from the War Department were received by their families here within an hour of each other. The men had been friends during their lifetime and had entered the service at the same time and had served nearly three years in the Hawaiian Islands and were both killed in the same combat area on the same day.

The message from the War Department to Mr. and Mrs. Yount read as follows: "Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son, Sgt. Cecil Blaine Yount, was killed in action, 11 July, in Saipan. Letter follows." Sgt. Yount entered the service on Sept. 10, 1941, and was inducted at Fort Bragg. From Bragg he

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Boy Scouts Will Collect Scrap Paper Wednesdays

Scrap paper collections will start next Wednesday afternoon and continue each Wednesday afternoon for several weeks until all the paper is collected. Collections will be made by members of Boy Scout troop 3, sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Every member of this troop is now working, necessitating the Wednesday afternoon collection. It was pointed out, and the cooperation of the public will be appreciated.

The paper, if possible, should be tied in neat bundles of a size easy to handle. If everyone who has paper will cooperate to this extent it will speed up the time for the Scouts and enable them to cover more territory.

Persons having paper of sufficient quantity on hand for collection are asked to phone 202, or drop a card to "Troop 3," P. O. Box 175, Waynesville, and a trip to that place will be scheduled.

Bishop Garber To Be Sent By Church To Geneva Area

Dr. Paul Neff Garber, until recently dean of the Divinity School at Duke University, and former director of the Lake Junaluska summer school, who was elected a bishop in the Methodist church in June, has been assigned to the Geneva area and will leave Durham in October. He learned of this assignment in Chicago, where he spent last week at a board and council meeting of the Methodist church.

Dr. Garber became director of the Lake Junaluska summer school in 1936 and held the post until the closing of the summer school. He has been connected with the Methodist assembly since appearing on the program from time to time.

The Geneva area includes Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Hungary and North Africa.

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7 Haywood Men Post Bond On Charges By OPA In Sugar Cases

Killed In Action



Pvt. Ernest B. Messer, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Messer, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, who was reported missing in action on June 11 in France, was later reported killed in action on June 15. He was the first reported casualty with the invasion forces in France from this area.

Haywood's 6th Polio Case In Hominy Section

The sixth case of polio in Haywood county was reported during the week, it was learned from the district health department yesterday afternoon. The quarantine has been lifted from the other five cases, which are reported to be improving.

The last one, a boy of six years of age who resided in the Hominy section of the county, is the bulbar type, which suffers from restricted breathing. The child was rushed to the polio emergency hospital in Hickory immediately following diagnosis, where it was placed in an iron lung, according to Dr. Sisk.

"I still feel encouraged despite

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Dr. Sisk Urging Parents To Use Every Precaution With Their Children

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First Lady Visits Waynesville



MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (right) recently addressed an overflow audience of 3,500 people at Lake Junaluska, and the next morning was the guest of the Chamber of Commerce at breakfast at the Piedmont Hotel. Mrs. Roosevelt is shown here with Mrs. M. T. Tilley, jurisdictional secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Southeastern Conference, who sponsored Mrs. Roosevelt's appearance at the Lake. This photograph was made by C. E. Grennell, of Lake Junaluska.

Special Crew Of Investigators Being Brought In To Run Down Violators

With eight defendants under federal bonds of \$300 to \$5,000 each and all charged with dealing in or accepting counterfeit sugar coupons, Ralph V. Kidd, OPA enforcement attorney, said Wednesday a large force of investigators was ordered into the Western North Carolina district yesterday to determine the source of the coupons and to "clean up the deplorable conditions in both sugar and gas in Haywood county and points west."

Mr. Kidd said Tuesday that all defendants, who were served papers Tuesday and Tuesday night, had posted bonds and hearings will be held for them Tuesday, September 19th in Waynesville. Seven of the defendants are from Haywood county, and one from Buncombe. The only Asheville man arrested was G. F. Aiken, manager of the Nash-Aiken Brokerage Company, arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Eugene Taylor.

Others Included

Other defendants are: T. G. Boyd, owner and operator of the Boyd Wholesale company, Waynesville; Ned Carver, Cove Creek; Robert Davis, Cove Creek; Bill Honeycutt, Clayton, Ga.; Henry (Redworm) Miller, Waynesville; Sam Potts, Waynesville; and David F. Underwood, Jr., owner and operator of the Underwood Lumber and Supply Company, Waynesville.

The warrants charge illegal practice in the handling of sugar, which is claimed to have turned some half-million pounds of sugar into illicit channels through the use of counterfeit coupons. Evidence on which the warrants were issued was worked up by Walter C. Folger, investigator for the office of price administration. Mr. Folger has been engaged in this work in Haywood and other Western North Carolina counties for the past month.

Mr. Kidd and Worth McKinney, assistant district attorney for the western district, conferred Wednesday morning and it was decided

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\$300 Bond Posted In Rationing Case

There's a difference between "canning" and "canine" sugar, Mrs. Rufus L. Allen was informed when arrested Tuesday on a charge of making a false affidavit in connection with her rationing application for sugar. She had a war rationing book and sugar coupons issued to "Jackie Allen," her dog, OPA investigators said.

Mrs. Allen was placed under \$300 bond for her appearance in U. S. district court in November. The defendant was given a preliminary hearing.

Walter C. Folger, investigator for OPA, got the two books and the canning sugar coupons from the defendant several weeks ago.

Property Being Advertised For Unpaid Taxes

Property on which 1943 county taxes have not been paid are being advertised in this issue, with notice being given that the property will be sold on Monday, Sept. 4, unless the taxes and cost are paid before that date.

The town delinquent list will be advertised next week and sold on Monday, Sept. 11th.

Fifteenth Annual Cataloochee Reunion To Be Held Sunday

The fifteenth annual Cataloochee reunion will be held on Cataloochee at Palmer's Chapel on Sunday, August 13th. All the former residents of the Cataloochee area, most of which is now in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, gather once a year to renew old associations. All those attending bring a basket lunch which will be spread on the chapel grounds at the noon hour.