

Wheat Allotment On Way To Good Farmers

Wheat acreage allotment mailed to the farm-owners on Wednesday, March 22, 1945, according to R. C. Francis, chairman of the Haywood County AAA. He stated that for farmers were divisions for new growers who are to receive an allotment for this year will be made at a later date April 15, 1945. The date for taking allotments or combinations of allotments under program.

A county allotment is 1,460 acres. There are 1,131 farms in this county. The committee estimates that there have been 1,460 farms with allotment approximately 1,725 acres.

Age Licenses

E. Crawford, of Waynesville, is now chairman of the committee on age licenses. He stated that the committee has been appointed to make a study of the present law and to recommend changes. The committee will report to the board of commissioners at its next meeting.

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Letters To Editor

URGENT NEED FOR CLOTHING
Editor The Mountaineer:
If you have space, will you print the following:
Herbert Lehman, ex-governor of New York State, is now chairman of the national committee for the relief of the millions of struggling, homeless refugees of Europe. His committee calls for infants' clothing, children's apparel, things for youth and grown-ups; sheets, towels, pillow cases, quilts, blankets, comforts, bed spreads, shoes, headwear that can be packed easily, yard goods in lengths of from one yard to an indefinite length.

A lady came last week contributing a coat-suit which had been brushed, sunned and mended. There is much wear left in that suit for some refugee. The lady remarked: "I have just finished reading 'The Robe' by Douglas and since then there has been no room in my home for anything that is not being used. It is good to some one who can use it. It is the first time in my life I realized it was a sin to store things in the home when others were suffering and needing them."

I hope the things that are contributed by Waynesville citizens, and those living nearby, will be in abundance and very serviceable. Let us not be like a wealthy lady in California who phoned the service department to come get a trunk of clothing. A young man, social service worker, a college graduate and specialist in his field, was delighted to send a truck for the clothing. When it came in and he was inspecting it, he found every button had been cut off. He grunted in amazement and said, "I wonder if she thinks the receivers can go without buttons? I am afraid our rich lady contributor will find herself unbuttoned when trying to enter Heaven."

I know each organization in Waynesville will work very hard to put this "used and usable" clothing campaign over. These organizations are depending upon each one of us to contribute all we can toward helping clothe the bombed-out wanderers of Europe.
Thank you, Mr. Editor.
MRS. J. COLVIN BROWN
President of American Legion Auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Waddell and daughter, Freda, formerly of Hazelwood, but now of Waynesboro, Va., spent a few days in Hazelwood last week, being called here due to the death of the former's father.

Local Unit State Guard Needs 20 New Recruits

During the past two months 13 companies of the Second Regiment of the North Carolina State Guard have been alerted in a test to find out how long it would take a company to assemble if an emergency should arise. The test was in charge of the U. S. Army and it came as a complete surprise to the personnel.

The report that was received this week by Col. J. H. Howell, of the second regiment, was 2 of the companies rated as excellent, 8 very satisfactory, the local company being placed in that class, and 3 as satisfactory.

Col. Howell was well pleased with the report from the Fourth Service Command, who conducted the test alert.

St. John's To Hold Prom On April 5th

St. John's high school will have its third annual senior prom on April 5 in the school auditorium from 9 p. m. until midnight. Music will be by the Waynesville high school band, led by Charles Isley.

James Jessup and Audrey Embley, both of 581/2, were elected to lead the prom as king and queen. This year's king and queen have been very active in athletics, each having won their letters for participation in basketball at St. John's.

Parents of the high school students will be guest patrons. Admission to the prom is restricted to students of St. John's and their escorts.

Leslie L. Moody Spends Leave At Home

Leslie L. Moody, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Moody, of the Dellwood Road, has returned to San Francisco after spending a leave with his parents.

Seaman Moody spent the past six months on duty in the Pacific theatre and took part in the invasion of Luzon, Mindoro and Leyte. When he left here he was ordered to report to San Francisco for his new assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bisehoff spent last week in Norfolk, Va., with the latter's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown.

Mrs. Elsie Knight, who holds a position in Charlotte, spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Knight.

21 Bethel Students Hurt In Bus Wreck

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Carol Clark, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Clark, head and arm injuries; Mary Lou Hargrove, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hargrove, head injuries.

Paul Metcalf, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Metcalf, leg and head injuries; Emma Sue Huskey, eight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Huskey, knee and arm injuries; Clyde Metcalf, brother of Paul, seven, head injuries; Betty Blalock, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Blalock, seven, lacerations about the mouth; Doris Rollins, ten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rollins, lacerations about the face; and Harvey Williams, 13, broken shoulder and head injury.

Those kept at the Canton Medical Center until yesterday afternoon were: Kate Ledford, 13, sister of Lorne Ledford, head and body injuries; Jennie Mae Huskey, 13, sister of Emma Sue Huskey, injured knee and lacerated shoulder; and Lona Stuart, 11, twin sister of Lela Stuart, head, arm and hand injuries.

The bus was operated by Roy Reece, 16, substitute driver, who had driven the bus on previous occasions and was considered to be reliable by the school officials, according to W. P. Whitesides, principal of the school. He stated that the accident was the first in which a Bethel school bus had been involved.

The accident was investigated by Col. E. W. Jones and Patrolman Owen B. Roberts of the state highway patrol. Patrolman Roberts reported that the accident took place on a stretch of road with a 13-foot surface and a one-foot shoulder on each side. The officer said that the bus apparently went off on the shoulder on the right hand side and the ground, softened by a hard rain which was falling at the time, gave way under the weight of the vehicle.

The accident occurred around 4 o'clock when the bus had traveled four miles from the school. The residents of the neighborhood reported the accident at once to the school authorities and the children were rushed to Haywood County Hospital in Waynesville by 4:30 and to the Canton Medical Center.

Several residents of the neighborhood including Albert Messer, E. A. McLean, a member of the school faculty, the Rev. Roy Hunt, pastor of the Bethel Methodist church, Rufus Hargrove, father of two of the children, brought the injured students to Waynesville and Canton.

Mr. Messer is reported to have been the first person to arrive at the scene of the accident. He stated that several of the smaller children had already gotten out of the bus and were coming up the embankment when he arrived.

The parents of the children were advised of the accident as soon as they could be contacted, and it was late into the night on Tuesday before all of them could be notified.

Ellen Wells, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Wells, was not taken to a hospital for treatment but was reported to have suffered minor injuries. Others on the bus who escaped injury were Wiley and Clinton Goodson, Carol Frederick, Betty Sue Hargrove, and Mary Ellen Blalock.

A class in which Mary Ellen Blalock was a student had a few hours before been discussing what to do in case there should be an accident on the bus. Mary Ellen stated that she would kick the rear safety door on the bus open and jump, according to Mr. Whitesides. It is thought that was what she did when the accident occurred.

"The spirit in which the persons have accepted the accident and the fine cooperation of the people in the community," the patrolman con-

AAA Sells 40 Cars Of Wheat

According to R. C. Francis, chairman of the Haywood County AAA Committee, the last feed wheat for sale by the county committee was sold Saturday, March 17. The reason for the committee discontinuing handling feed wheat was due to a change in the regulations by Commodity Credit Corporation under which feed wheat would be handled. The county committee decided that it was not practical to continue handling feed wheat under the new regulations.

The county committee received the first feed wheat about April 11, 1943, and during the last two years 40 cars of 6,719 bushels of wheat has been sold to the farmers of Haywood county at an average price of \$14.74 per bushel. This amounted to \$583,600.

Pvt. Jake Schultrofer Serving In France

Pvt. Jake Schultrofer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schultrofer of Waynesville and husband of the former Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Almer, is now serving in France, according to information received by his wife.

Pvt. Schultrofer entered the service in May, 1944 and was inducted at Fort Bragg. He took training at Camp Wheeler, and then Fort Jackson before being sent overseas.

At the time he entered the service he was employed by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

investigated the case, and the doctors have been splendid," said Mr. Whitesides.

"I have never seen children take their injuries with such a fine spirit. There has been no complaining and they have all been cooperative," said Mrs. Evelyn Dehorne, superintendent of the Haywood County Hospital, where one of the children were taken.

All the children who were riding on the bus, regardless of whether or not they were apparently injured, are advised to visit their family physician for a check up. It was learned from M. H. Bowles, county superintendent of education, in discussing the accident late Wednesday afternoon.

The bus, which is one of the latest models owned by the county school system, was badly damaged according to Mr. Bowles. The windows were broken and the top on which it landed is considerably damaged. The chassis will have to be sent to the factory to be worked over.

The bus struck two large poplar trees in its course down the embankment. It is said that had it not been for the poplars the vehicle would have rolled further and resulted in more serious injuries to the students.

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