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-FIRST YEAR NO. 14 12 Pages WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1945 (One Day Nearer Victory) $1.75 in Advance in Haywood and Jackson Counties

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azelwood post office be- ird class office on Sunday and is no longer a branch aynesville office, as has ince for years and years. s men and civic leaders wood have been working roject for many months. ange will not affect the the Waynesville office now first class.

Wilma Hoyle Lucas has ing as clerk for the past s was named by the de- as acting postmaster.

azelwood office serves be- 0 and 400 families.

f those who promoted the ntiopated a new build- he Hazelwood office, but ficial has been announced s.

School Clinics ucted By PTA Health Dept.

school round-up will be d in Haywood county sponsorship of the Par- er Association for the of enrolling children who school next fall for the

nection with the round-up wood County Health De- will make a physical ex- n of all the children in e to determine the pres- physical defects that may ndrance to the child's in school. Parents will d of existing defects in t they may have an op- to have them corrected e opening of school in the

alth department will also r vaccinations for small- phtheria, and whooping children not having pre- received immunization hese diseases. A state tly enacted by the legis- North Carolina prohibits lment of a child in school not furnish evidence of had smallpox vaccination phtheria and whooping noculations.

schedule of pre-school n the county will be as April school at Al 10:30, lwood at 1:30; 19 at Cecil school at pril 23 Rock Hill at 9:30; t 10:30, and Lake Juna- 1:30; April 25: Pigeon at 9:00 in the office of h department.

at Central Elementary, and East Waynesville at 8 Fines Creek at 10:00 btree at 1:30; May 15: 9:30; May 16: North Can- 0:00 and Canton colored

at Spring Hill at 9:30; Pennsylvania Avenue Canton, 9:30; Beaverdam 1:30 May 29: Cruso at Bethel at 1:30; June 5: ng Star at 9:30 and Pat- ue at 1:30.

Growers Are ing Acreage The Cannery

rowers were signing up for green beans for the Mutual Cannery, this was learned from J. E. neral manager of the The Sky Association.

e percentage of the en- put of the cannery this go direct to the armed Mr. Barr pointed out.

nnery has a goal of 250 Haywood for the current

nnery is providing choice he tender green variety. he planting here is done May 10th and June 10th, e seed produce a crop xty days, it was pointed

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man is now the sole own- eliable Jewelers, having ut the interest of his for- ner.

ore was opened here in 1939.

elman said he had plans deling the store as soon ions would warrant, and a modern jewelry store of ing, which he just renew- e on for a long period.

Apple Blossoms Are Now In Full Bloom In County

Apple Blossoms Time has come early in Haywod this Spring—and is here in its full glory of pastel pinks and soft tinted blooms. From today through Sunday the blossoms will reach the peak of beauty and perfection, according to orchardists in this area.

The fullness of maturity of bloom noted this year is second only in beauty to the trees in the Spring of 1937, seems to be the general opinion of the apple growers.

The perfection of the blossoms this season is attributed to the consistently warm weather in March, complemented by sufficient rains to give ideal growing conditions.

Those who love nature when she puts on her best are advised to visit the orchards on the Balsam and Pigon roads between now and next week, if they have to walk. Those who have viewed the trees claim that it will be worth the effort.

Officers Capture 57 Gallons Liquor On Cove Creek

Fifty-seven gallons of non-tax paid whiskey were captured in the Cove Creek section of the county at 6:50 Wednesday morning by O. R. Roberts, State highway patrolman and Hub Ruff, of the Waynesville city police.

Albert Arrington and Roy Whitner, both of Hazelwood, from whom the whiskey was taken were tried before W. C. Medford, magistrate, and bound over to July term of Superior court. Arrington's bond was set at $500 and Whitner's at

The defendants, charged with transporting liquor illegally, were riding in a 1941 Ford coupe at the time the arrest was made. The liquor was said to have been brought into this state from Cosby, Tenn.

59 Reclassified And 7 Placed In Class 1-A By Board

The draft board serving the Waynesville area reclassified 59 men during the past week with seven placed in class 1-A as follows:

Robert N. Shehan, Hollis R. Hampton, Theodore T. Muse, Jr., Bud Nelson, Richard Henry Franklin, Robert Thomas Buchanan, and William Lee Hicks.

Placed in class 2-A (F) was Arthur H. Franklin.

Continued in class 2-A were: Bengim Harson Stricklan, Robert Dwayne Robinson, Carl Swanger, Samuel Houston Lane, Jr., Grover Cleveland Kirkpatrick, Sam brown, Whitener Harris Prevost, Bulo L. Carver, and Iven Jackson Rathbone.

Placed in class 1-C (inducted) were: Rufus C. Arrington, Jack L. Riddle, Roy L. Riddle, and Jesse George Bushee.

Placed in class 1-C (discharged) were: Paul Galloway, Theodore Roosevelt Grant and John L. Ledford.

Placed in class 2-B (F) were: Virgle Summey, Jonah Noland, William A. McCracken, and James C. Davidson.

Placed in class 2-C (F) were: Roy J. Trantham, Troy L. Wilson, Howard Hilliard Summey, and Charlie Price.

Continued in class 2-B were: Jarvis Kaywood McDonald, George Lewis, and James R. Gerringer.

Continued in class 2-B (F) was Lawery Burnette.

Continued in class 2-C was Frank Benjamin Crawford.

Placed in class 4-A were: Hubert John Hoglen, Eulah Dock Ashe, Kellsie McLean, Robert Forbes, and Cesar Morrow.

Placed in class 4-F were: Amos Jones, Eugene Carmichael Rouser, William Lee Gaddis, John Pressley, Jr., Samuel N. Edwards, James C. Stacy, Boone Jenkins, John V. Anders, Clyde Smith, Edward E. Nelson, Roman Massie, William O. Davis, Jr., Charles L. Gaddy, Leonard McElroy, Mark W. Sutton, and Marshall G. Garland.

Regional Head Of Red Cross Nursing Service To Be Here

MISS RUTH LAXTON, supervisor for the states of Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. Prior to coming to this area of the American Red Cross, Miss Laxton served as school nurse in Kentucky, and Louisiana and as disaster nurse during the Ohio River floods of 1937. She was formerly with the Tennessee State Health department in the capacity of county nurse and supervisor in public nursing. She was also instructor in public health nursing at the Nashville School of Nursing in Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Laxton is a graduate of Davis Hospital of Nursing, Statesville, and with postgraduate work at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, she holds both her B. S. degree and public health nursing certificate from Peabody College in Nashville. She has also done considerable graduate work in nursing education and sociology.

Red Cross War Campaign Goes $601 Over Quota

The Red Cross War Fund campaign has officially closed, according to H. B. Atkins, treasurer, who reported a total of $8,400 raised in the Waynesville area of Haywood county. The quota had been set by national headquarters at $7,800 and the final total shows $601 over the amount alloted to the area.

The employes of the Welleo Shoe Corporation contributed $500 and those of the Dayton Rubber plant gave $701, which brought the amount announced last week over the top.

R. B. Davenport served as chairman from this area of the county in the drive completed.

Tire Quota In State Cut 40 Per Cent Over March

Holders of tire certificates dated prior to December 1, 1944, have been advised by the rationing board that these certificates became invalid on April 1st.

This action has been taken to insure that the sharply cut supply of tires for April be used in transportation needs most essential to the war effort, it was pointed out by the board. This action applies to all types of tires, including those for passenger cars, trucks and farm implements.

Tire quotas for the month of April in North Carolina have been cut 40 per cent over March, it was also learned this week. The state OPA director has stated that this is due to the decline in civilian tire production.

Chas. H. Metcalf, Forest City, Is New Accountant

Charles H. Metcalf, of Forest City, has been named to the post of accountant in the office of the Haywood county auditor, according to an announcement this week by George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the county board of commissioners.

Mr. Metcalf assumed his duties this week, and will be joined by his wife and two children in the early summer.

Mr. Metcalf is a former county treasurer of Rutherford county and at the time he accepted the position here in Haywood county was an accountant with the Yelton Milling Company, of Rutherfordton.

Chamber of Commerce Puts New Membership Plan Into Force Here

After a careful study of many Chamber of Commerce throughout the county, the board of directors of the local organization have decided to adopt the "assessed membership plan" which has been successfully used and is much preferred by many other similar groups.

It has been decided to place the local minimum membership fee at $15.00. All firms, organizations, or groups can take out as many memberships as they wish. One membership or unit of three or less memberships, carries with it one vote; four to six, two votes; seven to ten, three votes and so on.

This does not limit the maximum number of dollars one can invest in the Chamber of Commerce work, but it does place a minimum price on the valuable service rendered.

Plans for the 1945 season call for an extensive program for community improvements and beneficial projects of interest to all. The aims and objectives may be seen elsewhere in this issue.

The Chamber of Commerce is handicapped at present with power shortage, both man and motive it was pointed out by the directors this week, so it has been necessary to work out plans that will gain the interest and cooperation of every citizens of the community.

Members are urged to join at once, in answer to the invitation sent out by the Chamber of Commerce office, as the election of officers will be held following the drive for members, and it is desired that all those joining have the privilege of voting for the new board of directors.

Greater Danger Of Forest Fires Cited By Warden

Hot Sun and Hard Winds Soon Dry Out Woods After Rains.

"The hot sun and dry winds we are having is creating a real hazard as to forest fires," R. E. Caldwell, county forest warden, said yesterday in discussing the need for taking "extra precautions" with fire in and near the woods.

"While we have been having heavy rains, the wind and sun soon dry out the woods to a powder dryness," he continued.

So far this season five fires have been reported, with 126 acres burned. Two of the fires resulted from burning off tobacco beds, and three were listed as "cause undetermined." The damage so far has been termed as light.

Warden Caldwell was warm in his praise for the cooperation given the work this season, stating that "everyone has been most helpful and worked hard when called upon."

Revival Starts At Long's Chapel Sunday, April 8

A series of revival services will begin on Sunday, April 8, at Long's Chapel, Methodist church, Lake Junaluska, according to the pastor, Miles McLean.

Conducting the services will be the following pastors: on Sunday morning and evening, Rev. McLean; Monday evening, Rev. J. E. Sampley; Tuesday evening, Rev. Tom Houts, of the Bethel Methodist church; Wednesday evening, the Rev. D. H. Dennis, of Jonathan Creek Methodist church; Thursday and Friday evening, Rev. Walter B. West, district superintendent, will fill the pulpit, Rev. J. E. Sampley will preach on Saturday evening.

The closing services on Sunday, April 15, both morning and evening will be conducted by Rev. F. S. Love, superintendent of the Methodist Assembly.

The choir under direction of Chas. G. Klopp will render a special musical number each evening. Mr. Klopp will also be in charge of the singing of the congregation with Miss Anna Glosser serving as pianist.

Following the services each evening a period of evangelistic visitation will be directed by Dr. Love. The public is invited to attend all the services.

Pfc. Frank Teague Wounded In Action In Germany

Private First Class Frank Teague, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Teague, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, was seriously wounded in Germany on March 2, according to information received by his wife, Mrs. Eula G. Teague, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2.

Pfc. Teague entered the service in April, 1944, and was inducted at Fort Bragg. He was sent from there to Fort Jackson, and then to Fort McClellan, Ala., for his basic training. Upon completion of this period of training he was sent to Fort George Meade, Md., and overseas.

He has been serving with the 22nd Infantry since November, 1944, first in France, then Luxemburg and Germany.

Clothing Drive For War Victims Now Underway

The drive for the collection of clothing in the Waynesville area of the county, which is sponsored by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and various voluntary groups in the United States, is getting underway, according to Guy Massie, chairman of the collection committee.

Mr. Massie stated that a number of inquiries had come to him regarding collection stations in the area to which people might bring their contributions.

The drive which opened on Monday of this week is expected to continue through Monday, April 16. An appeal is being made to every person in the county to contribute to the collection for the needy in the war torn countries overseas.

The main storage station for the drive is the basement of the Chamber of Commerce. Others places where garments which must be good, but may not be in perfect repair are to be left include: Rock Hill school, Dellwood school, Waynesville colored school, Fines Creek school, Saunook school, Ward's Service Station, The Toggery, Massie's Department Store, Boyd's Furniture Store, Waynesville Laundry.

Burgin Bros. Store, C. N. Allen's Store, Unagusta Manufacturing Company, Dayton Rubber Company, Royle and Pilkington, Inc., Maggie school, Hazelwood school, Waynesville high school, Central Elementary school, Crabtree school, St. John's school, Junaluska Supply Company, C. E. Ray's Sons, Belk's Department Store, Smith's Drug Store, Central Cleaners, First National Bank, W. A. Bradley's Store, Chas. Buchanan Store, Allen's Creek, A. C. Lawrence Leather Company, Wellco Shoe Plants, No. 1 and No. 2, and Francis Cove Chapel.

Mr. Bailey, general chairman, is urging that everyone make their donation as early as possible so that the drive may be closed on the date set.

Dayton Employes Go Over Quota In Red Cross Drive

The Dayton Rubber Manufacturing Company in a 24-hour drive exceeded its alloted quota of $500 to the Red Cross War Fund. Collections totaled $701.33. This sum put the total well over the 100 per cent mark set by the plant committee.

Single donations ranged from one to twenty-five dollars, many of the employees subscribing an entire day's pay.

Raymond F. Swayngim, a veteran of both wars and with one son now in the Marine Corps, stated, "I know what the Red Cross means to our fighting men, I was one myself. The Red Cross is not only always there with small homey comforts, but they put in back breaking work studying the more serious needs of the armed forces as much as possible. That is way it is up to us to lighten their work as much as possible by giving all we can and more." Mr. Swayngim underscored this statement with the largest contribution made by any one employee.

"Credit should be given," said Lura Kerley, chairman of the plant committee, "to the girls who gave up their time to contact the employees in this important drive. Their work was made simpler, of course, by the generous cooperatio nof the entire plant."

Killed In Action

CPL. JOSEPH CARROLL HAWKINS, U. S. Marines, who has been reported killed in action on February 25, on Iwo Jima. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeter P. Hawkins, of Clyde, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Crabtree.

Cpl. J. C. Hawkins, Paratrooper, Killed In Action

Corporal Jaseph Carroll Hawkins, 21, U. S. Marine paratrooper, was killed in action on Iwo Jima, on February 25, according to the following telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeter R. Hawkins, of Clyde:

"Deeply regret to inform you that your son, Corporal Joseph C. Hawkins, U.S.M.C., died 25 February, 1945, of wounds received in action at Iwo Jima Volcano Islands in the performance of his duty and service of his country. When information is received regarding burial you will be notified. To prevent possible aid to our enemies do not divulge the name of his ship or station. Please accept heartfelt sympathy. Letter follows.

A. A. Vandergrift, Lieut. Gen.,
U.S.M.C. Commandant of the Marine Corps."

He entered the Marine Corps in January, 1942, and received his boot training at Parris Island and his advanced training at Bayonne New Jersey. He received special paratrooper training at New River prior to being sent to the South Pacific in the fall of 1943. He served 18 months in the campaigns of Guadalcanal, Bouganville, Guam, Tinian, Saipan and New Guinea.

In March, 1944, he returned to the States for a 30-day leave at home and was stationed for a period at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He returned to the Pacific area in August, 1944.

Cpl. Hawkins was a graduate of the Clyde high school in the class of 1941, and before entering the service he was employed by the American Enka Corporation.

Surviving are his parents, two brothers, Pvt. Walter Hawkins, who is serving with the 9th Army in Germany, and S. Sgt. Eugene Hawkins, who is in France; one sister, Miss Betty Joe Hawkins, of Clyde, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Crabtree.

Twenty-Five Boys Become 18 Years During March

Twenty-five boys in the Waynesville area of the county became eighteen years of age during the month of March, according to the draft board and are now subject to call for active service under the selective service system.

In the group were the following: Jarvis Buford Brock, Hazelwood, William Gale Dotson, Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2; Luke Fie, Maggie, Milburn Junior Rogers, Hazelwood; Thomas Clarence Forney, Jr., Waynesville; Roy Lee Trantham, Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2; James Earl Smith, Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1; John Francis Gillett, Lake Junaluska.

James Robert Gentry, Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2; Joseph Lloyd Leopard, Waynesville; Robert Neal Shehan, Dellwood; Hollie Roy Hampton, Waynesville; Theodore Tecumseh Muse, Jr., Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1; Richard Henry Franklin, Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1; William Lee Gaddis, Hazelwood; Robert Thomas Buchanan, Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1.

William Lee Hicks, Hazelwood, Clyde Hampton Mehaffey, Hazelwood; Orville Ray Hannah, Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1; William Anderson Trull, Waynesville; Frank Bolden, Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2; James Mack Caldwell, Jr., Mt. Sterling, Roy Harris, Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, and Erwin McLaughlin Burgin, Waynesville.

Rufus Siler Named Chairman Rationing Board, Rose Resigns

Main Street Sign Getting Coat Of Paint For Spring

The Town of Waynesville officials are stealing a march on the citizens of the community and are starting their clean-up campaign ahead of schedule time, as observed in the painting of the sign across Main Street at the entrance of Depot — "The Great Smoky Mountains National Park."

The work was started on Tuesday and will be completed tomorrow, it was learned from City Manager G. C. Ferguson. Two coats of paint will be applied to the sign, which indicates to visitors the shortest route into the Park from this this area.

The fresh paint will add materially to the appearance of Main Street, and will show those passing this way that the civic leaders have pride in their community.

Pfc. Paul R. Cagle Killed In Action In Germany

Private First Class Paul R. Cagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Cagle, of the Ratcliff Cove section, has been reported killed in action in Germany on February 28, according to a message received by his parents from the War Department.

Pfc Cagle entered the service on May 20, 1942, and was inducted at Fort Jackson, where he was stationed until he was sent overseas thirty months ago. Prior to 1942, he had served for three years in the regular army, joining in 1938. Two years of the period he was stationed in Panama.

In a letter to his mother from his commanding officer information was given regarding his burial rites which were read by a Protestant chaplain on an Army cemetery in Luxembourg, where he was buried.

The letter also stated, "His service with his company though brief, was excellent and he proved his qualities as a good soldier. For performance of duty in action against the enemy, he had been awarded the right to wear the Expert Infantryman badge and the

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Duke Trustees Allot $3,219 To Haywood Hospital

Fourteen hospital, and seven orphans' homes in Western North Carolina have been alloted a total of $43,800 by trustees of the Duke Endowment.

The sum is a portion of the $660,869.13 appropriated to 92 hospitals and 40 orphans' homes in North and South Carolina. The action was taken at a meeting of the trustees in New York City.

Of the amount given institutions in Western North Carolina, $43,356 went to the hospitals and $10,444 to orphans' homes.

The Haywood County Hospital was alloted $3,219. The largest item on the list went to the Roper Hospital, Charleston, which was $54,120 and the largest single item in North Carolina was $26,040 which went to the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem.

March Was Busy Month For Local Employment Unit

The local U. S. Employment Service office reports that 781 reception contacts were recorded during the past month which is considerably less than contacts previously reported. 451 persons were routed for additional service in the local office, 67 of these being veterans. Eighteen veterans of the present war were placed on jobs here, while four were placed in work outside the local area. Sixty-eight civilian workers were placed in priority and essential jobs locally and 36 were placed out of the area.

Few of the veterans who have returned to the county to date have made applications for Readjustment Allowances.

Joe Rose Resigns After Serving Two Years; To Devote Time To Business.

Rufus Siler has accepted the chairmanship of the local War Price and Rationing Board, succeeding Joe E. Rose, who resigned this week after serving as chairman for two years.

The anonuncement was made yesterday by Jonathan Woody, Haywood chairman of Civilian Defense. In announcing the changes, Mr. Woody said, "We are fortunate in getting Mr. Siler to succeed Mr. Rose, who felt he had to give up the work in order to devote more time to his own business.

"Mr. Rose has done an excellent job, and the entire area served by the local rationing board is indebted to him ,and his associates.

"The three members of the board give much of their time and energy to the work without one penny compensation. Dill Howell has been a member of the board for more than three years, and Guy Massie for more than a year. Dill Howell has been on the board since rationing started."

Mr. Siler has been chairman of the Fuel Oil panel and he will be succeeded at this by Paul Martin.

Mr. Siler's acceptance of the chairmanship brought to mind the fact that he served for many years of the board of trustees of the Haywood County Hospital. This was also an important civic job without compensation.

Pfc. C. R. Robinson Killed In Action In Philippines

Private First Class Cecil R. Robinson, son of Mrs. Ernest E. Robinson, and the late Mr. Robinson, of Hazelwood, was killed in action on February 23, according to a message from the War Department to his wife, Mrs. Emma Louise Leatherwood Robinson, of Waynesville and Newport News, Va.

Pfc. Robinson entered the service in March, 1943, and was inducted at Camp Croft. After taking his basic training at a Texas post he was sent to Fort Benning, Ga., for special training as a paratrooper.

Pfc. Robinson was killed in action on Corrigedor. He had served in the Pacific theatre for the past 18 months.

Surviving are his wife, his mother; three brothers, Pfc. William Earl Robinson and Pfc. Johnny Howell Robinson, both serving in the European theatre, and Donald Robinson, Hazelwood, four sisters, Mrs. Howard Passmore, Mrs. Max Cochran, and Miss Betty Joe and Miss Ernestine Robinson, all of this section.

Col. Mint Reed Home From Caribbean Area

Colonel Mint Reed, U. S. Army Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Reed, of Waynesville, is spending a week of a thirty-day leave in the States here with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Reed, at their home on Woodley Heights.

Col. Reed, a graduate of Duke University, entered the Air Corps soon after his graduation from college in 1928. He was graduated from flying school in 1929.

He has had a wide experience in army aviation during the years he has been in the service. He was loaned to the U. S. Postal Department in the early '30's and was the first man to fly the mail between Boston and New York.

Col. Reed has been stationed in the Caribbean theatre for the past 20 months, prior to which he was stationed at an air base in Boston.

Farmers Exchange Is Building Warehouse

The Farmers Exchange on the Asheville road is erecting a warehouse 22 by 45 feet to be utilized in their general business.

The firm has had two warehouses at the Depot and this new warehouse will replace one of those now in use.

Walter D. Ketner is owner of the firm.

et Up Your Old Clothing For Those Who Need It In War-Torn Countries