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Special Gifts Workers Begin Work For Annual Red Cross Roll Call

Wins DAR Medal



AARON HYATT, winner of the 38th DAR declamation contest medal last week. He repeated the address before the Rotary Club last Friday. Photograph by Wallace Marley.

Aaron Hyatt Wins Medal In DAR 38th Contest

Aaron Hyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hyatt, of Hazelwood, was the winner of the medal given annually by the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in the declamation contest sponsored by organization for the boys of the Waynesville Township high school. The contest on Friday, held in the high school auditorium, was the 38th consecutive event conducted by the chapter.

Cecil Fore won second place and was presented a cash award. Wallace Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brown, Jr., was given honorable mention by the judges.

Invocation was given by Rev. S. R. Crockett, pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian church. Mrs. W. F. Swift, regent, opened the program after which Mrs. S. H. Bushnell, chairman of patriotic education, and in charge of the contest, presided. She also presented the awards to the winners.

The speeches given and the contestants were as follows: "Supposed Speech of Adams," by Daniel Webster, given by Ray Rogers; "Call to Arms," Patrick Henry, by Cecil Fore; "The Four Freedoms," by Franklin D. Roosevelt, by Bill Richeson.

"The Soul of An American Soldier," given by Winifred Linder; "Freedom From Fear," S. Benet, by Donald Rhea; "A Man Without a Country," Hale, given by Aaron Hyatt; "More Terrible Than All Words," Walter S. Slattoll, given by Jimmy Swager.

"The New South," Henry Grady, given by Wallace Brown; "Roosevelt's Speech to Congress, January 1943," by Bobby Harry; "The Black Horse and His Rider," Leopard, given by Carol Underwood.

Many Vacancies In State Guard

There are many vacancies in the Headquarters and Service Company of the State Guard here, it was announced yesterday by Capt. James Davis, and First Lieutenant Frank Byrd.

An enlistment campaign is being staged, and many men are being contacted to re-join the organization.

Word from Washington this week pointed out that the postwar national guard allotment has been set for 10,970 men for the ground forces, and 717 for the air forces.

Dellwood-Lake Road Contract To Be Let 12th

A contract is scheduled to be let by the State Highway Commission in Raleigh on March 12th for the building of structures and grading the 4.56 miles of road between Lake Junaluska and Dellwood. This project will be among the \$2,000,000 in work to be let out on contract on that date, it was announced.

Committees Named And Territories Assigned Workers For The Drive

The annual Red Cross drive for the Haywood Chapter, covering the Waynesville area of the county was launched here on Tuesday with an initial preliminary drive being made by the Special Gifts committee of which Joe Rose is serving as chairman, according to Major H. L. Baughman, general chairman in charge of the campaign.

Serving with Mr. Rose are Alvin Ward, as co-chairman, and committee members, Mrs. W. A. Bradley, C. V. Bell, Mrs. J. J. Ferguson, Guy Massie, M. D. Watkins, Mrs. Ben Sloan, Mrs. L. N. Davis, Dr. N. M. Medford, and Rev. L. G. Elliott.

The general drive will officially open on Friday, March the first, and it is the hope of Major Baughman and his workers that the campaign may be closed in a few days, though the official end of the drive has been set for March 8th.

With the quota of \$2,750 for this year being only half of that assigned the area last year, Major Baughman feels that the money should be donated during the first few days of the drive. He is asking the co-operation of the public so that the workers who give their time may close the drive at the earliest possible date.

A meeting of all who are serving on the various committees has been announced by Chairman Baughman, which will be held in the court house at 7:30 o'clock to (Continued on page six)

Hilda Fisher Victim Of Fire Escapes Injury

Miss Hilda Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fisher, of Waynesville Route 2, is one of ten Red Cross workers in Seoul, Philippine Islands, who lost all their personal possessions in a fire that swept their wooden residence.

The seventh division gave a party for the girls, with admission to party by one or more articles of G. I. clothing, small size.

None of the victims received any injury, all escaping, but they lost everything they had with them, which among their clothes was reported to have included two diamond rings, a pet teddy bear, and a set of false teeth.

In addition to Miss Fisher the Red Cross workers included: Miss Theodora Sedgewick, Boston, Mass.; Miss Caroline Bridgman, Staten Island, N. Y.; Miss Helen Merene, Ikon, N. Y.; Miss Ruth Alexander, Greenville, Tenn.; and Jeanne Stavins, Waterford, N. Y.

Miss Fisher is serving as staff assistant with the Red Cross. At the time she was appointed to work with the armed forces she was a teacher in Newport News, Va.

David Himes Reported Missing Declared Dead

David A. Himes, MoMm. 3/c. son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Himes, of Lake Logan, formerly of Waynesville, who was reported missing in action in 1944, has been officially declared dead by the Navy Department, according to information received by the family. The letter continued in part the following:

"Your son, David Alexander Himes, MoMm 3/c. USNR, has been carried on the official records of the Navy Department in the status of missing in action as of February, 1944. He was serving on board the USS Scorpion when that submarine failed to return from patrol operations in the Pacific area.

"On January 2, 1944, the Scorpion departed from Midway Island (Continued on page six)

Little Is Principal At Crabtree School

H. T. Little, recently discharged from service, has assumed duties as principal of the Crabtree-Iron Duff school, succeeding J. T. Chapman who resigned at the mid-term.

Mr. Little is a native of the Leicester section of Buncombe county, served with the air corps for three years.

First Haywood Couple To Pay Off FSA Loan



MR. AND MRS. JOHN H. RATHBONE, of Crabtree, are shown here as they were handed their FSA mortgage marked paid in full by Thurman C. Davis, of Iron Duff, and a member of the FSA Advisory Committee here Saturday. The Rathbones paid their \$4,750 mortgage in seven years, although they had 40 years in which to clear up the indebtedness. This Mountaineer photo by Wallace Marley.

Cannery Sought For Crabtree-Iron Duff Community

Parent-Teachers Organization Given Charter For Boy Scout Troop Of Area

Hopes are running high in the Crabtree-Iron Duff community that a cannery will be established there in the near future. The report was made recently at a Parent-Teacher Association meeting by N. B. Nesbitt, vocational agriculture teacher of the school.

At the same meeting, the Boy Scout charter was presented to the Scout committee by Rev. M. R. Williamson of Waynesville. The committee in turn gave the charter to O. L. Yates, president of the P.T.A., the sponsoring organization for the Boy Scout troop.

Frank Davis, scoutmaster of the troop, presented each Scout with a membership card, and spoke briefly on the work of the boys, and some of their plans for the future.

A committee also reported that a moving picture machine had been purchased by the organization for the school and should be delivered at an early date.

Mrs. J. T. Chappell's eleventh grade and Mrs. James' third grade won the half holidays for having the highest percentage of parents at the meeting.

AT ICE CREAM MEETING

Johnny Edwards has just returned from a week in Cincinnati, where he attended an ice cream merchandising school, which was held for ice cream manufacturers for more than half the nation.

Mr. Edwards is assistant manager of Pet Dairy Products Company here.

Crabtree Couple Proves Farming Is Profitable

Ration Book No. Four Valuable, Hold On To It

Housewives were advised today by the Office of Price Administration to retain in their possession War Ration Book 4, now used only to obtain sugar. Although the currently valid sugar stamp 39 is the last stamp in War Ration Book 4, that is specifically labeled for purchases of sugar, spare stamps in that book will be designated as sugar stamps from time to time. For this reason, War Ration Book 4 should be retained even after sugar stamp 39 has been used, OPA emphasized.

Sugar stamp 40 was used for the 1944 home canning program, OPA explained.

Knights Templar To Hold Special Meeting Friday

Clyde H. Jarrett, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, will address the meeting of the Waynesville Commandery, of Knights Templar on Friday night here in their assembly rooms on the third floor of the First National Bank, according to announcement by C. B. Hosafook, secretary. All Master Masons in the forty-first district are invited to attend.

There will be a special program for veterans of World War 1 and 2, which has been arranged to honor the members of the Waynesville Lodge, who served in the armed forces of this country. Col. J. Harden Howell will be in charge of this feature of the program and will address the group.

Car Smashes Into Store, Narrowly Missing Several Persons, None Are Injured

A Studebaker sedan, old model, owned by Mrs. W. C. Smithson, of Lake Junaluska, in which she had left her two small sons, two and four years of age, parked in front of the American Fruit Stand, without warning, smashed into the store on Monday afternoon around 5 o'clock.

"I thought the world had come to an end when the car smashed into the counter in front of me. I knew I would be killed," said Felix Stovall, owner of the store, as he swept up the broken glass following the accident.

The car was in low gear and when the switch was touched the motor automatically started. The two small boys, experimenting with the switch got unexpected results, when to their surprise they found themselves in the American Fruit Stand, directly in front of the soda fountain.

The boys belonging to a mechanical age, and sons of an overseas veteran, did not appear to be one bit upset by all the furor they had caused, but rather seemed to get a kick out of the action they had gotten from the switch, according to one eye witness.

The mother, however, did not take the accident in such a nonchalant manner when she returned to find what havoc had taken place during her short absence.

Bought and Paid For 161-Acre Farm, Many Tools and Stocks, In Seven Years

What are the chances of a young couple making good on a farm today?

That question has been asked by thousands of young men and women just starting out, and especially among returning veterans.

An accurate answer to the question can be had from Mr. and Mrs. John Rathbone, of Crabtree, who on Saturday were handed the mortgage on their farm marked paid in full by the Farm Security Administration, the agency that has worked with them since 1939.

"What advice would you offer a couple wanting to buy a farm and pay for it as quickly as you did yours?" the Rathbones were asked.

"Make up your mind that it is going to take a lot of hard work and sacrifice, and then be willing to listen to experienced and successful farmers and agriculture leaders," they replied.

That is the identical course the Rathbones followed from the day they bought their 161-acre farm on Crabtree, known as the Hardy Silvers place.

Under the terms of the FSA loan, the Rathbones had 40 years to pay back the loan. That was a long time, and lots of interest at even three per cent could pile up on the \$4,750 loan in that time. So the couple started working hard, saving here and there, growing over 90 per cent of their own food, and all the stock feed for their cattle. By careful management, and sacrifice, the loan was paid off in full in seven years.

The loan on the farm wasn't all that was paid, however, because when they started they had to have money to buy stock, seed and even tools. Those loans have also been marked paid in full, and the Rathbones are out of debt, and have quite a surplus of feed, food and stock on hand, and making good.

"What is your next project, now that you are out of debt?"

"First we want to get electricity, a washing machine and an electric refrigerator. After that we want more tools and implements and cattle." From the ready answer they gave, one can readily see that the couple plan to continue to work hard and improve their home and farm. They have a definite plan they are working to carry through.

The Rathbone farm has about 15 acres of croplands, and on this was planted tobacco and beans for a cash crop. In addition to feeds and food crops for family use, on the 25 acres of pasture land, grade graded beef cattle for added cash income. Mrs. Rathbone gave special attention to a poultry flock and turned into the family treasury considerable cash from the sale of poultry and eggs. Mrs. Rathbone prefers the Buff Leghorns and New Hampshire. She now has a flock of 75.

The 121 acres of woodlands has not entered into the cash income of the Rathbones. The timber is still intact and he has not had time to do anything with this part of his farm to date.

In the early spring, summer and (Continued on page six)

Burley Acreage To Be Cut 10 pc. For Next Year

Boy Scout Drive Is \$500 Behind, Report Shows

M. H. Bowles, chairman of the Boy Scout adult membership drive in this end of the county, reported yesterday that the campaign was short about \$500.

"There are six committees to make reports, and we expect to have final reports in by this week-end," Mr. Bowles said.

The goal for this county is \$2,500, with the Canton area assuming responsibility for half the county quota, and this area the other half.

N. C. Symphony To Give Concert Here March 28th

Haywood Goes More Than \$100 Over Quota On Symphony Fund Campaign

Lovers of good music in Haywood are in for a real treat on the 28th of March.

It was announced yesterday by Mrs. Hugh A. Love, county chairman of the North Carolina Symphony Society, that a concert will be given here on Thursday, March 28, at the high school.

The orchestra, under the baton of Dr. Benjamin Swain, will appear in the afternoon of that date for the benefit of the school children of the county, and this concert will be free for all school children.

In the evening a full concert program for members of the society will be given. Although the concert will be open to members of the society, especially those who purchased membership tickets during the campaign in 1945, there will be additional tickets sold for the concert.

It was further announced that a concert by the full orchestra—65 pieces—will be held in Asheville on the evening of April 24, and all holding memberships in the society will be entitled to a seat in the city auditorium on that occasion.

Mrs. Love also announced that Haywood had exceeded the quota of \$500 by more than \$100, since some last-minute collections had been made within the past few days.

Dr. N. F. Lancaster Opens His Offices

Dr. N. F. Lancaster has opened his offices at the corner of Haywood and Miller Streets in the Garrett building. Many pieces of modern equipment have been added, and others have been bought and will be added soon.

Dr. Lancaster recently returned here after serving 47 months in the medical corps of the army.

Miss Winnie Kirkpatrick, secretary-technician, is in the office, a place she has held since Dr. Lancaster came here in 1932.

The office hours were announced as 11 to 1 daily, and by appointment only from 3 to 5. The office is closed every Thursday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Chapman Purchase Shipley Home

Dr. and Mrs. W. Kermit Chapman have purchased the home of Mrs. Claude Shipley on Brown Avenue. The new owners expect to make some renovations on the place before they move in.

Mrs. Shipley plans to visit relatives in Tennessee and this state during the next few months, and will then return here.

Dr. and Mrs. Chapman, and daughter, are formerly from Sylva. Dr. Chapman opened his dental offices here after serving a long period in the armed forces.

Mrs. J. C. Brown Reported Improving

Mrs. J. C. Brown, who has been confined to her bed for the past six weeks, as a result of a concussion and other injuries suffered when en route from Asheville to Waynesville, is showing some slight improvement, it was learned yesterday.

Rev. F. Leatherwood In Critical Condition

Rev. Frank Leatherwood was reported yesterday as being in a critical condition in the Veteran's Hospital in Johnson City. He entered the hospital on Monday.

Reduction Does Not Apply To Farmers Having Less Than One-Half Acre

The Haywood county AAA office was notified by wire Saturday by the North Carolina AAA office in Raleigh of the ten per cent cut in Burley tobacco allotments for the coming year in this county in keeping with the national cut, according to H. M. Dulin, secretary of the county organization.

The anticipated increase in penalties plus the ten per cent in decrease of acreage will mean the decrease of around 300 acres of production of Burley tobacco in Haywood county for the current year, it was learned from Mr. Dulin.

There was a total of 1,560 growers in Haywood county last year who produced 1,560.3 acres of tobacco. Of this number there were 155 farmers who exceeded their allotments or did not have allotments. This represented 222.6 acres of excess tobacco for which all producers paid 100 per cent penalties.

Of the 1,560 growers there were 150 who cultivated only one half acre or less. The new ten per cent cut will not affect these small growers.

While the local AAA office has not been officially notified, it is generally understood that the penalties for growing excess tobacco this year will be even larger than last year in an effort to keep down the production of tobacco to counteract the surplus of 1945.

State P. T. A. Leaders Coming Here March 25th

A one-day training school for officers of Parent-Teacher Associations of this school district will be held at the East Waynesville school on March 25th, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Albert Abel, president of the association of the host school.

Mrs. J. S. Blair, of Bryson City, will be here and direct the activities of the day, and will be assisted by state leaders in the work. Tentative plans are to begin the meeting at 10:30, and continue through the afternoon. The East Waynesville P. T. A. will serve lunch.

All officers of each P. T. A. of the area are expected to attend. Those schools in the district include, Central Elementary, Hazelwood, Saunook, Maggie, Rock Hill, Lake Junaluska, Clyde, Bethel, Crabtree and Fines Creek.

Flora Hyatt Wins First Place Cotton Contest

Flora Hyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Hyatt, of Hyatt Creek, was the winner of the first prize offered in the cotton dress contest annually sponsored by the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, as a feature of the annual dress parade held by the home economics department of the Waynesville high school.

Miss Mary Jane Swayngim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Swayngim, of Dellwood won the second place.

The first prize was given by Miss Patsy Gwyn, Good Citizenship winner of 1942, and the second prize was donated by the Joseph Howell Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution.

Fifteen girls, all students of the home economics department of the Waynesville Township, entered the contest which was held last week, with the winners announced this week at the high school by Mrs. W. F. Swift, regent of the chapter, who presented the prizes.

Adult Scout Course To Be Given On 10th

There will be a Boy Scout Adult Leaders course conducted at Long's Chapel, Methodist Church on March 10th, at 2 p. m., according to an announcement by Hallet Ward, district chairman of the Scouts.

The meeting is being held for adult Scout leaders and parents of the Scouts, who are interested in promoting Scouting in the district. W. S. Edwards, of Canton, who is chairman of the District Scout Leadership Committee, will be in charge of the courses to be offered.