

Train Dream Comes True For Crippled Farm Girl

COVINGTON, Tenn. — A crippled farm girl's dream comes true tonight.

She boards "her train" — the crack Chesaw Limited — where she had dreamed it would stop some day in front of her little country farm-house near here. She had been watching it from her bedroom window every night for years, whizzing by at 70 miles an hour.

A train crew whose hearts she won by saving to them from a wheel-chair will put 14-year-old Minnie Rose Webb aboard to take her to St. Louis, where she will enter Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children. Physicians there hope to make her walk again.

About midnight tonight the crack flyer will roll to a halt at a country crossroads near here. Little Minnie Rose will be carried from a wagon to a drawing room in one of the luxurious coaches of the Illinois Central Limited.

Imperial Welcome
Imperial Shrine Pontate William Woodfield, Jr., of San Francisco, will meet her in St. Louis and conduct her to the hospital.

Almost all of Tipton County's Shriners, farmers and the train crew that call her "Sweetheart" are expected to be at the crossroads tonight to see her off and wish her a pleasant and successful journey.

John McNamara of Memphis, Tenn., a freight train conductor was one of the first trainmen to visit the little hound house occupied by Minnie Rose and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Webb.

McNamara had seen the little girl sitting on the porch of her home almost every time his train passed. So one day he stopped his train in front of her house and went to visit Minnie Rose. Her parents received him and told him why their little daughter was an invalid.

Minnie Rose underwent an appendectomy about three years ago, Mrs. Webb related, and was given a spinal anesthesia. She never recovered from the operation and was paralyzed from the waist down.

Cherished by the girl's daily greeting and believing her a child worthy of better things, McNamara persuaded other trainmen to join him in buying Minnie Rose a wheelchair.

One day a freight train came to an unscheduled stop before her home to deliver the wheelchair, and, since then, the little girl had sat in the chair to hail the passing trainmen.

McNamara was not satisfied with the little he had done and wanted to go further. He began collecting money from his fellow trainmen, and, in a short time, he had accumulated \$137 which he used to pay her expenses to St. Louis.

Her daily greetings will be missed by McNamara and other trainmen, but when Minnie Rose returns they hope she will be able to run to the tracks to greet them, slowly dropping her waving arm as the engine moves out of sight, like other kids do.

Enlistments Are Increasing in Service

The Army has reported it has raised in five months a volunteer force of 600,017—largest of its kind in the nation's history.

This force is the nucleus of a projected peacetime regular army of 1,500,000—a goal set for July 1, November was the peak month for enlistments with 123,000 men volunteering. Since monthly totals have declined gradually, to 93,674 in February.

A breakdown shows that 67.07 per cent of those enlisting served in the army of the United States during the war; 14.23 per cent are men who served in the regular army before the war and 18.7 per cent are young men from civilian life serving for the first time.

Among the nine service commands in the United States, the fourth at Atlanta, Ga., leads in enlistments with a total of 97,214.

Pigeon River District Court Of Honor Held Here

Forty-two Haywood county Boy Scouts received 67 awards at the monthly meeting of the Pigeon River district court of honor Monday evening at the courthouse here. Advancement Chairman W. P. Whitesides, of Bethel, presided and Scout Robert McVey, of Waynesville, acted as court clerk. The invocation was by the Rev. O. L. Robinson, pastor of the First Methodist church of Canton.

It was announced that the next court of honor will be held at the Central high school on Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30 p. m.

Two Canton Scouts, Nelson Clontz of troop 4 and James Rex Lively of troop 16, received the life scout award presented by Stanley Brading. Another Canton scout, David C. Hall of troop 4, was presented the star scout award by Louis Gates, Sr.

Fifteen new scouts participated in the tenderfoot investiture ceremony conducted by Frances V. Smoky Smith, assistant scout executive of the Daniel Boone council. They were: Doyle H. Crum of troop 4 Canton; Charles V. Rhoadner and Ernest Lee Duvall of troop 13 Canton; Joel Robert Gilchrist, Luther Lewis and Bobby D. Queen of troop 16 Canton; William E. Lankford and Carroll L. Johnson of Neighborhood Patrol 13 Canton; and Phillip Ray Suttles, Robert E. Luther, Thomas Grady Boyd, James Newton Whitman, Mark Twain Rogers, Buddy Franklin and Wade C. Early, all of troop 2 Waynesville.

Joe Morrow of troop 8 Junaluska received his second class promotion from Howard Clapp.

Nickey Carter, Vernon Henson and Charles Poindexter, all of troop 4 Canton, received their promotions to first class rank from R. B. Davernport.

Twenty-one scouts received various merit badge awards presented by C. C. Poindexter. They were: Troop 1 Canton: Louis Gates, Jr., athletics and cooking; David Deas, cooking, athletics and safety; Bobby Harpe, personal health; Harry P. Matthews, reading, and Jimmy Patton, carpentry, pioneering, scholarship and cement work.

Troop 4 Canton: Earl Seeley, bird study, reading, woodcarving, reptile study and home repairs; Nelson Clontz, plumbing, cycling, civics and pathfinding; Joe Byers, home repairs; Phillip Carter, home repairs; Vernon Henson, hog and pork production, horsemanship and art; Billy Myers, music, public health, personal health, civics, first aid; Wayne Pressley, bird study, safety, bookbinding and pathfinding; Bobby Cogburn, woodwork and home repairs; Carroll Shaver, reading and home repairs; William C. Moody, music; and Francis Pless, cycling.

Troop 8 Junaluska: David E. Terrell, music.

Troop 12 Bethel: J. Davis Whitesides, pioneering and cooking; William P. Whitesides, cooking.

Troop 16 Canton: Guy Smith, reading and plumbing; James Rex Lively, cooking.

John H. Gibbs of Mill Springs has been re-elected president of the Polk County One-Variety Cotton Association for 1946.

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GERMAN HOUSEMAID Ingeborg Fischer is shown after she was arrested by U. S. authorities in Frankfurt, Germany, in connection with the slaying of T/Sgt. Steve Chinchar of Tuscarora, Pa. The sergeant was shot with his own service revolver, which Miss Fischer had in her hand when she was found standing beside Chinchar's body. She will be tried by an American military court. (International)

45 Exports, Imports Top Pre-War Levels

WASHINGTON — Both exports and imports in 1945 exceeded the levels of prewar 1939, the Commerce Department reported.

Total exports in domestic merchandise for 1945 were valued at \$9,600,000,000, more than three times the 1939 value. This was 32 per cent below the 1944 record high of \$14,200,000,000 due principally to cutbacks in Lend-Lease exports.

Imports for 1945 rose to \$4,100,000,000, 30 per cent above 1939 and highest since 1929. Increases were registered in practically all lines.

California Group Urge Saving Of Rubber Project

SAN FRANCISCO — A Federal proposal that a \$45,000,000 Guayule rubber production enterprise in California be destroyed was protested last week by the California Farm Bureau Federation.

The Federation's board of directors described the proposed destruction as "wanton waste of government property at a time when the nation is suffering from a rubber shortage."

"At the request of the Federal government," declared Ray A. Wiser, federation president, "the farmers patriotically turned their best land, needed for growing food crops, to the production of guayule."

The Federal government constructed the processing plants. The manufacturing process is simple and cheap. Now the government wants to write off its investment of \$45,000,000 as a complete loss to the taxpayer.

The federation proposed the leased land be turned back with the shrubs intact, so that a growers' cooperative could be formed to lease government processing mills and continue production.

The organization also asked that the government agree either to purchase guayule rubber from the growers' cooperative at the same price now being paid for Mexican rubber, or eliminate the ceiling price on the domestic product.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Webb, of Calhoun Falls, S. C., have announced the birth of a son on March 14. Mrs. Webb was the former Miss Leona Fisher of Hazelwood. Mr. and Mrs. Webb are making their home for the present with the latter's brother, W. H. Fisher, of Calhoun Falls.

SEC reports 744,450,000 shares traded in 1945.

Canton High School Plans To Honor Students Who Served In World War

Plans have been completed by the Canton high school for establishing a memorial to former students who served in the recent war. The entire athletic field will be completed according to the previous plans, and the field will be beautified by some regrading and planting of Norway Spruce.

The field and stadium will be dedicated as a memorial for the more than 900 boys and girls who have enlisted in the service. In addition to the general memorial, individual memorials for each of the more than twenty boys who died in service, will be included.

For this memorial a Norway Spruce will be planted for each boy and in front of each tree, a concrete shaft will be placed on which there will be a bronze plaque with appropriate information about the man.

These individual memorials will be in a tree line that extends along the north side of the athletic field at right angles to the field and along the east side along the river front and parallel to the field.

To establish these individual memorials there will be an expenditure of approximately \$25 per unit. It is desired that these memorials be unsolicited, and free will gifts of the people of Canton area. An individual may contribute enough to cover the cost of a complete memorial or he may give any smaller amount. There will be more than twenty memorials.

The committee has in hand information regarding 22 boys to be honored and if any one has the name of any student who has ever enrolled at the Canton high school who died in the service other than those on the list, they are asked to contact A. J. Hutchins, superintendent of the school, Frank Campbell, cashier of Haywood County bank has agreed to serve as treasurer of the fund, and those contributing may send in donations to him.

The list of boys to be honored

now held by the committee includes: Gorman Roberts, P. Johnson Moore, Hilliard I. Scott, Grady Plemons, Paul Clark, Logan White, Max Muse, Hoyt A. Edwards, Marion Joe Drake, Ralph Robinson, George Barnes, Charles White, Carl James Keyton, Lawrence Ensley, Jr., J. Frank Curtis, Lester Trantham, Jennings Mease, Marion Lusk, Gomer Hupert Scott, Henry N. Penland, Jimmy Kirkpatrick, Bud Max Stamey.

Will School Marns Take Up 'Swing'?

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LET'S STOP FEEDING INFLATION

You know what happens... When you continue to spend more than you make and... Keep on borrowing to make up the difference!

You know too, that a big chunk of every dollar you earn and every dollar you spend goes to pay the cost of government.

That's why it's important for you to take a good look at the way the government spends your dollars.

Government should begin now to live within its means

During the war government necessarily spent huge sums of money. Yet, with the war over, the government plans to spend four times as much in the coming year as it spent in the highest pre-war year.

Most thoughtful people believe that government expenditures are now far greater than they need be.

They believe that government, like a family, should live within its means... that it should not spend more than it takes in... that it should not keep on going deeper into debt.

Yet that is exactly what's happening today. Our government is spending billions more than it takes in. And it continues to borrow to make up the difference.

This is the kind of money-handling that causes inflation.

Economy in government means money in your pocket

If the American people — through Congress — will reduce government spending and take steps to encourage production, inflation will be stopped... and this is the only way it can be stopped.

Write your representatives in Congress today.

Urge them to cut the cost of government, eliminating all waste... all unnecessary services... and postponing all expenditures that can be put off until our war bills have been paid.

Urge them to make the government start living within its means... at a level that you and your neighbors can afford to pay.

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