

Bethel Future Farmers Close Successful Year

(Contributed)

At the beginning of this year, the Bethel Chapter of Future Farmers of America set out for a busy year, preparing themselves to put the work ahead, behind.

At first the chapter met and elected its officers and set up their goals for the year.

Our class room study has changed quite a bit this year. Since the school has purchased a motion picture machine, the advisor of our chapter orders films of information to farmers. We also have magazine study and some book work.

Outside the class room great accomplishments have been made. The chapter bought a patch of beans and took the responsibility of renting an orchard. The beans cleared the chapter one hundred dollars. We donated this to the cannery. For the food relief fund the chapter canned, gathered and donated, along with the help of some other chapters, over fifteen hundred cans of fruits and vegetables. We canned 4,000 quarts of food for the school lunchroom. We also helped the other farmers of the community harvest beans that otherwise would have gone to waste.

We also set up our goal to enter all FFA contests, in which we have thus far met. First was the Ritual and Parliamentary Procedure held at Cullowhee. We won first place there and look forward to going to Asheville for the district sometime in May.

Next was the crops contest held here at Bethel. Richard Stoney, Davis Whitesides and Frederick Murray represented the chapter. They taking first place, got to go to Raleigh in which they won fifth place out of 47 schools.

Our 12th annual Father and Son Banquet was held in the auditorium, April 12. The main feature this year was a moving picture, "The Green Hand". There were approximately 150 present. The second year Home Economics girls served.

Our chapter initiated 34 boys this year and 15 boys have the Future Farmer Degree.

Richard Stoney has qualified for the State Farmer degree. Some of the qualifications are:

- 1. 85 or above on all high school subjects.
 - 2. Held office in chapter.
 - 3. Entered contests outside chapter.
 - 4. Earned and invested for project.
- In the Field Day contest, Clyde won over us with 74 points to our 69. There were 10 schools that entered.

The Livestock Judging Contest will be held here May 17. The Home Economics girls will serve refreshments.

Thirteen boys have Certified Hybrid seed corn for a project this year.

This ends our work this year and in the years come we hope to advance.

BETHEL ADVISER SERVES ON CAMP POLICY COMMITTEE

The Bethel Chapter of FFA is proud to have its adviser, Mr. I. A. McLain, chosen as representative on the Camp Policy Committee of the Western District. Upon his return from the committee meeting in Raleigh he has announced he following additions and improvements to the White Lake Camp:

- 1. 200 double-decker all metal beds.
- 2. 200 mattresses.
- 3. 20 metal dressers.
- 4. 50 chairs.
- 5. 50 tables.
- 6. An outdoor concrete basketball court.
- 7. A tournament for all sports.
- 8. A better stocked store.
- 9. New fees.
- 10. Guest planes to be raised.
- 11. New concrete walks.
- 12. New food program and diet.

Winner Of Public Speaking Contest



WILLIAM WHITESIDES, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Whitesides of Bethel, won second place in the statewide public speaking contest recently held.

These and other minor improvements are to be made by next summer.

Last year the Bethel boys attended the White Lake Camp with 13 boys making the trip. The boys found the camp to be very pleasant and would like to return next summer.

TREASURER OF CHAPTER JOINS THE NAVY

Jack Queen, treasurer of the Bethel Chapter of FFA, has recently left to serve his country in the navy. We are sorry to lose him, but wish him success in his naval career. He is now stationed at the Norfolk Navy Yards in Virginia.

Louis Reece has been elected to succeed Jack in the treasurer's capacity of our chapter. We believe that he is capable of filling Jack's job.

MEMBERS OF CHAPTER INVEST OVER \$17,000

The members of the Bethel Chapter of FFA now have a total of \$4,113.20 invested in Savings Bonds and \$13,169.90 in farm machinery, livestock, etc. This makes a total of \$17,303.10 owned by the members of our chapter. By the end of the school year we hope to have \$20,000 invested.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST TO BE HELD MARCH 20

The FFA Public Speaking Contest for the Smoky Mountains Federation Chapters is scheduled for March 20 at Cullowhee. This will be the third in a series of five contests for chapters of this Federation. Bethel chapter won the first two.

Each chapter is allowed to send one speaker. Contestants are allowed to choose any subject concerning agriculture.

FARM TRAINING IS OPEN TO VETERANS

A farm training program for veterans will be held at the Bethel vocational agriculture department under the direction of Mr. I. A. McLain. This work will be in connection with the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Any veteran who is interested should contact Mr. McLain as soon as possible.

CROP EXHIBIT CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Our chapter has held its annual crop exhibit contest. The exhibits were divided into two classes, the Project and Open Class. The winners were announced by Mr. I. A. McLain as follows:

Russians Employ German Tutors Penalty Rate Of

BERLIN — Reliable American and German informants who declined to be named report that the Russians have been engaging certain expert army, navy and air force men of the former German armed forces for service as instructors for the Red Army and Navy.

Russian authorities here would not comment on these reports, some of which came from deep in the Russian zone of occupation. An American officer who reported this Russian use of German personnel—all presumably disbanded and disbanded — observed that "German stuff is not hard to sign up."

"Why, I can show you lots of applications from Germans wanting to join the American Army," he added.

This officer said — and an informed German editor of a Russian-controlled Berlin daily newspaper concurred—that the Russians were culling specialists from the ranks of captured German soldiers and were putting them to work teaching the Russian armed forces in branches where the Germans excelled.

In aviation, for instance, these sources said, the Germans were teaching the Russians advanced aerodynamics, especially wrinkles of instrument navigation.

DEATHS

LAWRENCE WELCH TURNER

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Hazelwood Baptist church at 2 o'clock for Lawrence Welch Turner, 52, who died at his home in West Asheville at 1:55 a. m. Tuesday. Rev. J. M. Woodward, pastor and Rev. Perry Sprinkles, pastor of the Craven's Creek Baptist church, officiated. Burial was in Bon-A-Venture cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: Clyde Jordan, Sam Knight, Millard Fortner, Whitener Prevost, Lawson McHaffey and Hubert Gaddy.

Mr. Turner was a native of Haywood county, the son of the late P. T. and Mary McCracken Turner. He had resided in West Asheville for the past few months, and was employed by the Unagusta Manufacturing Company of Hazelwood. Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Martha Pruett; two daughters, Miss Pauline Turner, of West Asheville, and Mrs. Carroll Warren, of Canton; six brothers, David, Robert, Joe and Verlin Turner, all of Asheville, John Turner of Canton, and Paul Turner, of Seattle, Wash; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Myers of Canton, and Mrs. Paul Camp of Waynesville; two grandchildren.

Garrett funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Project — Irish Potatoes, Paul Metcalf, Bobby Wells, and Frederick Murray.

Project — Tobacco, Phil Sherrill, Frank Long, E. B. Rickman, Jr. Open Class — Onions, Davis Whitesides, Harold Pless, and Paul Metcalf.

Open Class — Apples, George Cogburn and Howard Pless. Popcorn, Foster Chason and Jerry Gibson.

Turnips, Noble Sharpe, Henson Long and Harold Pless. Sweet Potatoes, Davis Whitesides and Carroll Pressley. Stock beets, Foster Chason.

BETHEL HAD LARGEST CLUB LAST YEAR

The Bethel Chapter of Future Farmers of America had the largest membership of any chapter in the state during the year of 1944-45. We had a total of 82 members and sent \$41.00 to the state office.

NEGOTIATIONS HALT CIVIL WAR



THREAT of civil war in Iran has been delayed by storms which kept Azerbaijan's Premier Jafaz Pishavari from leaving Teheran by air. The Premier then reopened negotiations with the Central Government on plans for returning the self-proclaimed independent province of Azerbaijan to Iranian jurisdiction. Jagged line to which arrows on map point show where Central Government troops were stationed. (International)

229,239 Army Deaths During The Past War

WASHINGTON — Casualty lists for World War II released this week by the War Department set the number of army battle deaths at 229,239 for all theaters, and the total number of battle casualties of all types, including wounded, injured, captured and missing, at 948,418.

The figures cover the period from December 7, 1941, through February 28, 1946.

The difference of 719,180 between the total casualties and the total deaths represents 691,700 returned to duty, 16,273 currently carried as wounded, 3,983 former prisoners of war not yet accounted for, 7,814 missing in action still subject to search, and 310 who died while in captivity and were already counted in the total deaths figure. The figures do not include such non-battle casualties as illness not the result of action, training accidents, domestic plane crashes, and traffic deaths and injuries traceable to civil life.

The War Department cautioned against considering the total casualty figure of 948,418 as representing that many individuals. Many persons were injured or wounded twice, and other individuals fell into two or more casualty categories; for example, a man wounded and then captured is counted as two casualties. Figures on the number of separate persons who became casualties were not available.

The European theater, with the greatest manpower, suffered the highest number of casualties in all brackets. Of the 592,074 total battle casualties recorded in the ETO, 106,261 were killed in action; 396,973 were wounded in action, of whom 16,340 later died; 76,671 were captured and 23,067 became missing of whom 8,798 later died or were declared dead. The Mediterranean theater, with 178,602 total casualties and 43,200 deaths, was second in total casualties followed in order by the Pacific theater commands, the China-

Burma-India theater, Africa-Middle East, United States army strategic air forces (the B-29 command in the CBI and Pacific areas), the Caribbean and South Atlantic areas. A total of 835 battle casualties, including 548 deaths, were listed as "enroute and not chargeable to any command."

The total number of persons killed in action reached 173,441. The other 55,797 included in the battle deaths total of 229,238 were broken down as follows: 26,908 died of wounds or injuries suffered in action; 9,617 died while captured as prisoners of war or as internees of neutral countries; and 19,272 on whom an administrative finding of death was made under public law 490, 77th Congress, while in a missing status, or were reported dead.

Personnel captured in all theaters totaled 124,927, of whom 111,917 were later returned to military control. Deaths in captivity numbered 9,617, leaving 3,393 listed in the report as still "captured." Of these 3,393, a total of 3,083 were still missing on February 28, and 310 died of wounds but are already included as deaths in the 26,908 figure above.

Missing persons totaled 61,115, but end of the war has solved many of these cases. A total of 24,029 persons missing in action were returned to duty, and 19,272 were determined to have died. The dwindling list of persons still carried as missing now numbers 7,814, which, with the 3,083 unrecovered from captivity, totals 10,897.

Of the total casualties of 948,418, officers suffered 98,066 and enlisted personnel suffered 850,352. These were in the same approximate ratio as officer and enlisted strength on V-E day, when army strength was at its highest.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN



DOCTOR PILLSBURY REPORTS MARTHA SNOOP RECEIVED A SEVERE NOSE INJURY LATE YESTERDAY. CAUSE NOT DISCLOSED.

Excess Burley Set At 16 Cents

The rate of penalty for marketing excess Burley tobacco on the 1946-47 crop year will be 16 cents per pound, according to official figures issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. It has been announced this week by R. C. Francis, chairman of the Haywood county AAA committee.

The effective date on this increase in penalty is July 1, of this year and any excess Burley tobacco from the 1945 crop sold after June 30, 1946, will be subject to the increased penalty rate. It was pointed out by Mr. Francis.

Army Returns Land Owned By Colorado

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col.—Some 24,000 acres of state-owned land, turned over to Camp Carson during the war is being returned to ranchers for grazing purposes. During the war the land, used by soldiers in training, grew an excellent stand of grass.

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