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SPRUCE PINE, NEWLAND & BURNSVILLE, N. C.

## 5TH WAR BOND DRIVE STARTED JUNE 12

County Quotas Are Highest Ever

### COMMITTEES NAMED

Invasion News Spurs Greater Purchases

Avery county is fully organized and Mitchell has some committee chairmen named in the 5th War Loan Drive, which began Monday, June 12. A report from Yancey county was not available when The Tri-County News went to press.

Mitchell's quota has been placed at \$180,000 and Avery's at \$55,000. J. H. Duncan is county chairman, with Chas Robbins and E. A. Scott for Grassy Creek township; E. H. Poteat for Bakersville and Rayburn Yelton for Red Hill. Charts of daily progress are in Spruce Pine and Bakersville.

### Avery Organizes

At a dinner meeting held at the Grandfather Mountain Tea Room in Linville Saturday (Please Turn To Back Page)

## Letter From Prisoner Of War In Germany

Mrs. Rebecca Keys of Spruce Pine has received the following letter from her son John Keys, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany since early in the war.

Signature and following words are on the back of the letter. "Absener von und zunamez John I. Keys; gefangennummer 83817."

Dearest Mother and all:

I hope you are all well. As for me, I am still okay, so please do not worry.

I have received many letters and parcels from you. I (Please Turn to Page Eleven)

## Fishing Season Opened June 10

The fishing season for bass in the three counties and other western North Carolina counties began officially June 10, Hinton James, State Game and Fisheries Commissioner recently announced. The open season for trout began April 15.

C. N. Mease, game refuge supervisor, reports that streams in the Mt Mitchell cooperative wildlife management area yielded 1,755 fish to 412 anglers, or an average of 4.3 fish per fisherman, during the past season.

### AT THE CAROLINA

Thur.-Fri. — "Desert Son" starring Dennis Morgan, Irene Manning.

Sat.-Double Feature — "Tornado In The Saddle" with Russell Hayden and Bob Wills. Also "Whispering Footsteps" with J. Hubbard and Rita Quigley.

Mon.-Tues. — "A Guy Named Joe" with Spencer Tracy and Irene Dunn.

Wed. — "Mystery Broadcast" with Ruth Terry and F. Albertson. Also "Weapons For War."

## FOLKS--This Really Is It!

All of the tremendous naval, land and air actions in which American forces have been engaged have merely preludes to the vast fighting against the Germans that was launched with the first of what will almost certainly be a series of invasions of continental Europe. Now we are going into the war to the limit.

No American questions the ability of our armed forces to do their share in the Allied fight to defeat completely what the Germans thought was an invincible army and an air force that could destroy without hindrance. But enormous efforts must be made to gain that end; efforts that go far beyond anything to date in our part of this war.

Recent news from the invasion front has given some idea of the incredible quantities of materials and equipment required to do the job. Our men and their allies have lacked nothing that the almost unlimited productive resources of this country could provide. They went into action backed by what was needed to permit them to show the bravery that would win, and is winning.

Those who really know believe that the fight has not yet actually begun on the scale it will soon reach.

The requirements for materials and equipment will exceed in even greater proportion those used thus far. These vastly-increased requirements are expected to continue for at least the rest of this year—just to whip the Germans. Then will come the final drive to lick the Japs.

More than ever our government will need money to pay the bills. About half of it will come from taxes. The other half must come from war loans.

Our boys over there are giving their all. The best you can do will be puny in comparison. The one thing you can do that will count most right now is to BUY WAR BONDS. BUY THEM TODAY.

## Notice To Employers Auto Tax Stamp From State Doctor Is Now On Sale

Dr. T. F. Vestal state health doctor, has announced he will be in Spruce Pine June 19, Mon., to examine persons employed in mines and mineral processing plants in the Spruce Pine area. All employers who have any to be examined please submit names and addresses at once to the U. S. Employment office so they can be scheduled for examination.

## Pvt. Boyd Lewis Awarded Medal

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lewis of Poplar have received a Citation from Headquarters of the 36th Inf. Div., that awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy in Italy. He has attained the standard of the highly proficient, tough, hard and their son, Pvt. Boyd Lewis prescribed by the War Department as being necessary for the successful prosecution of the present war. His display of the finest qualities of the American soldier in combat reflects great credit upon himself and is deserving of the highest praise.

Pvt. Lewis entered service at Camp Croft, S. C., in April 1943, and was 19 years old the 10th of November, 1943. He received his training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and in September was sent overseas (Please Turn To Page Five)

Auto use tax stamps were placed on sale in all post-offices June 10. All cars must display the stamp by July 1 if they use the public highways. Failure to show the stamp on the vehicles will subject violators to a heavy fine.

Make a record of your stamp serial number. Dampen windshield instead of gummed side of stamp when sticking to windshield. Cost of stamp is \$5.

## Milk Subsidies To Be Continued Until April

Dairy production payments, generally called subsidies, for whole milk deliveries will be continued until the end of March, 1945, according to an announcement of the War Food Administration. Appropriation of the necessary funds by Congress is expected, although there has been considerable opposition to this policy of subsidies in stead of higher prices.

Until the end of next August the rate per 100 pounds locally will be 15 cents less than during March and April. Beginning September 1 and extending through March payments will be increased 25 cents per 100 over the rates that obtained in March and April. This means that through the fall and winter federal payments will be 10 (Please Turn To Page Five)

## Penland School Has Capacity Enrollment

### Two Tri-County Casualties Reported



Lt. Sam Byrd Bennett

Two are on the casualty list for the three counties, with Lt. Sam Byrd Bennett of Burnsville reported missing in action and Pfc. Charlie C. Glenn of Little Switzerland, wounded.

Lt. Bennett is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Bennett of Burnsville. He has been missing in action over Germany since May 28, according to word received by his parents from the War Department. He is serving as a bombardier on a Flying Fortress (Please Turn To Back Page)

### WASHINGTON OBSERVATIONS (By S. T. Henry)

Washington absorbed the keen, sharp shock of the news of the invasion with remarkable calm. In the ten days that have since elapsed there has been no outward evidence that the nerve center of the greatest war organization the world has ever seen has faltered for an instant in its conviction of the ultimate success of the invasion across the channel, a venture such as neither Napoleon, the Kaiser nor Hitler dared risk.

Back of the superficial calm in Washington when the invasion began there was an inward tension more widespread than in any other great American city. This continues. It is due to a series of circumstances that bring the risks and the responsibilities of the vast undertaking (Please Turn to Page Eleven)

## Good Tourist Season For Pinnacle Inn

The formal opening of Pinnacle Inn, one of western North Carolina's best known resort hotels, takes place today, June 15. The Inn is operated by Lees-McRae college, and B. L. Baucom, who has managed it for the past eight years, will again be in (Continued On Page Three)

### Special Rehabilitation Course Being Taught For Servicemen

### WIDE REPRESENTATION

### Emphasis On Minor Crafts

Penland School of Handicrafts promises to have one of the best seasons in its history, as all of the rooms have been booked for the first course, which started June 14. Ten times as many registrations have been received as last year and it appears that they may soon have to start turning people away.

The summer institute, now in its 15th year, owes its continuance to the tireless efforts of the director of the school, Miss Lucy Morgan now known as one of the outstanding leaders in the teaching of handicrafts in the Southeast.

"Miss Lucy's" work in providing for the teaching of crafts on a practical basis (Please Turn To Back Page)

## Mitchell Legion Elects Officers

Mineral Post No. 372, Mitchell county has elected the following post officers: Commander A. R. Craig, Vice commanders C. A. Ramsey and A. N. Fuller, Adjutant Phil S. Jones, Finance Officer A. W. Phillips, Service Officer J. R. Garland, Guardianship Officer E. H. Poteat, Sergeant-at-Arms Frank Black

Chaplain W. T. Baucom, Historian J. B. Deyton, Athletics Officer L. B. Greene, Child Welfare Officer C. A. Ramsey, Americanism Officer A. N. Fuller, National Defense Officer J. H. Duncan, Graves Registration Officer B. B. Burleson, Employment Officer, Clifton Gibbs, Boy's State Officer Dr. A. E. Gouge, Boy Scout Officer Howard (Please Turn To Back Page)

### Why Not Consult Those Who Must Mine The Mica?

For two weeks there have been rumors that the War Production Board would authorize Colonial Mica Corporation to increase the price paid for strategic mica at the same time changing the specifications.

No practical mica miner in this district appears to have been consulted. The decisions will evidently be made by top WPB and Colonial officials, men who have never mined mica.

Every policy of Colonial is said to have been adopted to increase the output of strategic mica in the United States. Any new moves that government monopoly may make is supposed to have that objective. If that is true, why not ask the miners who will be effected before the new policies are announced. Any increased output can come only from the mines.