

GREETINGS FOR A HAPPY AND  
HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

AND MAY WE ALL WORK FOR  
VICTORY IN 1943!



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## 4-H Club Council Sets 3500 As Membership For Letcher County

CLUB SEEKS MEMBER FOR  
EVERY MAN IN SERVICE IN  
LETCHER COUNTY

The County 4-H Club Council met in the Basement of the Baptist Church, Monday night and made plans for the 1943 4-H Club program for Letcher County. A goal of "One 4-H Club member for every man in service from this county" was set. This would mean 3500 boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 20 of Letcher County who would be enlisted in war work, such as producing food, through the 4-H Clubs.

Mr. J. M. Feltner, 4-H Club Field Agent in Eastern Kentucky was the guest speaker of the evening. He told how 4-H Club work has grown during his 25 years of Extension work. He encouraged the boys and girls to help win the war by producing food for the home front, for boys in the service and for our Allies. He said that it was good for boys and girls to feel that they have a part in the second largest army in the United States, the 4-H Clubs, which is second only to the boys in service. He remarked that he knew of no better way to grow character in the boys and girls than through their efforts in the 4-H Club work. He added that idleness had ruined the character of many boys and girls.

Rev. Charles Spencer, Blackey, was elected President of this 4-H Club Council, Rev. Joe T. Sudduth, Vice-President and Mrs. Hugh Hurst, Secretary-treasurer. The council voted to meet monthly for the next three months.

The group of men and women who were present thought the least thing we could do for the boys in service would be to prove to them that we are backing them up on the home front. The following organizations agreed to do their part in this work: 4-H Club Council, Mountain Eagle, Churches, Rotary, Kiwanis, and Woman's Clubs, Farm Security Administration, Agriculture Adjustment Administration, War Board, American Legion, Ministerial Association, Home Economic girls and other organizations. This will be a combined effort on the part of many to assist boys and girls who are willing to do their part on the home front.

Each person present brought a covered dish of food. A very appetizing meal which contained chicken and dumplings was served to the group. Those present included Mr. J. M. Feltner, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Nolta, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Combs, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Joe T. Sudduth, Rev. L. O. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Holstein, Miss Faye Allen, Miss Ann Dugan, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hammock, Mrs. Hazel B. Childers, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Spencer, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Coover, Mr. W. C. Worth, Mrs. T. S. Moore, Mr. C. J. Reed, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hale, Rev. and Mrs. Ed Nix, Mr. W. B. Hunsucker, Miss Mildred Furbush, Mrs. M. D. Lewis, Miss Ann Graham, Mrs. Mary Belle Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hurst.

## Whitesburg Yellow Jackets Defeat Pike County Team

Although school was not in session last week the Whitesburg Yellow Jackets held their regular practice sessions at the Fleming gym under the direction of Coach Sanford Adams and on Friday night their effort was rewarded by a fairly easy victory over the Wheelwright High School at Wheelwright. The score was 19-11 with Junior Haynes again taking high scoring honors with 7 points.

This Friday night the Yellow Jackets go to Lynch where they will tackle the Lynch Bulldogs. From all reports Lynch has a tough team but the Yellow Jackets are determined to win over their first Harlan County opponent.

## Clinic For Physically Handicapped

The Vocational Rehabilitation Agency has been holding a clinic for physically handicapped persons at the Whitesburg High School Library this week. Meetings were scheduled for Monday and Wednesday and much interest was shown. This agency finances physically disabled persons while they fit themselves for employment. Anyone interested in making application for training through this Agency may get further particulars from the interviewer of the United States Employment Service, who will be at the Court House each Friday or from the County School Superintendent.

—Miss Madge Ann Pinson,  
Senior Interviewer  
United States Employment Service,  
Pikeville, Ky.

## Live-For-Victory

The Letcher County Branch of Home Economists Association is behind the old hosiery and tin can drive. Through the cooperation of Miss Potter, Superintendent of Schools, a letter is being sent to all schools urging the help of school children on this drive. Every person should do his part.

The group of Home Economists who make up the Letcher County branch of the Home Economists Association met Saturday afternoon in the office of the Home Demonstration Agent. There was a short business meeting at which they decided to work as a group on furthering the tin can and hosiery collection drive suggested by J. J. Rice, State Salvage Chairman. This group has selected as one of their goals to become acquainted with what all of the Home Economists in the county are doing.

At this meeting Mrs. Rogers, Home Demonstration Agent described her work to the group. The group will meet again the first Saturday in February.

Judge Lewis E. Haryie has returned from an extended holiday vacation in Virginia.

## A Message From Your Rationing Board

TO THE PEOPLE OF  
LETCHER COUNTY:

We, the members of Local Rationing Board No. 69 desire to commend the people of Letcher County for the fine spirit with which most of you have received the rationing program. A few of you have been impatient and non-cooperative, but most of you have shown a desire to play the game in a true patriotic spirit. For this we are deeply grateful.

We would like to remind you that we are serving on the Rationing Board because we feel that thereby we can render some service to our Nation in the War effort. We are under strict oath to never accept one penny of compensation, not even for travel expense which may be necessary in doing our work on the Board. We are giving the time from our business or profession. We have had little, or nothing to do with the setting up of the rationing program. Rules and regulations are handed down to us from Washington by way of the regional office in Cleveland and the State office in Louisville. We make an honest effort to judge each case on its merits, and to carry out the regulations of the program set up by governmental authority. We know that we make mistakes, but we do not do so intentionally. We ask your continued patience and cooperation. One of the finest marks of good citizenship in these war times is that of making a sincere and cheerful effort to adjust ourselves to the sacrifices which we must all make to defeat the Axis.

Holders of gasoline ration books, "A," "B," or "C," are reminded that the first inspection of the tires on their cars must be made on, or before January 31, 1943. Let us not all wait until the last few days to get this done. Have your tires inspected today. The following places have been appointed as official inspectors by the Board—

In Whitesburg:  
Ammerman Motor Co.  
Clarence L. Fisher (At Pashal Fields Service Station).  
Polly Motor Co.  
C. B. Clay Service Station  
Little Service Station

In Jenkins:  
W. R. Jordan  
W. R. Beverly  
G. B. Hughes  
In Neon:  
Arlie Lewis  
At Cronona:  
Escar Carrell.

The Board is in need of a small iron safe. If some citizen has one he would let us use, or rent to us at a reasonable rate, please call the Board office and let us know of same.

Yours for a rationing program that will help win the war.

LOCAL BOARD NO. 69,  
Joe T. Sudduth, Chm.,  
Geo. Stewart,  
W. E. Cook,  
G. D. Polly,  
L. O. Griffith  
Hobart Tucker

Mr. and Mrs. Zennith Bentley and son, Phil, returned last week from the West, where Mr. Bentley was sent by the U. S. Civil Service to Salt Lake City and to Seattle, Washington. Mr. Bentley now has a thirty days leave before he will be called by the department.

## Death Claims Uncle Joe Nelt Webb, 91 Of Bottomfork.

On last Saturday, January 2, death claimed Uncle Joe Nelt Webb, 91, of Bottomfork. He was one of Letcher county's oldest citizens and a member of the largest family of this section. He was a son of the late Dutch Webb, and was the last of thirteen children to be called by death.

Uncle Joe married aunt Jane Kincer April 13, 1882. To them were born eleven children, Dock, Critt, Fred, Maggie, Lydia, Cora, Betty Ann, Nannie, L. May, Sally and Rebecca. Five of the children, Dock, Critt, Lydia, Betty Ann and Rebecca are still living. Uncle Joe was hale and hearty throughout his lifetime and only in very recent years had any illness of any consequence befall him. His death was the result of a paralytic stroke of about a week ago. He was residing at the time of his death at the home of his son, Critt Webb, who for the past several years has tendered and cared for his father. Dock was a constant visitor and offered every possible assistance to the comfort and well-being of his dad.

For many years Uncle Joe has claimed the honor of being the oldest person at the Webb, Craft, Adams re-union at Mayking. That honor now passes to some other. Yes, we will miss him. The community will miss him; all who knew him will miss him, for all who knew him loved his smile, his voice, his humor and his serenity. He lived a noble life. He died a simple death.

His remains were laid to rest in the old Webb Cemetery at Mayking, beside Aunt Jan who passed to her reward three years ago. Elder G. Bennett Adams, conducted the funeral service. Craft Funeral Home consigned the body to the grave.

Dr. and Mrs. Bert C. Bach  
Entertain in Honor of Rev. Caudill

Dr. and Mrs. Bert C. Bach entertained for dinner at the Daniel Boone Hotel in honor of Reverend O. V. Caudill of Elkin, North Carolina, former pastor of the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church here.

Approximately thirty guests were present, including Rev. Joe T. Sudduth, present pastor, and Mrs. Sudduth, and the officers of the church and their wives.

## MRS. ELIZABETH MYERS

Requiem High Mass for Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers, 610 W. 12th St., Covington, will be sung at St. John's Church, Covington, at 9 a. m. Thursday following prayers at the Hugenberg & Glindmeyer funeral home at 8:30 a. m. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery. She was 36.

She leaves her husband, Joseph Meyers; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stacy, Cincinnati; three brothers, Luther, Cincinnati; Raymond, Covington; and Hiney Stacy, Jr., with the U. S. Army in Africa, and three sisters, Miss Irene Stacy, Covington; Mrs. Sylvian Holbrooks, Cronona, Ky., and Mrs. Henry Burris, Burlington, formerly of Letcher County.

Mrs. Fred Buchanan, Huntington, West Virginia, was the guest last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Black on Sandlick.

## Scrap Checks Now Ready

Schools and individuals who hold receipts for scrap collected by the State Highway trucks in the recent scrap drive over Letcher County may get their money for the amount of scrap they turned in any day except Saturday afternoon or Sunday at the County Agent's office. Those who were paid part of their money before Christmas may now get paid in full.

The scrap that was hauled by the State Highway trucks was sold for \$1090.46. Most of their money will go to the rural schools of Letcher Co. The remainder will go to individuals who wanted it sold through this particular pile of scrap.

## Annual Fight Against Infantile Paralysis

Plans have been completed for the annual winter campaign to raise money to fight Infantile Paralysis in the State and the Nation.

When President Roosevelt gave the go-ahead signal for the Drive, he said: "The fight we have been carrying on against Infantile Paralysis... has shown remarkable results... but more than that, it has followed a course which indicates that we will succeed in this struggle."

In Letcher County, the campaign will be directed by Henry Hacker of McRoberts, whose appointment as County Chairman was announced by H. St. G. T. Carmichael, Chairman for Kentucky.

The money which is given by the people to this cause is divided into two equal parts; one half is turned over to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which uses its funds for research grants to laboratories and universities in an effort to learn the cause and prevention of this disease, and also sends doctors, nurses, money and other help to any community in the country where an epidemic rages.

The other half is placed in the custody of the Kentucky State Chapter of the National Foundation. The Chapter pays out the money when called upon by the Kentucky Crippled Children's Commission in cases of Infantile Paralysis only. The State Chapter also finances aids to alleviating the crippling after effects of the disease, such as sending a Kenny-trained technician to the Kosair Hospital in Louisville to instruct doctors and nurses in the method perfected by the famous Australian nurse.

The money in the Chapter treasury is ready on call for any case of Infantile Paralysis anywhere in the State.

## James Frazier Passes Exam

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Frazier received a wire from their son, James, the first of the week stating that he had passed his final examination and had been sworn in as a naval aviation cadet and is subject to call any time for his pre-schooling. James was born and spent his early years in Whitesburg, Ky., but moved to this section years ago with his parents. He is a graduate of the Wauchula High School and for several months has held a responsible position in DeLand.

—Wauchula (Fla.) Tribune

## Three Men Killed; One Injured In McRoberts Mine, By Slate Fall

### Representative of U.S. Employment Service To Be At Court House

A representative of the United States Employment Service will be in the Quarterly Court Room of the Whitesburg Courthouse each Friday beginning Jan. 8th, 1943.

Persons interested in securing employment in War Industry or in taking vocational training to prepare them for a job in War Industry are asked to register with the Employment Service.

There are immediate vacancies for both men and women. Women between the ages of 18 and 40 are especially urged to register for jobs.

Men with 4F Draft Classifications and the physically handicapped will be accepted.

### Medical Society Meets

The Letcher County Medical Society held its regular and last meeting of the year in the waiting room of Drs. Bach and Pigman, Whitesburg Bank Building, December 29, 1942. President, Dr. E. G. Skaggs, called the meeting to order, 7:30 P. M. Members present were: Drs. E. K. Munn, H. H. Howze, T. M. Perry, F. L. Wommack, J. W. Turner, Jenkins, M. W. Anderson, McRoberts; T. R. Collier, R. D. Collins, B. C. Bach, Owen Pigman, Whitesburg. Reading of the minutes of previous meeting and all business except election of officers were dispensed with. The following officers were elected for the year 1943:

Dr. R. Dow Collins, President; Dr. E. C. Schofield, Fleming, Vice-President; Dr. Bert C. Bach, Secretary and Treasurer.

The president-elect gave a short talk in which he commended Dr. Skaggs for his efficient work as past president and pledged himself to work for the good of the Society through the coming year. The meeting adjourned to take up unfinished work at the regular monthly meeting, January 26, 1943.

OWEN PIGMAN,  
Acting Secretary.

### Herbert Duncil Is Fatally Stabbed

A young man by the name of Roy Breeding is now lodged in the Letcher County jail charged with the fatal stabbing of Herbert Duncil. The trouble was the result of a road house brawl which occurred on last Thursday night at a place known as the Hot Spot Inn. According to information reaching the Eagle office an argument started over a girl and resulted in the fatal stabbing of Duncil.

According to report Duncil has a large family, is a native of Knott County. Young Breeding is a son of Brent Breeding of Smoot Creek. Duncil was around 40 years old, Breeding is a young man of 19.

—Wauchula (Fla.) Tribune

### Willie Belcher Oliver T. Mullins Goldie Webb Are the Victims

The entire population of Letcher County was shocked and saddened when the news came near the end of the year that Willie Belcher, Oliver T. Mullins and Goldie Webb had been killed by slate fall in the mine at McRoberts. Vernon Webb, brother of Goldie was also seriously injured.

Willie Belcher was formerly of Pike County but for the last several years had been employed by the Consolidation Coal Co. He is survived by his wife and seven children, also a large number of other relatives in Pike and Letcher County. The McCoy funeral home of Jenkins was in charge and burial was in the family burying ground on Marrowbone at Lookout, in Pike County.

Oliver T. Mullins was born and reared in the county and was formerly of Big Cowan. He had only moved to McRoberts on the Saturday before he was killed, however he had been working there for several years. Mr. Mullins is survived by a wife and eight children. The Craft Funeral home had charge of his body and burial took place in the Blair Cemetery on Cowan.

Goldie Webb, 26, was a son of the late Lee Webb of Thornton and is survived by his wife and several brothers and sisters, also his mother who lives in the Thornton vicinity. The McCoy Funeral Home had charge of his body and burial was in the Thornton cemetery.

Vernon Webb was seriously injured but according to the latest report he is expected to recover.

The men were working on the second shift at No. 214 mine at McRoberts when the tragedy occurred. This is said to be the worst mine accident in the history of the Eastern Kentucky Division of The Consolidation Coal Co.

We extend our deepest sympathies to all the families and loved ones of these good men whom we feel gave their lives while laboring in the mines which at this time is just as vital to the nation as the man on the battle front. We are hoping and trusting that another tragedy like this one will not occur in 1943.

According to mine officials the slate which fell on the men was about 20 feet long and 12 feet wide and was what is known as saddle slate.

Miss Ruby Duncan, who recently moved with her parents to Lexington, is taking a business course at Fugazzi Business School was the guest during the holiday season of Miss Matilda Combs.

Corporal James Majority, from San Diego, Calif., is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Majority. Corporal Majority, is with the fighting Marines and has received three medals, as Expert Sharp Shooter, Expert with Bayonet and Expert with pistol.