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## CHAIRMAN RIVERS ISSUES CALL FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

Roll Call Campaign Begins Armistice Day and Continues Until Thanksgiving. Watauga People Urged to Respond. Record of National Organization Cited in Statement Issued Wednesday.

R. C. Rivers, chairman of Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross, today issued the following call for the membership drive which begins on Armistice Day, November 11th, and closes on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th:

"Again the American people are given the privilege of lending their aid to the greatest of all humanitarian causes, the Red Cross. Beginning next Wednesday and continuing until Thanksgiving Day, workers will make rounds of the county soliciting memberships in the organization, and receiving such donations as may be offered by our generous people.

"During the great struggle of 1914-'18, when war swept like a demon of destruction over Europe and enveloped a majority of the countries of the civilized world, the Red Cross played one of its most important roles. On every battle field workers bearing its inspiring insignia labored faithfully, giving relief to the wounded, sharing sorrows with the downcast, and bringing comfort to the dying. The work rendered by these crusaders of a godly cause will forever flame on the pages of history.

"The war passed, and other problems faced the organization. Thousands of families were left destitute by the human sacrifices made during that period of terror. But the Red Cross began its work, and through economical practices and careful expenditure of funds waged a successful fight for the rehabilitation of war-torn homes, proving itself equally as great in peace times as on the battle front.

"And when during last year flood and drought simultaneously visited large areas of the American continent and brought with them famine and pestilence, the Red Cross came to the rescue. Food was provided, the hungry, medical treatment given the sick, and order brought out of chaos. Another victory was won.

"Today the American people face the winter with fear and trembling. Millions of unemployed men are walking the streets of the great industrial cities, a horde of helpless women and children cry aloud for aid. The Red Cross is arraying itself for battle. Thousands of workers are hurrying to the field. And the dollar you give during the roll call drive will enable them to carry forward their humanitarian labors, and may be the cause of saving a human life.

"Fifty cents out of each dollar will be kept here at home for local relief needs, and during days gone by this fund has been a ministering angel to many a destitute Wataugan. Our citizens have always done their part in times of emergency, and I feel sure that they can again be depended upon. We today probably have less suffering than any section of the country. Our farmers were blessed with bountiful crops, and even though the general business depression has been keenly felt within our borders, Watauga people should concern themselves with the dire needs of other regions and do their bit toward bringing comfort and cheer to the poverty-stricken. If a worker fails to call on you during the roll call drive, you may leave your dollar at The Democrat office.

Again I urge the individual who has enjoyed even a slight degree of prosperity during the past year to think twice before he refuses."

## Jurors Are Drawn For Federal Court

Deputy Clerk Linville Bumgarner, who is in charge of the Wikesboro office, has released for publication the list of jurors for the November term of court which will convene at that place on Monday, November 16, with Hon. Johnson J. Hayes, Middle District jurist, presiding.

The list of jurors drawn from Watauga County follows:

Robert C. Rivers Jr., Boone; Richard Shore, Tamarack; H. C. Eggers, Vilas; L. Greer, Zionville; Clifford Shook, Banner Elk; I. W. Hartley, Shulls Mills; Conley Hagaman, Leander; W. Hardin Brown, Vilas; Thomas Miller, Blowing Rock; John Shoemaker, Matney; Henry J. Hardin, Boone; J. Y. Smitherman, Peoria.

## Delegates Named to Baptist Convention

Messrs. Smi Hagaman, I. G. Greer, Clyde F. Greene, Rev. P. A. Hicks and Mrs. W. S. Miller have been elected as delegates from the Boone church to the Baptist State Convention which will hold its sessions in Winston-Salem on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 10-11-12. Wadsworth is being sent as a delegate from the Blowing Rock Church.

## Installation of Pastor At Blowing Rock Church

Rev. C. Sexton Buchanan will be installed as pastor of the Blowing Rock Church at a service to be held next Sunday evening at 7:30. A committee from the Holston Presbytery will have charge of the service, which consists of Dr. H. H. Thompson, of Bristol; Rev. John Martin, of Johnson City, and Elder J. D. Faucette of Bristol.

Rev. Buchanan has been carrying forward the work at Blowing Rock since early summer, acting in the capacity of a supply, and during his pastorate a beautiful manse has been erected on a lot adjoining the church. The structure is of rock in keeping with the architecture of the church building, presents an attractive appearance and will soon be ready for occupancy.

## BROOKS MAY MAKE RACE FOR SENATE

Greensboro Man Expects to Decide on Entering Contest Around the First of January. Is Waiting on the People.

Greensboro, N. C.—Aubrey L. Brooks, for years one of the leaders of Democracy in North Carolina, is still giving serious consideration to entering the race for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate.

"I am, in the words of Wilson, laying my mind on the table," said Mr. Brooks. "I'm trying to find out just what sort of a man the people of North Carolina want in the Senate, whether they want an old-line politician or whether they prefer to have a liberal-minded man intent upon doing something about this terrific economic distress in which we find ourselves. I belong to the liberal group and take my Jefferson-Jackson-Wilson brand of democracy straight. I have no machine or organization with which to promote any candidacy. I don't know what I shall do, but I am still giving the matter my very serious consideration."

Mr. Brooks declared that if he decides to enter the primary race, which will be settled either in the first primary early next June or in the second primary about a month later, he will in all probability make his announcement "about the first of the year."

"Loose thinking and loud talking will not solve any of our problems," said Mr. Brooks. He said that in his opinion "our people are feeling so terrifically distressed over economic conditions, are so busy trying to find out how they can secure money with which to pay their obligations and live on during the winter, how to keep the banks open and business going, that they are just now thinking about politics now."

He repeated that he was at a loss to know at the present time just what "sort of man the people want for Senator."

"As soon as the pot starts boiling, though," said he, "we will know what the people have in mind. It won't take long to discover whether they want a new deal or not."

Reminded that the best way to find out whether the people want him as their next Senator would be to enter the race, Mr. Brooks replied, "And I might do just that."

## Mountaineers Win One And Lose One in Va.

The Mountaineers of Appalachian ran into a Tartar at Langley Field in their second engagement in two days to lose by the score of 6-3, the first loss of the season. Naval Apprentice was defeated handsily by the mountaineers on the night previous by a score of 25-12, but the Soldiers of Langley Field presented a great defensive line and secondary, and the Mountaineers were unable to tally by the touchdown route. In the third period after repeated gains had carried the ball to the 26-yard line, Fitzgerald, Mountaineer quarterback, dropped back to send the oval spinning over the goal for a three-point margin.

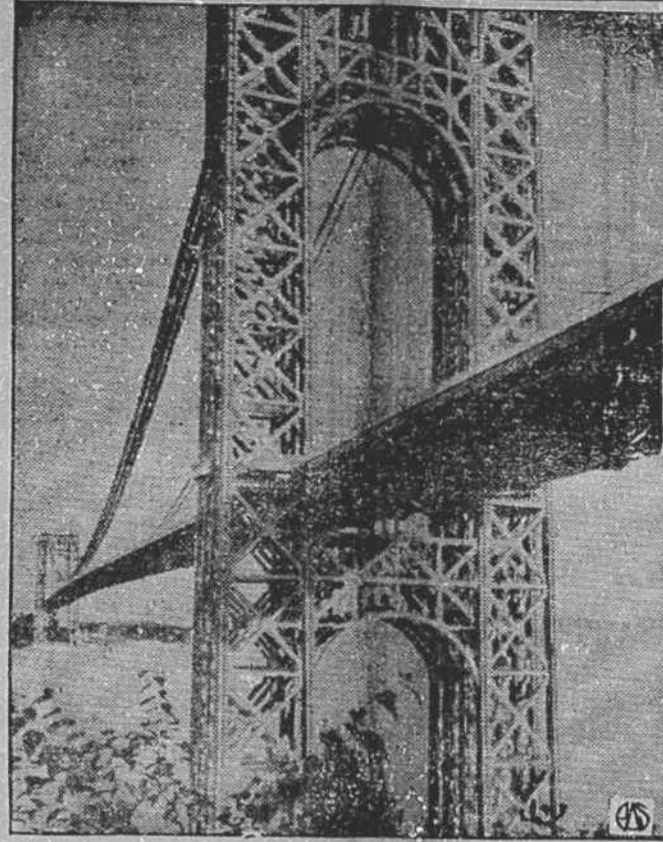
The Soldiers began a drive that ended on the twelve-yard line, when they fumbled. After an exchange of kicks and with about three minutes to end the game, the Soldiers threw a pass that was apparently knocked down, but it deflected into the hands of a Langley back who ran 12 yards for a touchdown. The extra point was blocked when place kick was attempted. The Mountaineers attempted an open running and passing attack but the Langley defense was alert to the threat. The game ended with Langley in possession of the ball in mid-field. Score by quarters:

Langley Field ----- 0 0 0 6-6  
Appalachian State----- 0 3 0-3

The Mountaineers meet Maryville College at Maryville next Saturday afternoon in what is expected to be one of the toughest games of the entire schedule.

Jennings Long of Henderson county sold \$61.50 worth of snap beans from one-half acre project at a total cash outlay of \$5.

## World's Longest Suspension Bridge



The George Washington Bridge across the Hudson River, opened on October 24, is two-thirds of a mile long between spans. It cost \$50,000,000 and took four years to build. It is expected to pay for itself by tolls, after which it will be free to traffic between New York City and Northern New Jersey.

## FIRE DAMAGES 3 ROOMS AT BOONE SCHOOL BUILDING

Several Hundred Dollars Loss as Fire Spreads from Boiler Rooms at the Demonstration School. Five Hundred Students Made Orderly Exodus. Teachers Praised for Prompt Emptying of Building.

A fire which originated in the boiler room last Friday morning seriously damaged three rooms at the Demonstration School, and threatened the complete destruction of the building in which about five hundred children were housed. Through the efficient work of the regular staff of teachers, the children fled from the various rooms in orderly fashion, and there were no injuries. Fearing lest one of the students had failed to reach safety, the teachers made a second inspection of the various class rooms, while the flames crackled in the south section of the building.

Members of the volunteer fire department were on hand in an incredibly short time, and the blaze was brought under control, practically the entire damage having taken place in the three rooms occupied by the primary classes of Mrs. Luther Clay. The exact origin of the fire is unknown other than that it was first observed near the door in the boiler room, directly beneath Mrs. Clay's department. The joists supporting the floors, as well as the floor itself, was badly damaged and the flames made headway within the plastered walls. Furniture, plaster and windows comprise the principal loss thus far uncovered, which has been estimated at from five hundred to a thousand dollars. The damaged rooms were discarded following the fire, and repair work will not begin until after the insurance adjustors have arrived and checked the losses, which are fully covered.

The members of the faculty are being congratulated upon their presence of mind in getting the children to safety, and preventing a fatal stampede, following the alarm.

## Ivy Ridge School Building Is Burned

The frame structure, which housed the Ivy Ridge School, in the Beaver Dam section of the county was recently destroyed by fire, according to reports reaching Boone which indicate that the loss was complete, representing about a thousand dollars. No insurance was in force.

The school was being taught by Mr. John Harman and 35 to 40 students were in attendance when the flames broke out. No definite information of the origin of the fire is forthcoming, other than a rumor that a lighted match was dropped through a hole in the wall, which had been used by the children as a repository for waste paper. Members of the student body have been accused in this connection, however officials have been unable to verify the rumor.

A nearby store building is being used in which to finish out the term of school, but it is stated that next year the students will likely be divided between the schools at Cove Creek and at Bethel, and will be conveyed to and fro by bus.

## GREER-CRITCHER DAMAGE CASE IS GIVEN TO JURY

\$25,000 Damage Suit Occupies Most of Time of Civil Term for First Three Days. Goes to Jury Wednesday Noon. Suit Result of Automobile Injuries Received Three Years Ago. Prominent Lawyers in Case.

Superior Court convened Monday morning for the trial of civil cases, with Judge McRae presiding, and little headway has been made toward clearing away a docket of about 70 cases, practically all of the time up to Wednesday noon having been taken in the presentation of evidence in the suit brought by Grady Greer against Homer Critcher and C. M. Critcher, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover \$25,000 damages for injuries received three years ago in an automobile accident.

Attorneys for Greer based their contentions on evidence tending to show that their client had been permanently disabled as the result of the collision of the car he operated with one driven by Homer Critcher, while lawyers for the latter charge speeding and undue negligence on the part of Greer as the cause of the accident. Greer suffered severe injuries to one hand and a hip.

Arguments were concluded Wednesday morning and the case went to the jury at noon. Suddreth and Bcwie are employed by Greer while Trivette & Holshouser and W. R. Lovill represent the Critchers.

## Can't Spare Democrat To Send to Absent Son

Mr. John Hartley called at the Democrat office Wednesday morning, his particular business being to enter a subscription in the name of his son, John Jr., who is lieutenant commander of the battleship Medusa, now cruising in Pacific waters. Mr. Hartley stated that since the junior John's subscription expired some time ago, it had been his practice to hold his copy of the Democrat until Saturday and remit it to the west coast, so that his son might enjoy reading the news from back home.

"This plan just won't work right," Mr. Hartley said, "for the Democrat is a necessity in the home and just as certain as I mail my copy away, something turns up during the next week that makes me need the old copy for reference. We just need it all the time, and decided the only way to have things just right was to enter another subscription."

Mr. Hartley is one of the Democrat's finest friends, and always brings the printers a word of encouragement. He says that his son John has been in the United States Navy for fifteen years, that there is only one superior officer aboard the boat. He will be entitled to retirement on pay in 1935, and of course Mr. and Mrs. Hartley are in hopes he will return to his native soil at that time.

Water consumers of the city are urged to look after leaky faucets, valves, etc., and conserve as closely as possible the dwindling supply which remains in the reservoirs. Dry weather continues, and unless rain falls soon the town will face a crisis.

## Government Seed Agent Reports Good Collection

On Thursday of last week Seed Agent F. B. Benson, who makes weekly rounds of the counties comprising this district, collected \$1,335 from Watauga farmers who last spring took advance of drought relief funds. Twelve of the twenty payments made were full, and eight partial. Mr. Benson states that many of the largest growers in the county have made the payments direct to Washington and while he has had no report on the amount, he believes local borrowers are meeting their obligations in regular manner. All loans in this section mature on November 30th.

Mr. Benson is using the office of S. C. Eggers in the Watauga Bank building, and can be seen there each Thursday.

## OCTOBER WEATHER REPORT SCRAPPY

High and Low Temperatures Feature Report of Observer Wright. A Minimum Rainfall Reported. Trace Snow on 31st.

Temperatures ranging from 80 degrees to 22, heavy frosts and light frosts, snow, fog and scanty rainfall feature the weather report for the month of October prepared by J. T. C. Wright at the local bureau, which follows:

Average maximum temperature, 70 degrees.

Average minimum temperature, 40 degrees.

Average temperature, 55 degrees.

Average daily range in temperature, 30 degrees.

Greatest daily range in temperature, 48 degrees; date, 27th.

Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 57 degrees.

Highest temperature reached, 80 degrees; date 5th.

Lowest temperature reached 22 degrees; date, 19th.

Number inches of rainfall (including melted snow), 0.64.

Number inches of snowfall, trace.

Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.40; date, 29th.

Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 4.

Number of clear days, 5.

Number of cloudy days, 9.

Number of partly cloudy days, 17.

Direction of prevailing wind, west.

Dates of heavy frost, 19th, 20th.

Dates of light frost, 1st, 2nd, 18th, 23rd, 24th.

Dates of fogs, 9th, 10th.

Other phenomena described as follows: Solar halo on 24th, lunar halo on 27th, first ice on 19th, first snow on 31st.

## Popular Blowing Rock Lady Dies in Tennessee

Miss Ethel Greene, 22 years old, died in an Elizabethton, Tenn., hospital on the 24th inst., typhoid fever having been assigned as the direct cause of her demise. Funeral services were conducted from the Blowing Rock Baptist Church, of which deceased was a member, and interment was in the cemetery there. Rev. P. A. Hicks, the pastor, conducted the services which were attended by a large crowd of friends both from her home community and from Elizabethton, where she had held a responsible position with the Bemberg Corporation for a number of years. Several officials of the company were present and the profuse floral offering contained many beautiful pieces, which came from the former employers of deceased.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Greene, of Blowing Rock, and ten brothers and sisters.

Miss Greene was born and reared in Blowing Rock, and was extremely popular with a wide circle of friends. She was a devout Christian and for many years had been particularly active in church affairs. Her death brings sorrow to the community in which she lived.

## Wataugans Heed Call Crippled Children Home

Miss Florence Boyd of Lenoir was in the county again Monday soliciting food supplies for the maintenance of the seven crippled children who have taken up their abode in her home there. Plans are under way for the erection of a permanent home for these unfortunate children of the western counties to be erected through public subscriptions at a point about midway between Blowing Rock and Linville on the Yonahlossee Road.

A number of citizens of the county have rallied to the request for food supplies for the children during the winter, says Miss Boyd, and indications are that the pantries will be well filled with mountain provender before the coming of extremely cold weather. It is desired that all those who have apples, potatoes or other products which would be relished by hungry children to bring them to Boone, communicate with the Watauga Democrat and storage space will be arranged until such time as the supplies may be moved to Lenoir.

## DEMOCRATS MAKE SWEEPING GAINS IN TUESDAY ELECTION

Eighth Michigan District, Republican for Thirty-seven Years, Elects a Democratic Representative. House Control Slips from G. O. P. as Returns Are Tabulated. Republican Defeated for Governor of N. J.

Washington, D. C.—Democratic capture of the much-wanted Eighth Michigan District was conceded quickly last night in the opposition ranks, giving rise to expectation that the Republicans will lose control of the House of Representatives.

Much weight had been given the outcome of this vote, along with that for the First Ohio District seat held for a quarter of a century by the late Nicholas Longworth. Early returns in Ohio indicated the Republican forces were more than holding their own.

Meanwhile, the contests in the Second Pennsylvania, the Seventh New York and the Twentieth Ohio went as had generally been expected—the first seat named won by a Republican, and the latter two practically certain to stay Democratic. On this basis, the House line-up stood at 216 Democratic seats and 214 Republican.

After the elections just a year ago, the Republicans held 218 seats in the House as against 215 for the Democrats.

Even the Democrats in Michigan were amazed by the lead rapidly rolled up in the Eighth District for Michael J. Hart, opposed by Foss O. Eldred. It was former Governor Green, a leader for Eldred, who conceded the defeat of the Republican.

The headway realized by John B. Hollister in the initial returns from the First Ohio was such as to lead the Republicans to take success for granted.

At the capital the latest news of the standing was watched by the White House and party headquarters. Many members of Congress personally inquired about the standings.

While major interest was in the Congressional races collectively, it went as well with the gubernatorial elections in New Jersey and Kentucky, and the reforestation amendment voted on in New York.

A scattered few returns favored A. Harry Moore to become Democratic governor of New Jersey, instead of David Baird Jr., Republican.

Kentucky, by law, did not count until Wednesday, and no returns have been received.

The New York electorate, on the basis of sparse returns, was favoring the proposition to insert a reforestation amendment in the State constitution. This had been advocated by Governor Franklin Roosevelt and objected to strenuously by former Governor Alfred E. Smith.

## Local Dealers Meet At Chevrolet Banquet

Officials of the Boone Chevrolet Company, together with the office and mechanical forces, went to Charlotte last Thursday, where they were guests at the annual meeting of Chevrolet dealers in the State. Those going from Boone included: Messrs. W. Ralph Winkler, O. J. Harman, W. T. Payne, L. L. Bingham, C. H. Blackburn, Stuart Winkler, Ralph Church, Ray Brendall and J. C. McConnell.

Ten members of the Chevrolet organization at West Jefferson also went as guests of the Boone dealers.

## Former Boone Citizen Editor Wall St. Journal

Harley Brendall, associate editor of The Wall Street Journal, was in Brevard for a short visit to relatives, a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wike. He left Tuesday for Pinehurst, where he is stationed during the winter season, keeping in touch with the men of affairs who spend vacations at that popular resort.

Mr. Brendall has been on The Wall Street Journal for the past ten years. He is a native of this State, being the son of Rev. Dr. Brendall, Greensboro. He would not commit himself on the probable outcome of President Hoover's recent move toward dispelling the depression, but did say that The Journal believed that Mr. Hoover would be renominated and re-elected.—Brevard News.

(Editor's Note—Mr. Brendall will be remembered by many in this region, having been a citizen here through the residence of his father as pastor of the Boone Methodist Church.)

**BACK FROM NORTHERN TRIP**  
Dr. W. A. Deaton, of the Meat Camp section, and his son, Lewis, have returned from a two-weeks trip into the northern states, going as far as Buffalo, where a daughter and sister was visited, and making a delightful side trip across into Canada. Sons of the well-known minister were visited in Philadelphia and Richmond on the return trip.