

RELIEF CASES IN NORTH CAROLINA REDUCED 14 PCT.

August Report of State Relief Administrator Shows That Dependence Is on Decrease. Watauga Has 465 Families on Relief Rolls, or 15.8 Per Cent of Population. Mecklenburg Has Highest Rate.

Raleigh.—A reduction of fourteen per cent in the number of North Carolina families receiving relief, or from 66,025 in July to 56,680 in August, is reported by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State relief administrator. This is the smallest number of families aided since the first funds were available in October, 1932, in which month 56,928 families were aided. The relief load for August represents a decrease of 60 per cent from the peak load of 164,000 in March.

Approximately one-third of these families, or 21,395, were aided thru payment for work on relief projects and direct relief was given to 42,909 families. Some of the families are given direct relief, in addition to the work relief.

Watauga County had 465 families receiving aid in August. Mecklenburg, with 4,651 families aided in August, topped the list. Guilford had 3,506 families; Buncombe 2,509; Forsyth 2,114; Wake 2,972; New Hanover 1,584; Durham 1,490.

Relief expenditures in North Carolina in August were \$502,624.84, or 14 per cent less than the \$585,665 in July, while only \$49,325 of this amount, or 9.8 per cent, was provided from local public funds and the remainder, \$453,250 from federal funds. The relief expenditures in August were a drop of 62 per cent from the high peak in March of \$1,323,346. The per family expenditures in August were \$9.05, as compared with \$7.37 in July.

The destitute people in the State were less than 10 per cent of the population in August, numbering 234,380 individuals, or 819 per cent as compared with 10.2 per cent in July. The high peak of the relief percentage was 26.3 during the past winter. In August those relieved included 270,532 in 56,680 families, 5,078 non-family persons and 8,782 transients.

Watauga County had 1,617 persons or 15.8 per cent of the county's population on relief funds.

Budgets Being Prepared
Budgets of the 100 counties in the State for relief, charity and poor for the year 1933-34 are being compiled by the office of Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State relief administrator. They are a questionnaire sent to county auditors by Harold Wilson, most of the reports having been received.

The figures include the amounts budgeted to the county home for maintenance, outside poor relief, mothers aid, hospital care of charity patients, salaries and expenses of welfare departments and emergency relief with the totals of these amounts. They also show whether the sums are derived from general county funds or special levies, or both. The assessed valuation of the real property in the county is also given, usually estimated.

Watauga County, the compilation shows, will spend a total of \$3,600.00 for all such causes the coming year, the main divisions being as follows: maintenance of county home, \$1,300; outside poor relief, \$1,800; mothers' aid, none; hospital care for charity patients, \$450; salaries and expenses of welfare department, \$50; emergency relief, none. This total is derived entirely from a special levy of 5c on the \$100 property valuation.

The county's estimated real property valuation is \$7,000,000.

Death Claims Young Cove Creek Woman

Mrs. Norman C. Waltz of the Mabel community died at a local hospital Sunday, following an illness of only a few hours' duration. She was 21 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of her father, Mr. I. E. Reese, Monday, Rev. R. C. Eggers being assisted in the rites by Rev. Mr. Graham of the Hensons Chapel Methodist Church, and burial took place in a nearby cemetery. Professor S. F. Horton of the Cove Creek School also paid eloquent tribute to the young lady for her splendid work while a student at his institution.

Survivors include the mother, father, and several brothers and sisters. Mrs. Waltz, prior to her marriage in 1931, was Miss Annie Otis Reese. She was born and reared on Cove Creek, was a faithful member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, and possessed a most pleasing personality. Her untimely passing has been the cause for genuine grief amongst her wide circle of friends.

DEY MEETING TO BE HELD AT WATAUGA BAPTIST CHURCH

A dry meeting will be held at Watauga Baptist Church in Watauga Township on Sunday, October 1st at 2:30 p. m. Hon. W. R. Lovill and T. E. Bingham will speak.

The Boone Township dry meeting, which was to have been held in Boone Baptist Church on Thursday night, September 28, has been called off because of a revival meeting which is being held in Boone Methodist Church this week. This township meeting will be held at a later date.

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Goes Democratic



Upton Sinclair, famous author and socialist, announces he will change his California registration to that of Democrat so he may run for governor on an "epic plan" platform.

BOONE DAY SET AT COVE CREEK'S COMMUNITY FAIR

Special Program Friday Evening for Local People Who Will Be Entertained and Enabled to View Month Agricultural Exhibits. More Than a Dozen Different Competitions Arranged For.

Friday evening will be set aside as a period in which people of Boone will be royally entertained at the third annual Cove Creek Community Fair, according to word received from Howard Walker, head of the agricultural department at the high school, who sponsors the yearly showing of agricultural products and accompanying rounds of entertainment.

Mr. Walker tells The Democrat that because of late Saturday business hours, it was feared many people would be unable to attend Saturday, hence the arrangements were changed for their special benefit. The Friday evening program will include musical shows, varied comic acts, special music and complete entertainment for the visitors. The most varied and interesting exhibit of farm products, needlework and the like yet to be shown will be open to inspection.

Charles C. Coffey Dies At Shulls Mills Home

Charles C. Coffey, 30 years old, died at his home in the Shulls Mills section last Monday after a long illness with an incurable malady. Funeral services were to have been conducted on the 26th and burial in Boone Fork Cemetery.

The survivors include the widow and two small children.

Mr. Coffey was a native of Caldwell County, but for a long time had been employed in the Chevrolet automobile factories. He returned to his home in Watauga County about three weeks ago, it is understood, in a serious condition, and unable to continue further with his employment. He was known as a good citizen and had many friends.

Boone High Gridders To Play Wilkesboro

The Boone High School football team will meet North Wilkesboro High on College Field Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in what promises to be one of the best games of the year.

North Wilkesboro is reported to have a weaker team than last year, but are expected to offer the local boys plenty of trouble. Both line-ups will be about equal in weight and experience. In the pre-season game last Friday the high school help the Appalachian Freshmen to a score of 18-7. The high school boys showed better training, more smoothness and made fewer fumbles than the collegians. The game was slowed up considerably by the apparent indecision of the referee, but this is not expected to be the case this week-end. Capable officials will be in charge and no trouble is in prospect.

Hamby and Wilson were the outstanding players for the high school, while Miller, Bingham, Farthing and Tugman showed up well.

The advance dope is that North Wilkesboro will take the local high school into camp, but with the support of the Boone fans, Boone High will perhaps uncover a surprise.—Reported.

INFANT SON DEAD

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Winkler died at their home here Monday morning. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. P. A. Hicks of the Baptist Church and the baby was laid to rest in the city cemetery under a bank of flowers placed there by friends of the family.

THOMAS RESIGNS AS DEPUTY REVENUE COLLECTOR MONDAY

Veteran Official to Be Succeeded by R. Luther Clay of Boone. Had Been in Service for Over Ten Years with Offices in Greensboro. Made Fine Record for Efficiency. Daily News Comments on Service.

W. Marion Thomas, who for the past ten years has served as a deputy collector of internal revenue, with offices in the Federal building at Greensboro, Monday resigned from that position, and was succeeded on Tuesday by R. Luther Clay, Boone Democrat, who immediately entered upon his duties.

Mr. Thomas, who has made an enviable record during his long period in office, stated in an interview with The Democrat that "Mr. Clay is a fine gentleman, a man of much ability, and will unquestionably make an efficient collector." The new official has been connected with the E. T. and W. N. C. Railroad as station agent in Boone for a number of years, has been actively affiliated with the Democratic party, and is at present a member of the local board of aldermen.

"I am very grateful for the fine spirit of co-operation among the Federal taxpayers of the State, which has enabled me to so pleasantly carry out my duties during the past decade," said Mr. Thomas Monday, "and I want to especially thank the Watauga Democrat for its loyalty to me during my tenure."

Appointed in 1923

Mr. Thomas entered the revenue service on May 15th, 1923, following his appointment by Gilliam Grissom, then collector, and has been with the (Continued on Page 8)

Mrs. Hannah Warren Passes at Zionville

Mrs. Hannah Younce Warren, 81, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Derby Brown, near Zionville last Saturday, from infirmities attributable to her advanced age. Funeral services were conducted from the Zionville Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon by Revs. R. C. Eggers, L. A. Wilson and W. D. Ashley, and the remains were laid to rest in the nearby cemetery. Survivors include two children, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Frank Warren.

The deceased lady was the widow of the late John Warren, was born and reared in Watauga County, and was a consistent member of the Baptist denomination. Throughout her long and useful life she had surrounded herself with a host of friends who looked with admiration upon her charitable instincts and Christian qualities.

Odd Fellows Lodge to Admit New Members

Deep Gap Lodge No. 362, I. O. O. F., only organization of this kind in Watauga County, announces through its secretary, W. A. Watson, that for the next thirty days any person of good moral character over 18 years of age may become a member of the lodge by paying \$6 annual dues in advance.

By this method, explains Mr. Watson, no initiation fees are required to join the flourishing lodge, the six dollars paying dues ahead for one year. Those interested are asked to file their applications with the secretary at once.

Squirrel Season Will Open Next Monday

The squirrel hunting season opens in the Western Zone of North Carolina, which includes Watauga, next Monday, and reports coming from all sections are to the effect that the small animals exist more plentifully than in any recent year.

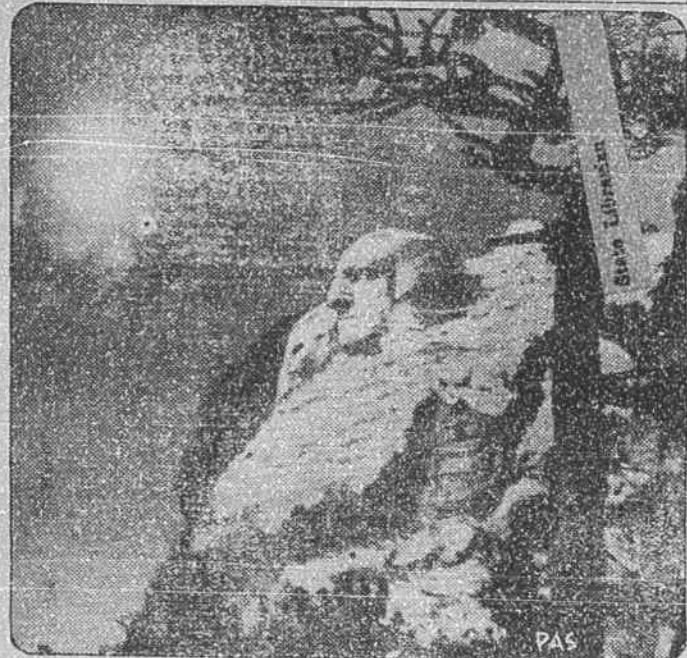
County Game Warden H. Grady Farthing states that he and his deputies will make an unusual effort to enforce all laws governing license and bag limits during the present season and asks for the co-operation of all land-owners and sportsmen in this task. The bag limit for squirrel is ten in one day. The season extends to November 30th.

The season for opossum and raccoon opens November 1st and continues through January 31st; rabbit, November 15th to January 1st; bear, October 1st to January 15th. There is no open season for pheasant, or ruffed grouse, in Watauga.

Licenses are now on sale at various points throughout the county, and hunters are required to wear their buttons in plain view. They are also requested to keep a record of all game killed during the season of 1933-1934, and report same to the Department of Conservation on blank to be mailed at the end of the season.

Mr. Clarence Angel is showing improvement after a rather severe case of blood-poisoning.

Washington In Moonlight of Black Hills



The first moonlight picture ever taken of the Washington profile, sculptured in the granite walls of South Dakota's famous Black Hills near Keystone, S. D. Gutzon Borglum is doing the work and when completed will be a group of three heads, Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson.

Smith McBride Succumbs Monday To Heart Attack

J. Smith McBride, county tax supervisor and leading citizen of the Sherwood community, died Monday afternoon at the Hagaman-Linney Clinic in Boone from the effects of a heart attack suffered while he was on duty at the courthouse three weeks ago. He never rallied appreciably from the sudden illness, and his death was not altogether unexpected. He was 53 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Cove Creek Baptist Church Wednesday morning by Rev. P. A. Hicks of the Boone Church, who was assisted by E. W. Eggers, J. A. McKaughan and G. D. Graham of that community. Smith Hagaman, county superintendent of schools, and W. R. Lovill, Boone attorney, delivered brief talks during the course of the service, eulogizing deceased on account of the public value of the life he lived. A large number of people from Boone and other sections of the county gathered to pay their respects at the tier of the well-known citizen, and the floral offerings were profuse.

Interment was in the McBride family graveyard a short distance from the ancestral home. Surviving are the widow and five children: Byron McBride of Detroit, Mrs. Joe Mast and Dean McBride of Washington, D. C., Bonnie Jean and James McBride, who reside with their mother. The father, Mr. John McBride, also survives together with three sisters, Meadames A. S. Johnson, Ed Henson and R. L. Henson.

Mr. McBride was born and reared in the Cove Creek section and spent his entire life there with the exception of a brief period when he and his family made their home in Boone. He was a member of the Cove Creek Baptist Church through his adult life. (Continued on Page 8)

Charlie South Kills Wife; And Ends His Own Life

Charles South and wife, both natives of Watauga County and residents for the past twenty years of Malad City, Idaho, met tragic death last Saturday evening, when the former fatally wounded the latter, and sent a missile of death into his own body from the same revolver. According to information coming from the western city to home-folks in Boone, the couple had been divorced since early summer and the wife had moved into another territory. It appears, however, that she returned to Malad City, and when her husband found she was at the home of a neighbor, he went straightway to her, shot her to death, and committed suicide. Further details of the tragedy were not secured by relatives here, but it was stated that because of the necessity for official investigation, the bodies would not be interred before Tuesday of this week. Burial will be in Malad City.

CHURCH AND BLACKBURN SENTENCED FOR STRIKING GIRL WITH AUTOMOBILE

Willard Church and Allen Blackburn, arraigned before Judge Suddreth Tuesday on charges of assault with deadly weapon, were sentenced to road terms of six and four months respectively, as a result of an automobile accident a few weeks ago in which Miss Geneva Ray of the Todd neighborhood was seriously injured as she walked along the highway on her journey home from church services. Notice was filed of appeal to the Superior Court.

Evidence, it developed, tended to show that the defendants were drinking when the car which they were driving struck a truck, and subsequently hit Miss Ray, who was said to have been walking well off the pavement at the time. She was catapulted into the air, struck the pavement with terrific force, and it was believed at the time that her injuries were fatal. She had recovered, however, and was at the trial, although Solicitor Zimmerman did not place her on the stand, due to the fact that she had no clear knowledge of the occurrence.

Rooster Case Settled
Clare Church, who allegedly stole a red rooster, received a four-months road sentence, which was suspended on payment of cost.

Fred Barnes, who violated the prohibition laws to the tune of one pint of illicit whiskey, was dealt with kindly by Judge Suddreth, and a 4-months road sentence was suspended on payment of cost.

Stanford Coffey, drunkenness, final judgment held open for week, during which period defendant is confined in county jail.

Ira Ridley, Carl Keller, forcible trespass; Ridley being held for Jackson County officials as he had escaped from prison camp there. Case against Keller dismissed.

Dwight Moretz and Fred Pennell were charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Pennell was given 60 days on the roads, but filed notice of appeal to the higher court. Pennell, 11 years old, was remanded to Juvenile Court.

N. R. A. CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN BOONE FRIDAY

Committee of Ladies to Call on Residents for Signing of Consumers' Agreements. Business Houses to Be Checked. Local Unit of Recovery Administration Issues Statement and Asks for Co-operation.

Friday of this week has been set aside as a day when the canvassing committee of the local NRA unit will visit Boone homes for the purpose of having residents to sign consumers' cards, and urging the support of business enterprises that have complied with the requirements of President Roosevelt's recovery act.

The committee, which will be directed by Mrs. J. M. Moretz, is composed of the following ladies: Mrs. W. C. Greer, Mrs. A. H. Bush, Mrs. Henry J. Hardin, Mrs. Ralph Winkler and Mrs. Frank Williams. Other members are expected to be added before Friday.

A special committee will also visit all local business houses to ascertain just what steps have been taken to comply with the various codes, and it is believed that before the end of the week the town will be one hundred per cent "Blue Eagle."

The local recovery unit yesterday released the following explanatory statement relative to the proposed activities:

Statement of Local Unit
"Our committee will endeavor to see every resident of the town for the purpose of having them sign a consumers card to patronize the establishments which have the agreement and are listed as members of the NRA.

"A committee will also visit all of the business places in town to get a statement of just what is being done to comply with the policies of the NRA, where they are signed up, and to those who have not, to find reasons for the delay. Owners operating their own businesses without employees may obtain the insignia of the recovery administration by signing the agreement and a certificate of compliance.

"This certificate may be obtained by writing to Mr. Hugh S. Johnson, of Washington, D. C., setting out in full your own particular case, whereupon he will send you a certificate of compliance with the President's plan. We are being urged to give this matter our attention at once, and we are asking everyone to do his or her part in making Boone 100 per cent loyal to the campaign.

"Your committee is interested in everyone getting a fair deal, and we hope everyone is going to co-operate with each other, as well as the administration, that we may have no friction whatever in the town which might warrant an investigation.

"Should there be complaints made to us, we will endeavor to adjust matters satisfactorily, but if we cannot do so, we will refer matters to higher authority. We trust, however, that we will have no complaints."

863 Students Enrolled At Teachers College

Eleven states are represented in the record enrollment of 863 students who have entered Appalachian State Teachers College for the fall term, according to an announcement made by Registrar J. M. Downum Monday. They are North Carolina, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Sixty-four of the one hundred North Carolina counties are represented by 813 students, Watauga leading with 141, and Forsyth coming second with 40. Lincoln has 38 students, Iredell 37, Wilkes 28, Cleveland 28, Ashe 39, Catawba 24, Rowan 22, Gaston 23, Mecklenburg 16, and Yadkin 22.

The freshman class has 363 members; sophomore, 263; junior, 127, and senior, 116.

The winter quarter will open November 20th, and Registrar Downum asks that those who contemplate entering at that time register promptly.

A. S. T. C. Mountaineers Meet Milligan Saturday

The "Mountaineers" of Appalachian State Teachers College will play the Milligan College "Buffaloes" at the Elizabethton, Tenn., stadium on Friday night at 8 o'clock.

This gridiron encounter promises to be one of the best of the season. It is the first game to be played between the two colleges and each of the teams will be out to win.

The "Mountaineers" came out of last week's game in good shape and will go to the Tennessee town with a fast, fighting line-up. Many local followers of the sport are expected to journey over to see this contest.