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PLANS COMPLETED FOR ERECTION OF NEW BUS TERMINAL

Twenty-five Thousand Dollar Structure to Be Erected by Local Business Man When Weather Opens Up; Utilities Commission Approves Plan

Mr. H. W. Wilcox, manager of the local bus terminal, has announced that plans are now complete for the construction of a modern new bus terminal in Boone, and it is stated that work will begin just as soon as weather conditions will permit.

Plans for the new building, which will be erected on the site of the present out-moded building, have been approved by the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the City Council, and the building, which will be the last word in modern bus terminals, will be constructed of a combination of native stone and brick, at a cost of \$25,000.

The new terminal will also house the offices of Western Union, Railway Express Agency and motor transportation companies. All buses are to be loaded in the rear of the building, thus eliminating the hazard of loading at the front of the building.

JR. OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED

R. E. Kelley New Councillor; He and Other Officers to Be Installed Monday

At the next meeting of Daniel Boone Council, Junior Order, to be held Monday evening, Jan. 21, the following recently-elected slate of officers will be installed:

Richard E. Kelley, councillor; I. S. Ayers, vice-councillor; Clyde R. Greene, financial secretary; Russell D. Hodges, corresponding secretary; W. C. Greer, treasurer; Blain Isaacs, conductor; Chas. Osborne, warden; S. B. Greene, inside sentinel; W. S. Christian, outside sentinel; J. C. Canipe, chaplain; D. L. Wilcox, trustee.

Plans are being made to effect a reorganization of the local Junior Order degree team, it is said.

RED CROSS TO HOLD AREA MEET

Officials of Local Chapter to Attend Regional Conference in Hickory

A delegation from the Watauga county chapter of the American Red Cross will be in Hickory on Jan. 22, to attend a regional conference with Southeastern area officials on plans for the 1946 fund campaign, which is to be held in March.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a. m. at the First Presbyterian Church, with Regional Director Francis P. Simerville leading the discussion of campaign plans. After luncheon the group will hear Lucy H. Darter, Red Cross hospital worker, in a talk on her experiences in servicing hospitalized servicemen.

Representatives of the area headquarters who are expected to be present include John C. Wilson, area manager; Velma Tinsley, chief of radio, and Mrs. Marion Ritzert, general field representative.

Goal of the 1946 campaign has been set at \$100,000,000.

Other chapters of the region which are to send representatives to the meeting are: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Davie, Iredell, Rowan, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties.

TAX LISTING IS NOW GOING ON

Tax Supervisor Says Taxpayers Are Slow in Making Returns as Required

Tax listing is now proceeding in Watauga county, but Paul A. Coffey, tax supervisor, states that with half the month gone, the response has been disappointingly low.

State law requires the listing of real and personal property for taxation during the month of January, as of ownership on January 1, and Mr. Coffey insists that all those who have not listed, do so at once, and avoid the penalties prescribed. The remainder of the tax listing dates are being published in this newspaper today.

Under normal conditions 83 percent of the United States jute supply comes from Calcutta.

Local Bank Receives Citation From Treasury

The Northwestern Bank has received from Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson a citation "for patriotic co-operation rendered by the bank in behalf of the seven war loan programs and the final Victory Loan campaign."

The citation which has been received by Mr. Alfred T. Adams, assistant cashier, and chairman of the Victory Loan campaign, is the second received by the local bank.

HEALTH OFFICIAL ISSUES REPORT

Busy Year for District Health Department, Says Local Health Officer

Mr. Wade E. Eller, of the district health department, makes the following report of sanitation work accomplished by his department during the year 1945, and following are the highlights of the activities:

Sewer connections, new, 27; sewer connections, restored, 2; complaints investigated, 14; newspaper articles published, 1; meetings with official bodies, 26; meetings with non-official bodies, 32; conferences with officials, 483; conferences with physicians, 50; other conferences, 1,995; hours in office, 849; hours in field, 3,856; miles travelled for health department, 21,671; not-home visits, 8; days off duty (sick and vacation, holidays) 44.

Approved individual water supplies installed, 10; new privies installed, 12; field visits to private premises, 562; field visits to camp sites, 9; field visits to swimming pools, 2; field visits to schools (not lunch-rooms), 183; field visits to public water supplies, 6; field visits to sewage plants, 4; other field visits, 41; other services, 38.

Public lectures and talks, 6; miscellaneous meetings attended, 4; foodhandling establishments registered for supervision, 1046 field visits to foodhandling establishments, 637; dairy farms registered for supervision, 32; field visits to dairy farms, 246; milk plants registered, 3; field visits to milk plants, 40; other service to dairy farms, 42; public talks on dairying, 2; other attendances, 3; specimens examined, water (bacteriological) 33; specimens examined, water (chemical) 1; milk or milk products examined, 49.

COLLEGE MAKES PLANS TO AID VETS

Emergency Allotment to Provide Quarters at Appalachian for Returning Vets

President B. B. Dougherty has just returned from a trip to Raleigh where he secured an emergency allotment of money to rehabilitate Justice Annex dormitory. The dormitory will be made into 14 apartments for returning veterans and their wives.

The enrollment of men to date is 125 with many others seeking entrance at the beginning of the spring term on Feb. 18. However, veterans are being enrolled here on any date at which they present themselves.

W. F. Greene Dies At Stony Fork Home

Mr. Winfred F. Greene, 38 years old, died at his home at Stony Fork on Monday, Jan. 7, after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted from the Stony Fork Baptist Church Thursday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. G. A. Hamby, who was assisted by Rev. W. D. Ashley, Rev. W. C. Payne, Rev. Levi Greene and Rev. Vilas Minton. Interment was in the cemetery near the church. An unusually large crowd filled the church auditorium, many were standing and a number of friends were left on the outside after the building was filled.

Mr. Greene is survived by the widow, Mrs. Jennie Greene; three sons and one daughter, Pfc. Harlan Greene, Atlanta, Ga.; Homer, Howard and Hannah Greene, of the home.

Mr. Greene was a son of the late I. S. Greene, and was reared at Stony Fork where he spent his life, and where he engaged in farming. He was a member of the Baptist church for 26 years, and took an active part in the religious life of his neighborhood.

WATCH THE LABEL

on your paper as it shows the date your subscription will expire and the date your name will be stopped unless sooner renewed. The Democrat is operating strictly on a cash advance basis. There are no exceptions to this rule.

BEDDING, SHOES URGENT NEED IN LOOTED NATIONS

Bed Clothing Desperately Needed by Freezing Victims of Nazi Oppression; Farmers Wrap Feet in Paper; Victory Clothing Campaign Asks Aid

Relief workers in all the liberated and pillaged countries report that one of the most desperate needs is for bedding.

In one assembly center 5,000 people who survived the Nazi horror camps sleep on straw bags with no sheets or blankets while they await repatriation. Infectious diseases are rampant among these unfortunates, too weak to combat the germs.

Children who are well have been found with a brother in the last stages of tuberculosis an army blanket begged from an American soldier. Mothers have been taking their own last rags of clothing to wrap their babies against the cold.

In many hospitals in China and the Philippines victims of Jap torture are without sheets and pillow cases for their beds—an extreme handicap in nursing them back to health. Natives whose homes have been burned don't take off their clothes for weeks. They have nothing to change to and nothing to sleep under at night.

Keep these tragic facts in mind when you search your home for the Victory Clothing Collection for overseas relief. That split sheet or frayed blanket will aid some suffering victim of war in his fight for life.

Shoes Are Needed

Footwear is also desperately needed in all the liberated and looted countries, relief workers report. In Norway alone there will be nearly three million pairs of wet feet this winter, a recent survey indicated. Many children will have to be kept indoors all through the bad weather. The thousands of pairs of reconditioned army shoes sent to Norway do not begin to meet the total need.

In Greece, Poland and Yugoslavia, farmers whose feet are wrapped in burlap or paper drag their carts over the rough, rubble-strewn roads. In France a pair of rationed shoes costs several thousand francs. In the Philippines \$50 cannot buy a pair of the cheapest quality shoes. In one Czechoslovak town there was not a single pair of shoes among the population of 300,000 people. From Holland come reports of children wearing women's high-heeled sandals or mismatched shoes. There is no leather for mending old shoes. The Dutch children have not even the traditional wooden sabots for the Germans carried these away with them in retreat.

This lack of shoes, galoshes, rubbers is not only an immediate threat to health but a source of future malformations and illnesses. In contributing shoes, overshoes, boots, rubbers, bedslippers, play shoes, infants' booties, or any type of footwear to the Victory Clothing Collection for overseas relief, we are asked to tie them securely together in pairs. This will help get these shoes overseas with a minimum of delay to those who need them so desperately.

Turn in all clothing, bedding and shoes to Mrs. Grubbs at the Red Cross office.

BOOK STORE IS BURGLARIZED

College Jewelry and Other Items to Value of \$200 Taken From College Book Store

The book store at Appalachian College was entered through a toilet window Tuesday night and Manager Howard Cottrell estimates that about \$200 worth of merchandise was taken from the building.

The stolen articles consisted of college rings, cigarette lighters, pocketbooks, mechanical pencils, etc., and most of the items bore the seal of Appalachian College, or Appalachian high school. Anyone seeing any of the merchandise mentioned would confer a favor upon Mr. Cottrell by getting in touch with him.

No money was taken from the store, and the safe was not molested. The robbery is believed to have been perpetrated by amateurs.

LEGION SHOWS GROWTH

Raleigh, Jan. 15—Paid up 1946 membership in the North Carolina department of the American Legion stood at 46,455 war veterans today, and the figure is expected to reach 50,000 by Feb. 1, it was announced by Department Adjutant Jim Caldwell.

Like Their Life in a Trailer



Mr. and Mrs. William Reuter are shown with their son, "Dutch," in their trailer home near the campus of the University of Missouri, at Columbia. Sixty-five army, navy and marine vets, their wives and children, now live in the camps while they attend the university.

MANY CONTRIBUTE TO POLIO FUND

Initial Response to March of Dimes Campaign is Gratifying; Dance Thursday Night

Howard Cottrell, chairman of the March of Dimes campaign in Watauga county, which is expected to result in the collection of \$2,250 for the fight against infantile paralysis, states that initial responses to his appeal has already brought in about \$200, and that solicitations for the fund are barely commencing.

Members of the war fund organization are being asked to aid, and Mrs. Mary Hamby, home demonstration agent, is contacting all clubs in the county in behalf of the campaign. Others who are now actively engaged in the work are: Rev. Ben Lee Ray, Blowing Rock; Grant Greene, Deep Gap; Walter Edmisten, Perkinsville; Lloyd Cottrell, Howard's Creek.

The first dance of the campaign will be held at the Appalachian high school gymnasium January 17, while the main ball, formerly known as the President's Ball, will be held January 31. An orchestra will be provided at each dance, and the attendance is expected to be large.

POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW GAIN IN '45

Loss Shown in Last Quarter of Year Against Same Period in Year 1945

A comparison of the postal receipts at the Boone postoffice for the quarter ending December 31, 1945, with the corresponding quarter of 1944, shows a loss of \$518.00, which Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., attributes partially to the decreased volume of mail to service personnel overseas.

It is further noted by the postmaster that receipts for the calendar year 1945 were \$2,297.20 above the year 1944. This increase was due largely, it is said, to the increased number of patrons during July, August and September over the previous year.

Lions Club Aids Worthy Local Projects

The Boone Lions Club met in its regular dinner meeting Tuesday evening. The program was in charge of the attendance committee, Joe Crawford Chairman. Appearing on the program in the interest of club attendance were Lion Secretary Ralph W. House, S. M. Ayers, Cratis Williams, Lions President R. C. Busted and Joe Crawford.

Howard Cottrell explained the "March of Dimes" board to be sponsored by the club on the sidewalk in front of the Belk-White store on Friday and Saturday of this week and next.

At a meeting of the board of directors, \$50 was donated to the North Carolina Association for the Blind.

Meeting with the board of directors was a committee from the Band Parents Association who entered a request for a donation to the Appalachian high school band. The directors voted a gift of \$100 to this worthy cause.

America is now the world's largest producer of chemicals.

FARMERS MAKE PLANS FOR 1946 TOBACCO CROPS

Farm Bureau Sponsors Meeting Here Monday Dealing With Burley Situation; Adopt Resolutions Asking Smaller Allotments, Bigger Penalties

More than 100 tobacco growers gathered in the courthouse Monday evening at the behest of the Watauga unit of the Farm Bureau, to discuss the present instability of burley tobacco prices and to make plans for the 1946 crop.

The meeting was presided over by Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the Watauga Farm Bureau, and following a round table discussion of the burley situation by a number of farmers, a committee composed of W. W. Mast, G. D. Barnett and C. J. Farthing, drafted resolutions to be forwarded to the state's congressional delegation, and the state and federal departments of agriculture, seeking governmental aid in connection with acreage allotments, penalties, floor prices, etc. The four salient points in the resolutions, which were approved unanimously, are as follows:

1. That in 1946, all allotments for burley tobacco of one acre or more shall be cut 20 percent.
2. That the penalty on tobacco grown without a base, be raised to 25 cents a pound.
3. That the floor price on burley shall be raised to within 10 percent of the ceiling price.
4. That the OPA shall permit a raise of one cent per package in the price of cigarettes.

Go to Washington

The Farm Bureau sent Harry Hamilton, county agent, and Ned Glenn, A A chairman, to Washington, where they attended a meeting Monday morning of representatives of every burley growing section, looking to the improvement of the burley price situation, and Representative Flannagan of Virginia, was to have introduced a measure in the house yesterday as to the reduction of allotments and increase of penalties.

Delegates Named

Delegates were named at the conclusion of the meeting to the State Farm Bureau convention to be held in Winston-Salem February 6-7-8, as follows: Henry Taylor, Don Shull, Perry Farthing, Bun Hodges, E. B. Hardin, Hubert Norris, Grady Farthing, Stewart Simmons, I. B. Wilson and Clyde R. Greene.

KERR SCOTT SELLS BURLEY HERE

Commissioner of Agriculture Not Hopeful as to Improvement in Price This Season

W. Kerr Scott state commissioner of agriculture, marketed 2,000 pounds of burley tobacco grown on his Orange county farm, in Boone last Friday.

Mr. Scott, who was accompanied here by Mr. Hedrick, tobacco specialist with the state department of agriculture, stated that he was anxious to do everything possible for the farmers, but says that with the bumper crop of burley produced this year, he sees little immediate relief from the price recession.

Lenoir-Blowing Rock Road Project To Be Let Jan. 22

A Caldwell county project is included among 12 on which bids will be received Jan. 22, by the state highway and public works commission at Raleigh.

The project calls for grading and structures on 3.856 miles of U. S. 321 between a point about ten miles northwest of Lenoir and Blowing Rock.

AAA Performance Reports To Be Filed

All farmers who have not filed their performance reports for conservation practices carried out in 1945 are urged to file them in the county AAA office as soon as possible.

The deadline for reporting is Feb. 15, and Ned Glenn, chairman, Watauga County AAA committee, says that approximately 800 farmers have not yet filed their reports. No applications for payment will be made after that date.

All conservation material received prior to December 31, 1945, must be accounted for and if not used by that time must be transferred to the 1946 program.

BURLEY PRICES IN SLIGHT GAIN

Start of Week Finds Burley Bringing Some More Money Than During Last Week

Sales of burley tobacco are still going strong on the floors of the local warehouses, there being an improvement of about \$3.00 per hundred in the price situation on Monday.

A number of the common grades were reported as bringing ceiling prices, while better quality leaf was selling in the low fifties. A small amount of tobacco bringing less than the floor price was bought by the Commodity Credit Corporation. Warehousemen state that the price has been affected some of late due to wet tobacco, and farmers are strongly advised to be sure their tobacco is dry before offering it. The floors are being kept well cleared, and sales are promised the day the tobacco is placed on the floors.

Tabulations of Tuesday's sales brought the information that three and three-quarter million pounds of burley have been sold here to establish an all-time record on the local market.

Tobacco Legislation Is Being Introduced

Legislation is being introduced in Congress increasing the penalty on over-quota tobacco and giving the secretary of agriculture the right to reduce burley tobacco quotas for the 1946 crop following a conference Monday between the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, burley tobacco committee, members of congress and OPA officials.

The bureau's burley tobacco committee, back in Winston-Salem last night, stated they and officials in Washington were convinced this action will remove all possible reason for price decline.

The penalty for over-quota tobacco will be 50 per cent of the selling price instead of the present 10 cents a pound.

Flannagan Charges Buyers' Agreement

Washington, Jan. 15—Chairman Flannagan (Democrat, Va.) of the house agriculture committee, asserted today there was an agreement among tobacco "buyers to hammer prices down."

"If prices are not restored at once," he said in a statement, "I am in favor of closing all burley markets and making an effort to get the Commodity Credit Corporation to purchase the balance of the crop."

"If Commodity Credit had the balance of the crop, we would then have some say as to price."

Flannagan issued the statement shortly after introducing a bill which he said removed the only possible excuse for low prices which have threatened closure of markets in some states.

"I am now thoroughly convinced that something has happened and that something is nothing less than an agreement among the buyers to hammer prices down . . ."

The bill Flannagan offered today, and which he said the agriculture committee will consider at once, would approximately double the penalty on tobacco grown over government quotas.