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REV. TROUTMAN IS AGAIN ELECTED TO HEAD RED CROSS

Other Officers Elected at Annual Meeting of Organization; Report of Garments Knitted; Other Chapter Activities Are Outlined

The Watauga county chapter of the American Red Cross met Jan. 17 at 7 p. m. in the chapter rooms.

Rev. E. F. Troutman was re-elected chairman of the chapter. Dr. G. K. Moose was re-elected vice-chairman; Dr. W. M. Matheson and Mr. Gordon Winkler were re-elected to the board of directors; Mr. J. V. Caudill and Mrs. F. E. Warman were elected as new members of the board of directors. Mrs. Owen Wilson was elected secretary, and the following chairmen will continue to serve: Roll call, Clyde R. Greene and H. M. Hamilton; disaster, R. D. Hodges, Sr.; home nursing, Mrs. E. T. Glenn; first aid, Mrs. Jack Hodges; volunteer special service, Mrs. R. M. Maddux; production sewing, Mrs. Mae Miller; knitting, Mrs. W. M. Burwell.

Mrs. Burwell reported that during 1945 there were 54 volunteer knitters who have contributed 5,378 hours of their time to knitting, and have made 389 garments consisting of various types of sweaters, gloves and two afghans. The chapter has met all quotas assigned to it in knitting and has made up some wool transferred from North Wilkesboro and Wartburg, Tenn. The following knitters have given more than 250 hours: Mrs. L. P. Hodges, 934; Miss Edith Hampton, 620; Mrs. W. M. Burwell 680; Mrs. J. D. Rankin, 207; Miss Annie Smith, 360, and Mrs. Maude Wheeler 250 hours. A number of others have given their services.

Mrs. Miller reported the following garments made during 1945: 75 women's bedroom slippers, 100 bedside bags, 50 cushion covers, 100 hot water bottle covers, 200 baby diapers, 10 women's light pajamas, 10 women's heavy weight pajamas, 25 heavy girl's capes, 200 wash cloths. She also states that she has on hand a large quota of sewing to be done this year.

Mrs. W. M. Grubbs, reporting for the home service, said 1,207 cases were serviced consisting of servicemen and their families and some civilians and veterans. The chapter has given financial assistance to 38 servicemen, veterans and their families. The chapter now is getting ready for its 1946 roll call drive which will be conducted in March. Mrs. Miller is in receipt of a letter from national headquarters with states, in part: "Your volunteers' fine spirit of co-operation and their willingness to serve under the peacetime program is inspiring. Please assure them that these garments will help tremendously toward supplying civilians of the liberated countries with the necessities of life. It is always gratifying to have chapters always ready and willing to do their full share in any given task, and certainly your chapter falls into that classification."

LOCAL MEMBERS OPA ARE LAUDED

District OPA Director Cites Patriotism of Wataugans Who Served Nation Without Pay

Raleigh, Jan. 21—Watauga countians who began their fifth year of service on OPA price control boards this month were lauded today by OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson for their work in the past and reminded that that work is far from being finished.

"Board members who gave so untiringly of their time and energy to the rationing of scarce commodities are the people who made rationing programs a fine example of American democracy," Johnson asserted.

This original army of 20,000 volunteers soon increased to 76,000, and another 200,000 men and women volunteered to assist the local boards regularly, he said. These volunteers—merchants, bankers, factory workers, doctors, housewives, high school boys and girls, teachers, office workers and farmers—gave a specified amount of their time on regular weekly schedule.

With everything but sugar now off the rationing list, OPA has changed the official name of its local organizations to Area Price Control Boards, Johnson said.

With the demand for lespedeza sericea seed greatly ahead of supply, farmers are turning to small patches for seed to increase their own supply.

Heads Red Cross



Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, who was elected president of the Watauga County Red Cross chapter for the fifth time at a director's meeting in the Red Cross office on Thursday night, Jan. 17. Mr. Troutman wishes to thank the folks of the county for their response to the Red Cross Roll Call in the war period. He furthermore urges the people to support the Roll Call during the month of March for 1946. "The Red Cross carries on even in peacetime."

MRS. EGGERS, 84, SUCCUMBS SUNDAY

Mother of Mr. S. C. Eggers of Boone, Dies at Local Hospital; Funeral Tuesday

Mrs. Emsley R. Eggers, 84 years old, widow of former Sheriff Eggers of Watauga county, died at Watauga hospital Sunday evening from a sudden illness.

Mrs. Eggers had suffered a broken hip in a fall at the home of her son, Representative S. C. Eggers, last Tuesday, and had been at the local hospital since that time. Two hours prior to her death information was that the aged lady's condition was satisfactory. It is thought that a heart attack might have been the immediate cause of her demise.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the Forest Grove Baptist Church in Beaver Dam township. Rev. J. C. Canipe, Boone Baptist pastor, and Rev. Thos. Stanbury were in charge of the obsequies, and interment was in the Storie graveyard in Mrs. Eggers' home neighborhood.

Mrs. Eggers was the former Miss Lucinda Johnson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Johnson, and was born and reared in Beaver Dam township. She had been a member of the Baptist church for 60 years, and always took an active interest in the religious life of her community and county. For almost ten years she had made her home with Representative and Mrs. Eggers of Boone, and was well known and held in the highest regard by the people of this community.

Mrs. Eggers is survived by four sons, S. C. Eggers of Boone; D. H. Eggers, Vilas; H. C. Eggers, Mountain City, Tenn.; and Floyd Eggers, Vinita, Okla. There are three daughters: Mrs. Clyde Robinson, Reece; Mrs. Hill Isaacs, Vilas, and Mrs. Belle May, Trade, Tenn.

Burley Penalty Given Approval of House

Washington, Jan. 22—A 40 percent penalty against producers of burley tobacco for all over-quota production was approved by the house today but an attempt to include flue-cured tobacco farmers in the 1946 farm program was spiked under leadership of two Tar Heel congressmen.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. John W. Flannagan, Democrat, Virginia, chairman of the house agriculture committee, would continue during 1946 the current penalty of 10 cents per pound on flue-cured tobacco produced beyond quotas. The 40 percent penalty would apply against all over-quota production in 1947.

The measure, which now goes to the senate for final congressional action, empowers the secretary of agriculture to arbitrarily fix burley acreage quotas this year. Secretary Anderson is expected to drastically reduce burley quotas, while a probable slight increase in flue-cured quotas is anticipated.

EASTERN STAR DINNER
The Order of the Eastern Star will sponsor a dinner at Carolina Cafe Wednesday, January 30. Plates will be one dollar and the proceeds will be used for a local charitable purpose.

BURLEY SALES NEAR FOUR AND A HALF MILLION

Receipts Continue Heavy at Local Tobacco Warehouses, and No Closing Date Has Been Established; 182,000 Pounds Auctioned Tuesday

Season's sales of burley tobacco on the local warehouse floors approached four and one-half million pounds at the end of the auctions on Tuesday, 4,427,334 pounds having been disposed of prior to the beginning of sales today, and information is that much tobacco yet remains in Watauga and other counties.

Receipts at the local market continue heavy and 182,000 pounds were sold yesterday, warehousemen reporting a slightly more stable price average.

Mr. R. C. Coleman, warehouseman, states that no definite date has been established for the closing of the season's sales, and that plans are to continue auctions as long as unsold tobacco remains. Farmers from various sections of the burley belt tell of numbers of large crops yet to be brought in, and with slightly better weather, it is expected that receipts will continue to increase as the season continues.

Buyers have been able to move their tobacco from the floors recently with dispatch, and Mr. Coleman says that growers may be assured a sale the day they come, and fair and courteous treatment at all times.

FARM BUREAU HAS RAPID GROWTH

Many Members Added to Local Organization Lately; State Meeting Next Month

On January 9, 1946, the Watauga County Farm Bureau called a meeting of farmers and other interested people for Monday night, Jan. 14, at the courthouse to discuss the burley tobacco situation, looking to some action that might tend to help the sinking price this year and certainly would help hold the price up for next season.

On Saturday afternoon, Jan. 12, a telegram from the North Carolina Farm Bureau came which informed us that a meeting would be held in Washington, D. C., on the 14th, to discuss and make plans for the very thing in which the local bureau was interested. A hurried conference was held and the Watauga Farm Bureau sent two representatives, Harry Hamilton and Ned Glenn, to this meeting along with others from other burley tobacco growing counties of the western part of the state which have Farm Bureaus and the representatives of the State Farm Bureau organization. This was reported to the meeting on Monday night at the courthouse.

At that time there were 70 members of the local Farm Bureau. The way in which the organization had acted with dispatch in the tobacco matter seems to have appealed to the farmers as the organization now has 125 members and many have not yet turned in their reports. Watauga township leads with 22 members, closely followed by Cove Creek with 19; Beaver Dam has 15 and Meat Camp 13.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation will be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel at Winston-Salem on Feb. 6-7-8. The local organization hopes to have a large delegation at this meeting. Clyde R. Greene has already made reservations for the Watauga delegation at the hotel. Let him know at once if you can attend.

The following men from Watauga will serve on committees at the state meeting: Resolutions, Henry Taylor; poultry, Hubert Norris; burley tobacco, Harry Hamilton; fruit and vegetables, Don Shull, general crops, Bun A. Hodges; dairy and livestock, Perry Farthing; Edward A. O'Neal Club, I. B. Wilson; constitution and bylaws, Grady Farthing; agriculture, business and industrial relations, Clyde R. Greene; organization, Stewart Simmons and E. B. Hardin; nominations, Harry Hamilton.

Service Officer to Speak at Legion Meet

Mr. Jack C. Winchester, assistant state service officer, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Watauga Post of the American Legion to be held at the Junior Order hall January 25, at 7 o'clock, it has been announced.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting, it is stated.

Gonna Walk All Over God's Heaven...



A SMALL BOY'S DREAM You've seen children gaze at toys, or candy, or Santa Claus—as starry-eyed as this little boy gazing at a pair of shoes in the window of an UNRRA distribution center. He is dreaming of having these wonderful shoes, donated by some American boy, for his very own. How they would transform the rough, rubble-strewn roads he must walk! Tie shoes securely together and give them to the Victory Clothing Collection for overseas relief.

County Agent Sees Need of Control On Cabbage, Potatoes and Other Crops

First President



Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian foreign minister, who was elected first president of the United Nations Organization. He received the support of the United States delegation.

PERKINSVILLE HOME IS BURNED

Several Thousand Dollar Loss in Friday Night Fire; Nothing Salvaged From Flames

The Perkinsville residence belonging to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hendrix of Shelby, and occupied by Mr. Arlie Brown and family, was burned to the ground Friday night, inflicting a loss of several thousand dollars. Mr. Brown was the only member of the household at home and was awakened when a hot ember struck his face. He escaped through a window, with only his night clothes, and nothing at all was salvaged.

The frame building, which it is believed, caught from electric wires, was consumed in a few minutes. The structure, which contained seven rooms, had recently been extensively improved, and represented a loss to the owners, it is said, of five to six thousand dollars. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix lost the contents of one room, in which furniture was stored, while the Brown family's entire household furnishings, clothing and everything was destroyed.

The fire had gained such headway when discovered that the local fire department was not called to the scene.

Birds on battlefields are less upset by shellfire than men.

Hamilton Cites Drop in Tobacco Market, and Asks Farmers to Consider Other Crops in an Effort to Prevent General Price Declines

County Agent Harry M. Hamilton, Jr., sees in the present instability of the burley tobacco market an incentive for farmers of the county to start the planning of means for keeping prices of other farm products stable, and believes that allotments and marketing quotas would be a good thing for producers of food crops in this section.

Mr. Hamilton says: "I hope that the present burley tobacco situation will cause farmers to start planning for ways and means of keeping other farm products from declining greatly in price. We have a control program on tobacco and yet it is way off in price to what it was last year.

Crops like cabbage, potatoes and beans are not under control. If a crop that is under control breaks in price as much as tobacco has, what can we expect of crops that are not under control? I realize that tobacco hit a higher price bracket during the 1944 and 1945 market season than other farm products.

It seems to me that now is the time to start working on anything that will stabilize the markets on other farm products.

Most of the people connected with the tobacco business didn't expect the drop in tobacco prices but nevertheless the prices have fallen.

We all know that when we have an overproduction of any product that we have a low price offered for the product when it is ready to market. I believe we should have allotments and marketing quotas on cabbage, potatoes and beans. After quotas are established it could be determined what percentage of decrease was necessary in order to insure a fair profit to the farmers. Farmers need to join their farm organizations that are operating in the county and start thinking about some of these problems. The thinking then needs to be turned into action if we are to get results before it is too late.

Practically everything the farmer buys is increasing in price. Take the price of milk today and compare it to the price of dairy feed. You will find that milk is 15 cents per hundred pounds lower than last year and the price of dairy feed is 25 to 40 cents per hundred pounds higher than last year.

I would be glad to know what the farmers as a whole think about the questions I have brought up in this article.

WATCH the LABEL

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PRESIDENT'S BALL TO BE HIGHLIGHT MARCH OF DIMES

Well-Known Orchestra to Provide Syncopation for Annual Benefit Dance; Contributions to Polio Fund Are Now Coming in

The President's birthday ball, for many years the highspot of the winter social calendar in this community, will be held at the high school auditorium Thursday evening, January 31, and will provide the climax to the March of Dimes campaign for funds with which to combat infantile paralysis.

Howard Cottrell, chairman of the polio campaign, states that a well-known orchestra has been procured for the President's ball, and that the admission will be one dollar per person. He urges full attendance of the people of the town, county and other sections, and promises an evening of fun and entertainment for all.

Contributions have been coming in fairly well for the March of Dimes, says Mr. Cottrell. However, he points out that since this week and next closes the campaign, all solicitors should make an especial effort in the remaining days of the drive in order that the county may raise its quota of \$2,250.

"No one knows but that infantile paralysis may strike again next summer," says Mr. Cottrell, "and with the vast amount of money spent on our own children by the National Foundation during the last epidemic, all of our people should want to contribute immediately to this worthy cause, and thus provide a backlog of medical and financial assistance when the 'great cripple' visits our homes again."

Those wishing to make contributions by mail may send direct to Mr. Cottrell.

P.-T.A. MEETING MONDAY EVENING

"Our Community and Juvenile Guidance" Theme for Parent-Teacher Gathering

The Parent-Teacher Association of Boone will meet Monday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p. m., in the high school auditorium, the program for the evening being on the subject, "Your Community and Juvenile Guidance," further developing the theme for the year, "Together We Build." Mr. Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the committee, releases the following program for the session:

"The Parent Plus the Elementary School in Juvenile Guidance," Donald Thompson.

"The Parent Plus the High School in Juvenile Guidance," Cratis Williams.

"The Parent Plus the College in Juvenile Guidance," Dr. R. C. Busted.

"The Parent Plus the Police Department in Juvenile Guidance," Police Chief Scroggs.

HUNTING ENDS ON JANUARY 31

Game Warden Says Trapping Continues Until Feb. 15; Birds Suffer From Cold

The hunting season for this county closes at sundown January 31, says County Game Warden Walter Edmisten, who explains that the trapping season for mink, opossum and raccoon will remain open until February 15.

Severe weather has resulted in a somewhat smaller take of game this year than usual, and the birds have suffered immeasurably from the extreme cold. Mr. Edmisten asks that all sportsmen co-operate with landowners in their efforts to conserve all the birds that have managed to survive the severe weather.

Crop Loans Are Now Available

Emergency crop and feed loans are now available to farmers for the purchase of feed, seed and fertilizer and other necessary farming expenses.

Farmers interested in receiving loans may make applications at the emergency crop loan office in the courthouse, or by contacting C. Gordon Taylor, field supervisor.

Farm people everywhere are being urged to have and turn in all used fats. The end of the war did not reduce the need for salvaged fats.