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REPORT PROGRESS IN CLOTHING DRIVE

Mrs. Garbee Asks Donation of All Clothing Not Needed; Campaign Will Close Feb. 7

Mrs. E. E. Garbee this week reports wonderful progress by the people of the county to the Victory Clothing collection.

Work of the various clubs and organizations in the county to help collect clothes is making a splendid showing. The committee from the Woman's Club will start packing the garments in another week, and the people are asked to check the clothes. Mrs. Garbee asks that every article of clothing not needed be turned in to the clothing collection.

The Blowing Rock school is acting as a receiving station for garments in that community. The teachers have consented to bring them to Boone for packing.

The drive will extend through February 7, and it is hoped to have everything in by that time.

Farm Bureau Group To Meet In Winston-Salem Early in Feb.

The tenth annual convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation will be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem on February 6-7-8, and a number of Watauga county farmers are expected to attend.

Of considerable local interest will be the address by Hon. J. B. Hutson, undersecretary of the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., who spent some time in Boone last fall looking over the progress made in Watauga county under the TVA administration.

Road Maintenance Job Of State, Cherry Says

Raleigh, Jan. 29—Governor Cherry told a delegation from Mecklenburg and Union counties today that he feels it is the duty of the state, not the counties, to maintain secondary and farm-to-market roads. The state took over the maintenance of these roads in July, 1931.

Replying to a suggestion from the visitors that rural roads might be returned to the counties for maintenance, Cherry said, "I don't think anything of that. I think the state is committed to a policy of maintaining these roads and I feel it is the duty of the state to do the job."

The delegation, claiming to represent thousands of persons in the Piedmont area but speaking primarily for Mecklenburg, told the governor it favored return of 50 percent of the gasoline tax to individual counties for use in improving secondary roads and urged that immediate steps be taken to improve rural roads which have suffered from the severe weather this winter.

Sees Early Settlement Of Major Strikes

General Motors and the CIO United Auto Workers agreed Tuesday to resume wage negotiations, but U. S. Steel Corporation said it would need a ceiling price increase of "very much more" than \$4.00 a ton to grant striking steelworkers even the 15 cents an hour wage boost already offered.

In Washington, meanwhile, high optimism was expressed by Reconversion Director John W. Snyder over prospects for settling the steel, General Motors and other strikes.

Snyder said, however, his hopes were based on recent trends toward "free collective bargaining" settlements and commented: "When you see the customers of steel—Ford and Chrysler, for instance—getting ready to do business, that's a hopeful sign."

PLENTY OF HELP SEEN AVAILABLE FOR FILIBUSTER

Washington, Jan. 29—Senator Bilbo, Mississippi, told the senate during the FEPC debate today that he had just received a letter from a constituent which concluded: "If you need some help in your filibuster, send for my wife. She's been filibustering for 20 years."

The constitution of the United States originally consisted of a preamble and seven articles; it has since been added to by amendments.

WATCH the LABEL

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

Carry 100,000 Dimes to White House



Donald Anderson, Prineville, Ore., "Poster Boy" of the March of Dimes campaign, is the engineer for the model railway train in New York's Grand Central terminal which will carry 100,000 dimes between miniature Manhattan and model White House.

Grannis Low Bidder On Lenoir-Blowing Rock Road Project

For the third time since October, the state highway commission has received bids for grading and surfacing the 3.86 mile stretch on the Lenoir-Blowing Rock road which is U. S. Highway No. 321.

E. W. Grannis Company of Fayetteville, was low bidder Tuesday at \$348,636.30, which is \$31,749.50 less than the same company bid on the project on last October 9. Grannis was the low bidder at that time but when the highway department did not award the contract, along with others, and new bids were asked for on Nov. 27, Kiker and Yount of Reidsville, were low bidders at \$368,987.20.

Announcement as to whether the latest bid will be acceptable to the commission and the contract awarded to Grannis to begin work on the project will be made soon as the information is sent out from Raleigh. In all probability it will be several weeks before the information is available.

Local U.S. Employment Office on 40-Hour Week

Orders have been received from the state office that Boone USES office is to be placed on a 40-hour week. This will mean that the local office will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., each Monday through Friday, but will be closed each Saturday and holidays.

PINE LUMBER PRICE BOOST IS ALLOWED

Washington, Jan. 29—The government announced today that provided certain production goals are met, southern pine lumber price ceilings will be increased an average of \$3.25 per 1,000 board feet about May 1.

HOUSE APPROVES BILL RETURNING USES TO STATES

Washington, Jan. 29—The house today, in a direct rebuff to President Truman, passed 263 to 112, and sent to the senate legislation returning the U. S. employment service to the states not later than June 30, 1946.

Mr. Truman had asked a full year extension on the grounds that his reconversion program will be impaired otherwise.

HARRY HOPKINS DIES

Harry Hopkins, long-time friend and confidant of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who lived with him in the White House in the later years of the Roosevelt administration, died yesterday in a New York hospital.

EASTERN STAR SUPPER

The benefit supper sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star, has been postponed from this (Wednesday) evening, until Wednesday evening, February 6. Those who purchased tickets for the event are asked to take note of the change in date.

SHOOTS 1,383 RABBITS

Jefferson City, Mo.—Postwar future of rabbits in Missouri is not very bright. A one-day inspection of 252 hunters by state conservation agents recently revealed that the sportsmen had killed 1,383 cottontail rabbits, an average of 5½ rabbits apiece. Also bagged by the hunters were 344 quail and 32 squirrels.

The highest peak in the San Juan mountains is Uncompahgre, 14,306 feet above sea level.

Thursday Is Last Day For Old Auto Tags

Automobile owners are reminded by Patrolman M. C. Jones that Thursday is the last day to operate cars bearing 1945 license plates. Midnight of January 31st is the deadline and the local highway patrolman has received orders from Raleigh to begin making arrests Friday morning.

A number of arrests were made last year of people who had purchased their new plates but had failed to put them on their cars. They must be displayed, the patrolman said.

New Closing Hours Are Announced For Local Grocery Stores

The grocery stores of Boone will close at 1 o'clock on Wednesday afternoons, effective as of February 6, it was decided at a meeting of the grocers group of the merchants association held Tuesday morning. The Wednesday afternoon closing will be in effect throughout the year, with the exception of December and January, it was explained.

Following is a list of the stores which will observe the new closing hours: A. & P. Store, City Meat Market, Dixie Store, Holler's Grocery, Townsend's Grocery and Triplett's Grocery.

Change Made In District Health Setup

According to requirements provided in the general statutes of North Carolina, the following ex-officio members of the tri-county board of health were named recently by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer: Miss Fyde Fields, superintendent of Alleghany county schools; W. M. Winkler, chairman of the board of county commissioners, Watauga county, and L. P. Colvard, mayor of Jefferson.

At the meeting of the group held recently, the following members were named for their respective counties: Wade E. Vannoy, Ashe county, four year term; Dr. W. C. Thompson, Alleghany county, three years; C. P. Mock, Watauga county, two years, and Dr. W. M. Matheson, Watauga county, one year.

TOLL FOUR TIMES HEAVIER IN NO. 2 AS AGAINST WAR I

Washington, Jan. 28—World War II cost the United States 1,068,388 casualties, about four times the toll of World War I.

Latest tabulations place the U. S. dead at 283,149. This is expected to be nearer 300,000 in the final accounting because there is little chance the approximately 18,000 men still listed as missing by the army and navy will be found alive.

Army casualties through last December 31 totaled 922,764, including 223,215 killed, 571,679 wounded, 12,752 missing and 115,118 prisoners. The navy lists 145,624 casualties for navy, marine and coast guard, including 59,934 dead, 80,280 wounded, 5,408 missing and two prisoners. The navy, unlike the army, removes names from the prisoners' list upon liberation.

In World War I, the U. S. suffered approximately 54,000 dead, 200,000 wounded and 4,500 prisoners for a total of 258,500.

Tobacco Mart Here to Close Feb. 8

REWARD OFFERED FOR SAFECRACKER

Board of Commissioners Offers \$200 for Apprehension of Robbers

The Watauga county board of commissioners today offers a reward of \$200 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who entered the courthouse on December 15th and broke open the safe in the tax collector's office.

Nearly one thousand dollars were taken from the safe, and so far no information has been gathered as to the identity of the perpetrator of the crime.

In addition to the theft of the money, considerable damage was done to safes in the offices of the tax collector, county auditor and clerk of court.

Watauga Students Get Honor Grades At Appalachian

Sixteen members of the student body of Appalachian College from Watauga county have scored honor grades in the fall term.

They are: Miss Mary Martha Bingham, sophomore, ward of J. P. Bolt of High Point; Miss Rebekah E. Boone, junior, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Boone of Boone; Miss Betty Jean Farthing, sophomore, and Miss Carrie Lee Farthing, senior, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Farthing, Sr., of Boone; Miss Joyce Gragg, sophomore, daughter of Mrs. W. R. Gragg, of Boone; Ted Hagaman, sophomore, son of Mrs. Elsie Hagaman of Boone; Miss Rita Howell, sophomore, daughter of Prof. Vance Howell of Boone; Leo Mast, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Mast of Sugar Grove.

Jimmie McConnell, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McConnell of Boone; Mrs. J. A. Mullins, junior, of Boone; Miss Essie Norris, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norris of Boone; Mrs. Malissa Richardson, freshman, of Boone; Miss Bonia Rominger, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Rominger of Rominger; Miss Grace E. Sherwood, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sherwood of Sugar Grove; Miss Jeanne Shull, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Shull of Valle Crucis; and Miss Jean Wilson, freshman, daughter of Prof. Chapell Wilson of Boone.

Local Man Arrested On Liquor Charge

North Wilkesboro—Charges of illicit handling whiskey were preferred against two men in arrests reported Wednesday by the office of Marshal Edney Ridge.

Tom Woodrow Bumgarner, of Watauga county, was taken on a capias for removing and concealing non-taxed liquor. Arrested at Boone, he was released on \$500 bond for the May term of district court at Wilkesboro.

Also bound to the May term was Clyde Canter of Wilkes county, who was charged with manufacturing and possession of whiskey and possession of a non-registered distillery. He was released on \$500 bond.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT RETURNS TO NORMAL

Chicago, Jan. 28—A government spokesman said "apparently all" the 248,000 meat workers returned today to jobs in government-seized meat packing plants, and production got under way after 12 days of strikes.

A CIO meat workers' union representative confirmed the government spokesman's report, adding things were "all quiet" on the meat packing front.

Patrick J. Gorman, president of the AFL Meat Workers' Union, said all his men returned to work Saturday.

Tax Listing Time Is Short. Avoid Penalty

Tax listing time is growing short—in fact there is only one more day to list and avoid paying the penalty, Paul A. Coffey, Watauga county tax supervisor, said yesterday.

Mr. Coffey says there are still a large number of people of the county who have failed to list their property, and he urges them to do so between now and Thursday night.

New Roosevelt Dime



This is the design for the new Roosevelt dime that is now rolling off the line at the Philadelphia mint. The designer of the new coin, commemorating the late President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was John R. Sinnock, chief engraver at the Philadelphia mint.

MANY EXPECTED AT SUMMER SCHOOL

Record Number of Reservations Have Been Received at Appalachian

More than 160 reservations have already been made for the first term of summer school at Appalachian College, it was revealed last week, notwithstanding the fact that it will be more than six weeks yet before the catalogues are issued.

Never in the history of the college, it is said, has there been such an interest manifested at this time, and it will not be surprising if the enrollment at summer school this year is the largest in the history of the institution.

Graduate Work Again Planned at Appalachian

President B. B. Dougherty and Prof. Chapell Wilson have just released information concerning the graduate department of the summer school of Appalachian College. This graduate work is carried on in collaboration with the University of North Carolina, this being the sixth consecutive year.

Six teachers are selected for the graduate work, four from the faculty of the University of North Carolina: Dr. A. M. Jordan, psychology; Dr. W. E. Rosenstegal, education; Prof. T. T. Hamilton, Education, and Dr. W. J. McKee, education. Two from Appalachian's faculty: Dr. Ralph W. House and Dr. Harry Heflin, both in the field of elementary education.

BIG CHICKEN HAWK

Mr. Curtis Madron of the Mabel community, killed a chicken hawk Monday which measured 54 inches from tip to tip. The big bird was exhibited in Boone Monday by Mr. Marion Thomas, an uncle of Mr. Madron. Mr. Madron has just returned from five years' service in the navy and was in Pearl Harbor at the time of the Jap attack in December, 1941.

MRS. A. B. ALDRIDGE

Tacoma, Wash.—Mrs. A. B. (Rosa Lee) Aldridge, 59, died Wednesday at a local hospital. Born in North Carolina, she came here 26 years ago. Her membership included the Temple Baptist church.

Surviving are her husband, a son, Jerome of Tacoma; daughter, Mrs. Beulah Sandul of Tacoma; three grandchildren, two brothers, Jesse L. Coffey and Stanford Coffey of North Carolina; three sisters, Mrs. Mollie Bell Williams of Tennessee, and Mrs. Ethel Berry and Miss Mae Coffey and a stepmother, Mrs. Filmore Coffey, all of North Carolina.

MRS. CALLIE YOUNCE

Mrs. Callie Younce died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Blackburn of Mountain View, N. C., on January 10, after a long illness. She was 40 years old. Funeral services were conducted from the Mountain View Baptist Church on January 12, and interment was in the neighborhood cemetery.

NEW RECORD SET ON LOCAL FLOORS

Market Passes Five Million Mark to Exceed All Previous Records; February 8 is Closing Date for Auctions Here

Sales on the floors of the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouses here passed the five million pound mark Monday to establish a new record, and Mr. R. C. Coleman, the warehouseman, states that the warehouses will remain open through Friday, February 8.

Actual sales through Monday were 5,250,000 pounds, and receipts continue heavy on the local warehouse floors. Mr. Coleman states that the floors are now clear and that all burley may be sold the same day it is placed on the market. Farmers are being asked to bring their last loads at once, and be assured of the quickest sale and the best possible prices.

Those who still have checks at the warehouse offices should call for them before the closing date, it is said.

Applications for Dairy Product Payments Are Now Being Received

Applications for payment under the dairy production program are now being received in the county AAA office, Ned Glenn, chairman of the Watauga AAA committee, has announced. All milk or butter producers are urged to submit sales tickets for October, November and December at their earliest convenience. The closing date for filing is February 28.

Any producer who has not already received application blanks may get them by either calling by the AAA office or asking for them by mail. The rate for the past quarter was 90 cents per hundredweight of whole milk and 17 cents per pound for butterfat.

Monthly Payments For Veterans Who Go Into Farming

Veterans returning to farms from the war who would like to set themselves up as independent farmers will find that the readjustment allowance program under the G.I. bill of rights has a special feature designed to help them get started on their own. These are the monthly payments available to veterans in self-employment.

During 1945, \$329,750,000 has been paid in such self-employed allotments to North Carolina veterans.

It works this way: Any veteran who is fully engaged in a business of his own may receive a money payment covering the difference between his net income and \$100 for the previous calendar month. Many farmer-veterans, for the months their crops and livestock bring no returns receive the whole \$100.

To help veterans get established or become re-established in civilian occupations after their armed service, the G.I. bill set up a system of allowances to be paid veterans during their readjustment. In North Carolina the Unemployment Compensation Commission handles these readjustment allowances for the veterans administration. Veterans should apply to the unemployment compensation claims agents located in the United States employment service offices throughout the state.

S-Sgt. Albert Harmon is Officially Declared Dead

Mrs. Elizabeth Bingham Harmon of Sherwood, has received a notification from the War Department, that her husband, Staff Sergeant Albert H. Harmon, who was reported as missing in action December 4, 1943, has been officially declared dead.

The date of his death has been set as January 15, 1946.

Burley tobacco farmers have expressed desire for a 1946 acreage cut of at least 20 percent and a 50 percent penalty against growers who violate quotas.

The spinning of yarn and the weaving of cloth are the bottlenecks holding up the production of clothing. In the last year of the war the expenditures for military purposes in the Fourth Service Command averaged \$250,000,000 per month.