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LAST RITES HELD SUNDAY FOR MRS. R. L. DOUGHTON

Wife of Veteran Ninth District Representative Succumbs in Capital City; Folks in All Walks of Life Join in Expressing Sympathy

Fifteen hundred persons filled the Sparta Baptist Church to overflow Sunday as the little town of 700 people paid its last respects to Mrs. Robert L. Doughton, wife of the veteran congressman from the Ninth North Carolina district. Fog and rain prevented many living in rural sections from attending.

Prominent national and state political figures joined townspeople in a final farewell to the former Miss Lillie Strickler, a native of Concord, who rose to a position high in Washington society. Mrs. Doughton died in a capital hospital Thursday.

Harold Knutson, Republican representative from Minnesota, and J. H. Folger, congressman from Mt. Airy, represented the house, where Mr. Doughton has served without interruption for three decades.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. G. Walker, pastor of the Sparta Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. C. R. Allison, First Methodist Church, and Rev. E. W. Thompson, pastor of the Sparta Presbyterian church.

Burial was in the cemetery at Laurel Springs, 10 miles from Sparta. The Doughton summer home is at Laurel Springs.

A large number of people from Boone and Watauga county attended the rites, among them being: Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Edwin Dougherty, W. R. Lovell, W. H. Gragg, Grady Farthing, W. R. Winkler, James H. Council, W. G. Hartzog, J. Edgar Brown, Jr., A. E. South, T. H. Coffey and M. W. Beach.

Succumbs Friday
Mrs. Doughton died unexpectedly Friday in a Washington hospital after several heart attacks. She was 75 years of age.

From President Truman down, all walks of life in official Washington extended sympathy to the dean of the North Carolina delegation, in the loss of his wife of almost 50 years.

Grief-stricken by the greatest blow of his life, the stalwart 82-year-old Doughton walked back into his office in the new house office building shortly after noon Friday to sit in his private office, his head bowed, as fellow members of the North Carolina delegation, scores of other members of the house, senate and other friends and admirers passed through to express their sympathy.

Mr. Doughton said: "It was never possible for a man to have a better wife and mother. She was a wonderful woman."

Stayed in Background
Mrs. Doughton chose to remain in the background during her 35 years of residence in official Washington with her husband, sharing with him the various hotels, homes or apartments in which they have lived, staying busy making a home and entertaining only to a small extent in the social life of the nation's capital.

LARGE SUMMER TERM IS SEEN

Indication at Appalachian Bright For Big Summer Enrollment

Information released by B. D. Dougherty, business manager of Appalachian College, indicates a large student body for the summer school which begins on June 13. Although the summer school catalogues will not be ready for distribution before March 1, there are to date 200 or more paid reservations for the summer school.

The return of the G.I. men to the classrooms accounts for many of these reservations.

There were 828 registrations last summer, all duplications eliminated.

Contracts Let for WNC Rural Electric Lines

Contract for construction of 575 miles of rural electric lines for two electric membership corporations was awarded last Wednesday in Charlotte to the Miller Construction Company of Linton, Ind., for \$662,621.85.

Burke-McDowell Electric Membership Corporation of Morganton, and the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation of Lenoir, awarded the contracts expected to make current available to approximately 2,200 farm homes in Burke, McDowell, Caldwell, Ashe, Watauga, Alleghany and Rutherford counties.

Killed at Okinawa



CHARLES LEE CORNETT

CHARLES CORNETT DIES AT OKINAWA

Beaver Dam Man Loses Life in Explosion of Ammunition in Far Pacific

Charles Lee Cornett, coxswain, U. S. Navy, was killed as a result of fire and explosion of ammunition at Okinawa on January 2, according to official word recently received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cornett, of Reese.

Mr. Cornett died, it is explained, as he attempted to put out a fire which started in the ammunition magazine of another ship, and his action is credited with having saved the lives of many other men.

Mr. Cornett had been a member of the crew of an LST operating in Pacific waters for the past two years, and Mr. and Mrs. Cornett have received a letter from the officers and crew of the craft, in which sympathy is expressed, and high tribute paid to the character of the local man.

"Everyone can and should be proud of Charles," the letter said. "He stood for the best that a man can stand for and we know he would want you and us to carry on according to the high standards which he always held and lived for."

Many Local Farmers Attend State Meeting Of Farm Organization

The tenth annual convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation was held in Winston-Salem February 6, 7 and 8, with an attendance of about 1,000 farmers from every section of the state. The newly organized Watauga County Farm Bureau was represented by the following: Henry Taylor, E. B. Hardin, Stewart Simmons, H. Grady Farthing and Clyde R. Greene.

Mr. Farthing was made a member of the board of directors of the state organization.

Representative John Flannagan of Virginia, discussed the tobacco situation in the state, he being the author of the bill which has passed the house, aimed at reducing tobacco acreage and increasing the penalties for over-production. The bill has received a favorable report from the senate agriculture committee and is expected to be enacted into law soon.

J. B. Huston, under-secretary of agriculture, discussed the world agricultural outlook, particularly as regards the need for food among the peoples of the war-ravaged nations of the world.

Tourney To Be Held Here February 22-23

Chapel Hill—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has arranged invitation tournaments for class B and C teams in two districts without basketball leagues of round robin schedules, it was announced Friday by Secretary C. E. McIntosh.

One tournament, to be held at Boone Feb. 22-23, in charge of Coach Hal Quincy, will be open to B and C high schools of Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Alexander, Iredell, Rowan, Cabarrus and Stanley counties.

Deputy Collector to Aid Federal Taxpayers

A deputy collector from the Bureau of Internal Revenue will be at the postoffice building in Boone on February 18, 19, 20 and 21, to assist taxpayers in filing their 1945 income tax returns.

Those having a gross income of as much as \$500 during the year 1945 are required to file returns, and March 15th is the deadline for reports from federal taxpayers.

BLOWING ROCK CIVIC LEADER IS TAKEN BY DEATH

F. W. Webster, President of Chamber of Commerce in Neighboring Resort Town, Succumbs in Miami; Maintained Summer Residence Here

Frank Wakefield Webster, 59, president of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, and for a number of years a leading figure in civic affairs in the resort area, died last Saturday in a Miami, Fla., hospital, where he was taken Friday. He had been in failing health for several months and had been taken from his winter home in Coral Gables to the hospital on Friday.

Born in Eatonton, Ga., Mr. Webster came to Miami in 1919 where he was manager for the Southern Bell Telephone Co. He was vice-president and executive manager of the Coral Gables Corporation and later was connected with the Good-year Tire and Rubber Co. He retired from business 12 years ago.

Mr. Webster was the first president of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and was president of the Chamber of Commerce at Blowing Rock where he had owned a summer residence for many years, and took an active part in the civic life of that community, where he was engaged in the real estate business. He was a member of the Coral Gables Methodist Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Gillette S. Webster, Coral Gables; a sister, Mrs. Lee W. Dance, Miami, and a brother, E. Hunt Webster, Eatonton, Ga.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the Combs Funeral Home, and interment was in Woodlawn cemetery, Coral Gables.

Local Navy Man Is Now Doing Recruiting Duty at Post Office

G. R. Carroll, chief boatswain's mate, recently returned to the states from duty with the occupational forces of Japan, is now with the naval recruiting service at Winston-Salem and will be working in this county a portion of the time.

Chief Carroll, a veteran of many years' naval service, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carroll of Boone, served in all theatres of the war, and wears the American defense ribbon with bronze star, American theatre, European, North African, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with bronze star, Philippine liberation, and Victory medals.

Mr. Carroll states that he sees many fine prospects here for the navy, and local young men should be proud to serve in the finest and best branch of the armed services. Full information concerning the navy and enlistments may be secured from the naval recruiting officer at the Boone post office every Monday, beginning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Carroll, wife and son plan to establish their home in Boone. At present Mrs. Carroll is residing in New York.

STATE HIGHWAY HEAD APPEALS FOR WORKERS

Raleigh, Feb. 12—The expanding road building program in the state is demanding large numbers of men for work in the various highway construction departments, Chairman A. H. Graham of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, said today.

"Right now," he said, "there is an urgent need for immediate employment of levelmen, rodmen and chainmen to work in highway locating parties. Since this work can be regarded as employment of a permanent nature, this seems to me to be a good opportunity for veterans to get into a type of civilian employment with a future," he observed.

"If we had them, we could put a large number of men to work tomorrow as members of highway locating parties," the chairman said. Interested persons were advised to contact their nearest highway office or write to the State Highway and Public Works Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

RETURNS TO STATES

Richard F. Bingham, Phm., second class, of the USS Leon, who has been in service for the past three years, two of which were on active duty in the Pacific, has arrived in Mobile, Ala., and will receive a discharge following the de-commissioning of his ship. A brother, John Harvey Bingham, Phm. first class, of the USS Rescue, is still in the Pacific.

Leaders For Brotherhood Week



Two American leaders, President Harry S. Truman and Harold Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, have joined in calling upon the nation's citizens to observe the 13th annual Brotherhood Week February 17 to 24. President Truman is honorary chairman of the observance and Stassen is general chairman for Brotherhood Week.

Burley Market Closes Season Here On Friday

Red Cross Worker



MISS ELENORE JONES

PLANS MADE FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

Volunteer Worker From National Headquarters to Address Local Gathering

A dinner meeting of all those who will actively participate in the 1946 Red Cross campaign will be held in the high school cafeteria Thursday, Feb. 21, at which time preliminary plans will be made for the canvass, and supplies given to canvassers. The dinner will be served by the Red Cross canteen corps, and a feature of the meeting will be the address of Miss Elenore Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio, who spent 17 months in the Pacific area, as assistant Red Cross field director.

Her assignments extended as far as Manila, and she returned to the states in December. Miss Jones attended the University of Cincinnati and Campbell Commercial School in Cincinnati, and has done Red Cross volunteer work.

Mrs. Marion Reitzert, general Red Cross field representative for Northwest North Carolina, will also be present at the gathering.

Merchants Association Makes Initial Plans for Annual Employee Event

Preliminary plans are being made for the annual employer-employee banquet of the Boone Merchants Association, which is to be held at the Carolina Cafe Friday evening, Feb. 22, at 7 o'clock.

More of the program details will be available for next week's edition of the local newspaper, but it was stated Tuesday that an evening of fun and entertainment is being planned.

TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE SHOWS DECLINE

Washington—The nation's death rate from tuberculosis declined in 1944 for the eighth consecutive year, reaching a record low of 41.3 deaths per 100,000 population, the census bureau has reported.

Tuberculosis of all forms caused 54,731 deaths in 1944, compared with 71,527 death in 1936. Since then both the total and the rate have declined each year.

Gene L. Reese, HA, first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reese of Boone, underwent an operation Tuesday of last week at the naval hospital, Portsmouth, Va. He is showing normal improvement.

MILLARD GREER IS TAKEN AFTER FIGHT WITH COPS

West Virginia Officers Nab Desperado and Brother After Running Gun Fight; Millard Greer One of Group Robbing Taxi Driver Near Deep Gap

Millard Greer, one of a trio who robbed a North Wilkesboro taxi driver at Deep Gap a few weeks ago, and subsequently made his escape from local Highway Patrolman C. M. Jones and Chief Scruggs, when his companions were arrested, was captured by officers at Welch, W. Va., Friday evening, after a running gun battle with police officers.

Captured with Greer was his brother, Estel Greer, who escaped with him from the Caldwell county jail a week ago.

Millard Greer was arrested in North Wilkesboro Feb. 2, on a charge of robbing a taxi man from that city near Deep Gap. The driver was bound and gagged but managed to escape and came to Boone in time to tip off police officers. Patrolman Jones and Chief Scruggs arrested Greer's companions, Albert Bradley and Virginia Greer Hawkins, and they are being held in Ashe county jail. Greer made his escape. He is wanted for a similar crime in Lenoir, for the robbery of a taxi man in Johnson City, and is an escapee from the Virginia penitentiary.

At Lenoir, it is said, the Greer brothers stole a Ford car, which they were trying to sell in Welch, W. Va., when officers became suspicious and tried to make the arrest. The Greens ran along the railroad, exchanging pistol shots with officers, and ran into the mountains after Greer's gun jammed. They were later located and their arrest secured without further resistance.

A number of North Wilkesboro men went to West Virginia to identify the Greer brothers.

COMMERCE GROUP TO MEET TONIGHT

President Wilcox Reiterates Importance of Building Linville Highway

A dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 at the Carolina Cafe, and President H. W. Wilcox again insists that there be a large attendance of business men to meet with those from Avery county in a discussion of the proposed Boone to Linville highway.

Mr. Wilcox re-emphasizes the importance of building this highway, which he describes as "something the entire county, western North Carolina and east Tennessee needs very much, and is one of our most pressing rural problems. If built, it will relieve sections of Watauga and Avery counties that have been unable to get to and from the markets of the county, at the same time aiding the children in getting to school and relieve one of the worst bottlenecks in western North Carolina." "We have fought for good roads into Boone from the east," continued Mr. Wilcox, "and have secured them. Now let's do something about getting some means of an outlet in the other direction."

J. E. Huffman Ends Navy Recruiting Career in This Area

Chief Specialist J. E. Huffman, navy recruiter for Watauga and seven other Northwest North Carolina counties, was honorably discharged at the naval personnel separation center, Camp Shelton, Norfolk, Va., on February 5, after three and one-half years service.

During much of this time Mr. Huffman has lived in Boone with Mrs. Huffman and three children, occupying a residence on the Blowing Rock road. Chief Huffman, a native of Thomasville, attended the University of North Carolina and prior to entering service in 1942 was associated with a retail furniture concern at King, N. C. His plans for the future are as yet indefinite, but Mrs. Huffman and children will continue to reside in Boone until other housing can be found.

KNITTERS ARE WANTED

Volunteer knitters are urgently needed by Watauga chapter American Red Cross for the production of 40 sweaters, says Mrs. W. M. Burwell, knitting chairman. Mrs. Burwell would like for all those willing to help to get the material at once, so that the current production quota can be readily reached.

Watauga County In Farm Survey

A survey of living expenses of farm families in Watauga county will be started February 1 by federal-state crop reporting service, it is announced by Frank Parker, statistician with the state department of agriculture.

Henry Taylor of Valle Crucis, will be the supervisor for the survey in the county. Enumerators for the survey have not been selected.

The survey, which will last a month, is designed to give cross-section data on how the farmer's income compared with what he has to spend for family living, how his living expenses compares with the living expenses of city families, how much the farmer's food bill is lowered by the raising of provisions on his own farm, and similar factors.

P. T. A. Sponsors Dinner For Benefit of Cafeteria

The Boone Parent-Teacher Association is sponsoring a chicken pie supper at the elementary demonstration school on Thursday evening, Feb. 14, at 5:30 and 7 o'clock.

Tickets are being sold at 75 cents by the children of the elementary school and may also be secured at the school office. The school has a grade A cafeteria, of which it is very proud, and the proceeds of the supper will be used to help pay for a refrigerator and a new hotel range which have just been purchased.

John Boone, eldest son of Mrs. Esther Boone, received his army discharge February 3 at Camp Blanding, Fla. Of the 32 months he was in service, eight and a half months were spent overseas.