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RED CROSS FUND NEARS QUOTA IN FINAL EFFORT

Campaign Managers Urge All Workers to Make Their Final Reports; Fund Now \$4,216.00; Slightly Less Than Nine Hundred Dollars Under Quota.

Collectors in the Watauga county phase of the Red Cross roll call campaign, have been brisk in the last few days, and officials announce that receipts are now less than nine hundred dollars below the quota set for the county.

Messrs Clyde R. Greene and Harry Hamilton, Jr. co-chairmen, state that funds now on hand amount to \$4,216.16, as against the quota of \$5,100.

Messrs Greene and Hamilton are asking all workers in the county to make a strong effort to get contributions from people who have not been solicited, before the books are closed, so that the county may maintain her record of reaching every quota established for her by the Red Cross.

It is also asked that solicitors send in their reports as quickly as possible, so that the campaign may be closed.

Farm Income May Stay High Through Cash Crop

At the outset of the 1946 farming season in North Carolina, H. Brooks James, farm management specialist and agricultural economics expert of the State College Extension Service, has observed that high farm incomes, attained in 1945, can be maintained this year only through the continued high-level production of "cash" crops.

Here is a summary of James' statement:

"To secure maximum profit, farmers should produce cash crops at about the 1945 level. Any reduction in tobacco, peanuts or cotton is likely to reduce the net farm income. Of course, cash crops production must be kept in line with the labor supply and other production factors.

"Special consideration should be given to the production of feed crops and to the development of grain and livestock which may be more stable than present crops. Once these grain and livestock projects are developed, and their earning power proved, adjustments may safely be made in the acreage of oldline "cash" crops.

"Great consideration also should be given to the future production program on the farm, although full advantage should be taken of the present high prices for many commodities. Remember, the 1939 tobacco crop sold for 15 cents, cotton for nine cents, and peanuts for three and six-tenths cents. Go ahead and make money now, but at the same time plan for the future when cash crop prices will be lower."

Ashe County Youth Dies In Auto Crash

JEFFERSON—Flebe Gentry, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gentry of Nathans Creek, was instantly killed Saturday about noon when the automobile in which he was riding collided with another car at the intersection of highways 221-16 and 88 at Jefferson.

Ed Brooks of Nathans Creek and Grant Pruitt of Preston were admitted to Ashe County hospital at West Jefferson suffering from serious injuries sustained in the accident. Walter Estridge and Jim Bruitt were treated at the hospital for minor injuries and dismissed. State Highway Patrolman C. N. Jones said that James Blain Vannoy and Squire Herbert Pruitt, reported to have been the drivers of the cars involved, were placed under \$2,500 bonds each pending a preliminary hearing to be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock before Magistrate C. O. Parsons.

Tentative plans are for the funeral for the Gentry boy to be held Monday morning at 11 o'clock at Nathans Creek Methodist church. In addition to the parents, he is survived by a number of brothers and sisters.

MRS. TEMPIE C. BARLOW
Mrs. Tempie Cordelia Barlow, 77, of Banner Elk, Route 1, died Saturday at the home from a long illness. Services were conducted at the Watauga Baptist Church Monday at 3 o'clock by Rev. S. E. Gragg, and burial was in the home neighborhood. The husband, Julius P. Barlow, survives, with four sons and one daughter: Orrin J., Nebo, N. C., V. R., Marion, N. C., and Banner Elk. Stanley Barlow, Johnson City, Tenn. and Maudie Perman, Banner Elk.

Mr. L. L. Critcher, who has been ill for two weeks, is recovering.

TAKEN BY DEATH



Thomas F. Greer, 94 years old, pioneer resident of Watauga county, who died at the home of a son, Mr. R. T. Greer of Boone, on March 25th.

COBLE ACQUIRES NEW RIVER DAIRY

Lexington Concern Takes Over Local Dairy April 1 and Distribution New Product Starts.

The Coble Dairy Products Co., with home offices in Lexington, has purchased the New River Dairy, from Mr. William Winkler, and took over the business on April 1.

Distribution of the Coble products consisting of sweet pasteurized grade A milk, chocolate milk, homogenized grade A vitamin D milk; lactic buttermilk, buttermilk, cream, cottage cheese, and butter, has been started in the community.

Mr. Winkler, it is stated, sold his dairy to devote his entire time to his purebred Guernsey herd, which is one of the finest in the county.

Officials of the Coble Dairies say they expect to give the people the same fine quality and service which Mr. Winkler has given in the past.

Better Bus Service Seen To Ashe and Alleghany

The Greyhound Lines have given Boone business men the assurance of improved bus schedules between Boone and Sparta, via West Jefferson, it was learned Monday, and look with favor upon the establishment of another schedule, arriving in Boone in the early morning and returning in the afternoon, allowing the citizens of the neighboring areas plenty of time to do their shopping in Boone and return home the same day.

It is believed that this improved service will be established during the month of April.

Mr. June Russell, local retail merchant started the movement some time ago for the improvement of the bus service to Ashe county, and his efforts have been responsible for the decision of the company to change their schedules.

HOME GARDEN IS AN URGENT NEED, A. A. A. POINTS OUT

Growing a garden, whether is in the backyard of a town or on the farm, is considered as one of the most important parts of the entire Emergency Food program. Ned Glenn, AAA chairman and manager of the emergency program in Watauga County, said today, in urging the planting of gardens this year to increase our food supply, and permit greater shipment of food items so critically needed by starving people of Europe and Asia.

"These people are victims of enemy invasion. Their harvest season is four months hence and in many sections of Europe, agriculture has been damaged by the worst drought in a century," Mr. Glenn said.

"In releasing more wheat, fats, oil and other needed foods for shipment to these starving people, Victory Gardens will help immeasurably in making good these commitments, assuring adequate supplies here at home; and reducing the overload on transportation facilities," he said.

The President and the Secretary of Agriculture have called for full support again this year by the victory gardeners. It is expected that all Watauga county people will answer this call willingly.

Chicken Pie Supper To Aid School Band

A chicken pie supper, under the sponsorship of the Parent-Teachers Association, will be held Friday evening, beginning at 5:30 p. m. in the cafeteria of the elementary school. The proceeds will be used for aid to the school band, which is directed by Mr. Gordon Nash.

The public is invited to attend the supper and help in the equipment of one of the best school bands in the State.

ELECT COMMITTEES COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR COMING YEAR

Watauga County Board of Education Members Gather in Regular Session and Name Members of District School Committees for Varying Terms.

The Watauga County Board of Education met Monday in regular session and named a number of members of the district school boards for the current year, the terms varying in length up to 1949.

The complete list of the committees, as presently constituted, follows:

Boone District No. 1: Joe Crawford, Joe C. Hodges, Walter Edmisten.
Howard's Creek: Henry J. Hardin, Ruthwood, D. G. Edmisten.
Elk, Lower Elk: A. G. Moretz, Elster Greene, W. W. Randall.
Bamboo: R. H. Vannoy.
Green Valley District No. 2: Bynum Clawson, William Winebarger, G. C. Ragan.

Winebarger: Eston Moretz.
Riverview: H. C. Moretz.
Deep Gap District No. 3—Deep Gap, Castle, Stony Fork, Mt. Paron, Elk, Lower Elk: A. G. Moretz, Elster Greene, W. W. Randall.
Blowing Rock district no. 4—Blowing Rock, Penley, Bradshaw, Cook: W. C. Lentz, G. C. Walters, Shuford Edmisten.

Valle Crucis District no. 5—Valle Crucis, Grandfather, Cool Springs: Richard Olsen, T. H. Holloway, J. L. Triplett.
Cove Creek district no. 6—Cove Creek, Rominger, Presnell, Keller-ville, Windy Gap: Dave Mast, W. T. Payne, D. J. Horton.

Bethel district no. 7: Dave Hagan, Ray Swift, Perry Farthing.
Mabel district no. 8—Mabel, Pottertown: Henry Norris, Arrant Greer, John E. Combs.

Eikland: Glenn Howell.
The district committee as a body, it is explained, serves for all the schools listed in the district.

TUCKWILLER NEW LOCAL FARM AGENT

Former Assistant County Agent to Succeed Harry Hamilton Who Goes With Dept. Agriculture

L. E. Tuckwiller, recently county farm agent in Ashe county, has been named to the same position in Watauga, to succeed Harry M. Hamilton, Jr., who resigned to accept a position with the State Department of Agriculture.

The board of county commissioners and the State Extension Service named Mr. Tuckwiller to the position vacated by Mr. Hamilton last Monday.

Mr. Tuckwiller was former assistant county farm agent here, and his work was highly satisfactory to the officials and to the farmers of the area. It is expected that his return to Boone will meet with widespread favor.

School Bus Overturns In Carey Flats Section

NEWLAND—A school bus, carrying pupils of the Newland high school, overturned in the Carey Flats section of Avery county, between Linville and Blowing Rock on Wednesday, injuring three children.

At the time of the accident, only five children and the driver were occupants of the bus. The three children injured were taken to Grace Hospital, Banners Elk, where they were given first aid treatment, and one child remained in the hospital overnight with a broken arm.

According to Principal S. K. Mortimer, Jr., the driver Gilbert Holshouser, was a school boy, of proper age, and a fully certified driver. Mr. Mortimer said that the accident appeared to have been unavoidable, and in his opinion was caused by the large amount of loose rocks and gravel on the road, which may have caused the bus to skid off the road and overturn.

MARY PATRICIA GREENE
Mary Patricia Greene, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greene of Triplett, died at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem and funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 o'clock from the Stony Fork Baptist Church, with burial in Mountain View cemetery. The parents survive, together with three brothers and two sisters: Wayne, Donald, Horace, Jeanette and Vivian Greene.

Miss Betty Sue Stone, assistant to Miss Lucy Brock, in the home economics department at the college, spent the week-end at her home in Knoxville.

SHIPS READY FOR ATOM BOMBS

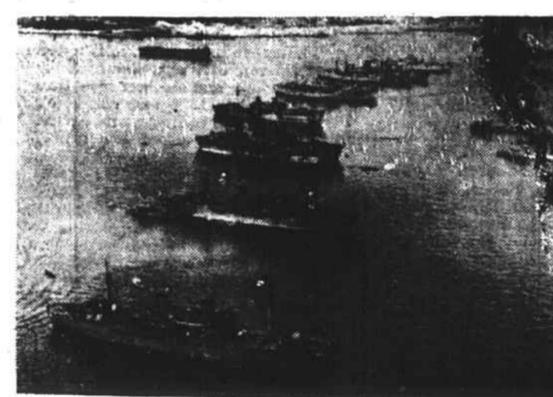


Photo shows a number of ships of the APA and AKA type, cargo and transport vessels, which are to be used as targets in the proposed atom bomb tests, lined up at Pearl Harbor, before sailing on the final voyage.

LIONS CLUB SHOW TO BENEFIT BLIND

Annual Local Talent Minstrel To Be Staged at Local Playhouse Wednesday, April 17.

The annual Lions' club benefit minstrel is to be staged at the Appalachian Theatre, Wednesday, April 17, with both afternoon and night performances, it has been announced by Eugene Garbee, coordinator.

The one-hour local-talent performance, offered with a full-length film, will consist of a minstrel under the direction of Bob Agle, a comic love scene by W. Amos Abrams and Willis Chester, and a farce, "Harpisichord Heads for Heaven." Appearing as end men in the minstrel will be Raleigh Cottrell, Howard Cottrell, Herbert Wey, Edwin Dougherty, Grady Moretz, Wade Brown, Milt Greer, A. R. Smith, Guy Hunt, D. J. Whitener, Cratis Williams and Council Cooke. Bob Agle is interlocutor.

Appearing in the farce are Coach Flucie Stewart and Dr. John P. Martin, dressed as negro women, John Thomas and Billy Crawford.

The program, consisting of spicy dialogue, songs, dance numbers, specialties, and farce, promises to be one of the most entertaining ever offered by the local club.

Each year the Boone Lions Club gives an entertainment as a part of its community service work. Proceeds from this program go to assisting with the blind work and other worthwhile projects in Boone and Watauga County.

SAYS FARM CENSUS HERE IS COMPLETE

Tax Supervisor Coffey is Lauded by Crop Reporting Service For Good Farm Reports.

Mr. Paul A. Coffey, county tax supervisor has received a letter from the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service, Raleigh, lauding his office for its fine work in getting an almost 100 per cent farm census during the recent tax-listing period. The letter says:

"Your farm census records have been received and are in excellent condition. Your list takers are to be highly commended for their good work and the interest they have shown by securing these records. It is a pleasure to work with such splendid reports as those submitted by you. Your cooperation is appreciated very much by the Department of Agriculture."

Those townships which returned a 100% farm census, together with the number of farms listed and reported are as follows:
Blue Ridge 228, Bald Mountain 114, Beaver Dam 312, Boone 5, Brushy Fork 205, North Fork 77, Meat Camp 312, Elk 119, Laurel Creek 264, Shawneehaw 135.

Other townships, with the number of tracts listed, followed by the number of tracts reported for census purposes, and the percentage reported, follow:
Cove Creek, 372, 370, 99.5%, Stony Fork 285, 282, 98.9%, New River, 293, 291, 99.3%, Watauga 390, 388, 99.5%, Blowing Rock 131, 129, 98.4%.

MRS. NANCY JANE ROBBINS
Mrs. Nancy Jane Robbins, 68, of Deep Gap, died on Saturday and funeral services were conducted from the home Monday at 2 o'clock by Revs. Roscoe Greene and A. T. Watson, interment being in the family cemetery. Surviving are the husband, Thomas S. Robbins of Deep Gap and two brothers: Thomas M. Watson, Whitten, N. C., and J. A. Watson, Deep Gap.

Each year new scientific advances make it possible to save more people from cancer.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET SATURDAY

Executive Committee to Be Named at Convention and Other Business Transacted.

Earl D. Cook, chairman of the Republican executive committee, has issued a call for a convention to be held in the courthouse in Boone, N. C., on Saturday April 6th, at 2:30 o'clock, at which time, it is stated, an executive committee will be appointed, a chairman and secretary of the committee named, and delegates selected to the Republican state convention.

Chairman Cook also asked that meetings be held in the various townships of the county on Friday, April 5th, at 2:30 p. m. At these meetings township organizations are to be set up, and elect delegates to the county convention.

Each township, it is explained, is entitled to one delegate for each 25 votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the 1944 general election, also one alternate for each delegate.

TRIPLE A OFFICIAL LOCAL MANAGER FOOD PROGRAM

Ned Glenn, chairman of the Watauga county AAA committee, has been designated as Emergency Food Program Manager for Watauga, and will help to speed the job of supplying food under President Truman's emergency famine relief program, in an effort to reduce the terrible suffering caused by enemy invasion and drought in Europe and in Asia.

Mr. Glenn will enlist the cooperation of the Watauga county USDA council in coordinating the program and organizing the food conservation measures recommended by the President's famine emergency committee.

Local food conservation measures are now being worked out and every man, woman and child in Watauga county are requested to conserve their food daily, especially bread, fats, and oils, to make more available for shipment into destitute areas.

Local civic groups, churches, schools, newspapers, theatre managers, and all other organizations and groups are being asked to help carry out the program on a voluntary basis.

By everyone saving a little, we can help a lot, it is pointed out.

Compromise May Be Near On Wage Bill

Administration forces were reported near a compromise tonight with one senate faction opposing the 65-cent minimum wage bill.

A senate source said "considerable progress" has been made toward getting together with the group, led by Senators Ellender, (D., La.) and Ball (R., Minn.), which has offered a 55-cent substitute.

This official said two wage propositions were under consideration:
1. A flat boost of the present 40-cent minimum wage to 60 cents effective nine months after the measure is enacted.

2. A 55-60-65 scale in place of the administration's 65-70-75. The administration measure calls for an increase to 65 cents immediately, to 70 cents after two years and to 75 cents after four years.

Senate leaders were represented as inclined to the flat 60-cent proposal.

We dread cancer above all other diseases. Therefore, it may correctly be classed as mankind's number one enemy.

JUDGE PHILLIPS TO PRESIDE AT SPRING SUPERIOR COURT

Two Weeks Court Term Starts April 22; One Homicide Case on Criminal Docket; 50 Civil Cases; Names of Those Who Will Serve On Jury.

The regular spring term of Watauga Superior Court will convene for a two weeks session on Monday, April 22, with Judge Don Phillips presiding, and the commissioners have given out the names of those who are being summoned for jury service.

There are only about 30 cases on the state docket. Clerk Austin E. South states, most of them being for misdemeanors, while only one involves homicide. Sam Ellison, resident of North Fork township will be arraigned on charges of slaying his neighbor, Howard Hockaday, last October. Ellison surrendered himself at the county jail following the fatal shooting, and told officers that he fired upon Hockaday in self-defense, when Hockaday approached him with drawn rifle.

There are fifty cases on the civil calendar, 6 of which are divorce actions.

The Jurors
Following are the names of those who have been selected by the county commissioners for jury duty:

First Week: Robert L. Grogan, Millard Stephens, S. E. Phillips, R. L. Norris, Carmie Storie Hugh Hampton, J. G. Johnson, W. R. Johnson, Oscar Eller, Roy Anderson, Dewey Mitchell, Fred Young, R. M. Coffey, R. B. Hodges, Will M. Cooke, Chas. C. Wilcox, Jones L. Storie, Greene B. Miller, Chas. A. Greer, Granville Triplett, Rufus L. Ward, Conley Harmon, Dayton Ward, L. H. Trivett, S. G. Wilson, Fred Holman, Grady Beach, Walter H. Davis, J. A. Winebarger, Grady McNeil, Lloyd Moretz, David S. Ray, Frank Main, Conley Snyder, Jacob Harrell, Monroe Harmon, Isaac L. Smith, W. W. Parsons, Greene Carroll, L. A. Calloway, Jason Townsend, Marion Cornett, Everett Aldridge.

Second week: Will W. Holman, Mack Johnson, Frank P. Wilson, Linville Eggers, Dallas Wilson, Tom M. Storie, Bloom Triplett, A. C. Moody, Lee Robbins, Barthlow Yates, James B. Winkler, Thomas R. Miller, Ralph Moretz, W. H. Gragg, Rey, Raymond Hendrix, Tom G. Vannoy, W. F. Miller, Jr., Claude Greene, Claude Davis, Cline Triplett, Custer G. Ward, Coy H. Love, Cloyd Norris, Boyd Greene, Henry W. Miller, David Main, David Tester, Eugene A. Russell, Grady G. Greene, Russell Watson.

More People Will Be Hungry Than Ever

Secretary of Commerce Wallace said today that probably more people will go hungry during the next four months than in any like period in the world's history.

Speaking before a National Victory Garden conference, Wallace added that the food situation could become "really serious" in this country should a drought hit the mid-Western corn belt.

He said that for the sake of the hungry abroad and for ourselves, it behooved every American in a position to do so to grow a garden this year and preserve some food for next winter.

County Teachers Will Meet Next Saturday

The Watauga Teachers Association will meet in the auditorium of Appalachian High School Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, it is announced by Cratis Williams, president of the organization.

The program is in charge of the membership committee, Paul Bingham, chairman. A film, entitled, "Looking Toward Tomorrow," will be shown, and a discussion of the NEA Journal will be led by Mr. Bingham.

Clothing For Red Cross Should Be Delivered

Mrs. Mae Miller, Red Cross production chairman, has asked that all who have wash clothes finished for the Red Cross, please turn them in as soon as possible as a shipment is being prepared at this time.

Mrs. Miller also urges all who are able to do volunteer sewing to come to the Red Cross sewing headquarters in the Boone Drug Co., building where there are 60 capes cut and ready for making.

Mr. James Blaine Trivett has returned home from Davis Hospital, Statesville, where he took treatment for several days.