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COOK RE-ELECTED COUNTY CHAIRMAN G. O. P. COMMITTEE

Clyde R. Greene Renamed Secretary at Republican County Convention; Many Local Partisans Attend State Convention in Winston-Salem Today.

A large number of Watauga county Republicans gathered in convention at the courthouse Saturday at which time, an executive committee was named and Earl D. Cook, of Boone, was re-elected chairman of the committee for the third time.

Clyde R. Greene, likewise was re-elected Secretary of the committee. Watt H. Gragg presided over the convention which was opened by Chairman Cook, and Paul Coffey acted as Secretary in the absence of Mr. Greene.

Aside from the naming of the committee and its officers, the only business transacted was that of naming delegates to the State convention in Winston-Salem today. Under the plan adopted each township was to name its own delegates.

It is likely that a large number of local Republicans will attend the State convention and hear the address by former Governor Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, who is frequently mentioned as a possible candidate for the Presidency on the Republican ticket in 1948. Mr. Stassen managed the Wilkie campaign for the nomination in 1940, and is highly regarded, particularly in the liberal element of his party.

Boone convention delegates are: John W. Hodges, D. L. Wilcox, R. D. Hodges, Jr., Kenneth B. Linney, W. H. Gragg, G. K. Moose, Paul A. Coffey, H. S. Storje, Clint Cannon, Jack Storje, J. V. Caudill, Jr.

Antonakos President Dramatic Association

New officers of the Carolina Dramatic association were elected at a business session held in connection with the 23rd annual state drama festival which came to a close at the University of North Carolina here tonight.

They are A. Antonakos, dramatic director of Appalachian State Teachers college, president; Miss Jennie Martin, drama director, Hamlet high school, vice-president; and the following members of the executive committee: Miss Alice Lee Harris, Glidboro high; Mrs. Pearl Setzer Deal, Lenoir-Rhyne college; Miss Bonnie Wengert, Mars Hill College; Mrs. F. L. Padgett, Venable High School, West Asheville; and Miss Josephine Wible, Winston-Salem high. Miss Lynette Warren of Chapel Hill is executive secretary.

Prof. Samuel Selden, director of the Carolina Playmakers, addressing the business session, revealed that approximately \$10,000 has been raised so far in the Koch memorial fund campaign, \$3,000 of which was contributed by Chapel Hillians.

GOVERNMENT MAY STEP INTO SOFT COAL STRIKE

First indications of possible government intervention in the soft coal dispute were heard Monday as a top labor official who asked not to be named, said he believed "the government will do something this week."

Previous White House pronouncements indicated a hands-off policy in the walkout of 400,000 AFL United Mine Workers which John L. Lewis called April 1, following a breakdown of contract negotiations. Meanwhile the first picketing in the coal strike was reported yesterday at a mine in Pageton, W. Va. Union officials said the picketing, which halted mine repair operations, followed the company's alleged refusal to sign a retroactive pay agreement in return for the union's permission to allow repair crews to work.

Lewis said when the national walk out began there would be no picketing.

\$400,000,000 BEING SPENT TO MAKE ATOMIC BOMBS

The United States is spending \$400,000,000 a year to manufacture and improve atomic bombs and to explore new military and civilian uses for this new comic force, a reliable source revealed today.

Practically all of this program, it was said, is being financed out of the president's special war funds, which are in effect a blank treasury check to be drawn on as Mr. Truman sees fit.

It was the first authentic disclosure of the scale of which the United States is continuing its atomic project, after a secret war-time outlay of more than two billion dollars to develop the first super bombs that blasted Japan into surrender.

OUTSTANDING



The award of the 1946 gold medal of the Franklin Institute to Maj. Gen. Gladeon M. Barnes, chief of research in ordnance, was recently announced. The award was made in consideration of General Barnes' design of anti-aircraft guns, tanks, and sea coast artillery and his development of gun carriages.

PASTIME THEATRE TO OPEN IN JUNE

Boone's Original Playhouse, Closed for Six Years, Is Being Modernized; Many Improvements.

An opening date in early June has been set for the Pastime Theatre, as reconstruction work on both the interior and exterior of the building nears completion. The Theatre, closed for the past six years, is owned by A. E. Hamby, Jr., and is operated by the Appalachian Amusement Company. The owner and operator are working together to bring to completion the building's renovation.

The Pastime will be one of a few theatres in the state to be finished on the interior with Celotex Acoustical Board, which is installed by the Acoustic Engineering Company of Charlotte and Atlanta. It is understood that the sound effect afforded by the use of such board will place the local theatre among the best in the state insofar as acoustics is concerned. In addition to the complete sound effect finish, the building will be painted inside and out, will be furnished with a new marquee, new light fixtures, stage decorations, floor mats, wider aisles, and new lamp houses that will insure the best projection possible.

A. Fuller Sams, Jr., president of the Appalachian Amusement Co., which also operates the Appalachian Theatre here and the Yonahlossee Theatre in Blowing Rock, has announced that the Pastime will open in June.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

The following is a schedule of pre-school clinics to be held in the county schools, as released by the District Health Department: Valle Crucis, April 18. Blowing Rock School, April 23. Bethel School, April 24. Boone Demonstration School May 2nd.

All parents who have children who are to enter school next year are urged to bring their children to these clinics. Children who will attend schools, other than those mentioned, are asked to come to the Health Department offices for their immunizations.

HIGH SCHOOL SCOUTS COLLECT CLOTHES



Members of Girl Scout troops of Appalachian high school, who were responsible for collection of clothing in the national campaign recently. Considerable effort was put forth by the students in gathering the old clothing for overseas relief, which was delivered to the UNRRA collection center. Pictured are: First row, left to right, Lois Townsend, Mary Austin, Martha Austin, Mary Sue Greene, Margaret Hendrix and Gladys Brown; second row, Mary Sue Clawson, Mary Nell Greene, Al-

LOCAL FARMERS ASKED TO AID IN FOOD PROGRAM

Local Agricultural Council Meets Monday to Map Plans for Emergency Food Program; Farmers, Others, Asked to Conserve Wheat, Fats and Oils.

The local Agricultural Council in a meeting held Monday, asked local farmers and others to make every effort possible to conserve, wheat, fats and oils, on the basis of information received from Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, and former President Herbert Hoover, who is now making a food survey in foreign countries.

In calling upon Watauga farmers to do their part in the emergency food program, it was stated that the need is so acute in many foreign countries that the savings that can be made here, will contribute materially to alleviate the famine in these countries.

Another contribution that every family can make, it is stated, is to produce in their home garden as much of their annual food supply as possible. The less food we buy the more that is available for foreign export.

Restaurant operators are asked to limit the amount of bread served per meal and use corn bread where possible. Arrangements are being worked out whereby used fats can be delivered to local meat markets. This program should be back in effect soon.

One person who saves a slice of bread a meal may not be able to see just how that saving will help feed people in Europe, it was said. But the Famine Emergency Committee gives assurance that such savings, multiplied in millions of American homes each day, will most certainly enable this country to lead the ships with the food that is needed to prevent famine overseas.

"So now let us all make haste to use the opportunity we still have to conserve food at home and save lives abroad," a local agricultural leader said.

Local College Officials At Memphis Gathering

Appalachian State Teachers College was represented at the recent meeting in Memphis, of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary School by President B. B. Dougherty, Dean J. D. Rankin, and Professor Edwin Dougherty, member of the College Executive Committee.

They met with the committee on reports to give an account of the College during the war years. The report showed the lowest war registration to have been 372, a present registration of 654, more than one hundred of these being war veterans. During the 1944-45 year the library spent \$17,000 for books.

SENATOR BAILEY NOW ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

The State's senior Senator, Josiah W. Bailey, of Raleigh, has steadily improved over the week-end and is now headed toward recovery, it was learned Monday.

"Stricken with severe abdominal pains in the senate dining room on Thursday, Senator Bailey was removed to a hospital, where first reports indicated his condition was serious.

PHOTOGRAPH OF YEAR AGO WINS PRIZE



"The untimely news," as seen by New York Times photographer, Samuel Falk, which won second prize in Encyclopedia Britannica annual news photograph contest, results of which were announced this week, is also a reminder that just a year ago, April 12, 1945, President Roosevelt died. Grief of all Americans is represented on the faces of those in the subway.

JUNIORS SELECT DISTRICT OFFICERS

District Junior Meeting Held Tuesday With Local Council; List Of New Officers Given.

District three, Junior Order U. A. M. met Tuesday evening with Daniel Boone Council 129, dinner being served to the gathering at the Boone Trail Cafe.

Following dinner, the meeting was opened with Zelza McCoury, district Councilor presiding, and Lee Stout delivered the welcome speech on behalf of the local Council. B. S. Dugger of Elk Park made the response, and financial reports from Daniel Boone and Elk Park Councils were heard.

The following district officers were elected:

Councilor, I. S. Ayers; Vice-Councilor, L. S. Isaacs, Jr.; Recording Secretary, R. D. Hodges, Jr.; Chaplain Roy A. Harmon, Elk Park; Inside Sentinel, Greer C. Hodges; Outside Sentinel, Dennis Townsend; Warden Olden Turbyfill, Elk Park; Conductor, Charles Osborne; Trustee to the Children's Home, W. H. Gragg.

Clyde R. Greene presented the speakers of the evening as follows: C. W. Snyder, Beneficiary Degree Department, Winston-Salem; L. B. Scarborough, State Vice Councilor, Rocky Mount; G. P. Hood, State Treasurer, Raleigh.

The fall district meeting, it was agreed, will be held with Elk Park Council.

New officers were installed by Rev. L. B. Scarborough, State Vice-Councilor.

Seven members were present from Elk Park and 26 from Boone. Six ex-service men were included.

Dr. Abrams Named To Head English Teachers Association in State

At the NCEA meeting held recently in Asheville, Dr. Amos Abrams, head of the English department, was elected next year's president of the North Carolina English Teachers Association, of which there is an approximate membership of 1500 English teachers.

Other officers chosen for the organization are Miss Celeste Penny of Needham-Broughton High School, Raleigh, vice-president; and Earl W. Hartsell, professor of English at the University of North Carolina, executive secretary.

The immediate past president of the organization is Miss Lillian Parks, who is chairman of the English Department of Central High School in Charlotte.

Information Available Veterans' Trade Schools

Boone USES office has on file for veterans information catalogues from various trade and tech. schools. These will give the veteran information as to the type of school that he would be interested in, entrance requirements, enrolling dates, living conditions at the school besides the labor market picture of the trade or profession that the veteran wishes to enter. We are glad to pass this information on to our veterans, including our openings for on-the-job training program.

The public contributes 50 cents per cancer case annually as against \$340 per case of infantile paralysis. Support the American Cancer Society.

INSPECTOR TAKES JOB AT LOCAL P.O.

Ralph G. Greene Resigns as Postal Inspector and Comes Back To Local Postal Service.

Ralph G. Greene, Watauga county, who, for the past seven years has been a postoffice inspector with the Atlanta division, resigned due to his health, and accepted a less strenuous job as clerk in the Boone postoffice, resuming his old position last Monday.

Mr. Greene began his career as clerk in the Boone postoffice in 1929, and worked here for ten years, having been appointed as postal inspector in 1939. He was one of the most capable men in the Atlanta division, as is evidenced by these excerpts from a letter written Mr. Greene by M. H. Ackerman, Inspector in Charge, Atlanta division:

"It is rather difficult to write this letter as the time draws near for your departure from our midst, yet I feel that the fine spirit of loyalty, faithfulness, gentlemanliness, and excellent performance of work displayed by you will be ever with us. I have regarded you for years as one of the best inspectors in the division and I am going to feel your loss most keenly. Your fellow inspectors feel the same way, but we will have many pleasant recollections of our associations with you."

"In closing this letter, I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your valued contribution to making my administration a success. If at any time I can be of service to you or yours, please call upon me."

Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., feels most fortunate in having been able to secure a man of such outstanding experience as Mr. Greene, to supplement the clerical force at the local postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. Greene and family are residing in Vilas, pending the location of suitable living quarters in town.

ERRORS NOTED IN LIST SCHOOL COMMITTEES

A couple of errors crept into the list of county school committees published last week and to clarify the matter, the correct committees in the two district affected, are as follows:

Boone district no. 1: Joe Crawford, James Austin, Walter Edmisten.

Bethel district no. 7: Dave Hagaman, Ray Swift, John Ward.

L.T. HORTON GRAGG SAILS FOR PACIFIC ISLAND

Lieut. Horton Gragg, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg of Boone, sailed for Okinawa from Seattle recently being one of 2,776 army personnel on the passenger list of the U. S. S. Admiral Rodman.

Lieut. Gragg, who is an Air Force pilot, and had recently been located at Maxton, N. C. army air base.

J. SMITH, JR. TO APPEAR IN SENIOR PIANO RECITAL

Appearing in his senior piano recital Friday evening at eight o'clock in the College Auditorium, will be A. J. Smith, Jr., of Whiteville, N. C., a student of Miss Helen Foster. The recital is open to the public, and Miss Wary, director of the A. S. T. C. music department, extends an open invitation to all local music lovers to attend.

There is more need for victory gardens in the first year of peace than in any year of the war.

BOONE WOMAN IS INSTANTLY KILLED BY MOTOR TRUCK

Mrs. Albert Watson Meets Tragic Death Late Monday; Coroner's Jury Terms Accident Unavoidable; Funeral Services Wednesday Afternoon.

Mrs. Albert Watson, 66 years old, member of one of the county's pioneer families, and one of Boone's most popular ladies, was instantly killed at 6:15 Monday afternoon, when struck by a truck driven by Mr. E. E. Carlton of the Shulls Mills section.

The accident occurred on the Blowing Rock Road, near the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Len Cooke. Mrs. Watson was returning from a visit with Mrs. Cooke, who is ill, and was attempting to cross the street when struck by the vehicle. Severe chest injuries were given as the cause of her demise.

Deputy Coroner Richard E. Kelley, immediately conducted an inquest, the jury terming the accident "unavoidable." Evidence given by a Naval officer, a resident of the state of Maine, en route to Florida, and who was driving immediately behind the truck, was to the effect that the vehicle involved in the accident was going no more than twenty miles per hour at the time.

Mrs. Watson was taken immediately to the local hospital, but had expired.

Funeral Today

Funeral services are to be conducted from the Methodist Church at 2 o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon. Rev. Paul Townsend, former pastor of the church, now of Waynesville, is expected to conduct the rites in the absence of Dr. E. K. McLarty, the pastor, who is ill in a Winston-Salem Hospital. All the other ministers of the town are expected to be present, and assist in the rites. Interment will be in the city cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home will arrange the details.

Mrs. Watson was the former Miss Maggie Ellen Clawson, and was born in Watauga county, a daughter of Jacob T. and Mary Elizabeth Clawson. For many years she had made her home in Boone. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was actively affiliated with the Women's Society of Christian Service, Circle no. 2 and had been to a meeting of the organization shortly before her demise. She was a potent force in the religious life of the community, and had endeared herself to the people of the community by her kindly disposition, her generous and neighborly tendencies, and her life of Christian activity.

The husband, and one son, Lionel Watson, of Boone, survive. There are six brothers and four sisters: J. N. Clawson, Lenoir; Henry A. Clawson, San Francisco, Calif.; John E. Clawson, Bel Air, Md.; Hoy Clawson, Fallston, Md.; Arlie Clawson, San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. C. C. Ragan, Boone; Mrs. Everett Norris, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Calvin Hodges, New Windsor, Md.; Mrs. D. M. Smith, Fallston, Md.

Local College Group At St. Louis Meeting

Professor Eugene Garbee, head of the department of health at Appalachian State Teachers College, is taking a delegation of students to the meeting of the National Conference of the American Association for health, physical education, and recreation in St. Louis, Mo.

The session begins on Monday afternoon, April 8th, and continues through Saturday April 14th. Those selected by Professor Garbee to attend with him are Rev. and Mrs. Worth Sweet of Mount Airy, Helen and Mary Smith of Charlotte, Irene Fowler of Walnut Grove; James Reese of Pensacola, Fla., and James Dry of Norwood.

The delegation goes to St. Louis in two private cars, leaving Boone Sunday morning.

Veterans May Secure Forms for Priority Building Permits Now

Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., now has a supply of CPA form 4396 for distribution upon request to veterans, for priority in securing materials for the erection of dwellings.

Under the new government building regulations, building materials will be funneled into channels of home construction for veterans insofar as possible.

PIANO RECITAL

Piano students of Mrs. Boone will be heard in spring recital April 16th at 7:30 in the College auditorium. The public is invited to attend.