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DELINQUENCY OF JUVENILES IS PUBLIC PROBLEM

County Welfare Officer Tells of Juvenile Delinquency and States Belief That Sense of Duty by Adults is Remedy

County Welfare Officer, Dave P. Mast, in citing some of the activities of the welfare department, call attention to the problem of juvenile delinquency and states the belief that the adult citizenry has a duty to these children, and that in the exercise of that duty lies the hope of curbing the recklessness in the younger generation.

Mr. Mast's statement follows: When WPA and CCC were operating in North Carolina it was necessary for the county welfare department to interview each applicant for work in those agencies and to refer them to the agency if they were found eligible for that type of aid.

When these programs closed with the beginning of heavy war preparations these investigations were replaced by another type for selective service boards. Many prospective draftees who claimed exemption because of dependents were referred to the welfare department for through investigation of their situations.

This work necessitated personal contacts to establish the validity of the draftee's claim that he supported some member of his family. The welfare department never made a recommendation as to whether the youth should be drafted or not, but reported the facts as found to the selective service board which then made its own decision as to deferment.

One might think this procedure simple and not very time-consuming but with county welfare staffs all over North Carolina insufficient to care for the normal amount of work, these investigations put an additional load on most county units.

Naturally all boys and girls are going to get into mischief at one time or another. Some times this leads to more serious consequences and is called juvenile delinquency. These cases can be handled best by remaining in their own homes under supervision of members of their family or by being put under the supervision of some one else in the county. For extreme cases of delinquency, the state has made institutional provision whereby delinquents can be re-trained into useful law-abiding citizens.

The county welfare officer is the chief probation officer for the juvenile court in Watauga county and working with these cases often calls for much careful thought and time if the child is to be steered back into the proper paths of daily life.

During the war much attention was brought to the problem of juvenile delinquency, but the fact remains that even in peace time every community has the same problem to think about. For a time children were left without proper care while parents worked in war industries and were away from long hours. Now that the war is over normal relationships prevail in nearly all families, but there still remain youthful offenders against the law.

Of course Watauga county has its juvenile delinquency problems. Yet the county has tried very hard to cooperate with the State Welfare department's campaign against putting youthful offenders in the county jails of North Carolina. In the past 14 months there have been 5 boys under 16 years of age jailed in this county—a much better record than would be the case in some communities of the state.

Sometimes it would seem there is nothing much else that can be done in the cases of some juvenile delinquents, but in most instances there is really no excuse for placing them where they might come in contact with hardened adult lawbreakers.

The way to handle these young boys and girls would seem more properly to be the development of some local plan of care—aren't there people in the county who are interested enough in children to be willing to assume the responsibility of looking after these boys and girls for a few days until some permanent solution can be found for them?

Let us take for example the case of a child whose parents do not have proper control over his daily life. Where he would not listen to his parents because, perhaps, of a lack of respect for them because they are continually fighting among themselves and pay no attention to him, he might find a temporary home some of the love and affection he wants. He is not mischievous and delinquent merely because he wants

Tonsil Clinic To Be Held Here June 4th

A tonsil clinic will be held at Watauga Hospital Tuesday, June 4th, by Dr. J. B. Hagaman, and Dr. C. B. Baughman. Those desiring operations should get in touch with Dr. Hagaman at once, as only a limited number of patients can be taken.

To Speak Here



JOHN H. EAST

EAST TO ADDRESS LOCAL FARMERS

PMA Director to Speak at Annual Meeting of Watauga Farm Bureau

John H. East, of Washington, D. C., director of the East Central region of the Production Marketing Association, will address the farmers of Watauga county at the courthouse in Boone on Friday, May 24 at 8 p. m., according to a statement released today by Clyde R. Greene, president of the Watauga County Farm Bureau.

Mr. East will discuss the 1946 farm program and some of the problems facing farmers in reconverting to a peacetime economy. Special emphasis will be given to burley tobacco problems in 1946-47.

"Mr. East," said Mr. Greene, "is one of the outstanding agricultural leaders in the South today and all Watauga county farmers and their wives are urged to attend."

Appearing with Mr. East on the program will be short talks by G. T. Scott, chairman of the State Production Marketing Association committee, and R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM SUNDAY

Watauga and Blowing Rock Legion Posts Combine in Memorial Day Observance

A Memorial Day service, sponsored by Blowing Rock Post No. 256 and Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion, is to be held in Memorial Park, Blowing Rock, next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and Judge Hubert Olive of Lexington, himself a war veteran, has been secured to deliver the principal address on this occasion.

Following is the complete program for the service: Song, "America"; Prayer, Rev. Walter K. Keys; Address of welcome, Blowing Rock Legion Post member; Response, Mr. Swofford, Watauga Legion Post; Spanish-American War veterans, Albert Watson; List of war dead, J. W. Norris; List of World War II dead, Billy Keys; Song, "Onward, Christian Soldiers"; congregation; Introduction of speaker, Lionel Ward; Address, Judge Hubert E. Olive; Silent devotion; Taps.

Father of Prof. Yoder Dies in Danville, Va.

News reaches Boone of the death of Robert E. Yoder, 68, father of Prof. Julian Yoder, of Appalachian College, which occurred in Danville, Va.

Funeral details are unavailable, in the absence of Prof. Yoder, who is taking special courses at the University.

POPPY DAY WILL BE OBSERVED BY LEGION SATURDAY

Auxiliary Members Organize to Sell Paper Memorial Flowers in Boone; Money to Be Used for Disabled Veterans and Families

Poppy day will be observed in Boone and throughout the United States on Saturday, May 25, it is announced through the American Legion Auxiliary, and a special committee composed of Mesdames Charles Younce, Ralph Greer and Mrs. B. K. Osborne is making plans for the sale of the memorial flowers.

Memorial poppies to be worn in honor of the dead of both world wars will be distributed on the streets throughout the day by volunteer workers from the auxiliary and cooperating organizations. Contributions received in exchange for the flowers will be used in relief and rehabilitation work for disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

The poppies have been ordered from Oteen where they are being made by disabled veterans of both wars, working under the direction of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion Auxiliary. They are crepe paper replicas of the European wild poppy which bloomed on the battlefields of France and Belgium in both wars and which has become a worldwide symbol of remembrance of American's battle dead.

"With peace restored and the men coming home," it is said, "everyone will want to pay tribute to those who can never come back to us by wearing a poppy in their honor on Poppy Day."

Chamber of Commerce To Consider Highway In Meeting Tonight

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will hold a banquet meeting at the Carolina Cafe Thursday evening at 7:30, primarily for the purpose of further discussion of the improvement of the highway from Boone to Bristol, Via Mountain City, Tenn.

Herman Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, says that there will be visitors from Bristol, Mountain City, Abingdon, Damascus, North Wilkesboro, Winston-Salem, Hickory and perhaps other communities and urges a full attendance of members of the organization on this occasion.

Solomon Grogan Dies At Zionville Home

Solomon Grogan, 85 years old, a resident of Zionville, died at his home Monday evening.

Funeral services are to be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Zionville Baptist Church. Rev. W. D. Ashley will conduct the rites and burial will be in the Zionville cemetery by Reins-Sturdivant.

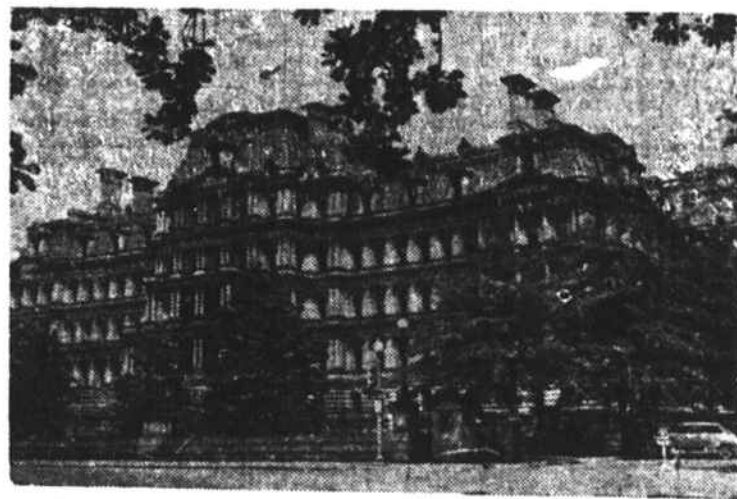
The only near relative surviving, is one sister Mrs. Matilda Reese of Zionville.

Local Cancer Campaign Passes Quota of \$150

The campaign to raise money for the campaign against cancer has come to an end in Watauga county, and Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, chairman of the effort, states that while reports are not complete, it is certain that the local quota of \$150 has been passed.

Mayor Winkler takes occasion to thank all contributors and all those who assumed committee posts for their splendid work in this regard.

ADDITIONS FOR THE WHITE HOUSE



The famous old structure known as the state, war and navy building during the early days of Washington. The building will soon be taken over by the White House to be used as an annex for the executive offices. The ginger bread architecture has made it a curio and a landmark for years.

To Honor Memory



GEORGE EGGERS

Memorial Service For Pfc. George B. Eggers To Be Held June 9th

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, June 9th, at 2 o'clock at Timbered Ridge Baptist Church for Pfc. George Bynum Eggers, son of Pfc. George Eggers (Miller) and the late Mr. Ralph Eggers, of Sugar Grove. The services will be conducted by Rev. N. M. Greene, Rev. W. C. Payne and the American Legion.

Pfc. Eggers was killed Oct. 24, 1945, in Le Havre, France. "He died almost instantly, being accidentally shot when a companion discharged a carbine," was the latest word received from the War Department.

Pfc. Eggers, who was 20 years old, entered the service Nov. 15, 1943. He received his basic training at Fort Eustis, Va., and Camp Robinson, Ark. He was married to Thelma Stansbury March 12, went directly overseas, and never was home any more.

He received his education at Bethel high school, and was a member of Timbered Ridge Baptist Church.

Pfc. Eggers is survived by his wife, mother, one brother and two sisters, Ralph, Wilma and Mrs. Ned Henson.

Honor Certificates Given Local Students

On Monday of commencement week, Dean Rankin, acting for H. Pettus Randall, editor for Who's Who Among Students in Universities and Colleges, presented certificates of honor to the following students: Nellie Gabriel, Lincolnton; Curtis Murry, Linville Falls; A. J. Smith, Whiteville; Freda Grubbs Cline, Route 1, Winston-Salem; Dorothy Moore and Kathleen Moore, Galax, Virginia; Inez P. Connor, Route 4, Shelby; Peggy Rogers, Fair Bluff; Mary E. Smith, Route 4, Charlotte; Rebecca Rivers, Mountain City, Tennessee; Patsy Smith, Morrisville, and Joyce Brookshire, Taylorsville.

Much Activity Noted at Appalachian College

The campus and offices at Appalachian State Teachers College are buzzing with activities this vacation time. Painters are hastening to finish their work on the administration and library buildings. The dormitories are being renovated and put in condition for the summer school. All rooms for the first summer term are assigned and applications are being referred to homes in the town.

The busiest man of all is the registrar, Mr. Herman Eggers, receiving student applications, checking and evaluating credits.

U. S. TAKES OVER SOFT COAL MINES

President Truman Acts in Effort to Forestall Renewal of Strike

Washington, May 22 — The government took over the nation's 3,000 soft coal mines early today in an attempt to forestall a renewal of John L. Lewis crippling strike, but there was no assurance the miners will stay on the job.

President Truman ordered the seizure to "preserve the national economic structure in the present emergency" and his aides appealed to Lewis for his cooperation.

But the UMW boss refused to commit himself. He declined to say whether or not he would order the 400,000 members of his union to remain in the pits.

Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug was named by the president as administrator of the mines and immediately appointed Vice-Adm. Ben Moreell to take charge of their operations. U. S. army troops were placed at Moreell's disposal to preserve order, if necessary.

Marine Grateful For Sweater by Red Cross

The Watauga chapter of the American Red Cross has received the following letter from James D. Ellen, Marine Corps, Cherry Point, N. C., which is self-explanatory:

"I am one of the lucky marines who received a sweater knitted and donated by your chapter. I planned to write you as soon as I received this sweater, but I neglected to do so. My lack of promptness is in no way connected with my enthusiasm in receiving the garment. At any rate I want you to know that I do appreciate the sweater.

There isn't anything issued by the Marine Corps which will replace this sweater. Perhaps some of my buddies have neglected to write you also, but I know they got good use out of them."

Mrs. Burwell, knitting chairman, states that the chapter still has wool at headquarters to be knit into sleeveless V-neck sweaters. Mrs. Burwell says: "Let's don't let these boys down. Stop by and get some wool." She also states that she has wool to be made into an afghan for hospital use. It can be either knit or crocheted.

WATAUGA POST NO. 130 RECEIVES FBI CITATION

Beach Keller, Adjutant of Watauga Post 130, of the American Legion, states that a citation has been received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, commending Watauga Post 130 on the valuable assistance and information that the members of the post gave the F. B. I. during World War II.

On Destroyer



B. J. Burkett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burkett, of Boone, is now aboard the destroyer USS Allen M. Sumner. He graduated from Appalachian high school in 1945, and enlisted in the navy on September 14, 1945. He received his boot training in San Diego, Calif.

VOTE IN PRIMARY SATURDAY MAY BE SIZEABLE ONE

Interest Beginning to Develop in Race for Solicitorship. Only Contest Local Democrats Will Help to Decide

Interest appears to be increasing rather rapidly in the Democratic primary next Saturday, and the contest which was almost without interest a few weeks ago, is now expected to register quite an outpouring of voters. Some local politicians are of the belief that perhaps a thousand or more voters may participate this year, which would be something of a record for an off-year contest.

The only question coming before local partisans this year is that of deciding who shall be solicitor for the sixteenth judicial district during the next term and there are three candidates for the position.

James C. Farthing, of Lenoir, a veteran of the recent war, is up for the nomination, as are Marvin T. Leatherman of Lincolnton, and Horace Kennedy, of Shelby.

Impartial observations of local Democrats are that Mr. Farthing will capture the bulk of the votes cast in this county. He has been here a number of times in the interest of his candidacy, and this coupled with the fact that he has wide family connections here, and is a veteran, are expected to contribute to his lead. Mr. Leatherman will likely run second, these sources indicate.

PRICE OBTAINED ON GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN AREA

Price quotations and tentative agreements have been obtained from landowners by the Grandfather Mountain association in an effort to acquire the mountain for addition to the Blue Ridge parkway system, according to the recently released annual report of the director of the National Park Service to the Secretary of the Interior.

The association is a non-federal body established to acquire the mountain lands for the system, according to the report, made for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1945, by Newton B. Drury, National Park Service director.

The report also stated: That National Park Concessions, Inc., a non-profit distributing corporation, will furnish accommodation facilities on the Blue Ridge parkway as soon as restrictions on construction are relaxed.

That architects assigned to the parkway office have collaborated with the Public Roads administration to produce contract plans for bridges and grade separation structures on the road.

And that, because of oil exploration activities on the North Carolina "banks," state authorities have had to delay the acquisition of lands for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area project, authorized by the act of Congress August 17, 1937.

Burial Legislation Is Signed By President

Washington, May 16. — Legislation directing the war department to return for burial in this country the bodies of approximately 300,000 Americans who died abroad since September, 1939, was signed today by President Truman.

The bodies, mostly service men but including some civilian government workers, now are buried in military cemeteries throughout the world.

When returned, they will be interred either in national cemeteries or in private burial grounds, according to the wishes of relatives.

The war department estimated it will cost an average of \$700 each to return the bodies.

John T. Ashley Dies; Funeral at Middle Fork

John T. Ashley, of Boone, died at the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem on May 14th, after a long period of declining health. He was 81 years old, and a pioneer resident of the Boone and Blowing Rock section.

Funeral services were conducted at four o'clock on the 15th, from the Middle Fork Baptist Church by Rev. Raymond Hendrix, and interment was in the church cemetery by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

There are six sons: Roger, Spencer, Venton, Grady, of Boone; Dean and Dayton Ashley of Tennessee, and one daughter, Mrs. Pearl Austin of South Carolina. Three brothers survive: James Ashley, Rev. W. D. Ashley of Blowing Rock, and Samuel Ashley who resides in Virginia. There are two sisters; Mrs. Arthur Furler of Whaley and Mrs. Rebecca Day who lives in the state of Virginia.

Mr. Herbert Adams and family have established residence in Abingdon, Va., where Mr. Adams is employed by the Melvin F. Burgess Construction Co., who has electric line contracts for the Appalachian Power Co.