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REV. J. C. CANIPE

BAPTIST BOARD GIVES POSITION TO REV. CANIPE

Boone Minister Named Secretary of Evangelism by General Board of State Convention; Mr. Canipe Seriously Considering Proposal

The general board of the Baptist State convention in session last Thursday in Winston-Salem, elected Rev. J. C. Canipe, Boone Baptist pastor, as secretary of evangelism at a salary of \$4,200 per year, plus allowance for a home. Mr. Canipe tells The Democrat that he is "seriously considering" the proposal, but has not as yet conclusively made up his mind, nor tendered his resignation to the local church. He does, however, express his deep interest in the position offered, which comes as a signal honor, and which would allow him to continue his work of conducting schools for other ministers who did not have the advantage of college education, as well as to permit him to enlarge his field of service in the field of evangelism.

To Consider Reynolds Offer
The board also voted to call a special session of the Baptist State Convention to consider the offer of the Reynolds Foundation to Wake Forest College.

Farmer Gets Big Check For Milk of Cow 14 Years Old

Mr. Tom L. Wilson, of Silverstone, reports a return of \$99.18 (milk check and subsidy payment) from his 14 year old cow, for the two months of April and May. His only cash expense was feed cost of \$18.00, giving a labor and farm feed return of \$81.18 from one cow.

Mr. Wilson points out that he fed only 8 pounds of dairy feed per day in addition to home grown hay and pasture. For only five days during the two months did this old cow drop below five gallons of milk per day. Farmers who believe that an eight or ten year old cow is old, should read this then probably change their mind, Mr. Wilson says.

Singing Convention On Grandfather Mtn.

The 22nd annual tri-state and tri-county singing convention and Sunday School picnic will be held on the beautiful Yonah-lissee road at the Alexander MacRae homestead on June 23rd, according to announcement made by J. L. Hartley of Linville, chairman, who extends a welcome to all the people of the area. Mr. Hartley says some of the best singing classes in the south will be present, and pictures will be taken by representatives of national magazines who will carry pictorial articles on the convention.

All singing classes in Carolina, East Tennessee, Virginia and South Carolina are invited. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

LIBRARY DAYS

The Watauga County Public Library will be open on each day, Monday through Saturday. Hours 12:00 to 6:00 p. m.

New books for boys and girls are ready for circulation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis, and daughters, Lydia and Alma, Rock Hill, S. C.; and George Moretz, Jr., of Asheville, are spending the week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moretz.

BUYING POWER OF WATAUGA FOLKS SEVEN MILLION

Interesting Survey on Money in Hands of Western Carolina Folks is Made by Asheville Paper; Retail Sales in Watauga Near 3 1/2 Millions

Watauga county people had an effective buying income of \$7,343,000 during 1945, according to a survey recently completed by the Asheville Citizen-Times, which tabulated similar information for each of the 20 Western Carolina counties.

Reciting the 1940 census of Watauga at 18,114, it is revealed that food store sales came to \$573,000, drug store sales \$111,000, retail sales \$3,428,000. These figures are included in a folder which lists the population of each county, together with the effective buying income and the amount spent by wage earners. The figures are based on estimates of Sales Management, made by that magazine in a survey of buying power, and on 1940 census figures.

It is revealed that the 490,013 persons in the 20 counties spent \$138,568,000 at retail stores, \$31,150,000 for food and \$6,445,000 at drug stores during 1945. The total effective buying income of the population in the 20 counties is placed at \$293,708,000. This is approximately 15 million dollars more than the \$278,673,000 figures for 1944.

Food store sales for 1945 were approximately \$1,250,000 above sales for 1944, while retail sales were up more than 12 million dollars, according to the statistical folder.

REVIEW WORK OF LIONS CLUB

Chairmen of Sixteen Club Committees Make Reports Tuesday Evening

At its regular meeting in the Gateway Cafe Thursday evening, the Boone Lions Club heard a review of its year's work from the chairman of the sixteen Lions committees; These chairman making reports were: R. W. House, J. C. Cline, J. E. Holshouser, Cratis Williams, J. K. Parker, Lee Stout, Gordon Winkler, G. K. Moose, C. H. Mock, W. M. Matheson and A. R. Smith. A report of the state convention of Lions Clubs held this week in Raleigh, was made by J. C. Cline. Those representing the local club at the convention were: J. C. Cline, D. J. Whitener, T. Milt Greer and Paul Coffey. Lion D. J. Whitener, zone chairman, received the Governor's award for being the most valuable zone chairman in district 31-A. This came as a special achievement for Lion Whitener and speaks well for the local club.

Guest for the evening was Lion Rickard of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

ATTEND LEGION MEETING

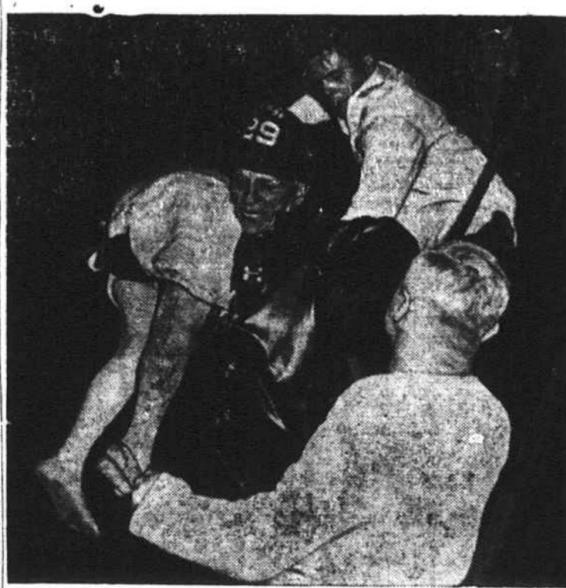
Among Watauga veterans attending the American Legion convention in Winston-Salem the first of the week were: Fred Pendley, Billy Keys, Howard Holshouser and Norman Icenhour of Blowing Rock; Lionel Ward and Beach Keller of Boone. There were perhaps others but the Democrat was unable to get the complete list.

King Found Dead



Ananda Mahidol, 20, King of Siam, who was found dead at his palace. Police reported that death was accidental. He has been succeeded to the throne by his younger brother. King Ananda was to visit the United States this summer.

NATION'S WORST HOTEL FIRE



Firemen, assisted by civilians, carry the dead and injured down fire escapes of the LaSalle hotel, Chicago, which was swept by a tensely tragic fire that killed more than 60 persons and injured 200.

Democrat Changes Page Size Today

The Democrat comes to its readers today in a seven-column page width rather than the six-column size, which had been in vogue since the establishment of the newspaper.

The 13-em measure, which has become obsolete, has been discarded in favor of the nationally-used 12-em column width for which all national advertising and pictures are designed, and by the use of a slightly larger sheet, with narrower margins, eight columns, or one to each page, are added to each regular-sized edition. Thus a considerable enlargement of the newspaper has been effected, with a more complete utilization of the Democrat's allotment of scarce pulpwood paper.

It will continue to be the policy of your home town newspaper to expand as rapidly as conditions permit, in order to afford a comprehensive coverage of the life of the community and county.

MARK WOLLNER TO APPEAR HERE

Concert Violinist of Hendersonville Will Be Featured at Appalachian College

First of a series of concerts featuring Mark Wollner, concert violinist of Hendersonville, will be held Thursday evening at Appalachian State Teachers College.

The artist pointed out that at this recital there will be presented for the first time a tango, "Gitana," arranged for violin, by Irene Tschegovdaeva, White Russian composer. The accompanist will be Miss Mary Brooks of Hendersonville.

Other numbers to be heard on the concert program include Vivaldi's Sonata, Bach's Chaconne with Schumann's piano accompaniment, and Bazzini's Ronde des Lutins.

The program is sponsored by the faculty of the college.

Veterans Are Asked to Affiliate With V F W

The newly-organized Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post no. 7031, of Watauga county, commanded by Charles T. Zimmerman, extends a cordial invitation to all veterans of the first and second world wars to join this new organization now and become charter members.

The next meeting of the V. F. W. will be Thursday evening June 27. All veterans, particularly those interested in joining, are asked to be present.

Community Singing Rutherford Sunday

The fourth Sunday community singing will be held at the Rutherford Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon at 1:45, rather than at 7:45 as had been previously announced.

Mr. A. H. Kennedy of Key West, Fla., is spending some time with Mrs. Kennedy in Boone.

HARDIN ESTATE TO GO AT AUCTION

Three Hundred and Fifty Building Lots in New Addition to Town

The Dr. Ronda H. Hardin estate, located on Highway 421, east, and adjoining the city limits of the town, is being subdivided and will be sold Wednesday June 26, at 1 p. m., in possibly the largest auction sale of high class residential lots in the town's history.

Walter & Gurley Auction Co., of Charlotte, and Z. A. Robertson are developing and will sell the property for the high dollar, and about 350 lots 25 x 200 feet will be sold. For several days bulldozers have been engaged in opening streets through the property and prospective purchasers are invited to drive through the development prior to the day of sale and select the property they desire.

Easy terms have been arranged, nylon hose are to be given as prizes, and there will be band music.

Since desirable building lots have been all to scarce in this community for some time, the development of the Hardin estate is of prime civic concern, and will go a long way toward providing property for all the many people, who desire to establish homes here.

HAMS ARE TAKEN FROM SMITHEY'S

Robbers Enter Local Store and Make Away With Quantity Cured Hams

A quantity of cured country hams were taken from Smithey's Store Friday night when unknown parties entered the mercantile establishment, and garnered all the hams in sight, without molestation of other commodities.

Mr. Owen Wilson, manager of the store, says that entrance was gained by prizing loose a steel window sash from the building, and between 700 and 800 pounds of hams were taken. He states that there are some clues as to the identity of the robbers and that hopes are being entertained of their apprehension.

Canning Stamp To Be Available On July 1

Washington, June 17.—The OPA today ordered a reduction in the sugar rations of commercial bakers. The order was issued to limit the amount of cake, pie and other pastry the bakers can produce. The bakers will receive in the July-September quarter only sixty per cent of the sugar they used in the similar period in 1941. Now they receive seventy per cent.

The OPA also announced that, as previously planned—a second home canning stamp will be valid—dated on July first. The stamp will be good for five pounds of sugar.

East of the Mississippi river, approximately one out of every three days is rainy.

WILCOX HOME IS ENTERED; KIDNAP PLOT IS FEARED

Chas. Wilcox Posts Reward of \$500 for Arrest of Prowler Who Entered His Home Saturday Night in Presence of Members of Family

Charles C. Wilcox, prominent Boone business man, today posts a cash reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest of the person who entered his home last Saturday night, which was occupied at the time by members of his family, and states that he believes the circumstances have something of the earmarks of a kidnap effort.

Mr. Wilcox relates that he was away from home at the time, and that a man entered the kitchen, where a sister-in-law, Miss Northa Hollar, was rocking the Wilcox infant. The man switched off the light, and went on the outside. Miss Hollar immediately sought to lock the door, and while in the act, the prowler tried to force admission again.

Mr. Wilcox believes that if robbery or assault had been the motive, the intruder would have made some attempt, since no man was in the house, and leans strongly to the belief that the man had intended to seize the infant, and had become dissuaded. Miss Hollar, who was terribly frightened, could not give a description of the wanted man.

With Mrs. Wilcox at the time was Miss Hollar, Mesdames Eber Sherrill, Frank Wyke, Bynum Presnell and the children.

RAM SALE WILL BE HELD JUNE 29

Hampshire Sheep Breeders To Hold Annual Sale at Shipley Farm

The Hampshire sheep breeders of Watauga county will hold their third annual purebred sale on Saturday, June 29, 2:00 p. m. at Shipley farm, Vilas.

The sale will consist of 16 to 20 outstanding rams of some of the best breeding in the county. Well known breeders, such as Shipley Farms, J. W. Norris, Ralph Wilson, and many others will have rams and ewes in the sale.

One of the first rules for profitable sheep production is "use a good ram." We cannot emphasize this point too much. Blocky, thick, deep-bodied rams sire like lambs. The blocky lambs that mature quickly bring the farmer good returns.

Lamb prices are good this year, therefore it is a good time to dispose of an old or off type ram and buy a better ram to sire next year's crop of lambs.

Horton Gragg Talks Home From Manila

Lieut. Horton Gragg, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg of Boone, who is an army air pilot, and stationed on the Island of Okinawa, talked with his parents Monday by telephone from Manila. Lieut. Gragg had made an effort to talk to his father on Father's Day, but the connection was not effected until Monday.

Mrs. Gragg states that her son is well, and that his voice was distinct. His wife expects to leave for Okinawa on July 6.

Heads Treasury



John W. Snyder, former St. Louis banker, reconversion director, who was named by President Truman to become secretary of the treasury.

Dr. Harold Myers Outlines Plans For Recreation Center Here; Bond Issue a Prospect

800 Are Enrolled At Summer Term

The enrollment at the beginning of the second week at Appalachian State Teachers College summer school is 800, it was learned this morning from the office of Dean Rankin.

All dormitory space is filled, it is stated, and many have been turned away for lack of additional dormitory facilities.

REV. A. M. BROWN DIES ON FRIDAY

Retired Baptist Minister Succumbs at Rich Mountain Home From Lengthy Illness

Rev. Adolphus Millard Brown, 79 years old, retired Baptist minister and farmer, died at the home Friday after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted from Oak Grove Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Ronda Earp and Rev. W. D. Ashley, and interment was in the Hine cemetery by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

Rev. Mr. Brown was born in Watauga county, a son of the late Jesse Brown and Mrs. Charity Church Brown, and had lived here his entire life. Before retirement he was engaged in farming pursuits, and for many years was a minister of the Baptist church.

Surviving include the widow, Mrs. Sarah Manuel Brown, five sons and five daughters: Roy Brown, Sherwood; Stuart Brown, Route 1 Boone; Owen and Mack Brown, Vilas; Kenneth Brown, Boone; Mrs. Floyd Tate, Blowing Rock; Mrs. W. C. Beach, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. Daisy Hardy, Boone; Mrs. Granville Norris, Boone; and Mrs. Roy Hodges, Smora, N. C. There is one brother and three sisters: Rufus Brown, Zionville; Mrs. Tipton Greene, Boone; Mrs. Eliza Malickie, Staten Island, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary Carter, who resides in the state of Florida.

H. GRAGG FACES ASSAULT CHARGE

W. Henderson Gragg Wounds Orville Coffey With Shotgun; To Post Bond

Lenoir, June 17.—W. Henderson Gragg, sixty-two, today faced a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill as the result of the painful wounding of Orville Coffey, twenty-three, at the Gragg home on the Yonahallossee Trail in the upper edge of Caldwell county about five o'clock Sunday afternoon, according to Deputy Sheriff Gene Kirby.

Gragg, charged on two previous occasions with shooting, was expected to post \$1,000 bond later today pending a hearing in Caldwell county recorder's court Tuesday, said Kirby.

Coffey was painfully hurt in the back of the head and shoulder by shot from the blast of a long barreled shotgun, officers stated. He and two other men, Blaine and O. B. Coffey, were at the Gragg home at the time, it was reported.

Rev. McKeown New Pastor St. Luke's

Rev. James McKeown, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., has arrived in town and assumed the pastorate of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, occupying the local pulpit for the first time at the Sunday morning worship hour. Rev. Mr. McKeown, Mrs. McKeown, and daughter Carol, are residing at the Valle Crucis School, until such time as living quarters may be found in Boone. The minister will hold services at the local church each Sunday at 11 a. m. and will also be pastor of the Todd, Beaver Creek, and Glendale Springs Churches in Ashe county.

Rev. Mr. McKeown received his college and seminary training at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., and his Master's degree from Drew University, Madison, N. J.

Director of State Recreation Commission Cites Growing Need of Recreation, and Advises Cautious Approach to Big Scale Effort; Says Buildings Cannot Be Erected Now, But Suggests Activity Program for Present Needs

Dr. Harold Myer, of Chapel Hill, director of the State Recreation Commission, and member of the Department of Sociology at the University spoke to the local recreation committee, and other citizens at a dinner held at Carolina Cafe Monday evening, in line with local plans to construct a community center, as a memorial to the men from this country who have served their country on the battlefields.

Dr. Myer, who was introduced to the audience by R. W. Watkins of the College Athletic staff, and a member of the Recreation Commission, listed recreation, along with religion, health, work and education as a "must" for any community, but stated that either of the five activities could be overdone.

"Every factor on the sociological horizon," said Dr. Myer, indicates a growing need for organized recreational programs and the need will be infinitely greater tomorrow than today. He cited the use of recreation in the treatment of mental illnesses, in teaching techniques, to promote better production and more satisfied workers in industry, and the adoption of such activities by the army and navy. Stressing the fact that recreational programs should be made to fit the needs of busy adults as well as children, in order to produce the most benefit for a community, the speaker pointed out that any such program should be not merely for the summer time, but should embrace the entire year.

Dr. Myer envisions a twelve months program of recreational activities in the future built along the line of the day camp philosophy, and emphasized that these activities may be conducted in the home, on small vacant lots, in church plants, in schools, and mentioned horse shoes, tennis, and other games which might be enjoyed by the community with a minimum of expense.

Dr. Myer outlined a field of recreation which included athletics, music, dramatics, arts and crafts, social activities, dancing, nature and nature lore, reading and story telling, and advocated all such activities, whether public, private or commercial, provided such activities were good and wholesome.

Bowling alleys and pool rooms were listed as useful adjuncts to any recreational program, cited the growing tendency toward ice skating in the state and listed a six point approach to the recreational problem.

1. To secure legal recognition of recreation.
2. To choose a strong advisory committee.
3. To have a paid leader. Belief was expressed that without one capable person being responsible, a program of this kind would certainly fail.
4. To have a talent survey and make a card index of the latent talents of the people of the community.
5. To check areas and facilities.

Industry Gives Most Money
Dr. Myers in directing his remarks toward the construction of living memorials to the soldiery, stated that many towns are engaged in these projects, that 99% of the money is coming from industry—those who save substantially through income tax deductions, and added that he knew of no such program being sustained by "we the people."

Advising the people here to "think before plunging," the speaker cited the obvious fact that a \$25,000 recreational building would now cost \$50,000, and gave as his opinion that even though the money were available, it would be perhaps three years before a structure of the sort planned here could be built.

Dr. Myers stated that only two towns of which he knew had to pay for the land involved—Blowing Rock and Elizabeth City—in all other towns the site had been donated, and brought out that ten per cent of the amount of the original investment would (Continued on Page Four)