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## AAA TO EXPEND \$65,886 ON LOCAL FARM PROGRAM

### Farmers Are Asked to Follow Through on Their Conservation Work Approved last Spring; AAA Will Render Any Possible Assistance

In an effort to obtain maximum conservation with the \$65,886 fund that has been made available to Watauga county farmers through the 1946 agricultural conservation program, Ned Glenn, chairman Watauga County AAA committee, today urged farmers to follow through on their conservation work that was approved on their farm plans last spring.

"We fully realize that many conditions may have prevented farmers from performing the practices as originally planned," he said. In such instances, Mr. Glenn said that the county committee is anxious to render every assistance by helping these farmers in selecting substitute practices.

Farmers finding it impossible to carry out their original practices or to substitute others are being urged by Mr. Glenn to inform the AAA committee immediately so that the funds allotted to their farms may be transferred to neighboring farmers who need additional assistance and are in a position to carry out more practices.

Practices which still can be carried out in Watauga county this fall according to good farming methods are: Lime, phosphate, winter cover crops—Austrian winter peas, crimson clover, ryegrass, hairy vetch, seeding permanent pastures and reseeding pastures.

## REPUBLICANS TO NOMINATE SLATE

### Convention Called to Meet Saturday, Sept. 14, to Pick GOP Candidates

The Republicans of Watauga county are being asked today to gather in convention in the courthouse Saturday, Sept. 14, at 2:30 o'clock, for the purpose of naming candidates for the various county offices to be voted on in the election of Nov. 5. The convention call is issued by Earl D. Cook, chairman of the Republican executive committee, and Clyde R. Greene, secretary.

Township meetings are to be held Friday, Sept. 13, at 2:30 in the various precincts, for the purpose of naming delegates to the county convention. Under the plan of organization, each township may name one delegate for each 25 votes or majority fraction thereof cast for the Republican nominee for governor in the 1944 election.

## COUNTY SCHOOLS OPEN SESSIONS

### Only Two Schools Remain Closed Due to Teacher Shortage Prevailing

The schools of Watauga county opened their 1946-47 terms Tuesday morning, with but two exceptions, and Superintendent W. H. Walker states that these will begin their terms just as soon as the necessary teachers may be obtained. It is predicted that the overall enrollment this year will establish new local records.

Cook and Lower Elk schools have not as yet opened due to inability to get teachers. They are both one-teacher schools.

## Garbee Is Employed by University of Georgia

Coach E. E. Garbee has tendered his resignation as director of health and physical education at Appalachian State Teachers College, to accept a position with the University of Georgia, and will establish residence at Savannah, where a branch of Georgia University has been established, particularly for the education of veterans.

Mr. Garbee will be chairman of the division of education and industrial arts, and leaves for his new position Friday. He has been with Appalachian since 1933 and expresses regrets at leaving Boone to accept the more lucrative position.

### SOME SEND-OFF

Jamestown, N. Y. — Jimmy Johnson, while visiting here, wrote a letter to his mother in Gowanda and "mailed" the letter in a fire-alarm box. Three pumps, a hook and ladder truck, and, eventually, a squad car full of detectives responded to the false alarm—giving a real send-off to Jimmy's letter.

## Humorous Side of Judge Council's Personality Is Cited By Neighbor

### WINS IN VERMONT



Ralph E. Flanders, Springfield industrialist, who won a spirited battle for Vermont's senatorial nomination, tantamount to election. Flanders, 66, is former president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

## DEGREES GIVEN CLASS OF 41

### Summer Graduation Exercises Conducted at Appalachian State Teachers College

At the 43rd summer graduation, 41 persons were given diplomas by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers college. The address was delivered by David Owens of Charlotte, who stressed that "teaching teachers to teach" was one of the most important undertakings in the nation. Mr. Owens gave unstinted praise to Dr. Dougherty, and stated that the institution's enviable reputation was built around the background and personality of its head.

In this respect, Mr. Owens pointed out that the 1946 summer semesters were composed of 1,085 students; 428 of whom were college graduates, and 43 had masters degrees. In all, 87 college were represented by the student body of Appalachian State Teachers college.

The list of graduates follows: Evelyne H. Anthony of Crouse, Mayme Askew of Folkston, Ga.; J. Lee Barron of Macon, Ga.; Nellie S. Billings of Halls Mills, Helen Bingham of Boone, Sarah Blanton of Lattimore, Virginia Burgess of Spindale, Margaret Cade of Charleston, S. C.; Beatrice Carpenter of Forest City, William M. Christensen of Boone, Margaret Ann Cook of Richfield, Ore.; Cecile Hackney of Boone, James R. Heins of Camden, N. J.; Annie May Helms of Monroe, Sarah B. Horton of Vilas, John V. Idol of Boone, Lila Jackson of Clover, S. C.; Lucile B. Jenkins of North Wilkesboro, Kathleen Jones of Elon College, Emece Marjorie of Charleston, S. C.; Wretha Marsh of Boone, Winnie S. McLean of Creckett, Gorman Michael of Lexington, Mrs. A. Mullins of Boone, Alma Murphy of Spartanburg, S. C.; Mrs. Mary Odom of Converse, S. C.; Richard C. Orsborn of Van Noy, Marion Pearce of Folkston, Ga.; Myra Sale of Ronda, Ester Seawell of Monroeville, Louise Bloodworth Smith of Stoneville, Mrs. J. L. Thompson of Dobson, Annie Throver of Charleston, S. C.; Anne R. Truitt of Sparta, Alice Darré Watts of Purlear, George Watts of Shelby.

## Clinic For Crippled Children Sept. 18th

Dr. John S. Gaul of Charlotte, will hold the clinic for crippled children in the local health department office on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 1 until 3 o'clock. His patients are requested to be present at this time.

## Boone Quarterback Club Holds Meeting and Elects Officers

The Boone Quarterback Club held its second meeting in the Appalachian College bookstore Tuesday evening, and the slate of officers and committee members were completed.

Raleigh Cottrell presented the plans for the club to co-sponsor with the American Legion the carnival which is in town this week, while Coach Flucie Stewart exhibited several football pictures of the Oklahoma Aggies, which were enjoyed by the members.

The meeting was adjourned to meet in the college gymnasium at 7:30, Sept. 19.

That the club is creating a wide interest is shown by its growth in one week, with a paid membership of 20 men to date, and the goal is set at 40 for the next meeting. Membership is by invitation only. Charter members to date are: Howard Cottrell, Raleigh Cottrell, Paul Winkler, Bernard Dougherty, Hal Barlow, Pat McGuire, Bob Agle, Gordon Winkler, Flucie Stewart, Kenneth Linney, Joe Crawford, Dick Kel-

### Intimate Story of Boone Man, Who Became Outstanding Lawyer and Eminent Superior Court Judge, as Told by Hickory Neighbor

By ROBERT MENZIES

A glance in the Boone phone book revealed the names of some half-dozen Councils, bringing up memories of one of the most able and interesting men this state ever had: the late Judge William Ballard Council, whose name in Hickory stands next door to that of this jockey-writer.

The fact that such an interesting person as the Judge lived next door was a privilege indeed, but when this outstanding member of the North Carolina bar passed on in recent years, though there were eulogies aplenty, one of the Judge's most wonderful traits: his unflinching sense of humor seemed to come in for no mention at all. And that, it seems to this writer, was the greatest quality of all on his part.

To fully know about the Judge's home in Hickory you had to know about Kling and Mary Horton, both colored ex-slaves it seems, who occupied comfortable quarters in the upstairs rear of the Council house. Kling, a pillar in the colored Methodist Episcopal church and Mary were as much a part of the family as any one else—maybe more so if Kling was to be believed.

Speaking of Kling, they still tell around Hickory of the time a visiting preacher was holding forth at a revival at the M. E. church and, knowing that Brother Horton was a leader in the flock, called upon him to pray. Praying in public, it seems, was not one of Kling's accomplishments, but he arose and mumbled several sentences, then burst out:

"Pray yo' self, sub: that's what we're payin' you for."

But to get back to the Judge, the Boone boy who married "Betty" Coffey, studied law under Colonel Folk down in the valley, and rose to prominence as a Carolina barrister. Only recently the writer was guest in the summer home of Judges Charles Daniels of New York City—the summer home is at Franklin, 70 miles west of Asheville—brother of Josephus and until recently Commissioner of Indian Affairs for New York State.

"Judge Council was one of the greatest lawyers the state ever had," he said. "I understand he had his share of troubles—"

"Whom the Lord Loveth He chasteneth."

The fact that the Judge's path was not a rosy one makes his wonderful sense of humor all the more interesting. Much of that humor as the writer knows it is tied up with my mother, who still lives next door to Mrs. Council, for the lawyer took a particular delight in teasing my mother.

Seated comfortably on his wide porch one summer evening before dark, the Judge spied Mother hurrying down the street on her way to play the pipe organ at the first Presbyterian church—for Wednesday night prayer meeting, it must have been. A leading Episcopalian himself, and noting Mother's dignified air as she went down the hill with a load of hymn books under her arm, the Judge called out loudly enough for all the neighbors to hear:

"Hasten school girl to thy task." Mother was furious, but she still laughs about it. Then there was the time Mother was going out of the yard driving Moxie—the last horse we had before buying a car. Fearful lest the horse's tail become fouled up in the reins, she was holding the reins high and this gave her the appearance of putting on airs. So the Judge,

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## FARM BUREAU IS STARTING DRIVE NEW MEMBERS

### Local Unit Now Has 150 Members, and Vigorous Membership Campaign Will Start Next Week and Continue Through Month of September

The Watauga County Farm Bureau announces the opening of a concerted membership campaign to start next week, and continue throughout the remainder of September with a goal of 600 members of the organization, and tentative plans call for a huge farmers rally and picnic at the conclusion of the membership campaign.

Realizing the necessity for farmers to pool their strength to help solve their postwar problems, the Farm Bureau is making an effort to organize the farmers the same as industry, labor and professional groups. All these have found strength in unity, and the sponsors of the farm organization realizes that without organization agriculture cannot be adequately protected.

Mr. Clyde R. Greene, president of the local Farm Bureau unit, in defining the organization says: "The farm Bureau is a million farm families, bound together for our common cause—to work for a fair share of the national income for all farmers, sharecroppers, tenants and landowners, all alike, operating in 46 states on the combined farm judgment of farm people from the county to the state and on to the national office in Washington, D. C., where one of its men meets with every committee that has anything to do with agricultural legislation. It was organized to form the missing link between the farmers and existing agencies working on agricultural problems."

### Benefits of Membership

Under the heading, "Why Should I Join the Farm Bureau?" the following is given out by the organization:

"60% of all farmers in the nation who are members of any farm organization are members of the Farm Bureau."

"I want a fair chance for myself and family."

"I want to help other farm families."

"I do not want my neighbors to help pull my part of the load."

"I know that only by working together will it be possible to keep a farm program."

"I do not know of any other organization that has done more to keep farm prices at a fair level."

In line with the start of the membership campaign in the Farm Bureau, the Boone Merchants Association has subscribed a full page advertisement today, and other merchants are calling attention to the campaign in individual advertisements.

## Newsprint Paper is Acute Problem for Nation's Publishers

The pressing problem of newsprint paper which has risen 118 per cent in price since the rock-bottom figure of the depression year of 1933, is influencing newspapers, large and small throughout the country to increase subscription rates, reports indicate, and in some instances publication was suspended when the war's end made the problem more acute.

An examination of records show that a wave of increased subscription rates has swept the country, and one newspaper in Batavia, N. Y., published for 129 years, has been discontinued "because of the high cost of paper, labor and replacement of machinery."

Other advances in paper costs are expected during the last quarter of the year, and the Watauga Democrat has managed to offer the county paper for the pre-war price of \$1.50 per year so far, to local readers. This will have to be changed before too long, it would appear, but for the present renewals will be accepted for one year only at the present rate.

## Resources of Local Bank Four Million; Deposits \$3,950,000

The resources of the Boone branch of the Northwestern Bank Tuesday reached the sum of four million dollars to set a new record in local banking circles, and the institution continues its steady growth without interruption, says W. D. Farthing, cashier.

At the same time, it is revealed deposits at the Boone bank have reached the sum of \$3,950,000, indicating an unparalleled prosperity in this area. The deposits have shown a gain of a million dollars in a 12-month period.

## HEIRNES PLAYS WITH BLOCKS



Smiling happily as psychologists test his reactions with toy blocks similar to those used by children, William Heirnes, center, confessed slayer of Suzanne Degnan, undergoes a new brain test in Chicago. To the left is Dr. Granville Fisher; on the right is Dr. Myrtle Astrachan.

## WAITING JUDGE GWYN TO HOLD COURT

### Judge Sink Finds it Impossible to Preside at September Term Superior Court

Judge Allen H. Gwyn of Reidsville, will preside at the fall term of Watauga superior court, which is scheduled to convene on Sept. 16 for a two weeks' term, it is announced by Court Clerk Austin E. South, who states that Judge Gwyn is substituting for Judge Hoyle Sink, of Lexington, who found it impossible to be here at that time.

The term is for the trial of both criminal and civil actions, and is set for two weeks. About 75 cases have been docketed on the criminal slate, which is considerably heavier than was the case during the war period. Drunken driving and violation of the prohibition laws lead in the indictments. The civil calendar is lengthy, but it is unlikely that it will be cleared. A number of divorce actions will likely be disposed of, however.

## MRS. THOMAS IS TAKEN BY DEATH

### Widow of Butler Thomas Dies in New York; Funeral Services Held Tuesday

Mrs. Wilmina Hydrick Thomas, widow of Butler Thomas, who was a resident of the North Fork section of Watauga county, died in New York, where she was making her home, on August 27th. The cause of Mrs. Thomas' death was not learned, but it was said that she died suddenly.

The body was returned to the North Fork section where funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 o'clock, burial being in the Thomas cemetery.

Immediate survivors are two children.

Mrs. Thomas who was a native South Carolinian, and Appalachian college graduate, had lived in Washington for a number of years, where she was a secretary in the Ways and Means committee. More recently she had held a secretarial position with a firm of income tax specialists in New York. She was well known in this section.

## REV. J. C. CANIPE TO LECTURE AT ANTIOCH CHURCH SEPTEMBER 8

Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the Boone Baptist Church, will deliver a lecture on his trip to Palestine at Antioch Baptist Church on Friday evening, September 8, at 7:30 o'clock. All the people throughout that section of the county are invited to attend.

United States files with U. N. historic pledge on the World Court.

## BENEFIT DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

### Paul Weber and His Music to Be Feature of Event by Woman's Club

The Worthwhile Woman's Club is sponsoring a dance at the Appalachian High School Friday evening from 8:30 to 11:45, at which time it is hoped that a considerable sum of money may be secured for the benefit of the High School recreation program.

Paul Weber and his orchestra will render the dance music and appear in concert during the evening, and the public is cordially invited to be present for the season's musical treat. Admission will be \$1.50 per couple.

The largest poultry exposition to be held in the East this year is scheduled for Charlotte, September 11 to 14.

## REV. MIDDLETON IS MODERATOR BAPTIST GROUP

### Cove Creek Minister Succeeds Rev. J. C. Canipe as Moderator of Three Forks Association; Recent Session Had Large Attendance

Rev. H. K. Middleton, pastor of the Cove Creek Baptist Church, was named moderator of the Three Forks Baptist Association at the one hundred and sixth session of the organization held at Rutherford Baptist Church last week.

Rev. Mr. Middleton succeeds Rev. J. C. Canipe, Boone Baptist pastor, who leaves the end of the month for his new duties as secretary of evangelism for the Baptist State convention.

The retiring moderator was presented a Bible by the assemblage, and a vote of thanks for his work during his two years' tenure as moderator.

Other officers elected are: Clyde R. Greene, clerk-treasurer; Rev. R. C. Eggers, vice-moderator; W. J. Farthing, BTU director; C. J. Farthing, song leader; C. J. Farthing, historian; Farthing, Sunday School director; Wade E. Brown, hospital director; Russell D. Hodges, orphanage director.

The association is now composed of 42 churches. Two churches, White Rock at Banner Elk, and Green Valley at Reese, were added at the current session. There are 7,200 members in the churches of the association. The largest crowd in more than a decade attended the session held last week, it is stated.

## BLOWING ROCK CLUB IS FORMED

### Dr. Walter Keys Elected President of Rotary Organization; Directors Named

Officers and directors were elected at the organization meeting of the Blowing Rock Rotary club held last night, with Dr. Walter Keys, pastor of Rump Memorial church, chosen president. Grover C. Robbins was elected vice president; O. W. Stone secretary.

The directors elected are Dr. Keys, Mr. Stone, H. C. Holshouser, G. C. Robbins, Clarence Berryman, Mayor J. H. Winkler, and Paul Coffey. The members of the club elected the board of directors and the board elected the officers.

Speakers at the meeting were Gail McMillan of the West Jefferson club, which sponsored the new club, and Clyde Short of Shelby. Officiating at the ceremony was Holt McPherson of Shelby, district governor of Rotary.

Rotarians were here for the meeting from Jefferson, West Jefferson, Lenoir, Shelby, Boone and cities and towns in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. About 60 persons attended.

## Brief, Very Brief

Federal court in Georgia upholds the unit-vote system. G. A. R.'s commander says it will meet "to the last man."

Continued heavy runs of livestock cut market prices sharply. C. C. Davis urges exporting "know-how to help feed world."

CPA cracks down on the hoarding of building supplies. Baseball officials set Oct. 2 for the start of world series.

Chilean trying to swim the Channel swims half mile off Britain. Record peacetime military budget provides force of 1,670,000.

United States Chamber of Commerce calls for balanced budget. Women's Bureau advocates better laws on working women.

Census Bureau says that potential husbands are plentiful. Budget director challenged on wartime rail freight rebates.

Educators' conference calls shortage of teachers world-wide. WAA to expand surplus sales to foreign nations.

Record corn crop is still in prospect despite dry areas. 715 Wacs, all volunteers, depart for duty in European zone.

"Dream cars" are far from reality, survey of exports shows. OPA rules on profits law expected to bar a price rise flood.

Total individual incomes estimated at \$152,744,000,000. Cosmic rays 50,000 feet in the air. Mitscher links Navy's stay in Europe with peace signing.

Army is recalling some officers for special assignments. Postoffice plans 10-cent air mail to any point in the world. Retail credit sales show big gain over last August.

U. S. action aimed to stop exports to restricted nations. Anderson says he expects new food appeals in the winter. Blandy proposes tests of atomic bomb until it is outlawed.