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SMITH ATTENDS GATHERING OF FARM LOAN UNIT

Farmers Home Administration Begins Operations, Replacing the Farm Security Administration; Other Local People Attend.

The Farmers Home Administration, as authorized by the Congress, began operation in North Carolina November 1, says William A. Smith, FSA supervisor for Watauga county who recently attended a meeting at Asheville of personnel who will direct the affairs of the new agency.

FHA replaces the Farm Security Administration and the emergency crop and feed loan section of farm credit administration, and takes over the personnel and assets of both agencies. Mr. Smith said that for the time being FHA offices will be maintained with the same personnel at all points where FSA and ECFL operate. Both agencies have made loans to small farmers and the new agency will continue to serve this group.

Also attending the meeting at Asheville were Mr. C. Gordon Taylor and Miss Hildred Sedberry. Discussions were led by Mr. J. B. Slack, State director of F. H. A.; Mr. A. E. Rozar and Mr. Vance E. Swift.

Two types of loans will be made by Farmers Home Administration, Mr. Smith said, farm purchase loans will be made to tenants, sharecroppers, farm laborers and veterans with agricultural experience and training. Loans can be made for the purchase, development and improvement of family-type farms. The interest rate is 3 1/2 per cent and loans are repayable over a 40-year period. A variable repayment plan will make it possible for borrowers to make larger than average payments in years when farm income is high or above normal, and less than average payments in years when farm income is below normal.

Production and subsistence loans, the second type, will be made to farmers and stockmen for the purchase of livestock, farm equipment, seed fertilizer and other farm and home needs. Such loans can be made to either owners or tenants who live on and operate family-type farms and who derive the major portion of their income from farming. These loans carry an interest rate of 5 per cent and are repayable in from one to five years.

To be eligible for an FHA loan an applicant must be unable to get adequate financing on reasonable terms from other credit sources available in the community where he lives, such as banks, insurance companies and the Federal Land Bank. "FHA is not in competition with any existing credit source, private or Federal," Mr. Smith said. Applicants must be certified as eligible by a committee of three individuals residing in the county where he lives, at least two of whom must be farmers.

Blue Devils Defeat Walkertown, 25-7

The Blue Devils of Appalachian High gave the spectators a performance Friday afternoon on the college gridiron. It was the Quincy men throughout the game who kept that pigskin going to defeat Walkertown's eleven 25-7. The Boonemen distributed their touchdowns evenly adding one to their slate each quarter. While the visitors pulled a last minute trick out of the bag and got their only score of the game.

The entire Boone team played an exceptionally good game with Edmisten, Cooke, and Davidson starring in the backfield.

LEGION TO HOLD BOX SUPPER AT DEEP GAP

There will be an old-fashioned box supper at the Deep Gap School Saturday November 9th, for the benefit of Miller-Wagner post American Legion. All ex-service men are urged to come and bring their mother, wife and sisters with boxes.

It is desired that all ladies bring boxes to aid in financing the new Legion post.

This is an important meeting as officers for the post will be elected at this time. There will also be string music.

MINISTERS MEET

The Boone Ministerial Association met Monday night and decided to have the Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday night. Rev. S. B. Moss will be in charge. It was voted to have a union service the last Sunday in each month, different pastors to have charge of the services.

PUBLIC WORKS

Various states and local governments have projected public works which could cost \$4,000,000,000, according to Major-General Philip B. Fleming, Public Works Administrator.

APPALACHIAN HIGH 1946 FOOTBALL SQUAD



Front row, left to right: Paul Edmisten, Bill Aldridge, Harry Ray Brendell, Joe Gaither, Jimmy Cooke, Mack Elrod, V. J. Moretz, G. J. Keller. Second row: H. M. Moretz, Sonny Williams, Bill Whittington, Fred Miller, W. B. York, Arlis Hodges, Ray Conner, Jimmy Scruggs. Third row: C. M. Harrison, Maurice Nichols, Captain David Edmisten, Fred Hodges, Fred Council, Byrd Lowrance, Pete Storie, Hal Quincy. Not present when picture was made but also members of the squad: George King, George Cook, John Council, Grady Moretz, Bill Brown, Bill Danner. The 1946 Blue Devils are composed mainly of first and second year men with a small nucleus of four boys who saw some action on the 1944 team. With one more game on this season's slate the Blue and Gray boys acquitted themselves well against the best competition in the Northwest area. After defeating Cranberry 7-0 in their opener the team went down before Mt. Airy's superior power and reserves 59-0. Before this had time to wear off the A.H.S. team suffered another setback at Elkin 25-6. Smarting from two defeats, the boys began their comeback with a 21-6 victory over Walkertown in a game outstanding for long runs and pass interception by the locals. In their next home appearance the Appalachian attack bogged down and North Wilkesboro won 25-0. After this temporary setback the local boys again hit their stride and balanced their schedule by overcoming the Hanes high of Winston-Salem 6-0, and Walkertown 25-7, leaving them with 4 wins and 3 losses as they face Spruce Pine in the closing contest. The boys are working hard this week to stretch their winning streak to three straight and so wind up a highly successful season with another victory.

(Photo by Palmer Blair.)

STORES TO BE CLOSED MONDAY

Armistice Day Will Be Observed With Holiday by Most Retail Merchants

Practically all of the stores of the city will be closed next Monday, in observance of Armistice Day, states S. G. Tugman, president of the Merchants Association, who says information is that most of those stores not members of the retail association will likewise close.

It is further stated that those stores, principally food establishments, which have been closed on Wednesday afternoons, will be open next Wednesday, as a result of the Monday closing.

FOOD PRICES

Retail prices of food rose 1.7 per cent in the period from August 13-September 19, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. The effect of the Oct. 22 order removing meat price controls and other sweeping decontrol orders will not be indicated in the index until late November. On Sept. 17, according to the Bureau, the food price index stood at 174.1 per cent of the 1935-39 average. The figure was 29.9 per cent higher than a year ago, and 82.2 per cent higher than in August, 1939.

SUGAR

Instead of expiring on October 31st, Spare Stamps Nos. 9 and 10, canning sugar stamps, will continue valid through November 30th, according to the Office of Price Administration. The regular table sugar sugar stamp, Spare No. 51, in ration books, remains good for five pounds until the end of the year. Sugar is the only food still rationed at consumer levels.

PRODUCTION

If civilian production continues at current high levels for another six months, the danger of runaway inflation will have been avoided, according to John W. Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury. He warned, however, that "another round of strikes," lowering production or higher prices, would interfere with what he terms an otherwise optimistic economic outlook.

P. T. A. MEETING

The Parent-Teachers Association will meet Monday November 11 at 7:30 at the High School Library, and the program will center about National Education and Book Week. All parents of the community are urged to attend.

69 CENTS-DOLLAR

The purchasing power of the dollar shrank 24 cents between January, 1941 and last June, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and since June has decreased further to 69 cents to Sept. 15. Food accounts for 44.3 per cent of the items priced by the Department's consumer index compared with the purchase of a dollar.

Newspaper Makes \$100,000 Mistake

The Publisher of The Democrat has been reminded many times in the years gone by, of errors which have slipped into print in this newspaper—they just will happen once in a while—but our attention was called the other day to our having hit the jack-pot typographical imperfection with an error of \$100,000.00.

The mistake occurred in an advertisement for Paul A. Coffey, genial county accountant, in connection with the fiscal condition of the local government. The bonded debt of the county was given at \$363,000, rather than at the correct amount of \$263,000. The Democrat sincerely regrets the error, which unfortunately escaped the proofreader, and resulted in such a colossal discrepancy in the report of the county's financial affairs.

FOUR WOUNDED IN CAFE FIGHT

Doughton M. Greene Injured in Shooting Affray Near Hickory

Hickory, Nov. 5.—L. T. Parker, 36, of near Hickory, today was in a critical condition at a local hospital from pistol bullet wounds received in what Caldwell Deputy Sheriff Howard White of Lenoir said was a regular old show down at a Lake Hickory cafe near here shortly before last midnight.

Three other persons, John Parker, cafe operator, and brother of L. T. Parker, D. M. Greene of Watauga county and Junior Mitchum of Granite Falls, were wounded in the shooting affray, Deputy White said. Greene was under treatment at a hospital in a near-by town, reportedly seriously wounded. Deputy White said 18 shots were fired during the melee.

Mrs. Greene received treatment at a local hospital for a cut on a hand caused, the officer said, by a broken beer bottle. The shooting followed a fight between two members of a party of men and women. The officer said three women are held in the Lenoir jail as material witnesses pending the outcome of injuries received by Greene and L. T. Parker.

LUMBER TARIFFS

Declaring that an emergency existed, President Truman ordered import tariffs lifted from lumber products needed for the Federal Emergency Housing program. The proclamation directed the Secretary of the Treasury to permit duty-free importation of all lumber, timber and timber products declared by the National Housing Expedite "to be suitable for the construction of completing of housing accommodations."

HARVEST BAZAAR ON NEXT FRIDAY

Annual Event, Sponsored by Methodist Ladies, To Solve Many Gift Problems.

It's old fashioned! It's hard to believe but it's true! Real home-made cakes and pies, jams and jellies, pickles and canned stuff, right out of the pantries of some of Boone's best cooks! All these things and a great number of others will go on sale in the basement of the Boone Methodist Church Friday, November 22, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon when the Women's Society of Christian Service opens its Big Harvest Bazaar.

In addition to the foodstuff and a department of fancy work, the latter of which will hold the answer to anyone's Christmas gift problem with aprons, baby bibs, pillow cases, doll cloths or shoe bags, there will be a brimming fish pond to keep the children busy, a rummage room where used clothing may be had for a song, and a refreshment menu that will include delicious sandwiches and coffee.

The date again is November 22. Watch for further announcements.

BROWN WINS SENATE SEAT

Boone Lawyer Assured of Victory in Senatorial Race; Carries, Ashe, Alleghany

Wade E. Brown, Boone attorney, is elected to the State Senate from the Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany district, on the basis of such returns as can be secured at this time.

Mr. Brown has carried Alleghany county by about 600, it is stated, Ashe county by 200, and he believes that the Republicans can't do much better than break even in Watauga where the final vote is tabulated. Mr. Brown's lead his ticket, he says, by about 80 votes in Boone.

The Senatorial seat was held by a Republican last time.

Europe Awaits Vote With Keen Interest

London, Nov. 4.—European capitals awaited with varying degrees of anxiety tonight the results of tomorrow's elections in the United States, watching closely for any indication of a swing to the right or left.

Interest was keenest in France and England. The Paris press gave the closing stages of the campaign more play than France's own approaching vote for a national assembly.

British and German newspapers predicted Republican congressional. The German press concluded that there would be little effect on America's role in world affairs.

ANOTHER LARGE BURLEY HOUSE IS COMPLETED

Farmers Burley Warehouse Corporation Opens Huge Structure for Inspection Of Public; Plant Has All Features to Aid Farmers.

The new Farmers Burley tobacco warehouse, fronting on Main Street in the western end of town, and also having an entrance on Paplar Grove road, is now finished, and farmers and others interested are invited to inspect the new plant, and see the many facilities which have been provided for the comfort and convenience of their patrons.

The new corporation is composed of Messrs C. C. Taylor, Rex Taylor and A. G. Wright, and being tobacco men of long years of experience they have been able to design a building which they believe will be the last word in convenience and comfort.

The structure which is 276 feet by 218 feet, has a floor space of about 60,000 feet, and a driveway runs through the center, allowing trucks to enter from the main street and drive through to the Poplar Grove road, unloading in the meantime, with no delay and no congestion. Weighing facilities are provided on each side of this driveway. Through a system of skylights the house is well lighted which will be of great benefit to buyers during the bleak winter days.

A large farmers' room in the basement, which the operators believe to be the best in the belt, will contain cots for 50 men with seats and other accommodations, including laboratories, etc. A lunch counter is being provided, and sandwiches and coffee will be served day and night. The basement also contains the offices.

Mr. C. C. Taylor, commenting on the outlook for the next season, says that the quality of the leaf is much better than a year ago and that this will largely take care of a decreased acreage. He expects improved prices on smoking grades and asks that the farmers use care this year in grading the weed for the best possible returns.

Although the opening date for the burley market hasn't been officially set, Mr. Taylor says that the auctions will likely start on December 3rd or 4th.

Local Parent-Teacher Association Meets

The Boone P.T.A. met at the high school on Monday, Oct. 28. A large number of parents and teachers was present. In the contest between rooms or grades for the largest number of representatives present, the winners were the first grade in the elementary group and the eleventh grade boys' homeroom in the high school. Each month at the regular meeting, a count is taken and the leading grades or homerooms are each awarded a \$1 prize.

Miss Gail Clay was program leader for the evening and gave a very interesting and challenging talk on our local problems in safety. Miss Clay requested reports from the elementary safety patrol, which has recently been put into effect, and the prospective safety patrol organization in the high school. Patsy McGuire, patrol captain in the elementary school patrol, gave a very complete report of their organization and its members. It was reported that a great deal of improvement had been noted in the conduct of the school children with regard to safety since the organization of the safety patrol.

Miss Clay urged that the children who ride buses be taught more safety precautions and that the drivers of cars be more careful when driving where children are loading and unloading the school buses. She urged that those children who ride bicycles be taught to be more careful in the use of their vehicles. She discussed, with the aid of others in the group attending the meeting, the need for further traffic signs near and in the school zone.

It was announced that due to the approach of National Book Week the November P.T.A. meeting would be moved from the usual fourth Monday night to the second Monday night in November, the 11th. At that time Miss Margaret McIntyre, high school librarian, and Miss Louise Moore will present an interesting program on books.

BENEFIT DANCE

A benefit dance will be held at the Mission School, Valle Crucis on Saturday night November 9th from 8 p. m. to 11 p. m. Music will be furnished by a local string band.

Republicans Win Watauga Offices In Tuesday's Vote

REPUBLICANS WIN IN NATION

A Sweep of Landslide Proportions Carries G. O. P. Into Congress Control

Reversing a trend of fifteen years, the American voters went to the polls in a record number for an off-year, and swept the Republican party into control of the house of representatives and possibly the senate, although the makeup of the senate hadn't been determined this morning.

Starting in New York, Governor Dewey was re-elected in a sweeping victory over Senator Mead, and the Republicans elected a senator for the first time in 30 years. The Republican sweep crossed the nation, missing only the solid south, but the actual complexion of the new congress cannot be determined at this time, other than that the Republicans seem sure of control.

DEMOCRATS WIN STATE OFFICES

Republican Sweep Fails to Affect Tarhelia; All Congressmen Said to Have Been Elected

Information coming by radio this morning indicates that North Carolina held its 12 congressional seats in the voting on Tuesday, and elected all the Democratic candidates for state office, but it could not be determined by what majority the Democrats would control the next legislature.

Congressman Robert L. Doughton was reported to have a "commanding lead" over Clyde R. Greene, of Boone, for the ninth district seat, with returns complete from about half of the precincts of the district.

Indications were that the voters had approved the constitutional amendment giving women the right of jury service in the state, but had turned down the proposal to give members of the assembly increased pay.

Employees Of Local Theatre Get Awards

Employees of the Appalachian Theatre received checks for one week's salary last Friday as prizes for winning second place in a contest sponsored by the Statesville Theatre Corporation for its ten theatres in this state. The contest ran for a period of fifteen weeks and was based on the handling of all phases of theatre operation with emphasis on courtesy, housekeeping and the like.

Presentation of the prizes was made to R. E. Agle, local manager, at a managers meeting in Statesville last Tuesday.

Amateur Hour At Cove Creek School

Smiling Bill Waters, former radio star with NBC, and lately of the Candadian broadcasting system, will be the master of ceremonies at the amateur hour at the Cove Creek High School Thursday evening. He performs with the harmonica and guitar.

Baptist Editor Will Preach Here Sunday

Rev. John H. McMillan of Mills Home, Thomasville, who is Editor of Charity and Children, will occupy the pulpit at the Boone Baptist Church Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. Rev. Mr. McMillan is known as an able church leader and excellent sermonizer.

SERGEANTS

The post-war Army has so many master sergeants, staff sergeants and technical sergeants that it has frozen promotions to these top enlisted grades for ninety days. One reason for over-crowding is that wartime officers have been taking advantage of rules permitting them to join the Regulars as master sergeants with net pay and other advantages better than those of some lieutenants.

DRAFT

Continuation of the draft system beyond March 31, 1947 will be sought by the Army, if volunteering fails to bring in enough men for occupation forces overseas.

Watauga fell in line with the national trend Tuesday and in the usual heavy ballot, elected a full slate of Republican county officials by substantial majorities.

On the basis of such information as could be secured, the Republican majorities seemed to have ranged from about 125 to 300. Some of the leading Democrats are inclined to the belief they have not been defeated more than 150, while others share the Republican belief that when the final returns are correctly tabulated the lead of the majority party will be 300 or better.

The results so far tabulated are "average" figures and information has not been sufficient to reflect the exact standings of the different candidates. There is no doubt, however, that the Democrats went down in defeat for the third successive time.

The election marked the end of a hard-fought campaign in which every available voter was brought to the polls. The campaigning was mostly quiet and so far as can be learned there were no disturbances during the progress of the voting.

It, however, is impossible to give comprehensive election figures, and nothing is available on the state ticket, or on the amendments. The county elections board will meet Thursday and make the official canvass of the vote, after which the official results will be published.

Those Elected

The new officials are: Representative: S. C. Eggers, incumbent.

Sheriff: C. M. Watson, incumbent.

Clerk superior court: Fred Gragg.

Coroner: Richard Kelley, Democrat, nominated by both parties.

Surveyor: Jack Storie.

Commissioners: A. G. Miller, H. O. Aldridge, incumbents, and R. M. Ward.

Lions Feast On Champion Beefsteak

The Boone Lions on Tuesday evening were served steaks from a champion baby beef raised by Martha Council and purchased by the City Meat Market. A majority of the members had voted to buy steaks as a project for the club.

Guests for dinner were: Prof. Kirkman, John Davenport, Stewart Rose, Fred Council, Martha Council and Harry Klutz.

Y. W. A. MEETS

The Y. W. A. of the Boone Baptist Church held its regular meeting Monday night, November 4, with Mrs. Perry Greene, the president.

The president, Miss Joyce Gragg opened the meeting with reading the 24th Psalm. Every one joined in singing "We've a Story to Tell to the Nation." An interesting program was presented by Mrs. Harold D. Cole, Mrs. Jack Presnell, Miss Jo Ragan and Miss Margaret Ferguson.

A sweet course was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be on November 18 at the home of Miss Nancy Wilcox.

DIVIDENDS TO VETERANS

Approximately 15,000,000 veterans will receive dividends from their National Service Life Insurance policies in about a year, according to the Veterans Administration. The dividends will be from a surplus of \$7,000,000, accumulated because natural deaths have been fewer than estimated. The dividends will be based on age, amount of insurance and time the policy has been held. Veterans who have let their NSLI lapse will also receive dividends.

PAY DELAYED

A shortage of envelopes has delayed the distribution of \$2,700,000,000 in terminal leave pay, according to the War Department, which said it would be sometime in November before there are envelopes of proper size to allow mailing of bonds that make up most of the payments.