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RURAL INDUSTRY THEME MEETING EIGHT COUNTIES

North Wilkesboro to Be Scene of Representatives Watauga, Wilkes and Other Counties in Interest of Industrial Promotions in Area

North Wilkesboro, Nov. 18—North Wilkesboro will be host to leading citizens of eight counties attending a Rural Industries meeting on December 2. Wilkes Chamber of Commerce officials announced today. This meeting is being called by the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development in cooperation with the local chamber of commerce to facilitate the setting up of small industries throughout this area. The leading citizens of the counties of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Avery, Caldwell, Burke, and Wilkes have been invited to attend the meeting.

Present plans call for the meeting to be held at the North Wilkesboro city hall auditorium, starting at 10:00 a. m. on December 2. President J. B. Williams of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce says that an invitation is extended to all interested parties to attend the meeting.

North Carolina has made plans to promote and develop rural industries and services throughout the entire state from the mountains to the coast. A great deal of thought was given as to how this program could be most efficiently carried out. Much attention and thought was given to the wide variety of raw materials the state actually possesses; how to utilize these raw materials, as well as the surplus labor, and the available financial resources in all sections of the state that would enable these plans to result in the actual establishment of such industries and enterprises. These plans have now materialized and are being put to effective peacetime use.

Facts and figures show there is a definite and urgent need for many rural industries throughout all of North Carolina. The State Planning Board has obtained the following figures which show that the majority of all industry in the state is too highly concentrated in a few urban communities; 46.5 per cent of all industrial employment is concentrated within only 10 counties. These counties contain only 21.4 per cent of the total population. Only 34 counties have as many as 25 per cent of total employment engaged in manufacturing. Sixty-six counties are thus under-industrialized. Only 37.7 per cent of all industrial employment is in these 66 counties. In these 66 counties industrial employment accounts for only 18.4 per cent of all employment. A majority of all new industries and expansions of existing industries are in those same counties which are already highly industrialized. The rural industries program is for the primary purpose of spreading the benefits of industries into communities and counties that have little or no manufacturing.

Figures released in a special report of the United States Department of Commerce gave North Carolina a per capita income of \$732.00 for the year 1945, the national average being \$1,150.00. The per capita farm income is even less. North Carolina is near the bottom of the list in comparison to other states of the nation. The following states were in the \$700.00 to \$800.00 bracket: North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Kentucky. South Carolina and (Continued on page five)

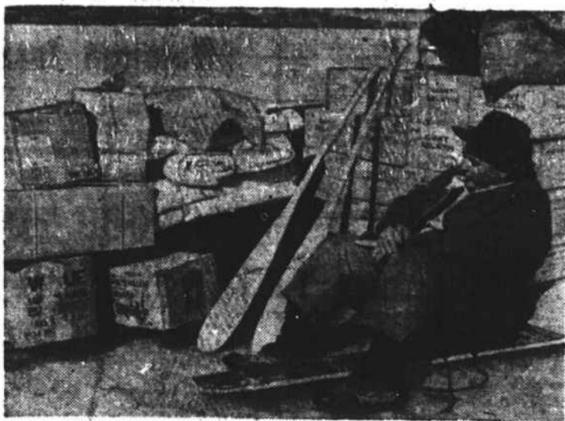
HUNTING STARTS THANKSGIVING

Open Seasons on Upland Game Are Announced by County Warden Edmisten

The hunting season on upland game gets under way on November 28, it is stated by County Game Warden, Walter Edmisten, who believes that the supply of game this year will be rather make their homes in Sparta.

The open season on rabbits and foxes, quail will end January 31, while grouse may be taken up to January 1. Mr. Edmisten states that licenses are available at the usual places over the county, and urges all those who go in the woods this year to be sure they have the required license.

HEAT WAVE HITS THE ARCTIC



A heat wave that is having residents of the far north saying "It's June in January," has cast its torrid spell at Yellowknife goldfields in Northwest territories. Mike Milto, prospector, dozes on the ice in the sun awaiting plane to take him and his cache of dynamite to his strike at Salmita, just under the Arctic circle.

New Policeman



ALBERT HENSON

HENSON NOW ON POLICE FORCE

New Man to Be Special Officer and Specialize in Traffic and Sanitary Status

Albert Henson, unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the office of sheriff of Watauga county in the recent election, has taken a position as a member of the city police force, and entered upon his duties the end of the week.

Mr. Henson, it is stated by Mayor Gordon Winkler, will act in the capacity of a special officer with Chief O. L. Scruggs, and will devote considerable of his attention to traffic conditions and to the sanitary conditions prevailing in the back lots and alleys.

Local Hereford Cow Establishes a Record

Brattleboro, Vt., November 15—A state production record has been made by a registered Holstein-Friesian cow owned by Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, the Holstein-Friesian Association of American announces today.

Appalachian Segis Lass 2290-219 (G.P.) is the new champion, taking the lead for all of North Carolina's junior 3-year-old Holsteins milked twice daily in the yearly division, advanced registry test, with the production of 566 pounds of butterfat from 14,363 pounds of milk. The average dairy cow in the nation produces only 32% as much butterfat, using U. S. Department of Agriculture statistics for comparison.

Testing was supervised by North Carolina State College of Agriculture and engineering, in cooperation with the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Music Students to Give Recital Friday

The first recital of the season will be held in the college auditorium on Friday night, Nov. 22, at 7:45 o'clock.

Music students of the college will appear in voice, piano and instrumental ensemble.

The music lovers of Boone and the college have a pleasant evening in store for them. You will have the opportunity to hear many of your old favorites and also a chance to pick new favorites from new students on the campus this year. Everyone is invited to attend.

AAA FARMERS ELECT OFFICERS

Community and County Farmer Committees Are to Be Named in Balloting

Farmers in Watauga county will receive notices within the next few days about annual elections of community and county farmer-committees. Ned Glenn, chairman of the Watauga county agricultural conservation (AAA) committee, said today.

Each of the county's twenty farming communities will elect three committeemen and two alternates, as well as a delegate to the county convention where a three-man county committee will be elected. Announcement of the definite dates, hours, and places for holding the elections are now being determined.

Mr. Glenn said that approximately 3000 farmers are eligible to vote in the elections this year. Eligible Tar Heel farmers are those who are participating in the 1946 agricultural conservation program, or who have a contract with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. This includes owners, operators, tenants, and sharecroppers.

In announcing the coming elections, Mr. Glenn urged all farmers who are entitled to vote to attend their community meetings. Since the committeemen are responsible for developing, adapting, and administering national farm programs to meet local problems and needs, it is important that the men elected really represent the choice of the majority of farmers in the community.

Carnival Provides Fun and Surprises

Fun and surprises will be the theme of the carnival presented at the Boy's Gym at Appalachian State Teachers College by the 10:40 Social Games and Activities Class of the Physical Education Department. This program will get under way promptly at 7:30 on Saturday night, November 23, and promises to be full of entertainment, for both young and old.

Under the direction of R. W. Watkins, the class has been working diligently to provide a well-rounded program of social and party games for the delight and participation of mixed groups such as bingo and various fair exhibitions. Everyone, including college students and townspeople alike, are being cordially invited to attend this educational and interesting presentation. Bring out the whole family, both the grandfather of sixty and the grandson of six. Refreshments will be available during the entire evening.

Army May Take Hand in Coal Strike

Washington, Nov. 19.—The army announced tonight it was prepared to take a hand in the coal crisis if requested, while John L. Lewis presented an impenetrable silence on a federal court order designed to head off a full-scale bituminous strike.

Lewis, United Mine Workers chief, gave no slightest hint of his attitude toward the order, under which he risks jail unless he cancels his notice that his contract with the government is terminated Wednesday midnight.

World food shortages to continue, next year, U. N. hears.

CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER HEALTH STARTED HERE

Mrs. B. W. Stallings is Made Chairman of Watauga Division of the State Good Health Association; Co-Chairman to Be Named Soon

Mrs. B. W. Stallings of Boone, has been appointed chairman of the Watauga county division of the North Carolina Good Health Association, Harry B. Caldwell, of Durham, the association's executive secretary, announced Saturday.

As Watauga county head, Mrs. Stallings will work with the Good Health Association's state headquarters in Durham in a campaign to acquaint the people of North Carolina with the fact that the state ranks near the bottom in national health standards.

A co-chairman to assist Mrs. Stallings in the formation of the Watauga County Good Health committee, will be named in the near future, Caldwell said. D. Hidden Ramsey of Asheville, is chairman of the Western region in which Watauga county is located.

In connection with the selection of county chairmen and co-chairmen, Caldwell noted that no separate administrative organization other than committees are planned at the county and district levels. The Good Health Association expects instead, he said, to gain the co-operation of local civic, business and professional groups in advancing the Good Health movement.

During the campaign, which began Nov. 9, the need of more doctors, hospitals and other health facilities in the state will be stressed.

A program of better health in North Carolina has long been the state's No. 1 need, in the opinion of many experts. Statistics show that more than a third of the 100 counties have no hospital beds and that the state stands 42nd in the nation in number of hospital beds per thousand population.

WELFARE HEADS WILL GATHER

Northwestern District Welfare Meeting at Greensboro to Be Attended by Local Official

The Northwestern District Welfare meeting will be held at Greensboro, November 26, Mrs. Blanche Carr Sterne, Guilford county superintendent of public welfare, announced this week. Mrs. Sterne is president of the district and Mrs. John Lee Wilson, Rockingham county superintendent, is secretary.

Attending the one-day sessions will be county welfare board members, county officials, members of county welfare departments and interested lay citizens of the counties composing the district. The Northwestern meeting is one of a series of six being held over the State to acquaint the public with the aims and projects of North Carolina's social welfare program.

Counties composing the district are, Alamance, Alleghany, Ashe, Davidson, Davis, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin.

Segregation of Races Opposed by Baptists

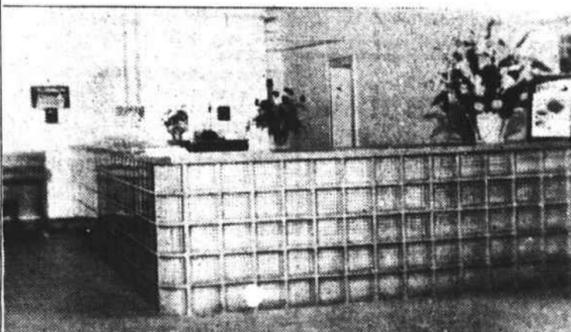
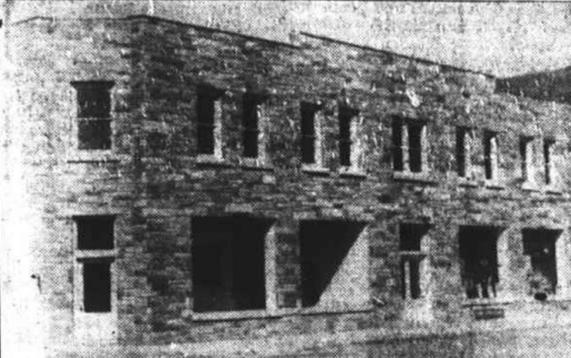
Asheville, Nov. 19.—The North Carolina Baptist State convention in its 116th annual session at the First Baptist church here yesterday took what is believed to be unprecedented action by going on record against the segregation of races in the church.

The action came during the second meeting of the three-day session yesterday afternoon when the convention approved without a dissenting vote the annual report of the convention committee on social service and civic righteousness. The report was read by the Rev. Louis S. Gaines, of Lexington, committee chairman, and also called for:

- 1. Equal hospitalization, education and suffrage among Negroes.
- 2. Equal wages and equal treatment for Negro employees and the passage of such legislation, both state and national, as would assure fair treatment of Negroes.

Anderson proposes check on cotton futures trading.

NEW BUS TERMINAL



Above is an exterior view of Boone's new bus station, and below is an inside view, showing the ticket office. (Photo by Palmer Blair.)

NEW BUS TERMINAL IS OPENED, STRUCTURE REFLECTS CREDIT UPON GROWING COMMUNITY

March of Dimes Director Named



RALPH McDONALD

Ralph McDonald, of Winston-Salem, has been named North Carolina state chairman of the 1947 March of Dimes which takes place January 15-30. Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has announced.

This is the fifth consecutive year Mr. McDonald has headed the state fund raising drive in the fight on polio. Widely known as an educator and for his interest in educational activities, Mr. McDonald has served a term in the North Carolina state legislature and has been legislative representative for the schools in his state.

Mr. O'Connor, in making known Mr. McDonald's acceptance of the chairmanship, revealed that in coping with the 1946 outbreaks of infantile paralysis the National Foundation sent to its chapters in the field more than four million dollars in epidemic aid through the end of October.

"Many of this year's polio patients," Mr. O'Connor said, "will require hospitalization and care for a long period of time. The after-care of these patients will be more expensive than treatment in the acute stage. The high cost of epidemics points up the real need for the services of public-spirited men such as Mr. McDonald. His efforts will prove of great value in the forthcoming appeal."

A CORRECTION

The vote of Lester Carroll, Democratic candidate for the Assembly, as given in the Democrat last week was slightly in error, it is cited by Roby T. Greer, chairman of the elections board. Mr. Carroll received 319 votes in New River township, rather than 312, which would give Mr. Eggers a majority of 218, rather than 225.

BURLEY AUCTION SALES TO START HERE DECEMBER 2

Much Activity as Three Big Houses of Local Market Get in Readiness for Opening of the Tobacco Season; Tobacco is Now Being Received

Sales of burley tobacco on the Boone market will get under way Monday, December 2, and there is much activity about the three big houses, comprising the local market, as all is placed in readiness for the start of the auction.

Despite dry weather, farmers have been able to proceed to some extent with their grading and both the Farmers Warehouse Corporation and the Mountain Burley Warehouse Corporation are receiving tobacco daily. Mr. Coleman, of the latter firm, states that around fifty thousand pounds of the weed is on the floors of his number one warehouse, while President Taylor of the Farmers Warehouse, reported that 25,000 pounds had been received at his plant up until Monday.

Both corporations are making every effort to serve the farmers better than ever this season, and while the rotation of sales between the different warehouses hasn't been worked out, the matter of providing the grower with the very best service will figure largely in this connection.

Warehousemen agree that this year smoking grades will bring improved prices, due to the fact that there is no longer a government ceiling, while the bottom grades will be improved due to the fact that the Commodity Credit corporation has raised the average floor price of burley about \$5.00 per hundred over a year ago. Under the rules set down by the Burley Auction Warehouse Association sales will be held three and a half hours a day this season, with a limit of 1260 baskets per hour.

Practically complete staffs are now on hand at all warehouses, and since three huge houses are now available, the congestion of former years should be largely eliminated on the market this season. The Mountain Burley Corporation states that their number one warehouse will be filled before moving to the second house. Their number two house near the bus terminal is to be used for the first time this year, while the big house of the Farmers Burley Corporation, in west Boone, is likewise being used this year for the first time. Consequently the local market has three times the floor space that has been available heretofore, to the greater advantage of the farmer, the buyer, and all concerned.

With the broadened facilities for handling the weed this year, there is a general feeling the the poundage brought to the Boone market this year will be greater than ever before, despite the reduced acreage in the burley belt.

SCOUT LEADER HEARD BY LIONS

Deputy Regional Scout Executive Outlines Objectives of Boy Scout Program

O. B. Gorman, deputy regional Boy Scout executive from Atlanta, spoke to the Lions Club Tuesday night on the theme of "Scouting." He outlined the general objectives of the Scout program and emphasized to the Lions their duties as sponsors, in providing ideals for the boys of the town. The Scout program, he said, is a co-operative program with the basic program of life, the home, church, and the school.

It was interesting to the Lions to learn that the International Lions Club leads all other civic clubs in sponsoring Scout activities.

Guests for the night were Roy Ruffy, Mr. Stupp, Mr. Vaughn-Lloyd and Ralph Harbinson.

The mourning dove gets its name from its mournful call.

Hungry Germans in British zone get United States wheat.

General Bradley scores "foolish" war talk.

GOP balanced budget and tax-cut pledges get early test.

Huge Navy force poised for race to seek Antarctic uranium.