

PROF. V. C. HOWELL HEARD BY BOONE P.-T. ASSOCIATION

Teacher at Local College Gives Interesting Figures on Staggering Cost of War, and Makes Plea for World Disarmament. "Taxes Cannot Be Reduced Until War Ceases." Mrs. Bynum Taylor Named as President.

"Taxes cannot be reduced so long as the bulk of our national expenditures go into the war chest," declared Professor Vance Howell of Appalachian State Teachers College in an address before the Boone Parent-Teacher Association at the Demonstration school building on last Friday afternoon.

Taking as a basis of his remarks the point of view that many of the complex political, social and economic problems which face the country today have largely been brought about and intensified by the fact that disarmament has not been accomplished, Professor Howell pictured to his audience the chaos that has existed since the world conflict of 1914-18, and the threats which face the civilized world through a lack of peace and understanding. His speech in part follows:

"Since the World War the changes in American social, political and economic life have been so striking and the necessity of readjustments so great that it may be seriously asked whether we are not in the beginning of a new era. In respect to peace and disarmament we have only a very little bit of either, despite the fact that every president since Wilson has attempted disarmament and the bringing about of a more satisfactory peace. The rumblings of war in far off Manchuria on this thirteenth anniversary of the World War remind us that the League of Nations is being sorely tested and that we are no nearer guarantees of peace than we were in 1914 on the eve of the World War. Our guarantees of international peace are no more today than they have always been—mere scraps of paper. Should it be our policy to continue to follow these false and delusive paper guarantees of peace, or turn to those most promising solutions of the world's ills—that of disarmament.

"When the American soldiers turned their backs on Europe thirteen years ago, it was almost a universal opinion that they had seriously and vitally contributed to the accomplishment of world peace; today they are all but forced to confess that their fighting and dying was in vain. View if you please that dark and ominous war cloud in the far-away East which threatens a repetition of 1914. It threatens a destruction of fifteen to twenty-five per cent. of the wealth of the nations and the slaying of millions of the flower of young manhood in the world. Where is America's political peace, her social peace, and her economic peace for which the American soldier fought? For thirteen years the dove of peace has soared above crag and mountain peak searching in vain for a suitable place to plant her foot and to rest her tired pinions. If we fail to secure disarmament, what did we achieve in the last war? The treaty of Versailles becomes an armistice between two great world wars.

"Consider if you please some facts concerning the operation of our government for the past twenty-five years. In 1905 it cost only six hundred millions of dollars to operate our government for a year, but today it costs more than three billions of dollars to operate our government for a year. In 1905 it cost only seven dollars for every man, woman and child to operate our national government for a year, but today it costs more than thirty dollars for every man, woman and child in the country. About sixty-five per cent. of all our national expenditures go for war or future wars. The United States has spent during the last 137 years more money on war directly and indirectly than all other governmental activities put together.

"The World War cost the nations participating over two hundred billions of dollars. Some idea of the magnitude of this colossal sum may be gained from the fact that less than a billion minutes elapsed between the birth of Christ and the beginning of the Twentieth Century. In the month of December, 1918, our war expenditures averaged nearly sixty-five million dollars a day. Does this not lead one to the conclusion that our national greatness has become an expensive luxury? Our public expenditures have been increasing for more than a hundred years. One is almost led to believe by these figures that our government has become a huge machine for the collecting of taxes today and to pay them out tomorrow, directly or indirectly, for war.

"... Taxes cannot be reduced to their proper level so long as the bulk of our national expenditures go into the war chest. ... So long as Great Britain increases her navy we must find some means of building something greater. Each nation goes into competitive building of armaments, and the result is that the masses are

Succeeds Late Speaker



John B. Hollister, Cincinnati Republican, easily won the election when a successor to Nicholas Longworth was chosen.

CLYDE M. RAGAN SUCCUMBS THURS. TO LONG ILLNESS

Lymphoid Leutemia, Disease of the Blood and Glands, Given as Cause of Demise. Burial Took Place on Saturday Morning at Edmisten Family Cemetery. Parents and Four Brothers and Sisters Survive.

Clyde McDonald Ragan, age 22, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ragan, on Boone Route 1 just east of the city Thursday evening, following an illness of several months with lymphoid leutemia, disease of the blood and glands which had kept him in close confinement since July.

Some of the State's most noted medical men had attended the deceased man during his long illness, and various treatments had been exhausted in an effort to subdue the malignant disease which has its beginning in the throat glands, gradually enveloping the entire glandular system of the body and destroying the red corpuscles of the blood.

Lymphoid leutemia is a rare disease, very few cases of it being on record, and thus far medical science has been unable to offer a treatment which will overcome its fatal inroads.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. P. A. Hicks, pastor of Boone Baptist Church, being in charge, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Payne. Interment took place in the Edmisten Family Graveyard nearby.

Surviving are the parents, two sisters, Pearl and Gladys, and two brothers, Jack and Walter.

Mr. Ragan had been a member of Boone Baptist Church for the past ten years, was considered an upright young gentleman, and had made many friends during his brief sojourn on earth, as was attested by the large number of visitors during his funeral services.

Watauga Makes Record Payment Drought Loans

Mr. F. B. Benson, assistant seed loan agent, in charge of the collection of drought relief funds in Watauga and four adjacent counties, reports the collection of \$1,400 on his trip here last Thursday, which brings the total paid to him from this county to \$5,500, the total amount of the loans made here being about \$30,000. A large number of payments, he states, have been directly made to Washington, however he has no notification of the amount of money thus involved. Only one county in his five is ahead of Watauga in these payments, which is Alexander, topping the list with one-fourth of the total loan paid off.

Next Thursday being Thanksgiving, Mr. Benson will not be in Boone, but he will return on the following Saturday, the 28th.

SELL RIDING STABLES

Messrs. John Sproles and Albert Watson, who for the past five years have conducted riding stables during the winter months at Southern Pines, have announced the sale of their realty and horses to Mr. Roy Casey of Asheville. Mr. Watson will meet Mr. Casey in Southern Pines today and the deal will be finally closed. He will spend some time this winter in the resort stables, assisting the new owner in the conduct of the business.

Henry Francis of Waynesville, Haywood County, reports making 330 bushels of Irish potatoes on one acre of land this season.

L. L. TAYLOR DIES FROM PARALYTIC STROKE TUESDAY

Prominent Citizen of Route 1 Succumbs to Long Illness. Drs. Chandler and Rankin Conduct Burial Services at Fairview Wednesday Afternoon. Widow and Eight Children Among the Survivors.

Mr. Lee L. Taylor, prominent resident of Boone Route 1, died at his home at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, after having suffered a third stroke of paralysis last Saturday evening. Mr. Taylor had been in ill health for many months. He was 75 years old.

Funeral services are to be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Fairview Methodist Church, South, and interment will be in the adjacent cemetery. Dr. O. J. Chandler and Dr. J. D. Rankin of Boone will be in charge of the rites.

Surviving are the widow and eight children: Dr. Hoy Taylor of Statesboro, Ga.; Mrs. Jennie Orr, Brevard; Mrs. Frank Lyon, Oxford; Mrs. Grace Lundley, Oxford; Mrs. R. L. Cooch, Asheville, and Joe, Alice and Elizabeth Taylor, who reside at the old home. All the children arrived in time for the funeral.

Mr. Taylor was born in Wilkes County, but spent his entire adult life here, where he was widely known, and much admired for his sturdy manhood and splendid traits of character. He was a leading figure in his church, and gave himself freely to Christian work. He was a prosperous farmer, public-spirited, and sponsored all movements for the betterment of his community and the county at large. A distinct loss is suffered in his passing.

SEVERELY HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Watt Gragg Suffers Broken Arm and Cuts When Cars Collide. New at Charlotte Sanatorium. Condition Is Improved.

Watt H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association and prominent contender for the appointment as United States marshal, had his right arm broken above the elbow and received serious facial cuts, following a motor accident on the Boone Trail Highway, at Pond Bottom Farm near the city, last Saturday night.

Mr. Gragg was returning to Boone from a business trip to Greensboro, was traveling at a rather rapid pace, and was blinded by the lights of an approaching car driven by Paul Angel, local college man. The cars barely touched, but Mr. Gragg's machine was thrown into a "wabble," causing it to smash into the side of the highway cut. Mr. Gragg was given immediate attention by Dr. J. B. Hagaman, the arm bone set, an ugly gash across the left eye stitched, and it was thought his condition was satisfactory. On Sunday, however, an X-ray picture revealed that proper connection of the severed bone had not been made, and he was taken to the Charlotte Sanatorium Monday, where Dr. Miller, bone specialist, placed the member in a plaster cast. He thinks the union will be established without the necessity of an operation. Latest reports are that he is doing well, and will probably return to Boone within a week.

Mr. Gragg was just about to finish his campaign for the marshalship when the accident occurred and, despite the bandages, he still believes he has a grand chance of victory. The call for the committee meeting to decide the appointment is expected to be issued within a few days.

Mrs. Nancy Greene Dies After Prolonged Illness

Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Greene, 83 years old, died at the home of a son, Mr. Bedford Greene, in Boone last Saturday evening after an illness of several weeks. Neritis and the weaknesses of old age were given as the cause of her demise.

Funeral services were held at the graveside in the Joint Brown graveyard on Meat Camp Tuesday morning by the Reverends Ed Hodges and Roe Payne.

Surviving are the husband, Mr. Edmund Greene, and four children, Buford of Boone, Rev. Tipton Greene and Mrs. Newton Barnes of Boone, and John Greene of the Oak Grove section.

Mrs. Greene was born in Caldwell, but for the past 66 years had made her home in the Howards Creek and Boone communities of this county. She had been a consistent member of the Baptist Church for more than three-score years, and was a well-loved Christian lady. For the past four years she lived in Boone, where she had made a wide circle of friends.

Cleveland County farmers have picked and ginned 35,000 bales of high grade cotton so far this season.

TOBACCO MEN TO MEET WATAUGA GROWERS TUES.

Experts from Three Tennessee Warehouses Will Confer With Farmers at Courthouse. Handling, Grading and Marketing Information. Music Furnished and a Good Time Promised. 25 or More in Party.

H. W. Edmunds, secretary of the Johnson City Merchants Credit Association informs The Democrat by telephone that he, in company with experts from three Johnson City tobacco warehouses will be in Boone next Tuesday and at 2 o'clock sharp will meet in the courthouse with the Watauga County tobacco growers, and give out detailed information on authoritative methods of grading, handling and marketing the burley tobacco, which is now being grown in this region.

Mr. Edmunds says that perhaps twenty-five or thirty Johnson City business men will be in the party and that music and other entertainment features have been provided, so that besides the valuable information, Watauga farmers will have a genuine good time. It is urged that all those who are growing tobacco, or who are interested in the weed as a new mountain crop, come to Boone for this meeting. It is agreed that whether or not one makes money out of tobacco depends largely on the method of handling and grading, and the Tennesseans are prepared to give whatever information along this line is desired.

BRENDALL NAMED PASTOR AT BOONE

Conference Sends Son of Former Resident to Local Methodist Church. Dr. Chandler to Retire Temporarily.

The Western Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, came to a close at Central Church, Asheville, Sunday evening when the various pastors were given their assignments for the coming year. Rev. M. H. Brendall Jr., son of a former pastor, comes to the Boone Methodist Church, while Dr. O. J. Chandler, who has served here for the past two years, is, it is understood, temporarily retiring at his Asheville home, in order to secure some needed rest. The Boone Church was very anxious for the return of the brilliant and genial minister, but since this was impossible, feels fortunate in having Mr. Brendall who, it is said, has enjoyed much success in both ministerial and pastoral work.

The appointments in full for the Mount Airy District follow:

Presiding Elder, W. E. Poovey, Ararat, T. S. Roten (supply); Boone, J. H. Brendall Jr.; Creston, A. G. Lackey; Danbury, F. E. Hartsfield; Dobson, M. A. Lewis; Draper, G. E. White; Elkin, L. B. Abernethy; Helton, C. E. Murray; Jefferson, J. E. B. Houser; Jonesville, S. D. Schorfield; Laurel Springs, W. H. Benfield; Leaksville, R. G. Tuttle; Madison, E. E. Williamson; Moravian Falls, J. E. Hipp; Mount Airy, Central, C. S. Kirkpatrick; Rockford Street, R. S. Howie; Mount Airy Circuit, R. E. Ward.

North Wilkesboro, J. H. Armbrust; Pilot Mountain, W. B. Thompson; Rural Hall, D. C. Bullard; Sandy Ridge, G. F. Hood; Sparta, C. W. Russell; Spray, W. H. Willis; Stoneville-Mayodan, J. W. Campbell; Todd, P. L. Smith (supply); Walnut Cove, J. B. Fitzgerald; Warrenville, T. G. Williams (supply); Watauga, G. C. Graham; Wilkesboro, T. C. Jordan; Yadkinville, T. A. Plyler; Missionary to Japan, W. A. Wilson; student Duke University, G. R. Stafford; professor Appalachian Teachers College, J. M. Downum.

Mrs. Louise Vines, 94, Dies on Beaver Dams

Mrs. Louise Vines, 94 years of age, died at the home of her son, Frank Vines, on Beaver Dams, Wednesday of last week. Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. Wellington Swift and Rev. Ed Farthing in charge, and interment was made in the Cable cemetery.

The aged lady for many years had been a member of Antioch Baptist Church, and had lived a consecrated Christian life. She was born and reared in the community in which she died, and hundreds of close friends in the western part of Watauga mourn her passing.

Surviving are one son, Frank Vines, and eight grandchildren: Mrs. Roy Brown of Boone, Misses Sallie, Laura and Hattie Vines of Beaver Dam, Mrs. S. B. Brown, Messrs. Roby, Roy and Clayton Vines, of the Cove Creek section.

Best Wishes from Roxy



S. L. Rothafel, famous radio broadcaster who sent greetings over national hook-up to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cushing, Friday.

NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE GREETED BY FAMOUS ROXY

Nation-wide Hook-up of National Broadcasting System Conveys Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cushing, of Boone. Couple Making Home on Blowing Rock Road. Rothafel Expected to Visit Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cushing, local couple whose marriage was consummated some twelve days ago, were greeted by S. L. Rothafel, New York's famous "Roxy," over a nation-wide hook-up of the National Broadcasting System Friday evening. Mincing words is not a habit with "Roxy," who with "His Gang" has been offering select programs to the radio world for several years, and on last Friday he told "the cock-eyed world" that Betty and Tom had been hooked up in double harness down at Boone, North Carolina, and offered them every good wish for a long and happy married life.

And "Roxy" took no chances on Tom and Betty hearing his words of greeting. In characteristic Rothafel style he poured out his benediction, closing the congratulatory remarks with these words: "If the newlyweds are not listening in, it is my wish that someone nearby who has heard these words convey my best wishes to them immediately. They may be found at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Boone, North Carolina."

So now the whole wide world knows about Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cushing, Boone and the Daniel Boone Hotel. From Maine to the Florida Keys, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Rio Grande to Kankakee, in Timbuctoo, the South Sea Isles and all other places where radio waves are captured and "billed down" in receiving sets, the folks heard what "Roxy" had to say. And as these thousands of folks in every walk of life pursue their daily endeavors, they doubtless are hoping that Tom and Betty live long and prosper.

On the Blowing Rock road in a snug little cottage hard by one of the massive boulders which forms a part of "Devil's Gate" Mr. and Mrs. Cushing are painting furniture, putting their home, which has been christened "Our House," in order, and making all necessary preparation for the long winter which is fast approaching. And, incidentally, they are expecting a visit from the famous "Roxy" within the next few weeks.

Student Badly Injured In Basket Ball Practice

June Steele, student at Appalachian State Teachers College, was taken to a Greensboro hospital Friday night suffering from severe injuries previously received while playing in a practice basket ball game at the college gymnasium.

During the play three men ran together in an effort to obtain the ball and young Steele, whose home is near Hamlet, was thrown to the floor, both bones of his right leg being broken near the ankle. Following first aid treatment by Dr. H. B. Perry, he was taken to Greensboro, where an operation was performed, and latest reports are to the effect that he is recovering nicely.

The injured youth is a freshman at the local college and is quite popular with his classmates.

METHODIST LADIES TO HOLD BAZAAR ON DECEMBER 3rd

The ladies of the Boone Methodist Church will give their annual bazaar at the Blackburn Hotel on December 3rd. Fancy work, oysters, chicken salad, pies, cakes and candy will be on sale. The public is cordially invited to attend.

RED CROSS DRIVE IS GIVEN HEARTY RESPONSE IN CITY

Sixty-eight Memberships Reported for First Two Days of Campaign. Blowing Rock, Cove Creek and Valle Crucis Unreported. Chairman Highly Pleased With Results. Names of Boone Members.

The Red Cross Roll Call Drive, which began Monday and will continue until Thanksgiving, has met ready response from the people, and Tuesday evening workers in Boone alone had reported sixty-eight memberships. Mrs. Russell D. Hodges, roll call chairman, is highly pleased with the results of the campaign, and urges that those who have not contributed their dollar for the carrying on of this great humanitarian work get in touch with one of the solicitors at once. Mrs. G. E. Teater is soliciting memberships at Blowing Rock, Mrs. Stanley Harris at Cove Creek, and Mrs. Wade Wagner at Valle Crucis. Boone workers are Mrs. Herman Eggers, Miss Jewell Hagaman, Miss Marguerite Miller and Miss Louise Critcher. Memberships obtained so far by the Boone group follow:

Mrs. Herman Eggers—Herman Eggers, Graydon P. Eggers, H. G. Farthing, J. Lee Qualls, Miss Amy L. Fisher, Miss Helen Wilkins, Hill Hagaman, A. E. Hodges, Mrs. B. F. Williams, Paul A. Coffey, G. P. Hagaman, Lloyd S. Isaacs, R. H. Townsend, A. J. Greene, Wilson Norris, George K. Moore, Charles Younce, W. Ralph Winkler, Miss Grace Graybeal, Miss Carolyn Weaver, Miss Nancy Lewis, Miss Annie Ruth German, Clyde R. Greene, Miss Cora Jeffcoat, Miss Alice L. Watkins, E. S. Qualls.

Miss Jewell Hagaman—Mrs. Russell Hodges, Dr. O. J. Chandler, R. C. Rivers, B. B. Dougherty, A. Y. Howell, Gordon Battle, G. W. Brown, C. C. Harris, Carl Payne, Jewell Hagaman, Mrs. James Carter, W. C. Norris, J. C. Farthing, Jim Rivers, Rob Rivers, Dr. J. M. Gaither, Miss Ethel Bouchelle, Cliff McConnell, C. C. Farthing, Alice Sherrill, Elizabeth Brown, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Mr. Devaughn, Dr. J. D. Rankin, Dave P. Mast, Mrs. Buxter Linney, Mrs. Douglas Redmond, Smith Hagaman, Mrs. Smith Hagaman, Jeff Stanbury, Miss Helen Underdown, Prof. V. C. Howell, Rev. J. A. Yount, Miss Jennie Coffey.

Miss Marguerite Miller—Miss Lily Dale, B. J. Council, Ralph Greer, L. T. Tatum, J. T. C. Wright, Mrs. T. Milt Greer, Orrin Gaither, Prof. J. M. Downum, Roy Keplar.

Miss Louise Critcher—Not reported.

Bowden State Ties Appalachian Eleven

Appalachian's Mountaineers played a 6-6 tie here Saturday afternoon with Bowden State. A 40-yard pass from Harris to Triplett in the first minute of play gave the Mountaineers their lone marker.

Bowden evened the score at the beginning of the second half when Appalachian kicked off and Downing ran 90 yards through the whole Appalachian team for the touchdown.

Score by periods:

Appalachian 6 0 0 0—6
Bowden 0 6 0 0—6

Substitutes: Bowden, Davis and Wazgenner; Appalachian—MacDonald, Kanamaker, Lewis, Pyatte, Bacon, Westenburg. Officials: Miller, East Tennessee Teachers, referee; Christenber, Davidson, umpire; Gouley, Tennessee, headlinesman.

The Mountaineers will play Concord State of West Virginia here Saturday afternoon.

Sheriff's Officers Get Big Still and Two Men

Perhaps the most complete whisky raid ever to have been reported to the sheriff's office was made last Wednesday afternoon when Deputies W. R. Greene, Wiley Day and John K. Brown destroyed a large steam plant in Elk Township, near the Wilkes County line, including twenty gallons of liquor and a quantity of beer, and brought Joe Triplett and Lawrence Sanders, Wilkes citizens, to the county jail on a charge of operating the illicit plant. The offenders were given a hearing before Justice of the Peace E. N. Hahn and were bound to Superior Court under a bond of \$1,000 each.

The distillery, say the officers, was located in the extreme lower edge of Elk Township between Elk Creek and Buffalo, and had apparently been in operation for some time. The still was of about fifty-gallon capacity, made of wood and heated by steam from a gasoline-barrel boiler. Five fermenting vats were included in the equipment, and the spirits were being manufactured from a blend of wheat bran, sugar and corn. The two men were apprehended near the still carrying ten gallons of the fiery fluid each, and gave chase when the officers appeared, but were readily captured. The plant was completely destroyed, and the liquor poured out.