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LOCAL COMMITTEES FORMULATE PLANS FOR HEALTH DRIVE

Speakers Selected to Appear in Watauga Schools During Milk-for-Health Week. Local Organizations Will Give Prizes for Best Essays, Posters and Rhymes. Rules of Contests Announced.

Local committees working in behalf of the Governor's Milk-for-Health campaign, have worked out definite plans for the drive next week, and Tuesday evening announced the speakers' schedule, and prizes for the essay, poster and rhyme contests.

On Monday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock, Professor I. G. Greer will speak to the student body of Todd Consolidated School, and on Tuesday, the 15th, the following speakers will appear at other county schools: Rev. J. H. Brendall, Boone School, 2 p. m.; Rev. L. F. Kent, Blowing Rock, 2 p. m.; J. M. Moretz, Cove Creek, 2 p. m.; Smith Hagaman, Bethel Junior High, 2 p. m.; Sam Horton, Valle Crucis School, 2 p. m. Each one of the speakers will stress in his address the vital importance of milk as a health-giver.

In the high school essay contest, Boone Parent-Teacher Association and Boone Civitan Club together will give a cash prize of \$3.75. In the graded school essay contest the same organizations will give a cash prize of like size. These prizes are in addition to two silver loving cups offered by Governor O. Max Gardner in the State-wide contests.

For the best milk rhyme composed by a student of any Watauga High School, the Entre Nous Club will give a \$2.50 gold piece. For the best milk rhyme by a graded school student, the Wortwainie Club offers a \$2.50 gold coin. These prizes are in addition to two silver loving cups donated by Dr. A. T. Allen and Dr. E. C. Brooks in the State contests.

For the best milk poster drawn by a county high school student the Friday Afternoon Club will give \$2.50 in gold, and for the best poster by a graded school student the Cove Creek Parent-Teacher Association offers a similar award. In the State-wide poster contests Dr. James M. Parrott offers two silver loving cups.

Judges of the three contests will be Miss Billie Todd, Miss Rooker and Mr. A. J. Greene. Essays, rhymes and posters should be delivered or mailed to Gordon Battle, Watauga County Board of Health, not later than March 21st.

The rules for each contest follows:

Essay Contest

1. All essays shall be plainly written or typed on one side only of 8 1/2 by 11 paper.

2. The name, address, age and grade of the pupil submitting the essay, together with the name of the teacher, school, and county, shall appear on the back of each sheet submitted.

3. The wording of the material submitted must be original with the pupil, although the ideas and information may be obtained from any source.

4. Not more than five competing essays from graded school pupils and five essays from high school pupils shall be submitted from any one school.

5. All essays in the State competition shall be submitted through the local committee, and no essays will be considered coming from teachers or pupils direct, unless there is no originate.

6. No essays will be returned unless postage for that purpose is enclosed.

7. Essays shall not exceed three hundred words in length.

8. All posters competing for local prizes as well as for the Parrott cups shall be either 14x22 or 22x28 inches.

9. The poster should attract attention by telling its story quickly and effectively. Only one story should be told in each poster. Avoid diving interest by having a poster tell more than one story.

10. The poster must make the reader wish to obey its message.

11. The story told by the poster must be based on facts. It must not

Smith Heavy Loser In First Primary

Incomplete returns Wednesday morning indicated that Alfred E. Smith had suffered a withering defeat, when his friends sought to elect delegates favorable to him in the New Hampshire presidential primary, the first State primary of the year. Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, it appears, had won an approximate four-to-one victory, on the basis of tabulated returns, while the Smithites refuse to acknowledge defeat, pending the count of the city vote in Manchester. Eight delegates were voted for.

The Republican delegate slate was elected without opposition.

Dermont Triplett Is Killed in Auto Crash

Remains of Jerome Dermont Triplett, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Triplett of Lenoir, were laid to rest in the Bellevue Cemetery Friday afternoon, the funeral services having been conducted from the Baptist Church in that city.

Young Triplett, who was known by many Wataugans, especially in Boone, lost his life when his automobile turned turtle near Walnut Cove on last Wednesday. The machine was coasting down a long grade, it is said, and attempted when the driver attempted to negotiate a curve. Death came from a fractured skull. A companion, Harry Hembree, sustained only minor bruises.

MRS. WIDENHOUSE IS CHARGED WITH SLAYING HUSBAND

Summer Resident of Boone Says She Shot Mate After He Had Beaten Her Twice. Tragedy Occurs at Midland. Dead Man Was in Lumber Business With His Father, A. P. Widenhouse.

NOTE—The Widenhouse family is well known in Boone, where for the past several years they have resided during the summer months. The father of the dead man, A. P. Widenhouse, owns valuable property on East Main Street.

Concord, N. C.—A warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Mary Widenhouse, charging her with fatally shooting her husband, Donald Widenhouse, well known resident of the Midland section of this county, was issued Saturday night by Sheriff R. C. Hoover, of Cabarrus County. It is understood the case will be carried immediately before a magistrate in an effort to secure bond for Mrs. Widenhouse.

The shooting occurred at the Widenhouse home between 8:30 and 9 o'clock Saturday at the intersection of highways 151 and 27, and Widenhouse died in an ambulance while en route to a Charlotte hospital.

Mr. Widenhouse, well known resident of the Midland section, died several hours after the shooting. The homicide is alleged to have been the climax of domestic altercations.

According to Mrs. Widenhouse, who declared she fired in self-defense, her husband had beat her cruelly twice earlier in the morning and was preparing to inflict additional punishment when she used the pistol. Fired at a range of about 20 feet the bullet made a direct hit in the center of Widenhouse's chest.

Mrs. Widenhouse stated that her husband did not come home until 4 o'clock that morning and that he was

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CIVITANS TO BACK MILK CAMPAIGN

Gordon Battle Explains Health Drive at Luncheon Meeting. Club to Donate Prizes. Cushing and Brendall Are Also Heard.

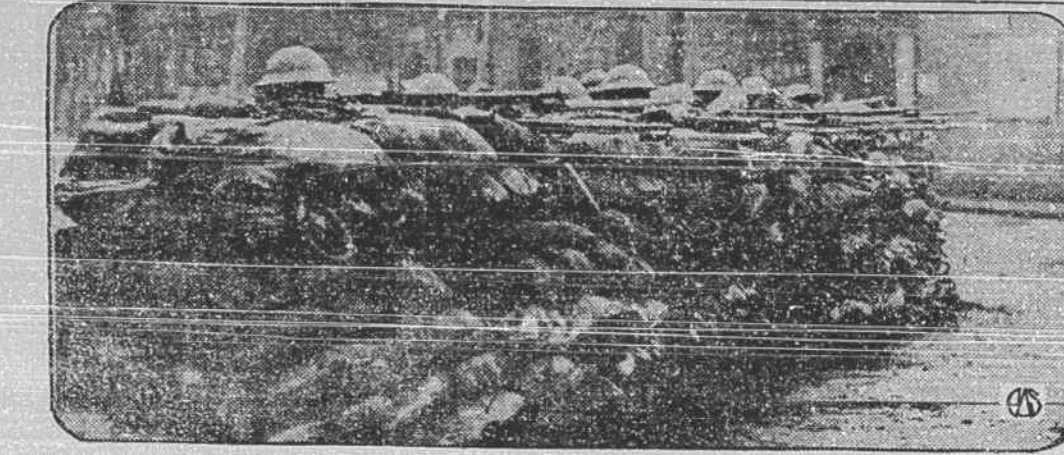
Gordon Battle, sanitary officer with the County Board of Health and active director of the Milk-for-Health campaign in Watauga, addressed members of the Boone Civitan Club at its mid-week luncheon meeting held in the dining room of Critcher Hotel last Thursday noon. Introduced by George K. Moore, the speaker launched into an explanation of the milk campaign, and brought out many alarming facts concerning the limited use of milk as a beverage.

Mr. Battle declared that here in Watauga more than fifty per cent of the children are underweight, and that this condition is brought about purely by the fact that milk is not used regularly as a part of their diet. Continuing, he asserted that, based on reports from other states, North Carolina people consume only about half the fluid they should, and that the purpose of the Milk-for-Health campaign is to educate them to its unusual merits as a body builder.

"Raw milk, by itself," said Mr. Battle, "is a complete food, and compared with other commodities is a cheap food. Watauga has plenty of milk, but the cheese factories get it instead of the children." He concluded his remarks with a request that the Civitan Club donate two prizes for milk essays written by Watauga school children. The membership unanimously favored the plan and it was voted to give two gold coins in the contests, particulars of which appear elsewhere in this paper.

Following Mr. Battle's talk, Tom Cushing, president of the newly organized Fishing and Hunting Club, presented plans for a membership drive to be put on by that organization in the near future, and Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., made a few logical remarks on the ridiculousness of warfare.

Street Fighting in Shanghai Looks Like Real War



SHANGHAI.—Reports that a new major engagement was brewing along the battlefront disturbed Shanghai Wednesday as neutral mediators, inactive for several days, again took up the task of negotiating an agreement to end the fighting. Some observers asserted that General Chiang Kai-Shek was taking an active part in preparations for a new Chinese offensive against the Japanese.

DR. JOHN DOUGLAS SPEAKS TO STUDENT BODY AT A. S. T. C.

Prominent Presbyterian Divine. Delivers Inspirational Address on "Whither Bound." Also Speaks to Presbyterian Reformed Association. Accompanied to Boone by Mrs. Douglas and Daughter.

Dr. John Jordan Douglas, pastor of the Newton Presbyterian Church, was speaker at the Presbyterian Reformed Association meeting, held in Lovell Assembly Hall, A. S. T. C., on Wednesday evening of last week. Dr. Douglas chose as his subject, "Whither Bound," emphasizing the need for higher purposes and ideals in Christian living in young people of this age.

At the regular chapel period on Thursday morning Dr. Douglas conducted the devotional exercises and spoke to the student body. In his excellent address he expressed his admiration for the wonderful development of the college, and the quality of work that is being done. Dr. J. D. Rankin, dean of the College, in concluding the chapel exercises expressed his appreciation for the excellent talk and made the statement that "we are always glad to have Dr. Douglas with us, and we always look forward to his return."

Dr. Douglas has been pastor of the Newton Presbyterian Church since May, 1931. Prior to this he was for two years pastor of the Glade Valley group of churches in Alleghany, and was a frequent lecturer in the Glade Valley Presbyterian School. Dr. Douglas is a graduate of Wake Forest College and Louisville Seminary, and besides Newton and Glade Valley, he has held pastorates in Newburn, Wilson, Wadesboro and Jefferson City, Tenn.

The faculty and students of Appalachian State Teachers College greatly appreciate Dr. Douglas' visit, for his silvery tones of liquid eloquence and his pleasant personality have made an impression that will not soon be forgotten. Dr. Douglas was accompanied by his wife and daughter. Mrs. Douglas was formerly Miss Mattie Taylor, a graduate of A. S. T. C.

Dr. John Fix to Conduct Religious Course Here

Rev. John J. Fix, D. D., director of Religious in the Synod of Appalachia, will teach a course in Leadership Training at State Teachers College each afternoon next week, and it is expected that a great many students will enroll in the class.

On Sunday evening at 6:30 Dr. Fix will speak to the Y. W. C. A. meeting in Lovell Assembly Hall.

LOCAL COLOR ADDED TO LINDBERGH KIDNAPPING BY TELEPHONE REPORT

Considerable excitement prevailed upon the streets of Boone last Friday when officials of Buncombe County sent in calls through the local telephone exchange saying that a blue sedan was headed this way, carrying as a passenger the baby son of Colonel and Mrs. Chas. A. Lindbergh, kidnapped from his New Jersey home a week ago Tuesday evening. According to the telephone communication, the car had been seen in Marion, and evaded pursuers after the driver had purchased milk hurriedly at a cafe, without waiting for the change due him. It was believed that the high-powered car was en route through Newland to Boone, and at the Avery metropolis a report had it that officers and a large posse of the citizenry, armed with shotguns, guarded the highway through the afternoon, while at Boone, although all was in readiness, officials were not inclined to lend much credence to the story. It developed

Spencer Will Again Manage Green Park

O. W. Spencer and Mrs. Laura B. Crouch, long-time proprietors of the Green Park Hotel at Blowing Rock, have closed a lease for the popular hostelry, following the authorization of the transaction by Judge P. A. McElroy in Lenoir Superior Court last Friday. The hotel had been thrown into bankruptcy several months ago.

Friends of Mr. Spencer and Mrs. Crouch, among whom are included all those who have enjoyed the hospitality of the famous resort hotel during the past years, are delighted that the former management will be continued, and predict for Green Park an increasing prominent place in the further development of the Northwestern hills.

DOUGHTON TO FIGHT NEW REVENUE BILL ON FLOOR OF HOUSE

Eighth District Congressman is Opposed to Sales Tax and Gas Tax Provisions in Measure. "Every Person in the United States Will Feel Its Burden," Says Representative in Statement Issued Monday.

Washington, D. C.—One of the first discordant notes sounded against the new Democratic revenue bill on the Democratic side of the House came Monday from Representative Robert L. Doughton, North Carolina's member of the Ways and Means Committee.

Representative Doughton explained that the sales tax and the provision that levies a tariff of one cent per gallon on all imported gasoline, crude oil and fuel oils, precludes him from supporting the new tax measure in its present form. "But the greatest objection I have to the bill is the sales tax provision," declared Mr. Doughton. Continuing, he said:

"I deeply regret that I cannot and will not support the bill as drawn and reported, but shall vote against it unless it is materially amended. The provisions making it impossible for me to support the bill are: The sales tax and the provision that levies a tariff of one cent per gallon on all imported gasoline, crude oil and fuel oils.

"While the tariff is intended primarily for the protection or benefit of domestic producers and refiners, it will most likely have the effect of increasing the price of these products to the consumer of the articles, at least to the extent of the amount

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FEDERAL FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE LOCAL FARMERS

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Money Ready for Distribution. G. P. Hagaman Chairman of Committee. Farmers should Make Applications Immediately. \$25,000 of Loans Made in 1931 Repaid.

A certain sum of the money recently voted by Congress to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will be available to farmers in North Carolina for crop production this year. This money will be disbursed through the Secretary of Agriculture and the Extension Service.

Mr. G. P. Hagaman has been named chairman of the committee which will receive applications for the seed loans in Watauga, Messrs. C. M. Critcher and R. T. Greer finishing out the local organization. The money, as was the case last year, is to be used solely for the purpose of producing this year's crop, including the purchase of seed and fertilizer. Loans will be limited this time to \$400, are due November 30, 1932, and 5 1/2 per cent interest will be charged, the only security required being a lien on the proposed crop. A supply of application blanks arrived Tuesday and may be secured from either member of the committee, who will give out the required information. County Superintendent Smith Hagaman also has the blanks and will be glad to assist any farmer in negotiating a loan.

It is understood that approximately \$25,000 of the 1931 loans in Watauga has been collected, and that several thousand bushels of Irish potatoes have been collateralized by the Government. Total loans made to local farmers last year exceeded \$30,000.

PLANS MADE FOR VICTORY DRIVE

A. D. Wilson, County Chairman of Democrat Fiscal Drive, Engaged in Organizing County, and Says Prospects Bright.

Mr. Dayton Wilson, of Boone, recently appointed as chairman for Watauga County in the drive for funds with which to conduct this year's national Democratic campaign, is busy organizing the various townships, and from information coming to him from partisans, an unusual degree of interest is being shown, and despite hard times, he expects Watauga to show up a creditable donation.

Mr. Frank Miller has been chosen as chairman of Boone Township and others will be named to assist him in his work. In Beaver Dam, Clyde Perry and Don Hagaman are organizing for the drive, while in Cove Creek, John E. Combs and Mrs. Mary Harris are in charge. Howard Walker, Henry Hagaman and Clyde Mast are appointed in Laurel Creek Township. In each instance the first named is chairman of the committee, and will have full charge of carrying forward the drive in his territory, with the full co-operation of the county chairman.

Mr. Wilson during the week expects to have completed the organization in each voting unit of the county, and states he expects a record contribution of small amounts, pointing out that even the smallest donation will be welcomed by the committees. State and national chairmen contemplate ending the drive by the last of May.

REV. MURRAY AT MEAT CAMP

Rev. L. B. Murray will preach at Meat Camp Baptist Church on the third Sunday night in March, 7:30 o'clock, and at Howards Creek Church on the Monday following at the same hour. He expects to spend several days in the community.

WEEK-END STORM DOES DAMAGE TO PROPERTY HERE

Wind Piles Snowfall into Counties. Highways and Keeps Maintenance Forces Busy. Roof of Cone Garage House Blown Away, and Plate Glass Windows Are Shattered. Bus Transportation Halted.

Following a winter season marked by unusually mild temperatures, the weather man went on a "spring" last week-end, just when spring flowers were beginning to bloom in their fragrant splendor, and passed out a frigid snowstorm accompanied by a bleak wind of almost hurricane proportions. The snowfall began at about midnight Saturday and by mid-morning Sunday, four or more inches of "the beautiful" had been drifted in highways throughout the county, bringing transportation to a practical standstill. Road crews were forced into emergency service by the storm and in the early afternoon had all lines of travel cleared.

At 3 o'clock p. m. Sunday a huge oak was blown across Highway 60 near the H. J. Hardin farm, and a force of workers spent several hours clearing the barricade. Eleven trees were removed during the morning from Highway 17 between Lentz's store and Blowing Rock, and other timber on roads caused trouble throughout the afternoon and evening. A report from Blowing Rock states that the entire roof on one of the huge apple storage houses of Mrs. Cone was torn away by the storm.

A long line of automobiles were held up two miles west of the city on the Boone Trail, while a road force removed a mountain of snow from the right-of-way. The force of the wind at the Wilkes-Watauga line on No. 60 is said to have halted several cars, one of which was turned completely around twice by the gale. Boone garage men were kept on a run throughout the day by frozen radiators and pumps, tire and chain repairs.

A plate glass show window in the Harris Department Store was shattered by the wind Sunday afternoon, but passersby succeeded in carrying the merchandise on display to a place of safety. A door was also torn from a storeroom in the Watauga County Bank block, and a large window was saved in the same building by the timely work of citizens who noticed the framework yielding to the storm's fury.

The large bus being operated between Boone and Johnson City by the E. T. & W. N. C. Transportation Company, was forced out of use Sunday, Monday and Tuesday due to the condition of the road up Valley Mountain, and a light car was used in its stead. Grayhound buses, however, found little difficulty in operating on the Bristol-Winston-Salem line.

Mercury dropped to 10 degrees above zero on Monday and Tuesday morning, and snow is again in prospect this (Wednesday) noon.

Board of Education Holds Regular Meeting

The County Board of Education met in regular session Monday and during its deliberations made a careful study of county roads with a view to figuring out school bus transportation for the coming year. Their conclusions will be submitted to the road authorities. It is the policy of the Highway Commission to improve such roads as rapidly as possible.

It was ordered by the board that no teacher be employed in the county holding a certificate below an Elementary "B."

College Glee Club to Give Operetta Tuesday

"The Count and the Co-Ed," a college operetta in two acts, will be presented by the Appalachian Glee Club on next Tuesday evening, March 15, at 8:15 o'clock. Miss Virginia Wary, who so successfully directed "The Bells of Beaujolais" last spring, will have charge of the current musical show, and those who have witnessed rehearsals state that the plot, action and songs are far superior to any previous operetta.

The story of "The Count and the Co-Ed" has to do with the predicament of a college student, Kenneth (Snootie) Andrews, who has an unusual proclivity for getting into trouble. Snootie happens to be in love with Doll McSpadden, daughter of the school president, and does not wish to incur the wrath of his sweetie's father.

A "M" Day program being given by the College. Snootie, who is costumed as a delicatessen proprietor, is mistaken by Dr. McSpadden for Count Gustave von Weiperheister, a wealthy foreigner, who is known as a benefactor of small colleges. Due to an encounter with a traffic officer, who happens to be present at

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