

# RED CROSS FLOOD RELIEF QUOTA IS EASILY REACHED

Local Chapter American Red Cross Makes Haste in Providing Funds Asked for Devastated Area; Further Contributions Asked

Mrs. James H. Council, chairman of the Watauga chapter American Red Cross, and Mr. Russell D. Hodges, the chairman of the district committee, have announced that Watauga county's assigned quota of funds for relief in the Ohio river flood zone, has already been collected and forwarded to the national emergency headquarters.

## ASKS MORE MONEY

This telegram was received by Mrs. James H. Council, Watauga Red Cross chairman, from national headquarters Wednesday: "Flood suffering has already reached unprecedented proportions with relief needs steadily mounting. Under these conditions impossible now to name final goal for funds only limit Red Cross assistance must be maximum generosity American people. Every possible member National Red Cross staff now assigned to field for relief duty. I call upon all chapters to assume full initiative in their respective jurisdictions and mobilize every community resource of personnel and organization to raise promptly largest possible amount. Report daily amount raised. For your information, in view of present known needs your goal should be not less than five times quota originally assigned you."

The latter part of the week, setting forth as \$60 the quota for this county. Another message followed quickly asking that the amount be doubled if possible. Mrs. Council and Mr. Hodges immediately began the task of raising the funds, the nucleus being provided by congregations of three local churches. Monday the subscription was completed and \$140 forwarded to the flood area.

In thanking the people for their fine response it is asked that since contributions thus far have come principally from Boone people, many folks in the county roundabout would be glad to make contributions, together with other people in town. The demand for funds remains urgent and all those who feel able to contribute any amount, large or small, are asked to do so—the money is needed NOW. Contributions may be left at The Watauga Democrat, Watauga County Bank, with

## FIFTH SUNDAY S. S. PROGRAM

Interesting Subjects Will Be Discussed at Mt. Ephraim Church Sunday

Following is the program for the Sunday School convention to be held at Mt. Ephraim church on January 31, beginning at 2 p. m.:

"Why and when does every church member become responsible for the life and growth of the Sunday School?" L. T. Elrod, Mrs. Docia Cook and Lula Simmons.

"Name and discuss the three best things to do to magnify the life of Christ and His church in the Sunday School," Rev. James Matney and Spencer Hampton.

"Why is my Sunday School better than every other Sunday School," Virgil Greer and John Cook.

"Why have a Cradle Roll department in your Sunday School?" Roy Keller and William Brown.

"Give logical and Biblical reasons for the social features of church and Sunday School, and their advantages," Mrs. Rena Cook.

"Evangelism in the Sunday School," Rev. Carl Triplett and Earl Colvard.

## ARRESTED FOR FORGERY

Niley Trivett and Jess Atwood, residents of the Winklers creek section, were arrested by Sheriff Abe Edmisten Saturday night, charged with the forgery of two checks on the Harrison Chevrolet company. The fraudulent checks were said to have been passed at Smithey's store in West Jefferson last week. Sheriff Ed Miller, of Ashe county, came to Boone Monday and carried the prisoners to Jefferson for trial.

Atwood is a brother of Lillie Atwood, who was killed by a hit and run driver just east of the city Saturday night.

## ATTENDS FUNERAL OF SISTER-IN-LAW

Washington, Jan. 26.—Representative Robert L. Doughton left last night to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Doughton, of Alleghany county. The funeral was held at Marion Va., Wednesday.

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## Picking Birthday Colors



Mrs. James Roosevelt selects the colors for the celebration of her son's birthday, January 30. She is assisted in selecting flag red, flag blue and white from a silken standard by three debutantes. Left to right: Donna Marina Tolonia, daughter of the Princess Torlonia and sister of the son-in-law of ex-King Alfonso of Spain; Miss Helen Roosevelt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Roosevelt, and Miss Anne Delafield Finch, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Edward Ridley Finch.

## WOODIE BROTHERS LOCAL DRY GROUP TO BUILD IN CITY TO RALEIGH TODAY

Operators of Bus Line to Construct Modern Business House; Other Improvements

Woodie Brothers, operators of the Bristol-Winston-Salem division of the Greyhound bus lines, will, within the near future, construct a modern building on East Main street just west of the Barnett storehouse, according to a statement made Tuesday afternoon by a member of the firm.

It is understood that the building will be of native stone or brick construction, 75 by 103 feet, and that the second story will be converted into at least ten modern apartments. The first floor will be used as a bus terminal, auto sales room, garages, barber shop and cafe. Chas. H. Smithey, formerly an engineer with the Works Progress administration, has been awarded contract for the construction of the building, which will be Boone's largest.

The Messrs. Woodie will, it is said, also operate a large gas station in front of the new building, enabling them to service buses of the Greyhound line.

**Belk Building Near Completion**  
The construction of the new Greer building, which when completed will house the Belk-White Department store, is expected to be finished around the eighth of February, according to B. G. Teams, superintendent in charge. Heat radiation cabinets have been installed, plumbing roughed in, and carpenters are now ready to begin flooring. More than 600 square feet of plate glass for display windows is expected today.

## Engineers Inspect Projects In County

Waldenmair and Ellerbe of WPA Staff Spend Tuesday Here; Compliment Work Done

J. E. Ellerbe, field engineer of District No. 3, North Carolina WPA, accompanied by B. A. Waldenmair of the state office in Raleigh, and T. D. (Bud) Heffner, North Wilkesboro, spent Tuesday looking over projects being constructed in Watauga county.

Mr. Waldenmair, who as a field engineer inspected school buildings being erected here early last spring, was greatly pleased with work done. He frankly stated that nowhere in the state had he seen construction of a finer type, and complimented superintendents on their close supervision. Mr. Waldenmair believes Watauga has one of the best works programs in the entire state set-up.

Mr. Ellerbe, who has made several visits to Watauga within recent months, was also well pleased with local projects.

A co-operative bull association has been organized in the Cherry community of Washington county and a purebred Guernsey sire will be purchased.

## ADVANCE TICKET SALES HEAVY FOR PRESIDENT'S BALL

Chairman McGuire Says Sales Are Satisfactorily Large; Business Men Co-operate in Offering Prizes For Card Tables

Advance sales of tickets for the President's Birthday Ball to be held at the Daniel Boone hotel Saturday evening, indicate that when the doors to the ballroom open, as many as two hundred admissions will have already been sold. Roger McGuire, chairman of the committee on arrangements, and Mayor W. H. Gragg, join in the belief that more money will be raised in the community this year for the fight against infantile paralysis than at any previous event.

During the course of the ball, music for which is to be provided by Freddie Moore's famed Cara Lomes, those who do not join in tripping the light fantastic, will be privileged to enjoy bridge and setback games from the side lines. In order that the players may share the enthusiasm of the dancers, the business men of the town have offered a list of prizes, to be given to those who excel in the card games. The list of donors and the articles offered follow:

- Smithey's—bucket of lard.
- Caro Jean Coffee Shoppe—one dinner.
- Bermar Jewelry Store—leather bill fold.
- Carolina Pharmacy—box of face powder.
- Sanitary Barber Shop—hair cut and tonic.
- Carolina Cafe—one dinner.
- City Meat Market—four-pound roast.
- Spainhour's—gentleman's tie and ladies' compact.
- A. & P. Store—one pound coffee.
- Boone Drug Co.—ladies' compact.
- Belk-White Co.—guest towels.
- Central Barber Shop—shave and haircut.
- Standard Oil Co.—five gallons gas.
- Pastime Theatre—six tickets.
- New River Light & Power Co.—electric desk lamp.

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## HARTLEY TO SPEAK AT LINCOLN DINNER

Many Local Republicans Expected to Attend Gathering at Greensboro on 12th

Congressman Fred A. Hartley, of New Jersey, will be the guest speaker at the eighth annual state-wide Lincoln day dinner to be held at the King Cotton hotel, Greensboro, February 12, at 6:30, according to an announcement made yesterday by Russell D. Hodges, chairman of the Watauga county Republican executive committee.

Mr. Hodges in making the announcement, states that Congressman Hartley was elected in 1925 and is one of the few Republicans in congress who has been able to weather all of the Democratic land slides since that time. He is an able and outstanding orator and the committee

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## Blowing Rock Committee Carries Fight to Raleigh

Ann Harding Weds



London—Ann Harding, a school beauty of the American screen (above) is the bride of Werner Janssen, famed American conductor and composer. They were quietly married in a surprise wedding. It is the second marriage for both.

## MEETING HELD IN LENOIR THURSDAY

Watauga Citizens to Fight Annexation to Caldwell of Resort City and Environs; Proposed Boundaries Outlined

The effort of Blowing Rock people to annex their city and portions of the surrounding territory to Caldwell county was intensified Thursday when a committee composed of Mayor D. P. Coffey, City Commissioners C. S. Prevette and W. E. Castle, and other influential citizens of the neighboring resort conferred with a Caldwell county group, headed by F. H. Coffey, in Lenoir.

The Lenoir News-Topic of Friday stated that a plan was worked out whereby a joint committee of Blowing Rock and Caldwell county people would go to Raleigh this week for a conference with the state budget commission on details of the proposed change. It is understood that the budget commission will be asked to work out financial angles, which would include the possibility of Caldwell, in the event annexation proceedings should carry through, assuming her proportionate part of the bonded indebtedness of Watauga county.

**Petition Circulated**  
A telephone conversation with Mayor Coffey Tuesday evening revealed that petitions are now being circulated among Blowing Rock people who desire that their community become a part of Caldwell county. The mayor is of the belief that signatures already procured guarantee his prediction that more than ninety per cent of Blowing Rock people want to say good-bye to Watauga.

Mayor Coffey stated that maps are being prepared showing proposed boundary lines of the territory affected, and that citizens throughout a wide section of country are asking that their farms and homes be included. It is understood that practically all of the Cone estate lying in Watauga county will be embraced in the proposal.

Mrs. Moses H. Cone, who owns the beautiful Flat Top Manor property, is said to have been one of the earliest champions of the annexation plan. Mrs. Cone alleges that she has for a

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## LILLIE ATWOOD FATALLY INJURED BY UNKNOWN CAR

Hit and Run Motorist is Blamed for Death of 32-Year-Old Woman; Dense Fog Made Identification of Machine or Driver Impossible

Lillie Atwood, 32 years old, who had been residing near Boone, was struck and fatally injured Saturday evening at about 10:30 as she walked along the highway just east of the corporate limits on the Blowing Rock highway, and the driver of the car has not as yet been apprehended by officers.

Eye-witnesses were unable to describe the car or its driver, due to the fact that a heavy fog enveloped the roadway and officers were unable to uncover any clues as to the identity of the driver who left the mangled body of the woman by the roadside, approximately 20 feet from the point of impact. Miss Atwood was quickly rushed to the offices of Drs. Haganman and Harmon in Boone and expired within an hour. Likely a broken back, fractured hip and severe internal injuries resulted from the terrific impact.

Relatives of the deceased being unable to take care of the body, interment was in the county cemetery Tuesday, at public expense.

Survivors include the mother, Mrs. Manda Atwood, of Whitnell, three brothers, Will, Tilden and D. D. Atwood, of Whitnell; three sisters, Mesdames Leona Trivett, of Boone, and Mollie Nelson, of Lenoir. A daughter, Louise Atwood, of Whitnell, also survives.

## BANNER ELK WILL HAVE MODERN GYM

\$25,000 to Be Spent at Lees-McRae for Gymnasium and Athletic Field

Construction of a \$25,000 gymnasium and athletic field will be started at once at Lees-McRae College, according to an announcement made by President Edgar Tufts, at the annual football banquet held Monday evening. Two Charlotte engineers were present for the meeting and came to look over the grounds with a view to determining the site for the new structure.

Among the speakers were Doc Newton, head coach at Davidson College, Gene McEver, south field coach at Davidson, while Coach Johnny Mackerel of Lees-McRae, awarded letters to 14 members of this year's squad, as follows: Sparks, Beal, Burke, Chaplin, Eller, Wilson, Robinson, Goswold, Whitney, Phillips and Roberts. It was determined that Captain Chas. Chappel would again be captain next year, and he, together with Robert Agle, president of the alumni association, E. L. Lafferty, Dr. Hardin and Dr. Tate made short talks.

Dean L. K. Pritchett acted as toastmaster at the banquet.

## MARGARET UNDERWOOD

Mrs. Margaret Jane Underwood, 64, died at her home on Blowing Rock R. F. D. 1 last Thursday, and funeral services were conducted Friday at the Laurel Fork Baptist church in the Aho section by Reverends Robert Shore and Carl Triplett. Interment was in that neighborhood.

## REQUEST CLOTHING AND BEDDING FOR VICTIMS OF FLOOD AREA

Conditions today existent in the valley of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers are distressing. Thousands of men, women and children have been driven from their homes without sufficient clothing to keep them warm. Relief agencies throughout the nation are working night and day to alleviate the suffering of flood refugees, but the condition has become so acute that it is now necessary for every individual in our town and county to divide his comforts with our unfortunate neighbors.

Local people have already forwarded many fine contributions to the flood belt, but quotas imposed by the American Red Cross must now be disregarded. Mrs. James H. Council, Watauga county chairman of the American Red Cross, has received word from Washington headquarters that clothing and bedding are now the most needed articles in Louisville and other towns stricken by rising waters.

I am asking that all Boone and Watauga citizens dig into their wardrobes for outmoded clothing suited to the needs of the sufferers; to inventory their bedclothing, and spare blankets if possible. These contributions may be brought or sent to the city hall in Boone Friday and Saturday. They will immediately be dispatched to the American Red Cross disaster relief unit in the stricken territory. A city truck will call for contributions in and around Boone where no other means of transportation is available.

These distressed and afflicted people must be cared for; their suffering is our responsibility as good neighbors. Let's again show the fine spirit which has always characterized folks in Boone and Watauga county when humanity makes its appeal.

W. H. GRAGG, Mayor, Town of Boone, North Carolina.