

715 FARMERS MADE OUT WORK SHEETS

\$17,593.90 Paid to Watauga Agrarians for Following Soil Building Practices

By W. B. COLLINS, (County Farm Agent)

In 1936, there were 715 farmers in Watauga county who made out work sheets on the agricultural conservation program. To date, 505 of these farmers have received checks for reducing crops and for soil building practices in the amount of \$17,593.90. There are probably 50 farmers who will receive checks in a few days. The farmers who co-operated with the soil conservation program in 1936 received an average of \$34.82 each.

In the 1937 soil conservation program, the government will pay farmers for sowing grass seed at the rate of from one to two dollars per acre, and pay 60c per bag for sowing 16% fertilizer when sown with grass seed on small grain.

The payment for sowing lime is \$2.00 per ton. The payment for reducing crops is about \$7.50 per acre.

Practically every farmer in the county, regardless of how small his farm, can get as much as \$20.00 out of the program, if he does enough soil building practices to earn that much.

This program is to help farmers build up their land. Every farmer should take advantage of this opportunity to get some help in building up his farm.

In this program farmers do not have to do anything, and they get paid according to what they do.

No farmer can get payments in the soil conservation program until he fills out a work sheet. These work sheets can be filled out by the township committees, which are listed below, or at the County Agent Collins' office at Boone.

The following committees will fill out work sheets for the farmers in their townships:

Laurel Creek—W. J. Farthing, W. H. Mast, C. C. Edmisten and Richard Cable.

Bald Mountain—W. N. Howell, J. L. Miller, W. S. Miller and James Miller.

Boone—County agent's office at courthouse.

Watauga—W. W. Mast, L. L. Moody, J. H. McLean and Ira Bumgarner.

Meat Camp—A. W. Greene, N. M. Greene, Alex. Tugman.

Cove Creek—John Perry, Ivy B. Wilson, W. M. Thomas.

Blue Ridge—N. L. Harrison, M. O. Coffey, Stacy C. Ford.

Blowing Rock—S. C. Greene, L. M. Fry, R. H. Shore.

Shawneehaw—Ernie Triplett, Mont. Glover, Howard Edmisten.

Beaver Dam—Lee Swift, W. W. Wilson, W. H. Edmisten.

Stony Fork—H. E. Greene, C. M. Watson, C. D. McNeil.

North Fork—A. N. Thomas.

There will be some one at the county agent's office at the courthouse in Boone every day to take work sheets.

Please get your work sheets filled out sometime during the month of April.

Candidates Named At Blowing Rock

Two slates of candidates for mayor and board of aldermen were selected at a mass meeting of the citizens of Blowing Rock held Monday evening. Both tickets are put in the field, without regard to political affiliation, it having been the custom in Blowing Rock for many years to nominate two citizens' groups. Those nominated, which include the old administration, are:

For Mayor: D. P. Coffey, Grover C. Robbins; for aldermen: C. S. Prevette, Herbert Stewart, Will B. Castle, Grover C. Walters, Joe H. Winkler, E. A. Banner.

WATAUGAS WILL SERVE AS FEDERAL JURORS

The following Watauga citizens have been chosen for duty as jurors for the term of federal court which convenes in Wilkesboro May 16:

C. G. Lewis, Zionville; J. C. Hodges, Adams; Wilby Greene, Reese; Ben W. Farthing, Valle Crucis; A. E. Hamby, Boone; Joe Wheeler, Triplett; Roby Vandyke, Boone; M. J. Williams, Vilas; Clyde R. Greene, Boone; Lloyd M. Hodges, Adams; L. E. Beach, Zionville; Edward Folk, Boone.

FARMERS SHOULD APPLY FOR SEED LOANS AT ONCE

Mr. S. C. Eggers states that the time for farmers to file applications for seed loans will expire in about two weeks, and he urges all those interested in securing money for expenses in connection with their crops to call at his office in the bank building at once and fill out the necessary forms.

"RED" HARMON KILLED

Red Harmon, well known in Boone, was killed at Winston-Salem Tuesday as he baled out of his plane 2,500 feet above ground. It is believed he struck a part of the ship as he jumped.

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Life Saving Course Be Given at the College



Charles A. Mix, representative of the National Aquatic school and member of the first aid and life saving field of the Red Cross, will conduct a course in modern methods used by Red Cross life savers at Appalachian State Teachers College, beginning April 12 and running through the 14th. The purpose is to give the people of the county and students of the college first hand information in life saving. Classes will be held Monday 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon and 7 until 9 in the morning, Tuesday and Wednesday 3:30 to 5 p. m. and 7:30 to 9 p. m.

BURLEY TOBACCO OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Government Reports Indicate Short Supply of Dark Weed During Present Year

The United States crop reporting service gives out the information that the outlook for Burley tobacco growers remains most favorable. The reasons assigned for the prediction are contained in the following excerpts from the crop report:

"A 31% increase in acreage over last year's relatively small harvested acreage is indicated by the March 1 intentions of Burley growers. This would mean 405,000 acres of Burley, which would still be 22,000 acres less than the 1928-32 average.

"Because of unusually low production last year, increased consumption, and losses of leaf tobacco as a result of flood conditions, stocks at the beginning of the 1937-38 marketing year are expected to be about 130,000,000 pounds less than those of October 1, 1936, which, on a farm-sales-weight basis, amounted to 682,000,000 pounds. If the 1931-35 average yield of 792 pounds is obtained this year, a production of 321,000,000 pounds would result—104,000,000 pounds more than last year. Since this increase in production would not offset the expected decrease in stock, total supplies would be less than those of October 1, 1936. Even if the high 1931 yield of 845 pounds per acre were obtained on the intended acreage this year, the total supply would be only a little above the short supply of 1936.

"In view of these circumstances and the fact that a further increase in demand for Burley in cigarettes is expected, the outlook for this type of tobacco remains favorable."

Lions' Eye Clinic Is Well Received

By DR. ROBERT KING
The eye clinic sponsored by the Lions Club of Boone has met with a most appreciative response which shows the crying need for work of this kind. Dr. B. Baughman of Elizabethton, Tenn., is doing the refraction for the children. Only the worst cases among the school children are being carried to this clinic.

Members of the Lions club have handled the transportation in most cases, going for and returning the children to their respective communities. Tuesday's clinic was much larger than intended as many came who were not expected, but all were taken care of. Mr. Wilkins of Johnson City, is fitting the frames and will arrange for the sending of the glasses. Mr. Wilkins is a representative of the American Optical Company and was sent through the cooperation of the North Carolina commission for the blind.

Where possible the parents of the children have been asked to pay for the glasses which have been secured at wholesale cost, but where the circumstances of the family prohibited the outlay the Lions club has borne the cost. The need of these children for glasses is a very urgent one and the Lions are to be commended for the splendid service they are rendering to Watauga county and the state in helping these children to better vision and citizenship.

REV. H. W. JEFFCOAT PASSES MONDAY; 77 YEARS OF AGE

Well-Known and Esteemed Lutheran Minister Had Been in Declining Health for the Past Six Years; Funeral Services Held Yesterday

Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat, aged 77 years, prominent Lutheran minister and esteemed citizen of Boone, succumbed Monday evening, after a period of declining health extending over six years.

Rev. Mr. Jeffcoat was a former pastor of the Lutheran work in Watauga county.

Funeral services were held in Grace Lutheran church, Boone, Wednesday at 9 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Yount, with Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, preaching the sermon. Interment was at Columbia, S. C., at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Surviving are one daughter and two sons: Miss Cora Pearl Jeffcoat, of Boone, with whom he lived; Dr. W. C. Jeffcoat, of Burlington, N. C., and Dr. G. H. Jeffcoat, Boone. There are nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Rev. Jeffcoat spent 43 years of his life in the gospel ministry. He was deeply interested in missionary activities and served in Mississippi and in Watauga as a home mission pastor. He had made his home here for many years, where he was held in the highest esteem by the people of the town and county.

Sheriff and Deputy Injured In Wreck

Sheriff A. J. Edmisten and Chief Deputy A. L. Gross were right seriously injured Saturday evening, when the automobile driven by the sheriff veered into a highway fence near the New River bridge, as the official became blinded by the lights of an approaching car.

Sheriff Edmisten suffered injuries about the body with some broken ribs, while Mr. Gross received serious lacerations about the face and other injuries of a minor nature. Mr. Cleve Gross who was accompanying the officers to the scene of a reported affray, was only slightly injured.

Carroll Davis Dies At Zionville Home

Carroll Wilkerson Davis, aged 57, died on Wednesday of last week at the Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem, a heart ailment being given as the immediate cause of his demise.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at the Zionville Baptist church by Rev. R. C. Eggers and interment was in that locality.

Surviving are two brothers and two sisters: T. S. Davis, Zionville; B. J. Davis, Bowie; Mesdames Martha Isaacs, Morganton, and Myra Reese, Kittler, N. C.

DEWEY H. TRIVETT VISITS RELATIVES IN COUNTY

Mr. Dewey H. Trivett, of Norfolk, Va., returned to his home Sunday, after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Trivett, at Beech Creek. Mr. Trivett served 20 years in the United States navy, and retired about two years ago. He now holds a government position in the navy yard at Norfolk.

During the world war he made 17 voyages to Europe in 18 months on convoy duty without any misfortune. While in the service, he was also awarded a congressional life-saving medal for saving the life of a shipmate in Lisbon, Portugal.

PNEUMONIA IS FATAL TO MRS. REBECCA EARP

Mrs. Rebecca Earp, 75 years old, died at her home at Vilas on March 22nd, after an illness with pneumonia, according to belated information coming to The Democrat.

Funeral services were conducted on the 23rd, at the graveside in Danner cemetery by Reverends W. D. Ashley and W. C. Payne.

Surviving are six sons and three daughters: Noah, James, John, E. E., and Coy Earp; Mesdames Roy Anderson, F. H. Holler and Buna Holler, all residents of this county.

MAXWELL IS REAPPOINTED FOR FOUR-YEAR TERM

A. J. Maxwell, who has served as North Carolina commissioner of revenue since 1929, has been reappointed for a four-year term expiring December 31, 1940, by Governor Hoey.

Death Claim Lutheran Minister



REV. H. W. JEFFCOAT

MUSIC CONTEST IS SET FOR SATURDAY TAX LISTERS ARE NAMED MONDAY

First District Event for This Part of State Attracts Wide Interest

The District Music contest, the first event of the kind thus far scheduled for this section of the state, will be held at Appalachian College next Saturday, and Miss Virginia Wary of the college faculty, who is in charge of the arrangements, states that widespread interest in the occasion is being manifested.

The contest which is open to all high school students of Ashe, Alleghany, Avery, Mitchell and Watauga counties, will feature competitions by mixed choruses, girls' choruses, quartettes and trios, piano solos, vocal solos, soprano, alto, baritone and bass.

Miss Wary states that many entries have already been made and that the winners of first place in the district contest will be sent to Greensboro April 21-22-23, where they will compete in the state contest.

Fishing Club Elects New Slate of Officers

The Watauga River Fishing club met at the Daniel Boone hotel Friday evening and new officers for the year were chosen as follows: R. A. Olsen, president; Pete Justus, vice president; Ab. Mullins, secretary; P. A. Coffey, treasurer.

The club, which controls 20 miles of fishing waters on the Watauga River, discussed the matter of establishing a number of rearing pools this season, and it was agreed that a fish fry would be held soon, probably at the Rutherford fish hatchery. The club had more than 100 members last year.

VOTERS MAY NOW BE REGISTERED

Those Desiring to Participate in Municipal Election Must Be On Registration Books

The registration books are now open at the city hall, and all those electors who have not previously registered and voted in municipal elections are required to attend to this duty by the 24th of April. The registration books opened last Saturday and will remain open for three more Saturdays, Saturday, May 1, will be observed as challenge day and the city election will take place on May 4. Mrs. Carrie Williams is the registrar.

Considerable interest is being shown in the forthcoming balloting. However, no nominating sessions have been held or called by either political party. However, it is taken for granted that the present incumbents, all Republicans except Alderman L. T. Tatium, will offer themselves for re-election.

Property Must Be Listed For Taxation as of April 1; McNeil Gives Instructions

Tax listing will begin in the county within the next few days and County Tax Supervisor C. D. McNeil has named the list-takers for the different sections of the county, who were given their supplies and instructions Monday.

All property must be listed for taxation as of April 1, and especial attention is called to the law requiring the listing of dogs, as well as other items of personal property. Mr. McNeil has completely outlined the listing requirements in an advertisement appearing in the newspaper this week.

The list-takers named are as follows: Boone township, J. M. Moretz; Blowing Rock, Roscoe Hartley; Watauga, John Fox; Laurel Creek, Jordan Shull; Shawneehaw, Howard Edmisten; Beaver Dam, Dudley Greene; Cove Creek, Harve Wilson; North Fork, Walter South Meat Camp; Bynum Clawson; Bald Mountain, Glenn Howell; Stony Fork, Haggie Greene; Elk, Gass Carroll; Blue Ridge, Marion Coffey.

Mr. McNeil points out that it will be necessary for each taxpayer to list his properties with his specific list-taker, as no tax official is privileged to take lists outside the confines of his own township.

Mrs. Mary Church Dies at Age of 90

Mrs. Mary McMillan Church, aged 90 years, died Saturday at her home at Laxon. Funeral services were held at the Laurel Springs Baptist church Sunday at 2 o'clock, Rev. Levi Greene being in charge of the rites and interment was in the cemetery near the church.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters: Franklin Church of Baldwin, and Smith Church of Stony Fork. Mrs. W. L. Greene, Laxon; Mrs. Fannie Church, Summit; Mrs. Martha Payne, Idlewild.

TWO NEW WPA PROJECTS APPROVED FOR WATAUGA

Two new projects affecting Watauga county and involving the expenditure of more than six thousand dollars, have been approved, according to an announcement by the state officials of the government agency. The lunch room projects of the county have been allowed \$4,282.04, while \$2,250 has been set aside as a fund for cleaning and renovating public buildings.

CHEESE FACTORY IS VISITED BY TOURISTS

Mr. Grant, manager of the Sugar Grove Cheese factory, states that his plant is being visited by many tourists and world travelers who, he says, invariably take home a supply of the product.

Last year, Mr. Grant says, cheese were sent from Bristol to Chicago by airplane, and that one traveler sent three to high personages in Italy. Pictures were taken of the plant at the time. Regular shipments, it is said, are being made to all parts of North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Michigan.

CIVIC CLUB PLANS TO COOPERATE IN PUBLICIZING CITY

Town, Chamber Commerce and Lions Club to Create Advertising Fund; Merchants of City Seek Half Holiday During Summer Months

The Chamber of Commerce, at a luncheon meeting held Tuesday, voted to subscribe \$100 to a fund to be used to advertise the community, the subscription being conditioned upon the Lions club making an equal contribution toward the fund. The town of Boone had already agreed to subscribe \$100. The \$300 thus secured will be used for furnishing mailing pieces, giving information as to this city and its environs, and probably to purchase some space in publications in other regions.

Merchants Ask Holiday

The chamber authorized the circulation of a petition among the merchants of the town, which is designed to close the shops of the town for one-half day each week during the summer months. A good many of the merchants are said to be interested in observing this half-holiday, the plan having been satisfactorily applied in many towns and cities during past years. It is believed shoppers could arrange their visits to town, bearing in mind the closed periods and suffer little or no inconvenience.

The meeting was attended by the following: Gordon Winkler, R. E. Kelly, G. K. Moose, Wade E. Brown, A. S. Harris, M. C. Clark, Wiley G. Hartzog, Chas. C. Rogers, Council Cooke, A. E. Hodges, A. C. Qualls, Owen Wilson, E. F. Wilson, H. S. Webster, D. L. Wilcox, W. H. Gragg, T. E. Donnelly, C. R. Greene, J. L. Qualls, W. T. Puga, T. M. Greer, E. W. Stallings, Dr. Robt. R. King.

Brother of Mrs. Frank Critcher Dies Tuesday

Mr. Steele Greer, of Asheville, brother of Mrs. Frank Critcher, of Boone, died at the ancestral home in the Happy Valley section of Caldwell county Tuesday after a long illness.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home this morning at 10 o'clock, with interment in the Chapel of Rest in Happy Valley. Dr. A. A. McLean, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Lenoir, in charge. The Caldwell lodge, Knights of Pythias will have charge of the rites.

He was a son of the late Edmund H. Greer, and has been living in Asheville, where he was connected with the Puroil company.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, his mother, Mrs. E. H. Greer; one brother, Jesse Greer; and six sisters, Mrs. Stewart Greer and Miss Judith Greer of Happy Valley; Mrs. Frank Critcher, Boone; Mrs. Frank Powell, Lenoir; Mrs. Luther Baker, Atlanta, and Mrs. Eugene Jones, Sanford.

Mr. Greer was well known throughout this section of the state, where he engaged in the lumber business before he became incapacitated about a year ago.

Ollis Is Again On City Police Force

Mr. S. D. Ollis, of Morganton, entered upon his duties as chief of police for the city Tuesday morning, having been employed at a special meeting with members of the municipal governing board Monday evening.

Mr. Ollis previously served a few months as police officer here and he and Policeman Wiley Day established a fine record for strict and impartial law enforcement. Mr. Ollis is particularly popular with the citizenship of the town, is a fine officer and his return is welcomed.

A CORRECTION

Mr. V. B. Mast, of Sugar Grove, who wrote the article concerning the postoffice at that place last week, calls attention to an error in the story. In stating that the two newspapers carried into Watauga on an early-day mail route were copies of the Lenoir News-Topic, Mr. Mast reminds us that the paper referred to was the Lenoir Topic. The News was not established until 1898, he states, and consolidated with the Topic in 1915.

ENLISTS IN ARMY

Vilas L. Payne, of Deep Gap, has enlisted in the United States army through the Asheville recruiting office, and will be assigned to duty in the Canal Zone.