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DROUGHT RETARDS BURLEY GRADING

Continued Dry Weather Delays Tobacco Farmers; Water Shortage Looms

The absence of any appreciable amount of rainfall for the past several weeks has prevented burley tobacco is so dry, perhaps two or three days of wet weather would be required before it could be handled, graded and transferred to the warehouse floor.

At the same time, water in this region is becoming extremely low, and city officials have been insisting that service stations and garages desist from using water to wash automobiles. Many cars are being taken to Winkler's creek for washing.

At Appalachian College, where a private water system is maintained, an acute water shortage was threatened for several weeks, and a 200-foot well has been dug to the rear of the hospital building, which it is thought, will prevent any further scarcity of water. Over a test period of 30 hours the well produced an average of 100 gallons of water a minute. The pumps will be operated three or four hours a day until the drought is over to keep the water supply at a normal level. When the rains begin, the operation of the pumps will be suspended until another emergency.

OFFICIALS TO GO TO CHAPEL HILL

Watauga County Officers to Be Feted at Opening of Institute of Government Building

Chapel Hill, Nov. 18.—Deputy Governor Wilkins P. Horton, presiding officer of the state senate and Speaker D. L. Ward of the house of representatives today extended personal invitations to members of the North Carolina general assembly from Watauga county to join with them and with city councilmen, county commissioners and other city and county officials to meet and hear Speaker William B. Bankhead of the national house of representatives at the formal opening of the Institute of Government building at Chapel Hill on Wednesday, November 29.

Institute plans for the opening include registration of officials and inspection of the building—which will contain many and varied governmental exhibits; on Wednesday afternoon between 4 and 7 o'clock, a joint supper meeting at 6:30, followed at 8:00 by a discussion of changing relationships of federal, state and local governmental units, at which Speaker Bankhead will make the principal address. North Carolina congressmen, who will accompany Speaker Bankhead to Chapel Hill, will preside over Thursday morning meetings.

The Institute of Government has arranged for visiting officials to secure three meals, lodging for Wednesday night, and a ticket to the Carolina-Virginia football game on Thursday, all for \$3.

ESTIMATE PLACES DAILY COST OF WAR AT \$100,000,000

Washington, Nov. 14.—Europe's war is costing the belligerents possibly 100 million—a tenth of a billion—dollars a day in current cash outlay alone. Additional costs in losses of property, arms and commercial revenue cannot be computed now.

The 100 million is neither an official nor exact figure. It is merely an estimate made from the best information available here.

Data from several sources indicates that Germany, heading the list, may have spent \$12,000,000,000 for war by the end of her fiscal year next March; Great Britain, her dominions and colonies, at least \$5,262,000,000; and France, using a calendar year fiscal period, at least \$2,194,758,000 by the end of 1939.

BAND BOOSTERS TO SHOW "BIRTH OF NATION"

Through the courtesy of Prof. Chappel Wilson, the members of the Boone Band Boosters Club are sponsoring a picture show, "The Birth of a Nation," Friday, November 17, at 7:30 p. m. for the benefit of the Appalachian college and high school bands, in the auditorium of the demonstration school building. Admission will be 25c for adults and 15c for children. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The club will hold its regular monthly meeting in the high school auditorium Monday, November 20, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

NO ARMISTICE OBSERVANCE

Business houses of the city remained open as usual on Armistice Day, on account of the holiday coming on Saturday, the busiest sales day of the week. No celebration of any kind took place here, the only indication of the holiday being the display of a number of flags along the street.

Rockefeller, Riveter



New York.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as he drove the last rivet in the last column of Rockefeller Center's fourteenth and final building at a ceremony recently marking the completion of the center's eight-year construction project.

YOUTH CAMPAIGN TO BE CONDUCTED

Extension Specialist To Carry on Work at Boone Hi School; Program Daily

A Youth Week Campaign is to be conducted at the Boone high school next week, according to an announcement made by Prof. Hamrick, acting principal of the institution, in announcing the campaign, states that each morning an address will be delivered in the realms of character education.



Dean Dalton will be with the State University of Oklahoma, working out of the extension division.

Each night he will speak in the Methodist and Baptist churches—Monday to Thursday, inclusive, in the Methodist church, and from Friday to Sunday night in the Baptist church. These churches are the host churches for the convenience of the entire community. The hour is 7:45.

These messages are intellectual, cultural, spiritual, inspirational and pronouncedly educational. However, they are not just cold addresses. Every message is not only illuminating but heart-warming and practical.

The speaker spices his addresses with irresistible humor, human interest stories and the type of message of the orator-entertainer of other days. He instructs as he inspires and entertains.

New horizons opened by the new views of science and a sane philosophy of life such as will make life ever more interesting and meaningful.

Schedule of Addresses
Monday night 7:45—"The Undiscovered Country."
Tuesday, high school—"The Call of the Flag."
Tuesday night 7:45—"The Technique of Power in Personality."
Wednesday, high school—"Gridiron Sportsmanship in Real Life."
Wednesday night—"Masterful Engineering."
Thursday, high school—"Building the Stuff that Wins."
Thursday night—"The Majesty of Man."
Friday, high school—"The Majesty of Chivalry." For boys. Fathers invited.
Friday night—"Beautiful Womanhood. Her Radiance, Place and Power."
Saturday, high school—"The Sacredness of Love Intimacies." For girls. Parents invited.
Saturday night—"The Dramatic Interpretation of the Sacrifice of Sydney Carton and Heroes of the World's New Day."
Sunday, 2:30 p. m.—"Life's Greatest Drama."
Sunday, 7:30—"The Men of Tomorrow."

It is said that there is no financial guarantee back of this series. Plate collections are taken at the close of each night lecture. People who are interested and helped will contribute as they are able. That is the financial plan.

INCREASE

Foreign trade of the United States in September of this year increased in value compared with both August and September of 1938, with war conditions playing a part in both import and export trade.

Most of the air mail is sent by lovers and business men who take themselves equally seriously.

A stork can stand on one leg for days at a time without tiring.

CHEST CLINIC TO LAST THREE DAYS

Free Examination for Tuberculosis Given; Dr. King Comments on Disease

A chest clinic is to be held in Boone on November 27, 28 and 29, according to an announcement made by the district health department, at which time those people referred by their family physician will be examined, together with those who have been in close contact with a case of tuberculosis, those who have or have had the disease. Registration is to be made at the district health department at the courthouse in Boone.

Dr. Robert R. King, of the local health department, gives out the following information relative to tuberculosis:

"Tuberculosis is a disease caused by a living germ called the tubercular bacillus. No other germ causes tuberculosis and no other disease 'turns into tuberculosis.'"

"Tuberculosis does not as a rule develop rapidly, and sometimes the germs are carried in the body for several years before any active spread takes place. For this reason it is important that those who have been closely associated with a tubercular person have a thorough examination at intervals for a period of years."

"Some of the early symptoms of the disease are cough or hoarseness, that last longer than common colds, a feeling of tiredness that cannot be explained, loss of appetite and weight, and a daily rise of temperature. These symptoms should be called to the attention of a physician and his advice followed."

MURAL DESIGN TO BE CHANGED

Protest of Postmaster and Local Newspaper Heeded by Washington Authorities

Protests of the Watauga Democrat and Postmaster Wiley G. Hartzog against placing a mural in the Boone postoffice, representative of a tobacco plantation in a lowland section, are being heeded by the Federal Works Agency, and a letter from Edward B. Rowan, assistant chief, section of fine arts, gives Mr. Hartzog assurance that the artist will be instructed to create a design reflective of Boone and environs.

When copies of the proposed painting were received in Boone, the local newspaper vigorously objected to the conception of the New England artist, and this protest was carried through to the Washington authorities by the postmaster and other interested persons.

Following are excerpts from the letter received by Mr. Hartzog:

"Dear Mr. Hartzog:
"Thank you for your letter of October 26 with enclosure of newspaper clipping relative to the selected design in the 48-state competition for the Boone, North Carolina, post-office."

"The attitude of this office is that your suggestions are well taken and the artist is being instructed to study his material in order to create a design which will be appropriate to and reflective of Boone, North Carolina, and its environs."

"I am charged to notify you that I cannot locate the material to which you refer in your letter and would very much appreciate your forwarding duplicate material for my information."

"Very truly yours,
"EDWARD B. ROWAN,
"Section of Fine Arts."

GREER MAKES APPEAL FOR ORPHANS

G. GREER, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

N. D. COVINGTON, TREASURER

J. A. NIELLAN, CHIEF CHARITY AND CHILDREN MISS HATTIE EDWARDS, MULTIPLEX A. D.

THE MILLS HOME, THOMASVILLE, N. C.

KENNEDY HOME, RT. 2, KINSTON, N. C.

Dear Friends:

The other day one of our Orphanage boys came to me and wanted work so he could make a little money. He said it would not be long until Thanksgiving and he wanted to have an offering ready.

Jesus said, "A little child shall lead them." I wonder how many individuals, Sunday schools and churches have the foresight of this fine boy.

The purpose of this letter is to remind you of the privilege you have of enriching your lives at Thanksgiving time by remembering the children in your Orphanage. This is a natural channel through which you may express your gratitude to God for the blessings of the year.

Is it too much for us to expect every church in the state to make this thank offering?

This is a personal letter, but through me, the staff and children send greetings and wish for you many blessings.

Sincerely yours,
Greer
General Superintendent,
Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina

LOADING AT THE "RITZ"



Somewhere in France.—Tommies off duty at one of their dugouts along the front line. Passed by the British censor.

DEMOCRAT ISSUES BURLEY EDITION

A special burley tobacco edition of the Watauga Democrat is now in process of publication and will be issued at the usual time next week. The publication will deal particularly with the opening of the new burley market in Boone on December 5th and will carry a large amount of special advertising, and illustrated stories, dealing more particularly with burley tobacco culture.

Due to the added load imposed on the mechanical department of the newspaper in publishing this extra paper and getting out the additional circulation it will be necessary for any additional advertising intended for this issue to be in the hands of the printer by five o'clock Friday afternoon of this week. Advertisers are urged to take particular note of this deadline, so that there may be no disappointments and the paper go to press right on time, as usual.

THANKSGIVING ON NOV. 30 LOCALLY

Merchants Association Designates Usual Date for Observance of National Holiday

The directors of the Boone Merchants Association in special meeting Monday evening, decided to observe November 30th as Thanksgiving day, in obedience to the proclamation of Governor Clyde R. Hoey. President Roosevelt had set November 23rd as Thanksgiving.

The decision to observe the holiday according to the old custom was unanimously made, there being no discussion.

The directors also made preliminary plans for the decoration of the city preparatory to the opening of the Christmas shopping season on December 1. Funds are being raised with which to purchase additional lighting equipment, and the city will be more completely decorated and lighted than ever before. The opening will be in conjunction with the celebration marking the opening of the burley tobacco market on December 1.

RED CROSS DRIVE IS PROGRESSING

First Reports Indicate Splendid Interest in Roll Call Campaign; Some of the Members

The Red Cross Roll Call campaign, which opened last Saturday, is creating the usual amount of interest in the community and county, states the county chairman, Mrs. James H. Council, who joins with Mrs. Herman Eggers, roll call chairman, in the request that all those who haven't already subscribed to the national humanitarian organization do so before the campaign closes on Thanksgiving.

As this is written only a few of the volunteer workers had submitted their initial reports. However, the names of those who have been reported as joining the Red Cross are given:

E. E. Garbee, A. J. Greene, H. R. Eggers, Wade E. Brown, D. A. Musick, Belle-White Co., John Conway, J. O. Cannon, G. K. Moore, Mrs. G. K. Moore, J. L. Qualls, Carolina Cafe, City Meat Market, Prevette's Men's Shop, Spanhour's, Inc., Boone Tire and Bargain House, Mrs. Wade Brown, Miss Alice Watkins, Miss Mary Watkins, Mrs. Frank Payne, Frank M. Payne, Miss Virginia Blair, Dr. R. H. Harmon, W. W. Mac Co., Mrs. Joe Crawford, H. Grady Farthing, Mrs. H. Grady Farthing, Clyde R. Greene, R. L. Bingham, Charles C. Rogers, Mrs. J. L. Goodnight, Mrs. R. C. Winebarger.

Fires Sweep Nine Forests in Northwest

North Wilkesboro, Nov. 14.—A dim red glow reflected over a large part of northwest North Carolina's mountains tonight as nine forest fires were known to be eating away thousands of acres of the state's finest woodlands.

B. T. Campbell, United States parks service ranger, and Jack Spratt, North Carolina district forester, who visited several of the fire regions today, said that unless heavy rains fall soon, the losses might become the heaviest in the state's history. No estimate was made of the present damage.

The foresters reported that 1,500 acres of heavy timber were in flames on Humpback Mountain, three miles south of Linville Falls. The fire, burning along two and a half miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway, was being fought by 60 WPA workers and 20 local men but was still raging uncontrolled. Campbell said the fire was started Saturday by three men who were hunting out of season and reported they had been arrested.

Newland, seat of Avery county, was being threatened by a fire that was spreading in the northwest corner of the state. Mountaineers were fighting the blaze valiantly but tonight it was still creeping toward the little town.

Fire fighters in the Jefferson area were being called out tonight as a blaze that started in the mountains above the Ashe county seat this morning gained rapid headway. Several CCC enrollees were reported to have had narrow escapes yesterday when almost trapped by a raging blaze on Mount Mitchell. The forest service is fighting the blaze but it was also reported still out of control today.

Mr. J. R. Isaacs of Margaonton was in Boone yesterday, en route to Mabel, where he will visit an uncle, Mr. Jim Isaacs, who has been seriously ill for the past several months. The well-known man remains unimproved and much apprehension is felt over his condition.

Approximately 9,000,000 pieces of linen are used annually by Pullman car passengers.

HUGE RALLY WILL MARK OPENING OF TOBACCO MARKET

Committee of Boone Business Men Map Out Celebration of the City's Newest Enterprise on December 2

Mr. W. H. Gragg, chairman of a special committee arranging for the celebration of the opening of the burley market on December 2, in connection with the opening of the fiscal Christmas shopping season, called his group together Monday evening to make tentative plans for the rally, which it is believed will draw a record crowd of visitors to the city.

Governor Clyde R. Hoey has been invited to deliver the principal address at the celebration, five or six bands from North Carolina and Tennessee will participate in the parades, and business houses of the town will be appropriately decorated, many special features and inducements being held out to the visitors to the various establishments. Amusement houses of the town, especially the Appalachian Theatre, will have special programs of entertainment throughout the day.

On the evening of the rally the town will be ablaze with the lights of the holiday season, and more detailed announcement of the Christmas opening will be made by the Merchants Association next week. Meantime, the complete program for the celebration will be approved soon.

MRS. RAY HODGES WINS \$50 AWARD

Retailers Award First Prize in Pot of Gold Contest, Which Continues This Week

Mrs. Ray Hodges, resident of Boone, R. F. D. 2, won the \$50 prize given by the Boone Merchants Association last Saturday in connection with its Pot of Gold campaign, the prize including the current award of \$25 and an equal amount unclaimed by the winner a week previously.

A large crowd gathered for the award of the prize and high interest is continuing in the unique merchandising event. Again next Saturday, \$25 will be given to some patron of the Merchants Association group. Further announcements as to the duration of the Pot of Gold campaign will be made at a later date.

Blowing Rock P.-T. A. To Meet Friday Night

The Parent-Teacher Association of Blowing Rock high school will hold its third meeting of the year Friday night, November 17, at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Dorsey, chairman of the district P.-T. A., will deliver the principal address. The general theme of the program will be "Know Your School." The subtopic will be, "The Necessity For, and the Advantage of, Adequate Health Provisions in the School Program." Dr. Warfield will address the meeting on the campaign to vaccinate the school children of the town. Other phases of the topic will be discussed by speakers chosen especially for this occasion.

The meeting will be under the supervision of the following committee: Mrs. Robert Greene, chairman, Mrs. Mabel Hollars, Mrs. Dallas Shumate, Mrs. Spencer Green and Mr. Glenn Brown.

Another interesting part of the program will be a group of songs and skits by the grades, and an exhibit on North Carolina by the seventh grade.

ELEVEN SHIPS SUNK AS SEA WARFARE IS INTENSIFIED

London, Nov. 14.—Sinking of a British destroyer and 10 other vessels in the last 72 hours with a toll of at least 33 dead and many critically injured among the survivors tonight heralded intensified warfare on the high seas.

The sinkings coincided with an unofficial Nazi threat to torpedo all British ships "on the assumption that they are armed" and a statement in the house of commons that Britain may order submarine chasers from the United States to cope with the U-boat menace if British shipbuilding yards should prove incapable of keeping abreast of the challenge.

The unidentified destroyer, sixth British naval vessel to be sent to the bottom since the start of the war, struck a Nazi mine and foundered just before dawn today with one woman dead, six missing and 15 injured.

RESULTS

Where 200 pounds of 16 per cent superphosphate were applied on an acre of pasture on the farm of Mack Hall of Jackson county, broomsage grass and yellow top weeds have been cut 50 per cent.