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POPPY SALE HELPS IN REHABILITATION

Funds From Sale of Memorial Poppies Will Aid Thousands of Disabled

Dimes and quarters dropping into the coin boxes of the poppy-workers on Poppy Day, May 25, will bring hope and happiness to thousands of disabled World War veterans and their families during the coming year. Mrs. Essie Winkler, president of Watauga county unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, stated this week, as the unit continues to make preparations for the observance of Poppy Day.

"Poppy contributions are the chief support of the auxiliary's vast program for welfare of the men who sacrificed health and strength in the nation's service," said Mrs. Winkler. "Although it is now nearly 22 years since the big American battles of the World War, government hospitals are still filled to capacity with war veterans. Many thousands of others, not in the hospitals, are unable to carry on unaided."

"Last year the auxiliary extended help to 126,251 disabled veterans, expending \$936,287.71 in the work. A large part of this money came in the form of Poppy Day contributions, without which we would have been unable to give such extensive aid to these unfortunate men. Our volunteer workers made every penny count, their understanding and sympathetic service, in fact, expanding poppy pennies in dollars of benefit to the disabled."

"Most of the money contributed here on Poppy Day will remain in Watauga county for use in the work of our unit among the disabled and dependent families here. We are at work constantly to make sure that men who served the country in its time of need are not without help in their time of need."

Worth While Club Sponsors Recreation

The Worth While Club, through Mrs. John Conway, president, has mailed out letters and questionnaires designed to acquaint the people with the work being done by the recreation division of the WFA, and at the same time to gather suggestions as to how the program may be broadened to fit the needs of the community.

The recreational division is for the two-fold purpose of providing work for part of the vast number of unemployed and to fill the leisure hours of the individual with wholesome recreational activities.

The co-operation of the people in supplying the information requested is asked. In addition to the purpose mentioned above, the information will be used to determine the content of the program for the summer playground which will also be sponsored by the Worth While Club. The filled-in blanks should be returned to Mrs. John Conway, Boone, N. C., or to Miss Mildred Elkins, county supervisor, recreation project, Boone, N. C.

Burgess Buys David Greene Property

Mr. Melvin F. Burgess closed a deal Tuesday for the David F. Greene home place situated on King street adjoining the Appalachian Theatre. The purchase price was given as \$10,500.

Although Mr. Burgess hasn't made announcement as to what he proposes to do with his new holdings, it is said that he may contemplate the erection of a business house thereon.

T. H. Coffey Is Hurt In Motorcycle Accident

Mr. T. H. Coffey of Blowing Rock, was right seriously injured on April 28, when struck by a motorcycle driven by a resident of Drexel, on the streets of the resort village. It is understood that Mr. Coffey was crossing the street when the accident occurred and that the driver is not named.

Mr. Coffey suffered injuries to the head and the sight in the left eye is impaired. He is still in bed, but is showing improvement.

LEGION TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary Friday, May 10, at 7:30 p. m., at the Legion hut. All members and their wives invited to attend. Supper will be served.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Elkin District conference of the Methodist church will be held on Thursday, May 9, at 10 o'clock, at Friendship Methodist church on the North Wilkesboro highway, near Millers Creek high school. Dinner will be served picnic style and the conference will continue throughout the day.

GETS NEW CONTRACT

The Melvin F. Burgess Construction Company has been awarded a contract for the building of 100 miles of REA lines at Bennettsville, S. C., for a price of \$53,000. Work on the new contract will start soon, and continue for about six weeks. Mr. Burgess is now engaged in work at Suffolk and Virginia Beach, Va.

To Speak Here



Lieut. Gov. Wilkins P. Horton, who is scheduled to speak at the courthouse in Boone this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Horton is one of the foremost contenders for the Democratic nomination for governor.

GRIFFIN SPEAKS TO A.S.T.C. GRADS

158 Seniors Receive Diplomas at College Finals Last Friday Morning

Lloyd E. Griffin, secretary of the North Carolina school commission, was the main speaker during the commencement exercises at Appalachian State College on Friday to challenge 158 graduates to fortify the citadel of the mind and the fortress of the soul against the invasion of those trying to take our country from us.

"You are in the front line trenches of democracy," declared Griffin. "Time was when we could ward off foes through fortification, but today propaganda creeps into our homes, schools and other institutions, attempting to disarm those who maintain. Too much liberalism and not enough self-restraint and discipline is being taught. There's nothing finer than upholding the things for which our country stands, and the real battle front is in the classrooms."

Following Mr. Griffin's address Dr. B. H. Dougherty, president of the college, conferred 158 bachelor of science degrees in the fields of English, French, history, mathematics, science, physical education, primary and grammar grade education.

Twenty-three per cent graduated with honor, 30 graduated with cum laude rating and six with summa cum laude rating. The class represented 45 counties in North Carolina and seven other states—Vermont, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee.

School Janitors Approved By Board

The board of education, in session Monday, approved the following janitors and school bus drivers for the coming year:

Janitors: Boone demonstration school, Dolph Lyons; Boone high school, vacant; Blowing Rock high school, vacant; Valle Crucis school, vacant; Cove Creek high school, Don Swift; Bethel high school, Ivan Farthing; Mabel school, Don Thompson.

Bus drivers: Stony Fork to Boone, Elster H. Greene; Bamboo to Boone, Hubert Critcher; Miller school to Boone, Boyd Norris; Meat Camp to Boone, Ronald Rominger; Beaver Dam to Boone colored school, Clyde Greene; Howard's Creek to Boone high school, Charles M. Hodges, Jr.; Elk to Boone, Herman Triplett; Chestnut Grove to Green Valley, Alex South; Rutherford to Deep Gap, John Parlier; Meadow Creek to Deep Gap, Arthur Wellborn; Boone Fork to Blowing Rock, O. J. Coffey; Aho to Blowing Rock, Jack Triplett; Bears Creek to Valle Crucis, Cecil Coffey; Skulls Mills and Dutch Creek to Valle Crucis, Z. C. Isaacs; Beech Creek to Cove Creek, Reed Harmon; Matney to Cove Creek, Fred Rominger; Liberty Hill to Cove Creek, Ross Hollar; Grandfather to Cove Creek, Ambrose McLean; Tamarack to Cove Creek, Jack Henson; Rominger to Cove Creek, Robert Hagaman; Reese to Bethel, Marshall E. Ward; Rush Branch to Bethel, Stanley Harmon; Timbered Ridge to Bethel, Berl Greene; Silverstone to Cove Creek and Mabel, Emory Mitchell; Silverstone to Mabel, Charles Perry.

MOTHER MRS. WARMAN DIES IN MISSOURI

Mrs. C. T. Smith, mother of Mrs. F. E. Warman, died at her home in Dixon, Mo., Monday morning. Mrs. Warman left for the funeral Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, two sons and two daughters. The sons, Dr. Guy L. Smith, Kansas City, and Isaacs Smith, Dixon, Mo. The daughters are Mrs. Kirkwood of Dixon, and Mrs. F. E. Warman, Boone.

POSTMASTER EXAMINATION

The U. S. civil service commission has announced an examination to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Todd, N. C. The compensation for this office for the past year was \$639. Application blanks and full information may be secured from the postmaster at Todd or from the civil service commission, Washington, D. C. The examination will be held in Boone.

GOLF COURSE MAY BE BUILT SOON

Chamber of Commerce Believes Boone May Get Needed Attraction This Season

Prospects are growing brighter for the construction of a golf course near Boone at an early date, says Mr. Herman Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who reveals that one concern has offered to give deed free of charge for a sufficient amount of land to be used for this purpose. Two other persons are offering \$500 each to be used toward the construction of the course.

The site being considered is within 15 minutes drive from Boone and can be handily reached throughout the season, says Mr. Wilcox, who continues: "If Boone is to receive what she should from the tourist trade, it is very necessary that we have a good golf course, together with other entertainment. I think it is up to us to decide whether we want this business or not. If we decide we do, we must get busy, and with the co-operation of all we can build this golf course."

At a meeting of the Lions Club Tuesday evening, the organization heartily endorsed the golf course proposal and appointed a committee to work with the Chamber of Commerce group in the endeavor.

Meeting Friday

All members of the Chamber of Commerce and others interested in the golf course are asked to meet at S. C. Eggers' office at 7:30 p. m. Friday evening, to discuss this matter, as well as other important business.

Many New Members

Mr. Wilcox and Mr. S. C. Eggers, secretary of the commerce body, are encouraged by the splendid response given Mr. Richard E. Kelley in collecting dues for 1940. Following are the names for 1940. Other names will be published from week to week until the goal of 50 has been reached:

Daniel Boone Hotel, Bell-White Co., Boone Drug Co., Carolina Pharmacy, Smyth's Store, Farmers Hardware Co., D. L. Wilcox, Dr. W. M. Matheson, B. W. Stallings, Appalachian Soda Shop, New River Light & Power Co., City Meat Market, H. W. Wilcox, Qualls Furniture Store, Boone Book Store, Shop, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home, Crest Store, S. C. Eggers, G. P. Hagaman, Appalachian Theatre, I. T. Barnett, Watauga Democrat, Dixie Store, Western Auto Supply, Boone Trail Cafe, Roy Keplar, W. C. Greene, Bridges Service Station.

BEDSPREAD GIVEN MRS. ROOSEVELT

Watauga NYA Receives Letter From First Lady; Spread Widely Exhibited

Mrs. Claire P. Simpson, county supervisor of the NYA, has received a letter thanking the organization for the gift of a handsome hand-woven bedspread, made by the NYA workers here and forwarded to the White House on April 28, through John A. Lang of the state NYA office.

Sometime ago, Mrs. Simpson received a letter from Mrs. Roosevelt, in which she stated that she had been appraised of the quality of the handicrafts of this immediate section, and expressing the hope that she might have a small woven piece from the area. Accordingly the coverlet was woven in Elinor blue silk, in the White House design, with a fringe of hand-tied silk. The spread attracted wide attention and before it was forwarded to the first lady was exhibited at the state fair, at the Washington NYA offices and at the Asheville handicrafts exhibition.

Mrs. Nannie Swift, NYA foreman, was in charge of the group which made the spread, her helpers being Addie Mae Edmister, Edith Tester, Beulah Faye Isaacs, Marina Annie Greene, Ruth Norris and Hattie Vines. Mrs. John K. Perry, 80-year-old grandmother of the foreman, took a great interest in the work, and volunteered her services in an advisory way.

Boone Ladies To Work For Broughton

Wade E. Brown, manager of the gubernatorial campaign in Watauga county for J. M. Broughton, announces the appointment of Mrs. Gladys Miller and Mrs. John Greer of Boone, to head the women's organization in the county. The women will be organized in each community during the remaining days of the primary campaign.

AMERICAN MOTHER FOR 1940



Mrs. Charles H. Mayo of Rochester, Minn., who has just been chosen the American Mother for 1940 by the American Mothers' committee of the Golden Rule Foundation, with four of her twenty-six grandchildren. They are, from left to right, Mildred, Charles Horace II, Edward Martin and Joseph Graham Mayo, the children of Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Mayo of the Mayo Clinic.

HISTORIC MARKER TO BE PLACED HERE

One of 11 Markers Relating to Stoneman's Raid To Be Located in Boone

Approval of 13 new historical markers was announced Monday by Dr. C. C. Crittenden, secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission. The marker program was begun in 1935, and to date more than 300 inscriptions have been approved.

Eleven of the new group of markers relate to Stoneman's raid through Western North Carolina in the spring of 1865, when the Confederate cause was collapsing. A sample of the inscriptions follows: "Stoneman's raid. On a raid through Western North Carolina General Stoneman's U. S. cavalry fought a skirmish with the home guard at Boone, March 28, 1865."

The exact wording of the markers will vary for the different points at which they will be placed. Those points are: Boone, Wilkesboro, on U. S. route 421 near the Yadkin River bridge, on U. S. route 29 just north of the Yadkin River bridge, on U. S. Route 601 near Grant's Creek, Salisbury, Statesville, on Route 18 near Morganton, Lynn, Hendersonville and Asheville. The two other markers in the new group will be placed in Elizabeth City and Guilford county.

Mrs. Horton Wins Pot of Gold Award

Mrs. James Horton won the first prize of \$10, when the prizes were awarded Saturday afternoon in the Pot of Gold campaign being conducted by the Boone Merchants Association. Smith Brown won the \$5 award, Alma Ruth Hagaman received \$3, while Mrs. Malba claimed the \$2 prize. Those receiving \$1 each were Mrs. Earl Norris, Miss Carolyn Combs, Miss Iva Dean Norris and Miss Rose Odum.

Again next Saturday \$25 will be given away. Shoppers are asked to save their trade tickets during the week and be present when the prizes are given away Saturday.

William L. Greene Is Fatally Injured

William Lee Greene, aged resident of the Laxon community, died in the Wilkes hospital Sunday from injuries received when he was struck by an automobile on the highway near his home last Friday. The Democrat has been unable to get the funeral details.

Mr. Greene, it is said, was attempting to cross the roadway in front of a car, just at the time a car driven by Mr. Stuart Scott, was passing the other vehicle. The car next to Mr. Greene slowed down for him to pass and he stepped in front of the other vehicle, it is said. Richard E. Kelley, county coroner, said the accident would be investigated next Saturday.

Saturday Last Day Voters May Register

Saturday is the last day on which voters may register for participation in the primary of May 25. There is no new registration, general speaking, but all those who have never before voted in the county and who are eligible to vote, will have to register. Saturday, May 18, will be observed as challenge day, while the primary election is on the following Saturday. The registrars will be at the various polling places in the county all day Saturday. Reports are that very few have registered since the opening of the books.

WOMEN'S GROUP IS SPONSOR BETTER HOMES WEEK HERE

Worth While Club Joins National Movement to Secure Better Homemaking; Purpose of Movement Civic and Educational, Say the Sponsors

The Worth While Women's Club of Boone has taken the sponsorship of the Better Homes in America movement in this city, and Mrs. John Conway, president of the club, states that the movement is an educational one, attempting to bring to the attention of the community all that modern methods and invention can give homemakers of moderate means and to show individuals how they can accomplish something worth while with the resources at hand.

The emphasis is on the home and the improvements which can be made that are within the reach of families with low or modest incomes. Although the better homes program inevitably stimulates house building, home improvements, the purchase of garden tools, paints, labor-saving devices, etc., this fact is not the reason for such a campaign. The purpose of the movement is primarily civic and educational. Wage-earning families are helped to a knowledge of the least expensive and most satisfactory and practical means of making improvements in their own homes. The result is the development of pride in home and community, of good business and of sound constructive citizenship.

LOCAL FARMERS FAVORING A.A.A.

2,120 Watauga Farmers Are Co-operating in Agricultural Conservation Program

A total of 2,120 growers of Watauga county will co-operate with the 1940 agricultural conservation program. E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College, announced following receipt of signed farm plans signifying such cooperation. The Triple-A lists 2,611 farms in this county.

The "sign-up" for the 1940 program is an increase over the 1,598 farmers who earned payments under the 1939 agricultural conservation program. Floyd expressed himself as highly pleased over the participation indicated in this county. Every farmer in the county was given an opportunity to sign a farm plan, on which he listed the soil-building practices he intends to carry out. He received a copy of the farm plan which showed the type of practices in the program, and how much he could earn from each. The plan also listed the individual grower's allotments for soil-depleting crops, which he must plant within to earn payments.

Floyd said that in the state as a whole, farm plans were signed by 223,194 out of the 236,546 eligible farmers. This is an approximate 94 per cent sign-up, and is a decided contrast with the 113,598 farms on which payments were earned in 1939.

"A preliminary check of the farm plans shows that more farms will be operated under conservation methods than ever before," Floyd declared. "The approved practices, such as the application of lime and phosphate, seeding legumes and grasses, the use of cover and green manure crops, and tree planting will have their greatest use in the state this year."

HOSPITAL DAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE

Open House Will Prevail at Watauga Hospital, as Public Learns More of Services

The Watauga hospital will observe National Hospital Day Sunday, May 12, from 2 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, according to an announcement made Tuesday by Mrs. E. Irby Long, the superintendent.

"Open house" will be the rule of the day in order that the public may become better acquainted with the hospital. Everyone is being cordially invited by the management to attend the first observance of National Hospital Day in Boone.

Those unfamiliar with the workings of a modern hospital should take advantage of hospital day, May 12, as a time to visit the local hospital. For on that day—Birthday of Florence Nightingale—America's hospitals throw wide their doors and bid the whole world welcome. One will come away with the feeling that a hospital is not only a place of marvelous efficiency, but a haven of friendliness for those who are sick.

Men drivers were involved in more than 90 per cent of last year's fatal accidents in this country.

Favors Gravely



ROB RIVERS WILL ASSIST GRAVELY

Local Newspaper Publisher to Manage Rocky Mount Man's Campaign in County

Announcement is made of the appointment of Rob Rivers of Boone as manager in Watauga county for the gubernatorial campaign of L. Lee Gravely of Rocky Mount, and the local publisher states that every effort will be made to acquaint the people of the county with the issues of the campaign during the remaining weeks until the primary.

"I feel fortunate in being able at this time to assist Lee Gravely in a small way," said Mr. Rivers, "and recent indications are that his candidacy is growing rapidly. There is every prospect that he will enter the second primary, and fight through to the governorship."

"Mr. Gravely is a property owner and half-time resident of Alleghany county and his knowledge of the conditions in the mountains and the needs of the mountain people, surpasses that of any other candidate. He is a man of the plain people, a farmer, and a business man of outstanding ability. His candidacy will strongly appeal to Wataugans."

Mr. Rivers states that Mr. Gravely is soon to come to Watauga county and bring his campaign to the people here.

Gravely Backs Third-term Move

Mr. Gravely's recent statement in support of a third term for Roosevelt and the New Deal agricultural program has been the cause of much favorable comment throughout the state during the past week.

Four times a member of the state senate, Mr. Gravely led the successful fight for establishment of Western North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium; and championed bills to provide rental textbooks for school (Continued on page four)

Information Booth Established by NYA

The National Youth administration has recently completed a tourist information booth, which was sponsored by the Lions Club in Boone, and placed on the street near the postoffice through the co-operation of Mayor W. R. Lovill. An NYA youth will conduct the booth and will be prepared to give information to tourists in regard to hotels, points of interest, etc. Within the next few days plans will have been completed as to whom the assignments for the employment will be given.