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## RED CROSS ENDS ITS FLOOD RELIEF ACTIVITIES HERE

Last Saturday Was Last Day Emergency Office in Operation in Boone; a Complete Report of the Activities of Emergency Organization

Miss Miriam Hoper, case worker for the American Red Cross, reports that on October 5, the Red Cross closed its office in Boone. The following is a report of the activities of the emergency Red Cross work in Watauga county:

220 families were registered with the office. Of these everyone was contacted and the case closed in a satisfactory manner.

Five families were transferred to other counties, after determining that they did not live in Watauga.

Three families suffered no losses. At the time a call was made in the home and it was determined by the worker that the family did not actually lose anything due to the flood.

Twenty-four families stated they could recover without Red Cross assistance. After the Red Cross policies were explained to the families they felt that they did not need any assistance.

Six families can recover without Red Cross assistance. After a thorough investigation was made of the cases and all facts verified, the resources proved that the families could take care of their own needs without the help of the Red Cross and without causing them any hardship.

113 families received emergency help. When a call was made on each family it was found that their losses had been minor and that the help they had already received would take care of them. Emergency assistance included not only food and clothing but often pieces of furniture and material for small repairs to houses.

Sixty-five families received awards to meet their needs. This included all cases which were passed by the committee and an award was set up for the remainder of the family's needs.

Assistance was granted on approximately the following basis:

Families receiving new homes, 13. (In most cases this was only material with men of the family doing the labor).

Families receiving repairs on their homes, 17.

Families receiving household furnishings, 45.

Families receiving material for outbuildings, 17. (This number includes those who received only outbuildings and not those who got outbuildings along with new homes).

There were also a few families who received grants for livestock, tools and various other classifications of relief.

The total amount of money expended in Watauga county was approximately \$12,400. Of this amount around \$800 was spent on the emergency commitments; \$11,586.55 was set up on an award basis and has all been disbursed except \$653.50 which has been set up on a deferred payment plan to cover the remaining hospital bills, maintenance and occupational training.

There were 16 persons killed during the flood.

## Blood Tests Will Be Given Registration Day

A nation-wide survey is being made on registration day, October 16th, to determine the prevalence of syphilis. Blood tests will be made at the health department office in Watauga county as well as in other health offices throughout the state. Forms will be given out at each of the registration offices directing the individual as to where and when he may have his specimen taken.

It is estimated that there will be approximately 2,000 registering in Watauga county and those unable to have their specimen taken on that date can be cared for on regular clinic days or as indicated on their cards.

The health department is located in the county office building on the courthouse lot. This survey is being made in co-operation with the North Carolina state board of health and the United States public health service.

## Doughton Is Honored At Taylorsville Sat.

Last Saturday evening Congressman R. L. Doughton was honored at a clam bake by the Fergusons of Liledown, beautiful country estate near Taylorsville, with Carl Matheson acting in the capacity of toastmaster.

Hon. Wilson Warlick, resident judge of the sixteenth district, spoke on the great work done for North Carolina by the veteran congressman, while V. D. Guire of Lenoir, told of the accomplishments of Mr. Doughton for the ninth district. Mr. Doughton spoke on the program for national defense.

About 75 friends of Mr. Doughton from the district and other parts of the state attended. Wade E. Brown of Boone, attended.

## Seeks Governorship



Ogden, Utah.—Mrs. Ada Quinn of Ogden, who for years has operated a successful garment manufacturing business in Utah, and who is seeking election as an independent candidate for governor of the state.

## GREER NAMED TO ELECTIONS BOARD

Roby T Greer Takes Over Membership Held by H. G. Greer, a Candidate

R. T. Greer has been named a member of the Watauga county board of elections by W. A. Lucas, chairman of the state board, and has been sworn in as a member of the board. He was named chairman of the group at the organization meeting held Monday. Other members of the board are J. C. McConnell and R. D. Hodges.

Mr. Greer was named on the recommendation of the Watauga county Democratic executive committee to succeed H. Grady Greer, who resigned from the board on account of becoming a candidate for county commissioner in the recent Democratic convention.

## Dr. Matheson New Head Dental Group

Members of the First District Dental Society at the annual meeting held in Hickory Monday, accorded a signal honor to Dr. Wm. M. Matheson, local dentist, when they elected him to the post of president-elect for the ensuing year. Dr. Matheson succeeds Dr. W. K. Chapman of Sylva. With Dr. Chapman moving up to the presidency, the society also elected Dr. H. W. Breeland of Belmont, vice-president; Dr. Ralph Coffey of Morganton, secretary-treasurer; Dr. David Abernethy of Hickory, editor.

As a featured clinician on the program Monday, Dr. Matheson presented modern methods of treating non-vital teeth, a phase of dentistry in which he has had remarkable success.

Since joining the society several years ago, Dr. Matheson has served regularly in various responsible positions the meeting Monday marking the end of his second year as secretary-treasurer.

The First District Dental Society, embracing the section of North Carolina west of Charlotte, has enrolled more than 145 dentists and is a component of the American Dental Association and the North Carolina Dental Society.

## Dr. Waddell Added To Hospital Staff

Dr. R. L. Waddell, physician and surgeon of Rock Hill, S. C., has established his offices in the Parkway Company building and will be connected with the staff of the Watauga hospital, in the capacity of general surgeon.

Dr. Waddell, who is a native of Ashe county, and who is well known to many people in this section, received his B.A. degree in medicine from Wake Forest College in 1927, and his M.D. from the Virginia Medical College in 1929. He did his internship at the Retreat for the Sick, Richmond, and in 1934 took special courses in diseases of the ear, nose and throat at Tulane University.

In 1939, Dr. Waddell took post graduate courses in general surgery at the Cook County Graduate School of Medicine, Chicago, and recently has been on the active surgical staff of St. Phillips hospital, Rock Hill, S. C.

## Orthopaedic Surgeon To Hold Clinic Here

Dr. J. S. Gaul, orthopaedic surgeon of Charlotte, will be at the health department in Boone on Thursday, October 17th, at 1 o'clock p. m., to hold his regular clinic for crippled children, as announced by Dr. Robert R. King, district health officer.

## CANVASS MADE FOR SCOUT FUNDS

Substantial Amount Received in Friday's Solicitations; Other Gifts Needed

A total of \$94.00 was realized by the Boy Scout troop Friday afternoon, when a canvass was made of the business district in an effort to raise \$150 to finish the Scout hut, and to carry on an enlarged program of Scout activities during the winter.

There are doubtless a large number of other people who would like to contribute to this fund and they are asked to leave their contributions either at The Democrat office or at the Stallings Jewelry store, so that the Scout goal may be reached as quickly as possible.

Following is a list of those subscribing to the fund to this date: A friend 25c, C. C. Rogers \$2, Dixie Store \$1, C. H. Trotter \$1, Ralph Mast 50c, Joe Crawford 25c, L. T. Tatum \$2, Burgess Antique Shop 50c, Bob Agle 25c, A. & P. Tea Co. \$1, Bus Crowell 50c, Belk's \$2, City Barber Shop 50c, Kenneth Linney 50c, Rob Rivers \$1, King Street Grocery \$1, J. E. Holshouser \$3, Frank Payne \$1, A. E. South \$1, W. H. Walker \$1, A. W. Greene \$1, E. L. Teague \$1, S. C. Eggers \$1, W. R. Lovill, \$1, Gordon Winkler \$1, W. D. Farthing \$1, G. P. Hagaman \$1, Maisie Jones 50c, A. F. Hamrick \$1, Mrs. J. E. Rivers \$1, Oliver Karkaker \$1, Kelly G. Miles \$1, W. M. Cole \$1.50, Lavina Tyler \$1, Leonard Fury \$1, Allie Austin \$1, G. K. Moose \$2, Baptist church \$4, Methodist church \$4, Dr. Matheson \$2, Miss Carrie Smith \$1, Paul Townsend \$2, J. C. Canipe \$2, I. T. Barnett \$1, C. M. Watson \$1, M. C. Hollar \$1, S. A. Norris \$1, Mrs. Joe Cooke \$1, Bill Norris \$1, Townley Bridge \$1, Elizabeth Lord \$1, Chas. Keerans \$1, Mrs. Chas. Keerans \$1, H. R. Eggers \$1, Mrs. G. P. Eggers \$1, Bernard Dougherty \$1, Julian Yoder \$1, Starr Stacy \$1, D. J. Whitener \$2, Zed H. Burns \$1, J. H. Wolfe \$1, W. M. Grubbs \$1, Mrs. Van Hinson \$1, Edwin Dougherty \$1, R. W. Watkins \$1, Clyde Canipe \$1, J. T. C. Wright \$1, Maude Cathcart \$1, Rachel Mastin \$1, A. R. Smith \$1, Virginia Wary \$1, R. C. Busted \$1, W. Amos Abrams \$2, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin \$2, G. P. Eggers \$1, J. E. Rivers \$1, Ruth Robinson \$1, Marian Lisor \$1, Clyde Goodman \$1, E. S. Christenbury \$1.

## OVENS TO SPEAK FRIDAY EVENING

Ladies' Night to Be Observed by Chamber of Commerce; Donations Received

David Ovens of Charlotte, will deliver the principal address at the ladies' night banquet of the Chamber of Commerce which will be held at the new Gateway Cafe in the John W. Hodges building at 7:30 Friday evening, October 11. Mr. Ovens is one of the south's outstanding after-dinner speakers and a real treat is in store for everyone.

Dr. Orby Southard will present a movie of the horse show at Blowing Rock last August.

This promises to be the best meeting of the year for the commerce group. All members are urged to be present, with their wives or friends. Those desiring to attend the banquet should call S. C. Eggers or Wade E. Brown by Friday morning and make reservations.

Those contributing to the new folders this week are: Carolina Pharmacy, \$5; Qualls Furniture Store, \$5; Ernest Sims, 50c; R. F. McDade, \$1; Wotel Watauga, \$5.

## ESSAY CONTEST

The national Auxiliary, United States War Veterans, offers four prizes, ranging from \$25 to \$100 for the best essays in their essay contest. City and county high school students from 7th to 12th grades, both inclusive, are eligible to enter. For contest rules write Mrs. Love Hughes, essay contest chairman, 122 Pennsylvania Avenue, West Asheville, N. C.

## All Must Register—These Are Exempted

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR DRAFT UNLESS:

You are already in the armed forces or in the armed reserves, subject to call.

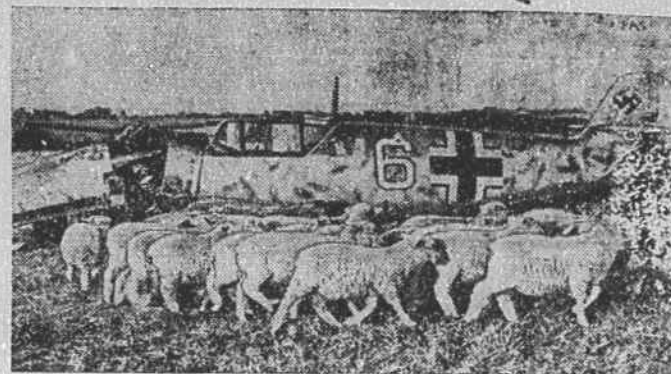
IF YOUR NUMBER IS DRAWN, YOU MUST SERVE UNLESS:

You are physically unfit.

(Physical unfitness is partially defined as having the following ailments: Color blindness; deafness; heart trouble; hernia; bad teeth; bad eyesight (must be more than merely having to wear glasses); severe hemorrhoids; lack of proper use of legs and arms; mental derangement or feeble-mindedness.)

You have persons dependent on you who will, in the opinion of the draft board, suffer hardships.

## WAR IN A PASTORAL SETTING



## REGISTER BOOKS OPEN SATURDAY

Voters Have Three Saturdays to Register For Election on November 5th

The registration books will be open at the various polling places of the county next Saturday, for the registration of voters and will remain open each Saturday until and including October 26. Saturday, November 2, will be observed as challenge day.

There is no general new registration, but all those who have become 21 years old since the last election or have moved into the county and resided a sufficient length of time to qualify them for the privilege of the franchise, must register to be eligible to vote here.

## Famous 'Tweetsie' Gains Temporary Salvation in War

Raleigh, Oct. 4.—War now raging may mean at least temporary salvation for "Tweetsie," rather famous train that operates on the only narrow gauge railroad east of the Mississippi.

The August floods damaged the line of the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina railway to the extent of about \$50,000, so the company asked the interstate commerce commission for permission to abandon the line between Cranberry and Boone.

Now it develops, conservation department officials said last week, that the 60-odd miles of lines between Johnson City, Tenn., and Boone form the only railroad outlet to a section rich in iron and other ores needed in wartime. Therefore, there is a possibility the I. C. C. will refuse to let the road be abandoned, and that tourists still may see and ride on "Tweetsie."

## District Democratic Rally at Salisbury

A rally of the Democrats of the ninth congressional district was held at Salisbury Thursday afternoon, every county in the district being represented. Reports from delegates indicated splendid progress in the political campaigns.

Representative Doughton, Hon. J. M. Broughton, Democratic candidate for the governorship, and Governor Clyde R. Hoey spoke to a crowd which packed the Rowan county courthouse. Mr. E. B. Denny, chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, presided at the meeting.

Wade E. Brown of Boone, represented Watauga county at the meeting.

## MRS. ELIZABETH PHILLIPS

Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, 77-year-old resident of Laxon, died at the home last Thursday. Services and interment were at the family cemetery. Surviving are the husband, two sons and two daughters: Nate Phillips, Vester Phillips, Mrs. Loretta Tucker and Mrs. Martha Phillips.

## RED CROSS WILL OPEN ROLL CALL

Greatest Membership Appeal Since World War Days to Be Launched in November

Washington, Oct. 9.—Confronted with growing responsibilities arising from the national defense program and increased demands for its day-to-day services of disaster relief, first aid and life saving, the American Red Cross on November 11 will launch its greatest membership appeal since World War days, it was announced here by Chairman Norman H. Davis.

The appeal for membership support to finance operations in the coming year will be carried to the nation by more than 500,000 volunteers, Chairman Davis said. It was pointed out that requests of the military and naval forces for Red Cross nurses, welfare services for enlisted men and the registration of medical technologists and volunteer blood donors were more than doubling the organization's domestic obligations.

In a statement urging the support of "every patriotic American," the Red Cross chairman expressed confidence the largest membership since the World War would be attained when the drive ends November 30. He explained the country had enthusiastically endorsed the Red Cross by raising and oversubscribing the \$20,000,000 war relief drive of last May.

"While the generous response for war-stricken peoples has enabled the Red Cross to ship tons of medicines, foodstuffs and clothing to the war zones, it becomes necessary at this time to support those services benefiting the United States," Chairman Davis said.

## Burley Grading Schools Are Set

Raleigh, Oct. 8.—Final arrangements have been completed for burley tobacco grading demonstrations in 12 western North Carolina counties, L. T. Weeks, extension tobacco specialist of N. C. State College, announced today.

The demonstrations will be conducted from October 23 through November 15 by federal grading specialists. The schedule follows: October 28—Allegheny and Ashe. October 29—Ashe and Watauga. October 30—Watauga. November 4—Avery and Mitchell. November 5—Mitchell and Yancey.

November 6—Yancey. November 7 and 8—Madison. November 11—Buncombe. November 12—Buncombe and Haywood.

November 13—Haywood. November 14—Jackson and Graham. November 15—Graham and Clay.

## LEGION MEETING

Commander Rogers requests that all ex-service men and their wives attend an important joint meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary at the Legion hut Friday evening at 7:30. Refreshments will be served.

## REGISTRATION OF MEN OF MILITARY AGE OCTOBER 16

Local Draft Board is Named and Elections Group Prepares to Register All Men in County From 21 to 35 for Possible Military Training

Vance C. Howell, J. E. Clay and T. L. Mast were named by the governor last week as Watauga's selective draft board, who will administer the conscription law in this county. Dr. Robert R. King was named examining physician and W. R. Lovill attorney. On Monday the Watauga county board of elections held their organization meeting, named R. T. Greer chairman, and set about to arrange the machinery for registering all male citizens of the county between the ages of 21 and 35, in the first peacetime mobilization of the nation's manpower in the history of the country.

Next Wednesday, October 16, is the date set aside by presidential proclamation to register the young men of the country for military service, and the military registration is to be conducted by the regular election officials throughout the land. Registrations will start at 7 a. m. and continue until 9 p. m. or longer if more men are ready to register when nine o'clock comes.

## Registers to Meet

It was voted by the elections board that the registrars from each precinct in the county are to meet with the board in Boone Friday, October 11, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of receiving instructions for registering those eligible for military service under the selective service regulations. It is urgently requested that all the registrars be present at this important meeting, which will be held in the courthouse.

All men who have reached their 21st birthday and have not passed their 36th birthday are included in the registration orders and must appear at their usual voting place or such other place as is designated on October 16th to submit to registration. All persons within this age limit, whether married or single, white or colored, native or alien, are required to register.

The registrars, draft board and others connected with the military registration are serving absolutely without pay, and men or women of the county, who could assist next Wednesday in filling out the registration forms are asked to lend their assistance as a patriotic gesture. All those who would serve in this way should get in touch with the regular election registrar in his or her precinct.

Registrations will be conducted at the usual voting places with the following exceptions:

In Cove Creek township, Mabel school auditorium will be used.

In Beaver Dam, registration will take place at Bethel school.

Students who attend Appalachian College but who reside outside Watauga county, will register at the college, while local collegians will register at their voting places.

It is estimated that between 2,000 and 2,500 citizens of the county will be affected by the draft legislation.

## Other Draft Rules

Roby T. Greer, chairman of the board of elections, has received these clarifying statements regarding the selective service draft:

1. Any person above the age of 21, whether male or female, whether resident of the precinct or not, may be assigned as a registrar to any precinct.

2. If conscientious objectors insist on having recorded on their registration cards the fact that they are conscientious objectors, such entry may be made immediately following the registrant's affirmation and above his signature, and it will not invalidate the card.

Radio Broadcasts  
The following radio broadcasts will be made on subjects pertaining to registration and the selective draft:

Thursday, October 10-10:15 p. m., Columbia System.

Friday, October 11, at 10:15 p. m. Mutual Network.

Sunday, October 13, 2:30 p. m., National Broadcasting System.

These programs will be of interest not only to registrants and registration officials but also to the general public. They will be by on eastern standard time.

## Work On New Church To Start Next Week

Work on the new Presbyterian church here will start next week, according to Rev. John I. Rhea, the pastor, who states that Contractor Ed Jenkins will supervise the work. The concrete foundation has been poured for some time, and it is planned to have the building enclosed within a short time.