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COUNTY AGENTS RELEASE REPORT ON YEAR'S WORK

Annual Report Tells Remarkable Story of Development of the Beef Cattle Industry and Growth of Other Advanced Agricultural Features in Watauga During 1940

A comprehensive report on work accomplished by County Agent Harry M. Hamilton, Jr., and his assistant, George G. Farthing, during the year 1940 has been forwarded to the agricultural extension service, North Carolina State College.

The report contains information concerning agricultural trends in Watauga county and the co-operation of local farmers with soil conservation, demonstration enterprises and the development of the beef cattle industry, and the growth of other advanced agricultural features.

Following is a brief summary of activities and accomplishments for the past year:

Four hundred and sixty farmers co-operated with the AAA program for the first time.

One hundred and sixteen demonstration farmers turned in farm record books for the year 1939.

Sixty-six more farmers were added as demonstration farmers, which brings the total for the county to 290; 245 were active during 1940.

The Watauga County 4-H Club members won six of the seven first prizes that were offered in the baby beef department of the Western Carolina fair.

James Dugger's baby beef won the grand championship over all the other beeves at the Western Carolina fair.

Earl Edmisten of the Cove Creek 4-H Club, won the showmanship contest in the baby beef division at the Western Carolina fair and state fair.

The Watauga 4-H boys won three of the seven first prizes offered on baby beeves at the North Carolina State fair.

Councill Henson of the Cove Creek 4-H Club, won the silver loving cup for doing the best feeding job among the baby beef club members.

One hundred and seventy-one farmers shipped 1,509 lambs through the Watauga lamb pool.

Three hundred sheepmen sold 26,425 pounds of wool at 40½ cents per pound through the wool pool.

The Shipley farm at Vilas showed the reserve champion Hereford bull at the North Carolina State fair.

Wilson Norris of Boone, exhibited the grand champion Hampshire ram at the state fair.

James Dugger's grand champion baby beef weighed 820 pounds and sold at auction for 35 cents per pound to the A. & P. Tea Company.

The Shipley farm exhibited the grand champion Hampshire ewe at (Continued on page four)

Games Carnival To Be Sponsored Here

The Parent-Teacher Association and Music and Art Club will sponsor a games carnival at the Boone high school on Tuesday, February 11th, at 7:30. There will be games of interest to all, including Chinese checkers, also the old-fashioned red and black variety, anagrams, old maid, bingo, rook, ping-pong and possibly others. The games will progress in relays, and at a given signal, partners and games will be changed.

Refreshments will be served during the evening. An admission charge of 35 cents will be charged, and the proceeds will be given to the music department of the school. An invitation is extended to all friends and boosters of the school to spend a social evening together.

Young Wataugan Highly Pleased With Army Life

Claude Woodrow Bentley of Valle Crucis, who went to Fort Jackson with the first quota from Watauga county under the selective service act, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bentley. Young Bentley is highly pleased with army life and is now head cook with a monthly salary of \$54.00. He says that camp life is very enjoyable, comfortable facilities have been provided and there is an abundance of good food. He says military training is most beneficial and plans to enter the army for a three-year period when his present one-year enlistment is completed.

G. O. P. Speaker



HON. CHAS. A. JONAS

JONAS TO SPEAK HERE MONDAY

Republican National Committeeman Will Address Lincoln Day Event at Gateway Cafe

Hon. Charles A. Jonas of Lincoln, Republican national committeeman from North Carolina, will make the principal address at the Lincoln Day dinner given by local Republicans at the Gateway Cafe in Boone on February 10, at 7 p. m.

Mr. Jonas was recently mentioned by Joseph W. Martin, the present chairman of the Republican national executive committee, as one of the number from whom his successor is likely to be named.

Mr. Jonas has served his county in the legislature, has served his district one term in congress, has been district attorney for the Western district of North Carolina, and has for a number of years been Republican national committeeman from this state, and is understood to have a considerable following among leaders for the position of national chairman.

The dinner is under the auspices of the Young Republicans of Watauga county, at which time a more thorough organization of the young Republicans is expected to be made.

Russell D. Hodges, who has long been affiliated with the Young Republican movement in this state, will act as toastmaster and Mr. Jonas will be introduced by T. E. Bingham, county chairman of the Republican executive committee.

Dr. A. P. Kephart and other Republican leaders of the county are expected to be recognized and have something to say at that time.

Chamber of Commerce Will Meet Thursday

A dinner meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday evening, February 6, 7:30, at the Gateway Cafe, President H. W. Wilcox announced yesterday.

The publicity folder, recently issued by the commerce body, has been received and members will have an opportunity to view it before it goes into the hands of the public. A moving picture of the state of Florida in colors with sound effect, will be shown, and important business matters will come up for consideration. A full attendance of the membership is desired.

Mr. Wilcox asks those expecting to attend to notify Wade E. Brown or S. C. Eggers so that reservations may be made.

N. C. To Celebrate Thanksgiving Nov. 20

North Carolina will celebrate Thanksgiving this year on November 20—the Third Thursday in November—Governor Broughton announced Monday.

Thus, the state for the first time will follow the precedent set by President Roosevelt in advancing the Thanksgiving date by one week. Former Governor Hoey twice declined to follow the President and North Carolina observed "old Thanksgiving" in 1939 and 1940.

World War Veterans Are Asked to Register

Charles C. Rogers, commander of the local Legion post, requests that all ex-service men meet at the Legion hut Friday, February 14th, for the purpose of registering all World War veterans so that they may be contacted in case of emergency. This is not compulsory, but strict compliance would be appreciated by Legion officials.

BACK SPURLING FOR JUDGESHIP

Boosted As Candidate if Proposed Judicial District Is Created

Lenoir, Feb. 4.—Caldwell county friends of Solicitor L. S. Spurling of Lenoir are booming his candidacy for resident judge of this judicial district under the proposed revision, which is now being considered by the general assembly to give Mecklenburg its own judicial district.

While considerable speculation exists over the lines of the two districts involved in the proposed changes, the majority opinion inclines toward the view that Mecklenburg will become a new and separate district if the bill is passed at all. Gaston would be placed in a district with Catawba, Alexander and Lincoln counties, with Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton as resident judge and John Carpenter of Gastonia as solicitor.

The third district would consist of Cleveland, Caldwell, Burke and Watauga. While incumbent officials would fill the positions in one district, the Mecklenburg district would have to name a new solicitor, while the local district would have to name a resident judge. Mr. Spurling is the incumbent solicitor.

In this district, Mr. Spurling could retain his present post or become a candidate for judge.

While Mr. Spurling has made no statement of his plans pending a final settlement of district lines, his friends place him at the top of prospective candidates in Caldwell, Cleveland, Burke and Watauga counties.

A long resident of Caldwell county and a native of Cleveland, the local man would generate powerful support in both counties plus the advantage accruing from friendships built up through 14 years of service as district solicitor in Burke and Watauga counties.

Special Judge Sam Ervin, Jr., of Morganton, is also regarded as a possible candidate for judge but in view of the fact that his appointment for another term is regarded as almost certain, district leaders regard Mr. Spurling as the most likely candidate.

At the present time, Caldwell county has the district solicitorship, Watauga the district probator officer in A. Y. Howell, a former sheriff, and Burke county a special judge in Judge Ervin.

Forensic Tourney Open Here Today

With an approximate enrollment of 100 delegates from 12 colleges in the Carolinas, Virginia and Tennessee, Appalachian State will open its sixth annual forensic tournament and confer on current affairs here tonight.

Student Chairman Frank Hendricks and Directors J. D. Rankin and D. J. Whitener have announced activities through Saturday noon, including debating, extemporaneous, impromptu and after-dinner speaking, special program by the International Relations Club, and a direct clash debate feature. Saturday will also feature the men's and women's oratorical contest.

Schools sending delegates include Appalachian, Mitchell, Elon, Wingate, East Tennessee, Lenoir-Rhyne, Mars Hill, Winthrop, Lees-McRae, and others may count as late entries to the event.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1940

By DR. R. R. KING,
(District Health Officer)

In looking over the statistics of the public health department of Watauga county for the calendar year 1940, one of the first things that strikes us is the small number of communicable diseases which have come under our supervision. While it is true that the small number is partially due to a failure to report to the health department, due either to ignorance or indifference, we still feel that the number has been relatively small as compared with other years, and this, in spite of factors which might well have increased such diseases very considerably. Only 38 admissions are recorded for the 12 months concerned with this report, of the more serious diseases. There have been only two cases of diphtheria, seven cases of scarlet fever, and 13 cases of whooping cough reported, and investigative visits to 47 homes, some of which proved to be of non-infecti-

THEY FIGHT FOR FRANCE



Somewhere in Africa.—Spahis, the famous desert-bred cavalry of France—proud and fearless men to whom freedom is the breath of life. After the French collapse, they rode from Syria and joined the forces of Free France under General deGaulle. Swooping like eagles, these Spahis spur their Arab horses over desert dunes.

NYA ACTIVITIES IN WATAUGA COUNTY

Two New Work Projects To Begin February 10; 580 Youths Now Employed in County

Two new NYA projects for boys—agriculture and repairs to buildings—have been approved and will be in operation February 10, according to Mrs. Clara P. Simpson, Watauga county NYA supervisor. Both projects are sponsored by Appalachian College and will employ a total of 90 youths. The agriculture project will offer work experience in helping operate the college farm. The youths will gain experience in scientific farming in every phase of farm work—gardening, dairying, soil analysis, different types of insect sprays, etc. The county agents will use the farm for demonstrations which will be of value to the youths educationally. Mr. Crater Marsn has been appointed supervisor of the agriculture project.

Mr. W. H. Scott has been named supervisor of repairs to buildings project which will give the youths work experience in painting, carpentry rock masonry, etc.

Twelve NYA work units are in operation in Watauga, Mrs. Simpson said. Five hundred and eighty youths are employed at the present time. Local sponsors have paid supervisors and assistant supervisors for six units in order to speed the production and help supervise the additional assigned youths. One hundred and eighty youths between the ages of 16 and 25 years, have been placed in private employment during the past three months, resulting from the work experience received on NYA projects.

The average sponsorship for the NYA projects in Watauga is approximately \$12,000 per month. The finished articles which are turned back to the sponsors are valued at about \$36,000. The NYA payroll is approximately \$7,000. By deducting the payroll and the \$12,000 provided by the sponsors, from the \$36,000 worth of articles produced by the youths, it is seen that the county has a profit of \$17,000, plus the valuable experience the youths are receiving.

There are 312 youths on the waiting assignment list. An average of eight or ten new applications are received daily by the NYA county office.

MARVIN MILLER FATALLY CRUSHED

Meat Camp Youth Dies From Injuries Sustained Monday; Funeral Wednesday

Marvin Miller, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller of Meat Camp township, died Monday in a Statesville hospital from injuries sustained a few hours earlier when the wheels of a truck passed over his body near Bailey's Camp, Caldwell county.

According to information received here, young Miller was helping to pull the truck, which had left the highway, back on to the hard surface, when his pants leg caught a spoke in the body of the truck, the vehicle passing over his lower body, breaking one leg and crushing his hips.

Funeral services for Mr. Miller were conducted at Howards Creek Baptist church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and burial was in the neighborhood cemetery.

Besides the parents, deceased is survived by three brothers and three sisters: Margaret Nellie, Jean and Pauline Miller; Lloyd, Ernest and Preston Miller, all of Boone Route 2.

Many Applications Being Received For Jr. Order Membership

The local council of the Junior Order received two applications for reinstatement and nine for membership at its meeting Monday night. There is said to be a great deal of interest in the fraternity and under the leadership of Clyde R. Greene, councilor, it is predicted that the local council will again be among the largest in this section.

It is planned to invite the degree team from North Wilkesboro to initiate the candidates now being enrolled. Juniors who fail to attend the meetings on the first and third Monday nights in each month are really missing a lot, commented a member of the organization.

Mail Receptacles Must Be Provided

Persons wishing to avail themselves of the extension of the city delivery service to be established here March 1st, must provide receptacles for their mail, states W. G. Hartzog, Boone postmaster. A slot in the door will serve the purpose. Business establishments need not provide receptacles if open at the time the carrier makes his rounds. These containers must be installed not later than February 14th.

Other information may be had by calling at the postoffice.

Two deliveries will be made daily, and parcel post packages will be delivered to all patrons residing on streets to be served by the city delivery system. Additional letter collection boxes will be provided. A map showing the streets to be served by the city carrier is posted in the postoffice lobby.

FOUR LIBYAN STRONGHOLDS NOW FLY BRITISH FLAG

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 5.—The mechanized forces of Britain's imperial army have entered Cirene, ancient city of Western Libya, adding the fourth Italian stronghold to their conquest of the North African colony and placing the Union Jack within 130 miles of Bengasi, their next big objective.

BOONE OPENS PUBLIC FORUM TUESDAY NIGHT

'Democracy Can Survive Present Crisis' Was Subject Discussed By Dr. Ralph W. McDonald; Initial Meeting of Group is Attended by 120 Local Citizens

By GENE WIKE

Boone's Public Forum, established Tuesday night as the 32nd in North Carolina, opened with a delegation of 120 local citizens who gathered to argue whether "Democracy Can Survive the Present Crisis." Those who believe it can were in the majority.

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of the University of North Carolina, who had appeared earlier in the evening as guest speaker at the Lions Club dinner at the Daniel Boone hotel, opened the forum at the Appalachian high school library with a few introductory remarks about the general atmosphere of a public forum and expressed his side of the question.

"In the first place," said Dr. McDonald, "we must concede the fact that our democracy is definitely involved. Secondly, there has never been a conqueror such as the dictators of Europe stopped by their own volition, and furthermore, there has never been a conqueror who has permitted the people to decide their own destiny."

"Consequently," continued Dr. McDonald, "Hitler must be stopped. If England is defeated America can't turn back Hitler. He would get the resources of England, her navy and her munition plants. Then Germany could outmanufacture us three to one. I believe we are in definite danger of Hitlerism, probably through the South American countries."

Speaking on the survival of democracy in the United States, Dr. McDonald sees a danger in its disuse. If the present pressure on democracy is continued ten or twenty years, it would be weakened considerably. Today individuals do not express themselves as freely as they did two or three years ago. There is a danger of losing tolerance.

Dr. Wiley Smith of the Appalachian faculty, appeared as the second speaker, and contradicted Dr. McDonald's argument by taking a critical stand on the lend-lease bill before congress. This bill, Dr. Smith believes, will give the President unheard of powers and further involve our democracy. "Unless Churchill is willing to express his war aims, and he hasn't thus far, how are we to know who we're fighting for or against?" said Dr. Smith.

Dr. McDonald came back in defense of the bill with the argument that though the lend-lease bill be deficient in many ways, it is better to have some plan and someone to administer the plan. A negotiated peace, Mr. McDonald believes, would merely postpone war, therefore, we should take action in some form or other.

With this discussion the assembly heard arguments from a number of citizens. Dr. A. P. Kephart argued the defects of our democracy as it now stands, unable to correct some of the blunders of debt, politics and labor problems. Mr. C. F. McCollum sees a method of correction of defects through public forums, newspapers and the theatre. Dr. D. J. Whitener believes in the public school system of the nation as a big factor in holding our democracy together.

Other arguments along similar lines included comment from Dr. J. Harold Wolfe, Dr. R. R. King, S. C. Eggers, Professor Julian Yoder, R. E. Kelley, R. F. McDade, Prof. Frank Hamrick, Dr. W. M. Matheson and Dr. Orby Southard.

TEMPERATURE SUMMARY FOR MONTH OF JANUARY

Professor Julian Yoder of Appalachian College, has compiled the following comparative temperature records for the months of January, 1940 and 1941:

	1940	1941
Highest	70	63
Lowest	-2	x3
Average	22.8	37.7

January average for ten year period, 37 degrees.

January, 1940, had 14 days with the maximum 32 degrees or below; 1941 had one day remaining below 32 degrees.

The average rainfall for the two months was 4.59 inches. Last January it was 3.54, this year 1.49.

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