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\$1.50 A YEAR

NAVY RECRUITER TO BE IN BOONE **3 DAYS MONTHLY**

Unlimited Number of Naval Recruits Will Be Accepted at

office building in Boone, hereafter on the third Monday of each month for a period of three days, commencing with Monday, May 19, to Wednesday, May 21, for the purpose of interviewing prospects and receiv-Wednesday, May 21, for the purpose of interviewing prospects and receiv-ing applications for enlistment in the U. S. navy, enrollment in the enlist-ed force of the naval reserves, and enrollment of naval aviation cadets for flight training. There are vacan-cies in all branches of the naval service, and an unlimited number of applications will be accepted.

For collistment in the regular navy

the age limit is 17 to 30, inclusive. For enrollment in the naval reserve the age limit is 17 to 51, inclusive. Those men who enroll in the naval reserves are enrolled for a period of four years, or for the duration of the present emergency. They may se-lect the particular branch of naval service they desire, such as aviation, engineering, radio, etc., and after a short period of recruit training at the naval training station at Nor-folk, Va., provided they are found qualified for instruction in the branch of service they have selected, will be transferred to a navy trade school for an intensive course of instruction before being detailed to duty in their selected branch.

For enrollment as a naval avia-

tion cadet, the age limits are 20 to 27. The educational requirements are not less than one-half of a regular four-year college course, except in the case of those who have had prior training in aviation or engineering, in which case a minimum of one year at college is acceptable. Due to the present expansion of the navy, opportunities for promotion and advancement are greater than ever before. In the past it was ne-cessary to wait until a vacancy occurred, and usually several men competed for one promotion. At the present time, an unlimited number of vacancies exist, and a man may be advanced to the next highest grade as soon as he becomes eligi-ble to qualify for advancement.

ROAD SUPERVISOR NAMED IN COUNTY

Frank W. McCracken to Take Over Watauga Duties of Messrs, King and Justice

Frank W. McCracken, foreman for the state highway and public works commission for the past 16 years. and one of the most competent road men in the organization, has been named supervisory foreman of roads and England" and prevent "the in Watauga county, according to James H. Councill, resident state empire." highway engineer.

Mr. McCracken takes over the work heretofore performed by Ford King and Pete Justice, maintenance supervisors, who by reason of increased demands on their time in and attention demanded. They will, however, assist Mr. McCracken during the period in which he is becom-McCracken will give his entire time to supervision of the road work in

Lee Adams Dies at Charlotte Sunday

Lee Adams, aged 54, former resident of Watauga county, died at his from a sudden illness.

Monday afternoon from the Methodist church at Stony Point and interment was there.

Surviving are the widow, seven sons and one daughter: Ralph, Ernest, Earl, Boyd, Robert, Lamar and Lewis Adams and Miss Vergreen Adams.

Deceased, who was a son of the late Arthur S. Adams, was born and reared in this county where he was well and favorably known. He had resided in Charlotte for the past 20 years where he was a prosperous roofing contractor.

with relatives and friends.

College Expects Large Delegation From Ga. and Fla.

Appalechian State summer school will embrace the largest enrollment in its history from Florida and cruits Will Be Accepted at Georgia, according to inquiries This Time; Opportunities for compiled in the office of the regis-

Advancement in Navy Are trar this week.

Now Good

A representative of the ILS navy A representative of the U. S. navy states has even exceeded inquiries recruiting service will be at the post- from North and South Carolina,

despite the fact that most of the, teachers from this state are already certified. In fact, more inquiries have been received already than were recorded at this time last summer.

Meanwhile the visiting faculty for the summer sessions has been com-pleted, with Dr. Roma Gans, noted educational leader from Columbia University, heading a list of distin-guished members from various colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Late War Bulletins

CHURCHILL TO QUIZ HESS

London, May 14-Rudolf Hess shortly will be faced by Prime Minister Winston Churchill himself in a private interview affording him the chance to tell the story of his aerial runaway from Germany and of representatives, addressing the to give up vital secrets that might 125 graduating seniors and 1.500 paconceivably affect the future course of the war, it was disclosed today,

Whether Hitler's long-time friend and turneoat deputy will describe the real inside story of Germany to the veteran journalist. Churchill, "This world," he said, "is not inwas a matter of high speculation.

R.A.F. FIRES GERMAN CITIES London, May 13.—Whole blocks of buildings in the German industrial ities of Mannheim and Ludwigsh afen were fired by British bombers Monday night, the air ministry re-ported today, while on the home front German attacks were termed negligible.

Cologne and Koblenz in Germany and docks of the German-occupied ports of Dunquerque, France, and Ostend, Belgium, also were bombed, the ministry said. In Cologne, the British said their bombs fired rail-road sheds and other buildings.

GERMAN PUBLIC HEARS OF

Berlin, May 13 .- Adolf Hitler to day took over direct leadership of the Nazi party, abandoned by Ru-dolf Hess when he fled by plane to Britain, and summoned party leaders into secret conference at which he may have explained the alleged "insane illusions" of Germany's No. leader

Nazi party headquarters issued a statement saying that Hess in his upset mental state suffered from a belief that he could bring about an "understanding between Germany

GERMANS EXTEND WAR

Berlin, May 13.—Germany formally warned tonight that war operations by German fleet units can be Ashe and Caldwell counties, could expected in the Red Sea (recently not give Watauga county the time opened to U. S. ships) and said evopened to U. S. ships) and said every ship operating there is risking

> The United States was not mentioned in the announcement, but it was recalled here that President Roosevelt recently opened the Red Sea to American shipping.

Cemetery To Be In Charge of Mr. Greene

The city cemetery this year is to be in charge of Mr. R. M. Greene, home in Charlotte Sunday morning who is anxious that the premises be made as attractive as possible. A Funeral services were conducted number of those having relatives interred there have already subscribed to the cemetery fund, and those who haven't taken care of their part of the upkeep on the prop-

should see Mr. Greene at once Much damage at the cemetery was done in the flood of last summer, and those unable to subscribe moncontribute a few hours' labor. Those wanting to work should also see Mr.

and Mrs. John Wellborn are leaving miles to the vicinity of Rominger Mr. R. F. McDade spent Sunday in Mountain City, Tenn., visiting this week for Amorilla, Texas, where they will remain with relatives and friends until the latter part of the month.

Pioneer Succumbs



'Uncle" Phillip Greer, 97 years old, who died from a sudden illness at his Zionville home last Fri-

MULL SPEAKS AT COLLEGE FINALS

125 Graduates Receive Degrees At Closing Exercises Here Friday Morning

Appalachian State College's 42nd commencement came to a close Friday afternoon with Odus M. Mull of of representatives, addressing the

Mr. Mull praised the work of Dr.

quiring what we are, but what 7c grandchildren, 33 greatgrandchildren do. Consequently we need dren and one great-greatgrandchild. practical experience and proper at-

"I can see two distinct benefits from the war at hand. First, it has taught us to step in harmony and with unity of American citizenship. Second, American industry has been brought up to an increased efficien-

These are worth every cent that is being spent in our defense pro-

The speaker closed his address with praise for North Caroina as the "wonder state" where "more has been done with less in the shortest time. We have gone far," he con-cluded, "but our No. 1 obligation is Mr. Greer had been a member of Mr. Greer had been a member of education in this state.'

Other features of the program included special numbers by the Appalachian symphony orchestra and cappella choir, a religious service by the Revs. James B. McLarty and J. C. Canipe, and the presentation of degrees by Dr. Dougherty, Dean J. D. Rankin and Herman R. Eggers,

W. M. U. to Meet at Stony Fork May 23

OPERATIONS TO RED SEA Friday, May 23. It will begin at 10 er the memorial sermon. o'clock.

> in order that some members of the organization might attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist convention in Birmingham, Ala.

> Some of the state W. M. U. officials are expected to attend the meeting, and give some interesting discussions on the work of the union. Lunch will be served by ladies of the church.

members of the organization to at-

SUCCUMBS FRIDAY; FUNERAL SUNDAY

Pioneer Citizen of Zionville Section Succumbs Suddenly; Had Been in Usual Health Till Near End; Many Attend Rites

Phillip Greer, aged 97 years, one of Watauga county's oldest citizens and pioneer resident of the Zionville neighborhood, died suddenly at the home last Friday. Mr. Greer, who had been confined to his bed for the past three years, due to a paralyzed condition of his lower limbs, was in his usual health a few moments prior to the fatal attack.

Funeral services for the aged and well-known gentleman were con-ducted from the Zionville Baptist church Sunday at 2 o'clock by Rev church Sunday at 2 o clock by hev.
R. C. Eggers, who was assisted in the
rites by Rev. Carl Triplett, the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe of the Boone
Baptist church, and Rev. James B.
McLarty, Boone Methodist pastor.
The pull bearers were the six sons

The pall bearers were the six sons of the deceased, while the large floral offering was borne by the grandchildren.

The church auditorium was filled with friends of the deceased long before the time set for the services, standing room was all taken and large numbers remained in the churchyard until the rites were con-cluded. Many people from different sections of the state and from other states came to the funeral. Interment was in the churchyard

cemetery Surviving are eight sons and daughters. Dr. F. M. Greer, Mabel; Mrs. J. F. Roten, Denver, Colo., A. J. Greer, Washington, D. C.; W. C. Greer, Boone; I. G. Greer, Thomasville; Mrs. Charles A. Greer, Zionville, T. M. Greer, Boone, and H. Greer, Marganton, There are 24. "This world," he said, "is not in- F, Greer, Morganton. There are 24 The average age of the sons and daughters is a little more than 60

> n the second genration, and but serious illness. Mr. Greer was born near Todd, N. C., on November 20, 1943. In his roung manhood he moved to Dorton,

Ky., where he was married on No-vember 16, 1864, to Mary Greer. After 67 years of companionship, Mrs. Greer passed to her reward in October, 1931, Mr. and Mrs. Greer moved to

established their permanent home. Mr. Greer had been a member of the Zionville church since he settled in this county, and for over 50 years was a deacon and leader in the re

ligious life of his community. His death marks the passing of a kind and generous neighbor and a great Christian citizen

Memorial Service To Be Held May 25

The annual memorial service for Stony Fork Baptist church on a. m. Rev. G. A. Hamby will deliv-

The general public is cordially in-This meeting was scheduled for vited to attend the service and a May 20, and the date was changed special invitation is extended to veterans of all the wars

home from Mountain City, where he attended the funeral of a brother, George Hopkins, which was held at the Baptist church there, Rev. Eugene Brown being in charge. Burial Mrs. D. P. Coffey, superintendent was in Elizabethton, Tenn. Attendof the union, earnestly requests the ing from Boone were John W. Hodges, Russell D. Hodges, John W Hodges, Jr., and Mrs. Hodges.

Raging Woodland Fire Sweeps Wide Region and Destroys Six Houses

tute circumstances.

The fire started on the farm of was killed. Ed Chappell at Beech fields, near the Avery county line, it is learned,

The most disastrous forest fire of | barns were burned, none of which the year swept through the Beech were being used except as storage Mountain section last Thursday, de-places for feeds, fertilizers, etc. One milk cow was burned to death and stroying at least six houses, all the others injured. The timber in the fences and timber in its path, and path of the flames is said to have been a total loss, many of the maey to restore the property, might devastated section in almost desti- ture trees having been burned completely, while the young timber

Included in the 1,000 acres of land burned over was the property of the Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hahn, and Mr. and extended a distance of over four following citizens: Mr. Bunch, Banmiles to the vicinity of Rominger postoffice, destroying everything in its path, including at least 1,000 panels of fence and virtually denudling the countryside. Six houses and heirs and Dewey Rominger.

PHILLIP GREER, 97, Merchants Make Ready For Angual Dollar Day Event

Home Legion



This is Mrs. Margaret James of New York, president of the newly formed "Home Legion"—an organization of mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts of men in army camps. The group plans to weld itself into a "second line of defense—to work first, last, always and solely for their men folk."

TOWN COUNCIL IN FIRST MEETING

G. K. Moose Named Clerk: D. L. Wilcox, Treasurer, in First **Board Meeting**

The newly elected city officials. omposed of W. H. Gragg, mayor; G. K. Moose, D. L. Wilcox and Kenneth Linney, aldermen, met for the first time Friday evening, and were years, their combined age is 468 years, there has never been a death administered the oaths of their office by W. R. Lovill, retiring mayor.

G. K. Moose was elected town clerk, and D. L. Wilcox, treasurer, at the short organization meeting, and no other business of conse-quence was taken up. It was stated that no changes in the personnel of the different municipal departments has been contemplated.

It was decided that the board would hold regular meetings Friday evenings of each week for the time being, but Clerk Moose stated that later on it was believed, meetings each two weeks would be sufficient.

Lexington Firm is Buying Milk in Co.

The Coble Dairy Products Company of Lexington, is now buying about a ton of sweet milk per day from the farmers of Watauga county and is operating a truck on a main route through Cove Creek to Zion-

short time it is expected that all farmers having surplus milk may be able to dispose of it conveniently. County Agent Harry Hamilton says that 80 farmers are now selling milk regularly to the Lexington firm, and states that farmers in territories not now served by the truck should Mr. Thos. W. Hopkins of Lenoir, make a brief survey of their terri-was in town Thursday en route tory, finding cut approximately how make a brief survey of their terrimuch milk could be secured and give the information to him so that suitable routes may be established. Mr. Hamilton says the price ceived from milk here is better than heretofore and that farmers are getting 13 to 19 cents per gallon. milk received here is taken to Lansing where it is placed in refrigerator trucks for transfer to Lexington. The entire amount bought here is used in the manufacture of ice cream, it is stated

Parkway Pilgrimage

The second annual Blue Ridge Parkway pilgrimage, covering a 555nile route, is to start at Marion, N. C. today (Wednesday.)

The two-day trip will take the party into the high altitudes and cenic points in Western North Carolina, Western Virginia and Northeastern Tennessee on the route to Marion, Va., and return. About 150 people have signified their intention

BIG VALUE PARADE STARTS FRIDAY

Merchants Association Arranges For Spring Merchandising Event, as Shop Keepers Mark Down Prices for Benefit of Visiting Shoppers

The merchants of Boone, that is, the members of the Boone Merchants Association, are busily engaged this week in getting their stores and shops in shape for the opening of Boone's big Dollar Day event, which starts Friday morning, May 16, and ends with closing time Saturday

The spring merchandising event is arranged in line with the policy of the merchants association to set aside a period each May, in which to better acquaint the people of Northwestern Carolina and East Northwestern Carolina and East Tennessee, with the superior shop-ping advantages to be enjoyed in Boone, and to mark down prices to the point of sacrifice in many in-stances, to better advertise the stores of the city. This year, it is said of the city. This year, it is said, the values are better, the merchandise newer and the sales forces more adequate than ever before, and the Merchants Association officials state that unprecedented crowds are ex-

pected to gather for the week-end. The local newspaper today is a comprehensive directory of the business life of the community, and de-tailed advertisements tell of Dollar Day savings in every avenue of trade. Hundreds of extra copies are being mailed to outlying territories in order that the maximum response

may be secured.

Merchants Association officials explain that the Dollar Day values prevail only at member stores, and extend to all the people a cordial in-vitation to visit with the following

when in town; Appalachian Theatre, Bare's Fair Store, I. T. Barnett Grocery Store, Belk-White Company Boone Tire & Bargain Store, Boone Drug Company, Boone Steam Laundry, ess Antique Shop, Boone Milling Company, Carolina Pharmacy, King Street Grocery, W. W. Mac 5 and 10 Cent Store, Moretz Bros, Electric Co., Northwestern Bank, New River Light & Power Co., Parkway Company, Prevette's Men's Shop, Crest 5 and 10 Cent Store, City Meat Market, Daniel Boone Shoe Shop, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co. Harrison Chevrolet Co. Hi-Land Furniture Co. Hollar's Grocery, The Elite Shop, Qualls Furniture Store, Rems-Sturdivant, Stallings Jeweiry Store, Watauga Building & Loan Associas tion, Western Auto Associate Store, Watauga Hotel and Tot Shoppe.

CIVIC CLUBS TO HONOR DRAFTEES

Leaders in Different Civic Organizations of City to See Drafted Men Off

M. I. Clark, secretary of a newly organized group of leaders from the different civic clubs of the community, states that the drafted men who are to leave this (Thursday) norning, are to be given a rousing send-off by the local club members.
All members of the clubs, so far

s possible, are urged to gather at the courthouse by 8:15 a.m. Thursday, when the men are required to report for the trip to Fort Bragg. Short talks will be made, pictures will be taken of the group and the nterest of the local people in the welfare of the nation's defenders will be manifested.

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Will Boone Route 1; Charles Potter,
Boone Route 2; Edgar William Eggers, Sugar Grove R. F. D. 1.

The others are: Robert Olen Osborne, Boone; Raymond Prescott Miller, Zionville R. F. D.; Ernest David Brown, Boone Route 2; Stuart L. Greene, Laxon; Ronda Bennett Story, Blowing Rock Route 1; Jasper Hall Triplett, Blowing Rock

Mrs. H. Neal Blair was called to Greenwood, S. C., Sunday on count of the illness of a brother, Claude Sligh. She will be away for two weeks.