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## Receives Award



Russell D. Hodges, president of the Boone Merchants Association, left, tendering the check of \$87.50 to Granville Triplett, as a gift from the retail organization, following Triplett's participation in the Appreciation Day exercises at city hall last Wednesday.

## APPRECIATION DAY AWARD 'S MADE

Granville Triplett Given \$87.50 By Merchants; Others Absent

Granville Triplett was on the spot last Wednesday for the Appreciation Day program, and received \$87.50, the award being made by the Boone Merchants Association for his taking part in the program of fun down at the city hall.

Howard Cottrell would have shared in the gifts had he been there and in his absence Mrs. Lizzie Harkeford was given a percolator.

Others whose names were called and who failed to appear, together with the amounts they would have been given are: Lee A. Watson, \$7.50, Clint Winebarger, \$8.75, Sallie Triplett, \$17.50, and J. D. Broyhill, \$17.50.

The merchants taking part in the novel promotion, and whose names are listed in the weekly Merchants Association advertisement in this newspaper, insist on their customers sharing the fun and also the gifts at city hall each Wednesday. The hour is now 4 o'clock.

## MERCHANTS TO FETE EMPLOYEES

Annual Employer-Employee Banquet to Be Observed With Fish Fry October 23

Members of the Boone Merchants Association will entertain their wives and employees at a fish fry at the state fish hatchery Thursday evening, October 23, in the annual employer-employee meeting.

Plans are for the stores of the members to close at 3:30 Thursday evening, after which the employers, their wives or sweethearts, as the case may be, and their employees will gather at the Farmers Hardware & Supply Company. From there they will go in a group to the fish hatchery when entertainment games and good fun will take up the time till the dinner hour. Softball, horseshoes and other forms of entertainment will be provided and Merchants Association officials hope there may be a full attendance on this occasion.

## Report Submitted of Red Cross Home Service Activities During September

Rev. John I. Rhea, chairman of the Red Cross home service committee in this county, in submitting his report, states that during the month of September there were nine cases completed; two were carried over into October, and that eight new cases were opened. Three cases were carried into September from the month of August.

The major work of the home service division of the Red Cross, says Mr. Rhea, has to do with dependency reports.

"If you need your boy at home who is in the army," states Mr. Rhea, "because of death or a breakdown of the bread-winner, you need not go to a great deal of trouble and

## College Dairy Animals Winners At State Fair

Holsteins from the Appalachian College dairy took away high honors at the State Fair, according to word reaching The Democrat Wednesday morning from Mr. Bernard Dougherty, college business manager, who is attending the Raleigh exhibition.

The local Holsteins, Mr. Dougherty says, carried away two first prizes, won two second place awards, placed third in three classifications, and won a fourth and fifth prize.

Mr. Dougherty also claimed second place honors for his two-year-old filly.

## APP - INDIAN GRID TILT FRIDAY NIGHT

Biggest Game of Season to Be Played at Winston-Salem; Result Likely Close

The Appalachian Mountaineers go to Winston-Salem Friday night to meet Catawba in what is expected to be the fiercest battle of the local grid season.

Coach R. W. Watkins and his assistants are getting their men in fine shape for the clash, but few predictions are being made, general opinion being that the score will probably be mighty close one way or the other. The game Friday night marks the end of a feud between the colleges which existed for a number of years. Before the break in athletic relations, the two teams were pretty evenly matched, first one winning, then the other. Because of these facts, the gate receipts at Winston-Salem are expected to be unusually large.

Tickets are now on sale at the Carolina Pharmacy and at Appalachian College Book Room.

## Revival in Progress at Boone Baptist Church

The revival meeting at the First Baptist church continues with large crowds and good interest. Rev. A. S. Hale, pastor of the First Baptist church, Mount Airy, is doing the preaching. Rev. Mr. Hale is a great gospel preacher and is attracting large congregations.

The meeting will continue through Sunday and into next week. The services will be held each day at 3:30 in the afternoon and 7:30 at night. Prof. J. Elwood Roberts is leading the music with special numbers rendered by the choir and others throughout the meeting.

Rev. J. C. Canipe, the pastor, is working with Mr. Hale in leading the meeting to serve the church and community.

Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8:15 Mr. Hale will speak to the students in Lovill assembly hall on special subjects.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. You will miss something worth while if you fail to come.

## Metal Work Defense Class Is Organized

A pre-employment defense class in metal work has been organized at Appalachian high school for young men between the ages of 17 and 25.

The class, which is sponsored by the vocational agricultural department, and taught by Mr. Burt Phillips, local mechanic, includes electric welding, sheet metal work, drilling, pipe-fitting, etc.

Twelve boys are already enrolled and others may enroll by seeing Mr. Phillips or Dr. Orby Southard, local agriculture instructor. The class meets from 7:15 to 10:15 each night from Monday through Friday.

expense. Simply write to the commanding officer where your son is located. He will in turn take this information to the field director of the American Red Cross, and he will write your local home service division for an investigation. One of the members of the committee will come to your home and survey your needs and along with this report, the home service chairman will obtain a statement from the local draft board, a statement from your physician, a notarized statement from two disinterested people.

"When the report is complete it will be mailed to the field director, who will place it in the hands of the commanding officer in the camp."

## To Address Alumni



DR. W. K. GREENE

## DUKE ALUMNI TO HEAR DR. GREENE

Annual Meeting of Association To Be Held at Daniel Boone Hotel Thursday Evening

The feature of the annual fall meeting of the Watauga, Avery and Ashe Alumni Association of Duke University to be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel on October 16, at 3:00 p. m., will be an address by Dr. W. K. Greene of Duke University. His subject will be "Duke University in the Service of the Nation."

In addition to the address of the evening, there will be a number of other interesting features, including the election of officers for the ensuing year. There will probably also be brief remarks by one or two members of the local association, and a short musical program.

This annual fall meeting is one of many to be held in North Carolina and other states. These will reach a climax meeting to be held at Duke University in December, celebrating Duke University Day.

The number of local Duke alumni associations has now reached a high mark of all time, and a large proportion of them have meetings this fall during the months of October and November. In 1939, 17 meetings were held; in 1934, the number had grown to a total of 52, and last year the total reached 76. In addition to dinners in leading cities in North Carolina, meetings were held last year in 17 other states and the District of Columbia; one of these meetings being as far away as Los Angeles, Calif.

Arrangements for the meeting here are under the direction of Rev. James McLarty, pastor of the Boone Methodist church.

## COMMERCE BODY PLANS MEETING

Parkway Landscaper and Forest Ranger to Be Present for Important Meeting

A most interesting meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is to be held at an early date, according to President Herman W. Wilcox, who states that Mr. Albert Burns, Blue Ridge Parkway landscape artist, is expected to be present at that time. Mr. Burns will show many local colored slides taken on the parkway and at other points.

Mr. Forest Coombs, forest ranger, will be present and discuss the usage of the parkway. Following the appearance of these speakers a question and answer period will be provided.

"The Chamber of Commerce," said Mr. Wilcox, "is going to make every effort to secure the things before spring, mentioned by our good editor, Mr. Rivers, in his recent editorials. That is, to provide places for our visitors to rest and drink. We see no reason why this suggestion cannot be worked out without being burdensome on anyone."

"In addition to this, a number of other items of business will come up for discussion, and I am urging that all members as well as non-members, begin now to plan to attend this meeting. The time and place of the meeting will be announced later."

## FARM MEETINGS

The county agent's office has notified farmers of a series of meetings being held over the county for the purpose of naming township committeemen for the 1942 agricultural conservation program. The farmers are particularly urged to attend the meetings held in their respective communities.

## FRANK MICHAEL TAKEN BY DEATH

Former Resident of Watauga and Son of Lindsay Michael. Dies in Asheville

Frank A. Michael, native Watauga and prominent real estate dealer of Asheville, died at his home in that city Saturday morning from an unexpected illness. He was 57 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from Central Methodist church in Asheville Sunday afternoon, and burial was in Riverside cemetery. Members of Mount Herman Masonic Lodge attended the funeral in a body and conducted the rites at the grave.

Messrs. John W. Hodges, R. L. Bingham, Russell D. Hodges and T. M. Greer were among those from this locality attending the rites.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lena Carrigan Michael; two daughters, Miss Frances Michael and Mrs. Charles Dermid; one son, John G. Michael; a brother, Fred Michael, of Boone; seven sisters, Mrs. B. A. Colburn of Asheville, Mrs. S. S. White of St. Louis, Mrs. G. O. Ingram of Charlotte, Mrs. R. L. Greene of Baldwin, Md., Mrs. H. E. Sawyer of Beech, Mrs. Lynn Goldson of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Lucal Ballard of Hammock, Ind., and two grandchildren, Mary Anne and Frances Elizabeth Dermid.

Mr. Michael was born at Rutherford, a son of the late Hon. Lindsay Michael, and located in Asheville 30 years ago. At the time of his death he was associated with the Consolidated Realty Corporation. His first connection in Asheville was with the American Express Company. Later he was cashier of the Haywood Street branch of the Central Trust Company. Several years ago he served as president of the Optimist Club. During his administration the club observed the fifteenth anniversary with appropriate ceremonies.

He had been a member of the board of stewards of Central Methodist church for years and had held the office of treasurer of the Sunday school. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, past master of Mount Herman Lodge, was a member of the Lodge of Perfection and was active in Scottish Rite degree work.

## DEAD RATS WORTH FIVE CENTS EACH

City Offers Bounty For Rodents in Any Quantity Delivered at City Hall

Mayor W. H. Gragg announced Wednesday morning that as an initial step toward curbing the wharf rat nuisance in the town, the authorities had decided to offer a bounty of five cents cash for each rat killed within the city limits and presented at the city hall.

It matters not, says the mayor, whether the rats are poisoned, trapped, shot, or otherwise taken, just so they are dead when they are presented for the money.

Mr. Gragg urges the boys and men of the town to take part in this campaign, which will be both profitable and beneficial.

## Boy Scouts to Aid In Gathering Paper

Members of the local Boy Scout troop are starting Monday, an active campaign to gather old newspapers, paper boxes, magazines, etc., the proceeds from the sale of same to be used by the Lions' club in its activity to aid the blind.

When the scrap paper is made available city trucks will collect it and people are asked to be ready for the start of the campaign.

The Scouts who will make the first round of the city Monday are Billy Aldridge, J. B. Coffey, Richard Bingham and Steve Davis. Cooperating Lions club members are J. C. Cline, Council Cooke, J. O. Cannon, with R. A. Manship, Jr., advisory committeeman.

## Young Republicans to Honor Late Attorney

The Young Republican Club of Watauga county is making plans for a memorial picnic in honor of the late T. E. Bingham, which will be held at the Boone fish hatchery Friday evening, October 24, at 7:30 o'clock. Kenneth B. Linney, president of the club, extends an invitation to the public to attend.

## Heads State Committee



Clyde R. Greene, local merchant, was recently named by the State Merchants Association as chairman of a special committee to investigate motor and freight transportation rates and insurance rates in the state. He was named a member of the committee on governmental and public affairs. Serving with Mr. Greene on the special committee are L. W. Lee, Asheville; G. C. Courtney, Lenoir; C. O. Hadley, Stateville, and Chas. Ray, Jr., Waynesville.

## R. C. LEADERS TO SHELBY MEET

Large Number of Boone People to Attend Red Cross Conference at Shelby

A large number of Boone people will be in Shelby today (Thursday) attending a regional Red Cross conference, which is described by local chapter officials as being the most important meeting of the organization since World War days.

Those expected to attend from Watauga are as follows: R. D. Hodges, disaster chairman, Rev. John I. Rhea, home service chairman; Mrs. J. W. Davis, home nursing chairman; Mrs. W. M. Matheson, roll call chairman; Mrs. Joe Crawford, Junior Red Cross; Mrs. Mae Miller, production chairman; Mrs. Paul Coffey, emergency loan closet; Mrs. E. E. Garbee, chapter chairman; Dr. J. D. Rankin, advisory chairman.

The conference will be for the discussion of all-out civilian defense aid and the greatest membership roll call in history. Prominent national Red Cross officials who will speak include Mr. Everett Dix, assistant manager, eastern area, and Mr. Albert E. Chamberlain, special roll call representative.

Red Cross membership increase this fall must be doubled or more in order to conduct the Red Cross defense services as well as maintain the normal Red Cross work being continued all along the home front, Red Cross officials say. North Carolina Red Cross membership last year totaled 148,441, an increase of 44,662 over the previous year.

Through its congressional charter, the Red Cross acts as the link between men in the military forces and their families back home. Aided by 800 Red Cross field directors and staff members stationed at military and naval stations and hospitals, local chapter home service workers are prepared to aid the army this fall by investigating from 25,000 to 40,000 applications for discharge from military service. This increase in Red Cross home service work and the vast expansion in all the Red Cross aid to the nation's armed forces are only two of the problems to be discussed at the conference.

## COUNTY TEACHERS GATHER IN SECOND SESSION OF YEAR

Duty of the School in National Defense is Paramount Subject for Discussion by High School Group; Agricultural Work is Outlined

Teachers and principals of the Watauga county public school system held their second meeting of the year at the Appalachian high school last Monday morning.

In the high school discussion group, the program concerned the duty of the school in national defense, and chief speaker was Prof. E. E. Garbee of the Appalachian College faculty. Speaking on "Health and Defense," Prof. Garbee told his audience that in his opinion the health of the school children was not the problem or responsibility of the teacher because the present educational and social systems do not properly provide for medical care and preventative measures.

Following Mr. Garbee's address, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Cove Creek history teacher, spoke on "Patriotism and Moral for Defense." Mrs. Stallings drew a startling picture of a lack of enthusiasm in the present war effort, and blamed the educational system for this lack of devotion to democracy. She was of the opinion that a greater love of democracy and respect for the flag could profitably be instilled in the mind of youth.

Dr. Orby Southard, Appalachian high school agriculture teacher, outlined work which has been accomplished in the defense classes of his and the Cove Creek agriculture departments.

"Food for Defense" was the topic of an address by Mrs. R. T. Greer, also of the Cove Creek faculty, who warned that many foods, notably those preserved in tin cans, might not be available later because of increasing needs of the armed forces. Cove Creek athletic coach, Miss Vanda Whicker, addressed the teachers on "Nursing and First Aid for Defense."

In the grade teaching departments, the instructors of each grade met separately and carried on panel discussions of general school problems.

## Potatoes For Mills Home Badly Needed

Mr. Russell D. Hodges, orphanage director for the Three Forks Baptist Association, says that the Mills Home still greatly needs Irish potatoes, and that those willing to donate some to the use of the orphanage are requested to bring them to the Farmers Hardware & Supply Company just as quickly as they can, so they may be forwarded on to Thomasville.

## June Apple Tree Buds For Fourth Crop of Season

Mr. J. D. Vandye of Blowing Rock, brought to The Democrat office Tuesday a horticultural freak in the form of a limb from a June apple tree, which carried the second crop of apples, blooms for the third and buds showing for the fourth yield.

Mr. Vandye states that he harvested a full crop of apples from the tree in July, and that the second crop is not confined to scattered fruit, but is a bountiful yield. The blooms and buds, he says, are likewise plentiful.

## Watauga Club Boys Exhibit Eight Baby Bees at Recent Catawba County Fair

Watauga 4-H Club members exhibited eight baby bees at the Catawba County Fair at Hickory last week, and although the Watauga animals failed to win the grand and reserve championships, they stood third, fourth, fifth and sixth, directly after the winning animals.

The two calves that won second honor were shown by Haywood county club members, but they were not bred in Haywood county. They were bred in Colorado, and shipped into Haywood last winter, according to County Agent Harry Hamilton, who further explains that Watauga boys are still undefeated for grand champion by a calf from the state of North Carolina. In all previous

years Watauga county has never been defeated for the grand championship calf, by another animal bred and raised in North Carolina.

Incidentally this is the first time, the record shows, in the history of all the shows, that a Watauga entry has been defeated by a Hereford steer. The other champions have been Angus or Shorthorns.

It is interesting to note that the Watauga 4-H Club members have had a chance at eleven grand championships, and have won seven times, so that the club members are batting well over .600 over the period of years.

The sale, which followed the Hickory (Continued on page eight)