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DR. E. K. McLARTY SUCCEEDS HIS SON AS BOONE PASTOR

Methodist Church in Boone
Loses Rev. James B. McLarty
to Belmont; Dr. McLarty One
of State's Most Eminent Min-
isters

Dr. E. K. McLarty, Sr., will be the pastor of the Boone Methodist church for the coming year as a result of the action of the Western North Carolina conference in Winston-Salem Friday. Dr. McLarty, who comes here from a four-year pastorate of Central church, Concord, succeeds a son, Rev. James B. McLarty, in the local pastorate, the latter going to Main Street church in Belmont. Rev. Paul Townsend, former Boone pastor, leaves the Belmont church for duty as chaplain in the United States Navy.

Dr. McLarty is one of the most distinguished ministers in North Carolina Methodism. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Trinity College in 1895, and was awarded a bachelor of divinity degree from Vanderbilt in 1898. He was given the honorary degree of doctor of divinity by Trinity College in 1914.

During his long ministry, Dr. McLarty has served the most of the larger churches of the conference, including central church, Asheville; Tryon Street and Hawthorne Lane churches, Charlotte; West Market street, Greensboro; Wesley Memorial, High Point; Centenary church, Winston-Salem; First Methodist, Salisbury; Broad Street, Statesville; First Methodist, Hendersonville; Central church, Shelby, and many others. He was presiding elder of the Charlotte district for a time, and had been director of evangelism for the Western North Carolina conference. For 20 years he was president of the board of missions of the conference, and is at present chairman of the commission on evangelism. Dr. McLarty has often been a member of the general conference, governing board of the Methodist church.

An eloquent speaker, a profound student, and a man of deeply spiritual nature, Dr. McLarty is greatly beloved wherever he has ministered. Two of his three sons have followed him in the ministry, while the other is a teacher in an institution of higher learning.

Dr. McLarty has a strong sense of humor, and the youthfulness of his spirit makes him popular with the young people of his congregation as well as the older ones.

Rev. James B. McLarty, like his father, is an able preacher, was educated at Duke University, where he received his A. B. and B. D. degrees, and since his graduation has held some of the best churches in the conference. His congregation here regretted very much his inability to return to Boone, where he was most popular, but considers itself most fortunate in securing the services of his eminent father.

REV. OSBORNE RETURNS

Rev. M. A. Osborne was returned to the pastorate of Watauga church at the Western Carolina conference in Winston-Salem Friday. Mr. Osborne during his ministry here, furnished the leadership which resulted in lifting the debt from Henson's Chapel church, and is most popular with his congregation.

Appreciation Day Awards Are Made

A number of gifts were received last Wednesday at the Appreciation Day exercises as follows:

Ruth Parlier, Boone, \$12.50; Parkway gift, Mrs. Joe Crawford; Mrs. Wade Tugman, gift from Burgess Antique Shop; subscriptions to Democrat, Mrs. Ruby Shore, Mrs. Belle Winkler, Mr. Ernest Payne.

Breen Elrod missed a gift of \$62.50 by being absent, while Josephine Bradley would have received \$12.50, if present.

Interest in the Merchants Association event is increasing weekly and large crowds are gathering to share in the gifts. Customers of the participating merchants should be sure to be at the city hall each Wednesday afternoon at 4:30.

All 6% Town Bonds Are Now Refunded

The last two remaining town bonds carrying the six per cent interest coupons have been exchanged for the refunding bonds, according to Mayor W. H. Gragg.

Now all outstanding bonds of the town carry a three per cent interest rate, which will be increased in 1946 to four per cent.

Father Succeeds Son



Dr. E. K. McLarty, above, who succeeds his son, Rev. James B. McLarty, below, as pastor of the Boone Methodist church. Dr. McLarty is expected to arrive in Boone today, as Rev. Mr. McLarty leaves for his new work at Belmont.

HONOR MEMORY OF LATE ATTORNEYS

More Than Three Hundred Gather to Pay Respects to Deceased Leaders

More than three hundred men and women gathered at the state fish hatchery last Friday evening to pay their respects to the memory of T. E. Bingham and Baxter M. Linney, deceased members of the local bar, and to participate in a picnic dinner following the memorial exercises.

The meeting was called by Kenneth M. Linney, president of the Watauga County Young Republican Club, and Mr. Linney made the initial remarks of the evening. Mayor W. H. Gragg, close friend of the deceased attorneys, paid tribute to their lives and activities. Others making brief remarks included: Dr. A. P. Kephart, Clyde R. Greene, Grover C. Robbins, Ivy B. Wilson and Miss Edna Bingham.

Merchants and Employees Have Annual Meeting

About one hundred merchants, their wives and employees gathered at the state fish hatchery last Thursday evening, at the annual employer-employee meeting, participated in numerous outdoor games and enjoyed a fish fry at the dinner hour.

Softball, horseshoe pitching, croquet and racing provided entertainment and merriment during the afternoon hours, and there were many expressions of approval of this type of outing, which may be made an annual affair. Heretofore the employer-employee gatherings had taken the form of banquets.

Pastors and Deacons To Meet Next Monday

A meeting of the Baptist preachers and deacons will be held Monday at 2 o'clock, November 3, at the Boone Baptist church, according to an announcement made by Rev. N. M. Greene and Ronda Earp, members of the committee. The program follows:

Representing the Cause, by Rev. Carl Triplett.

How Much We Should Suffer for Christ and the World, Rev. Grady Minton.

There will be a general discussion.

ROAD IMPROVED FROM BOONE TO FOSCOE SECTION

Fine Job of Road Work Being Praised by People of Shulls Mills and Foscoe Neighborhood; Work Proceeds in Direction of Yonahlossee

State highway forces are busily engaged in widening and surfacing the roadway between Boone and Shulls Mills and Foscoe, and now it is possible to travel from the county seat to near Foscoe in about fifteen minutes.

The route which is being improved is down the Laurel Fork road, and the outlet is greatly appreciated by the people of Shulls Mills and environs, who have not hitherto had a modern type of highway. The work, it is said, is proceeding beyond Foscoe in the direction of the Yonahlossee highway, and it is believed that sooner or later this may become a direct route of travel from Boone into Linville.

Anyway, a mighty good job is being done, and the folks up the river who have been more or less isolated, desire to publicly express their thanks to Mr. Hayworth, Mr. McCracken and others of the state highway department for the splendid roadway they are providing.

TO MAKE PLANS FOR BURLEY MART

Coleman to Be Here Next Week to Take Preliminary Steps Toward Opening Market

Mrs. Ruby Ellis, secretary of the Boone Merchants Association, states that she has been notified by Mr. R. C. Coleman, lessee of the Mountain Burley Tobacco warehouses here, that he will be in Boone next week to lay preliminary plans for the opening of the market here, which is to be around the first of December.

As usual, the Merchants Association and other local organizations will work together with the management of the market, in publicizing and promoting Boone as the logical burley marketing center for portions of three states, and those best informed state that the prospects are good this year for good sales and high prices.

Within a short time definite announcement will be made as to the festivities which will accompany the opening of burley sales here this season.

College Student Succumbs in Durham Hospital On Friday

Miss Francis Nichols, member of the junior class at Appalachian College, died at Watts hospital, Durham, last Friday evening. Miss Nichols was taken immediately to Durham, following the diagnosis of her illness as spinal meningitis a week prior to her death.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday from the Methodist church in the vicinity of the late residence, Durham R. F. D. 5, and interment was in the neighborhood cemetery.

Members of Appalachian faculty attending the rites were Dr. Robert Busted, Prof. J. A. Williams and Mrs. Lillie Hardin. Three student friends of the deceased also attended the funeral: Jean Stirewalt, Alice Anthony and Florine Lutz.

Second Crop Apples In Many Varieties

Mr. W. W. Gragg of Boone, brings to The Democrat office a box of apples just picked from the trees and being the second crop to be gathered this year. Among the varieties of this second fruiting are Red Astrican, Virginia Beauty, Northwest Greening, Winter Banana and Maiden Blush. Mr. Gragg says that the trees contain quite a number of these second-crop apples.

There have been numerous reports of second crops of summer fruits, but Mr. Gragg is the first man we have heard of having a fresh crop of the winter varieties of apples.

NINE EARS IN ONE HUSK

Mrs. Carrie Burkett of R. F. D. 2, was in town Tuesday, exhibiting a freak ear of corn, which in reality is nine ears grown together at the bottom and contained in one husk. All the ears are well formed and contain good sound grain.

Another Huge Defense Plant Dedicated



With flags, speeches, cheers and the roar of bombers overhead, the \$12,000,000 Douglas Aircraft "blackout plant" was officially dedicated at Long Beach, Calif., and went into full operation. Typical of the speed the defense program is taking was the fact that on the same day, the first concrete was poured for the addition that will double the size and capacity of the plant. Here all types of big planes will be turned out.

STOUT HEADS FISH AND GAME CLUB

Sportsmen Go On Record as Being Opposed to Removal of Local Fish Hatchery

Lee H. Stout was named president of the Watauga Fish and Game Club at a largely attended meeting of the organization held at the Parkway Company Monday evening. Paul A. Coffey was named secretary and treasurer.

The club members and other interested persons attending went on record as being 100 per cent opposed to the proposed abandonment of the state fish hatchery located near Boone, and the president was instructed to communicate with the state department of conservation, as to the reasons for the reported step, and at the same time lodge a vigorous protest against such action.

At the same time other citizens and officials in Boone and the county are joining in this protest. It is pointed out that this territory is without industries, a chief attraction for tourists lies in trout fishing, and removal of the hatchery would react strongly against tourist trade in the area. Considerable damage would also result on account of the fact that the hatchery grounds, which have always been used by the public for picnics and other gatherings, is the only recreational spot in this vicinity, that the cost of its maintenance is comparatively small, and that it should be preserved in its present beautiful setting, for the general benefit of the entire region.

Sidewalks, Streets Are Being Repaired

Work of repairing the sidewalks on the south side of King street has been completed by W. C. Greene, local building contractor, and the finished job represents a great improvement. Many blocks of the concrete were broken by constant freezing, and all of these have been removed and new ones poured.

At the same time the state highway commission has placed a new bridge on South Water street near the laundry, and applied surface treatment to the section of North Water street, which was destroyed by the flood last year.

Reception For New Minister Planned

Dr. E. K. McLarty, new Methodist minister for the Boone church, will be honored at a reception in the church basement next Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

A church loyalty program has been arranged for this occasion, and there will be a social hour. All members of the church are expected to be present to welcome the new pastor, and to enjoy the program.

PRESIDENT CONSIDERING ANTI-STRIKE LEGISLATION

Washington, Oct. 28.—President Roosevelt, whose thrice-voiced plea to John L. Lewis has failed to end a strike of 53,000 CIO coal miners, said today that he was considering new legislation to cope with defense strikes in general. The President made this disclosure at a press conference while on Capitol Hill a wave of angry feeling produced suggestions that troops be called out and that persons conducting strikes with "intent" to retard defense production be punished as saboteurs.

PLANS PROCEED FOR RED CROSS ROLL CALL DRIVE

Annual Campaign for American Red Cross to Get Under Way Armistice Day; Watauga's Quota This Year is Over One Thousand Members

Plans for the annual Red Cross Roll Call campaign, which will get under way Armistice Day, have been announced by Mrs. W. M. Matheson. The Watauga county quota this year is well over a thousand memberships, and every effort is being made to give every citizen a chance to participate by enrolling.

The national organization is impressing the local chapters with the fact that this is a time of emergency and that demands on the services of the groups will be greater than ever. Committees have already begun work in special fields, the various projects and chairmen of the respective committees being as follows:

Home nursing, Mrs. J. W. Davis; emergency loan closet, Mrs. Paul A. Coffey; military and naval welfare, service, Rev. John Rhea; war relief production, Mrs. Mae Miller; disaster preparedness, R. D. Hodges; first aid and life saving, Miss Thursa Steed.

Mrs. E. E. Garbee, chapter chairman, reports that all committees have produced remarkable results in their respective fields.

Mrs. W. M. Matheson, roll call chairman, reports that already a large number have volunteered their services for the campaign. Special chairmen have been designated as follows:

Rural territory, Mr. Harry Hamilton; business district, Mr. W. H. Gragg; special gifts, Mrs. James H. Council; financial, Mr. Rob Rivers; college roll call, Mrs. Herman R. Eggers; industrial, Mr. Paul Lavietes; publicity, Mr. A. Antonakos.

Late War Bulletins

The Russian armies of the center appeared Tuesday night to have considerably improved their position by general counter-attacks which were said in London to have beaten the Germans back before Moscow as much as 10 miles, but by all signs catastrophe was shouldering the Soviet in the far south.

The southern German forces of Marshal Gert von Rundstedt, already immense and still being strengthened, were understood earlier to have stood within 10 to 15 miles of Rostov on the River Don and clearly were still advancing, if only slowly.

Front-line dispatches to Pravda, the official Communist newspaper, claimed that the Germans had fallen to digging defense fortifications in some sectors of the Moscow front trenches and tank traps—in an effort to consolidate advances which had now been generally halted.

Tuesday brought the most violent abuse of President Roosevelt for his Navy Day speech in Germany and Italy—liar and fool were among the epithets used by authorized sources in Berlin, while the word liar appeared in the Italian press—but comment in Tokyo had a strong undertone of caution and was not nearly so bitter.

Axis forces struggling to maintain communication lines and supply bases in North Africa are encountering mounting difficulties through frequent naval and air bombardments by the British. The Mediterranean fleet in three shellings between Egyptian border and the Libyan ports of Tobruk and Bardia within a week have caused German plans a severe setback. Axis heavy artillery, motor transports, troop centers and barracks were hard hit. Coupled with the attacks from the sea are steadily increasing raids by the fleet air arm and the RAF. The planes concentrate mostly on supply sources the naval guns fail to reach.

A "last chance" offer to spare the lives of 100 French hostages and release war prisoners whose families turn informer on the assassins of two Germans was announced Tuesday by Gen. Otto von Stuepnagel, commander of the German occupation forces. Suspension of the "hundred-for-one" reprisal system for an indefinite period was ordered by Adolf Hitler personally, the general said, to give France more time to deliver information on the six assassins. One hundred French hostages have been put to death.