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## RED CROSS ROLL CALL CAMPAIGN STARTS TUESDAY

Plans for Local Effort Nearing Completion; Every Citizen To Be Given Opportunity to Participate in Work of Organization

Plans for the 1941 Red Cross Roll Call campaign, which will get under way Tuesday, November 11, are nearing final completion, according to Prof. A. Antonakos, publicity director for the roll call. Every effort is being made to give all citizens of the county an opportunity to participate in the work of this great humanitarian organization by enrolling. Mrs. E. E. Garbee, chapter chairman, stresses the fact that, although the work of the American Red Cross is national in scope, only 50 cents of every membership, whether it be a dollar or a hundred dollar membership, goes to the national organization, the balance is allotted to the local chapter.

As part of the campaign, merchants of the town are donating the use of store windows for Red Cross displays. The work of special committees will be featured in several of the windows.

Mrs. W. M. Matheson, roll call chairman, reports that response to the call for volunteer workers has been enthusiastic. Workers already listed are:

For the county: Mrs. Stanley A. Harris, Cove Creek; Mrs. W. H. Wagner, Valle Crucis; Mrs. H. C. Hayes, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Dale C. Norris, Bethel; Mrs. Ray Brendell, Perkinsville.

For the city: Mesdames John Conway, J. E. Holshouser, E. T. Glenn, Wiley Smith, G. K. Moore, Harold Wolfe, John Hodges, Paul Coffey, R. C. Rivers, R. H. Harmon, R. D. Hodges, Frank Payne, J. A. W. Davis, James Winkler, Mae Miller, D. J. Whitener, A. R. Smith, Julian Yoder, H. S. Webster, P. O. Brewer.

## DR. DOUGHERTY SPEAKS TO LIONS

College President Traces Development of the State Tax System

Dr. B. B. Dougherty addressed the Lions Club at its meeting Tuesday evening on the subject of state finances. Dr. Dougherty traced the development of the state's tax system since 1850, showing how the sources of income for the state treasury has shifted away from land to various other means.

Among the figures given by Dr. Dougherty were the amount of revenue derived from the various sources, excluding funds for the highway department, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941.

These amounts, together with disbursements follow: Income, \$14,401,255; sales tax, \$14,246,428; beverage, \$2,670,185; intangibles, \$673,000; licenses, \$3,098,236; gifts, \$96,300; franchise, \$8,572,378; inheritance, \$1,821,924; fees, etc., \$1,759,526; miscellaneous, \$783. Total income, \$50,296,227. Disbursements: General assembly, \$184,492; judicial, \$451,401; pensions, \$287,336; executive and administrative, \$2,588,700; charitable and correctional institutions, \$2,095,078; public schools, \$27,745,410; institutions of higher learning, \$2,645,752; courts and emergency, \$633,729; state aid and obligations, \$2,468,075; reimbursements, prior years, \$503; debt service, \$4,570,814; balance, \$7,280,272. Total, \$50,296,227.

The "Deacs," a male quartet of Appalachian students under the direction of Miss Virginia Wary, entertained the club with two numbers.

## Football Game Is To Be Broadcast

Arrangements have been made whereby the football game Friday evening between Appalachian and Tampa U. will be broadcast over the local radio system, according to K. I. Dacus, who originated Boone's experimental oscillator system.

The game will start promptly at 8 o'clock Friday evening. The number is 800 on your dial.

## PARENT-TEACHER GROUP TO MEET TUESDAY, NOV. 11

The Boone Parent-Teacher Association will meet Tuesday evening, November 11, at 7:30 in the demonstration school auditorium. A musical program will be rendered by Mr. Gordon Nash and the high school band.

## TOBACCO GRADING DEMONSTRATION

State College Specialist to Give Demonstration at Local Warehouse on November 11

L. T. Weeks, extension tobacco specialist of the State College extension service, will put on a tobacco grading demonstration at the tobacco warehouse in Boone on Tuesday, November 11 at 10 o'clock in the morning, County Agent Harry Hamilton announces.

Mr. Weeks will be assisted in the demonstration by W. L. Bradsher of the agricultural marketing service. Both of these men are well qualified in their particular work and if tobacco growers of this county will stop their work long enough to attend the meeting, Mr. Hamilton says, "I am sure the tobacco grading problems in Watauga county will be helped greatly."

These tobacco experts can also tell the farmers about how the government grading is going to work on the tobacco markets this year. Too many tobacco farmers in this county are losing large sums of money on their tobacco crop because of a poor grading job, the county agent declares, and urges every tobacco grower to attend the demonstration here next Tuesday.

## MRS. TOPPINGS IS DEAD AT AGE 82

Well-known Boone Resident, Former Teacher, Succumbs to Brief Illness

Mrs. Mattie Wyke Toppings, aged 82, died Thursday morning at Watauga Hospital. Mrs. Toppings became ill on the Saturday evening previous, and was taken to the hospital when it became evident that her illness was serious.

Funeral services were conducted from the Grace Lutheran church Friday afternoon at 2:30, by the pastor, Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, and interment was in the Hine cemetery, one mile west of the city.

Mrs. Toppings was the widow of the late Dr. A. J. Toppings of Blowing Rock, and was a native of Watauga county. She was a daughter of the late Pinkney Wyke and Mrs. Wyke, and had resided in Boone for about 40 years. For 18 years Mrs. Toppings was one of the county's most outstanding public school teachers, and for a number of years was in charge of Boone's first telephone exchange. Throughout her adult life she was a faithful member of the Lutheran church, and while her health permitted, was active in her religious affiliation. She was well known throughout this section and held in the highest regard. In the words of her pastor, "She lived beautifully, and loved God and her fellow man."

Mrs. Toppings is survived by three step-daughters: Miss Annie Toppings, Endicott, N. Y.; Mrs. W. H. Anderson, Asheville, and Mrs. L. L. Summers of Cherryville.

## May Collect Paper Two Days a Week

According to Lions Club officials, the response to their plea for scrap paper has been so great that the club is shaping plans to make collections on two days each week instead of one, as originally planned. Until further notice, however, collections will continue to be made on Mondays of each week. People in the residential section who have paper to collect are asked to call phone No. 203.

The paper is being collected by the local Boy Scout troop, and will be used to benefit the children of Watauga county who are suffering with defective vision.

## Watauga Teachers To Meet Monday

There will be a meeting of the Watauga unit of the North Carolina Education Association in the auditorium of the Boone high school on Monday, November 10, at 3 o'clock.

County Superintendent W. H. Walker and Dr. B. B. Dougherty are scheduled to discuss some legislative matters of interest to teachers.

A full attendance of the teachers is urged.

## LA GUARDIA RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY

New York, Nov. 4.—The New York Times at 10:30 tonight, said Mayor F. H. LaGuardia had been re-elected to a third term by an estimated plurality of 75,000 over his Democratic opponent, William F. O'Dwyer of Brooklyn.

## AAA LEADERS FOR COUNTY ARE ELECTED

W. W. Mast Re-elected Chairman; Blair and Swift Are Renamed; Township Committees Announced

The Watauga county agricultural conservation association has completed the election of 1942 county and community AAA committeemen under whose leadership the federal farm program in the county will be carried out for the coming year. W. W. Mast of Valle Crucis, was re-elected county chairman, H. Neal Blair was re-named vice-chairman, and Lee Swift regular member; R. A. Thomas and Jeff Stanbury were named first and second alternates, respectively.

The following compose the community committee, the first named in each instance being the chairman, the second the vice-chairman; third the regular member and the others first and second alternates.

**Bald Mountain**  
W. F. Norris, W. S. Miller, M. H. Stevens, J. R. Holman, John Trivette.

**Beaver Dam**  
D. F. Greene, Sanford Creed, M. H. Edmisten, Willard Dishman, Fred Hagaman.

**Blowing Rock**  
L. M. Fry, Shuford Edmisten, S. C. Greene, I. W. E. Lock, R. L. Bradshaw.

**Blue Ridge**  
N. L. Harrison, Charlie Watson, Fred Hartley, Geo. Hayes.

**Boone**  
Grady Bradley, S. J. Barnes, L. M. Hodges, R. L. Maliba, R. H. Vannoy.

**Cove Creek**  
S. C. Dishman, Thos. L. Wilson, Richard Palmer, R. A. Thomas, E. G. Greer.

**Elk**  
Emmet Oliver, Doc Cox, P. G. Carroll, N. G. Wheeler, H. C. Hodges.

**Laurel Creek**  
Ned Glenn, Henry Hagaman, Luther Ward, Fred Edmisten, Aud L. Ward.

**Meat Camp**  
S. G. Tugman, M. H. Norris, Carl Byers, Wade Clawson, D. C. Coffey.

**North Fork**  
A. N. Thomas, Robert Thomas, J. D. Wilson, Richard Thomas, J. R. May.

**Shawneehaw**  
Howard Edmisten, J. L. Triplett, W. E. Eggers, D. S. Oliver, Ira Townsend.

**Stony Fork**  
Balma Miller, W. S. Moretz, Geo. Wagner, W. D. Lookabill, Elbert Norris.

**Watauga**  
Henry Taylor, J. L. Fox, D. S. Love, A. A. Mast, Frank Taylor.

## Appreciation Day Awards Are Made

Miss Louise Wyke of Boone, received a gift of \$28 at the Appreciation day exercises at city hall last Wednesday, while a number of others failed to receive gifts due to their absence.

W. H. Adams received a gift from Boone Tire & Bargain Store; Ernest Payne of Boone, received a subscription to the Watauga Democrat; Miss Maude Cathcart received a gift as did Rosie Burgess.

Others who would have been awarded gifts, should they have been present were: Mrs. Clyde Reese, Carl M. Turbyfill, Lonnie Greene, Mrs. W. G. Sherwood, Mrs. Harley Dotson, Mrs. G. C. Robbins, Mrs. G. B. Suthpin, Barney Cornett, Mrs. Clara Simpson, George May, Irene Northern, Arandal Warman, Floyd Hardy, Mrs. W. B. Norris, Ralph Tomlinson and Fred Cox.

Members of the Merchants Association offer gifts to their patrons each Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. No gift can be awarded unless the customer whose name is called, is present.

## Stores To Close On Armistice Day

At a meeting of the members of the Boone Merchants Association held Wednesday morning, it was decided that the stores of the city would be closed all day Tuesday, November 11.

Patrons of the various establishments are asked to do their shopping Monday so that there may be no inconvenience.

## JOINS AIR CORPS

Edward Clay, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clay of Boone, graduate of Appalachian College last spring, left last week for Bonham air field in northwestern Texas, where he will join the U. S. Army air corps.

## COLEMAN LOOKS TO GOOD SEASON

Lessee of Burley Warehouse Says Prospects for Tobacco Exceptionally Good

Mr. R. C. Coleman of Tabor City, lessee of the Mountain Burley Warehouse here, arrived Tuesday evening, and is making preliminary plans for the opening of the sales for the third year on the local market.

Mr. Coleman met Wednesday morning with members of the Merchants Association and laid plans for an extensive advertising campaign to be conducted between now and the opening of the houses around the first of December.

Mr. Coleman has visited the burley tobacco growing regions in Northwest Carolina, East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia within the past few days and states that the burley crops are exceptionally good. He believes that this year the Boone market will handle more of the weed than in either of the two previous seasons.

Mr. Coleman will remain here until the markets close after the first of the year.

## Nettie Lee Shop to Hold Formal Opening Today

Final preparations have been made for the formal opening of the Nettie Lee Shop, Boone's newest mercantile establishment located in the building formerly occupied by the Watauga Dress and Pot Shop. Decorators have been busy all week arranging shelves and counters that will display ladies' wearing apparel. Mrs. Thelma Dent, manager of the new store, was optimistic about the success of the establishment, and was confident that a large number of shoppers would visit the store and take part in the formal opening today (Thursday).

The Nettie Lee Shops are well known in the merchandising field, operating other stores in Kingsport, Erwin and Rogersville. According to Mrs. Dent, the shops are represented on the New York style markets by the Merchandise Apparel Corporation, where the buying is combined with a large number of other ladies' wear stores.

Mr. Reilly, owner of the Nettie Lee Shops, is in the city today to assist Mrs. Dent in greeting the visitors.

## Legion Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday

The Watauga Post, American Legion, will meet Tuesday evening, November 11, at the Legion hut, for an Armistice Day celebration. There will be a fish fry, and county and town officials have been extended an invitation to attend.

All ex-service men and their wives are urgently requested to be present. A number of the invited guests will make brief talks and a general good time is expected. The affair is free, and the hour is 7:30.

## 27,860 KILLED ON U. S. ROADS IN NINE MONTHS

Chicago, Nov. 1.—Americans who keep an eye on the war zone slaughter overseas could direct their attention to a sizable slaughter in their own country.

The National Safety Council informs them that 27,860 men, women and children lost their lives as a result of motor vehicle accidents in the United States during the first three quarters of 1941.

The total for the nine months was 17 per cent greater than during a similar period last year.

During September 3,770 persons were injured fatally on streets and highways. It was the 14th consecutive month to show an increase over the corresponding month of the previous year, but the size of the increase—14 per cent—was the smallest since last January.

## MRS. BAKER SPEAKS TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

Mrs. Frank Baker of Lima, Ohio, representative of the National Bahais of the United States and Canada, spoke at the regular chapel hour October 30, to the students of Appalachian College. In her talk, Mrs. Baker briefly outlined the main purpose of the National Bahai Faith—the establishment of a world commonwealth in which all nations, races, creeds and classes are closely and permanently united.

## IMPROVEMENT

Nearly 5,000,000 farmers, working 80 per cent of the total U. S. cropland, protected and improved their farms by conservation measures of the 1940 AAA farm program.

## OPM Headache?



"Many times 20,000 small plant owners will fold up in America," was the message brought to a defense clinic in Chicago, by Floyd B. Odum, above. Odum, despite his doleful prophesy is chief of contact distribution for OPH with the objective of avoiding unnecessary hardship by assisting in the spread of defense contracts.

## MAYOR ENDORSES SEAL CAMPAIGN

Mr. Gragg Gives Official Endorsement to Effort to Sell Christmas Stickers

Mayor W. H. Gragg today issued an official endorsement of the 1941 Christmas Seal sale. The campaign gets under way here November 24, and extends through Christmas.

Mayor Gragg said: "Purchase of Christmas Seals by the citizens of Boone to aid in the nation-wide fight against tuberculosis, has my unqualified endorsement, not only as your mayor, but as a private citizen. The simple, direct appeal of that campaign comes to us with the approach of each holiday season. I hope that we shall not be remiss in responding, not only to a civic duty, but to a nation-wide appeal."

Mrs. G. K. Moose, chairman of the seal sale campaign, stated that 75 per cent of all funds derived through the sale of the little stickers, remains in Watauga county.

Mrs. Moose also stated that the members of the various committees for the campaign would be announced next week.

## A Cappella Choir Appears On Radio

Under the direction of its outstanding director, Miss Virginia Wary the A Cappella choir appeared in a program of sacred music over WBT Saturday, November 1.

The choir opened its program with the "Cherubim Song," by the Russian composer Bortniansky, who reformed and systemized Russian church music. Their second number, "Hear Thou Our Prayer, O Lord," was a stirring melody from the Russian Liturgy by Tkach. This number was effectively followed by a composition, "Out of the Depths," written by the great John Sebastian Bach, whose sacred music is regarded as the loftiest expression of man's spiritual ideals. The choir's program was closed with the song, "In Heavenly Love," written by Mendelssohn and arranged and edited by F. Melius Christensen; a song expressing faith and giving a feeling of spiritual uplift.

Only an artist who has felt a rich musical experience as Miss Wary has, could draw from an inexperienced group of singers the artistic interpretation which the Appalachian Choir gave to its music.

Miss Wary's musical career includes her study at the University School of Music in Lincoln, Neb., where she received her degree; a year of work with Radio Station KMJ in Nebraska; several years of teaching at Graceland College, Lamona, Iowa; and a period of intensive study in Chicago under the internationally known concert artist and piano pedagogue Rudolph Ganz.

It was from this vivid experience in Chicago that Miss Wary came to Appalachian. In 1939 she obtained a leave of absence in order to attend the Cincinnati Conservatory, from which she received her Master's Degree. Since that time she has been an indispensable part of Appalachian's cultural development, a teacher, director, and beloved by all students who find in her a musician and a friend.

Leningrad, Russia, also has been known by the names of St. Petersburg and Petrograd.

## WATAUGA CALF TAKES HONORS AT CHARLOTTE FAIR

Kent Miller of Deep Gap, Exhibits the Grand Champion at Southern States Fair in Charlotte Last Week

A Watauga county 4-H hereford calf won the grand championship honors at the Southern States Fair in Charlotte last week, to round out another successful year for Harry Hamilton and the boys who have put Watauga county on the map for the superior type of Hereford cattle being raised here.

The calf, the property of Kent Miller of the Deep Gap, section, was followed closely by a calf from Cherokee county, as the reserve champion, in the first fat cattle show to be held in the Queen City.

The champion weighed 910 pounds and was bought by the S. & W. Cafeteria for 30 cents per pound.

Watauga county exhibitors also took second prize in the county group of five steers.

The Boone Lions Club bought the Horace Edmisten calf which weighed 870 pounds at 14 cents per pound.

The Cyrus Green calf weighed 855 pounds and was bought by the Boone Trail Cafe for 13 cents per pound. The meat will be served to the patrons of the popular restaurant.

Burl Greene's Hereford weighed 1,000 pounds and was sold to the Pender stores for 13½ cents per pound.

In the initial showing at Charlotte, 60 calves were entered.

The winning of the high honors by the Watauga boys, made the 9th grand championship prize brought here since the beginning of Harry Hamilton's 4-H program six years ago. Three grand championships have been won this year, including the high honors at the state fair.

Mr. Hamilton in discussing the results of this year's exhibition, states that the co-operation he and his boys have received from business firms and civic organizations in the town and county has been the source of inspiration to him and the 4-H members. He desires to sincerely thank all those who aided him and the boys in their efforts to further promote the Hereford breeding program in this county.

## CANIPE ATTENDS ASHEVILLE MEET

State Baptist Pastors Conference is Presided Over By Local Minister

The North Carolina Baptist Pastors' conference will meet in the First Baptist church Asheville, next Monday. Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the Boone Baptist church, is president of the conference, and will preside over the sessions in Asheville.

The subject for the Monday afternoon meeting will be "Evangelism" and the night subject will be "The Preacher." Several hundred pastors and preachers from over the state will be in attendance.

On the conference program are outstanding ministers and leaders of the state. Dr. O. T. Binkley of Wake Forest College; Dr. S. L. Staley, of the First Baptist church, Raleigh; Dr. John Kincheloe of North Wilkesboro; Dr. O. R. Mangum, of the First church, Lenoir; Rev. J. D. Moose of Charlotte, and others will address the conference.

The Baptist State convention will meet Tuesday following the pastors' conference on Monday. Dr. W. H. Williams of Charlotte, is president, and M. A. Huggins of Raleigh, is general secretary of the Baptist mission work, will be in charge.

The following ministers of Boone and the county will attend: Rev. J. C. Canipe, Rev. Vilas Minton, Rev. D. M. Edmisten, Rev. G. A. Hamby, Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. N. M. Greene.

## Puppet Show Sponsored By Health Department

In connection with the dental clinics being conducted in the county under the auspices of the state board of health, division of oral hygiene, a series of puppet shows are being held on the following dates:

Tuesday, Deep Gap, 9 a. m.; Bamboo, 11 a. m.; Blowing Rock, 1:30 p. m. Wednesday, elementary, high school and college; Thursday, Cove Creek, 9 a. m.; Bethel, 11 a. m.; Mabel, 1:30 p. m. Friday, Rutherford, 9 a. m.; Triplett, 11 a. m.; Valle Crucis 1:30 p. m.