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## PRESIDENT'S BALL TO BE HELD HERE THURSDAY, FEB. 5

Kidd Brewer General Chairman of Annual Event for the Relief of Infantile Paralysis; Other Committee Members Named

The annual President's birthday ball, staged for the benefit of infantile paralysis sufferers in the nation, is to be held at the Earl Cook Motor Company building on Thursday evening, February 5, beginning at 9 o'clock, according to a statement made Tuesday by Kidd Brewer, general chairman of the event. Mr. Brewer was named to succeed Gene Wike, previously appointed, who was accepted into the U. S. naval reserve last week.

Mr. Brewer states that Stubby Taylor and his famous dance orchestra will be present for the occasion. Featuring this splendid musical aggregation is "Rudy" Rudisill, for 18 years a piano player in Jan Garber's nationally known orchestra. Mr. Rudisill was with the orchestra at the recent tobacco ball and his part in the performance contributed a great deal to the unusually successful event.

The admission charge will be \$1 per person, and tickets are to be available at Boone Drug Co., Carolina Pharmacy, Appalachian Soda Shop and Appalachian College book room, in Boone. Tickets will also be offered in the different communities of the county by members of the committee on ticket sales.

The committees which have been named to take care of the details for the ball have been appointed and the names of the members follow:

Entertainment: T. M. Greer, chairman, Mrs. E. D. Rivers, Mrs. Sarah Gaither, Mrs. Jennie Critcher, Mrs. Edgar Brown, Mrs. W. M. Matheson, Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, Harry Hamilton, Miss Wilma Baird, Miss Dottie Burnett.

Publicity: Rob Rivers, chairman, M. W. Beach, Wheeler Farthing, C. H. Trotter, Bill Rush.

Invitation: Mrs. Thelma Dent, chairman, Mrs. Edgar Cooke, Miss Bernice Gragg, Miss Pauline McGhee, Miss Clyde Kilby, Miss Grace Kilby, Miss June Lee Russell, Mrs. Harry Hamilton, Mrs. Bill Miller, Mrs. Vera Yount, Mrs. W. M. Winkler, Mrs. Alice Robbins, Mrs. R. H. Hardin, Jr., Mrs. L. H. Crowell, Mrs. Rob Rivers, Mrs. W. T. Casey, Jr., Mrs. Vaught Mast, Mrs. C. H. Trotter, Mrs. Bill Rush, Miss Maisie Jones, Miss Elizabeth Cooke.

Management: Ray Manship, chairman. (Continued on page four)

## Square Dance To Aid Polio Campaign

A square dance is to be held next Saturday evening at the Legion hall, beginning at 9 o'clock, for the purpose of raising additional funds for the infantile paralysis campaign. Hard Thomas and his well-known string musicians will furnish the music for the occasion. The admission charge will be 50 cents per person.

## BOY SCOUT FUND REACHES SUM \$336

Campaign Begun in December Results in Many Cash Contributions as Well as Pledges

The Boy Scout campaign which began in Watauga county early in December and which is now about to close, has resulted in the collection of \$336.75 in cash for the furtherance of the Boy Scout program in this region, in addition to pledges of about \$100, which will be paid at a later date.

The officials in charge of this campaign express sincere appreciation to all who contributed and state that as a result scouting will be available to many more boys of this section in the near future.

At a special meeting of the committee held last week, the following officers were elected, subject to the approval of the Winston-Salem council: Grover C. Robbins, Blowing Rock, vice-chairman; Clyde R. Greene, Boone, vice-chairman; E. E. Garbee, Boone, district commissioner. The chairman is to be a citizen of Ashe county. Mr. Langdon Scott of West Jefferson, it is said, declined the offer to serve as chairman for this district, which includes Ashe and Watauga counties, and will be known as the Parkway district. A number of men have been listed to serve on various committees. (Continued on page eight)

## Plan War Steps



Gen. George C. Marshall (left), U. S. army chief of staff, and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson are shown as they conferred at the war department in Washington. Between these two, broad military objectives are translated into action.

## COUNTY AGENTS RELEASE REPORT OF PAST YEAR

Progress of Agricultural Enterprises in County Revealed by Narrative Report of Messrs. Hamilton and Bowles, County Agents

A comprehensive report of agricultural activities in the county during the year 1941, has been prepared by County Agents Harry M. Hamilton and W. Flake Bowles, and tells of the remarkable progress made by the farmers of the county during the period, in the matter of soil conservation, the outstanding development of the beef cattle industry, and the growth of other farming activities.

Following is a brief list of the accomplishments cited by the county agents, in the prelude to their general report:

- 1. Two thousand four hundred farmers co-operated with the AAA program in 1941 as compared to 2,170 for the same period in 1940.
- 2. One thousand two hundred five farmers used 10,115 tons of ground limestone.
- 3. A milk receiving station was established in Watauga county at Sugar Grove during the month of July.
- 4. Three hundred twenty-four farmers sold over \$28,000 worth of milk to the Coble receiving stations at Sugar Grove and Lansing.
- 5. One thousand seven hundred forty-five lambs were sold through the Watauga lamb pool.
- 6. Three hundred twenty-seven farmers sold 27,143 pounds of wool through the Watauga wool pool for 52.5 cents per pound.
- 7. One thousand five hundred farmers improved their pastures by applying 47% and 20 per cent phosphate.
- 8. Two hundred twenty-eight demonstration farmers conducted pasture demonstrations on their farms.
- 9. Eleven farm tours were held during the month of August.

## Cash-On-Delivery Basis Is Announced By Local Laundries

Boone's two laundries and dry cleaning establishments are today announcing a cash-on-delivery basis, calling attention to the fact that there is a definite scarcity of materials and equipment, and asking the public to co-operate with them to the end that good laundry and dry cleaning service may be continued here and that the cause of national defense be served at the same time.

In the detailed announcement which appears in this newspaper today, it is stated that no new tires or trucks will be available for the laundry business for the duration of the war, that such equipment as they now have must be made to last as long as possible and that housewives in the interest of national defense should have all laundry ready for the rousterman when he calls. Customers are requested to have the money ready when the driver returns with the laundry, and no one will be credited except those having ledger accounts, which are in current condition.

## TRIBUTE IS PAID TO MOTHER OF SIX SONS IN SERVICE

Governor Broughton Sends Telegram to Mrs. M. C. Rominger On Occasion of Public Ceremony at Banner Elk; Two Sons Attend Ceremonies

Mrs. Manuel C. Rominger of Matney Watauga county, believed to be the only North Carolina mother with six sons in the armed services of the United States, was honored Friday evening at a public ceremony in Banner Elk, in which she was presented with an American flag and an emblem of honor pin.

A telegram of congratulations from Governor Broughton was read as a part of the ceremony, held at Lees-McRae College. The telegram follows:

"Friends have informed me that you have six sons in the armed services of our nation at the present time and that you are to be specially honored at a patriotic rally to be held in Avery county tonight.

"I am very happy as governor of North Carolina to add my tribute to you and to your fine sons and to say that our state takes pride in this record, which will hardly be surpassed by any family in the United States. You may well experience a sense of pride in having made so notable a contribution to the nation in its hour of greatest crisis and I am confident that your sons will render a service that will add new glory to our state and nation."

Two of Mrs. Rominger's sons, stationed at Charlotte in the army air corps, were able to attend the ceremony and were on the platform with her and their father.

The flag was presented by Roy A. Harmon on behalf of the American Legion and various fraternal orders in this section. Presenting the honor emblem pin was Dean Leo K. Pritchett of Lees-McRae College, mayor of Banner Elk.

W. R. Fields, principal of the local schools, spoke on "Education in a Democracy at War" and a group of school children added a further patriotic note by giving a flag salute. Also taking part in the program was the college a cappella choir.

## SPEECH CONTEST IS BEING HELD

Annual Language and Forensic Tourney is Being Held Today at Appalachian

Sixteen high schools from Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties are represented in the annual language and forensic tournament being held by the Appalachian High School Association here today (Wednesday). The tournament will include all phases of forensic work and also French and English tests.

Dr. W. Amos Abrams is acting as faculty chairman and George Vukan as student chairman. A group of some 65 members of the student body will assist in this work. Cecil Adderholdt will serve as chairman of the forensic activities, and Miss Thelma Caruso as chairman of supplies.

All work in the French division is under the direction of Prof. Karaker and his assistants, while a group of junior and senior English majors is in charge of the English activities.

Awards will be given to the school with the most points in English, French, and the highest total number of points. These awards will be in the form of plaques. Individual awards will be given to the winners in each division, including extemporaneous speaking, declamation and recitation and interpretive reading.

Prior to the presentation of awards in the college auditorium at 4:30 this afternoon, a demonstration debate will be presented by members of the Appalachian Forensic Club.

## Tobacco Ball Is Successful Event

Final reports from the third annual tobacco ball, indicate that the net proceeds from the event were \$73.35.

The dance, which is annually staged by the Tuesday Night Club, is for the purpose of raising funds for charitable enterprises. The recent ball was one of the most successful thus far held.

## TRAGEDY FOR POPULAR FILM STAR



Only a few days before she crashed to her death in the airplane accident that took the lives of 22 persons, Carole Lombard posed for this picture urging the increased purchase of U. S. defense bonds. The picture itself may well become a poster in the defense bond selling campaign.

## TAXES MUST BE LISTED BY SATURDAY

Tax Supervisor Asks That Taxpayers List Their Taxes By End of Week

Mr. C. D. McNeil, tax supervisor for Watauga county, states that taxpayers will have to list their property for taxes by Saturday, to comply with the state laws regarding property and poll taxes. Mr. McNeil further states that on Saturday the demand on the time of the list takers will be heavy and urges all those who possibly can to see their list taker prior to that time.

The official points out that the penalty for failure to list property or poll before the close of the regular listing period, shall be ten per cent of the taxes levied for the current year on such property or poll, according to the provisions of the state law.

## FARM EQUIPMENT WILL BE REPAIRED

High School Department of Agriculture Announces Aid to Farmers by Defense Class

In order to help local farmers get their farm machinery in proper condition for the coming season the department of vocational agriculture at the local high school announces that machinery in need of repairs will be repaired by members of the defense training class in metal work if brought to the high school building. The only charge for this service will be for parts which are needed. The shop is equipped with an electric welder, forge and other equipment necessary to do most repair work. Since the class meets at night it is necessary to leave the machinery to be repaired in the shop for at least one day.

A second defense class in electricity was organized Monday. Any young man between the ages of 17 and 25 not already in school may enroll in this class which will meet two days each week for the next eight weeks. Those interested in taking this course should see Mr. I. S. Ayers, instructor, or Dr. Orby Southard at the local high school.

## Midway Island Still In Hands of U.S. Forces

Washington, Jan. 27—Midway island is "still holding—and that's that!"

Such was the cheering news that came from a navy spokesman tonight simultaneous with disclosure that the marine defenders seriously damaged a Japanese cruiser and a destroyer during the initial enemy attack on the mid-Pacific outpost on December 7.

The spokesman's crisp statement broke a month-long silence as to the fate of Midway—one of the stepping stone islands across the Pacific.

Not since Dec. 30 had there been any word about Midway. On that occasion a navy communiqué read "the situation remains unchanged."

Army's new "panzer killer" combines an anti-tank gun and its motor transport in one vehicle.

## OFFICERS NAMED AT ANNUAL RED CROSS MEETING

Mrs. Garbee Again Heads Local Chapter of Organization; Report of War Fund Drive Chairman Indicates County Passed Quota by 60 Per Cent

The annual meeting of the Watauga county chapter of the American Red Cross, held at the courthouse Monday evening, elected officers for the year and heard the report on activities of the chapter for the past year. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. E. E. Garbee. Rev. John Rhea led in prayer, following which the group joined in a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Mrs. E. E. Garbee; vice-chairmen, Dr. J. D. Rankin and Mrs. James H. Council; secretary-treasurer, Miss Bernice Gragg.

Committees: Disaster and civilian relief, R. D. Hodges; home service, Rev. John Rhea; first aid, E. E. Garbee; life saving, Miss Thursa Steed; home nursing, Mrs. J. W. A. Davis; war production, Mrs. Mae Miller and Mrs. James H. Council; emergency loan closet, Mrs. Paul Coffey; Junior Red Cross, Mrs. W. Amos Abrams; roll call, Mrs. William Matheson; roll call publicity, A. Antonakos; publicity, Rob Rivers; reporter, Leonard Eury; special war fund drive, Clyde R. Greene.

Each committee chairman gave a report of the past year's activities. The financial report for 1941 was read and the budget for 1942 was adopted as read. An executive committee composed of Dr. Matheson, Dr. G. K. Moore and Wade E. Brown was appointed.

War Fund Contributions  
Mr. Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the special war fund committee, announced that Watauga county had raised \$2,395.32, or an excess over its war relief quota of \$855.32, making a 60 per cent oversubscription.

The names of new contributors in the amount of \$87.86 are as follows: Zion Hill Church \$8.25, Bethel School, 1st grade \$1.55, 2nd grade \$1.50, 3rd grade \$2.00, 4th grade \$1.35, 5th grade \$2.55, 6th grade \$2.46, 7th grade \$1.50, 8th grade \$1.00, 9th grade \$1.50, 10th grade, \$2.50, 11th grade \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Wilson \$2.00, Orville Haganman \$1.00, Lawrence Graham \$1.00, Noah Winebarger \$1.00, King Street Grocery \$5.00, Ella Smitherman \$2.00, Mrs. Ernest Hillard .65, Ruth Hoilar .05, R. C. Coleman \$25.00, S. C. Eggers \$5.00, Mrs. Ruby Ellis \$1.00, John K. Brown \$1.00, O. T. Coleman \$1.00, T. J. Powell \$1.00, Norman Wilson \$1.00, G. C. Harbour \$1.00, C. E. Walden \$1.00, Fred O. Settle \$1.00, Harry H. Nann \$1.00, W. W. Jordan \$1.00, J. T. Perkins \$1.00, F. M. Payne \$1.00, Roy K. Stivers \$1.00, C. C. Taylor \$1.00, Paul Wilson \$1.00, T. Florence \$1.00, A. J. Crane \$1.00, Emma Hodges \$1.00.

Township Committees  
Mr. Greene also announced the appointment of a committee of three persons from each township in the county to work in any future (Continued on page eight)

## GENE WIKE GOES INTO U. S. NAVY

Member of Appalachian Faculty and Publicity Director Enters Naval Reserve

Eugene Wike, member of the faculty at Appalachian College, and director of the publicity department, left on Wednesday of last week for Charleston, S. C., where he was inducted into class V-4 of the naval reserve. This enlistment gives Mr. Wike the rank of chief yeoman of the naval intelligence.

Mr. Wike graduated from Appalachian College in 1937 and during his senior year most capably edited The Appalachian. The year following his graduation he entered the publicity department of Appalachian and also became a member of the faculty as an instructor in history.

Mr. Wike during his residence in Boone contributed to the Watauga Democrat, as well as to the state newspapers and was employed during the summer months as publicity director for the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce. He took an active interest in all the public affairs of the community, and became widely known and well liked in this area.

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