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New Boone Medical Building



The handsome new medical building recently erected by Dr. H. B. Perry, which is now occupied by Dr. Perry and Dr. R. H. Harmon. The building, which was designed and built solely as a medical structure, can readily be converted into a modern small hospital. The building was occupied early in January.

TIRES ISSUED BY RATION BOARD

List of Those Receiving Tires and Tubes During This Month is Given

Following is a list of those given permits to purchase tires and tubes by the local rationing board since the first of February:

- J. Don Hayes, Deep Gap, hauling produce.
- S. C. Greene, Blowing Rock, hauling produce.
- W. F. Greene, Deep Gap, hauling lumber, extract wood.
- W. F. Greer, Deep Gap, hauling lumber, ties, extract wood.
- A. C. Reese, Zionville, hauling lumber and extract wood.
- Dave Henson, Sherwood, hauling fruit and vegetables.
- Glenn Triplett, Triplett, hauling lumber and ties.
- M. O. Coffey, Blowing Rock, hauling produce.
- L. C. Dula, Blowing Rock, distributing gas and oil.
- F. A. Icenhour, Blowing Rock, mail carrier.
- Russell Teague, Reese, hauling milk to receiving plant at Sugar Grove.
- V. L. Moretz, Boone, hauling lumber.
- June A. Greene, Boone, hauling coal and extract wood.
- E. F. Shore, Blowing Rock, hauling fuel.
- W. A. Shull, Blowing Rock, hauling coal.
- L. M. Frye, Blowing Rock, hauling produce.
- Chis Aldridge, Banner Elk, hauling lumber.
- Dave Henson, Sherwood, hauling fruits and vegetables.
- Passenger tires: Tom Jackson, Boone, acting superintendent of county welfare; A. J. Edmisten, Boone, sheriff.

Mrs. Sarah Grogan Dies at Age 79 Years

Mrs. Sarah E. Grogan, well known Zionville resident, died Wednesday of last week at the age of 79 years. Pneumonia was given as the cause of her demise.

Funeral services were conducted from the Zionville Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. Carl Triplett, who was assisted by Rev. R. C. Eggers, and interment was in the churchyard cemetery.

Mrs. Grogan was a native of Watauga county, where she had spent her long life, and was formerly Miss Sarah Eggers. She was married to Solomon Grogan July 15, 1877, and two children were born, one of whom died in infancy and the other in early life. She professed faith in Christ and joined Mt. Zion church 86 years ago, and was one of the most faithful members of the congregation, always contributing to the needs of the church and aiding in its every activity.

Besides the husband, one brother, L. D. Eggers, of Post Falls, Idaho, survives.

Appalachian Five Turns Back Elon

Elon College, Feb. 11—Appalachian defeated Elon in a North State conference basketball contest here last night, 56 to 49. Elon rallied to come within two points of the visitors once early in the second half but the Mountaineers closed steady. Elon had previously defeated the Apps on their home court. Danny Miller with 17 points, was high scorer of the game.

Third Registration Set for Next Monday

Attention is again called to the fact that next Monday, February 16, all men between the ages of 20 and 44, not previously registered must register for military service under the selective service act.

Those who were 20 years old on December 31, 1941, and who have not attained their 45th anniversary on February 16, must register, either at the selective service board in Boone, or at one of the designated places in the different sections of the county. Registration will be conducted between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

CHAIN LETTERS AGAIN APPEAR

Postmaster Cites Postal Ruling Forbidding the Sending of Chain Letters

Postmaster W. G. Hartzog states that again the so-called chain letters are appearing in the mails at the local postoffice and warns those engaged in the practice that it is a violation of the postal laws. In this connection he cites the following bulletin from the postoffice department: "The mails in all parts of the country are being flooded at the present time with letters relating to so-called endless chain schemes soliciting defense savings stamps."

Patrons of the various postoffices depositing in the mails matter relating to schemes of this nature should be warned that the sending of such matter through the mails is a violation of the postal fraud and lottery statutes. Notices are served upon persons participating in such schemes whose names come to the attention of the postoffice department requiring them to show cause why fraud orders should not be issued against them. Such orders forbid the delivery of any mail to the persons named therein."

Frank Payne Attends Underwriters Meeting

Frank M. Payne, general agent for the Security Life and Trust Co., was in Winston-Salem last Saturday, where he attended the state meeting of the North Carolina Association of Life Underwriters, which was preceded by a meeting of Security representatives.

Mayor Richard J. Reynolds welcomed the guests to the city and the principal address was made by John A. Witherspoon, associational president. His address was principally on the work of the association and its objectives.

The meeting was attended by about 250 insurance men and invited guests.

Defense Bond Sales Heavy in January

Watauga county people eagerly bought defense bonds during the month of January, according to Postmaster W. G. Hartzog, who states that during the period his office disposed of \$17,375 of the securities.

On soils of average fertility, complete fertilizers may be used safely at the rate of one ton to the acre if broadcast, and not greater than 1,000 pounds if applied in the furrow.

VICTORY GARDEN CAMPAIGN NOW ON

This Week Designated as Victory Garden Week; County Agent Gives Pointers

The week of February 9 to 14 has been designated as Victory Garden week throughout the United States. During this week people all over the country will be talking and making plans for their 1942 garden, says County Agent H. M. Hamilton.

The Victory Garden campaign can not be stressed too much in Watauga county, Mr. Hamilton says, because practically every family in the county can improve on the gardens they have been growing.

Some of the ways a garden can be improved are as follows:

1. Plow the garden now in place of waiting until late spring to plow.
2. Plan to have at least one-tenth of an acre for each member of the family.
3. Buy your garden seed at once in order to save money.
4. Buy all your seed at one time so that you will have the seed on hand when the proper time comes for planting.
5. Add new vegetables to the garden to increase your variety.
6. Use a complete fertilizer and plenty of stable manure to increase the plant food.

Trailways Publicity Again in Prospect

Through the medium of the Chamber of Commerce, it is stated that Boone and environs may again secure some valuable national publicity through the National Trailways magazine. This magazine, which is published every two months, has an enormous circulation and goes directly into the hands of the traveling public, through Trailways agencies and travel bureaus.

H. W. Wilcox, Chamber of Commerce president, states that it is hoped to get the publicity articles in an early spring or summer edition. When negotiations are completed with the Queen City Trailways, work will begin on the advertising material, it is said.

Ration of New Cars to Begin On February 27

General rationing of new automobiles will not begin before February 26, T. S. Johnson, state director of civilian defense, announced last week.

Johnson said that the new automobile business would open again on February 12, but that transactions would be limited to transfer of cars purchased prior to January 1, but which had not been delivered when stocks were frozen as of that date. All such transactions must be completed by February 26, he added, as after that date no new cars may be purchased except with priority certificates issued by rationing boards.

Heavy Demand for Local Farm Lands

Mr. S. C. Eggers, local realtor, states that recently he has had a large number of inquiries from people desiring to buy farm properties in Watauga county. Mr. Eggers further states that farmers desiring to sell their lands should make their wishes known to him, so that inquiries may be answered.

BOY SCOUT WEEK BEING OBSERVED IN THIS LOCALITY

Schedule of Activities for Anniversary Celebration is Outlined; Special Church Services to End Observance on Sunday

Boy Scouts of this locality are this week celebrating the 32nd anniversary of the founding of their organization, and Scoutmaster B. W. Stallings in announcing the schedule of the local observance has this to say:

"This month thousands of boys all over America are celebrating Boy Scout Week. They are doing their part to maneuver 'all-out' aid for Uncle Sam. They are part of you—the part that is the future of American peace and security. Don't be afraid of tomorrow. They aren't. Trustworthy, loyal, brave, obedient, marching along with their heads up, beating the drum of life—'to do my duty to God and my country . . . to help other people at all times . . . to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight . . . That is the youth of America.'"

Monday was home day. Scouts should do some real good turn at home.

Tuesday was institutional day—a good turn performed by the troop for the institution that sponsors it.

Wednesday—wreath, Scout hat. Scouts are to be guests of the Carolina Pharmacy and owner, Manley Clarke. They will meet at the Carolina Pharmacy at 4:30 o'clock.

Thursday is fun day. Appalachian Theatre, through the courtesy of Mr. Trotter, has invited the Scouts to see "Trade Winds" at 7 p. m. Admission by registration cards only.

Friday is school day. Scouts will offer in advance their services to the principal of their school on some school good turn.

Saturday is civic day. Scouts will take over the city government from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. The highest ranking scout will be mayor. The next two in rank will be commissioner of finance and public works, respectively.

Sunday, church day. "A Scout is reverent." A special service will be held at the Baptist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. All Scouts will attend in uniform.

TEN TONS OF JUNK ALREADY RECEIVED

Campaign Among Farmers For Collection of War Materials Progresses

County Agent Harry Hamilton states that the campaign for the collection of scrap metal, among the farmers of the county is now hitting its stride and that already 20,000 pounds of the junk has been delivered to Boone from the eastern section of the county, and that a truck load of the material was sent to Bristol for sale today.

Mr. Hamilton states that the eastern section of the county is being worked first, following which the collection will proceed in the western section. He says in a number of instances farmers have taken their teams and made collection tours of their neighborhoods and urges others to do likewise. In sections where the trucks have not yet been Mr. Hamilton urges farmers to cooperate with their committees in having the materials assembled at the designated points.

Bus Fares Increase As of February 16th

Bus fares are to be increased ten per cent as of February 16, according to Mr. Herman Wilcox of the Union Bus Terminal. In taking this action, he states the bus companies are following the example set by railroads, which recently advanced their passenger rates.

Knitting Class Not To Be Held Friday

The Red Cross knitting class which was to have been held at the sewing room Friday evening, is not to be held this week, it was stated Tuesday. The classes will be resumed, however, Friday evening of next week.

CHURCHES ON WAR TIME

Beginning Sunday, church services in the different churches of the city will be held by eastern war time, it was stated the first of the week.

Deceased Leader



Eller McNeil, who died at his home in the Rutherford neighborhood Monday, following a brief illness.

PARALYSIS FUND REPORT SHOWS A BALANCE OF \$191

President's Birthday Ball Was Splendid Success; Previous Efforts Swelled Total of Net Receipts; Chairman Expresses Appreciation

The President's Birthday Ball, held in the high school auditorium last Thursday evening was one of the most successful events held here since the inception of the infantile paralysis campaign several years ago.

A report made public by Mrs. Maude Kelley, treasurer of the fund, Tuesday, indicated that the campaign had resulted in net receipts of \$191.86, which is to be divided between the relief of local paralysis victims and the national foundation for the treatment and cure of the disease.

Mrs. Kelley's report indicates that the campaign started on January 12, with an oyster supper by the Good-fellow's Club, which when all expenses had been paid yielded \$27.50 to the fund. At about the same time an oyster supper and entertainment at the Blowing Rock high school resulted in a contribution of \$36.61.

On January 17 a square dance in Boone brought in \$16.37, and a similar event on the 24th netted \$5.00. A dance at Valle Crucis on January 26 yielded \$6.65. The net receipts from the President's ball was \$101.23, making the grand total \$191.86, now on hand in the treasury, which is, so far as is recalled, the largest amount yet raised during an infantile paralysis campaign.

Mr. P. O. Brewer, general chairman of the campaign, on behalf of himself, the committee members and others, expresses sincere thanks to the people for their co-operation in making the campaign such an outstanding success.

School Children Buy Defense Stamps

The children of the Lower Elk public school are to be congratulated upon their patriotism in beginning the purchase of defense savings stamps. Mr. Z. T. Greene, teacher in the Elk school, states that ten children out of even average attendance of about 15, have already purchased ten cent defense savings stamps, and that others are expected to follow suit just as soon as they get their dimes.

Those who have already secured their first stamps are: Vay Hendrix, Kathleen Hendrix, Edith Todd, Rayvon Greene, Verlie Mae Greene, Vera Cox, Anna Lee Cox, Jones Hendrix, Finley Hendrix and Mary Cox.

Dr. Woodhouse To Address Forum Club

Dr. E. J. Woodhouse, professor of political science at the University of North Carolina, will speak to the Boone Forum Club at its regular monthly meeting on Thursday night, February 12.

The topic for the discussion is "What This War Means to the United States." All those interested are invited to attend this meeting which will be held in the high school library at 8 p. m.

Other meetings of the forum are scheduled for the second Thursdays in March and April.

ELLER MCNEIL IS CLAIMED BY DEATH MONDAY EVENING

Former Chairman of Board of Commissioners and Pioneer Merchant Succumbs to Brief Illness; Funeral Wednesday Afternoon

Eller McNeil, pioneer merchant of the Rutherford section, and for ten years a member of the Watauga board of county commissioners, died at his home early Monday evening from a twelve days' illness with a heart ailment. Mr. McNeil was considerably improved during the day Monday, and his death came suddenly at 7 o'clock. He was 63 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Laurel Springs Baptist church in Stony Fork township Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. R. C. Eggers, Rev. W. C. Greene and Rev. Levi Greene conducting the rites and interment was in the cemetery adjacent to the church.

Surviving are the widow, three brothers and four sisters: Floyd McNeil, Boone; Bynum McNeil, Ithel McNeil, Jonesboro, Tenn.; Mrs. J. R. Ford, Mrs. L. F. Greene, Mrs. Another McNeil, Jonesboro, Tenn., and Mrs. Fannie Watson, West Jefferson. Mr. McNeil was born in Wilkes county, a son of the late John H. McNeil and Sophronia Eller McNeil. The family moved to Watauga county while he was in his early twenties, and Mr. McNeil went to work for former Sheriff John W. Hodges, who conducted a large mercantile establishment at Rutherford. After a few years he purchased an interest in the store from Mr. Hodges, and for many years had been sole owner of the business. He had been identified with the well-known business establishment for more than 41 years.

Mr. McNeil retired as chairman of the Watauga county board of commissioners in 1940, after having served his county with rare distinction and integrity for a period of ten years. He was postmaster at Rutherford for twenty years, a leading member of the Laurel Springs Baptist church for many years, and was treasurer of the church at the time of his death. During his long residence in Watauga county he was always identified with all those movements which he believed would entice to the betterment of the people of this section.

Lees-McRae College To Have Concert Here

The Lees-McRae College choir will present a concert of varied music Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Appalachian College auditorium. The choir, under the direction of Mr. McSweeney, is one of artistic finish in musical beauty.

Last Monday evening the A Cappella choir of Appalachian was afforded a splendid reception by an appreciative audience when it presented a concert at Lees-McRae under the direction of Miss Virginia Wary.

The Lees-McRae choir will offer to its listeners an evening of outstanding music and it is hoped that a large audience will be present Monday evening to give them the kind of reception their music deserves.

County Knitters Are Busy Aiding Soldiers

Watauga county knitters are busily engaged with their knitting for the soldiers. According to the report of Mrs. James H. Council, knitting chairman, 320 pounds of yarn has been received by this chapter during the past 15 months. This yarn was purchased out of a special fund set aside by the government, and the yarn is rapidly being converted into warm garments.

The following garments have been completed and shipped: 14 men's sweaters, 21 women's sweaters, 67 children's sweaters, 39 mufflers, 14 shawls, 5 children's suits, 1 child's cap, 36 pairs of socks. Another big shipment will be sent away on February 10.

Mrs. Council stated that the chapter has distributed 109 pounds of wool to Watauga knitters and that there are still 80 pounds on hand for later distribution.

BUSES ON WAR TIME

All buses operating through Boone as well as the entire nation are scheduled on the basis of eastern war time, according to Mr. H. W. Wilcox, of the Union Bus Terminal. This statement is made to avoid misunderstanding on the part of the traveling public.