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BAND BOOSTERS CLUB IS FORMED AT MEETING HERE

Better Community Support of High School Band is Purpose of Newly-Formed Organization, Which is Headed by Rev. E. F. Troutman

In order to encourage better community co-operation with Prof. Gordon Nash and his Appalachian high school band, a Band Boosters Club was formed at a meeting held at the college music building last Thursday, and Rev. Edwin F. Troutman was named president of the organization.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. J. C. McConnell, vice-president, and Clyde R. Greene, secretary and treasurer.

A finance committee was set up with the following members: W. R. Winkler, chairman; Mrs. D. J. Whitener, Mrs. James Council and Mrs. Mae Miller.

Uniform committee: Mrs. J. C. McConnell, chairman; Mrs. Grady Metz, Mrs. J. V. Caudill, Mrs. L. T. Tatum, Mrs. W. G. Harizog. Coordinating committee: Mrs. James Winkler, chairman; Dr. D. J. Whitener and Prof. Chappell Wilson.

The finance committee met Tuesday evening and laid plans for insuring the high school band more adequate financial support in the future than it has had in the past.

Some Facts About Band
Prof. Gordon Nash came to Boone in 1937, and organized the high school band. The original organization consisted of 15 members, without equipment or uniform. With the co-operation of the parents, and through the untiring work of Prof. Nash the band now numbers 50 members, is equipped with splendid instruments and new uniforms, and is rated along with the best high school bands in the area. Prof. Nash for the past two years has also directed the college band. The present equipment of the band is worth \$4,500 and it, together with the uniforms in most instances were provided by parents of the band members.

There has been some help from the community. Donations thus far in 1942, however, are \$50 from the Parent-Teachers Association through Mrs. F. E. Warman. However, an increased support of the band is in prospect with the formation of the Boosters Club, and with the increasing realization among the citizenry as to how valuable an asset the band is to the town. It deserves unstinted support.

The fees charged band members are only 50 cents per month as against the usual rate of \$1 per month charged in most high schools.

Sergeant M. E. Sims Is Dead at Age 44

Information from Cleveland, Ohio, tells of the recent death in that city of Sergeant Malcom E. Sims, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Sims of Watauga county, at the age of 44 years. He had been ill for nine weeks with a heart ailment, it was said.

Sergeant Sims was first assistant in the bureau of arms at Central Police Station and as an expert had instructed many members of the department in the use of firearms. He was appointed to the department on March 23, 1923, and was promoted to a sergeancy on December 23, 1923.

The widow, Mrs. Alice E. Sims, survives.

Fellow officers acted as pallbearers and as an escort at the funeral services, which were held in Cleveland.

Tires Are Issued By Ration Board

Certificates for the purchase of nine truck tires and six tubes were issued by the Watauga county tire rationing board this week, it is announced. At the same time the purchase of 21 tires and 20 tubes for obsolete types of automobiles was approved.

Those given permission to buy truck tires follow:

R. L. Shore, Blowing Rock, hauling coal and fertilizer.
John W. Greene, Boone, hauling coal and wood.
Ernest C. Hodges, Boone, hauling oil (fuel) and produce.
Joseph Presnell, Valle Crucis, hauling produce.
J. C. Church, Shulls Mills, hauling produce and extract wood.
Roosevelt Presnell, Banner Elk, hauling produce.
A. S. T. C., Page Trivett, Boone, hauling coal.

Band Leader



Mr. Gordon Nash, under whose direction the Appalachian high school band has made rapid strides.

SPEED FACTOR IN DEATH TOLL

Governor Broughton Says Speed and Other Traffic Laws Must Be Enforced

Following is the text of a letter from Governor Broughton made public by the state highway patrol, relative to the high accident toll on the highways of the state, and pledging co-operation in remedying the situation:

To the Members of the North Carolina Highway Patrol:

Nearly 1,300 people lost their lives in automobile accidents on the highways of North Carolina in 1941. Fatalities during the month of January, 1942, gave indication that this will be an equally bloody year, unless something drastic is done. This is a record that is shocking to every North Carolinian, and something must be done about it. As governor of the state I am charged with the duty of executing in general the laws of the state; and as members of the highway patrol you are specifically charged with patrolling and regulating the traffic on the state highways. I am going to try to do my part of the job in cutting down this terrible list of fatalities and serious accidents, and I am calling on you to do well your part.

Speed is undoubtedly the major factor in fatal highway accidents. It is possible that the speed limit in this state is too high, but fact is that even the speed limit we have is violated with impunity in every section of the state. This must end if we are to have a better record of safety. I have asked the highway commission to fix modified speed zones for all military areas, congested traffic zones, hazardous curves, dangerous intersections and other places which in the opinion of the commission require special zoning and marking. They will do this promptly and will place markers on the highways indicating the permissible speed limit at such places. Any person who drives beyond such indicated speed limits or who in other places exceeds the statutory speed limit should be arrested for violating the law. The primary duty for the enforcement of this law is on the highway patrol, and I expect to back the highway patrol to the limit in the performance of this duty. This law applies to private citizens, officials, the rich and the poor, the high and the low. We do not want any foolish or vexatious administration of the laws, but we do want the public to know that the speed laws and other traffic regulations in North Carolina must be obeyed.

The officials of the department of motor vehicles, with whom I have conferred, are in hearty accord with this policy. We shall confer from time to time to see how the enforcement program is proceeding. I have the fullest confidence that the highway patrol will do its duty.

J. M. BROUGHTON,
Governor.

State Income Tax Man Here Next Week

Joe Sink, deputy commissioner of revenue, will be at the office of the clerk of the superior court in Boone on February 25, March 4 and 11 for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their state income and intangible tax returns.

Miss Melba Jean Haynes, student nurse at Hamlet, N. C., returned last Sunday after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haynes.

STUDENTS WILL ENTER CLOTHING CONTEST HERE

Appalachian High School Association Home Economics Teachers to Have Contestants in Clothing Contest Here on March 31

Miss Lucy Brock, head of the department of home economics, Appalachian College, has addressed a letter to the home economics teachers of the Appalachian High School Association, asking them to enter contestants in the clothing contest to be held on the college campus Tuesday, March 31, at 2 o'clock.

The entries are to be made under the following groupings:

1. Freshman problem—cotton dresses, house coats or pajamas, or cotton underwear or gowns.
2. Upperclass groups—Wool dresses or suits (accessories demanded); silk (accessories demanded); linen without accessories; rayon, without accessories. This group will be judged with accessories worn with them, except with linen and rayon.
3. Children's clothes. Any group or garment may be modeled on hangers of cardboard if not convenient to have child along to model.

Home economics teachers are requested to eliminate contestants so as to have freedom to enter between 5 and 10 persons from each school. Each person may make more than one entry or may have an entry in each group. Judges will consider both general appearance and construction in all entries.

Miss Brock asks that she be notified by March 25, how many people will enter from each school. Information as to names of students and entries to be shown by each person should be given.

Refreshments will be served to all contestants after the fashion show and the judges will announce the winners from the stage.

All inquiries as to the clothing contest together with names and entries proposed should be forwarded to Miss Lucy Brock, home economics building, Appalachian College, Boone, N. C.

Rev. Mr. Leach Takes Episcopal Pastorate

Rev. Wilbur C. Leach and Mrs. Leach recently moved to Valle Crucis, where he will serve the Valle Crucis school and St. Luke's Episcopal church in Boone as rector.

Rev. Mr. Leach was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1938 and from the General Theological Seminary in New York City in 1941. He was appointed missionary to the Philippine Islands but was prevented from going by the war. Since graduation he has been minister in charge of St. John's Episcopal church in Dover, N. J., and was an assistant in a New York parish while a student at the seminary.

Catawba Game To Be Played Friday

The Appalachian College basketball aggregation will meet Catawba College on the floor of the local gymnasium Friday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced Wednesday, the game having originally been scheduled for Saturday evening.

Coach R. W. Watkins, in announcing the change in dates, states that members of all high school basketball teams in the county are especially invited to attend.

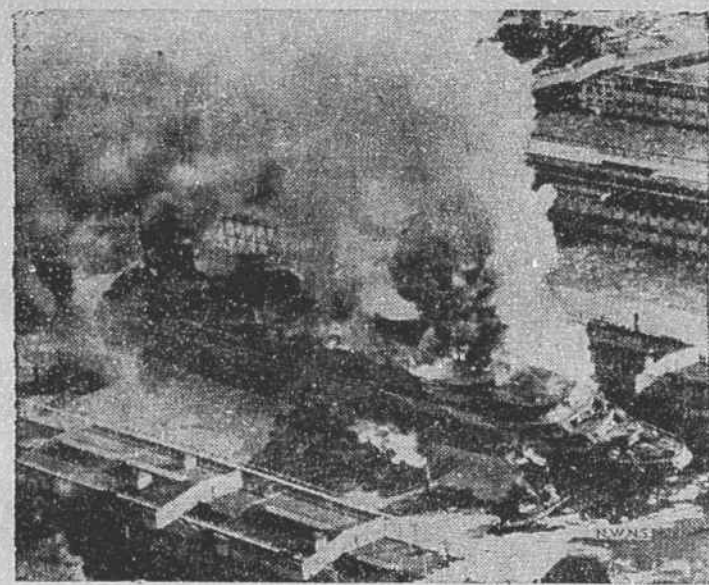
NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

In order to conserve paper and other materials vitally needed in the war effort, as well as to meet the present greatly increased costs of production, the Watauga Democrat finds it necessary to effect a drastic revision of its mailing lists.

Pending the receipt of subscription notices this month ALL subscribers are notified that such arrearages as may exist must be paid and renewals promptly made, or subscriptions will be discontinued.

This announcement is made through no choice of the publisher. Daily newspapers, as well as many weeklies have long since advanced the subscription rates, in an effort to bridge the emergency. The local newspaper does not expect to take this action immediately, but how soon conditions may compel advances cannot be foreseen. However, in the future unpaid subscriptions must be cancelled. The date on your label is the date your subscription expires. Look at it now and be sure not to miss a single copy.

\$60,000,000 Liner Normandie Killed by Fire



An aerial view of the \$60,000,000 French superliner, Normandie, recently re-named the U. S. S. Lafayette, is shown as smoke poured out from its interior at her berth in New York Harbor. Fire boats poured tons of water into the burning vessel, which finally capsized. There were 300 sailors, 400 coast guardsmen and 800 workmen aboard when the fire broke out. The navy took over the Normandie last December 16 for conversion into a naval auxiliary.

World-Wide Day of Prayer Will Be Observed in Union Service Friday

Friday, February 20 will be observed as a World-Wide Day of Prayer, and in this community the observance will center about services to be held in the James I. Vance Memorial Presbyterian church, in which all ministers of the town, as well as laymen, are expected to participate.

The business houses of the city have agreed to close their doors between the hours of 11 and 12 a. m., so that those engaged may participate in the services which are being held in every Christian section of the globe.

The first session will be informal and will continue from 10 to 11 o'clock, followed closely by the formal session at which Dr. McLarty will give a short meditation on prayer.

Ministers who will participate in the prayer services include Dr. E. K. McLarty, Rev. E. F. Troutman, Dr. F. E. Warman, Rev. W. L. Trivette, Rev. Raymond Hendrix, Rev. John I. Rhea, Rev. Wilbur C. Leach, Dr. J. D. Rankin. Rev. J. C. Canipe, it was said, will be unavoidably absent at that time.

Those who have arranged the observance locally of the World Day of Prayer insist that in this hour of world-wide chaos, despair and suffering, that everyone turn aside from their usual duties next Friday morning and participate in the union prayer services.

URGES FARMERS TO GROW BURLEY

Tobacco Raisers Should Supply Own Plants and Raise Full Quota This Year

Mr. S. C. Eggers, of the Mountain Burley Warehouses, stated the first of the week that it is the opinion of warehousemen and others connected with the tobacco industry that farmers this year should see to it that their full quota is planted in burley. It is also suggested that farmers get out their plant beds on time, and make an especial effort to supply their own plants.

It is further pointed out that it is not against the law to raise tobacco, even though a farmer does not have a "base." However, tobacco thus planted, will be subject to a 10c per pound penalty. Even at this, it is further stated, good grades of tobacco will yield the grower a handsome profit, even after the tax is paid.

Musico: Either that, or I'm getting used to it.

EXPRESS OFFICE PROSPECT BRIGHT

Chamber of Commerce Interests Railway Express Agency in Service to Boone

Mr. Herman Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, is making some progress toward the establishment of an office of the Railway Express Agency in this city, he stated Wednesday morning.

Mr. Wilcox has received information that the express agency is negotiating toward the establishment of an office in Boone, to be served by truck from Lenoir, with through rates prevailing to this city. Word is that the express authorities are anxious for the people of this area to receive through service, and that this will be provided, if and when the necessary arrangements can be made.

Scrap Metal Campaign Progresses in County

The scrap metal campaign is moving along nicely throughout the county, according to Harry M. Hamilton, county agent. By the end of this week practically every section in the county will have been canvassed for scrap metal.

The Farmers Hardware & Supply Company is hauling the scrap material to Bristol free of charge and selling it to a licensed junk dealer.

Since the hardware company makes only one trip a week it would speed up the scrap program if another trucker would follow the example set by the hardware store and help haul a load or two of this junk to market. If anyone else is interested in hauling on the above basis, please notify the county agent.

TO VISIT GRAND LODGE

Dr. J. T. C. Wright of Boone, a certified Masonic lecturer, has been notified that he and other lecturers of the state will confer the three Masonic degrees before the Grand Lodge of Masons, which meets in Raleigh on April 20-21.

890 WATAUGANS ARE REGISTERED IN THIRD DRAFT

More Than One Thousand Had Been Expected to Register Here; Complete Reports From State May Indicate Enrollment Quarter Million

Eight hundred and ninety Watauga county citizens, between the ages of 20 and 45 years, registered Monday for possible military service against the Axis, in the third enrollment of manpower under the selective service act.

Registrations were conducted at the offices of the selective service board in Boone and at a large number of points throughout the county. Adequate help was available to keep the registration machinery functioning smoothly, and although the offices here were open until 9 o'clock p. m., citizens of this locality, with two or three exceptions, had placed their names on the dotted line by shortly after 6 o'clock.

Local selective service officials had predicted a registration of from 1,000 to 1,400. However, the figure reached may be expected to be raised considerably when cards from local residents, working elsewhere are returned to the local board.

In the state, it is believed that final returns will indicate a registration of near a quarter of a million, or about half the number enrolled in the two previous registrations. The national registration is about 9,000,000.

It is expected that the new names will be listed on the rolls behind those of men previously registered.

Coach Stewart Is Injured In Wreck

Coach Flucie Stewart, former Appalachian football mentor, suffered painful, but not serious injuries Tuesday afternoon of last week in an automobile accident on the Greensboro-Winston-Salem highway.

Mr. Stewart, who was returning to Boone when the accident occurred from a business trip to Chapel Hill, suffered a bad cut on the chin, a lacerated upper lip, and perhaps the loss of three teeth, in addition to bruises about the body. The injuries, however, have practically healed. Ernest Roane of Greensboro, and James Denny of Winston-Salem, were also injured in the accident in which their car, the Stewart car and a motor transit van of Raleigh, figured.

BLOWING ROCK SEWING ROOM IS VERY ACTIVE

The sewing room at Blowing Rock is doing its part in the war emergency. Under the supervision of Mrs. T. L. Coffey and Mrs. Howard Holshouser, the sewing room, located in the school building, is open all day each Thursday, and Blowing Rock women are answering the call for willing workers.

For the month of January Blowing Rock turned in the following items for the Red Cross: 11 suits of rompers, 12 men's sweaters, 4 girls' sweaters, 9 toddlers, 9 pairs sox, 10 women's dresses, 6 girls' dresses, and one layette. Mrs. Coffey says that to continue the program will require the assistance of other women who want to help, and Blowing Rock women are urged to come to the sewing room each Thursday.

SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICE CLOSING MONDAY

The offices of the Watauga county selective service board will remain closed next Monday in observance of George Washington's birthday, it was stated Wednesday.

BUYS CAFE BUSINESS

Mr. B. G. Teams has purchased the Boone Trail Cafe, and assumed active management of the well-known business establishment the end of the week. Mr. Thos. Redmond, former owner of the cafe, disposed of the business pending his induction into the army.

RATIONING OF GAS NEAR

Washington.—Rationing of gasoline in the east appears to be an early probability as a responsible source said Thursday that Atlantic seaboard oil companies had reported that fast dwindling stocks, due to war loss and diversion of tanker ships justified restrictions on non-essential consumption.

Buy Defense Bonds