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## WPA LABOR IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR FARM WORK

**McGinnis States That Anyone Needing Farm Labor Should Apply to Employment Office or To Any WPA Official**

Raleigh, March 1.—"The North Carolina WPA has always tried to work itself out of a job by returning certified workers to private employment as rapidly as possible," stated WPA Administrator C. C. McGinnis. "Through the years and this year we have informed farmers and all kinds of employers of labor that workers on WPA projects are always available when needed for farm work or any other kind of work in any given locality."

From July 1, 1941, to February 1, 1942, 24,126 workers either left WPA or had their employment terminated with WPA for various reasons. The average WPA employment for that period was 24,670. This shows almost a 100 per cent turnover in WPA workers. It is definitely known that 7,376 of those were placed in private employment. McGinnis reported that last week 837 workers left WPA.

During the month of January, 963 WPA workers were placed in private jobs by the recently created WPA division of training and re-employment. This division has recently instituted a farm placement section. All farm agents in the several counties of North Carolina have been informed of the WPA policy and they have been urged to co-operate in placing WPA workers in farm jobs wherever they are needed. The new section co-ordinates its efforts with the farm placement unit of the U. S. employment service.

In order that all farmers, or any employer needing workers, be again informed of the WPA policy, McGinnis issued the following statement:

"Anyone needing farm labor who is unable to obtain it at the prevailing farm wage, is advised to apply at the nearest U. S. employment office or to any local WPA official. WPA will make available any qualified workers under its jurisdiction. Employers should also feel free to offer a job to any qualified person whom they know is working on WPA. If anyone working on WPA is offered a job, whether through the U. S. employment service, a WPA official, or directly by the person who wishes to hire him, and refuses to accept the offer, he will be immediately terminated from WPA. This is providing, of course, that the wage offered is the prevailing one for similar work in the community, and that he is able to do the work offered, and that working conditions are reasonable.

"Citizens are requested to co-operate by advising W. C. Wilson, director of training and re-employment at the WPA Raleigh office of any instance where a WPA official fails to co-operate in attempting to fill their labor requirements, or where a WPA project worker refuses to accept a bona fide offer of private employment. Prompt investigation will be made and appropriate action taken in each such instance reported.

"It is the purpose of WPA to provide useful public work for needy unemployed citizens who are unable to secure private employment. It is not the intention of the WPA to keep anyone employed on a project who is offered fair and reasonable private employment."

WPA has caused 1,395 workers to receive training in skills needed by the war effort. Of these, 1,048 were found jobs by the re-employment division. "This is one phase of the WPA effort to move our employees into private industry," Wilson explained.

## New Truck Ration To Begin March 9

Washington, March 1.—Rationing of new trucks, truck-tractors and trailers will begin March 9, the war production board announced last night.

Persons desiring to purchase such vehicles should file applications for purchase certificates with field offices of the interstate commerce commission's bureau of motor carriers. The applications then will be relayed to Washington and approved or rejected by defense transportation officials and the WPB.

Approximately 196,000 trucks and trailers will be available for rationing the next 22 months, officials estimated.

## In Philippines



This picture of Mrs. Douglas MacArthur was made by the U. S. army signal corps shortly before the attack on Pearl Harbor. It shows her watching the Napa festival in the Philippines. Mrs. MacArthur and their son are still in the Bataan Peninsula, it is believed.

## G. O. P. CONVENTION TO MEET IN LENOIR

**Dr. Kephart is Touted as Next Congressional Nominee of Republican Party**

The Republicans of the ninth congressional district will hold their convention in Lenoir on March 18, at 2 o'clock p. m., according to information given out by Republican leaders here Tuesday.

The principal business of the convention, it is stated, is to form a district organization, and at the same time to elect members of the state executive committee. It is also stated that a Republican candidate for congress will be selected at this time, and grapevine information is that Dr. A. P. Kephart will likely be named to oppose veteran Congressman Robert L. Doughton in next fall's election. Dr. Kephart, who ran for the legislature last election, is well known throughout this region, and may be expected to wage a vigorous congressional campaign.

## Watauga Teacher to Hold Dinner Meeting Monday, March 9th

The annual dinner meeting of the Watauga County Teachers Association will be held Monday, March 9, 7:30 p. m., in the dining room of the Boone Baptist church, it was announced Tuesday. Mrs. Dessie Mae Edmisten, president of the association, will be in charge of the program. The feature speaker will be Fred W. Greene of Raleigh, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Education Association, and music will be furnished by the college symphony orchestra.

Those desiring additional reservations for the dinner may do so by contacting their district school principal.

Prof. W. W. Williams of Blowing Rock, is chairman of the committee which has charge of arrangements for the event.

## Association To Be Held Timbered Ridge

The executive committee of the Three Forks Baptist Association met at the Boone Baptist church last Sunday, and it was decided that the spring session of the association will be held at the Timbered Ridge Baptist church on Friday, May 1.

The program details will be announced in a later edition of The Democrat.

## LEADERS HOPE THAT ARMS LAG IS OVER

Washington, March 1.—Administration leaders, having weathered the worst storm of attack since Pearl Harbor on new deal social legislation, were hopeful yesterday there would be no lag in arms production that might bring a new effort to suspend the 40-hour work week.

The house refused by a vote of 226 to 62 to suspend the overtime pay provisions of the wage-hour law and 16 other federal statutes governing the hours of American workers.

All but 48 of the 10,812 passenger cars imported into Brazil in the first 10 months of last year were from the United States.

## MOLLYCODDLING OF PEOPLE OF NATION HAS BEEN STOPPED

**"Defeat is Impossible" Theme Replaces That of "Victory is Sure"; Government Officials, However, Are Still Confident That United States Will Win**

Washington, March 3.—President Roosevelt, his cabinet members and other leading government officials seem to be through mollycoddling the people of the nation.

Until recently messages to the public have carried more or less of a "victory is sure" theme—with accompanying qualifications vaguely citing the need for sacrifice, hard work and unity.

Now the theme has become more frightening—a "defeat is possible" theme accompanied by explanations of the power of the enemy and the absolute necessity of our performing the "miracle of production" if we hope to win.

Government officials are still unanimous in the conviction that the war will be won by the United Nations, but they realize it is going to call for a lot more effort by the people than has been demonstrated so far. They are no longer in a mood to tolerate labor troubles, self-centered activities of pressure groups, etc., which slow up production. And they will no longer give consumer interests much consideration when they conflict with the interests of the war program.

To impress the public with the size of the job we have to do, the fact is being stressed that we must think of winning the war in terms of offensive action and not defense. This was made clear when, in reply to criticism that our coast lines are not well protected, Secretary of War Stimson said:

"The only way to end the war is to take the offensive and to take it as vigorously as possible. We are building an offensive force on the land and in the air, and we shall seize every opportunity for attack, and utilize every opportunity for surprise.

"We have got to be prepared also," he said, "for thoughtless pressure by our public to string out our defense—a pressure which if yielded to would be the surest way of losing the war that I know of."

"We have got to be prepared to take sporadic attacks, and the only way to end them is to mass our forces to take effective action against the enemy."

"You must remember that in this war we have not got anybody in Europe holding Germany behind a front line. We cannot produce our way out of the war. We cannot buy our way out. We can only fight our way out by hard, intelligent fighting."

"This does not mean that defensive efforts will not be made to protect the country as far as they can be made without destroying our striking forces."

By shifting our thinking toward offensive action—and by emphasizing that we may have "to take sporadic attacks" until such action is effective, Mr. Stimson, and other government spokesmen are believed to have done much to give the public a new realization of the task that lies before us.

In addition to showing us the absolute need for faster and faster production, it has also been made clear that there is going to be no more fooling about the sacrifices which the people of this country will have to make in the near future.

Last year an effort was being made to do two jobs—fulfill consumer needs and produce quantities of war supplies. That didn't work. This year all possible production facilities are being turned over to war production—and the production of (Continued on page four)

## PARTY DINNERS NET \$24,000 IN N. CAROLINA

North Carolina Democrats came to the aid of their party on George Washington's birthday by paying more than \$24,000 to eat 1,000 dinners.

Colonel William T. Joyner, state chairman of the dinners, said the sum, which will be used to wipe out the national Democratic party's 1940 deficit, was approximately one-third larger than that donated on any of the previous Jackson day dinners.

Dinners were held in Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Asheville, Edenton and Lumberton.

The northern Piedmont dinner held at Winston-Salem netted \$6,927.72, Senator Gordon Gray announced. The quota for this dinner was \$3,575.

## Chief Executive Outlines U. S. Strategy



President Roosevelt declared in a world-wide radio address that the United Nations will "soon have the offensive" in the war. The President said that if we withdrew our forces from the outposts of the United States it would make the course of the Axis powers easier in Europe and Asia and that we would not follow an "ostrich" strategy to win the war. He is shown pointing to map as he made his momentous talk to the world.

## MRS. WINKLER IS TAKEN BY DEATH

**Well-known Citizen Succumbs to Long Illness; Was Daughter of Col. W. T. Horton**

Mrs. J. S. Winkler, highly esteemed citizen of this community, died at the home of a son, Mr. W. R. Winkler, early Monday, after an illness of several months. She was 71 years of age.

Mrs. Winkler was a daughter of the late Col. W. T. and Rebecca Blair Horton, and had made her home in Boone for more than forty years. She had been a member of the Baptist church for many years and so long as her health permitted, was active in religious activities. Mrs. Winkler was widely known throughout this area and held in the highest regard by all of her acquaintances.

At noon Wednesday funeral details had not been arranged, due to the extreme weather conditions, but it was stated by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home that the services would likely be held Thursday morning from the Boone Baptist church, and that interment would be in the city cemetery.

Surviving, besides Mr. Winkler, are the following sons and daughters: Carl H. Winkler, Durham; Mrs. E. W. Moore, Greensboro; W. R. Winkler, Gordon H. Winkler and Stewart Winkler of Boone; Paul Winkler of Morganton, and Mrs. J. P. Davis of Leaksville. Also surviving are one brother and one sister, H. W. Horton, Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Emma H. Moore of Boone.

## High Point College Wins North State Cage Crown

High Point, Feb. 28.—In a driving finish, High Point's Purple Panthers defeated Appalachian, 50 to 34, tonight and won the North State conference basketball crown.

The Mountaineers, defending champions, staged a furious battle in an effort to retain the championship but Bill Keene, six-foot eight-inch center, came through with four successive baskets in the final six minutes to put the winners ahead, 46 to 34, with two minutes to go.

The lead changed hands four times in the first five minutes but High Point forged out in front, 8 to 6, at that point. The Panthers led the rest of the game, with margins ranging from 4 to 9 points.

**APPS DEFEAT W. C. T. C.**  
The Appalachian Mountaineers put on a goal-shooting show in the second half to pull away from Western Carolina Teachers and enter the semi-finals of the North State conference basketball tournament at High Point Thursday night. The score was 54-45.

Starting early in the second half, and sparked by John Novotny, Appalachian swept out in front, 45-32, with seven minutes left in the game.

Franklin Gudger, W. C. T. C., and Novotny, Appalachian's sparking guard, were standouts. The Boone-men led at the half, 19-17.

In the semi-finals Friday night, Appalachian defeated Catawba College by the score of 48 to 39.

The first naval officer to receive the thanks of congress or a gold medal was John Paul Jones.

## MRS. EDNA HODGES DIES ON TUESDAY

**Brief Illness is Fatal to Well-known School Teacher; Rites at Boone's Fork Church**

Mrs. Edna Coffey Hodges, aged 59, died at Watauga Hospital Tuesday after a brief illness. Cancer was given as the cause of her death.

Funeral services are to be conducted from the Boone's Fork Baptist church and burial will be in that section when the weather permits.

Mrs. Hodges was a daughter of the late Filmore and Mrs. Coffey and was reared in the vicinity of Foscoe. She had taught in the public schools of Watauga and adjacent counties for a number of years, and was well known and held in the highest regard by her many acquaintances.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Louise Aldridge, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Eva Coffey, Jesse Coffey, Mrs. H. H. Berry, Sanford Coffey, Shulls Mills; Mrs. George Williams, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Blaine Aldridge, Tacoma, Wash.

## Draftees Soon Go To Army Same Day They Are Examined

Washington.—The new system of inducting selective service recruits the same day they receive their army physical examinations will be effective as soon as instructions now in the mails reach the local boards, selective service officials have announced.

Previously, men classified by their local board as acceptable for service have been given their army physical examinations about ten days before they received orders to report for induction.

## TRAFFIC TOLL SHADES GUAM, WAKE DEATHS

Chicago, March 1.—The nation sacrificed three times as many lives in January traffic accidents as in resisting Japanese assaults on Wake Island and Guam, the National Safety Council reported yesterday.

While Americans were reading wartime casualty lists, 3,140 of them lost their lives near home in traffic mishaps, the council said. The figure, recorded in the face of tire and automobile rationing, represented a 7 per cent increase over the January total for 1941, 22 per cent over 1940 and 26 per cent over 1939.

## PROBE IS CALLED IN LENOIR SCHOOL BLAZE

Lenoir, March 1.—An investigation was started in an effort to learn the origin of the fire that destroyed the newly constructed Hudson elementary and high school and caused damages estimated at \$125,000.

Only a month ago students began attending classes in the structure, which was rebuilt after the other was swept by fire in December, 1940. The blaze broke out about 11:30 o'clock last night in front of the building.

## HEAVIEST SNOW IN QUARTER CENTURY ISOLATES BOONE

**No Mails Are Expected For Day or So; Last Bus Service Monday Afternoon; No Motor Vehicles Have Operated Since Start of Snowfall**

King winter descended upon Boone and Watauga county early Monday morning, and brought along the heaviest snowfall experienced in this region since 1936, and some residents are inclined to the belief that not since 1918 has so much snow fell in this area.

Tuesday afternoon the total depth of the snow was estimated at 18 inches. A strong west wind swirled the snow into drifts, and no motor vehicle has been seen to pass along the main street during the day. A large number of business houses of the town did not open Tuesday morning, and no bus has arrived in the city since 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Herman W. Wilcox, manager of the Union Bus Terminal, states that information is that no bus service will be available for perhaps two or three days. There has been no mail service since the snow started, and the community and county are completely isolated.

Clearing skies this (Wednesday) morning indicated a break in the worst snowstorm this section has seen in many years. Highway forces are making an effort to open the main thoroughfares of this area to traffic.

## SCHOOLS CLOSED ON ACCOUNT SNOW

**If Weather Permits Schools Will Reopen Tuesday Morning**

The schools in Boone and throughout the county, closed Tuesday, when all means of transportation were abandoned due to a record-breaking snow which blankets the county.

Mr. Herbert Wey, principal of Appalachian high school, stated this morning that it was unlikely that the Boone schools would operate before next Tuesday. Mr. Wey said that information from the highway department was to the effect that bus lines could not be in full operation before that time.

Mr. W. H. Walker, superintendent of the Watauga county schools, could not be reached at his home this morning, but there is little likelihood that any of the county schools will reopen before Tuesday of next week.

## Court Clerk to Issue Dynamite Permits

Austin E. South, clerk of the superior court for Watauga county, has been designated to issue licenses to anyone wishing to purchase dynamite or other explosives. Mr. South explains that dealers have to be licensed, and are not permitted to sell explosives to anyone unless the official permit has been issued.

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America must be strong. Every man and woman must contribute their strength to the strength of America at war.

Some are carrying guns—some are flying planes—some are giving their blood on ships at sea.

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