



Dies Monday



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USERS CANNING SUGAR REGISTER

Registrations of Householders Continues Through Next Week, Says Board

Large numbers of home canners are registering this week for allotments of sugar with which to take care of their fruits and vegetables during the current canning season, present allowances under the ration plan being one pound of sugar for each four quarts of finished food. An additional one pound of sugar per year will be allotted each person for preserves and jellies.

Judging by the number of applications for sugar, ration board officials believe that a record amount of home canning will be done this year.

Registrations were conducted at Cove Creek school on Monday, Mabel Tuesday, Bethel Wednesday, while today users are being registered at Valle Crucis school. Friday, Deep Gap consolidated school, and Saturday, Green Valley school.

On Monday and Tuesday, one may register at the Boone demonstration school; Wednesday, V. D. Ward's store, Laurel Creek township; Thursday, Shulls Mills, Harbin's store; Friday, Rich Mountain schoolhouse, and Saturday, Bamboo school.

The local ration board is making plans for the registration of motorists on July 1, 2 and 3, for gasoline allowances under the permanent rationing plan. All motorists, it is said, will be given "A" cards, and will make applications for supplements between the 1st and 15th. The basis of registration will be the government auto use stamps, which are required to be purchased by July 1. The county superintendent of schools will have general charge of the new gas registration and further information will be given next week.

MRS. ABERNETHY FATALLY INJURED

Mother of Mrs. J. D. Rankin of Boone Dies Tuesday in Gastonia Hospital

Mrs. Julia Abernethy, mother of Mrs. J. D. Rankin of Boone, was fatally injured Monday morning, when the car in which she was riding, and which was driven by a daughter, Mrs. M. C. Anders, collided with a bus at a street intersection in Gastonia. Mrs. Anders died Tuesday in a Gastonia hospital, probably from the two severe scalp wounds suffered.

According to the report on the accident received at Gastonia police headquarters, the car driven by Mrs. Anders had almost cleared the intersection when the bus caught the rear end of the automobile. The vehicle overturned, pinning Mrs. Abernethy underneath.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Abernethy Memorial Methodist church at Rutherford College.

LAST RITES FOR EDGAR TUFTS ARE HELD ON TUESDAY

Banner Elk Educator and Leader Succumbs Monday Morning; Was President of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, Which Includes Lees-McRae College

Banner Elk, June 16—Funeral services for Edgar H. Tufts, head of the foundation which operates Lees-McRae junior college, Grace hospital and the Grandfather Home for children, all of Banner Elk, who died in the hospital early Monday, was conducted Tuesday afternoon in the Banner Elk Presbyterian church.

Officiating were the Rev. Roswell C. Long of Greenwood, S. C., and the Rev. T. B. Southall of Banner Elk.

Death came to the 42-year-old educator at 12:32 a. m. Monday, after a month's illness. His condition had been critical for a week. The exact cause of his death remained obscure, it was said at the hospital.

Since the formation of the Edgar Tufts Foundation, Inc., named in honor of his father who was a pioneer missionary in the North Carolina mountains, Mr. Tufts had served as its president.

All three of the institutions operated by the foundation showed marked growth under Mr. Tufts' direction. Lees-McRae institute became a recognized junior college; the home for children had expanded into a handsome fire-proof institution with a capacity for 90 from its earlier beginnings in makeshift wooden buildings, and Grace hospital, instead of a 20-bed plant, became a 60-bed hospital caring for 8,000 patients a year.

Mr. Tufts was born here on October 25, 1899. He attended Lees-McRae institute, founded by his father, the Rev. Edgar Tufts, and later went to McCallie school at Chattanooga and Davidson college, graduating from the latter in 1922.

When his father died in 1923, young Mr. Tufts took over direction of the institutions and later created the foundation in memory of the elder Tufts.

Mr. Tufts is survived by the widow, the former Miss Eugenia Stinson of Banner Elk, and two children, Anna Lois, 15, and Edgar Tufts, third, 12.

The active pallbearers were Leo K. Pritchett, B. L. Baucom, J. M. Shoemaker, John M. Mackorell and S. W. Voncannon, all of Banner Elk; Dr. Robert King, Johnson City, Tenn., and Howard Holshouser of Blowing Rock.

HEAVY RAINS DO LARGE DAMAGE

Rainfall Thursday and Friday Brings Fear of Repetition of 1940 Flood

An unusually heavy rainfall of several days' duration reached its crest in this area last Thursday and Friday afternoons, when practically as much rain fell in the immediate environs of Boone as was the case in the devastating flood of 1940. The streets of the town were again flooded and considerable damage was done to property. The crest stores suffered a loss of from \$500 to \$1,000 when water from the street ran into the store. The damage was likely greatest in the basement, where the storage rooms are located.

Boone creek was out of its banks, two or three bridges were damaged, and hay and other crops suffered serious injury. County roads suffered principally from closed ditch lines, it is said, while a few small bridges were damaged.

Farms throughout the county were injured, small grain and meadows coming in for a large share of the damage. The rain abated, however, over the week-end, and clearing skies the first of the week gave evidence of respite from the unusually heavy downpours.

C. H. Trotter Takes Over Statesville Shows

Mr. C. H. Trotter, of the Appalachian Theatre, will leave here next Monday for Statesville, where he will operate the State and Crescent Theatres, member show-houses of the Sams theatre chain. Mr. E. L. Carter will operate the local theatres temporarily, and will be succeeded about July 1, by Mr. W. B. Sams, recently of Scotland Neck.

Mr. Trotter's transfer comes in the nature of a promotion, his friends here will be glad to know.

Fair Secretary



Paul A. Coffey, local hardware merchant, who was recently elected secretary of the Blue Ridge Agricultural Fair.

PAUL COFFEY IS MADE SECRETARY BLUE RIDGE FAIR

Annual Agricultural Exhibition to Start on September 16, Say Directors; Work of Preparing Enlarged Premium List is Started

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Blue Ridge Fair Association, Paul A. Coffey, local hardware merchant and life insurance agent, was named secretary of the organization and the dates for the second fair were fixed at September 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Mr. Coffey immediately started work on the fair premium list, and is encouraged by the fact that the business men of the county are more than glad to co-operate with the advertising space in the book, and that so far the response has been 100 per cent. He is making a strong effort to have every business enterprise in the county represented, and solicits the continued co-operation of the people as his work progresses.

Initial plans of the directors call for a fair this year of enlarged proportions. A number of new departments are to be added and a superintendent is to be named later by the president and secretary for each department. As was the case last year the purebred beef cattle industry will be prominently featured both in the enlarged premium list and at the fair itself.

President Harry Hamilton and Treasurer Clyde R. Greene are making arrangements for the midway attractions this year, and more and better entertainment features are being planned for the large crowds expected.

Because of the automobile tire situation and the gas rationing, which this year will preclude county people from making long trips into other sections, it is believed that attendance at the fair will be even greater than last year, when the enterprise set up a sort of new record by paying the stockholders a ten per cent dividend. The general history of county fairs is that until they become more firmly established they invariably lose money.

Harry Hamilton is president of the association, Clyde R. Greene, treasurer, while the remainder of the board of directors is made up of W. H. Gragg, S. C. Eggers, Ernest Willard, A. E. South and Dr. Orby Southard.

Yonahlossee Camp is Filled For Season

Dr. A. P. Kephart, who with Mrs. Kephart, operates the Yonahlossee Camp for Girls near Blowing Rock, has already enrolled a capacity group for the regular summer camping season, this being the earliest complete enrollment in the history of the camp. One hundred and fourteen have definitely registered, and no further applications are being received, other than a few which are known to be in the mails.

The regular camping season will open on June 27, says Dr. Kephart, and the regular staff of the camp will arrive on the 23rd.

A special two weeks' camping period for the county's school children will end next Saturday, which is the initial venture of the kind for Yonahlossee. Fifty-seven children are enrolled, under the care of an especially selected staff, and are greatly enjoying the vacation camping period. Last Sunday 75 parents of the children and others were visitors at Camp Yonahlossee.

Dave Henson Injured In Affray With Son

Mr. Dave Henson, resident of Sherwood, is in Banner Elk hospital, suffering from cerebral injuries and perhaps a fractured skull, suffered in an affray Sunday evening with a son, Burl Henson.

News from the injured man is to the effect that while Mr. Henson suffered a slight skull fracture, his condition is favorable, and his recovery expected.

Federal Auto Stamps On Sale at Postoffice

The federal auto use stamps, costing \$5.00 and good for one year beginning June 30, are now on sale at the postoffices throughout the county, and motorists are notified that their cars must bear their license stickers beginning July 1.

SUPERIOR COURT TO END FRIDAY

Divorces Granted, Highway Damage Case Settled in Special Civil Term

The special June term of Watauga superior court, being presided over by Judge Clarence Blackstock of Asheville, is scheduled to end Friday afternoon, with the disposal of about a third of the docket of 40 cases.

Four divorces have been granted during the term as follows: Robert Miller from Nina Miller; Dave Mody from Bertha Moody, Arlie Brown from Mrs. Brown, and J. A. Foster from Nellie Foster.

Theodore L. Moretz, suing the state highway commission for damages sustained by the building of the Parkway near Deep Gap, won a jury verdict of \$2,850.

A suit brought by T. B. Moore of Boone, against the state highway commission for damages in connection with the building of 421, was compromised for the sum of \$1,200. James H. Bryan vs. Mrs. Cora Council. Plaintiff called and failed. Non-suit granted.

Clyde R. Greene vs. W. D. Jones. Plaintiff awarded \$72.76 for damages in auto accident.

Cascade Rubber, Inc., vs. A. E. Hodges. Judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$401.00.

Herbert Moretz vs. Mrs. Winnie Greer. Non-suited.

THOS. TESTER IS KILLED IN CRASH

Valle Crucis Man Fatally Injured as Auto Leaves Road; Cecil Bumgarner Hurt

Thomas Glenn Tester, 21 years old, met almost instant death early Sunday morning when a car in which he was riding and which was driven by Cecil Bumgarner of Boone plunged from highway 194, near Elk Park. Tester's neck was broken and he died shortly after the accident. Bumgarner was taken to the Banner Elk hospital, where his condition is said to be critical. He suffered internal injuries, cuts and bruises, but his recovery is considered likely.

The men were on their way to Boone from Elk Park, and it is presumed the car, a commercial vehicle, went out of control. The vehicle caught on fire after it crashed from the roadway and was completely burned.

Funeral services for the deceased were conducted at 3 o'clock Monday from the Willow Valley Baptist church, with Rev. W. C. Payne in charge, and interment was in the Harmon family cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Tester of Sugar Grove; five brothers and two sisters: Ben, Ronda, Clay, Claud and Ralph Tester, all of Sugar Grove; Mrs. Clint Wyatt of Knottingham, Pa., and Mrs. Earl Main, Sugar Grove.

NAVY RECRUITERS TO BE HERE ON MONDAY

A recruiting officer of the U. S. navy will be at the postoffice in Boone on June 22. It is suggested that all men interested in this branch of the service see him at that time.

Banquet Speaker



Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, former candidate for governor of North Carolina, and faculty member of Appalachian College during summer school, who will speak at the joint banquet session of the Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening of next week.

DR. M'DONALD WILL SPEAK AT BANQUET

Merchants Association to Hold Annual Meeting With Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, one of the state's most gifted speakers, and at present a member of the faculty at Appalachian College, will deliver an address at a joint meeting of the Boone Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce to be held at Hotel Watauga Thursday evening, June 25th, at 7:30. Dr. McDonald has not announced the subject from which he will speak.

The program for the banquet has not been worked out in detail, but will be available within the next few days.

Following the banquet both the merchants group and the Chamber of Commerce will hold brief business sessions, and the former will name officers for the ensuing year.

432 REGISTERED AT APPALACHIAN

Summer Term Gets Under Way With Much Larger Enrollment Than Anticipated

Information from Appalachian College Wednesday is to the effect that registrations for the first summer term have reached the total of 432, and quite a few more teachers are still to be enrolled.

In view of the conditions traceable to the war, which have interfered so seriously with educational institutions generally, officials are more than pleased with the showing made at the local college. The enrollment is considerably in excess of expectations, and the students have settled down to work, highly pleased with the college and its environs. It is believed that a final check-up will reveal that the students represent a wider area of the south than ever before.

Prospects For Quail This Season Are Good

Mr. Walter Edmisten, county game warden, states that the prospects for a good supply of quail and grouse during next fall's hunting season are exceptionally good at this time. During the heavy snows of March, it was feared that the game birds perished in large numbers.

Warden Edmisten states that it is most noticeable that on farms where birds were fed during the extreme weather, the carry-over is exceptionally large.

Driver's License to Be Secured at W. Jefferson

Information from Mr. Myles Jones, state highway patrolman, is to the effect that under a new ruling patrolmen can no longer issue driver's licenses. Mr. L. J. Dagenhart of the bureau of motor vehicles, is to be in West Jefferson every Thursday afternoon until further notice to assist in securing licenses, under the more strict examinations now being required.

Mr. Jones states that he and other patrolmen are still allowed to issue learner's permits.

COLLECTION OF SCRAP RUBBER IS UNDER WAY HERE

County Agent and Filling Stations Co-operate in Assembling Vital War Material; Every Kind of Used Rubber Being Taken for War Effort

In accordance with Presidential orders the campaign for the collection of scrap rubber got under way in Watauga county Monday morning and will continue until June 30, in an effort to assemble every possible ounce of the material urgently needed for both military and civilian use.

Mr. H. M. Hamilton, Jr., county agricultural agent, is directing the local effort, and upon the success of the effort throughout the nation hinges the fate of many automobiles, determining whether or not they must be parked for the duration or whether some scrap rubber will be available for recapping purposes on cars which are really needed.

Filling stations are receiving points for the scrap rubber which is paid for at the uniform price of one cent per pound. Oil company trucks will haul the scrap to central points where it will be turned over to a government agency and any receipts in excess of the actual purchase price paid the people will be divided between the United Service organization, Army, Navy relief, and the Red Cross.

The rubber collection campaign is a vital part of the nation's war effort, and even though military needs have the preference, it is still essential that transportation be available for many products. If all the scrap rubber in the country can be converted into usable material, the situation may be vastly improved.

Some of the many rubber articles which are being collected are: Worn tires (even baby buggy tires), raincoats, shoe soles and heels, rubber hose, water bottles, rubber toys, overshoes, gasolines, inner tubes, gum boots—anything fashioned from rubber.

Mr. Hamilton asks that the people respond promptly to the Presidential request and deliver all available rubber to their nearest service station.

Names Special Committee Mr. Hamilton Wednesday morning announced the appointment of the following committee to have direct charge of the scrap rubber campaign in the county: Tom Jackson, chairman; Howard Edmisten, Grady Bradley and Clyde R. Greene. Mr. Hamilton is the general salvage chairman.

Lieutenant Whelchel Contacts Students Here

Lieutenant David P. Whelchel, assistant recruiting inspector, U. S. navy, Atlanta, Ga., is in Boone today contacting the students of Appalachian College with reference to the navy's V-1 accredited college program. He explains that the secretary of the navy has approved the enlistment in the naval reserve of young men enrolled in colleges, who may continue in college at their own expense and be given naval training in an active naval status.

Students who are interested in enlisting in V-1 are advised by Lieut. Whelchel to visit the naval recruiting station most convenient to them or to discuss the details of the plan with the dean of the college they are attending.

MEN 18 TO 20 TO REGISTER JUNE 30

Includes Men Born After January 1, 1922, and Before June 30, 1924

Plans are now being made by the Watauga county selective service board for the fifth registration of men for military service, to be held on June 30. This will include all men born after January 1, 1922, and before June 30, 1924, the group age 18-20.

It is estimated that there will be between 300 and 400 in this group in the county to register at this time.

The registration in this county, as elsewhere, will be held throughout the day and will be similar in order to those already held. Registrations will be conducted at the selective service office in Boone and at the schoolhouses in the county, as was the case with the February and April registrations.