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## MOTORISTS TO REGISTER FOR GAS THIS WEEK

Three-Day Registration of Passenger Cars Gets Under Way Thursday, and Continues Through Saturday; Trucks May Register to 22nd

Owners of passenger automobiles in Watauga will register Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, in order to be able to receive gasoline under the new permanent coupon-book plan of gas rationing, which goes into effect July 22.

Registration may be effected between the hours of 9 a. m. and 7 p. m. at the following schools of the county:

Boone elementary, Green Valley, Deep Gap, Blowing Rock, Valle Crucis, Cove Creek, Bethel and Mabel.

Motorists who fail to register on either the 9th, 10th or 11th, will have to wait until July 21, for a gasoline rationing book.

Gas ration registration for trucks will be from July 9 to July 22, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., at the war price and ration board office in Boone.

Those desiring gasoline for farm machinery, sawmills, grist mills, wood saws, etc., are asked to file their applications with the war price and ration board at Boone, beginning July 9, to July 22.

## CONSTRUCTION IS MAPPED BY HOLC

Examiner Here to Survey Construction Started Since April 9 of This Year

J. H. Ligon, an examiner representing the HOLC, with headquarters in Greensboro, is in Boone today, to inaugurate the local phase of a nation-wide survey of all construction started since April 9, when conservation order L-41 became effective. The order restricts the beginning of construction after the effective date for residential property to \$500, for agricultural purposes to \$1,000, and for other restricted construction to \$5,000. The limitations do not apply to repairs and maintenance as defined in the order.

Purpose of the survey will be to check on all permits to begin building issued since April 9, and to report all violations to the war production board. The examiner for this district will cover Boone and Northwest North Carolina during the survey now underway.

The Home Owners Loan Corporation was authorized and delegated to carry on the work during a recent meeting at Atlanta. The organization is lending the services of approximately 3,000 of its examiners for the detailed check on the degree of observance of the terms of the conservation order issued in May to assure use of scarce materials only in essential building operations. Reports of the examiners will be reviewed by the compliance branch of WPB and appropriate action taken in cases of violation of priorities procedures or the provisions of L-41.

This operation is in addition to the compliance survey of the transactions of builders engaged in construction of privately-financed war-housing projects, currently being made for WPB by some 200 inspectors loaned by the wage and hour division of the department of labor.

Other compliance surveys announced by the WPB include operations of silverware manufacturers, who normally use considerable quantities of copper, and inventories and uses of jewel bearings. The field investigations will be carried out by attorney-examiners of the Federal Trade Commission on behalf of WPB.

All additional information concerning conservation order L-41 may be obtained by inquiring at the Greensboro office of the FHA.

### RECORD RASPBERRY YIELD

Mr. Watt Beach has established some sort of a record in the production of raspberries. From a row of briars 150 feet long, Mr. Beach gathered 25 gallons of berries, which were readily sold for 60 cents a gallon. He expects another "picking" this fall from the prolific plants.

### NEW TREASURER NAMED

Mrs. John Conway has been named treasurer of the Watauga chapter, American Red Cross, succeeding Miss Bernice Gragg, who has moved to Asheville.

## CONTRAST IN ANCIENT CAIRO



Quite a contrast is furnished by these two vehicles proceeding down a Cairo street—an American jeep, car, being driven by Master Sgt. Kindle Walston of Louisville, Ky., overtakes an Egyptian donkey cart. Since then this jeep has undoubtedly seen much sterner action, as Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's mechanized forces have swept towards the Suez.

## LION OFFICIAL IS SPEAKER HERE

District Governor Present for Installation New Officers; Protest Health Dept. Move

District Governor Wesley W. Brown was the speaker at the Boone Lions Club Tuesday evening, when new officers were installed and ladies' night observed by the membership. Mr. Brown used as the subject of his brief talk, "World-Wide Lionism."

The officers installed were: President, Dr. D. J. Whitener; secretary, R. A. Manship, Jr.; vice-presidents, Dr. J. H. Wolfe, Frank M. Payne, C. H. Trotter; tail twister, Wade E. Brown; lion tamer, Dr. A. P. Kepphart. The board of directors consists of Dr. R. H. Harmon, M. R. Maddux, Dr. Orby Southard and Rev. J. C. Canipe.

The organization disapproved the discontinuance of the county health department and voted the appointment of a committee to protest the action of the board of commissioners. The Lions Club with the cooperation of the health department had sponsored clinics annually for children with defective vision and large numbers had been fitted with glasses as a result of this work.

## WOMANS CLUB THANKS MAYOR

Worth While Club Thanks Mayor and Aldermen for Their Cleanup Efforts

The Worth While Club wishes to express its appreciation to Mayor Gragg and the commissioners of the town for the efforts put forth in trying to make the town a cleaner and more attractive place to live and work. We especially noted how quickly the streets were cleaned after the heavy rains, and also the snow in winter. We feel that more co-operation is needed on the part of the citizens and merchants of the town. We submit the following suggestions:

1. That all people stop throwing papers, cups, cigarette wrappers, etc. on the streets (especially on Saturday), but place them in trash cans.
2. That trash cans (covered) papers be placed in front of drug stores for that purpose.
3. That all garbage cans be taken off Main street.
4. That cafes refrain from throwing garbage, such as feathers and chicken heads, etc., out the back door, causing such odors that neighbors must close all back entrances.
5. That stores stop burning rubbish in the back, but have it hauled away. Back yards are much more useful as gardens than rubbish grounds.

More flowers would keep the attractiveness of the town in both residential and business districts.

## PLANS FOR ASHE FAIR HAVE BEEN ABANDONED

West Jefferson, July 6.—In compliance with requests made during the past week by Governor Broughton and U. S. officials that all fairs be called off for the duration of the war because of the gas and tire shortage, the executive committee of the Ashe County Fair Association met and voted to abandon all plans for the event this year.

## RED CROSS WAR GARMENTS MADE

War Production Effort of Red Cross Grows in Face of Growing Demand for Garments

Mrs. Mae Miller, war production chairman for the Watauga chapter American Red Cross, gives out the following list of garments recently made here and shipped to distribution centers:

25 children's bath robes, 22 children's bed jackets, 17 women's bed jackets, 70 pairs boys' pants, 26 boys' shirts, 11 women's sweaters, 20 children's sweaters, 17 men's service sweaters, 21 helmets, 40 pairs socks.

Mrs. Miller expresses thanks to Mrs. Charles Watson and Mrs. Goodnight for the splendid work they have done in piecing quilts from available scrap material, and all others who have so generously given their time.

The quota for next year's work has been received, and it is large, but it is stated that the type of garments and material is light and easy to make. It is felt that the women and girls will love to make these garments, and there will be a lot of this work for the Junior Red Cross to do next fall and winter. More than 300 yards of material will come in the next few days for women's and girls' blouses and baby rompers. Mrs. Miller states that it will take a lot of workers to produce these garments, but that a nice room is available, as well as plenty of machines. Volunteers in this work are urgently needed.

## B. T. Taylor, Former Wataugan, Dies in Caldwell County

B. T. Taylor, 54, former member of the Watauga county board of education and retired Caldwell county farmer, died at his home on Lenoir Route 1 last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Taylor was born in Wilkes county on January 21, 1888, a son of the late A. J. and Mrs. Rebecca Taylor.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Lewis Fork Advent Christian church with the Rev. R. L. Isbell of Lenoir, officiating. Interment was in the Thompson cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Taylor; three daughters, Mrs. J. L. Braswell of Chase City, Va.; Mrs. W. M. Cantrell of Boynton, Va., and Miss Virginia Taylor of Roanoke, Va., and four sons, Edgar, of Jackson, Wyo.; J. H., of Deep Gap; J. W., of the U. S. army, and W. H. Taylor of Chicago.

## Band Fund Reaches Grand Total of \$378

The fund for the benefit of the Appalachian High School Band has reached the sum of \$378.02, according to a report of Clyde R. Greene, treasurer of the Band Boosters Club, which collected the money.

Mr. Greene points out an error which occurred in reporting the contributions. The P. T. A. was credited with \$19 and the Worth While Club \$6.00. In fact the Worth While Club contributed \$15.50 and the P. T. A. \$9.50. The error did not affect the total figures.

## HEALTH OFFICE IS ORDERED CLOSED BY CO. ON MONDAY

County Commissioners Vote Discontinuance of Health Department in Interest of Economy; Work to Be Continued by State Until End of Month

The board of county commissioners, in a surprise move Monday, voted the discontinuance of the county health department effective as of last Tuesday, stating in its official letter to Dr. Robert R. King, that some items of expense had to be cut in order to maintain the present county tax rate of \$1.25. The state department of health, however, has authorized the local department to continue work until July 31, winding up the affairs of the organization in the county.

The official notice transmitted to Dr. King through Miss Helen Underdown, clerk to the board, stated:

"Upon consideration of county budget and various items that would be necessary to be included in same for the fiscal year 1942-43, it appeared to the board of county commissioners that some items of expense must be cut in order to maintain the present tax rate of \$1.25. After due consideration and much consultation, it was decided by the entire membership of the board that the health department for Watauga county directed by you be discontinued.

"As clerk to this board I am duly authorized to notify you as director of this discontinuance of the county health department, and further that the effective date is July 7, 1942."

The county health department has been one of the most useful branches of the county government and there are evidences that its discontinuance will meet with considerable protest. Through the various clinics conducted through county-wide vaccination, through relief to crippled children, the blind and those with dental defects, it has rendered invaluable service. Special emphasis has been placed on venereal diseases and effective efforts to discover and treat tuberculosis in its early stages have been made. Due to the drain of the army on the nation's physicians the problem of adequate civilian medical care is a grave one, and the abolition of the public health program will add immeasurably to the seriousness of this situation.

## TO DECIDE FATE OF COUNTY FAIR

Meeting to Be Held on 15th to Decide Whether or Not to Have Fair

The board of directors of the Blue Ridge Fair Association will meet in the office of the secretary at the Parkway Company on July 15, to decide whether or not the annual agricultural fair will be held in Boone.

Due to the emergency growing out of the tire and gasoline situation, many county fairs have been cancelled, together with the state fair. Local fair officials have been undecided as to what course to pursue, but at this time it is considered unlikely that the fair will be held.

## Juniors Elect New Slate of Officers

Daniel Boone Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., met Monday evening and named new officers for the ensuing year, who are to be installed on July 20. Those named are:

Councilor, J. V. Caudill; vice-councilor, J. C. Canipe; recording secretary, R. D. Hodges; financial secretary, Clyde R. Greene; treasurer, W. C. Greer; warden, Dallas Shoemaker; conductor, S. B. Greene; inside sentinel, John W. Hodges, Jr.; outside sentinel, Howard Shore; chaplain, W. M. Cook; trustees, B. K. Osborne, D. L. Wilcox, S. B. Greene.

## Volunteers Wanted for Emergency Fire Dept.

Mr. Bob Agle, chief of the emergency fire department, issues an urgent appeal for volunteers to bring the department up to a standard which could cope successfully with a disaster. He insists that all those willing to aid in this work, see him at Boone Drug Company, or appear at city hall this (Wednesday) evening at 7:30.

## American Heroes Day To Be Observed Here With Patriotic Celebration In Effort To Aid In War Bond Campaign

### New President



John Conway was recently named president of the Boone Merchants Association by the directors of that organization. Other officers named were Russell D. Hodges, vice-president, and Mrs. Ruby P. Ellis, secretary-treasurer.

## FIRST HIGHWAY FATALITY OF YEAR CAUSES 1 DEATH

Chas. Greene of Caldwell County, Worker at Green Park Hotel, Meets Death as Automobile Crashes Near Vilas; Speed is Blamed

Watauga county's first fatal automobile accident of the year occurred early Wednesday morning, and resulted in the death of Charles Greene, resident of Caldwell county, who had been working at the Green Park hotel in Blowing Rock. A fractured skull was believed the immediate cause of death. Deceased was 21 years old, and funeral details are unavailable at this time.

The automobile which figured in the fatal accident was driven by Hughie Roach of Lexington, who was reported by officers as being a guest at Green Park hotel. The driver suffered a broken leg and other injuries, and was taken to a Charlotte hospital, Frank Johnson, another Green Park worker, received cuts and bruises, while Violet Miller, Green Park waitress, suffered facial injuries and lacerations of the right hand and arm. She was taken to Watauga hospital.

According to information gathered by Highway Patrolman Myles Jones, the accident occurred on the sharp curve of highway 421, just west of Willowdale church. Indications were, said Mr. Jones, that excessive speed made it impossible for the driver to negotiate the crooked road, and the car crashed into the embankment. The vehicle, a five-passenger Olds coupe, was badly damaged.

## Dave Council Dies In Lake Worth, Florida

Mrs. Myrtle Buchanan of Sherwood, has been notified of the death of her brother, Dave Council, in Lake Worth, Fla., on June 30.

Mr. Council, who was born and reared at Vilas, had been residing in Limestone, Tenn., and Florida for several years. He was the son of the late James Council and Mrs. Council, residents of Watauga county.

He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. H. B. Gillespie of Limestone; Mrs. Myrtle Buchanan, Sherwood; Mrs. C. P. Moore of Carpentaria, Calif., and Mrs. T. W. Reese of Oakland, Calif., and one brother, Ben Council, of Science Hill, Ky.

## Mississippi Man Added To College Faculty

Dr. E. R. Jobe, head of the department of education of the state of Mississippi, and supervisor of all high schools in that state, came to Boone Monday to join Appalachian college faculty for the remaining two weeks of the first term.

Dr. Jobe is a nationally known authority on high schools and supervision, and will offer two courses in education: evaluation of the high school, and building the school spirit.

## Chamber of Commerce Names Russell D. Hodges Chairman of Committee to Plan County-Wide Celebration Boosting Sale of War Securities

At a special meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday afternoon, preliminary plans were made for holding a county-wide celebration in Boone on July 17, of American Heroes Day, marking the all-out drive of one million American merchants to aid in putting over the treasury department's billion dollar war bond and stamp quota for July.

The meeting was well attended and the enthusiastic group named Russell D. Hodges chairman of the general committee on arrangements, together with John Conway, president of the merchants association, and H. W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce. This committee will work out the details for the celebration and solicit such other aid as may be required.

The celebration is to be held July 17 at 3 o'clock in front of the post-office, and will be featured by an address of one of the state's leading speakers, band concerts, recognition of veterans of all wars, of parents of men now serving on the world's battlefronts, and the presentation of a roster of those who died in the service of their country in the first World War. A number of other features will be arranged, and prospects are that this will be the biggest patriotic demonstration in Boone since the close of the World War. All stores of the city will close at 3 o'clock for 30 minutes for the sole purpose of selling war stamps and bonds, the mayor will proclaim the observance of the day, and all the people of the territory will be invited to participate.

Other committees appointed for the celebration include:

To prepare list of heroes and make appropriate mention of them: Clyde R. Greene, Joe Cannon, D. L. Wilcox.

To secure signs, banners, etc.: W. H. Gragg, J. W. Haliburton, W. G. Hartzog.

Amplifiers: McKinley Ayers. Mrs. Ruby Ellis, secretary of the merchants association, is to canvass the merchants of the town and see that they are adequately supplied with bonds and stamps.

A special invitation will be extended to parents and other relatives of men now in the armed forces, together with everyone, everywhere desiring victory in the present titanic struggle.

A complete program of activities will be carried in the Democrat next week, and the merchants of the town are being asked to feature the sale of bonds on Heroes Day in advertising columns of the local newspaper.

## Blowing Rock Draws Crowds During Holiday

Blowing Rock, July 7.—The holiday week-end crowds at Blowing Rock were large and all places of business and entertainment were thronged with people. The mood was gay but reserved. No reports of accidents were received.

Many visitors who came up at the end of the week will stay for their entire vacation.

Among the special events of the holiday period enjoyed by the crowd were the formal opening of the country club and its annual ball Friday evening, the opening dance at Mayview Manor Saturday evening, the first annual Junior Horse show and pet show Saturday afternoon, and the Hale America Golf tournament conducted on the Norwood-Green golf course Saturday and Sunday.

All of these events were attended by large crowds and were high-lights in a season which bids fair to be outstanding in its social activities.

Many of the smaller hotels and rooming houses were filled to capacity, and the larger hotels had more guests than they had anticipated. Registrations for long-time periods covering the months of July and August are coming in so rapidly that some of the hotels are almost ready to hang out the "no room available" signs for the remainder of the season.

**WORKS IN POSTOFFICE**  
Mrs. Nell Coffey Linney has been named substitute clerk in the Boone postoffice and has assumed her new duties.