



CITIZENS TO ASK FOR RETENTION OF CO. HEALTH OFFICE

County Commissioners to Hear Citizens Wednesday Evening on Important Issue; a Review of Accomplishments of Health Office in Watauga

The board of county commissioners is to meet this (Wednesday) evening, and a large number of citizens of the county are expected to appear in protest to the recent action of the board in its discontinuance of the district health office here.

In order that the people of Boone and Watauga county may have a clearer insight into the accomplishments of the department of health, The Democrat has secured the following statement, showing in concise manner just what is being done, its relatively small cost to the county, and the huge returns in the health and general well-being of its citizenry:

Review of Activities
As the public should already know, the work of the health department is to render a service of prevention of disease, and an educational program concerning health matters. Watauga county is combined with a three-county unit consisting of Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga, and the three counties are served by one health officer, one sanitarian, three nurses and three clerks. The following agencies contribute the funds as follows:

State, 22.5%; United States public health service, 26.6%; venereal disease program, 8.3%; children's bureau, 17.6%; Watauga county, 8.4%; Ashe county, 8.6%; and Alleghany, 8%, or 25%—the three counties contributing only 25% of the cost for maintaining the department.

The following figures furnish a brief outline of the services performed by the health department in Watauga county only, from July 1, 1941, through June 30, 1942:

233 individuals were registered under communicable disease control during the 12-month period. These cases cover chickenpox, diphtheria, measles, infantile paralysis, scarlet fever and whooping cough.

Persons were immunized as follows: Smallpox, 1,128; diphtheria, 560; typhoid fever, 2,107 (this being the completed three doses.)

Under venereal disease control, 118 different persons, both white and colored, have been admitted as new patients for treatment. These patients have made 1,415 clinic visits, and 267 field visits have been made by personnel; 1,521 treatments were given, and 1,309 Wassermann blood tests were given for the detection of syphilis. It is a state law that all food handlers, pregnant women and marriage applicants be given this blood test, and the syphilis cases were discovered through

247 tuberculosis suspects and cases 247 tuberculosis suspects and cases were admitted during this period. 238 X-ray and fluoroscopic examinations were made; this being possible with the aid of the extension department of the North Carolina Sanatorium, which sends one of its physicians to the county health department once a year to conduct these chest clinics. 368 clinic visits were made, while 273 field and office visits were made by health officer and nurse. Tuberculin skin tests were given to 2,105 different individuals.

Under maternity service, 158 pregnant women have been admitted to medical and nursing service. There have been 163 visits made by these pre-natals to the health office for advice and examinations. Prenatal clinics are being held monthly at Clark's Creek and Bethel, and weekly in the Boone office.

Much time is devoted to infant and pre-school children. During this period 277 children have been admitted to medical care, and 315 field and office nursing visits made on these children.

1,303 school children were examined by the health officer and inspected by the nurse. The nurse made 278 field visits and office visits were made by 52 children of school age. The school dentist, which is paid through the health department, inspected 1,581 children, and treated 1,326 children with defective teeth. Eye and tonsil clinics have been held in order that underprivileged children might have an equal chance.

A crippled children's clinic was held once a month, and during this period 89 cripples have been admitted to both medical and nursing service. Several of these cripples have had hospital care.

Under adult hygiene, 1,381 people

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Mayor Proclaims Friday as American Heroes Day; Asks For Full Co-operation

Mayor W. H. Gragg on Monday issued the following proclamation relative to American Heroes Day, which will be observed throughout the nation next Friday:

"Whereas, our nation is now engaged in a great war—a war upon whose outcome will depend the survival or destruction of our national independence, our way of living, and our cherished institutions and Christian ideals,

"And, whereas, if this war is to be fought to a victorious conclusion, our boys in the armed forces must have the complete backing of the folks back home. They must have planes, tanks, guns, ships, food, and all the materials which can be devised with which to smash the hold of the totalitarian war lords. To this end one million American merchants have proclaimed next Friday the big day in the great July Retailers for Victory Campaign, in an effort to put over the treasury department's billion dollar war bond and stamp quota for July.

"Now, therefore, I, W. H. Gragg, mayor of the town of Boone, N. C., do hereby designate Friday, July 17, as American Heroes Day, and call upon the people of this city to join in doing honor to our gallant sons in uniforms at that time, and to buy to the limit of their ability war bonds and stamps. Let's not break faith with those who fight and die, but invest every cent possible in the equipment with which they may emerge victorious from history's greatest carnage of blood."

SCRAP RUBBER DRIVE SUCCESS

More Than Fifty Tons of Rubber Collected in Watauga For War Effort

More than 52 tons of scrap rubber was collected in Watauga county during the recent national campaign, according to Lee Stout, chairman of the effort in Watauga county, who expresses great satisfaction with the showing made here in behalf of this phase of the war effort.

Mr. Stout says that half of the rubber came in during the last ten days. Mr. Stout thanks the people and particularly the filling station operators for their co-operation and lists in round numbers the amounts collected by some of the leaders, as follows:

Chas. M. Watson, Boone.....	24,000
R. A. Olsen, Valle Crucis.....	6,400
D. T. Brown, Sherwood.....	4,000
Jack Rainey, B. Rock.....	16,000
M. R. Maddux, Boone.....	4,000
R. W. Colvard, Boone.....	2,000
Letcher Teague, Boone.....	16,000
Clyde Dula, B. Rock.....	16,000

Mr. Stout says a number of other service stations did good jobs during the progress of the campaign.

New Committees For Retailers Are Named

Mr. John Conway, recently-elected president of the Boone Merchants Association, has released the following new committees for the organization, who will function for the next year:

Membership: R. A. Manship, chairman; Cecil Miller, B. W. Stallings, Chas. C. Rogers and Mr. Walters.

Finance: G. P. Hagaman, chairman; M. I. Clark, J. E. Clay, Mr. Barr; J. V. Caudill and J. L. Harrison.

Transportation: Clyde R. Greene, chairman; Paul A. Coffey, J. L. Qualls, I. T. Barnett and W. M. Cook.

Trade promotion: Russell D. Hodges, chairman; W. B. Halliburton, D. L. Wilcox, Mr. Sams, Guy Hunt, and J. C. Cline.

Advertising: R. C. Rivers, chairman; Kenneth Linney and W. H. Gragg.

Legislative: R. C. Rivers, chairman; G. K. Moore, L. T. Tatum, Chas. C. Rogers and Council C. Cooke.

Truck Owners Are Asked to Gather Here

The shortage of trucks for transportation, and the shortage of rubber for trucks, present the most serious problem we have to solve in Watauga county, says a statement by the war price and ration board, which has scheduled a meeting of all truck owners and others interested in transportation, to be held at the courthouse in Boone on July 28, at 8 p. m.

Representatives from each community in the county are urged to attend the meeting and get the correct information as to defense transportation.

CARL GOERCH A VISITOR

Mr. Carl Goerch, editor of the State magazine, and Mr. Hilton Smith, advertising manager of the publication, were in town Tuesday, looking toward the publication of a feature article on Watauga county in the State at an early date.

New Ration Gas Cards Hard On Bootleg Dealers

Dealers Must Have Customers' Ration Units to Obtain New Fuel Supply

Filling station operators who continue to "bootleg" gasoline after the gas rationing program goes into effect on June 15th, will find their supply of petrol severed, according to local rationing board officials.

After the permanent rationing program goes into effect, every dealer must present ration units clipped from his customers' books in order to obtain a new supply of fuel.

If a dealer sells any part of his supply of fuel without taking a unit from the ration book, he will be unable to re-stock up on the amount sold.

He will be given only as much gasoline as he has ration units on hand.

Gas Dealers Must Register by July 20

All gasoline dealers and retail filling stations handling gasoline must register with the price and ration board in Boone before July 20, for an "application and registration certificate."

On this form dealers will be required to report their gasoline storage capacity, and the board will instruct them in the handling of forms and coupons regarding the plan for gas rationing. It is very important for dealers to register if they expect to sell gasoline beginning July 22.

Hunting, Fishing License Available

Combination state-wide hunting and fishing licenses are now available, according to County Game Warden Walter Edmisten, who states that these licenses are good for both hunting and fishing to July 31, 1943, and sell for \$3.10.

Mr. Edmisten states that trout fishing remains good in the county and that one of the popular streams has recently been heavily stocked with legal size fish.

TELEPHONE EMPLOYEES BUY WAR SECURITIES

Employees of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company have become one of the first large employee groups in the nation to attain the goal of 10 per cent of their wages for war bonds.

To achieve the record, 99 per cent of the employees, or more than 26,000 telephone men and women in nine states, including this state, are now purchasing bonds through the payroll savings plan at the rate of \$3,780,000 a year.

Employees participating in the payroll savings plan include 2,393 in the state and six at Boone. Announcement of the goal's attainment was made today by Thos. Parks, manager of the telephone company.

Speaking of the goal being achieved here and in the company as a whole, Mr. Parks said "telephone employees' quick response is indicative of their determination to back up with their full support the financial program and all other war programs to help America fight to survive and win this war."

More than 5,178,000,000 pounds of American farm products had been delivered to representatives of the United Nations for lend-lease shipment up to June 1.

WOMEN URGED TO REGISTER FOR DEFENSE WORK

Watauga Red Cross Chapter is Asked to Make 36,000 Surgical Dressings to Aid in Emergency; All Residents Asked to Give One Hour Weekly

A city-wide canvass of Boone is being made this week to register the women of the town for volunteer civilian defense duty. All local women will be asked to give an average of one hour a week for defense work, including Red Cross.

The local Red Cross chapter has been given a quota of 36,000 surgical dressings to be completed within the shortest time possible. To meet Red Cross stipulations, 25 women must give eight hours per week to this work, or 50 women must give four hours per week. Mrs. F. E. Warman is enrolled at present for a three-day period in a Red Cross divisional training school at Asheville where she will learn to make the bandages so that she may return to Boone and instruct local women. The bandages are to be used for the United States army and the army has requested that the dressings be completed as rapidly as possible to supply the urgent need.

The local Red Cross has also received 400 yards of material to be converted into undergarments for war relief purposes. The help of any woman with simple or advanced sewing talent will be appreciated.

Women who wish to aid in office work, such as the issuance of rationing cards, may volunteer their services.

It is hoped that committees may be appointed with definite duties in case of an emergency. Therefore, the registration cards should carry information as to whether the individual has had a first aid course, canteen, home nursing, or other such course which would be useful in time of stress.

The civilian defense committee, working with the Red Cross chapter and the women's clubs of the town, hopes to enlist every woman into some form of war service. After having listed their free hours on the cards, the women will be notified by card or telephone when and where to appear for work. Registration will be continued this week. Mrs. B. W. Stallings is chairman of the drive. Any woman living outside the town may also volunteer services by calling at the civilian defense office and filling out registration cards.

Youths To Meet At Baptist Church Sunday

The Youth United for Peace movement will be presented to the people of the county for the first time at the Boone Baptist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, according to Baxter Howell, leader of the proposed organization, who will discuss the subject, "Peace and Youth."

An entertaining program has been arranged for the occasion, and the movement will be carried to other churches throughout the county in the near future.

Watauga Fishing and Hunting Club to Meet

There will be a regular meeting of the Watauga Fishing and Hunting Club at the Parkway Company Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock, it has been announced by Lee H. Stout, president of the sportsman's organization.

All members of the club, and non-members concerned about the work of protection and propagation of fish and game in this locality, are asked to attend.

Singing Convention To Be Held Sunday

The Watauga county singing convention will be held at Cove Creek next Sunday, beginning at 1 o'clock.

Mr. N. L. Harrison, president of the association, in announcing the event, extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

FIRE DRILL POSTPONED

Mr. Bob Agle, chief of the emergency fire department, states that the drill which was to have been held this (Wednesday) evening has been postponed to Thursday evening at 7:30.

Cash income from American farm marketings in May, totaling \$988,000,000, was only slightly higher than April receipts but 32 per cent more than in May of last year.

Plans Taking Definite Shape For Heroes Day Celebration Here In Friday; Sale of War Bonds To Be Pushed by Merchants

Bund Leader



Wilhelm Kunze, German-American bund leader, who was caught in Mexico after fleeing from an espionage indictment in Connecticut, is shown as he appeared in federal court to answer for draft law violation. He had been held on bail of \$50,000.—Soundphoto.

FIFTY TO GO TO FORT BRAGG SOON

Draft Board Gives Out Names of New Selectees; 11 Negroes Inducted Tuesday

The Watauga county selective service board announces that fifty more white men are soon to be sent to the United States army from Watauga county, as follows:

Jones Hodges, Willie Oliver Harrison, Kenneth Franklin Ragan, Elbert Harmon, Paul Day, John Moretz, Smith Alfred Rominger, Lewis Boyd Norris, Thomas Newt Hartley, Hardy Berlin Andrews, Harvey G. Gillingham, Jack Arthur Moretz, Clyde Lee Greene, Odell Little Harrison, Will Newland Wellborn, Homer Jethro Bolick, Howard Henry Norris, Curtis Nading Glenn, Odis Lawrence Greene, Fred Homer Reese, Johnny Preston Greene, John Wesley Lookabill, William Boyd Baird, Edward Joe Isenhour, Lester Caloway Baird, Lloyd Pennell, Grady Isaac Barlow, Clyde James Day, Fred Robert Greene, Lloyd Isaacs, Charles Worley Miller, Lawrence Glenn Hayes, Edward Lawrence Potter, Henry Martin Bentley, Thos. Edgar Trexler, Samuel Spencer Aldridge, Leo Clus Aldridge, Lowell Ronda Cooke, William Custer Wallace, Andrew Howard Jests, Lonard Lewis Beach, Albert Pershing Ford, Ralph Phillip Glenn, Arvill Lester Perry, Geo. Wesley Greene, Arlie Albert Penley, Roy Bumgarner, Benjamin Carl Townsend, Walter Denver Norris, Lee Edmisten.

The eleven negro selectees, whose names were previously published, left Tuesday for Fort Bragg for army induction.

Group Riding Plan Will Aid in Emergency

Mr. Wade E. Brown, chairman of the civil defense council, states that transportation emergency may be considerably improved by the adoption of the group riding plan in this section.

It has been suggested that in the rural communities, when a person with a car or truck is contemplating a trip to town, he let his neighbors know. Thus several may travel together, saving tires and rationed gasoline. Further, it is stated, that persons who regularly use their cars under the group riding plan, are entitled to special considerations in the rationing of gasoline.

WORKERS WANTED

The following are some of the jobs listed with the United States employment service. For further information, call at the courthouse on Friday between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.:

Machine learner, signal corps equipment; electrical, industrial and mechanical engineers; mechanical draftsman, radio operator, stenographer, machinist, arc welder, carpenter, plumber, automobile mechanic, radio repairman, speeder tender, tire builder, doffer, farm hand, steam fitter, laborers, colored.

The cotton that goes into a medium-priced auto would make four army uniforms.

Dr. Amos Abrams to Deliver Address at Celebration; Band Concerts to Feature Program; Retailers in All-out Campaign for Sale of War Bonds and Stamps

Next Friday, June 17, the people of Boone and Watauga county will join together in a gala patriotic celebration in this city, honoring the hundreds of Watauga county men who participated in all the wars in which America has engaged, and inaugurating the local phase of the American retailers in the national campaign to sell one billion dollars worth of war bonds and stamps during the month of July.

Russell D. Hodges, who is chairman of the general committee on arrangements for the American Heroes Day celebration has arranged for Dr. Amos Abrams, popular member of the Appalachian College faculty to deliver the patriotic address for the occasion, while Mayor W. H. Gragg, master of ceremonies, is expected to call on a number of those attending for brief remarks appropos to the celebration.

The time of the celebration is 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, and the gathering will be in front of the postoffice. Prominent on the program will be Gordon Nash and his Appalachian summer school band in concerts and patriotic music, while Clyde R. Greene is chairman of the committee which will honor the Watauga county heroes of the various wars. Mr. Greene is preparing a valuable historical statement on the part Watauga county men have played in the wars in which the nation has participated, and the memory of those who have died in the defense of our liberties will be appropriately honored.

Veterans of the World war, Spanish-American war, Civil war, and those soldiers of the present war who happen to be here, together with their parents and other relatives are particularly invited to attend the ceremonies, and indications are that the gathering will be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Veterans of all wars present will be recognized.

The stores of the city will use the period between 3 and 3:30 for the sole purpose of selling war bonds and stamps, and no other commodity will be offered for sale during the period. Everyone is urged to honor our heroes on next Friday by buying these securities to the limit of their ability. All stores will be adequately supplied with stamps for the occasion. Recently in a similar 15-minute period the city merchants sold more than \$2,000 worth of stamps alone, and the supply at the postoffice was exhausted. An even larger sale is anticipated for Friday.

Every citizen of Watauga county is asked to come to Boone Friday, in an effort to promote the war spirit, and to show the fighting men of the nation that the home folks are behind them in this hour of their supreme trial.

New Credit Rules Are Pointed Out

The local war price and ration board calls attention to the new government regulations in regard to credit, and points out that some arrangements have to be made in settling accounts on or before July 10. The statement by the board says:

"Your first duty is to your county. Pay that tax to the tax collector and do it now.

"Then your merchant, who is your friend when in need. Make some arrangement with him to pay your debt to him as quickly as you can.

"Do not forget your debt to your doctor, dentist, etc., and all other debts that you owe.

"Since these are government regulations, we are required by law to abide by them. The same regulations that govern your credit apply to all of us.

Brother Boone Man Is Fatally Injured

Grover Woodard, 50, brother of Mr. L. D. Woodard of Boone, and a resident of Rosman, N.C., was fatally injured on June 26, when he fell from a moving motor truck, and death resulted on July 4.

Mr. Woodard was an employee of the Gloucester Lumber Co., was well known in Boone, where he had visited. A daughter, Miss Beatrice Woodard, formerly was employed by the Hagaman clinic.