



## CO. DRY FORCES TO ASK BAN ON WINE AND BEER

**Reorganization Meeting of Watauga County Dry Forces Held Sunday; Officers Named and Program Planned; Resolutions Sent Congressmen**

At a meeting of the organization committee of the United Dry Forces of Watauga county held at the Boone Baptist church last Sunday, Mrs. T. P. Adams was unanimously elected chairman, and the following officers were selected to serve with her: Rev. Roy Dotson, Rev. M. A. Osborne and Mrs. Nora Wilson, vice-chairmen; Clyde R. Greene, secretary-treasurer. An executive committee representing each of the 14 townships of the county was elected. This committee is composed of E. R. Michael of Todd; Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove; N. L. Harrison, Blowing Rock; Dewey Mitchell, Blowing Rock; Dr. D. J. Whitehead, Boone; Russell Henson, Sherwood; V. C. Cox, Triplett; Henry Hagaman, Valle Crucis; Frank Main, Tamarack; J. A. Winebarger, Meat Camp; L. E. Beach, Zionville; W. O. Smith, Banner Elk; Verne Greene, Stony Fork, and R. A. Farthing, Vilas.

Mrs. Adams appointed a committee composed of S. C. Eggers, W. W. Wilson and E. R. Michael to confer with the law enforcement officials of the county and town and to convey to them the assurance of the support of the organization in their work of enforcing all the laws.

Plans were also made to wage a campaign to have the next session of the North Carolina general assembly outlaw wine and beer in Watauga county. Roy Dotson and L. R. Wood were designated by Mrs. Adams to confer with our newly elected representative, Tom Jackson and state senator, Grady Farthing, relative to this effort.

Roy Dotson was named to contact all the churches in the county looking to the appointment by the churches of temperance committees, and Rev. J. C. Canipe was appointed chairman of the publicity committee.

The meeting adjourned after adopting the following resolutions, copies of which are to be sent to our two U. S. senators and Hon. R. L. Doughton, our representative:

**Resolution**  
Whereas, beer, whiskey and other intoxicating liquors are injurious to the health, efficiency, morale and morals of our fighting forces, our industrial workers and other citizens;

Whereas, it is urged that our nation conserve at this critical time all of her resources, both in manpower and in materials;

Now, therefore, be it resolved as follows:

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## CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE OPENS MON.

**Thousand Dollar Goal is Set for Watauga Organization; Need is Now Greater**

The 36th annual nation-wide Christmas Seal sale, in which the National Tuberculosis Association will take part, will open on Monday and continue until Christmas, according to Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, president of the local organization.

The Christmas Seal sale is the sole support of the National Tuberculosis Association and its 1700 affiliated associations throughout the United States, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico.

Ninety-five per cent of the income from the seal sale remains in the state in which it is raised. Five per cent goes to the national association.

With tuberculosis already increasing in a number of overcrowded industrial areas in the United States, the nationwide goal for this year's sale has been set by the national association at \$8,000,000, Mrs. Holshouser said.

"This amount, the largest the associations have ever asked for, is necessary to carry on the expanded work planned throughout the country in an intensive effort to prevent a widespread and material wartime rise in tuberculosis," she added.

Watauga's quota is \$1,000. "If this amount is raised," said Mrs. Holshouser, "the program planned for 1943 can quickly go into operation."

Those receiving their stamps by mail are asked to make prompt remittance.

## Leads in Africa



This photo is the latest portrait of Lieut. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, American commanding general in the European theater of operations. Gen. Eisenhower led U. S. troops in landings in the French colonies in North Africa.

## ALGERIAN WAR AFFECTS LOCAL PIPE INDUSTRY

**Imported Briarwood May Soon Compete Again With Local Product; Laviets Makes Statement on Outlook, and Asks for Protection**

Algeria is free and briarwood from that country is likely soon to be on the American markets, in competition with the local product. In this connection, Mr. D. P. Laviets of the D. & P. Pipe Works of Boone, makes the following observations as to the effect the African war may have on the city's only manufacturing enterprise:

"Once again, as after the first World War, the market for American briar (ivy and laurel burls) is about to be killed. Not because the American burl is inferior to that of Algeria, but because they can harvest them, manufacture them into blocks, bag them, and deliver them to New York for one-half our lowest possible selling price.

"We pay ten times as much for burls in the United States; our hourly wage is more than an Algerian receives for a day's work of 10 hours or more; our freight rate to New York is double the ocean freight; our factory overhead is many times their cost.

"Ivy and laurel burls have no value except for pipe blocks and unless our market is protected, as in tobacco, wheat and other farm products, this much-needed income will stop as soon as the first shipment arrives from Algeria.

"The above statements are based upon official U. S. reports and a letter by the head of the largest pipe manufacturing company in the world.

"Write to your U. S. senators and congressmen to look after your market on a competitive basis. You cannot compete with pauper labor on equal terms."

## Van Hinson Named Junior College Dean

Appointment of Van G. Hinson as dean of Spartanburg Junior College was announced recently. He succeeds W. A. Owings, recently called to army service.

Dean Hinson, who has assumed his duties, is a former resident of Boone, and has an AB degree from Lenoir-Rhyne and a Master's degree from Duke University. For 12 years he has taught and coached in North Carolina high schools and at Appalachian College here.

Dean Hinson, in addition to serving as dean of administration, will teach psychology and education, Dr. Rembert B. Burgess, president of the college, announced.

## REA Meeting To Start Scrap Drive

A meeting is to be held in the REA office in Boone Monday, November 23, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a special scrap drive throughout Watauga county.

REA especially invites the officers of the churches and the ministers of all the churches in the county to attend this meeting.

If the nation's 27, million motorists cut their 1943 driving to the figure recommended—5,000 miles—they will save more than 17 million tires, according to estimates.

## "WOMEN AT WAR" WEEK WILL START ON NEXT SUNDAY

**United Effort Being Made by Local Women to Sell War Bonds and Stamps; Mrs. J. A. W. Davis Chairman of Drive; Other Leaders Named**

The week of November 22-28 has been set aside as "Women at War Week." Local women and men are concentrating every possible effort during this period toward selling war stamps and bonds. Mrs. J. A. W. Davis has been named county-wide chairman of the effort, while Miss Elizabeth Bridge, home demonstration agent, is vice-chairman.

Mrs. M. R. Maddux has been named chairman for the town of Boone; Mrs. R. A. Olsen and Mrs. W. W. Mast, Valle Crucis to the Avery county line; Boone to Cove Creek, Mrs. Coy Billings; Cove Creek to the Tennessee line, Mrs. Stanley Harris; Perkinsville to Todd, Mrs. Ray Brendell; Perkinsville to Wilkes county line, C. M. Watson. Mr. W. H. Walker has been named head of a special committee to organize the schools of the county, and other community leaders will be named.

Stating that it is everyone's patriotic duty to co-operate in every way possible during the drive, Mrs. Davis says that stamps in the 10 cent and 25 cent denominations will be available at every store, filling station and school, also the bond application blanks. Those who haven't started their stamp albums are urged to do so now. Those having folders for stamps are asked to add other stamps during next week. This is Thanksgiving week, and thanks may be expressed in a practical way to your Uncle Sam so that our soldiers may have the equipment with which to win the war.

"This is everyone's war. We at home who cannot carry a gun are privileged to fight with our dimes and quarters. They offer their lives—we only loan our money."

In Boone booths will be found in the bank, postoffice, drug stores, picture show and Belk's. There will be a speaker over the radio each day at 5:15. Listen and find out what this campaign is about. All chairmen are co-operating 100 per cent and they are depending on every man, woman and child to do their part in reaching the quota established for this county. Watauga county has always gone over the top.

## U.S.O. Contributions Are Acknowledged

Rev. M. H. Currie, chairman of the local USO campaign, announces the following contributions, which have been received since the list was last published:

Previously acknowledged	\$76.00
Dr. G. K. Moose	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Greer	2.00
Anonymous	1.00
Mrs. Mae Miller	1.00
J. O. Cook, Sr.	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$86.00</b>

MAKE IT GROW!

## Brown Is Confirmed As Local Postmaster

Mr. J. Edgar Brown was confirmed last Friday by the United States senate for the postmastership at Boone.

Understanding is that the appointment will be completed and commission issued at an early date.

## JAMES OXENTINE DIES

James Oxentine, 70, resident of the Shulls Mills section, died Sunday after an illness of only a few weeks. Funeral services were conducted from the home on Monday, with Rev. G. W. Sebastian of North Wilkesboro, in charge, and interment was in the Winkler cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements. Surviving are six sons and three daughters: Will, Ronda, Sherman, Frank, Fred, Stuart Oxentine; Miss Emma Oxentine, Mrs. Willard Pressnell and Mrs. Roby Oxentine, all of Watauga county.

## PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME

A number of contributions came to The Democrat office this week, without the signature of the writer, and thus could not be published. It is not necessary for your name to be published, but the publisher, as has been mentioned literally hundreds of times, must know who submits these items. No anonymous news items or letters will be published.

## Legionnaires Who May Be Fighting U. S.



A detachment of the French Foreign Legion from North Africa is shown marching through Marseilles, France. These African fighters by this time have undoubtedly come to grips with the combined U. S. and British forces in North Africa.

## Chamber Commerce, Merchants Meet to Plan Publicity For Local Burley Market

### Stores of City to Close Thanksgiving

Business places of Boone, with few exceptions, will close their doors for the observance of Thanksgiving Day on Thursday of next week. Drug stores and cafes are expected to remain open as usual. The bank, building and loan, and governmental offices will observe the holiday as well as the retailers.

Those having business to transact in Boone should arrange to come to town on Wednesday rather than Thursday, so that the minimum of inconvenience may result from the holiday closing.

## BANDAGE ROLLING AN URGENT NEED

**Figures Given From Production Department of Red Cross; More Help Sought**

At this moment men are being wounded on the battle front; their flow of blood can be eased if you, personally, will do something about it, says the local Red Cross production department. Local people have been waiting for an opportunity to help the national war effort in some way, and now is the opportunity. Both men and women are needed in increased number to roll the surgical dressings. Those who have already signed up to aid in this important task, are asked to make good their pledges by reporting to the Red Cross bandage room at once. The need is described as being urgent.

The production department is to be congratulated upon doing a good job. The following list of garments made since last report is proof that their share of the work is being well done:

Men's night shirts, 57; women's night gowns, 20; girls' gowns, 26; women's and girls' blouses, 238; men's shirts, 60; children's rompers, 108; children's bath robes, 42; women's and children's bed jackets, 102; boys' shirts, 41, and boys' pants, 89.

## Discarded Hosiery Asked For War Effort

Worn out silk, nylon and rayon hosiery is being solicited for use in making powder bags for the munitions factories, and all the stores in the city which sell hose, are arranging so that their customers may turn in old hose as a contribution to the success of our armed forces.

All the discarded hose must be delivered laundered, but it doesn't differ how tattered they might be, they are all wanted. Those finding it more convenient may leave the hose at the office of Miss Elizabeth Bridge, home demonstration agent.

## WINS BY ONE VOTE

Southport.—The Brunswick county elections board refused a recount of the vote in the general election November 3, which gave John B. Ward, Democratic nominee for judge of the county recorder's court, 1,833 ballots, and D. R. Johnson, the Republican nominee, 1,832.

The board ruled after a four-day hearing that the vote stood as canvassed November 5, giving Ward the victory by a one-ballot margin.

## STATE BOARD MAY ACT ON ELECTION DISPUTE TUESDAY

**Election Board Met in Boone Friday to Hear Evidence Regarding 300 Disputed Ballots, Upon Which Depends Results of Local Election**

Raymond C. Maxwell, secretary of the state board of elections, stated Monday that the board "probably would not arrive at its decision in the Watauga county election controversy until it meets in Raleigh November 24, to canvass the election returns.

The full membership of the state board attended the hearing in Boone last Friday, over which Chairman W. A. Lucas of Wilson, presided, and heard witnesses testify, and listened to affidavits touching on the validity of 312 county ballots found in the constitutional amendment box and upon which depends the results of the November 3 balloting in Watauga county.

Chairman Lucas ordered a transcript of the testimony, and stated that the matter would be acted upon just as quickly as possible following the preparation of the written testimony.

Should the state board uphold the action of the county board in declaring the ballots legal, the Democrats would retain all the county offices except that of sheriff. C. M. Watson, Republican candidate for sheriff, has a majority of 32 votes over his Democratic opponent, Sheriff A. J. Edmisten, even if the disputed ballots are counted. Accordingly, if the ballots are ruled out, all county officers will be Republican with the exception of Thos. Jackson, who has been elected to the house of representatives. 274 of the 312 ballots in question were marked Democratic, 30 Republican and eight mixed.

Testimony offered by the Republicans that the votes were illegal was based largely on the contention that the number of county ballots in Boone was greatly in excess of the number of votes cast in the state and township boxes, that the percentage of Democratic votes in the disputed box was far greater than the percentage in the regular county box, and that the poll books were tampered with since the election. Evidence was introduced to the effect that 91 names had been added to the poll books since the election. It was also stated that the questioned ballots were marked with red pencil, ink and black pencil, but that only the regular black pencil were provided in the voting booths.

Attorneys for the county board of elections, which by a majority vote had counted the disputed ballots, presented affidavits from election officials. Poll book holders made affidavits that they had examined the books since the election and that they had not been altered. It was contended that some county ballots were found in all the ballot boxes, and that the votes in question were distributed among the constitutional amendment ballots, and not found "in bunches." It was stated that the actual balloting was supervised jointly by members of both parties throughout the day.

Members of the state group attending with Chairman Lucas were A. S. Mitchell of Winton; Warren Hall of Charlotte; Walter Woodson of Salisbury, and J. R. Morgan of Waynesville.

Attorneys for the Watauga election board were Irving Carlyle of Winston-Salem, Wade E. Brown and W. R. Lovell of Boone. Attorneys representing the Republicans were Trivette and Holshouser of North Wilkesboro and Boone, and A. H. Casey of North Wilkesboro.

## Assistant Farm Agent Enlists in Air Corps

W. Flake Bowles, for the past year and a half assistant Watauga county farm agent, who some time ago volunteered in the army air corps, was called to duty on last Friday and was inducted in Nashville, Tenn., where he will remain for the time being.

Mr. Bowles, who is quite popular in this county, has done outstanding work in the agricultural program. County Agent Harry Hamilton says his successor has not yet been named.

## ACHIEVEMENT

During the past week, the nation's 1,500,000 4-H Club members checked on their contributions to the war effort and made plans for even greater service in 1943.

## Fifty Business Men Attend Gathering and Pledge \$400 to Tobacco Market Promotion; Express Line, Dehydrating Plant Discussed

At a joint meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association held at the Gateway Cafe Monday evening, the two organizations pledged \$400 toward the publication of the Mountain Burley tobacco warehouse, which will open for sales early in December.

Mr. R. C. Coleman, lessee of the local warehouses, who has arrived from Labor City for the season, was present at the meeting, and stated that he would do no less toward advertising the market than last year, when he spent more than \$800. Newspapers, radio and direct contact with tobacco growers will feature the publicity effort.

Mr. Coleman has surveyed the burley growing region, and states that particularly in Tennessee more tobacco is expected to be sold here than was the case in 1941. The crop is believed to be generally good throughout the belt.

Mr. H. W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, discussed the project to have railway express service here, through connecting motor links with nearby rail lines. He stated that local freight lines didn't want the express line established, and that the matter has been taken up with the utilities commission.

Mr. Clyde R. Greene, member of the special committee named to investigate the possibility of establishing a dehydrating plant here, stated that the effort was started too late to bear fruit this year, but that such a plant would likely be secured in 1943.

About 50 attended the enthusiastic meeting.

## BURLEY GRADING SCHOOL PLANNED

**Experts From Department Of Agriculture To Conduct Demonstrations**

Two tobacco grading demonstrations will be held in Watauga county on Monday, November 23, announces County Agent Harry Hamilton. The first one will be at the tobacco warehouse in Boone at 10 a. m., and the other one will be at Wiley Perry's farm in the Bethel community of Beaver Dam township. Expert tobacco graders of the U. S. department of agriculture will have charge of these grading demonstrations and all tobacco growers are urged to attend one of these meetings.

The demonstrations are being held later than usual but there is still a lot of tobacco that has not been graded.

The way tobacco is graded is a very important factor in determining the price it sells for and Watauga tobacco growers need to learn more about the art of grading in order to receive the highest market price for their tobacco.

The Chickamauga National Park in Tennessee gave 8,000 cannon balls and all unessential markers and plaques to the national scrap drive.

The daily cost to France of German occupation would build 2,500 modern workman's homes.