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## GREENE IS NAMED CHAIRMAN BOARD COMMISSIONERS

Newly Elected Board of Commissioners Take Over Affairs of County Government Monday; Earl Cook to Be Tax Collector; Other Appointments Pending

The newly-elected board of county commissioners, the first such body to consist of members of the Republican party in 16 years, took over the affairs of the county government at the meeting held Monday and organized by naming Walter C. Greene, well-known building contractor, as chairman. The other members of the board are William Winkler of Boone, and H. O. Aldridge of Shulls Mills.

It was revealed Tuesday that Earl D. Cook has been elected county tax collector to succeed E. B. Mast, who tendered his resignation last Saturday. No appointment has been made as county accountant to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Gordon C. Taylor. The commissioners are expected to meet Saturday and fill the different posts in the county government.

Meantime an audit of the tax office and of the general county business is being made by Charles E. Hagaman of Hickory, in connection with the transfer of the affairs to the new board.

Sheriff C. M. Watson has taken over the law-enforcing branch of the government, succeeding A. J. Edmisten, defeated Democrat. Mr. Wiley Day of Laxon, is in charge of the jail.

## DONALD WARD IS VICTIM OF STORM

Escapee From Local Prison Camp Frozen to Death in Section's First Blizzard

The body of McDonald Ward, 24, an escapee from the state prison camp near Boone, was found early Thursday morning on the highway at Shulls Mills, only about half a mile from the home of his mother, in which he had expected to reach protection from the biting cold of the section's first real blast of winter.

Officers who investigated the death, stated that he had frozen, and a jury summoned by J. V. Caudill, local coroner, Friday, sustained their judgment.

Ward, whose home was at Shulls Mills, was serving a sentence of five to six years for breaking and entering, and had been convicted in April, 1941. He had left a road crew near Blowing Rock Tuesday, and was thought to have hidden in the woods until Wednesday night, when he attempted to reach his mother's home, in a six above zero gale. State Prison Director Oscar Pitts said Ward had an excellent record, and was a trusty.

## Christmas Section of 'The Messiah' Featured

Miss Virginia Wary, director of the Boone Methodist choir, calls attention to the presentation of the Christmas section of "The Messiah," at the Boone Methodist church Sunday, December 13, at 11 o'clock. The oratorio was composed by Geo. Frederick Handel in the year 1741. The general public is cordially invited to enjoy this rare holiday musical treat.

## Important Notice to News Contributors

The Democrat finds it absolutely impossible to handle the volume of contributions presented weekly, practically at press time. Much of this late matter could have easily been submitted days earlier, and routine organization matter, etc., cannot be handled at the expense of live news when the forms are ready to be closed.

The publisher is anxious to handle all of this matter, and with co-operation of contributors he can do this. Kindly let us have this copy as quickly as available, as only spot news can be used at press time. This is stated not in the way of criticism, but merely as a statement of fact, and with the idea of co-operating fully with all our valued contributors.

## New Chairman



Walter C. Greene, the new chairman of the board of county commissioners.

## 85 ARE CALLED FOR MILITARY DUTY

Latest List of Selectees Issued by Local Selective Service Board

Following are the names of those comprising Watauga county's current quota of men under the selective service act, who are to be inducted into the army at an early date:

Walter Edward Robbins, Clarence Cannon, Linney Howard Winkler, Rhod Isaacs, Maston Thomas Norris, Stanford Clinton Baldwin, Bennie Dexter Rominger, Cyrus Clark Miller, Roy Wood Young, Donley Ephely Rominger, Ward Gurney Carroll, Grant Ulas Miller, Bynum Greer, Silas Franklin Penley, William D. Watson, Carl Stewart Townsend, Ernest McDonald Caudill, Grady Howard Greer, Arthur Stuart Wilcox, Luther Frank Isenhour, Earl Grant Main, Boyd Roscoe Cook, Joe Linney Walker, Narvie Kirby, James Butler Ragan, Roy Bumgarner, William Filmore Harmon, David Monroe Woodring, Willie Yates, Edgar Dean Farthing, James Howard Smith, Marl D. Aldridge, Terrance John Mattern, Edward Leroy Winebarger, Noah Claude Greene, Henry Paul Storie, Calvin Curtis Byers, Albert Alfred Ward, Charlie Nelson, Warren J. Brewer, Ronald Loudermelt, William Odell Culler, Chester William Johnson, Benjamin Franklin Lookabill, Calvin, Sanders Shore, Melvin Lawrence Shepherd, Roy Leonard Townsend, Milton Wright Moretz, Isaac Jake Lewis, Howard William Cooke, Earl Thomas Jones, Joe Hinsley Hodges, Charlie Arvil Pressnell, John Rex Combs, Estil Lee Day, Clyde Albert Fletcher, James Doughton Hagaman, Mack Conrad Williams, Astor Henry Sluder, Jas. William Byers, Clyde Ray, Jr., Paul Robertson Coffey, Clyde Harding Townsend, J. Lee Shore Lemuel Kenneth Davis, Robert Alfred Townsend, Leroy Elwood Wilson, Roland Lee Hardin, Lee Vance Love, Hardin Blaine Coffey, Grady Harmon, Marion Glenn Ford, Roy Franklin Cornett, Joseph Arlon Eggers, Donnalay Ray Pitts, John Sylvanus Minton, Eugene Lawrence Smith, Bennie Jackson Baird, Jack Shore, Paul Vernon Greer, Dallas Hardin Hamby, George Thomas Smith, William Conley Pressnell, Richard Lee Hatley, James McKinley Burkett, Jr.

## Mrs. Dixon Moretz Is Taken by Death

Mrs. Rosetta Norris Moretz, 63 years old, died at the home on Boone Route 2, last Saturday from a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted from the Three Forks Baptist church on December 6, by the pastor, Rev. Raymond Hendrix, assisted by Rev. Mr. Watson and Rev. J. C. Canipe.

Surviving are the husband, Dixon Moretz; four sons and two daughters, all residents of Watauga county: Willett, Roring, Walter and Jones Moretz; Mrs. Tom Brown and Mrs. Simon Wheeler.

## Officers Named For Snow Masonic Lodge

Following is the slate of new officers elected at a meeting of Snow Lodge, No. 363, A. F. & A. M., at a meeting held on December 4th:

Lee H. Stout, worshipful master; T. M. Greer, senior warden; B. W. Stallings, junior warden; Clyde R. Greene, treasurer; J. E. Clay, secretary.

## REGISTRATION OF 18 YEAR OLD LADS STARTS FRIDAY

Sixth Registration of Military Manpower Involves Youths 18 Years Old; Wataugans Must Register at Local Selective Service Office

The sixth registration of men with which to fight the world war, will start next Friday and continue until December 31, according to word received from the local selective service board. It is stated that all Watauga county youths required to register under the President's proclamation will register at the draft board office here. Registration will be conducted between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.

There will be three groups to register as follows:

(a) "Those who were born on or after July 1, 1924, but not after August 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, December 11, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 17, 1942.

(b) "Those who were born on or after September 1, 1942, but not after October 31, 1942, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, December 18, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 24, 1942.

(c) "Those who were born on or after November 1, 1924, but not after December 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the period commencing Saturday, December 26, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 31, 1942."

The order sets forth that during the continuance of the present war, those who were born on or after January 1, 1925, shall be registered on the day they attain the 18th anniversary of their birth, provided that if such anniversary falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, their registration shall take place on the day following that if not a Sunday or legal holiday.

## Miss Josephine Jones Dies From Long Illness

Miss Josephine Jones, age 30 years, resident of Boone Route 2, died at the home last Thursday from a long illness. Miss Jones had been a patient both at the Dr. Hagaman clinic in Boone and the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem in recent months.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 11 o'clock from the Meat Camp Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. Vilas Minton. Rev. J. C. Canipe and Rev. W. J. Cook also took part in the rites, and interment was in the church cemetery. Active pallbearers were Bart Norris, Tracy Turner, Wilson Brown, Dillard Idol, Ray Brown and Edward Greene.

Surviving are the parents, J. H. and Mrs. Sarah Ellen Jones; three brothers and two sisters: Herbert Jones, Boone; Major Jones, Johnson City; Raymond Jones, Boone; Misses Hene and Ruth Jones, Boone.

## Meeting Set For 14th For Appeals On Gas Rationing

A number of owners of trucks have reported that their allotment of gasoline and mileage on their "certificate of war necessity" is entirely out of line with the amount of work they are doing and have asked what could be done to correct this situation.

The defense transportation committee is meeting at the county courthouse on Monday and Tuesday, December 14 and 15, to hear appeals and make recommendations to the office of defense transportation. If you are dissatisfied with the amount of gasoline and mileage allotted you, please bring your "certificate of war necessity" and appear before this committee on one of the above days.

WILL W. MAST, Chairman, Defense Transportation Committee.

## Must Have License To Deal in Raw Furs

Merchants and others in the county are notified by County Game Warden Walter Edmisten, that they must have a license in order to deal in furs. The license cost from \$5 to \$25, and may be secured from Mr. Edmisten or direct from Raleigh. Mr. Edmisten is soon to make a check of dealer licenses in this connection.

## OPENING BURLEY SALE HERE AVERAGES GROWER \$42.00

## Minimum Price Set On Potatoes

No. 1 Irish potatoes are expected to bring the farmer \$1.20 per bushel, according to word coming from the local OPA office Tuesday afternoon, this minimum price regulation having come from the office of price administration in Washington. A price of 90 cents per 100 pounds has been placed on No. 2 potatoes, it was stated.

These prices, it is pointed out, represent the minimum farmers are to receive for their potatoes from wholesalers.

## SALE OF SEALS REACHES \$375.00

Good Progress Noted in Sale of Health Stickers; Recent Purchasers Given

A preliminary report from the sale of Christmas Seals indicate that \$375 worth of the stickers have been disposed of, or considerably more than one-third of the \$1,000 quota established for Watauga county. This figure may be raised considerably when a more careful tabulation of the returns is secured. Following is a list of recent purchasers:

Blowing Rock  
Mrs. Blanche Blue, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bolick, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Mrs. T. H. Coffey, Jr., 20c; Mrs. Ann Ward Council, Miss Vida Hunt Francis and Dr. Anne Thomas \$3, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gragg 50c, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Greene 50c, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Duke Hollars, Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Isenhour, Miss Espie Keller, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Klutz, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Klutz, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin, Mrs. H. C. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pendley, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pitts, Miss Virginia Ryder, Mrs. William E. Walsh Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Weedon \$10, Mrs. Cameron Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. (Continued on page eight)

## County Teachers to Hold Two Meetings

Two meetings of the Watauga County Teachers' Association will be held this week—one at Cove Creek, Thursday, December 10, at 2:30 p. m., and one at Appalachian high school, Saturday, December 12, at 2:30 p. m.

An important feature of each program will be a discussion of proposed legislation affecting schools. Mrs. Dessa T. Edmisten, chairman of the legislative committee, will be in charge of this feature on the program at each meeting.

Increased salaries for teachers, the ninth month of school, teacher tenure, sick leave for teachers, expanded programs of physical and vocational education, and compulsory attendance of pupils are some features being considered by the legislative committee of the association.

## Baptist Choir to Give Christmas Cantata

The choir of the First Baptist church, under the direction of J. Elwood Roberts of the college faculty, will present its Christmas music program at 6 o'clock Sunday evening, December 13th, in the church auditorium.

The cantata, "Childe Jesus," by Joseph W. Clokey and Hazel Jean Kirk, will be rendered by the 28-voice choral group. Solos will be sung by Bob Warren, tenor; Mrs. Amos Abrams, soprano; Juanita McSwain, soprano; Royster Barnett, contralto; Dr. J. T. C. Wright, bass, and A. J. Smith, unchanged voice.

Mrs. Graydon P. Eggers will be at the organ, and Mrs. Elwood Roberts will be at the piano.

Highlights of the program will be the soprano obligato in the Tyrolean carol "Mary's Lullaby", sung by the 17-year-old boy soprano, A. J. Smith, of Whiteville, N. C., a freshman at the college.

This is one of the most beautiful of the Christmas cantatas and it is hoped that a large number will attend.

## Quarter Million Pounds Disposed of Today

The Mountain Burley Tobacco warehouses, opened their auction sale of leaf tobacco this morning, and indications are that the price averages for the opening day are about 42 cents, thus establishing a record for the market which has consistently been in the forefront of burley belt averages.

At noon sales were partially completed in warehouse No. 1, where about 225,000 pounds of the weed had been auctioned, and this afternoon, a minimum of 25,000 pounds is expected to be disposed of on the floors of the second warehouse. Meantime trucks continue to arrive steadily, despite the slippery conditions of the highways, and it is believed the day's sale will set a record both as to volume and price, with no less than a quarter million pounds being sold.

The first crop disposed of this morning belonging to T. A. Madron of Trade, Tenn., brought 54 cents. Plenty of baskets could be seen on every hand from 50 to 55 cents, and very few could be located in the low twenties and below.

Farmers appear to be elated at the prices received, which are averaging well above the government-fixed belt average of 38 cents, and with signs of clearing weather the volume of weed is likely to increase during the remainder of the week. There is plenty of room in the warehouses here, a quick sale for the top dollar, and ample accommodations for the farmers. Mr. Coleman, warehouseman, promises a first sale every day, and no waiting.

## 'Women at War' Meet To Be Held in City Saturday Afternoon

Mrs. J. W. A. Davis, general chairman of the "Women at War" campaign, designed to intensify the effort to sell war bonds and stamps, announces a meeting to be held at the REA offices here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

It is emphasized that this effort on the part of the ladies of the county is not for one week, as originally announced, but for the duration. All interested are asked to attend, especially the community chairmen, who should bring their reports in at this time.

Due to the bad weather few reports have been received, but scattering information is to the effect that the work is progressing nicely. About \$7,650.90 of bonds and stamps have been sold, according to such reports as could be gathered.

One of the latest organizations to be established to aid in this work is by Joseph Shull, colored school teacher, who is pushing the sale of war securities through his people.

## Bible Conference Is Held at West Jefferson

The Baptist Bible conference held last week at the West Jefferson Baptist church last week was well attended. Services were held each day and night. Rev. J. C. Canipe of Boone, and Rev. J. C. Pipes of Asheville, led the ministers in their work.

The following ministers from Watauga attended the conference: W. D. Ashley, D. M. Edmisten, Vilas Minton, H. M. Winkler and J. C. Canipe.

## Graduate Recital at College Next Monday

The Appalachian State Teachers college department of music will present a graduate recital by Robert Warren in the auditorium Monday evening, December 14, at 8 o'clock, it is announced by Miss Virginia Wary, director. The general public is invited to the recital.

## ELECTIONS BOARD STRIKES OUT 312 DISPUTED VOTES

County Board Follows Instructions of State Group and Changes Previously Declared Election Results; State Findings

The Watauga county board of elections in a meeting called Saturday by Chairman R. T. Greer, voted unanimously to follow the instructions of the state board of elections and eliminate 312 votes from the returns of the election of November 3. These ballots, which were found in the constitutional amendment box in Boone precinct, consisted of 274 Democratic votes and 30 Republican, and had caused a heated political controversy since the tally of the votes in this precinct. They were included in the county canvass of the votes, the legality of the votes were challenged by the Republicans, and the matter appealed to the state board for final disposition.

In eliminating the disputed ballots from the count, the previously announced results of the election were changed in Watauga county, thus giving the Republicans the three county commissioners—Walter C. Greene, William Winkler and H. O. Aldridge—the surveyor, I. A. Bumgarner—in addition to Sheriff C. M. Watson, who was elected regardless of the questioned ballots.

The changed figures would indicate Sheriff Watson's election by a majority of 276; Jackson, Democrat, for the legislature, 25; Linney, Republican, for the senate, 22; Bumgarner, Republican, for surveyor, 64; for board of commissioners, the majorities are indicated as follows: Greene 84, Aldridge 3, Winkler 31.

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## REV. G. C. BRINKMAN DIES AT BREVARD

Former Pastor Boone Methodist Church, Lately Retired, Dies of Heart Attack

Funeral services for Rev. Granville C. Brinkman, 76, retired Methodist minister and former pastor of the Boone church, who died at the home in Brevard last Thursday morning from a heart attack, were conducted Friday afternoon from the Brevard Methodist church. Officiating were Rev. J. A. Jenkins, the pastor, and Rev. Dr. E. P. Billups of Canton. Interment was in Gillespie cemetery.

Rev. Mr. Brinkman was born and reared in Baltimore, Md. In 1906, he moved to Charlotte and entered the ministry in 1908. During the following 22 years he served a number of Methodist churches in the Western North Carolina conference, retiring from active duty in 1930. Since that time he had made his home in Brevard.

## Reese Home Damaged in Blaze Monday Evening

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reese was seriously damaged by a fire Tuesday evening, defective wiring being blamed for the blaze.

Pending the visit of an insurance investigator, the damage could not be accurately estimated, but Mr. Reese states that the upstairs furnishings and structure are seriously damaged, as was the room. Some insurance is in force on the building.

## Christmas Edition Is Issued Today

The Democrat today is devoted principally to Christmas advertisements, good will messages from business firms, and especially prepared features dealing with the glad holiday season. Its pages are full of the Christmas spirit, and shoppers will find it a complete directory of gift merchandise.

The stores of Boone, in spite of scarcities of most commodities, present normal stocks of gifts, and people of this area can save real money by shopping in Boone—at the same time contributing to the war effort by conserving fires and gasoline.

Read the business messages in The Democrat today—and trade with the home folks.