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TAX LISTERS FOR WATAUGA COUNTY ARE APPOINTED

Real and Personal Property Must Be Listed For Taxes During January, Says Tax Supervisor; Names of Tax Listers Given

Mr. I. B. Wilson, tax supervisor for Watauga county, in an advertisement in The Democrat today, urges taxpayers of Watauga county to list their real and personal property during the month of January as provided by law, and at the same time points out that a crop report must be made out by farmers at the time of listing.

Mr. Wilson states that posters are being placed in each township, giving the listing dates, and asks for the full co-operation of the taxpayers in this regard.

The names of the various list takers, recently appointed, are as follows:

Boone township, Greene Miller, Blowing Rock, Edgar Young, Beaver Dam, W. R. Johnson, Bald Mountain, Wade Norris, Blue Ridge, Stacy Ford, Cove Creek, Frank Miller, Elk, V. C. Cox, Laurel Creek, Rufus Ward, Meat Camp, Leonard Wilson, North Fork, Lloyd Miller, Stony Fork, Lloyd Wilcox, Shawneehaw, W. C. Smith, Watauga, C. H. Garland.

Edgar Brown Takes Over Postoffice 31st

J. Edgar Brown, former city mail carrier, and at present clerk in the local postoffice, will become postmaster here on December 31, it was learned last Friday.

Mr. Brown has received his commission, bearing the presidential signature, and the routine transfer of the business of the office will be affected by a postal inspector. He is to succeed Mr. W. G. Hartzog, who has filled the post efficiently for the past eight years.

Sugar Stamp 10 Gets Three Pounds

Stamp number 10 in war ration book number 1 will be good for the purchase of three pounds of sugar from December 16 to January 31.

Stamp number 9, good for three pounds, expired December 15. Dealers have ten days to get number 9 to wholesalers and wholesalers have an additional ten days to use the stamps to replenish their stocks.

In the meantime, stamp number 27 on the same book is good for purchase of one pound of coffee for each adult.

WPB STOPS ALL PARKWAY WORK

Last Construction Project on Blue Ridge Was Shut Down December 1

The War Production board Friday ordered work stopped immediately on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington.

This will have no effect on the present status of the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina since the last job on the parkway in this state—grading work between Soco Gap and Ravensford—was shut down December 1 for the duration. This work was being done by W. H. Anderson, contractor.

The only other section of the parkway on which work was done in North Carolina this year was between Craggy Gardens and Beech Gap and that was stopped for the duration eight or ten months ago.

The stop-work order merely stated that it was issued in line with WPB's policy of conserving materials and construction machinery for war production.

Hero Of Hero Ship



Commander Bruce McCandless is greeted by his wife as the USS San Francisco, the heavy cruiser that whipped a Jap battleship, and settled for a Jap cruiser and a destroyer, came into San Francisco for repairs. Commander McCandless took over when a 14-inch shell killed Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan and Capt. Cassim Young, on the bridge of the cruiser.

ELECTION FIGHT IS INVESTIGATED

SBI Report On Watauga County Affray Turned Over to Attorney General

Raleigh, Dec. 18—A report by the state bureau of investigation on its probe on an affray in Watauga county following charges of election irregularities has been turned over to Attorney General Harry McMullan and Solicitor L. S. Spurling of the sixteenth district for possible court action.

W. A. Lucas, chairman of the state board of elections, announced the move here today and said a copy of the report would also be placed in the hands of Governor Broughton.

The altercation occurred when the Watauga county board of elections met to canvass returns of the November 3 general election, in which Republicans contested about 300 ballots which were found in the wrong box. The ballots later were declared invalid by the state board.

No Restriction on Bus Travel, Says Wilcox

Herman W. Wilcox, manager of the Union Bus Terminal, says that there are rumors in this section that restrictions have been placed on bus travel, and brands these rumors as being utterly without foundation.

Mr. Wilcox says every effort is being made to take care of the traveling public in the most efficient manner possible. He suggests, however, that civilians use the buses as much as possible during mid-week periods, so as to avoid week-end delays and congestion. At present, there is plenty of room ordinarily, on buses operating out of this city.

Beaver Dam Sells \$110,000 Cash Crops

Jim Sherwood tells The Democrat that farmers of Beaver Dam township this year have disposed of string beans to the amount of \$25,000; \$75,000 worth of tobacco, and \$10,000 worth of potatoes, to say nothing of smaller amounts of cash received for cabbage, livestock and other products of the farms.

Beaver Dam has made outstanding progress along agricultural lines during the past few years, and in value of products is perhaps second to no township in the county. In telling of the progress of his section, Mr. Sherwood says "Beaver Dam is without a doubt the second Garden of Eden."

SELLS STORE

Mr. D. P. Wyke has sold his feed store in Boone to Mr. John Greene, and left Sunday for Baltimore, Md., where he will be engaged in war industry for the time being.

HEALTH OFFICE SAYS RABIES NOW A PUBLIC PERIL

Another Canine Head Sent to Raleigh, Gets Positive Report; Drastic Action Must Be Taken by Citizens, Says Webster

The district health department on Saturday was notified from Raleigh that the examination of a dog head recently sent from Boone revealed that the animal definitely was afflicted with rabies. The canine which was killed a short distance outside of town on the Blowing

DOGS AND CATS IN BOONE TOWNSHIP ARE QUARANTINED

A quarantine is hereby declared on all dogs and cats in the Township of Boone, County of Watauga State of North Carolina, due to the presence of rabies in said animals. All dogs and cats are ordered to be confined by their owners and any dog or cat having been bitten by a rabid animal is required to be killed unless it has been previously vaccinated against rabies, according to the laws of North Carolina, in which case it may be confined and kept under observation until released by order of a regularly licensed veterinarian.

All dogs and cats running at large are to be destroyed by the officers duly appointed for this purpose.

This quarantine shall be effective from this 19th day of December 1942.

DR. ROBERT R. KING, Health Officer, Boone, N. C.

Rock road, is known to have bitten from five to seven dogs before its career was ended.

Mr. H. S. Webster, of the district health department, states that this brings to four the number of mad animals killed in the county in the past three months. Eight persons have taken the series of rabies treatment as a result of the rampage of the mad house cat belonging to the family of Dr. J. T. C. Wright in Boone, and the health department is genuinely alarmed over the situation. "It is the absolute duty of every citizen in this emergency," says Mr. Webster, "to destroy every stray dog found. The lives of our people are at stake. Children, who are prone to pet every animal seen, are in especial danger. Personally, I wouldn't give one child for every dog in the universe."

Mr. Webster emphatically urged everyone to conduct a drive against these worthless stray dogs, and points out that this is not really the mad dog season. The disease lies dormant, he says, during cold weather, to an extent, but warns that when springtime comes, if something isn't done, there is certain to be a serious outbreak of rabies. "Some drastic action must be taken now," says Mr. Webster, "before it is too late. Let me beg every citizen to wage a relentless war on dogs, and protect our children as well as grown-ups."

Tobacco Board Trade Names New Officers

The Boone Tobacco Board of Trade met last Wednesday and elected officers.

Those re-elected are: W. Jordan, President; Herman Wilcox, Vice-president; S. C. Eggers, Secretary and Treasurer.

The membership committee is composed of R. C. Coleman, S. C. Eggers, and T. H. Covington. The arbitration committee: R. C. Coleman, J. L. Perkins, and Fred Settle.

SEQUOIAS

Sequoia, the new Irish potato variety developed at N. C. State College yielded 375 bushels an acre for R. S. Ray of the Pensacola community of Yancey county, three times more than local varieties.

To Each of You

Christmas this year comes to a confused world. The false prophets who guide the destinies of dictator nations have brought untold suffering to a sorely tried humanity.

Despite the haunting shadows of war, the deep, abiding joy of Christmas is felt throughout the world. The Star of Bethlehem shines as brightly as it did almost two thousand years ago, its rays reaching bravely through the dread darkness of ignorance and fear.

In our own community we have felt the hot breath of war. But Christmas, 1942, brings renewed hope to those who have suffered most. Since that greatest of all days, when the Virgin Mother brought forth a son in the manger at Bethlehem, men have found comfort and solace in the annual miracle of Christmas.

Those of us who live in small towns are able to see more clearly the suffering caused by war. We have a friendly, personal interest in each other. The spirit of neighborly love and devotion has eased many a saddened heart; the helping hand has been extended cheerfully when the road ahead seemed impassable.

This newspaper, which has recorded community tidings both happy and sad, wishes for each of you a Christmas of faith and hope—a Christmas rich with the loyalty of friends and graced with a full measure of happiness.

Gasoline Ban Is Lifted Last Night; All Ration Coupons Are Good For 3 Gallons

STORES ARE OPEN NIGHTS THIS WEEK

Shoppers are again reminded that the stores of the city will be closed Christmas day, as well as on the Saturday following, so that the owners and employees may enjoy a holiday rest. Public offices will likewise take the two day leave from business.

In order to aid the last-minute Christmas shoppers, the stores are remaining open until nine o'clock each night until Christmas day.

Orphans' Home Lad Is Drowned in Lake

Banner Elk Youth Goes to Death in 12 Feet of Water As Ice Breaks On Power Dam.

Banner Elk, Dec. 19.—Charlie Gorrell, 12, of the Grandfather Home for Children here, was drowned in the power dam of Elk River about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Ice was several inches deep on the lake and a group of boys from the home went there to skate. When he was a short distance from the shore the ice broke, and young Gorrell went under in water 12 feet deep.

The other boys in the party went for help, but it was almost an hour later before the body was recovered by Banner Elk men, using grappling hooks.

Charlie, the son of John E. Gorrell, of Bridgeport, Tenn., had been at Grandfather Home since he was six years of age. He was a member of the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church and of the Boy Scout troop here.

Besides his father, he is survived by three sisters, who also stay at the Grandfather Home. Funeral services will be held at Bridgeport. Arrangements were in complete tonight.

Red Cross Dressing Room Closed This Week

The Red Cross surgical dressing room will be closed all during Christmas week, it has been announced.

Promises to Deal Vigorously With Bootlegging and Black Market Operations; Byrnes Steps Into Rationing Picture.

Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced Saturday in Washington that gasoline sales would be resumed in the east at 12:01 a. m. Monday, with the coupons of all A, B, and C ration books good for three gallons. In the case of the B and C books this is a reduction of one gallon.

At the same time Henderson reported a bootlegging and black market problem had arisen and promised to deal with it vigorously. A total of 190 dealers have been suspended, ten of them Saturday, he said, and future deliberate violators will "get the limit"—a suspension for the duration "which means they will be out of business."

James F. Byrnes, the director of economic stabilization, stepped abruptly into the gasoline and fuel oil situation. He asked Henderson, Petroleum Administrator Ickes and Transportation Director Eastman to submit reports showing in what way present policies and machinery had proved inadequate, together with recommendations for remedial action. Byrnes said he would confer with the three Monday morning.

The day also brought action to relieve the plight of some householders who heat their homes with oil. OPA announced that those who have exhausted their present ration could buy fuel oil with ration book coupons originally intended for redemption at a later date.

And from Chairman Maloney (D., Conn.) of the special senate committee named to investigate the gasoline and fuel oil situation came an announcement that its inquiry will be resumed. Recent developments, he said, had shown "the necessity for a complete study, with the purpose of keeping the nation informed of just what it must expect in the future."

Henderson estimated the net saving in gasoline consumption from the cut in value of B and C coupons to be about 25,000 barrels a day, and promised increased emphasis on strict enforcement of all gasoline rationing regulations. This goes for the industry, wholesale, and retail dealers, and consumers.

BUY WAR STAMPS and BONDS

SALES OF BURLEY PASS MILLION AND HALF LAST WEEK

Pre-Holiday Sales Ahead of Entire Season Last Year; Average is \$40.29; Tuesday Marks End of Pre-Christmas Sales; Auctions Resumed Jan. 4.

The Mountain Burley Warehouses at the close of leaf tobacco sales on last Friday afternoon, had considerably surpassed the sales of last season, government figures indicating total sales of 1,592,886 pounds for \$641,902.11, or a record average of \$40.29 per hundred. Sales on last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, which had not hitherto been tabulated were 434,570 pounds, bringing \$176,318.50, or an average of \$40.48.

The remarkable growth of the local market in poundage, as well as in average price paid is shown by recounting the figures of last year, when the entire season resulted in sales of only 1,469,354, the average price being \$30.29.

Sales are going forward on the local floors this (Monday) morning, and the price is continuing strong, the average price consistently ranging in the forties.

Tuesday's sales will end the auctions for the pre-holiday season, and sales will be resumed on January 4. Meantime it is stated by R. C. Coleman, warehouse operator, that burley will be received daily during the period while sales are suspended.

Sale Christmas Seals Passes \$700 Mark In County to Set Record

The campaign for the sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals in this county, is going forward with increasing success, and while reports Monday morning on the progress of the drive, were altogether incomplete, it was revealed that more than \$700 of the county's quota of \$1,000 has been raised. Last year the total receipts for the entire campaign were but \$411.

Following are some of the recent contributors. In each case, unless otherwise indicated, the contribution is in the amount of \$1.00:

Howard Shore 30c, Charlie Pritchard 50c, John Wellborn 50c, Lewis Reese, Wiley B. Day, Clyde Kilby 25c, Jessie Timmons 25c, Miss Ida Bell Ledbetter, M. F. Burgess, W. J. Leighty, Gilbert Barnes, Abe Edmisten, Miss Elizabeth Lord \$3.00, Will C. Walker, Dr. F. E. Warman, Bus Crowell, Dr. R. K. Bingham, Mrs. G. D. Brinkley, Hollars Grocery \$2.00, Miss Sallie Carson, W. G. Hartzog, Joe Crawford, Mrs. Frank Estes, Carter Farthing 50c, David and Mrs. Wilson 50c, Rev. Mr. McKarher, Miss Sallie Ray 8c, I. T. Barnett 50c, Mrs. J. A. W. Davis \$1, Mrs. Frank Smith 50c, Mrs. Earl C. Norris 25c, Miss Theresa McNeil 25c, Mr. and Mrs. Max Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mast, Miss Mabel Bingham, G. L. Sawyer, C. C. Rogers.

SCOUT FUNDS ARE BEING RECEIVED

Four Hundred Dollars Has Been Given for Local Scout Movement

Four hundred dollars has been contributed in Watauga county for the support of the local Boy Scout movement, according to Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the Scout committee, who states contributions to this cause will be received until the first of the year.

Mr. Greene expresses appreciation to those who have worked in this campaign, and those who have given to the fund.

There are now four active Boy Scout troops in the county—at Boone, Blowing Rock, Bethel and Cove Creek.