



NINETY WATAUGA MEN IN CURRENT DRAFT QUOTA

County's Largest Contingent Of Military Manpower to Leave Soon: Married Men are Included For The First Time In January Quota.

Ninety Watauga county men are to be sent to an induction center of the United States army at an early date, to fill Watauga county's January quota of manpower for the war effort, under the terms of the selective service act, it was revealed on Tuesday at the office of the local Board.

For the first time since the draft law came into operation, the current list of men contains the names of a number of married persons, thus indicating that the supply of eligible single men is nearing exhaustion, with the exception of the recently-registered 18 year group, classification of whom has not been completed.

The names of those currently notified to report for induction, are:

William Ernest Harmon
Tommy Franklin Osborne
Boyd Frank Mains
Russell Luther Greene
John Benjamin Ward
Lionel Harmon
Robert Samuel Perry
Jacob Baldwin Williams
Frank John Miller
John Stanley Houck
Charlie Roosevelt Nichols
Lizzy Washington Hicks
Coy Hartley
Edward Franklin Baird
Wane David Shook
Hal Ronald Storie
Council Crowell Cooke
Alfred Connor Greene
Grady Isaacs Norris
Burl Richard Watson
Estel Ray Wilson
Robert Doughton Lewis
Robert Gray Shipley
David Thomas James
Robert Dale Miller
David Franklin Taylor
Richard Grant Campbell
Clyde Hodges
Linville Earl Presnell
James Kermit Main
James Brag Atwood
Willard Edward Greene
Bill Millsaps
Walter Denver Norris
James Ernest Davenport
Stacy Ford Taylor
William Riley Potter
Kenneth Clyde Watson
Lewis Albert Baird
Elbert Miller
Douglas Janny Glover
Dennis Sanders Shore
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ASSEMBLY MAY END WORK IN 50 DAYS

A prediction that the 1943 general assembly convening at noon today (Wednesday) would complete its work within 50 days was made by Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris as democratic members of the legislature held their biennial caucus.

With house and senate democrats meeting in their respective chambers, Representative John H. Kerr, Jr., of Warren county, son of the second district congressman, was nominated for speaker of the house, and Senator J. Hampton Price, of Rockingham was nominated for president pro tem of the senate.

Republicans, with only 12 members in the House and two in the senate, followed a custom that they have observed since 1929 and did not hold a caucus.

Price was nominated by Senator L. Y. Ballentine of Wake at the senate caucus, in which every nomination was approved unanimously. Lieut.-Gov. Harris made his short-term prediction at the senate meeting, rising to speak at the invitation of Senator W. G. Clark of Edgecombe, who was chairman of the caucus.

Employment Office Solicits Workers

Following are some of the job openings listed with the United States Employment Service. For further information call at the court house in Boone on Fridays between the hours of 10 a. m. and 1 p. m.:

Painters, carpenters, carpenters' helpers, dough mixer, baker, organic chemist, mechanical engineer, tool draftsman, instrument man, typist, sheet metal worker, floor molder, boiler maker, welder, lead burner, lineman, machinist trainees, spot welder, acetylene burner operator, aircraft riveter trainees, roddman (surveying), construction laborer.

Army Lieutenant



LIEUT. JOHN J. CONWAY

JOHN CONWAY GOES INTO ARMY

Belk Manager Gets Lieutenantcy; Bus Crowell to Manage Belk's In His Absence.

John J. Conway, manager of the Belk-White store in Boone, since its establishment seven years ago, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the army, and left last Friday for his post of duty at Princeton, N. J. He was granted a leave of absence from his duties with the Belk organization for the duration of the war, and during his absence the local store will be managed by L. H. (Bus) Crowell.

Mrs. Conway, who is bookkeeper for the Belk-White stores, and small son, will remain here for the time being, but will join Mr. Conway soon. Mrs. Conway's success in the store office has not been named.

Mr. Conway came to Boone in 1935, when the Belk-White Co., first established their store here, and has since become one of the leaders in the business and civic life of the community. Under his management, the business of the Belk store has grown until enlargement of the physical properties was necessary three times. He was president of the Retail Merchants Association, a director in the Chamber of Commerce, member of the fire department, and took a prominent part in practically every line of community endeavor. He is a member of the Boone Baptist Church, acted as usher and more recently has been teacher of a class of 16 boys in the Sunday School.

In addition to being manager of the Belk store in Boone, Mr. Conway was Secretary-Treasurer of the Belk-White chain, which formerly maintained its business offices in Greenville, S. C.

Mr. Crowell, who succeeds Mr. Conway, has been a member of the Belk organization for 6 years, and his promotion bears testimony to the regard in which he is held by his employers. He has been in charge of the man's department at the local store, and is one of the community's most industrious and popular young men.

Preachers Endorse Dry Organization

The preachers of the Three Forks Association in session in their regular monthly conference on Monday January 4th, passed the following resolutions:

Resolved: First that we endorse wholeheartedly the set-up of the recent dry organization of which Mrs. Mollie Adams is the president, and that we give it our support and prayers.

And, second, that we assure the newly-elected officers of Watauga county, who have the matter of law enforcement in their hands, of our full and prayerful support in their efforts to enforce the law on liquor and all other matters.

N. M. GREENE, Chairman.

RED CROSS TO NAME OFFICERS

The Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross, will hold a meeting at the county office building next Monday evening at 7:30, for the purpose of naming officers of the organization.

All members, that is, those who contributed a dollar or more in the last Red Cross membership campaign, are asked to attend and take part in the meeting.

Chile has denied a rumor it will use copper instead of wire nails in government buildings.

MAD DOG DANGER YET EXISTS; HORSE VICTIM OF RABIES

Animal Worth \$175 Slain Saturday; Health Department Says Dog Quarantine Is Partially Successful; Loose Dogs Should Be Reported to Officials.

The mad dog situation in Boone and environs, still constitutes a threat to the public safety, and Geo. A. Wilson of this city on Saturday shot a horse worth \$175, after a licensed veterinarian had pronounced the animal hopelessly rabid. Three other horses and six head of cattle, the property of Mr. Wilson and Jas. H. Council were equally exposed to the disease, it was stated.

Mr. Wilson, who incidentally took a course of the anti-rabies serum, in 1927, together with a three-year old son, is quite naturally disturbed over the situation, and joins with the health authorities, in an appeal for a fight on the part of every citizen against the stray dogs and cats which are not only bringing the destruction of valuable livestock, but which constitute a threat to the welfare of every person in the community.

Dr. Robert R. King, of the district health department, today again calls attention to the quarantine on cats and dogs in Boone township, and states that until the quarantine is lifted, loose dogs and cats should be promptly reported to the Mayor's office, or to the Sheriff.

The quarantine, say health officials, is only partially effective. On the main street of the town, it is noted, that less dogs are being seen, but in the western section of the city, along the eastern edges, and in the colored district, no improvement has been noted.

Health authorities insist that the people take heed of the danger which is now present from rabies. They state that during cold weather the disease lies dormant to a great extent. It follows that the more dogs that are killed this winter, the less will be the danger, when the real mad dog season arrives with the coming of warm weather in the spring.

COLLEGIANS BACK ON LOCAL CAMPUS

Appalachian College Resumes Work; City and County Schools Re-Opened.

Appalachian College students are now back on the campus from their Christmas vacations, and regular classroom work was resumed Tuesday. Their return to the college was purposely delayed, in an effort to aid in the relief of the holiday congestion on the bus lines.

The Appalachian High School and Demonstration school re-opened on Monday. The other high schools and elementary schools of the county were scheduled to open at the same time.

War Stamp Chairmen To Meet On Saturday

The regular monthly meeting of the various community chairmen of the war stamp and bond campaign in Watauga county will be held at the offices of the R. E. A. in Boone on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, says a statement from Mrs. J. W. A. Davis, general chairman of the effort.

Mrs. Davis states that Watauga county's quota for the month of January has been established at \$22,320.25, and for the whole state at eleven million dollars, and so everyone is urged to buy every stamp and bond possible, thus contributing to the success of the local campaign and hastening the day of victory.

The approximate amount of stamp sales at the Boone postoffice has been around \$1,200 per month. The reports from Blowing Rock and five other postoffices have not been received.

Mrs. Davis expresses appreciation to all chairmen for their fine cooperation and asked for even greater efforts in the future.

Junior Order Meeting To Be Held January 18

A regular meeting of the Daniel Boone Chapter, Junior Order, United American Mechanics, will be held in the Junior Hall, January 18 at 7:30 p. m. The principal business of this session will be the installation of the recently-elected officers.

Cleanup, After Cleanup On Tunisia Road



This soundphoto shows an allied tank soldier cleaning up the gun of a U. S. built General Lee tank after capture of the village of Mejez-El-Bab in Tunisia. German detachments were shelled and forced to retire from a farm in the same area west of Tunis. Casualties were inflicted on the Germans and several prisoners were captured.

SEAL SALE GROUP TO HOLD MEETING

Complete Report Of Receipts to Be Available Soon; \$808 Is Present Total.

There will be a meeting of the organization leaders for the sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals this (Wednesday) afternoon, at which time complete reports on the progress of the campaign will be received and tabulated.

Mrs. Russell D. Hodges, treasurer of the seal sale fund, stated Tuesday evening, that while all the reports were not in, her records then indicated receipts of \$808.46, considerably more than twice as much money as was ever received in Watauga previously for this work.

Below are the names of a few recent contributors. Where no amount appears the contribution is for \$1.00 in each instance:

Blowing Rock
Clyde Dula \$1.00, Mrs. R. L. Greene, .55.
Boone R. F. D. 2
Mrs. Ruby S. Michael, Miss Edith Walker, Ed F. Jones .37, Mrs. Norma Carroll.

Federal Aid to Education To Be Topic at Forum Club Meeting Tuesday

Three local educators, Dr. H. B. Hefflin, Dr. Wiley Smith and Dr. D. J. Whitener will discuss the topic, "Federal Aid to Education", at the Boone Public Forum next Tuesday evening January 12, in the college auditorium.

This discussion, to be centered around proposed legislation in Congress, should be of particular interest to the people of this community. The public is invited to attend the meeting which will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Local Solons Leave For State Assembly

H. Grady Farthing, elected to serve Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties in the State Senate, together with Tom Jackson, elected to the house of representatives from this county, went to Raleigh Monday, to be ready for the opening of the 1943 session of the Legislature, today.

Both of the representatives predict the shortest term of the Assembly in many years, and few measures of local concern are expected to come up for consideration.

U. S. Fifth Army to Take Lead in African Battles

Indicating progress in the organization of the huge allied force that is bearing the brunt of the attack on Tunis and Bizerte, allied headquarters in north Africa announced on Tuesday that the United States fifth army had been activated, and Lieut. General Mark W. Clark placed in command of the new force.

General Clark is the 46-year-old hero of the secret agent thriller who visited North Africa by submarine three weeks before the allied landings and held a secret rendezvous with French officers.

Presumably the announcement means that a large United States army of several divisions has been organized through its various ranks and is ready to take its place alongside the British first army of Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson in Tunisia.

Some Dogs, Cats Yet Loose, Says Dr. King

"Some dogs and cats are still at large in the township and City of Boone," states Dr. Robert R. King District Health Officer, who continues: "These animals are only allowed to be out of confinement if and when on leash or under control of their owner. Otherwise they are subject to the law."

"The fact of a previous or recent vaccination for rabies does not grant any privileges to the animal during a quarantine. Vaccinated animals are potentially dangerous as the vaccine does not give 100% immunity, nor does it protect until several weeks have passed."

"Due notice will be given when the quarantine is lifted and until that time report loose animals to the Sheriff's office or to the Mayor's office."

BURLEY SALES START MONDAY

Opening Of Boone's Post-Holiday Sales Delayed For One Week.

Sales of burley tobacco on the floors of the Mountain Burley Warehouses, here will be resumed for the end of the season next Monday, January 11, rather than on the 4th, as had previously been announced.

The United States Department of Agriculture gave news of the changed date last Thursday, the announcement stating that government inspection would be resumed on the 11th.

The opening time for the burley market was delayed for the one week, it was stated, because of delay in allocating the short burley crop among manufacturers.

The local markets expect a good business for the remainder of the season and quite a bit of the weed is now on the local floors. The market's average of \$41.27 for the entire season should induce many of the growers to market the remainder of their crop here.

DIXON MORETZ SUCCUMBS AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Millard Dixon Moretz, 65 years old, well-known farmer of Boone, R. F. D. 2, died at the Baptist Hospital, at Winston-Salem on December 30. Mr. Moretz's death followed an illness of several months.

Funeral services were conducted from the Three Forks Baptist church last Friday and burial was in the cemetery in that neighborhood.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters, all residents of Watauga county: Willie, Raleigh, Walter, and Jones Moretz; Mrs. Tom Brown, and Mrs. Simon Wheeler.

There are four brothers and three sisters: Lloyd, Rudolph, Vance and Henry Moretz; Mrs. Fannie Hodges, Mrs. Nealie Coffey and Mrs. Ida Bumgarner.

Mr. Moretz was a son of Mrs. Epie Moretz, and the late Jerome Moretz, and had lived in Watauga county all his life. He was a member of the Three Forks Baptist church and active in the religious life of his neighborhood. He was a splendid citizen and a kind and generous neighbor.

Women will make up 30 per cent of the labor force in war industries this year, it is estimated.

ED. BROWN TAKES OVER DUTIES AS CITY POSTMASTER

Son of Late John E. Brown Succeeds Wiley G. Hartzog As Local Postmaster. Transfer Of Office Takes Place Thursday Evening of Last Week.

J. Edgar Brown, Jr., clerk in the local postoffice, was elevated to the postmastership last Thursday evening, for a life time tenure, under the present postal laws.

Transfer of the affairs of the office from Mr. Wiley G. Hartzog, who had held the position for eight and a half years, to Mr. Brown was affected by Postal Inspector, K. W. Wilson of Asheville, with the checking of the final accounts of the retiring postmaster to the incoming official.

Mr. Brown is a son of the late John E. and Mrs. Bessie Brown, his father incidentally having been postmaster in Boone during the latter days of President Wilson's administration. For six and one-half years he has been employed by the local postoffice. He was formerly city letter carrier, but more recently has been a clerk in the office. Prior to his entering the postal service, he was employed by the New River Light & Power Company.

Mr. Brown received the postmastership through the recommendation of Congressman R. L. Doughton, and the appointment was approved by Postmaster General Frank Walker. President Roosevelt nominated him for the position several weeks ago, and the appointment, which was transmitted to the United States Senate by Senator Bailey, of the postoffice committee, was confirmed by that body early in December, shortly following which the Presidential commission was issued.

Whims of Mountain Weather Recorded By Boone Resident

Mr. W. H. Smith of Boone, has a habit of recording the variations in the weather in this vicinity, and the following review of the weather during 1942 is interesting:

The low temperature average for the year was 41.3 degrees; high average, 60.8 degrees.

During the months of June, July and August, the tourist season, the low average temperature was 63.6 degrees; high average 74.1 degrees.

Temperatures of zero or below were experienced on January 8, 11, February 19, and December 14.

Snows occurred on January 9, February 13, March 4, November 1, November 10. A blizzard raged on Monday and Tuesday March 2nd and 3rd, with the heaviest snowfall in many years.

Late freezes, April 20 and 21st. First killing frosts, September 28, 29, and 30th.

There was rain on 87 days of the year.

A total eclipse of the moon was visible on August 25-26th.

Deductions Begin Under New Victory Tax Payment Plan

Local employers as well as all those throughout the land, began deductions from employees' wages under the new victory tax plan as of last Friday. Instructions to all employers, coming from the Treasury Department, were received last week.

Starting January 1, this special tax is withheld from each salary payment, just as in the case of social security.

A straight 5 per cent is being deducted from all wages and salaries over \$12.00 weekly. This tax is separate and in addition to the regular income tax and will remain in force for the duration. According to the provisions of the tax, at the end of the war, each employee will be entitled to a refund of a portion of the victory tax. If employees are married, 40 per cent of the tax will be returned and 25 per cent if not married.

Employees will get this amount at the end of each year provided the employees spent at least that amount of the credit on U. S. war bonds or certain kinds of insurance premiums and personal debts.

12 WEEK-END ARRESTS
Deputy Sheriff Wiley Day reports that 12 were imprisoned over the week end, for drunkenness, rather more than the average number of week-end arrests.