



WAR BOARDS HOLD DISTRICT MEETING HERE LAST WEEK

Nine-County Gathering Designed To Stimulate Agricultural Production For War Needs; Farmers Meet Production Goal During Year 1942.

A district meeting of county war boards from nine counties was held in Boone last week, the object of the gathering being to inaugurate a program of ample proportions along agricultural lines to meet the demands of the global war in which the nation is engaged.

F. R. Farnham, district agent and extension dairyman, opened the meeting and introduced D. D. Barber Jr., R. E. A. official and member of the state war board who presided at the meeting.

The production of food and fiber for the countries occupied and being occupied by the united nations as well as for civilian needs in this country constituted the topic for the meeting.

Agricultural production, it was stated is the biggest job that now confronts any American industry, and in 1942 the farmer more than won his production goals.

In 1942 North Carolina was asked to increase egg production 11%, or produce 65,000,000 dozen. This quota was exceeded by 5,000,000 dozen, in that we actually produced 70,000,000 dozen eggs. In 1943 we are asked to produce 79,000,000 dozen in North Carolina. This means that egg production will be increased 14% over (Continued on page eight)

Brother of Mrs. Dave Mast Meets Death In Crash of Navy Plane

George Thomas Blalock, aviation chief radioman, U. S. N., a brother of Mrs. Dave P. Mast of Sugar Grove was instantly killed north of Fentress, Va., when a navy plane piloted by Lieut. Commander John Richard Yoho crashed. The latter was also killed in the crash. Both men were 34 years of age.

The plane was on routine flight operations, according to the public relations office at the Naval Operating base.

Chief Radioman Blalock, a native of Chase City, Va., flying as a passenger, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bernice F. Blalock; two children, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Blalock, of Union Level, Va. Also survived by one brother, H. G. Blalock of Baskerville, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. M. M. Neblett of Kenbridge, Va., and Mrs. Dave P. Mast of Sugar Grove, N. C.

Services were held for the two men Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at the Naval Base chapel in Norfolk, Va., and interment was at Arlington national cemetery.

Wildlife Club To Fete Selectees at Breakfast

The Watauga Wildlife Club, an organization composed of a number of hunters and fishermen in Boone and environs, will furnish breakfast to the men leaving Friday morning for military service, and whose names appeared in this newspaper last week.

The breakfast will be served at the Red Cross canteen, according to Paul A. Coffey, secretary of the club, and is to be prepared by the ladies of the community under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Bridge home demonstration agent.

General Hodges Is Dead at Age Of 69

General Hodges, well-known and esteemed citizen of Boone, R. F. D. 2, died at his home on December 12, after a period of failing health of several months. Mr. Hodges was nearly 69 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted from the Popular Grove Baptist Church by the pastor Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. J. C. Canipe, on December 22, at 2 p. m. and interment was in the Gragg cemetery near Boone.

Surviving is the widow, the former Miss Lula Adams, and one daughter, Mrs. S. E. Caudill of this city. Two children died in infancy. Several brothers and sisters also survive.

Mr. Hodges was born and reared in Watauga county. He was a deacon in his church. He was a farmer and carpenter by occupation. He was a good neighbor, a kind husband and father, and in his death a great loss has been sustained, and sadness brought to a host of friends.

Watauga Members of General Assembly



Senator H. Grady Farthing, and Representative Tom Jackson, who received important committee assignments in the opening days of the General Assembly. They spent the week-end with home folks, returning to Raleigh on Monday.

Gets Wings



Morris Eggers, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Eggers, who received his silver wings and a Lieutenant's Commission in the air force reserve at Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz. on January 2.

DOG QUARANTINE EMBRACES COUNTY

Health Department Extends Its Control Over Dogs, Cats; Another Mad Dog Slain

The danger of rabies, continues in Watauga county, and to further curb the spread of the disease Dr. Robert R. King of the District Health Department announced this morning that the quarantine on dogs and cats has been extended from Boone township to the entire county.

Another dog was killed in the Winkler's Creek section last week, and examination of the head by the state authorities revealed the presence of Rabies. Oleta, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Auton and had by the name of Guest, were bitten by the animal, and are taking treatments.

Meantime Mr. George Wilson of Boone lost another fine horse from rabies, and since the animal was stabled, there has been speculation as to whether the animal was bitten by a rat. City officials and others interested are planning an intensive rat campaign in the city.

The town government has started out to get rid of the stray dogs in the community and the last three days of the week twenty-one of the animals were slain. Some others have been killed this week, and the danger of rabies from this source is being rapidly checked.

U. S. Airmen Active in Move Toward Tripoli

Fighting French forces racing northward through the Libyan Sahara have conquered all of Fezzan and are less than 290 miles from Tripoli, while their fellow countrymen in Tunisia have captured a strategic mountain pass, a Tuesday communique said.

In the air, American four-engined bombers topped the continuing two-way allied offensive against axis supply lines with a heavy daylight raid Monday on shipping and harbor installations at Naples, Italy's second largest port and the main axis reinforcement base for Africa.

Eliminating use of asbestos textiles in unnecessary products will save approximately 750,000 pounds of these textiles for war purposes.

SOLONS ARE GIVEN COMMITTEE POSTS

Senator Farthing and Representative Jackson Get Important Assignments.

State Senator H. Grady Farthing, who is representing Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties in the upper branch of the state Legislature, and Tom Jackson, Watauga county's member of the house of representatives, received unusually favorable recognition in the matter of committee appointments.

Senator Farthing was named as chairman of the committee on military affairs by Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris and was given the following additional committee assignments:

Appropriations, Agriculture, Banks and currency, conservation and development, counties cities and towns, distribution of Governor's message, education, election laws, journal, manufacturing labor and commerce, penal institutions, propositions and grievances, senate expenditures.

Representative Jackson received membership on the following committees at the hands of speaker of the house, John Kerr, Jr.:

Agriculture, appropriations, congressional districts, drainage, education, election laws, engrossed bills, welfare, roads, buildings and grounds.

Sheriff Takes Still, Man, Monday Night

Sheriff C. M. Watson, Deputy Wiley Day and Patrolman Miles Jones participated in a raid on a blockade whiskey distillery in Meat Camp township Monday night.

The distillery was in operation when the officers arrived on the scene, and Willard Greene, resident of Meat Camp township was arrested and charged with manufacturing. He gave bond of \$300 for his appearance at the spring term of Watauga Superior court.

The distillery was being operated under an uninhabited building about a mile from the Hodgson store. No liquor was taken in the raid but the 300 gallon outfit was destroyed, together with a quantity of mash.

Employment Office Has Number Job Openings

Following are some of the job openings listed with the United States Employment Service. For further information call at the courthouse in Boone on Fridays from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Stenographer, typist, bread baker, machinist, tool maker, floor molder, boiler maker, arc welder, carpenter, painter, tack welder (trainees acceptable), stationary boiler fireman, construction laborers.

GARMENTS FOR MEN IN SERVICE BADLY NEEDED

Those who are knitting sweaters and helmets for the boys in service are requested to return these garments as quickly as possible, to they may be shipped to Red Cross headquarters. The need for the garments is urgent, and those who cannot complete their work within a reasonable length of time, should return it to the Red Cross sewing room.

POINT RATIONING

Point rationing, to balance buying among similar articles and prevent runs on any of them, will begin early this year, with the issuance of War Ration Book No. 2 to all civilians.

DETAILS BURLEY ALLOCATION PLAN ARE REVEALED

Department Of Agriculture Sets Up System To Allocate Short Crop Of Burley Among the Manufacturers; Say Bidding Method Does Not Function.

Washington, January 9.—The Agriculture Department announced today a system of allocating purchases of 1942 crop burley tobacco designed to provide orderly marketing conditions when auction markets re-open Monday after their Christmas recess.

Manufacturers will be permitted to acquire burley up to 90 per cent of their verage acquisition from the crops of 1939-41. Purchases already

Burley Prices Break Records on Local Mart

One hundred and one thousand pounds of tobacco was sold on the Boone market Monday and Tuesday in the opening sales of the New Year, and far out-distanced the season's average by bringing an average price of a little better than 44 cents.

50,000 pounds were on the floor Wednesday morning and indications were that the record prices would continue for the rest of the season, which will close no later than January 22.

made from the 1942 crop will be counted against allotments. Where manufacturers did not make purchases during one or more of the base years, they will average years they did operate.

Dealers may purchase for their own account 1942 burley equal to their average for the three base years, 1939-41.

The allocation was ordered by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard yesterday because the customary bidding method does not function.

REV. MR. CURRIE HEADS RED CROSS

Other Officers of Watauga Chapter Are Named; Committees Make Reports.

Rev. M. H. Currie of Boone was elected chairman of the Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross at the meeting held here Monday evening. Rev. Mr. Currie succeeds Mrs. Eugene Garbee, who found it necessary to relinquish the post, which she had filled in a most efficient and commendable manner.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Eugene Garbee, vice-chairman; Mrs. Russell D. Hodges, secretary, and O. J. Harmon, Treasurer.

The new committee chairmanships are as follows: Rev. J. C. Canipe, home service; Rev. (Continued on page eight)

Deep Gap Man Taken In Custody in West Va.

Cecil Whit, resident of the Deep Gap section was placed in jail last week by Sheriff Watson on charges of inflicting knife wounds on the person of Wallace Greene, of the same neighborhood in an altercation during the early part of December. The sheriff took the prisoner in custody in Welch, W. Va.

Postmaster



J. Edgar Brown, Jr., who was recently commissioned by President Roosevelt as Postmaster at Boone.

Taken By Death



LIEUT. JOHN J. CONWAY

JOHN CONWAY DIES AS RESULT OF FALL AT FORT DIX, N. J.

Manager Belk's Store Here In Fatal Accident One Week After Entering Army As First Lieutenant; Funeral Services At Lenoir Wednesday.

John Conway, 36 years old, manager of Belk's Store in this city, until he was given a leave of absence to join the army, succumbed at Fort Dix, N. J. Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, from injuries sustained in a fall just one week after he had assumed his military duties as a First Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Conway, who had just been transferred from Princeton, N. J. to Fort Dix, where he was to receive officers' training, was standing on a low window ledge washing a window in the officers' quarters, when he fell, striking his chin presumably, against the side of the window. He fell only about five feet it is said, receiving a fractured spine, resulting in paralysis. Pneumonia developed as a result of the injury and was likely the direct cause of death. He remained conscious until death came.

Funeral services are to be conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon at the First Baptist church in Lenoir, and burial will be in that city. A large number of Boone people are expected to attend the rites.

The business houses of Boone closed their doors from 12:00 to 2 on Wednesday, out of respect to the memory of Mr. Conway.

Mr. Conway was a son of Mr. Ivey Conway and the late Mrs. Conway of Lenoir, and was reared in Caldwell county. He came to Boone in 1935, when the Belk-White Co., established their store here and has been manager of the enterprise ever since. Upon the death of Mr. Cyrus White, Mr. Conway was also named secretary and treasurer for the entire Belk-White chain of stores. Under his capable management the Belk store enjoyed an unusual growth. So well was the establishment received that enlargement of the building was necessary a third time.

Lieutenant Conway was president of the Retail Merchants Association, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, a leader and Sunday School teacher in the Baptist church, member of the local fire department and a leading figure in practically every phase of worth-while community activity.

Lieutenant Conway is survived by the widow, the former Miss Irene Spencer of Lenoir; one son, John Spencer Conway; the father, I. R. Conway, Lenoir; and four sisters: Mrs. J. R. Rivers, Orangeburg, S. C.; Mrs. J. L. Smith and Mrs. R. C. Elder of Granite Falls, N. C.; and Mrs. J. C. Roberts, Lenoir, N. C.

Citizens Favoring Temperance Are Asked to Meet Here

Mrs. Mollie Adams, chairman of the United Dry Forces, urges all citizens of Watauga county favoring the cause of temperance to meet in the Baptist church in Boone next Monday, January 18, at 2:30 p. m. to complete plans now under consideration for carrying forward the cause of temperance.

All those who are interested and willing to work for this cause, and have not received a card from Mrs. Adams, are asked to communicate with her at once, giving their name and address. Those living on rural routes, should mention the community in which they live. All are urged by Mrs. Adams to attend the meeting, and bring others. She would appreciate the meeting being announced at the churches.

Local Basketeers Beat High Point Saturday

Appalachian College steam-rollered High Point 64-31 in a basketball game here last Saturday night. Appalachian led 30-19 at the half and was never threatened. The locals used their second and third stringers for the most part during the second half.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET FRIDAY EVENING

There will be a meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary at the hut Friday January 15th, at 7:30 p. m. All ex-service men are urged to come.

RESOURCES LOCAL BANK PASS MILLION DOLLARS ON DEC. 31

Deposits Of Northwestern Bank Here Likewise More Than A Million; Resources of Northwestern Bank System Now In Excess of \$9,000,000.

The resources of the Boone branch of the Northwestern Bank stood at an all-time high of \$1,058,077.44 as of the close of business on December 31, representing a substantial increase over a year ago when the resources stood at \$795,211.73, says Mr. W. D. Farthing, Cashier.

Mr. Farthing further states that the deposits of the local bank are now \$1,044,213.56, as compared to 779,974.87 at the beginning of last year. The small difference in the amount of the deposits and total resources of the Boone branch, is due to the fact, says Mr. Farthing, that the capital, surplus, and profits of the local institution is carried on the books of the home office at North Wilkesboro.

In releasing the figures showing the growth of the bank Mr. Farthing takes occasion to thank the people of this area for their fine cooperation, and promises them a continuation of the very best service consistent with sound banking practices.

A condensed report of the Northwestern system of banks is published in this newspaper today. The bank operates branches in Sparta, Jefferson, Boone, Bowling Rock, Burnsville, Spruce Pine, Valdese, Bakersville and Taylorsville, and maintains its home office in North Wilkesboro. The report of entire system lists resources as of December 31 of \$9,073,108.55, representing an increase of \$2,121,184.42 over the June 30, 1942 total of \$6,951,924.11. Deposits had a corresponding increase of \$2,133,468, jumping from \$6,279,561.20 on June 30 to \$8,413,029.20 on December 31.

Harvest Festival Is Held On Saturday

Watauga county and schools in this district held their annual harvest festival on the Appalachian College campus last Saturday.

Included on the program were: girls' glee Club, girls' trios, girls' double trios, girls' duets, boys' and girls' solos, mixed chorus (Nathan's Creek), men's quartet (Nathan's Creek), mixed quartet (Nathan's Creek), one-act play (Boone).

Appalachian High won the highest honor given during the day, bringing the gold cup home to add to its collection of trophies. The High School's rating was 13.

Individual ratings given were: Stanley South, bass solo-1; girls' trio 1, girls' glee club 2, Jean Wilson, girl's soprano solo 2. These ratings were not places, but perfect performances were given ratings of 1 and other degrees of perfection were given honor ratings of 2, 3 or 4.

Edw. Ward, Accused Of Desertion, Caught Here

Edward Ward, resident of the Shulls Mills section, was arrested Saturday night by Deputy Sheriff Wiley Day and State Patrolman Miles Jones, on charges of deserting the army, from an Illinois camp.

Army officers came to Boone on Monday and took over the custody of the soldier.

Four of 24 Buncombe county dairies questioned about labor reported to farm agent C. Y. Tilson that they had been unable to find sufficient help to continue operation.