



## SCHOLARSHIP PLAN TO BOOST WARTIME HARVEST STARTED

**\$4,000 Contest Opened to Watauga Farm Youngsters To Stimulate Marketing and Production Efficiency and Offset Farm Labor Shortages.**

Watauga county farm youngsters were invited to compete in a \$4,000 wartime food production and marketing contest sponsored by the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association.

Registration and details regarding the program in this county may be obtained from H. M. Hamilton, of Boone, farm demonstration agent, according to L. R. Harrell of Raleigh, state 4-H club leader.

"One objective of the program is to help offset critical shortages of adult farm labor by stimulating actual production of food by workers under draft age," Harrell explained. "The second objective is to help acquaint farm youngsters with efficient methods of marketing, because supplying the nation with food in war or peace depends on moving food rapidly and economically to the right place, at the right time and in the right condition."

Entries from this county will compete for a \$500 grand national award, a Southern states regional award of \$200 and ten sectional awards of \$100 each from a scholarship fund provided by the A & P Tea Company. Harrell said. The fund also provides for two \$25 war bonds as prizes for high ranking North Carolina participants, he added.

Awards in the 1943 program, to be made this fall, will be based on grades achieved in a five-unit extension course in production and marketing and a report on project work completed during the year, Harrell said.

Watauga county registrations must be completed within the next ten days, he said. Registration cards may be turned in to farm demonstration agents or to any member of the Southern states regional contest committee including G. L. Herring, chairman, extension service, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee; L. P. Watson, extension horticulturist specialist, North Carolina State College, North Carolina and R. O. Monosmith, extension horticultural department, Mississippi State College, State College, Mississippi.

## Prominent Citizen Dies

William F. Lookabill, 70, well-known citizen of Boone, Route 2, died in the Watauga Hospital last Thursday, following an emergency. He had been in good health for about four years, his condition becoming critical on Wednesday morning.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning from Old Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, of which he was a member and chairman of the church council, by Reverends Edwin F. Troutman, W. A. Deaton, and John Hall of the Lutheran Church and Rev. A. E. Moretz of the Baptist church. The high esteem in which he was held was manifested by the many who attended the rites and the floral offering.

A son of the late John and Susan Hodges Lookabill, he spent practically all his life in the Meat Camp section where he successfully followed agricultural pursuits and where he will be greatly missed as he was ever ready to lend a helping hand or join in any worthy enterprise for the betterment of the community.

Pallbearers were: Stuart Norris, R. Clyde Winebarger, James and John H. Lookabill, Dave Ragan and Lloyd Greene. Flower girls, in charge of Mrs. Estelle Troutman, were Mary, Gladys, Emma Lee, Nancy, Grace and Betty Sue Lookabill, Mary Helen, Sue and Hazel Greene, Carrie and Maggie Jones, Margaret L. Ragan, Margaret E. Ragan, Addie and Lila Norris, Reba Coffey and Dorothy Cline.

The survivors are the widow, the former Miss Enaline Winebarger, six sons and seven daughters: Mrs. Sarah Greene of Burlington, N. C.; Jake and Frank of Zionville; Ed and Clint, Wyco, West Virginia; Mrs. Cline Miller of Zionville, Route 1; Mrs. Blaine Moretz, Boone, Route 1; Odessa of Burlington, Wade of the Army, Fort Bragg; Mrs. Jim Phillips, Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. Jerome Coffey, Nellie and Walter of Boone, Route 2; two brothers, George and Reece Lookabill of Boone, Route 2; four sisters: Mrs. Nan Ragan, Mrs. Belle Greene, Mrs. Mary Jones and Mrs. Fannie Ragan all of Boone, 23 grandchildren, together with numerous other relatives and friends.

## Time Out



French Bordagaray, stalwart of the Brooklyn Dodgers, takes time out from training at Bear Mountain, N. Y., to lend a hand to chef Henry Salpas in the kitchen of the Bear Mountain Inn. Frenchy knows all about his cuisine, being the owner of a restaurant and a cocktail bar in Kansas City, Mo.

## ADDITIONAL RED CROSS RETURNS

**More Than \$5,800 Raised as Watauga's Part of Huge War Fund; Recent Receipts.**

Local contributions to the Red Cross War Fund have now reached the sum of \$5,843.96, according to a recent report by Clyde R. Greene, war fund chairman. It will be remembered that Watauga county's quota was set at \$3,600.

Following is a list of the late contributors:

Mrs. J. V. Caudill 3.00, Miss Katie Lyon 3.00, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allison 3.00, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Crowell 5.00, Mrs. Beach Kellar 2.00, Mrs. Anna Mae Hodges 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Greene 3.00, Mrs. W. L. Austin 2.50, Mrs. Willie Austin 1.00, Olin Shore 1.00, Mrs. Fannie Ragan 1.00, Lloyd Ragan 1.50, Mrs. Mary Jones 1.00, Miss Maggie Jones 1.00, N. G. Presnell 2.50, C. G. Brown 1.00, Lee Greene 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Fowl Hollar 1.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed G. Farthing 5.00, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Winkler 5.00, Mrs. G. C. Winkler 1.00, Ben Rosenbaum 1.00, Vernon Moretz 1.00, Clifton Phillips 1.00.

## Pre-School Clinic Be Held On April 22

Dr. King and staff will hold a pre-school clinic at the Boone demonstration school Thursday April 22, from 9:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m.

Any child who will be six years old by October 1, will be eligible to start to school this summer or in September and should attend the clinic. Any parent who does not have transportation facilities may ride the school bus Thursday morning and return at 12:30. Dr. King is anxious for each child that plans to start to school this fall to attend the clinic.

## Mrs. Martha J. Richards

Mrs. Martha Jane Richards, 68, died at her home in the Shulls Mills section on April 6, and funeral services were conducted from the Boone's Fork Baptist Church on April 9. Rev. S. E. Gragg and Rev. Frank Knight were in charge of the services, and burial was in the home neighborhood. Mrs. Richards lived a life of service and devotion to her community and will be mourned by all who knew her.

Surviving are one son and two daughters: R. G. Richards of Albemarle; Mrs. E. Spencer Collins of Ashford, N. C.; and Mrs. Worth Davis of Boone.

## Mrs. Sophia Hodges

Mrs. Sophia Hodges passed away Thursday April 1, at the home of her son, Grant Hodges, of Coshocton Ohio, Route 3. She was 84 years of age.

Born in Boone, N. C., on July 19, 1858, Mrs. Hodges was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Elrod. She was married to Calvin M. Hodges on December 13, 1880. He died in 1896.

Surviving are four children: John R. Hodges and Mrs. W. C. Carrol of Boone; Calvin M., of Reisterton, Md. and Grant of the home; a sister, Mrs. Laura Cottrell, Boone, N. C.; twelve grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Clark Methodist church with Rev. Raymond Robinson officiating. Burial was in the Clark cemetery.

## LIEUT. JOE SHIPLEY DIES IN CRASH OF MEDIUM BOMBER

**Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shipley, and Four Other Army Officers Perish As Army Ship Crashes Saturday In the Waters of Tampa Bay.**

First Lieutenant Joseph W. Shipley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shipley, and a native Wataugan was killed last Saturday when a medium army bomber which he was piloting from Mac Dill Field, Fla., crashed into Tampa Bay about four miles offshore Saturday, killing in addition to Lieutenant Shipley, the four other army officers who were passengers.

The army public relations office, which announced the accident did not give further details.

The dead were listed as First Lt. Joseph W. Shipley, Bristol, Va., the pilot; Capt. John H. Huncar, Jr., Lindale, Texas, co-pilot; Staff Sgt. Ocie H. Marlow, Thalia, Texas; Capt. Samuel A. Barkoff, New Orleans, a medical corps passenger, and First Lt. Robert N. Bouchier, Louisville, Ohio, an air corps passenger.

Mr. Shipley was reared at Valle Crucis, the family having moved to Southwestern Virginia several years ago. Since that time he has counted Bristol as his home, although the family also owns properties at Vilas. It is understood that the body is being returned to Bristol for interment but details are lacking. Further information concerning the life and death of Lieutenant Shipley, will be given when available.

## WILL ORGANIZE V-GARDEN CLUB

**Victory Garden Group to Encourage Production Food For Home Use.**

The Boone Victory Garden Club, a new organization which will encourage the production, conservation and processing of fruits and vegetables for home use, will be organized Friday night, April 16, at the High School building.

The organization of this club is being promoted by the Boone Lions Club. Initial plans for the group include several contests and weekly meetings to discuss the problems involved in growing a victory garden. All those interested in becoming a member of the club should attend this first meeting which will begin at 8 p. m.

## Jeff A. Gilliam

Jeff A. Gilliam was born May 5, 1870 and departed this life April 4, 1943, making his stay on earth 72 years, 10 months and 29 days. He was with his half-sister Liza Guy at Beech Creek at the time of his death.

He was married to Miss Julia Hodges, who preceded him in death and the following children were born:

Graham Gilliam, Claude Gilliam, and Council Gilliam. There are 7 grandchildren. Two brothers survive: Dock Gilliam of Beech Creek, and John Gilliam, who lives somewhere in the west. There are two sisters, Mrs. Liza Guy of Beech Creek, and Miss Emma, who resides in Canada.

He professed faith in Christ at the age of 16 and joined the Brushy Fork Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted from the Mount Calvary Baptist Church on April 16, by Rev. G. A. Hamby, and Rev. Roby Painter and interment was in that neighborhood.

## Late-Season Snow Visits This Section

A mid-April snow storm descended upon this section Tuesday afternoon, which was yet in progress Wednesday morning, and had the temperatures been favorable, several inches would doubtless have accumulated.

Wednesday noon the snowfall continues unabated, but low temperatures prevent its interference with travel.

## Watauga Passes Its March Bond Quota

Watauga county considerably exceeded its War Bond quota of \$17,450, it is revealed by W. D. Farthing, chairman, who states that \$20,043.75 in bonds was actually sold.

This figure, says Mr. Farthing does not include sales made at the Blowing Rock branch of the Northwestern Bank.



## \$32,750 Pledged On Second Day Of War Loan Campaign; Over Half Co. Quota

A high spot of the Lions Club minstrel presentation Tuesday was the sale of war bonds in the maturity value of \$23,875.00, which brings the actual money pledged in the county during the two days of the second victory loan drive to \$32,750, or more than one-half of the \$53,000 quota set for the county.

Mr. W. D. Farthing, chairman of the local campaign is highly pleased with this fine showing and there is reason to believe that the quota may be reached almost

as quickly as was the Red Cross War Fund.

Mr. Farthing expresses sincere appreciation to the members of the Lions Club for their fine help in the bond sale, and states that the county organization is functioning smoothly and with dispatch.

Incidentally the Lions Club Minstrel was a huge success, the attendance was large, and while the figures are not yet available, a considerable sum was raised for the benefit of the High School Band, the school milk fund, and the fund for the aid of the blind.

## SUPERIOR COURT TERM CONVENES HERE MONDAY

**Judge Will Pless to Preside Over Two Weeks Term of Regular Spring Court; Spurling to Appear as Prosecutor; Relatively Light Docket.**

The regular spring term of Watauga Superior Court will convene in Boone next Monday for a two week's session, with Judge Will Pless of Marion presiding. Solicitor L. S. Spurling of Lenoir will prosecute the relatively light state docket.

Most of the 51 criminal actions docketed for trial, constitute the commission of misdemeanors, says Clerk Austin E. South, and he believes that the state docket may be tried in the first two or three days of the session.

Only one action involving homicide is to come up, that brought by relatives of Vonley Triplett, who was fatally injured by shots fired from the gun of Police Chief A. L. Gross, as an arrest was attempted. Chief Gross states he shot in the defense of his life.

40 cases are on the civil calendar, says Mr. South.

## Germany Repulsed In Leningrad Area

Germany, extending its new offensive operations on the northern front to the Leningrad area, attacked throughout Tuesday with tanks and infantry but was thrown back with heavy losses, Russia's midnight communique said.

The Germans attacked repeatedly but failed to gain and lost many men killed and three tanks destroyed.

To the south, along the Volkhov river where the Germans had lost more than 2,000 men in a savage attack in one sector Monday, Russian artillery blasted the German lines and smashed 17 pill boxes and block houses, the midnight communique said, as recorded in London from the Moscow radio.

## ROBERT SWIFT 11 IS DROWNED WHEN RAFT OVERTURNS

**School Child's Body Removed From Lake 2 Hours After Raft Is Overturned; Two Companions Escape; Fire Department Helps Recover Body.**

Robert Dean Swift, 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swift of this city, was drowned Tuesday afternoon in a small lake near Appalachian State Teachers College.

The Swift child and two companions, Mack Elrod and Newland Hodges, Jr., were on an improvised raft which turned over. The Hodges child held fast to the raft, and young Elrod was able to swim to the shore after vainly trying to pull the Swift child to safety.

The body was in the water for about two hours before it was recovered. After swimmers had failed to locate the body of the child by diving, the fire department drained the lake.

The parents and one small brother survive.

Funeral services are to be conducted at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Oak Grove Baptist church by Rev. J. C. Canipe, and interment will be in the Hine cemetery.

## MacArthur Sresses Need Of Air Superiority

General Douglas MacArthur has asserted today in a statement that "the first line of Australian defense is our bomber line" and he added that "if we lose the air, naval forces cannot save us."

MacArthur's statement came after Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, commander of allied ground forces in the Southwest Pacific, warned that the Japanese had concentrated 200,000 men in the 2,500 mile arc of islands north of Australia, and as other sources estimated that the enemy has increased his air strength 100 per cent in that area since Jan. 1.

## CITY REPUBLICANS NOMINATE GRAGG FOR FOURTH TERM

**Moose, Wilcox and Linney To Seek Relection as Aldermen, Following Action of Republican Convention Monday Evening; Election May Fourth.**

The Republicans of the town of Boone met in convention Monday evening, and endorsed Mayor W. H. Gragg for a fourth term at the head of the city government, at the same time nominating G. K. Moose, D. L. Wilcox and Kenneth Linney for the board of aldermen, all three being incumbents.

Mayor Gragg, it is pointed out, has served three terms as mayor, and has run four times, being defeated once.

Alderman Moose likewise is entering upon his fifth race, and has served three terms; D. L. Wilcox has been offered for the city council 4 times and elected twice; Kenneth Linney is the only candidate for reelection who only has one term of office to his credit.

The Democrats will meet in convention at the courthouse next Tuesday evening to name candidates for mayor and aldermen.

The election will be held on May 4, and the registration books will be open at the city hall on Saturday April 17, and April 24, for the purpose of registering qualified voters who have not hitherto voted in a town election.

## Axis Pinned Tight In Its Tunisian Corner

The British first army, thrusting 20 miles above Kairouan, swung into a siege line with the eighth army, driving up the coast today, pinning the axis tight in its telescoping Tunisian corner, while allied fliers plastered the last enemy airfields.

The first army's left wing, on the north coast facing Bizerte, and the French forces in a supporting push in the center also scored new gains to tighten further the ring around the crowded axis armies, an allied communique reported.

Passed by in the swirl of battle moving toward the Tunis-Bizerte defense area were American troops who had held the British flank in the southern and central Tunisian campaigns, and they now settled down temporarily to the task of mopping up conquered territory.

The first test of strength with Field Marshal Rommel and General Juergen Von Arnim in their new positions will be made primarily by the British, the front line-up indicated. But the final battle to cast the enemy into the sea promised to be a gruelling struggle which almost certainly would find the Americans and French in at the kill.

## Wartime Ration Guide Is Given

**SUGAR**—Stamp no. 12 good for five pounds through May 31.

**COFFEE**—Stamp no. 26 good for one pound through April 25.

**GASOLINE**—Coupon no. 5 in a book good for three gallons but must last through July 21—four months, instead of two, as heretofore.

**TIRES**—Owners of passenger cars and commercial vehicles may get their casings recapped with reclaimed rubber camel-back, without applying to their local War Price and Rationing Board for certificates.

**SHOES**—Coupon 17 in the sugar and coffee ration book entitles each holder to one pair of shoes until June 15, when a new stamp will be designated.

**WAR RATION BOOKS**—Blue stamps in War Ration Book Two now used to ration commercially canned, bottled and frozen fruits and vegetables, including juices, all soups, dried fruits, dried beans, dried peas, lentils and dehydrated soup mixtures. Red stamps in War Ration Book Two now used to ration meats, fats, oils, cheese, and canned fish. During the first five weekly periods, these red stamps will become valid and will expire as follows:

March 29—A (16 pts.)—April 30.  
April 4—B (16 pts.)—April 30.  
April 11—C (16 pts.)—April 30.  
April 18—D (16 pts.)—April 30.  
April 25—E (16 pts.)—April 30.  
April 25—E (16 pts.)—To be announced.