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## OPENING DATES ARE SET FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

First State-Supported 9-Months Term to Start August 30th and End May 12; No Thanksgiving and Easter Vacations Allowed During Coming Term.

The Watauga county schools will be opened for their first state-supported nine-months term August 30th and will close May 12, 1944. Superintendent S. F. Horton announced today.

The Christmas holidays will last eight days, beginning December 24 but there will be no Thanksgiving or Easter vacations.

Principals of the eight consolidated schools of the county are as follows:

- Boone, Herbert W. Wey.
- Cove Creek, Paul W. Bingham.
- Bethel, Grady E. Tester.
- Blowing Rock, A. Frank Hamrick.
- Green Valley, Artie E. Moretz.
- Deep Gap, Mrs. Ola T. Thompson.
- Valle Crucis, Mrs. Dessie T. Edmisten.

Mabel, Russell Henson. A few teaching vacancies remain to be filled. A complete list of the teachers will be announced later. Mr. Horton said.

## Lions Club In Regular Session Tuesday Evening

The Boone Lions Club met in regular session at the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday evening, the program being in charge of the Education Committee.

In his capacity as chairman of that committee, Dr. W. Amos Abrams, Governor of District 31-A, spoke on "The Past, Present and Future of Lionism."

Having returned recently from the International Convention of Lions Clubs, Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Abrams spoke with vigor of the fine work being done by Lions Clubs in the fourteen allied nations in which the clubs are working. Boone Lions were proud to learn that District 31-A, of which Boone is a member, was one of 5 of the 114 districts in the United States with one hundred per cent rating for punctuality in reports. He congratulated Boone and the district.

Reviewing the fine work of the Boone Club for the past year, Dr. Abrams pointed out that the 112 children have been examined for defective vision and seventy-six fitted with glasses. Fight crippled children's clinics were sponsored, at which examinations were made casts applied, and where necessary children were taken to a hospital in Charlotte for operative work. Forums were held during the winter. The Lion-sponsored minstrel, held in April, raised \$130 for the milk fund, the high school band, and sight conservation. In the bond drive, a part of the minstrel program, \$23,000 worth of war bonds were sold. Dr. Abrams pointed out.

Ex-Governor Wesley W. Brown, Asheville, was introduced by his successor, Dr. Abrams. Lion Brown spoke on the scope of Lionism as a force for good in the nations of the world. "As long as we have civic clubs like Lions Clubs, Rotary, Kiwanis, and the American Legion in this country," he said, "no one like Hitler can get the upper hand in our government." Mr. Brown expressed confidence in Dr. Abrams as his successor as president of 31-A.

After his speech, Mr. Brown presented President Ray Manship with the banner for the home club of the district governor. The banner will remain in the possession of the Boone Club for three months, at the end of which time it will be presented to the home club of Dr. Abrams' successor.

Pvt. Councill Cooke, a charter member of the Boone Lions Club, now stationed in New Orleans, La., with the Army Medical Corps, was a visitor. He expressed his appreciation of the fine work done by the club during his absence.

Dr. A. P. Kephart asked permission to be continued as a member of the club during his anticipated absence for a major portion of the year. The club bids him Godspeed and hopes he will attend the meetings at every opportunity.

## HUGE POTATOES

Rev. Tipton Greets brings to the Democrat two huge Sequoia potatoes which he grew in Appalachian College gardens, one of which weighs slightly more than 1 1/2 pounds. Mr. Greene also has splendid luck with snap beans, as \$240 worth of beans have already been sold from a half acre planting.

Apprentice Seaman James Barnes has completed his boot training and is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Barnes.

## Premier of Italy



Marshal Pietro Badoglio, appointed by King Victor Emmanuel as Premier of Italy, at Benito Mussolini's sudden demise. Badoglio is known to oppose the principles of Fascism.

## GREENE MAY GET STATE JR. OFFICE

Local Fraternal Leader Candidate for Office Vice-Councilor, Jr. Order.

Daniel Boone Council, No. 129, Junior Order United American Mechanics, has announced the candidacy of Clyde R. Greene of this city for the office of State Councilor at the Junior Order Convention to be held at Shelby, N. C., Tuesday and Wednesday, August 17-18th.

Mr. Greene is a charter member of Daniel Boone Council which was organized August 26, 1926. He has served his Council as Chaplain, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Councilor and Past Councilor and served several terms as District Deputy of District Three, which is composed of Mitchell, Avery, Watauga and Yancey Counties. When the State Council took the Lexington Orphanage over from the National Council, Mr. Greene was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of this institution from the third district and is still serving in this capacity.

Mr. Greene is active in other fraternal, business and civic organizations, being a Mason and at present Vice-President of the N. C. Merchants Association. He is a member of the Baptist Church and is Clerk of the Three Forks Association.

Reports coming from different sections of the state indicate much interest in the candidacy of Mr. Greene, and point to his election.

## Hamburg in Continued Baptism Of Fire

British bombers in great strength re-kindled fires Monday night in flaming and desolate Hamburg where a Danish consular official estimated 200,000 Germans lay dead.

It was the ninth allied raid in ten days and the air ministry said that a great weight of high explosives, and incendiary bombs were dropped by the vast avenging armada, striking through smoke-laden clouds, partly obscuring the fresh destruction. Thirty bombers and two fighters were lost.

A correspondent of Aftonbladet of Stockholm quoted the Danish consular official as estimating that 200,000 were killed in Hamburg before last night in the most concentrated air raids in history, frankly aiming at blotting Europe's greatest port off the map. The estimate was regarded with skepticism in London, although the air ministry has said that virtually every part of Hamburg's 50 square miles has been pocked with sprawling ruins.

## Yanks, British, Crack Mount Etna Defenses

American and British troops have cracked the enemy's Mount Etna line at two points and are surging forward to draw a ring of steel around Sicily's volcanic bastion where many German troops now face entrapment.

The crushing American attack threw back the whole German northern flank. Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's seventh army occupied Troina yesterday, it was disclosed and rolled on to within 40 miles of the east coast behind Catania.

By breaking through along the Troina-Taormina road on the north side of Mount Etna, the Americans threatened the German positions on the western slopes of the volcano including those at Bronte.

## BUY WAR BONDS

## STATE OPA TO HOLD MEETING IN BOONE AUG. 17-20

Colleges and Universities Of the State To Be Represented at Conference to Be Held at Appalachian College; To Arrive at Better Understanding OPA.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers college, has invited the State Office of Price Administration to hold the state-wide conference of representatives of the colleges and Universities of North Carolina at Appalachian College on August 17 to Aug. 20.

The conference is called by the state office of price administration in order that some definite plans might be worked out for college cooperation with the government in bringing about a better understanding of the war emergency program administered by OPA. Officials have expressed the hope that out of the conference will come a manual suitable for college use similar to the one done by W. M. Grubbs of Appalachian State Teachers College last year.

Among those on the program are: Mrs. Ruth V. Everett, information division, OPA; Miss Margaret Edwards, Women's College; Dean J. M. Goddard, Queens College; B. G. Childs, Duke University; Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, director, division of instructional service; Mrs. Guy B. Johnson, member Orange county war price and rationing board; Dr. W. Carson, Ryan, University of North Carolina; Mrs. E. N. Howell, field worker, North Carolina congress of parents and teachers; Mrs. T. S. Johnson, state director OPA; Dr. Julian Miller, editor of the Charlotte Observer; Dr. James E. Hillman, secretary of the North Carolina college conference; and W. M. Grubbs of Appalachian College.

## REV. F. C. WATTS DIES AT PURLEAR

Wilkes County Minister, Well Known in Watauga, Dies After a Long Illness.

Rev. Finley C. Watts, aged 49, one of northwestern North Carolina's best known Baptist ministers, and who had held pastorates in Watauga county, died at the home at Purlear, Wilkes county, on Tuesday of last week, after having been critically ill for the past several weeks.

During his ministerial career including a quarter of a century, Mr. Watts had served churches in Wilkes and surrounding counties, and was an outstanding leader in the Baptist denomination.

He was born April 23, 1894, a son of the late Manley Watts and Mrs. Alice Yates Watts of Purlear. He attended the public schools of Wilkes and Boone High School. He entered the ministry 25 years ago and preached his first sermon at his home church, New Hope, near the late residence. His last sermon was at Purlear Baptist church, also in the home community April 11, 1943.

Among the churches the deceased minister had served in Watauga county were: Three Forks, Middle (Continued on page eight.)

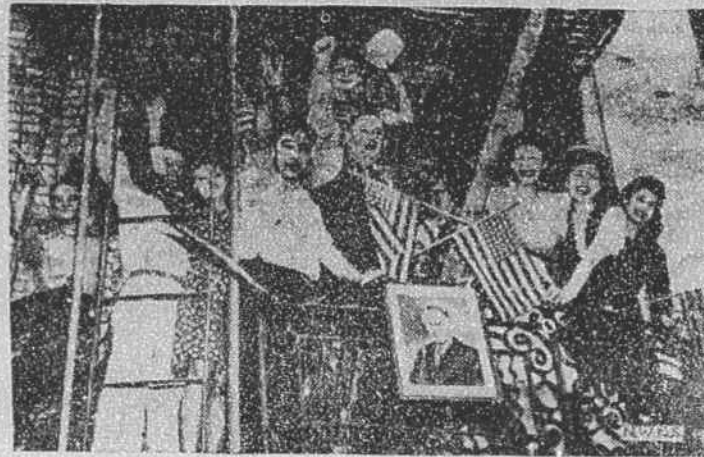
## Vaccinations At Health Office Three Days Week

The Health Department announces that Dr. King or Mrs. Jones will be in the office on Monday, Friday, and Saturday of each week between the hours of 9:00 and 12:00 to give typhoid and small pox vaccinations and diphtheria immunizations. In order to carry on the other activities of the Health Department it is impossible for the Doctor and nurse to remain in the office every day. If patients will come on the mornings specified it will prevent much inconvenience and unnecessary use of time, gasoline and tires.

## LOCAL SCOUT TROOP IN REGULAR WEEKLY SESSION

The local Scout troop met Monday night in their regular weekly session. Those present were: Scoutmaster B. W. Stallings, Fred Miller, W. B. York, Fred Council, Johnnie Council, Buck Robbins, Bill Aldrich, Grady Moretz, Donald Warman. The plans were made for a camping trip next Monday. All Scouts who wish to go should meet in front of the Baptist Church at 4:00 o'clock, bringing provisions for supper with them. Those who wish to stay overnight should bring with them enough food for breakfast. There will be a softball game in the afternoon, and other entertainment after supper. Any boy who wishes may go.

## Benito Out—N. Y. Italians Cheer



New York's "Little Italy" went wild with joy at the news that Mussolini had been ousted from the Italian government. This jubilant family is pictured on the fire escape balcony outside their flat with a picture of President Roosevelt on the balcony.

## PROSPECTS GOOD FOR HORSE SHOW

Annual Event at Blowing Rock Friday and Saturday; Many Entries.

The twentieth annual horse show, the high-spot of the summer season will be held on Friday and Saturday of this week, and despite the travel restrictions, many entries have been received, and Manager L. M. Tate predicts the show will draw a splendid attendance, and be the equal in every way of former exhibitions.

Performances will be at 2:00 p. m. Friday; 10:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m. Saturday, and horses will be exhibited in 32 different classifications. Mr. R. L. Woodward, Jr., of Suffolk, Va., will be the judge of hunters, jumpers, saddle horses and equitation.

## Program On Sweden At College Saturday

Miss Edja Stenwall and her mother Mrs. Ruth Rhode Stenwall will give a program on Sweden at the Appalachian College on Saturday August 7 at 8:30. The program will be somewhat like the one of a year ago, and will feature Sweden in song and story. There is no admission charge.

Miss Stenwall who is a soprano, concert and church soloist, was born in Gotemburg, Sweden, and has studied under the leading teachers of music both in America and abroad. She performed for the late Madame Schumann-Heineck, and has sung over the leading radio stations and performed at the opening of radio station WJAX in Jacksonville, Fla., where they now make their home.

She will appear in the Swedish national costume and sing some of Mrs. Stenwall's own compositions.

Mrs. Stenwall is a mezzo-soprano and composer. She has been in public life for 60 years.

Dr. C. M. Stenwall will also appear with his mother and sister in a trio arrangement.

## Employment Service Recruits Local Labor

For the past two weeks, Mr. David S. Gray, Jr., representative of the Employment Service, has been in Watauga County recruiting labor. A number of people who have contacted him at the different points in the county have been referred to local and defense jobs. It is very essential when one considers changing jobs, that Mr. Gray is contacted regarding a statement of availability. It is also better to contact him for advice on jobs in different areas to be certain that your highest skill is being utilized in the war effort. A number of workers contacted this week have already gone to defense jobs and others will leave before the week is out. For people who are not able to go away from home to do war work, there are local openings. Anyone not now working full time or at their highest skill, is urged to contact Mr. Gray.

The following is a list of typical job openings: auditor, design engineer, mechanical engineer, instructor of vocational training, nurses, draftsmen, clerical workers, salesman, printer, shoe repairman, instrument maker, metal workers, electricians, shipfitter carpenters, painters, bridge-crane operator, mechanics, radio and all electric appliance servicemen, rivet heater structural steel designer, laborers, tenant farmers, sales clerk, and beauty operator trainees.

Private B. P. Love of Camp Lee, Va., is spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. L. R. Love, and friends in Boone.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE MISSING FROM COURT HOUSE FILES

Investigators Seek to Determine Identity of Person Who Removed Transom Glass and Pilfered File of County Board of Elections.

Agents from the State Bureau of Investigation have been called to Boone to try to ascertain the identity of the person or persons who entered the office of the county tax assessor, and took away approximately 650 absentee ballots from a file used by the County Board of Elections last November.

Last Friday morning Mr. Paul Coffey noted that the transom glass was removed from the door of his office, and failing to find anything missing called Mr. R. T. Greer, Elections Board Chairman, to look over the filing case of the board in the adjoining office to determine if anything had been molested. They found one drawer to the filing cabinet open and all of the absentee ballots cut in the last general election missing. No other property in either of the offices was missing.

Investigators have taken fingerprints from the transom glass and every effort is being made to apprehend the persons entering the building.

On Sunday morning Mr. Eari Cook county tax collector, noticed that a window on the front of the courthouse was open. A screw had been taken from the handle of the safe door in his office, but nothing was missing.

## FATHERS FACE DRAFT OCTOBER 1

Number of Dependents Is to Be Disregarded in Enlarging War Machine.

Washington, August 2.—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt announced tonight that beginning October 1 pre-Pearl Harbor fathers 18 through 37 will be subject to induction into the armed forces "without distinction regarding the number or ages of their children."

He stressed that the decision to tap the pool of 6,559,000 class 3-A registrants (pre-Pearl Harbor fathers hitherto deferred for dependency reasons only) did not mean abolition of the 3-A classification. Men will be reclassified out of that group only as needed to meet demands of local boards, he said.

Two Conditions. The WMC directive under which local draft boards are being instructed to start reclassifying fathers set forth only two conditions, as a possible basis for deferment:

1. Fathers who are key men in agriculture or essential industry.
2. Fathers whose induction would cause extreme hardship and privation to their families.

McNutt explained that "we have reached the point at which we cannot supply the men needed by the army, navy, marine corps and coast guard and keep war production adequately manned except by removing the bars to the induction of fathers."

"We have delayed calling fathers for military service as long as has been possible," he said.

## Invasion Forces Reach Edge of Big Jap Base

The east end of the Jap air base of Munda on New Georgia Island has been reached by hard-fighting United States invasion forces in their yard-by-yard battle against cave-entrenched enemy jungle defenders, it was announced today.

The slow progress against the key objective of the Central Solomons campaign was a part of the general advance, the second such reported in as many days. Yesterday's communique had told of advances of from 100 to 1,200 yards which placed the Americans in some instances within 700 yards of the bitterly defended air strip.

At the other end of the battlefield in the Pacific, allied planes in the New Guinea-New Britain sector destroyed or damaged 29 barges, bringing to nearly 200 the number of such supply boats of the enemy wrecked in the past 10 days, and one bomber scored a bomb hit at night on an enemy ship, believed to have been a destroyer, in Dampier Strait.

## MATERNITY, INFANCY CLINICS

The Health Department will conduct the maternity and infancy clinic at Bethel Monday August 9th at 2:30 p. m. All expectant mothers and babies are invited to attend.

## POLLY PITCHER DAY SATURDAY

War Savings Event Honors the Wife of Revolutionary War Soldier.

The War Savings Staff in Watauga county has designated Saturday August 7th as Polly Pitcher Day; however due to the fact that the annual horse show will be held in Blowing Rock August 6th and 7th, that town has chosen Wednesday the 4th as Polly Pitcher.

This special War Bond promotion gets its name from the wife of a Revolutionary war hero, who carried water to the soldiers, even to the very front line. The soldiers often inquiring "Where is Polly with the pitcher," finally dubbed the patriot Polly Pitcher, and finally died in the thick of the fray.

The war saving staff gives out the following statement:

"A great deal of money is absolutely necessary to carry on a war of such great magnitude as that in which we are now engaged. The smallest sum assumes importance if multiplied by thousands for consider that our vast armies are made up man by man. In a combined unity of men and materials lies our strength."

"On August 7th everyone who buys a stamp or bond will be given a Polly Pitcher tag to wear. Each man, woman and child in Watauga county will consider it a privilege to wear one of these tags."

## Noted Soprano Is To Appear Here Sunday

Appalachian State Teachers College is presenting Mme. Maria Hussa, soprano, on Sunday afternoon, August 8, at three o'clock.

Mme. Hussa is a distinguished European soprano, who has captured her American Audiences wherever she has appeared. She was a member of the State Opera in Berlin for two years and in Hamburg for six years, for five seasons a guest artist at the Gran Teatro Lyceco, in Barcelona. She was decorated by the American and Czechoslovak Governments for her vocal art.

The public is invited to be the guests of the college at the recital of this distinguished soprano.

## First Auction Sale Of Beans Is Held Here

The first auction sales of snap beans ever to be held in Boone, were conducted Monday evening from the Appalachian Produce X-change on Main Street, and a capacity business was done.

Eight buyers were present for the auction, which lasted until 1:30 a. m. and farmers are reported as being well pleased with the prices received for their beans. There will be auction sales at the new warehouse opposite the courthouse every night starting at 7 o'clock, and later on, auction sales of cabbage are promised. The X-change buys everything the farmer has, in addition to beans and cabbage.

The new warehouse is 30x25 feet and has been the scene of much activity since it was opened last week.

## NEW IMPROVEMENTS AT THE COUNTY LIBRARY

New shelving is being installed in the county library and because of this work and the incidental painting, it has been impossible to send out the books to the different sections of the county as planned. The librarian, Mrs. Ingle, states however, that as soon as this work is finished the books will be promptly sent out.