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HOSIERY MILL IS EMPLOYING 45 WORKERS HERE

New Equipment to Be Moved to Baker-Commaek Plant to Add Twenty-five to Payroll Soon; Policy of Firm Not to Seek Workers of Others

Forty-five persons are now in the employ of the Baker-Commaek Hosiery Mills in Boone, it was revealed Monday by Mr. L. E. Veale, of Burlington, an official of the plant, who states that additional machinery is soon to be placed in the local factory, which will result in the addition of 25 persons to the expanding local payroll.

Mr. Veale says production is now beginning to reach satisfactory proportions here, and that 22 looper and 17 knitters are now in operation in the new plant.

In connection with employment, Mr. Veale states that it is against the policy of his company to employ workers who already have jobs, and that persons whose names are on file with the applications, should notify the mill if employed. It is stated that apparently plenty of help is available from the stack of applications on file to provide all the workers needed without interference with workers for other firms. Mr. Veale states that his company is here to co-operate fully with other local enterprises.

Housing Problem Serious

It is stated that the problem of housing the trained employees and their families which come here from from Burlington is acute, and that four or five houses are needed at once for this purpose. It is asked that anyone having property to rent, get in touch with the plant by telephone.

Co-operate in War Loan

The Baker-Commaek Co. is participating one hundred per cent in the Fourth War Loan campaign and the overwhelming majority of all workers are buying a bond during the current campaign. The weekly payroll deduction plan for bond purchases will be placed in effect here following the Fourth War Loan effort, it is stated.

MANY TO ATTEND LINCOLN DINNER

Perhaps Thirty-five Local Republicans Will Attend Party Gathering Friday

From twenty-five to thirty-five Watauga County Republicans will attend the Lincoln Day dinner which is to be held Friday evening, Feb. 11, at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem, according to Earl D. Cook, chairman of the Watauga County Republican Executive Committee. Mr. Cook asks that those who do not have tickets for the dinner, contact him at once.

The Lincoln Day dinner, which is the big event of the Republican party in North Carolina, is to be featured this year by an address by Senator James J. Davis, of Pennsylvania, for many years a leader in the national G. O. P. ranks, and a political speaker of recognized force and ability.

YANKS FINISH THEIR DRIVE ON KWAJALEIN

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 8—Admiral C. W. Nimitz wrote a simple finish to the Kwajalein invasion in the Marshall Islands with the brief announcement today that organized resistance on the atoll "has ceased and its capture and occupation have been completed."

To the People of this Community

THINK IT OVER

How about doing a little cold turkey thinking after you lay aside this newspaper tonight?

You've got a good job. The chances are there is someone else in your family, perhaps two or three, working. Your son or your brother—may be away at war.

This war must end sometime. Your whole family, your neighbors, are praying it ends soon and those fighting boys of yours will come home safely.

But will you be ready for whatever happens when peace comes? Will you have something laid away? We're all hoping there'll be jobs aplenty, jobs which mean making something for somebody's sorrow and not for somebody's sorrow. That's where your War Bonds come into the picture. Sure, Americans own billions of dollars of War Bonds now; and before this 4th War Loan ends they will have put away billions more. But how about you? You're the one that counts. The bigger the pile of War Bonds you digger when peace comes, the bigger chance you'll have to slip right into the post-war world you're dreaming about tonight.

So "Let's All Keep on Backing the Attack."

THE EDITOR

In Waves



Thelma Edna Coffey, seaman 2-c. USNR, took her basic training at Hunter College, N. Y., and was sent on direct assignment to U. S. Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La. Before joining the Waves she worked in the Whiskant Hosiery Mills, Hickory, N. C., for seven years. She likes the Waves fine. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Coffey of Blowing Rock.

BOY SCOUT WEEK BEING OBSERVED

Schedule of Activities Worked Out At Weekly Meeting of Local Scouts

The regular weekly meeting of the Boy Scouts was held Monday night at the Scout hut. All Scouts except one were present. We sang some songs and discussed the program for Scout Week. The observance of National Boy Scout Week began Tuesday, Feb. 8, and continues until Monday, Feb. 14.

The program which the local troop will carry out for this week is as follows:

Tuesday—Basketball game with Grandfather Orphanage at Banner Elk.

Wednesday—Home day. Every Scout should do a special good turn in his home.

Thursday—Theatre party, 7:30 p. m., through courtesy of the Appalachian Theatre and manager, Mr. Norman.

Friday—Hike and nature day. All Scouts meet at hut at 5 p. m. prepared to go on hike and cook out.

Saturday—Civic day. Scouts take over the government at 3 o'clock for one hour. Grady Moretz, highest-ranking Scout, will act as mayor; Fred Council, fire chief; Jack Whitener, water and street manager; Joe Gaither and Don McCracken, policemen; W. B. York, Jr., city clerk.

Sunday—Church day. Special Scout service at Advent Church, by Dr. Warman.

Monday—Father and Son banquet, 7 o'clock, Boone Methodist Church, sponsored by Scout mothers.

National Boy Scout Week is always enjoyed by the local troop and they confidently expect a week of successful activities this year.

Hunting Season Ends In This County Today

The hunting season for rabbits, quail and other upland game closes February 10, states County Game Warden Walter Edmisten, who says that despite the shortage of ammunition this year, considerable quantities of game were taken in this area.

Mr. Edmisten states that reports of law violations this season have been at a minimum and takes occasion to thank the people for their fine co-operation with the conservation program.

V-12 Test To Be Given At Local High School

The third Army-Navy College Qualifying Test for the army specialized training program and the Navy College program V-12 which will be given throughout the country on Wednesday, March 15, at 9 a. m., will be administered at the Appalachian High School, Mr. Herbert Wey announced today. A leaflet of general information which contains an admission-identification form may be obtained at the high school office. This form properly filled out will admit to the test students between the ages of 17 and 21, inclusive, who are high school graduates or who will be graduated by July 1, 1944. Intent to take the test should be made known immediately to Mr. Wey in order that the necessary test supplies may be ordered.

FEDERAL VOTE MEASURE IS PASSED BY SENATE

Washington, Feb. 8—The senate finally passed a watered-down version of the Green-Lucas federal ballot bill today and tossed it over to the house which already is on record in favor of leaving to the states the machinery for voting by members of the armed services.

ORATORY CONTEST IS PLANNED BY AMERICAN LEGION

Watauga Legion Post Offers Twenty-five Dollars in Prizes in Oratorical Contest; District Division and State Prizes Are Offered

Plans are being formulated for the National High School Oratorical contest, sponsored annually by the American Legion, and in a letter to the high schools of the county, School Superintendent S. F. Horton states that the Watauga contest will be held in the Boone High School auditorium on March 8th, at 2 o'clock.

The winner of the district contest (embracing Caldwell, Burke, Mitchell, Avery and Watauga counties) will compete for the division embracing some twenty counties at Asheville on March 31st, and the final contest for the state will be held at Raleigh on an unannounced date.

The Watauga Post American Legion is offering \$12.50 as a first prize in the county contest; \$7.50 second, and \$5.00 third prize. A \$25.00 prize will be given the successful contestant in the district contest, and a \$50.00 prize will be given to the winner of the division contest in Asheville. The winner for the state will receive a \$4,000 scholarship in the State College.

The subject this year is "The Constitution in a Changing World." Superintendent Horton in a letter to the high school principals of the county says: "I feel that the students entering this contest will derive great good from the study of this subject, even though they may not win a prize. I hope that every high school in the county will enter both the county and district contests and that we may send a contestant to compete in the division contest to be held in Asheville. Please send the name of your contestants as soon as they are selected at a preliminary meet in the school."

Business Area At Newland Is Hit By Flames

Newland, Feb. 9—Fire of undetermined origin swept half of a block here Tuesday morning, resulting in damage estimated at \$40,800.

The blaze, discovered about 5 a. m., leveled the Benbow building, one of the first structures erected here when construction of the town was begun in 1911, and the adjoining residence of Mrs. Mary Loven, together with all the furnishings.

The Benbow building housed the furniture store of Fred W. Taylor, law offices of R. W. Hall, the Masonic lodge, and a number of apartments, including furnishings of Mrs. Pearl Benbow, owner of the building.

The flames were prevented from spreading to other buildings by the town's volunteer fire department.

Record Number Report For Army Duty; Large Majority of Quota Married Men

Watauga County's largest quota of selectees for army duty have reported for pre-induction physical examination, and the overwhelming majority of the men are married, it is said. Very few single men are included. The names of those which comprise the current quota from this county are:

- Watson Lenoir Tester
- Paul J. Fox
- Harley Ford Dotson
- Keever Gurney Cornett
- Avery Hugh Moretz
- Morris Casey
- Everett Newton Hollers
- Ulys Earl Miller
- Ira Ralph Ford
- Charlie James Main
- Lester Hardy Ragan
- Paul Robert Combs
- Carl Rupard
- Sam Ernest Wilcox
- Rom McNealey Cook
- Earl Denver Church
- Ralph Washington Jones
- Clifford Earl Welch
- Robert Jack Greene
- George Calvin Trivett
- Russell Frank Carroll
- Clint Elmer Rominger
- Odell James Perry
- Jasper Grant Presnell
- Claude Watson Minton
- Raymond Demarcus Wilson
- Billy Jones Cook
- Romie Estis Storie
- Delmer Lee Wallace
- Ed Finley Jones
- Clarence Ivory Earp
- Elijah Webster Bentley
- John Henry Reece
- Charlie Mitchell
- General Captain Hicks
- Francis Marion Ford
- Lee David South
- Eston Ducey Moretz
- James Mace Fletcher
- Earl Stanley Reese
- Tom Bumgarner
- Charlie Henry Hatten
- John Wesley Henson
- Howard Taft Greer
- George Donald Campbell

Pin-up for Those Not Buying Bonds



This American soldier took refuge under a truck during a Jap bombing raid of our positions on Rendova. A Nipponese bomb, however, had his number on it. Here you see his comrades gently removing his body from under the engine. When you are asked to buy War Bonds think of this picture. From U. S. Treasury

Railway Express Agency Starts Service To Boone Tuesday; Officials Visit City

POLIO FUND DRIVE REACHES SUM \$44

Scant Interest in Effort to Raise Quota for Fight on Infantile Paralysis

Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., chairman of the Watauga County campaign to raise \$290 for the national fight against infantile paralysis, reports a dearth of interest in the campaign and says that only \$44.04 has been contributed to the fund thus far. Mr. Brown insists that the people of the county respond promptly to this appeal for funds, half of which will be used right here to aid children suffering from polio. He asks that all those willing to contribute to the fund leave contributions with him or if more convenient at The Democrat office.

Mr. D. J. Norman, manager of the Appalachian Theatre, will give all who attend the bond premiere of "Guadalcanal Diary" Thursday evening an invitation to contribute to the fund.

The status of the fund as of today follows:

G. D. Barnett	\$1.00
J. O. Cook	1.00
Joe Crawford	1.00
J. W. McGhee	.10
Wade E. Brown	.20
Farmers Hardware Co.	10.00
Rob Rivers	5.00
Mrs. Nell Linney	1.00
Dr. Warfield	1.00
Benefit Movie	23.74
Total	\$44.04

- James Gray Phillips
- Edward Clay Hartley
- John Wilbert Rominger
- Frank Wade Lewis
- Archie Dancy
- Vaughn Joseph Reece
- George Glenn Beach
- Boyd James Wilson
- Stanley Hicks
- Byron J. Cook
- Cordie William South
- Carl Lathan Hollars
- Noah James Parlier
- Charles Henry Campbell
- Andrew Jackson Ellis
- Harlie Letcher Perry
- Clyde Eli Harmon
- Russell Joseph Bentley
- Stanley Ward
- Don Monroe Triplett
- Raymond Lee Cornett
- Harold Nelson Wood
- Austin Lorenzo Miller
- Jack William Tester
- Wilson Franklin Hodges
- William Byrd
- Conley Eddie Trivette
- Bynum Clint Baird
- William Isaiah White
- Max Thomas
- Willie Bruce Cole
- Edd Henry Harmon
- Frank James Pearson
- Gordon William Moody
- Robert Blain Isaacs
- Cearon Clyvanis Vandyke
- Walter Bumgarner
- Millard Dean Norris
- Emmit Harrison Dollar
- Goldie Hicks
- Amos Lee Ward
- Clay Albert Perry
- Boyd Greene
- Tilman Wilson Barnett
- James Blaine Warren
- Howard Mill Harmon
- Lyday Merrill Norris
- Johnny Bruce Greene
- Transferred to Other Boards
- Eugene Yates Woodruff
- Leonard Cecil Hartley
- Ralph Enoch Fletcher
- Julius MacDonald Ford
- Ernest Evert Fletcher

Chamber of Commerce Meeting Featured by Addresses of Messrs. Klontz and Snyder; Some Details of New Transportation Service

The Railway Express Agency opened its office in Boone Tuesday, and began giving the people of this city the same kind of service enjoyed from 23,000 offices in the United States, as well as those located throughout the Dominion of Canada.

The new service was explained in detail at a dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, at which time Mr. J. M. Klontz, of Charlotte, and Mr. S. J. Snyder, of Greensboro, representing the Railway Express, gave the details of the new transportation service.

The establishment of the office here was secured through the extreme need of the region for such transportation, and a result of the fine co-operation of the people of the town, following the leadership of the Chamber of Commerce, which has been working on the plan for months. Express shipments to Boone will be routed via Lenoir, where they will be taken from the rails by Smith Transfer Co. and delivered to the office in Boone, and thence to the consignee. Tariffs, including rates to Boone are in effect, and the motor truck charge for delivering from Lenoir to Boone is eliminated.

Air Express Service

Railway Express has developed a huge business in the air express field, serving 353 cities direct, and through the co-ordinated air mail service serving every express office in the nation. Thirty per cent of the air mail shipments are delivered to towns like Boone, off the air lines.

A new service of much interest to the people of this section is the forwarding of shipments to soldiers. When packages are delivered to army posts after a soldier has been transferred, his new address is secured, and the package forwarded to him without extra cost.

Messrs. Klontz and Snyder are proud of the service their company has been able to bring to Boone, and ask that local people take advantage of the savings, and faster service provided. Mr. H. W. Wilcox at the Union Bus Terminal is the express agent here, and will be glad to assist users of the new service. All outgoing shipments are picked up by the company, and incoming shipments delivered to door within the corporate limits of the town. Business people and others desiring to use this service should instruct their shippers to use Railway Express, via Lenoir, N. C.

Highway Problems Discussed

The Chamber of Commerce went on record in favor of a survey and construction when possible of the road from Blowing Rock to the Tennessee line, and a committee composed of the following was named to contact the Highway Commission in this regard: W. C. Greene, R. D. Hodges, Wade E. Brown and Dr. B. B. Dougherty.

At the request of Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the Red Cross War Fund campaign, a committee was named to assist in the drive. Its members are: W. H. Wilcox, Bus Crowsell, C. A. Price and M. R. Maddux.

Dr. Dougherty and Clyde R. Greene reported on efforts to secure a base acreage of no less than an acre for all farmers in the county desiring to raise burley this year.

PASTOR SERVED 9 YEARS

In a story last week it was stated that Rev. J. C. Canipe had been pastor of the Boone Baptist Church for seven years. By way of correction it is stated that Mr. Canipe has actually been here nine years and three months.

\$25,000 MORE OF E SERIES WAR BONDS TO BE SOLD IN CO.

Over-all Figures Far Surpass Quota But E Sales Are Behind; Farthing Urges Increased Buying of These Bonds by Public

In over-all sales, Watauga County's quota of \$122,000 in the Fourth War Loan has been oversubscribed by about \$35,000, but actually the quota hasn't been topped insofar as sales of E series bonds are concerned. The quota included \$102,000 of this kind of bond, and actual sales including Tuesday, lacked \$25,000 E bonds of reaching this amount.

Mr. W. D. Farthing, chairman of the War Savings Staff, insists that everyone who possibly can, buy an E series bond during the remaining days of the campaign in order that the quota for these bonds may be reached.

Official figures as of Tuesday night indicate that actually \$158,510.25 in bonds of all types have been sold here during the Fourth War Loan, representing a big oversubscription on the face of it. Of this amount, however, only \$78,098.25 are bonds of the E series.

Mr. Farthing states that as of Saturday night \$146,590.75 in local war bond sales had cleared the Federal Reserve Bank, of which amount \$66,168.76 are E securities.

"Guadalcanal Diary"

Thursday evening at 9:15 p. m. a bond premiere of "Guadalcanal Diary" will be screened at the Appalachian Theatre, admission being the purchase of a war bond. Tickets have been provided and are available to all those who purchase a bond. You are going to buy a bond perhaps, anyway. Buy it now and see the first big victory picture of the Pacific war without cost.

WINKLER BUYS FORD AGENCY

Dealership for Ford Automobiles in County is Relinquished by Earl D. Cook

Mr. W. R. Winkler, local automobile dealer, has purchased the Ford automobile agency for Watauga County, formerly owned by Mr. Earl D. Cook.

Mr. Winkler is having his building remodeled to take care of the new line, a large volume of Ford parts is being bought, and Ford cars in Watauga County will be assured, he states, of the very best service. The new business will be operated under the name of the Winkler Motor Company.

Mr. Cook, in relinquishing the Ford business, expresses his sincere appreciation to the people of the county for their splendid support while he was in the automobile business. He has been the local Ford dealer since 1939.

Elk Man Returns Check to County

George Watson, resident of Elk township, who suffered the amputation of a leg many years ago, and who has often found the going pretty rough from an economic standpoint, was granted a \$5 per month check from the county commissioners several months ago. This isn't at all unusual, since county aid has been tendered the unfortunate for ages. But it bears the earmarks of news when one of these county aid checks is returned to the commissioners—and that is just what George Watson did the other day!

In returning the check to his county government, Mr. Watson said he'd secured a job, was making a living and didn't need further assistance—but thank you just the same for the help given." Mr. Watson deserves commendation for making himself independent of the public till as quickly as possible—such folk deserve help in the pinches.

Food Stores to Close Wednesday Afternoons

The grocery stores and meat markets of the city will observe a weekly half holiday each Wednesday afternoon beginning February 16. The stores which will be closed each Wednesday afternoon until further notice are as follows:

Smith's Store, King Street Grocery, Hollar's Grocery, A. & P. Food Store, City Meat Market, Dixie Home Store, Thompson's Grocery.

JAPANESE FLEET IS NAILED TO NARROW HOME WATERS

Washington, Feb. 8—The American warship assault on Paramushiro Island has nailed Japan's fleet inescapably to the narrow confines of Japanese home waters.

Naval experts say this was one of the most important strategic results of the bold foray which carried United States surface units across waters of the North Pacific to bombard a key enemy base only 1,300 miles northeast of Tokyo.