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FLANNAGAN BILL TO BOOST BURLEY ACREAGE, PASSES

Doughton Informs Chamber of Commerce that Bill to Provide Minimum Base of One Acre for Burley Growers is Now Before President

Mr. H. W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, which organization has been working in the interest of securing larger acreage allotments for burley tobacco growers, on Tuesday received a telegram from Congressman R. L. Doughton, stating that the Flannagan bill had passed the senate, and is now before President Roosevelt, and with the observation that the bill "will be of great benefit to small growers of tobacco."

Mr. Doughton had previously aided Representative Flannagan of Virginia, in getting the bill by the house, and Mr. Doughton's wire was in reply to one sent by Mr. Wilcox, to inquire as to the status of the bill. Farmers were afraid to go ahead with plans for increased acreage until the bill finally passed, so Mr. Doughton's telegram gives growers the go-ahead signal.

Under the terms of the bill all growers of burley, it is understood, regardless of former allotments, may plant up to one acre without tax penalties. Since many farmers here plant only a half acre, it is felt that the legislation will be a great help to the farmer as well as to the local market.

Advices from officials of the Mountain Burley Warehouses are that farmers make ample provision for plants in anticipation of heavier plantings. It is suggested that two weeks after original beds are sown, there be another sowing for safety's sake, for after the first bed has gone far enough for the grower to determine its success, it will be too late to replant.

Mr. W. H. Gragg states that farmers who plant beds, make an honest effort to raise their plants and fall, due to disease or other causes, should see him and an effort will be made to supply them.

BAPTISTS TO MEET AT BLOWING ROCK

Three Forks Association to Be Held at Blowing Rock on Fifth of May

The spring session of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held at the Blowing Rock Baptist Church Friday, May 5, the executive committee in recent session having accepted the invitation of Rev. Ben L. Ray, the pastor, to hold the association in his church.

A very interesting program is being arranged, featuring the progress of the Blowing Rock church under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Ray, and all other churches will be asked for reports of their progress and plans for the remainder of the year.

The theme of the meeting will be "Knowing Christ." Among other addresses will be one on "The Abundant Life," by Rev. J. C. Pipes.

The executive committee feels the association is fortunate in having the meeting with the Blowing Rock church, since it is well located, and is making such splendid progress under the able leadership of Rev. Mr. Ray.

Mr. Wade E. Brown, chairman of the committee, states that program details will be announced in the near future.

Ration Calendar for Week of March 27

Processed Foods
Blue A8 through E8 now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; all expire May 20. Blue F8 through K8 become valid April 1; expire June 20.

Meats and Fats
Red A8, B8, D8 E8 and F8 (book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; all expire May 20. Red G8, H8 and J8 become valid March 28; expire June 18.

Sugar
Sugar stamp No. 30 (Book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp No. 31 (Book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely becomes valid April 1.

Canning Sugar
Sugar stamp No. 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar until 28, 1945. Apply to local board for supplemental rations.

Shoes
Stamp No. 18 (Book 1) expires April 30. Airplane stamp No. 1 (Book 3) valid indefinitely. Another shoe stamp, yet to be designated, will become valid May 1.

Gasoline
A-9 coupons now valid in North Carolina, expire May 8.
Rationing rules now require that every car owner write his license number and state in advance on all gasoline coupons in his possession.

Hold On!



This bearded marine raider, demolition officer of his battalion, is holding some Jap anti-personnel mines he located and immobilized on Bougainville. He is First Lieut. G. S. Codispoti of Brooklyn, N. Y.

POSTMASTER CITES NEW POSTAL RATES

Pertinent Information Given by Local Postmaster on Phases of New Revenue Act

The following information relative to the new postal rates now in effect is given this newspaper by Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr.:

"The revenue act of 1943 provides the increase in postage rates for local delivery, except on which the rate under existing law is 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof, and except post and postal cards, 3 cents for each ounce or fraction of an ounce.

"Air mail, from one post office to another on the mainland of the United States, including Alaska, 8 cents per ounce or fraction thereof.

"Air mail sent to and by members of the armed forces outside the continental United States who receive their mail through A.P.O.'s or Fleet Post Offices, care of the postmasters at New York, San Francisco, Calif., New Orleans, La., Miami, Fla., or Presque Isle, Me., is subject to postage at the rate of 6 cents a half ounce or fraction thereof. This rate will also apply on and after March 26, to air mail sent to or by members of such forces whose address is an A.P.O. or Fleet Post Office in care of the postmaster at Seattle, Wash., or an A.P.O. in care of the postmaster at Minneapolis, Minn.

"Air mail should be fully prepaid. V-mail and light weight stationery should be used."

Aged Resident of Deep Gap Section Succumbs

Aaron Church, pioneer resident of the Deep Gap section, died at the home on Tuesday of last week at the age of 83 years.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon from the Stony Fork Baptist Church. Reverends Levi Greene, G. A. Hamby, W. D. Ashley and W. C. Greene took part in the rites and interment was in the church cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home taking care of the arrangements.

Mr. Church was a native of Watauga county, being born and reared in Stony Fork township, was a splendid citizen and held in the highest regard in this section.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Susanna Greene Church; seven sons and four daughters: Lloyd Church, Brownwood; Heg Church, Patterson; Jake and Elmer Church, Stony Fork; Julius Church, Uniontown, Pa.; Jeter Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Glenn Church, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Effie Oliver, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Texie Cain, High Point; Mrs. Lillie Caldwell, Clio, N. C.; Mrs. Kate Whitley, Uniontown, Pa. There are 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

All Deferred Men Under 26 Ordered Up For Examination

Washington, March 25.—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey last night ordered immediate pre-induction physical examinations for all men under 26 with industrial deferments while their classifications are reviewed by local boards.

Those rejected as physically unfit still would be available for war jobs.

Those who pass the armed services examinations still would be deferred if their local boards consider them "key men" in vital jobs. Those who pass and are refused further deferments would be taken into the armed forces.

BUY WAR BONDS

MERCHANTS, C OF C TO HOLD BANQUET THURSDAY NIGHT

Dr. McDonald to Be Feature Speaker at Ladies' Night Event; President of State Merchants Group Also to Make Remarks at Banquet

Plans are virtually completed for the banquet of the Boone Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce this (Thursday) evening, marking the annual ladies' night event of both organizations, and interest is centered on the speech which will be delivered to the group by Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, a summer resident of Boone, and prominent contender for the Democratic nomination for Governor in the primary of May 27.

The banquet, which was to have been held in the American Legion hut, will be held instead at the college cafeteria, it was announced Tuesday evening by Guy Hunt of the Merchants Association.

After the banquet, Mr. F. R. Stout of Greensboro, president of the North Carolina Merchants Association, will make a few remarks, preceding the address by Dr. McDonald. Following will be a brief program of entertainment.

It is pointed out by Mr. Hunt that all members of the Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce together with their employees and wives are expected to attend the banquet, and make reservations with Mrs. Ruby Ellis, secretary of the merchants group. The general public is invited to attend the speaking following the banquet.

City Is Co-operating With Health Dept.

In a letter to Mr. Wade E. Eller, sanitarian with the District Health department, Mayor Gordon H. Winkler has given authority to inspect all premises in the town for rat harborage and other health hazards, and to make frequent reports to the city hall of conditions in this regard.

The mayor expresses the desire of the city administration to co-operate fully with the department, and expresses the belief that the citizens generally will do likewise.

Major Cherry Visits With Friends in City

Major R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, for many years a leading figure in the General Assembly of the State, and who is one of the principal candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor in the May primary, was in town Wednesday, mixing with friends, making new acquaintances, and laying the ground work for his pre-primary campaign in this area.

New Tax Law Raises Movie Ticket Prices

Due to the new tax law recently passed by Congress, admission prices for amusement places are subject to change in all theatres of the nation on Saturday, April 1. The Appalachian Theatre, explains Manager D. J. Norman, is not raising its price, but simply adding the required tax to the present admission price. Children's prices remain the same at 9c, but after above date all children, regardless of age, must have a ticket.

Special Service At Boone Baptist Church

A special service of more than usual interest will be held at the Boone Baptist Church Sunday, April 2, at the 11 o'clock hour. All members are urged to attend since an important question regarding the program of the church will be discussed and decided. All Sunday School, W. M. U., B. T. U., and church officers and teachers are especially requested to be present for the service.

DEMOCRATS ARE WINNERS IN OKLAHOMA ELECTIONS

Muskogee, Okla., March 28.—Democrats reasserted their grip on Oklahoma's traditionally Democratic second district tonight, winning a special congressional election in the face of an aggressive Republican challenge. Both sides had proclaimed the Roosevelt administration on trial.

Unofficial returns from 304 of the district's 331 precincts, gave W. G. Stigler (D) 20,193; E. O. Clark (R) 17,771.

PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Marion Thomas, prominent farmer of Mabel, believes strongly in the use of printers ink in the sale of livestock, etc., and writes: "Please don't advertise cow next week. I sold her through advertisement before I got my paper. It pays to advertise in the county paper."

To Address Juniors



Hon. Clyde A. Shreve, above, State Junior Councilor, and Forrester G. Shearin, secretary, who will speak at the District Junior meeting in Boone on April 3.

District Juniors to Meet Here April 3

Hon. Clyde A. Shreve, of Stokesdale, State Councilor, and Forrester G. Shearin, of Scotland Neck, secretary, will be principal speakers at the spring district meeting of District 3 of the J. O. U. A. M., to be held Monday, April 3, at 8 p. m., with Daniel Boone Council No. 129, at Boone.

The Third District is composed of Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties. The officers of the Third District are: C. C. Huskins, councilor; W. H. Gragg, vice-councilor; Clyde R. Greene, secretary; E. D. Odum, warden; B. S. Dugger, conductor; E. K. Osborne, inside sentinel; J. H. Perkins, outside sentinel, and Wallace Gentry, chaplain. Mr. Greene represents the district on the board of trustees of the Children's Home at Lexington.

The local council met in special session Monday night to complete plans for the meeting. S. B. Greene, B. K. Osborne and W. M. Cook will have charge of the refreshments. Rev. J. C. Canipe, councilor of Daniel Boone council, urgently requests all members to attend this district meeting.

Lt. William Kephart Awarded Air Medal

Charleston, S. C., March 24.—Lt. William K. Kephart, USNR, has been awarded the air medal posthumously for "meritorious achievement" while participating in aerial flight as a dive bomber pilot against Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands in October, 1942. Sixth Naval District headquarters revealed today.

Lt. Kephart is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Adam P. Kephart, of Blowing Rock, N. C., formerly of Greensboro. He was killed in action over Guadalcanal Oct. 14, 1942.

The USS Kephart, a destroyer escort named for the young lieutenant, was christened at the Charleston Navy Yard last January 7.

Pastors and Deacons To Meet Next Monday

The Baptist preachers and deacons of the county will meet at the Baptist Church in Boone on Monday, April 3, at 2 o'clock. Program for the meeting follows:

1. Devotional by Rev. W. J. Cook.
 2. In a time like this, when can best be done to build up the local church? Rev. Ben Lee Ray.
 3. What is meant by being lords over God's heritage? 1 Peter, 5:3, by Rev. W. D. Ashley.
 4. What is meant when Paul said, "Refuse profane and old wives' fables?" 1 Tim. 4:7, by Rev. Tipton Greene.
 5. Do we believe, practice and teach what Paul said in Acts 20:28-29? by Rev. G. A. Hamby.
- Rev. R. C. Eggers, who prepared the program, invites all preachers and deacons and anyone who cares to hear these subjects discussed.

Red Cross Fund Now \$1,000 Above Quota

RAT ERADICATION CAMPAIGN TO BE STARTED IN BOONE

City Authorities, Lions Club and Other Organizations Join in With Health Department in Thorough-Going War on Rats in This City

The city of Boone, with the cooperation of the local Lions Club, Merchants Association, Future Farmers of America, and County Health Department, is planning a comprehensive rat eradication campaign for Boone and environs within the next few weeks.

Residents of Boone are asked to begin immediately in the important task of cleaning up piles of rubbish which may serve as harbors and breeding places of the pests. City officials have pointed out that the city truck will, upon request by property owners, haul away any material made easily accessible for loading.

It is extremely important that this phase of the program be completed before the distribution of poison is begun. Therefore, it is urged that those interested in helping to reduce the rat population of the community devote this week and next week to cleaning up their premises.

Following the clean-up phase of the campaign, members of the local FFA chapter, under the supervision of their adviser, Dr. Orby Southard, and Mr. Wade Eller, district sanitarian, will thoroughly canvass the town, placing poison in all known infested areas. A display of the damages caused by rats and methods of controlling them is now being prepared and will be placed in a store window in the business district of the town later this week.

Bob Agle Is Paid Tribute in Publication

Knoxville, Tenn., March 25.—R. E. Agle, of Pet Dairy Products Company, Kingsport, was paid a fine tribute in the foreword of the recently published "Fountain and Luncheonette Service Training Outline," released by the Tennessee Board of Vocational Education. The article stated: "The initial efforts and perseverance of the instructors, Mrs. Mildred Brannock and Mr. Robert E. Agle, were of inestimable value in determining the factors most important and essential to this type of training. This was in recognition of the work Mr. Agle did when serving as instructor at schools conducted in Erwin, Elizabethton and Johnson City last summer, during which time he compiled a basic outline for teaching fountain and luncheonette service technique. A great part of this outline was used in the state board's official program outline for training in this field.

Due to the acute manpower shortage this particular type of training has proved most beneficial in the areas where it has been tried.

Sanitarian Gives Timely Information As to Rat Control

Wade E. Eller, health department sanitarian, gives out some timely information as to rat control, and points out that the rodents, besides spreading typhus and bubonic plague, every person is said to pay \$20 each year for damage done by rats.

Suggestions for keeping out rats include stoppage of all holes through which they enter homes and business houses, by the use of metal sheeting, concrete or wire netting, as well as around pipes and grating.

Can Rats Be Starved?

Yes, by following a few simple rules: Keep all garbage in tightly covered metal cans. Clean them often. Keep food supplies in rat-proof containers. Throw no garbage into streets, alleys, lots or yards. Do not mix garbage with rubbish.

Poisoning Rats With poison and traps get rid of rats?

No, they will help but will not do the job alone. Stop all holes, then use poison and traps. The surest way to poison rats is for you and your neighbors to put out the poison at the same time. Remember you must get rid of rats to protect your community from disease, to save time and loss of money from illness, to save thousands of dollars in food and property.

A modern destroyer uses more than 3,000 gallons of oil an hour at top speed.

War Fund Drive Goes Over the Top in Grand Style. Officials Thank People for Contributions; a Partial List of Those Contributing

The Red Cross War Fund campaign, designed to raise \$6,000 in Watauga County, passed the goal post last Saturday and on Tuesday evening, Clyde R. Greene, War Fund chairman, gave out the welcome information that the fund had continued to grow and that contributions at that time were slightly in excess of \$7,000, with the campaign period set to end next Friday.

Mr. Greene takes occasion to remind all workers that they should get in their final reports at the earliest possible time in order that final reports may be made out. Also Mr. Greene states that all those who have not taken advantage of the privilege being offered to contribute to the Red Cross, do so by Friday, so that their contributions may be included in the final accounting of the fund.

Mr. Greene expresses his deep appreciation of the fine work which was done by the workers in every section of the county, in bringing the War Fund campaign to the attention of the people, and thanks each contributor for his or her fine spirit of co-operation which has resulted in Watauga county being able to exceed her quota well ahead of the date set for the closing of the campaign. "This overwhelming demonstration of our willingness to aid in taking care of our men in the service, is bound to bring comfort to our Watauga boys who are fighting for us on all the battlefronts of the world. Watauga county is solidly behind our fighting men, and has never yet failed to do even more than suggested, in all the fund-raising campaigns of the war. We in Watauga will continue to back our men to the limit of our ability."

Chairman Makes Statement

Rev. E. F. Troutman, chairman of the Watauga Red Cross chapter, likewise is mighty happy over the outcome of the War Fund campaign, and issues the following statement: "As chairman of the Watauga Red Cross chapter, let me say, thank you to the thousands who helped make our quota of \$6,000 more than possible in the Red Cross War Fund drive. Our boys and girls in the armed forces will know that the folk back home in Watauga County really care and are doing their part on the home front. They know that we have helped to make it possible for the Red Cross to be at their side, giving them first aid, the necessities and a few of the luxuries of life. Putting courage and faith and hope in their hearts as they carry on toward the hard goal of victory. Now we have given as a county Red Cross chapter, now let us continue to pray for victory, and to pray that as a county, state and nation we shall be worthy of victory. Again thanks to one and all for your gifts."

Following are some of the more recent contributors to the Red Cross fund:

- HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES**
F. W. McCracken \$5, Henry Greer \$5, Earl Norris \$5, Tom Shock \$5, Jack Coyne \$5, Ray Brown \$5, C. W. Rowe \$5, Ed Payne \$5, J. H. Taylor \$5, Ralph Colvard \$5, Sherman Hollis \$5, A. R. Sanders \$5, Raymond Carroll \$5, Dave Bentley \$5, E. Ford King \$1, Arthur Kirby \$1, J. F. Greer \$1, Dewey Mitchell \$2, C. P. Swift \$3, Ben Brewer \$2, Frank Baird \$1, Roy Baird \$2, C. W. Hodges \$3, E. T. Stewart \$1, M. C. Cornett \$5, R. L. Jenkins \$1, Aud Hollars \$1, W. L. Bolick \$1, Dwight Hayes \$1, G. E. Luther \$2, Omar Baird \$1, J. H. Eggers \$1, Gene Hollars \$1, C. J. Farthing \$1, Carter Ragan \$1, Annie E. Kridner \$1.20, Tom Martin \$1, Glenn Brown \$1.

- UPPER LAUREL CREEK**
And L. Ward, Worker.
W. F. Winkler \$5, Mrs. W. F. Winkler \$1, M. A. Ward \$1, Mrs. Dean Johnson \$1, Clay Burton \$1, J. J. Shull \$1, Basil Tester \$1, Reba Tester \$1, James Sherman \$1, D. Greene \$5, Bill Bingham \$1, B. O. Ward \$1, G. B. Trivett \$1, Charles Matney \$1, Mrs. Lunda Ward \$5, other contributors 60c.

- COVE CREEK SCHOOL**
Mrs. Gladys M. Bingham, Worker.
Tom J. Moody \$5, Blanche Stokes \$5, Mrs. Dora S. Mast \$5, Mrs. Gladys M. Bingham \$5, Anna Mae Sherwood \$5, Mrs. Susie B. Henson \$5, H. Opella Bingham \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Mast \$5, Mrs. D. T. Brown \$5, D. T. Brown \$5, Mrs. Maude M. Spainhour \$5, Don L. Swift \$1, R. C. Buchanan \$1, Mrs. Myrtle Buchanan \$1, Mrs. Pearl Stokes \$1, Mrs. Birdie Greer \$1.

- BOONE STEAM LAUNDRY**
W. H. Gragg, Worker.
Flo C. Moody \$1, Mrs. Frank Greene \$1, Vera Brewer \$1, Louise S. King \$1, Olen Younce \$1, Mrs. Olen Younce \$1, Gordon Hodges \$1, Eber Sherrill \$1, Edith Hollars \$1, Dolph Lyons \$1, Edna Hartley \$1, C. C. Ragan \$1, Odell Teague \$1, Mrs. Lucy Greer \$1, Amy Hicks \$1.

- BOONE MASTER CLEANERS**
H. B. Shull, Worker.
Boone Cleaners \$10, Becky Ragan \$2.25, Louise Loudermilk \$2.25, Bell Pennell \$2.25, Edith Odum \$2.25, Bertha Wallace \$2.25, Lizzie Harkelroad \$2, Lizzie Payne \$2.25, Ruth Winebarger \$1, Addie Morris \$1.

- TAMARACK**
Frank Main \$1, Dana Main \$1, Paul Johnson \$1.
- VALLE CRUCIS**
Henry Hagman, Worker.
Mrs. Fred Harmon \$1, J. O. Harmon \$5, Hegie Tester \$1, Mrs. Bobby Bessell \$1.

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