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## WAR BALLOTS GO AIR MAIL WITHOUT POSTAL CHARGES

Postmaster Brown Receives Word That Air Mail Service to Be Provided Free in Giving Soldiers Benefit of Primary Election Balloting

Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., of Boone, received a telegram from the Third Assistant Postmaster General on Saturday stating that war ballots mailed to members of the armed services would be sent air mail without charge.

The telegram which was signed by Ramsey S. Black, third assistant postmaster general, says:

"Accept free of postage, including air mail postage absentee war ballots mailed by election officials to persons connected with a armed forces, regardless of manner in which indicia appears on envelopes."

Applications Ready  
It is stated by Roby T. Greer, local election board chairman, that applications for primary and general election ballots for use by service men are now available, and may be signed by the soldier himself or by some other member of his family. The one application serves for both the primary and general election, it is stated.

## WATAUGA IRISH POTATOES SOLD

War Food Administration Buys 15 Carloads in Watauga and Ashe Counties

Raleigh—Western North Carolina Irish potato growers are busy trying to get rid of a 1943 surplus while Eastern Carolina producers are harried by weather conditions that render their situation "desperate" as one official described it.

The State Department of Agriculture said the War Food Administration had bought fifteen cars of potatoes in Watauga and Ashe counties and that 30 to 40 cars remained unsold in the area.

P. H. Johnson, Pasquotank county farm agent, said that potatoes were rotting in rain-soaked fields, that the wet weather already had cut the crop in half, that many farmers had planted twice and unless they planted a third time, the land "will be left barren."

He said the growers were confronted with a "desperate situation."

## Farmers Plan For More Tobacco Here

Mr. Coleman Says Local Farmers Are Sowing More and Larger Beds This Year

Mr. R. C. Cleman, of Tabor City, operator of the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouses here, was in Boone last week, looking over the prospects for the burley crop of 1944, and states that he is pleased to see farmers sowing more and larger tobacco beds, in order to take advantage of acreage increases granted in the act recently passed by Congress and signed by the President.

Under the new law every burley grower may raise as much as one acre of tobacco without tax. Mr. Cleman believes that with burley stocks now at an all-time low, prices should be as good this year as last, and if ceilings are raised the prices would be correspondingly better.

## Ration Calendar for Week of April 10

**Processed Foods**  
Blue A8 through K8 valid indefinitely at 10 points each, for use with 10 cents.

**Meats and Fats**  
Red A8 through M (Book 4) valid indefinitely at 10 points each, for use with tokens. K8, L8 and M8, become valid April 9.

**Sugar**  
Sugar stamps 30 and 31 (Book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely.

**Canning Sugar**  
Sugar stamp No. 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar until Feb. 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.

## Swamp Soldier



Pfc. Gomenico Defendis, of Worcester, Mass., makes his way through waist-deep swamp in Cape Gloucester, New Britain, a long way from his home state. He spent 31 days in advance against Hill 660 and killed three Japs.

## ADDITIONAL LIST RED CROSS DONORS

Fund Continues to Grow as Late Returns Come in; Some of the Contributors

The Red Cross War Fund continues to grow slightly as late returns are tabulated, and the collections are \$7,830.46 at this time, with perhaps a few scattered returns yet to be received. The county quota was \$6,000.

Following is a list of some of the recent contributors:

**BLOWING ROCK**  
Eugene Pitts \$1, A. Friend \$2, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Coffey \$2, Miss Ellen Coffey \$5, Blowing Rock School—1st grade \$1, 2nd grade \$1.06, 3rd grade \$4.96, 4th grade \$1.05, 5th grade \$5, 6th grade \$5.11, 7th grade \$5.81, 8th grade \$2.12, 9th grade \$2, 10th grade \$1.36, 11th grade \$3.75, Mrs. Billie Cooke \$5, Mrs. Paul Walsh \$2, Mrs. Joe Crawford \$2, Mrs. Clara Brown \$2, Mrs. Earl Thomas \$7, Mrs. Arline Yonck \$2, Mrs. Owen Wilson \$2, Mrs. Glenn Winkler \$5.50, Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Jr. \$5, Mrs. Fred Lewis \$7, Mrs. Sarah B. Gatcher \$7, Miss Keller \$1, Ben Moody \$5, Bell Telephone Co. \$10, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Beck \$10, Herbert Stuart \$2, Miss Ethel Norvell \$1, Boone's Park Sunday School \$5, Mrs. Helen Gragg Smith \$2, A. Friend \$1,000.

**D. & P. PIPE WORKS**  
David P. Lavietes \$25, Coy Johnson \$4, Bart Norris \$3.50, Homer Lane \$4, E. M. Cook \$3.50, S. O. Stanberry \$3, Fred Winkler \$3, Alex. South \$2, McClure Elrod \$3, Floyd Smith \$3, Gurney Norris \$3.50, L. D. Woodard \$6, Austin Miller \$10, Oscar Hollar \$1, Summie Day \$3.50, Ernest Moody \$3.50, E. A. Ellison \$3.50, Boss Taylor \$3, David P. Miller \$3.50, W. V. Benson \$3, Collis Parlier \$3, C. C. Cook \$3.50, Clayton Greene \$3, Gorman Garland \$3.50, Frank Bentley \$3.50, Ray Cornett \$3.50, Clyde Miller \$3, Estel Culler \$3, Oscar Miller \$3, Raymond Miller \$3, Lee South \$3, C. C. VanDyke \$3.50, M. L. Henson \$3.50.

Mrs. A. M. Norton \$1, Helen Foster \$5, Ida Belle Ledbetter \$5, Cleo Haynes Hodges \$5, Mrs. J. J. Coffey \$1, Elizabeth Craddock \$2, Edith Hesse \$1, Dr. R. W. House \$3, Meta Liles \$2, Thura Sisco \$2, Mrs. Emma Sarsenen \$2, Maude Gathner \$2, Myrtle Brandon \$4, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ayers \$2, Seaman Junior Hodges \$1, Thomas Hicks \$1, Mrs. Myrtle Watson \$1, L. M. Trivette \$1, Mrs. L. M. Trivette \$1, C. G. Hodges \$1, Advent Christian Sunday School \$3, Vonne Moretz \$1, E. L. Greer \$1, Elizabeth Bridge \$10, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cannon \$10, Louise Wyle \$1, Crest Store \$25, Margaret Miller \$1, Fay Rayfield \$5, Elma Day \$1, Dr. H. B. Perry \$25, Lee Stout \$20, Theresa McNeil \$20.

## Americans Destroy 184 Nazi Planes in Big Battle

London, April 12—U. S. air forces ripped another jagged hole in Germany's aircraft industry and destroyed 125 Nazi planes in the air yesterday at a cost of 84 bombers and 16 escorting fighters in the most savage aerial battle Americans have fought since their blow at Berlin March 6.

The great daylight attack, directed at the plane factories in Oschersleben and Bernburg and at industrial targets in Hockstock and Arnimswalde, just east of Stettin, was made by a fleet of nearly 2,000 bombers and fighters.

At dusk a huge armada of RAF bombers soared west toward the continent in a continuation of the air offensive which had been going non-stop for the last 72 hours.

Observers on the east coast described the force as the biggest sent over that area in the last three weeks.

**Rev. D. M. Edmisten Resigns Pastorate**  
Rev. D. M. Edmisten, pastor of the Newland Baptist Church, has resigned and will return to his home in Watauga County May 1st.

Mr. Edmisten has had a successful pastorate in the local church and his congregation and many friends express much regret at his going.—Avery Herald.

**BUY WAR BONDS!**

## CLEAN-UP DRIVE TO PRECEDE RAT KILLING DRIVE

Mayor Winkler Urges All Citizens to Make Trash Available to City Trucks to Make Ready for War on Rodents, and Beautify the Town

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler is calling upon all residents of the city to join in a city-wide clean-up campaign, to make ready for a campaign to reduce the hordes of rats which inhabit the town.

Mayor Winkler states that the rat poison which has been ordered for some time has not arrived, and pending its arrival, he wants to insist that everyone clean up their premises and vacant lots and make the refuse available to the city trucks. When a householder is ready for the rubbish to be removed, he is asked to call the city hall, in order that a truck may move the trash. Mayor Winkler especially asks that all rat harborages be destroyed as far as possible, and that such food as is available to the rodents be removed, so that the largest number of rats possible will be attracted by the poisoned food to be dispensed.

The mayor is anxious that the town be as clean and presentable as possible this summer, and by the clean-up period being in advance of the rat campaign, it will serve a dual purpose.

"We want our town to be clean, and we ask for the help of every civic-minded citizen," said the mayor.

## Mayor Winkler Named Lion Cabinet Secretary

Appointed by District Governor Abrams to Succeed Dr. Robert R. King

Upon the resignation of Dr. Robert R. King as cabinet secretary, Lions International, District 31-A, Dr. W. Amos Abrams, district governor, has appointed Mayor Gordon H. Winkler to this position. Dr. King has returned to the Belgian Congo as a medical missionary under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church. He has served as cabinet secretary since his appointment in July of last year.

Governor Abrams appointed Mayor Winkler upon the recommendation of many leaders in the Boone Lions Club, thus the two leaders of the Lions in Western North Carolina represent both the town of Boone and the college.

"As sorry as I am to lose such an outstanding Lion as Dr. King," Dr. Abrams said, "I feel that the district is fortunate to have as his successor such a Lion as Gordon Winkler. I feel certain that Lion Winkler will carry on the work of the district in the efficient manner in which Dr. King has been working."

The responsibility of administering the affairs of 32 clubs and of making plans for the State convention is vested in a district cabinet, and Mayor Winkler, as cabinet secretary, will have an important part to play in handling this responsibility.

## Farm Loan Group to Hold Annual Meeting

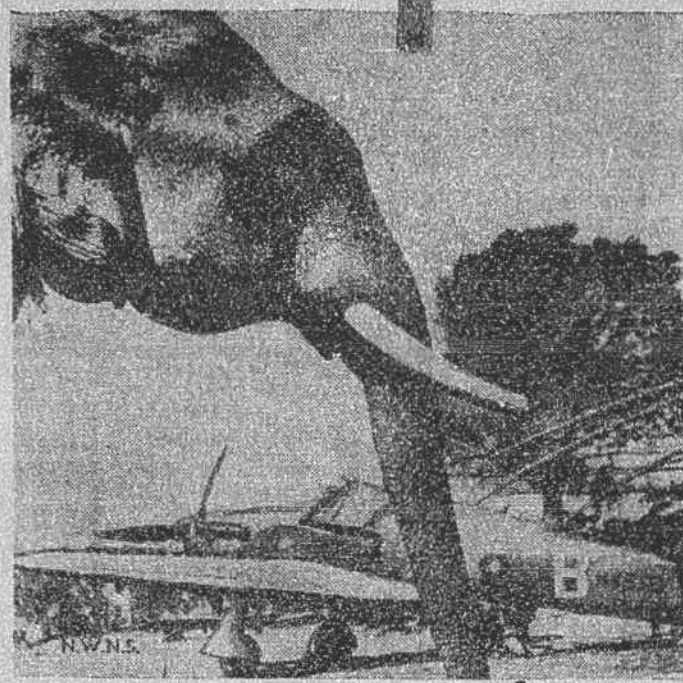
The annual stockholders meeting of the North Wilkesboro National Farm Loan Association will be held on Monday, April 17, at 11 a. m. in the town hall in North Wilkesboro. As this will be the first annual meeting of the association under the new consolidated set-up, comprising Watauga, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell and Wilkes counties, every member is urged to attend and participate in the business of the meeting.

## Trivett Brothers in Service



Pfc. Don Trivett, U. S. Coast Guard, left, who is stationed somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands. He volunteered his services to the nation in October, 1942. Right, a brother, Earl Trivett, seaman 1-c, who received his basic naval training at Baltimore, Md. Both are sons of Mr. Mission and Mrs. Nettie Trivett of Rominger.

## PHOTOGENIC ELEPHANT



"Jumbo," king-sized mascot of a unit of the Indian air force, poked his pachydermic profile into this picture at a jungle airfield in Burma. Elephant took advantage to insert his pictorial presence while cameraman was trying for a shot of the Vultee Vengeances and Hurricanes of the IAF in background.

## RED CROSS SEEKS HOSPITAL QUOTA

Number of Items for Army Hospital Use Should Be Finished by May 1st

The Watauga chapter of the American Red Cross has accepted a quota of hospital garments to be completed by May 1, says Mrs. F. F. Warman, executive secretary of the organization, who insists on the full co-operation of local women in meeting the goal established by national headquarters. Mrs. Warman says:

"This quota includes bathrobes, pajamas, hot water bottle covers, sewing kits and bedroom slippers, 650 garments and articles in all. If at all possible we want to finish these within the next three weeks. So far less than a hundred have been made. These garments and articles are for the use of soldiers and sailors who have become sick or injured in the service of our country. Surely the women of Boone can devote a few hours each to making these articles for those who have given so much themselves. These articles may be taken home to be made. The office is open each afternoon from 1 to 5."

## Trout Fishing Season Opens Here Saturday

The trout fishing season opens in Watauga County next Saturday and conservation officials predict a good season for local anglers. Large numbers of fish have been released in the streams of the county, it is said, and many are expected to get their fishing paraphernalia ready for the opening day.

Dealers report a minimum of fishing supplies this year, but most fishermen will have enough left from last year perhaps, to enjoy the Waltonian sport this season.

## STORM DEATH TOLL 53

The death toll of storms rose to 43 last night as weather disturbances swept over wide areas of the South, swept over wide areas of the South. More than 150 persons were injured. Arkansas was the hardest hit, counting 31 dead due to scattered tornadoes.

Six persons were killed in Fort Wayne, Ind., by a wall which fell before a high wind and trapped employees of a bank.

## Taken by Death



GEORGE W. BROWN

## GEORGE W. BROWN DIES AT AGE 91

Local Citizen Succumbs to Long Illness; Funeral Services On Thursday

George W. Brown, aged 91 years, a resident of Boone, died at Watauga Hospital Tuesday of last week, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted from the Boone Baptist Church on Thursday at 1:30. The rites were conducted by Rev. W. D. Ashley, G. A. Hamby and E. F. Troutman, and burial was at Mount Calvary Church in Avery County.

The active pallbearers were: J. M. Shoemaker, Lee Greer, Ted VonCannon, Floyd Hagaman, Clyde Brown, Lewis Reece, Guy Hunt and Grady Brown. Honorary: Gurney and Bart Norris, Dr. H. B. Perry, I. T. Barnett, Albert Watson, Dee Shoemaker, E. N. Hahn, Barnard Dougherty, Lionel Watson and R. M. Greene.

Mr. Brown, who was a son of Richard and Mrs. Polly Brown, was born on Howard's Creek in Watauga County, and during his active years engaged in farming. He was the only living charter member of Fall Creek Baptist Church, until about two years ago, when he moved his membership to Mt. Calvary Church. He was married to Lucinda Norris in 1870, and is survived by one son, John K. Brown, of Boone, and one daughter, Mrs. L. B. Gwaltney, of Balm. There is one foster son, H. E. Crawford, of Elizabethton, Tenn., one brother, Alfred Brown, of Boone R. F. D., eight grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

## Federal Officers Seize Liquor Cache

A group of officers headed by C. S. Felts, of the Alcohol Tax unit, on Monday seized 27 gallons of white liquor, on the premises of Sherman Clark Church, who resides near Idlewild, it is stated by S. C. Eggers, of Boone, U. S. Commissioner.

Church was brought before Commissioner Eggers and bound to Federal court on charges of possession of non-tax paid liquor.

## Piano Recital

The piano students of Mrs. Boone will be heard in recital Tuesday evening, April 17, at 7:30 in the college auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

## THOMPSON IS NEW MEMBER COUNTY ELECTIONS GROUP

Sugar Grove Man Takes Place of Donley Hagaman, Resigned; Board Meets Saturday and Names Registrars and Judges of Election

Charles F. Thompson of Sugar Grove, has been appointed by the State Board of Elections to the Watauga county board, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Donley Hagaman of Beaver Dam township. Mr. Hagaman resigned his position with the election board due to ill health, it is stated, and Mr. Thompson was immediately appointed.

The board met Saturday and named the registrars and judges for the primary and general election. It was announced that the registration books for the May primary will open on April 29 at the various polling places, and remain open including Saturday, May 13. May 20 will be challenge day, and the primary will be on May 27.

Following is a list of registrars and judges, the first named in each instance being the registrar, the second the Democratic judge and the third the Republican judge:

- Bald Mountain: Glenn Howell, Mrs. R. F. Vannoy, Wade Norris.
- Beaver Dam: Clayton Vines, Orville Hagaman, Spencer Warren.
- Blowing Rock: D. W. Wooten, W. C. Lentz, Howard Holshouser.
- Blue Ridge: M. O. Coffey, Roscoe Cook, George Keller.
- Boone: Jas. H. Council, D. J. Whitener, J. E. Holshouser.
- Brushy Fork: Martin L. Herman, Ernest M. Hodges, Elbert Vannoy.
- Cove Creek: John Perry, Paul H. Walsh, I. B. Wilson.
- Elk: W. W. Randall, H. C. Hodges, Leonard Carroll.
- Laurel Creek: J. L. Shull, Mrs. Dare Strother, Chas. Mast.
- Meat Camp No. 1: Wade Clawson, Orville Jackson, Howard Gragg.
- Meat Camp No. 2: L. E. Beach, James McNeil, Wayne Miller.
- New River: Grady Greer, Dale Vannoy, S. B. Greene.
- North Fork: W. C. South, Sam S. South, Rolf Wilson.
- Stony Fork: R. L. Gentry, E. B. Hardin, L. F. Wilcox.
- Shawneehaw: Lloyd Welch, Howard Edmisten, Jas. Allen.
- Watauga: Aclie B. Hodges, Clint Baird, O. L. Coffey.

## KING LEAVES FOR BELGIAN CONGO

District Health Officer Left Tuesday Morning for Duties in Dark Continent

Dr. Robert R. King, whose resignation as district health officer, and decision to return to his missionary work in the Belgian Congo, were announced sometime ago, left Tuesday for New York, where he sails immediately for Lisbon, en route to Africa, to resume the work which he did for 16 years, and which was interrupted due to the health of Mrs. King.

Dr. King had intended returning to Africa for a long time, but wartime restrictions on travel had made it difficult for him to get a sailing date. He had originally planned to leave about the first of April. No successor has been named to Dr. King in the district health office.

## Choirs To Present Sacred Music Festival

Six choirs of the Boone Demonstration Schools, whose members include boys and girls from the third grade through high school will join to present a program of sacred music at the Boone Baptist Church Sunday evening, April 16, at 8 o'clock.

The Baptist adult woman's choir and quartet will also participate and one of the most impressive numbers on the program will be "Soldier, Rest" by Nyvall, sung anti-phonally by those groups.

There will be approximately 250 people taking part in the program which has been in preparation since the Christmas season, under the direction of J. Elwood Roberts.

All people of Boone and Watauga County are cordially invited to be present.

## GLASSES READY FOR CHILDREN

Parents of children who had their eyes examined and glasses fitted at the clinic held in April, are notified that the glasses have been received and may be had by calling at the health department.

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