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## RAT ERADICATION CAMPAIGN STARTS HERE THURSDAY

City and Organizations Co-operate to Rid City of Rodents; All Property Owners of City Are Asked to Aid in Campaign

A city-wide rat eradication campaign is to get under way here Thursday of this week, and continue through Saturday, according to an announcement made by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, and the city authorities are being joined in the effort to rid the town of rodents by the Merchants Association, Health Department, Lions Club, and Dr. Orby Southard of the vocational agriculture department of Appalachian High School, and his students.

Poison will be distributed the last three days of the week, and every citizen is asked to co-operate in making the campaign successful, and aid in placing the poisoned bait where it will do the most good.

It is explained that although the poison is not supposed to kill cats and dogs, they nevertheless, should not be exposed to the lethal food.

The rat is probably one of the greatest carriers of disease and destroys incalculable property. The mayor and the co-operating organizations join in asking the citizens to help them put on a real rat eradication campaign this year in Boone. Ample poison has been secured to do the job and householders are asked to offer suggestions to those distributing same to the end that it will be most likely to be consumed by the rats.

## Both Candidates For Governor Are Natives States Other Than NC

Raleigh, April 26—For the first time in 104 years, North Carolina is destined to elect a Governor who was born in another state.

Both the major candidates for governor, Ralph McDonald and R. Gregg Cherry, were born outside the Tar Heel State. Both decided on North Carolina as a good place to work and live.

Cherry was born in York County, South Carolina. McDonald was born in Omaha, Ill. As a baby, he was taken to Arkansas and was reared in that State. Like Cherry, he received his higher education at Duke.

One of these men, barring a tremendous upset will be North Carolina's next Governor.

It was in 1840 that North Carolina—for the first and only time—elected a Governor born in another State. He was the able John Motley Morehead, a native of Pittsylvania County, Va.

To go a little deeper into history, Morehead was the second Governor elected by popular vote in North Carolina. The first was Edward B. Dudley, a native of Onslow County, and a resident of New Hanover when he was elected in 1836.

## Register For Canning Sugar on May 1 and 2

The Watauga County War Price and Rationing Board announces that registration for canning sugar will be held on May 1 and 2.

Canning sugar for the coming season will be issued through the schools, with teachers, pupils and other volunteers handling the registration work, according to plans already formulated.

## BARBARA FAYE STORIE

Barbara Faye Storie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie E. Storie, of Shulls Mills, was born March 27, 1941, and died in the Watauga hospital on April 19, 1944. The little girl was burned to death when her clothing caught fire, while her mother had gone for the mail from her husband who is in service at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at Shulls Mills at 2:30 o'clock on April 21, by Rev. E. S. Gragg, assisted by Rev. W. C. Payne. Interment was in the Coffey cemetery at Shulls Mills.

She is survived by her parents and one sister, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

## INJURED IN ITALY

Staff Sergeant Arthur C. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller of Banner Elk R. F. D., is recovering from recent injuries sustained in the Italian war theatre. Sgt. Miller, it is understood, suffered a fall in which his back was hurt and a rib broken. A letter from a comrade reveals that since he is in a tank unit he may not go back into combat, certainly not for three or four months, and that he may return home.

**2,259,000 MEN IN I-A POOL**  
Washington—A record 1-A draft pool of 2,259,000 men in all age groups—two-thirds of them fathers—was available for induction as of April 1 Selective Service headquarters reported to Congress yesterday.

## MacArthur Missives



Rep. Arthur L. Miller (R. Neb.) at his desk in the Capitol with copies of letters sent to him by General Douglas MacArthur. Letters were thought by some to indicate that MacArthur has made himself available for the Republican presidential nomination.

## YANKS TIGHTEN PINNERS ON JAP BASES IN PACIFIC

Japs Chased Into Jungle by Americans in Fight for Hollandia's Three Airfields; U. S. Planes Rule Dutch New Guinea Skies

MacArthur's Advanced Headquarters, New Guinea, April 26—Against negligible Japanese opposition, strong American forces swung closer the jaws of a pincer on Hollandia's three airfields while planes from an already captured airdrome ruled the Dutch New Guinea skies, a spokesman disclosed yesterday.

All types of fifth air force bombers and fighters, were using the seized Tadjil airdrome, captured Saturday on the first day of the invasion near Aitape, 150 miles southwest of Hollandia. From more remote bases, long range bombers hit everywhere that the Japanese might muster an aerial counter punch.

In contrast, a single Japanese bomber landed the enemy's only reported blow, dropping bombs on the Hollandia beachhead.

"We are closing in on the airdrome area from both directions," read the terse picture of the Hollandia situation as presented in yesterday's communique.

Headquarters reported yesterday that the Japanese around the Tadjil airdrome had been chased into the jungles and hills but gave no new reports on the drive against Aitape village five miles northwest of the airdrome.

## Program For Three Forks Association Is Released Today

The spring session of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held with the Blowing Rock Baptist Church on May 5th, and the program will feature the general theme, "Knowing Christ."

Following is the complete associational program:

- 10 a. m.—Devotional, Rev. W. D. Ashley.
- 10:15—Miscellaneous presentation of program, recognition of visitors, Wade E. Brown.
- 10:30—Welcome and special music by Blowing Rock Church, Rev. Ben L. Ray.
- 11:00—Demonstration of V. B. S. by Boone Church or A.S.T.C.
- 11:30—Baptist's Contribution to Christianity, by Rev. J. C. Canipe.
- 12:30 p. m.—Lunch.
- 2:00—Devotional, Rev. Ronda Earp.
- 2:15—Report from Churches, led by S. C. Eggers.
- 2:45—The Abundant Life, Rev. J. C. Pipes.

## Pre-School Clinics To Be Held in May

County Superintendent S. F. Horton calls attention to the pre-school health clinics to be held in the county next month, and has mailed questionnaires to parents asking for certain information regarding the health record of the children. The dates for the clinics follow:

- Cove Creek, Thursday, May 4, 9 a. m.
- Mabel, Thursday, May 4, 1 p. m.
- Valle Crucis, Wednesday, May 3, 9 a. m.
- Deep Gap, Wednesday, May 3, 1 p. m.
- Boone Demonstration School, Tuesday, May 3, 9 a. m.
- Blowing Rock, Wednesday, May 10, 9 a. m.
- Bethel, Thursday, May 11, 9 a. m.

## BRITISH ASSUME LEAD IN BATTLE FOR INDIA PRIZE

Japs in Full Retreat in Sectors of India Front, as 100, Nipponese Are Destroyed; Allies Able to Bring in Heavy Reinforcements

Southeast Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, April 26—Seizing the full initiative north of Imphal, British imperial troops have cleared out 22 miles of the road to Kohima and the Japanese were reported in full retreat from that sector last night after losing nearly 10,000 men killed in their ill-starred invasion of India.

Blasting through one of the several road-blocks across the 65-mile Imphal-Kohima highway, English and Indian troops swept through the village of Kanglatongbi, 22 miles north of Imphal. The only opposition was from a rapidly withdrawing Japanese rear guard and the enemy had sowed wholesale destruction in an effort to cover his retreat.

"The initiative is now fully with the (British) 14th Army," an official observer reported.

Swiftly following up their decisive victory at Kohima, the imperials also had cleared out a 30-mile stretch of the 34-mile road from Imphal to Ukruhl, enabling two contingents of the 14th Army to link up in that area. Ukruhl is northeast of Imphal and through it passes a roundabout dirt road to Kohima, supplementing the main road.

An Allied observer said that 4,900 Japanese had been killed by actual count in the Manipur fighting while as many again were estimated to have been buried by their comrades or fallen under Allied artillery and aerial bombardments behind the lines.

Mopping up operations are continuing in the Kohima area, an Allied communique reported. With the clearing of Japanese siege forces from around the town, the Allies were able to bring down heavy reinforcements from Dimapur to expedite the drive to link up Kohima and Imphal.

When that is achieved the imperial command will present an unbroken front to the Japanese still clinging to hill positions west and southwest of Imphal on both sides of the Bishenpur-Silchar road, itself still open to Allied transit.

## BILL INTRODUCED TO INDUCT MEN NOT IN WAR WORK

Washington, April 24—A work-or-be-drafted bill giving selective service power to put into uniform 4-F's or draft-deferred men who refuse to work in essential jobs was introduced in the senate today by Senators Brewster (R., Me.) and Bailey (D., N.C.)

The bill also would order immediate induction for any worker who leaves an essential job without permission.

Under its terms the national selective service director would have authority to order any deferred or rejected draft registrant to take an essential job, if he refused he would be inducted for active or limited military duty, depending upon his condition.

The house military affairs committee proposed last week that 4-F's who spurn essential employment be inducted into the army as non-combatants to serve as "domestics around the army's and navy's camps and hospitals." The committee contended, however, the system could be adopted under the present law.

## Fund Available For Polio Victims Here

Funds are now available for the relief of Watauga County children who have been afflicted with infantile paralysis.

R. W. McGuire, chairman of the infantile paralysis activity in this county, states that he is anxious that those eligible for help get the funds which have been raised for their treatment. Anyone knowing of cases of this kind deserving help please get in touch with Mr. McGuire.

## Special Service At Local Advent Church

Tomorrow (Friday) night, there will be a preaching service in the Advent Christian Church, Rev. Thos. J. Ellis, of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, will bring the message. Rev. R. L. Isbell, of Lenoir, will also be present at that time.

This will be Rev. Mr. Ellis' first visit to Boone. All are invited to hear him Friday night.

## Crimea Becomes Nazi Dunkirk



The Crimea again occupies the historical spotlight as Red forces push the Nazis into a pocket at Sevastopol. This close-up reveals how German and Rumanian armies were trapped (1) when Reds reached Dzhankoi and (2) cut communications link. Meanwhile amphibious forces took over Kerch (3) and moved rapidly toward Feodosiya and Simferopol. Nazis made desperate attempts to evacuate by boat as Russia moved swiftly to check this means of escape.

## COMMERCE GROUP TO HOLD MEETING

Officers to Be Elected and Other Business Transacted at Chamber of Commerce Gathering

The annual meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Gateway Cafe Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, according to an announcement made Tuesday by H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization.

The meeting will feature the election of a new slate of officers, and the report of activities of the Chamber of Commerce for the past year. Other important matters are to be discussed at the dinner meeting, and each member of the organization is asked to be present.

A special program has been arranged for the banquet which will be most enjoyable.

## REGISTRATION BOOKS TO OPEN

New Voters May Register Saturday in Different Precincts of County

The registration books for the May 27th primary will open in the several voting precincts of the county next Saturday, April 29th, and will be open for the registration of new voters each Saturday including Saturday, May 13. May 20th has been designated as challenge day.

Voting places have been established in the two new precincts created by the board of commissioners. In Brushy Fork the voting place will be at the old store building of T. L. Mast. In New River balloting will take place at the Harrison Baker mill at Perkinsville.

Those who have become 21 years old since the last election, as well as those who have become qualified for voting by length of local residence as required by law, will have to register in order to vote in the primary or general election.

## Candidate for Congress Is Visitor in Boone

Mr. E. C. McCall, prominent Lenoir business and civic leader, and a candidate for the Republican nomination to Congress in the Ninth district, was in Boone the first of the week, looking after his interests here, and perfecting a primary organization.

Mr. McCall, who appears to be the favorite of local Republicans, is being opposed in the primary by Mr. Monroe Adams, of Statesville, who filed after the congressional convention had gone on record against offering a candidate this year.

## Wataugans to Serve On Federal Jury

The spring term of Federal court for the Middle District will be held in Wilkesboro, beginning Monday, May 15, and the following Wataugans have been summoned for jury service:

John Johnson, Triplett; W. B. Castle, Blowing Rock; Geo. Roark, Villas; Newton Blackburn, Todd; E. F. Shore, Blowing Rock; S. H. Miller, Laxon; C. C. Triplett, Boone; John Castle, Zionville; S. A. Norris, Boone; Don Shull, Valle Crucis; Clyde Tester, Matney.

## ARTHUR WARREN MAST

Arthur Warren Mast, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Mast, of Valle Crucis, died last Thursday and funeral services were conducted from the home on Monday by Rev. Mr. Starling, of the Methodist Church. Burial was in the Mast cemetery. The only immediate survivors are the bereaved parents.

## STRAY DOGS ARE CITY NUISANCE

Mayor Again Appeals to People to Take Care of Dogs, in Accordance With Law

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler again calls attention to the complaints of citizens of the town in regard to the large number of dogs which are allowed to run at large, with subsequent property damage, and issues the following statement:

"Valuable dogs sometimes run at large. No one wishes to destroy a good dog. However, the dogs in Boone generally are not being properly cared for, and owners of property are being disturbed by roaming dogs, are becoming impatient and have killed at least three during the past week. Others are destroying property and are being watched for. If you have a good dog, please see that he is properly cared for according to law. Your co-operation will be appreciated."

## Plans Made For Youth Recreation Center Here

Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Merchants Association, Red Cross, the American Legion, ministers of the various churches, and Worthwhile Club met with the Save the Children Federation executive committee in the Boone courthouse on April 22, for the purpose of discussing a youth recreation center in Boone, where youths may enjoy a leisure hour under proper supervision.

Miss Elizabeth Bridge, home demonstration agent, explained the purpose of the meeting. A round-table discussion took place. Committees were approved to investigate further in regard to a location, funds and make important contacts.

The above-named agencies and town officials will co-operate in the undertaking.

## National Farm Loan Stockholders Hold Annual Meeting

The annual stockholders' meeting of the North Wilkesboro National Farm Loan Association was held in the town hall at North Wilkesboro on April 17, with a representative attendance from each of the counties served by the association.

A review of last year's operations shows the association to be in strong financial position, with reserves set up to safeguard against future losses. The association, through the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, supplies long term credit to the farmers of Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Watauga and Wilkes counties at a low interest rate, with small easy semi-annual or annual payments.

All officers and directors were re-elected. The directors are: P. E. Dancy, North Wilkesboro; Max C. Wilson, Lenoir; S. C. Eggers, Boone; J. W. Hampton, Lansing; W. P. Colvard, Crumpler; V. B. Phipps, Piney Creek, and T. R. Franklin, Glade Valley.

P. E. Dancy was elected president, J. W. Hampton, vice-president, and O. H. Bracey, secretary-treasurer. S. C. Eggers, Max C. Wilson and T. R. Franklin were elected as a loan committee.

S. C. Lattimore, vice-president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, was present and addressed the meeting, stressing the point of service the Federal Land Bank and National Farm Loan Association has rendered in obtaining long term credit at low interest for the farmers in more than a quarter century of operation. Short talks were also made by S. C. Eggers and Max C. Wilson on what this service had meant to their respective counties.

## SUPERIOR COURT ENDS CRIMINAL DOCKET TUESDAY

Number of Judgments Handed Down by Judge Warlick, as Slate is Cleared for Trial of Civil Calendar; Adjournment Expected by Friday

The trial of the state docket was concluded in Superior Court Tuesday afternoon, and the attention of the court is taken up today with the civil calendar, a number of cases being slated for trial. Court attaches expressed the opinion that the court would likely adjourn by Friday.

Following are the judgments handed down by Judge Warlick:

Doughton Williams, larceny from person, 24 months on roads.

Johnny Moretz, driving drunk and violation prohibition law, \$50 and cost.

Cecil Bumgarner, violation prohibition law, four months on roads.

Wilburn R. Greene, driving drunk, \$50 and the costs.

Joe Winebarger, abandonment. To pay wife \$12 per month and one-half the cost.

Geo. Houck, manufacture liquor, six months in jail. To work at jail or county home.

Alonzo Isaacs, driving drunk, \$50 and the cost.

Orestis McLane, assault with deadly weapon. Prayer for judgment continued for two years on payment of \$12 and cost.

Milton Winkler, violation prohibition law, \$25 and the cost.

Homer Smith, Ledford Baird, attempted robbery with firearms. Five years in state prison.

Sollie Watson, hit and run driving, \$25 and the cost.

Walter Shull, driving drunk, \$75 and the cost.

Thos. E. Sutherland, driving drunk, \$50 and the cost.

Robert W. Thomas, driving drunk, \$75 and the cost.

Marvin A. Shook, driving drunk, \$50 and the cost.

Lacy Thompson, driving drunk, \$75 and the cost.

Doctor F. Main, driving drunk, \$50 and the cost.

Roy Davis and Pearl Craig, prostitution, \$20 and the cost.

James P. Mast, violation prohibition law, \$25 and the cost.

Fred Proffitt and A. B. Miller, violation prohibition law, one-half cost.

Dillon Truitt, driving drunk, \$50 and the cost.

Fred Oxentine, non support. To pay wife \$10 month and one-half the cost.

Dennis Church, violation prohibition law, \$25 and cost.

H. T. Dougherty, reckless driving, \$10 and the cost.

Lincoln Minton, driving drunk and larceny, \$75 and the cost.

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## Senior Class Presents "The Closed Door"

The senior class of Appalachian High School will present their annual senior play, entitled "The Closed Door," on Friday night, April 28.

The play will be presented at the high school auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock. Admission prices will be 40 cents for adults and 20 cents for high school and free school students.

The entire cast is chosen from this year's graduating class. Seniors in the cast are Helen Caudill, Phil Vance, Marbeth Winkler, Norma Kerley, Essie Norris, Martha Cook, Marilyn Johnson, Blanton Miller, Ted Hagaman and Fred Hodges.

The play is under the direction of Mr. Crafts D. Williams, who has directed many of the one-act plays this year and he is the regular dramatics class teacher.

The public is invited to come out and see "The Closed Door."

The class is grateful to the Burgess Antique Shop for furnishing the furniture for the set of the play.

## Union Services To Be Held Next Sunday

The fifth Sunday union services of the churches of Boone will be held in the Baptist Church next Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Dr. McLarty will preach.

## HERO FINDS VOTING MORE TROUBLE THAN FIGHTING

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Sergeant Charles (Commando) Kelly had more trouble casting his vote in Pennsylvania's presidential preferential primary Tuesday than he did in killing 40 Germans in Italy—a feat which earned him the Medal of Honor.

## REDS FORCE NAZI RETREAT

London—Russian troops forced the Germans to retreat on one sector in Southwestern Poland yesterday, while Black Sea fleet naval planes, maintaining a tight blockade around besieged Sevastopol, sank four more enemy escape vessels, including two transports totaling 3,000 tons.