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COUNTY SCHOOLS SCHEDULED TO OPEN AUGUST 31

Board of Education Sets Date For Opening of Next School Term in County; a List of Teachers Named, With Exception of Boone

The Watauga County Board of Education in session here Monday determined that all the schools of the county would commence their 1944-45 term on August 31.

At the same time a list of the teachers of the schools was released, with the exception of those for the Appalachian Demonstration and elementary schools of Boone. The facilities for these schools haven't been completed. The names of the teachers appointed follow:

Howard's Creek
Miss Maggie Moretz
Rutherford
Mrs. Ola T. Thompson, Mrs. Wilmette R. Norris

Rich Mountain
Mrs. Ola Moretz Green

Bamboo
Mrs. Helen E. Trexler, Miss Pearl Cowles, Mrs. Lucy H. Storie

Green Valley
Arlie E. Moretz, principal; Miss Lola Mae Row, Mrs. Mattie Scatz Norris, Mrs. Kate H. Ellison

Winebarger
O. G. Winebarger, Mrs. Louisa L. Miller

Riverview
Miss Maxine Bradley

Deep Gap
Mrs. Velma M. Cottrell, Mrs. Chloee T. Story, Mrs. Grady Moretz, Miss Edith C. Walker, Mrs. Reka W. Shoemaker

Castle
L. D. Bingham

Stony Fork
Mrs. Lola T. Moretz, Mrs. Lona L. Moretz

Elk
I. S. Miller, Miss Norma Carroll, Mrs. Eula C. Cowles

Lower Elk
Mrs. Ed Payne

Blowing Rock High School
Mrs. Sarah B. Gaither, principal, Mrs. Beatrice C. Winkler, Mrs. Taft J. Lewis

Blowing Rock Elementary
Mrs. Georgia W. Williams, Mrs. Arlee J. Younce, Miss Earl P. Thomas, Mrs. Clara S. Brown, Mrs. Bessie S. Crawford, Mrs. Mattie L. Walsh, Mrs. Ethel G. Cooke

Cool Springs
Mrs. Belle G. Greene

Penley
Miss Nannie L. Morgan

Bradshaw
W. L. Trivette

Cook
Miss Almedia Bingham

Valle Crucis
Mrs. Della T. Edmisten, principal, Ernie C. Triplett, Clint Baird, Mrs. Maxie G. Edmisten, Miss Cloe Walker, Mrs. Pansy Taylor, Mrs. Sarah B. Horton, Mrs. Mary B. Glenn

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CATTLE BRING A GOOD PRICE HERE

1,000 Head of Sheep Included in Banner Sale; Building Overflows With Cattle

Last Wednesday marked the largest sale of livestock ever held on the Watauga Livestock Market, according to Lester Carroll, secretary of the association, who states that 1,000 sheep were disposed of, that more cattle were on hand than the building would accommodate, and about 50 cows were turned out into the lot.

Cattle brought a good price, considering the slump brought about when drying pastures forced the sale of so many animals.

Watauga lambs are reported as being of splendid quality this year, since 46 per cent of those offered were "blue." These were sold to Armour's for \$13.65. In some sections of the county, it is said, lambs do not run more than 10 to 15 per cent blues. The lambs which were sold were trucked to Abingdon for shipment with no loss.

The best veal calves brought \$15, best heifers \$12.40, best steers \$12.25, best cows \$11.

The management of the local market expresses appreciation to the 184 farmers who sold cattle to the 34 buyers. "We try hard," says Mr. Carroll, "to give the best service we can. We sometimes have handicaps due to labor shortage, etc., and I want to thank all for their fine co-operation."

Another lamb sale will be held the latter part of July, and the date will be announced soon.

Western Ewe Nets Farmer Over \$31.00

Mr. C. F. Thompson, of Sugar Grove, states that he is having fine luck with a herd of western sheep he bought last year, and plans to eliminate all local stock from his flock. Mr. Thompson states that from one of these ewes, he received \$26.66 for lambs and \$4.86 for wool for a total of \$31.52 net profit.

REPUBLICAN STANDARD-BEARERS



Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York, who was nominated as the Republican candidate for the presidency at the party's convention in Chicago last week; and, below, Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio, who removed his name in the presidential race to accept the vice-presidential place on the ticket. Governor Dewey flew to Chicago and accepted the nomination, and his brief address brought about the greatest ovation of the convention.



ATTENDS MEETING REGARDING POLIO

Pat McGuire Goes to Hickory as Chairman of Local Infantile Paralysis Organization

Pat McGuire, chairman of the Watauga county infantile paralysis organization, which formerly conducted the President's Birthday balls to raise funds for the fight on polio, was in Hickory Monday, where he was asked to meet with representatives of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, state health officials and others regarding the wave of the disease, which is prevalent in certain sections at this time.

On his return Mr. McGuire stated that special emphasis was laid at the meeting on having proper diagnosis of one thought to be infected, with polio before bringing the patient to the Hickory health camp, where an organization has been set up for the treatment of the disease. In all cases, it is said, the family physician should diagnose the case before the patient is taken to Hickory, and thus save the time of the staff there.

However, if a diagnosis reveals infantile paralysis, it was said that regardless of race, color or financial circumstances the patient would receive full attention. The National Foundation has already sent \$100,000 to North Carolina, and an additional amount has been asked to cope with the emergency. No fundraising campaign is in prospect, the National Foundation proposing to use the money on hand as long as it lasts.

State Health Department Intensifies Precautions Against Infantile Paralysis

Raleigh—The State Board of Health and other agencies continue a campaign to prevent further spread of an outbreak of infantile paralysis in Western North Carolina, which has stricken more than 150 persons and brought death to at least two.

Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State health officer, said that his agency "hopes to influence people in the infected areas to stay at home, and to prevent summer camps in the western part of the state from accepting children from the polio areas."

The health officer said he believed the sudden rise in the number of cases reported in the infected part of the state "is due to the incubation period which generally takes two weeks intervals."

"The report of only two cases since Wednesday of last week, may be an encouraging sign that the peak has been reached and that the decline in cases has begun. However,

LOCAL BOND SALES ARE FAR BELOW COUNTY'S QUOTA

Total Sales of All War Bonds During Present Campaign Less Than One Hundred Thousand Dollars With "E" Sales Beyond Fifty Per Cent Mark

Total sales of bonds in the Fifth War Loan campaign are \$98,845.75, it is revealed this morning by W. D. Farthing, chairman of the War Savings Staff, and since the county's quota is \$143,000, there is a long way to go before the goal can be reached.

Included in the overall quota for the county is an "E" bond quota of \$96,000. The total sales of "E" bonds are \$53,376.75. Of the overall sales \$86,846.75 in bonds have cleared the Federal Reserve Bank and been officially credited to this county, while the clearances of "E" bond sales are \$41,376.75, as of July 1, Mr. Farthing says.

The local bond sales organization is still urging everyone to buy as many bonds as possible during the remainder of the campaign, particularly those of "E" series. It is continually pointed out to the people that the war is not won, that it has, on the other hand, just approached the critical stage, and the needs of the government are great. To fail to buy bonds when possible is not only "laying down" on the men bearing arms, but is actually somewhat of a comfort to the enemy.

90 ARE SENT TO INDUCTION POST

Large Group of Men Leave for Pre-Induction Medical Examination

Ninety Watauga county men left recently for Camp Croft, S. C., for their pre-induction physical examinations. It is revealed by the Selective Service Board, their names follow:

- Frank Loyd Brown
- Spencer Presnell
- Guy Hartley
- Henry Bynum Hollars
- Linney Howard Winkler
- Troy Ray Cornett
- Haggie Watson
- John Baxter Penley
- Dick Townsend
- Arvid Frank Greer
- Lester Proffitt
- Albert Monroe Presnell
- Talmadge Stewart Carroll
- Claud Rayon Wilcox
- Barney Edward Cornett
- Ira Dean Harmon
- Hoy Lee Isaacs
- Grady Potter
- Dallas Lee Hartley
- Burley Greer Main
- Ivey Robert Moore
- Roy John Greene
- Johnnie Brooks Lentz
- James Howard Smith
- Charles William Durr
- Claude Swanson Wheeler
- Clay George Fletcher
- Robert Franklin Miller
- Bartie Newton Greene
- Burl Horton Church
- Thomas Carey Miller
- Ivey Odell Nelson
- Millard Junior Stephens
- Clemeth Blair Miller
- Earl David Moretz
- Elbert Lester Moretz

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HOTEL IMPROVED
Mrs. Connie Cook, operator of the Hotel Watauga, has made considerable improvements in her hostelry during the past few weeks. The street floor section of the building, which had been used for the restaurant rooms, with a nicely furnished and commodious lobby. The change adds much to the convenience of the setup, and provides additional room for those seeking quarters in Boone this season.

Health Board Acts To Curb Spread of Polio: Children Barred From Public Meets

Heads Lions



Dr. G. K. Moose, Boone pharmacist, and the newly installed president of the local Lions Club.

BOONE LIONS CLUB INSTALLS OFFICERS

Dr. G. K. Moose Is Installed as President of Local Organization For Coming Year

Dr. G. K. Moose, proprietor of the Boone Drug store, was installed as president of the Boone Lions Club for the coming year in an impressive ceremony at the meeting of the club Monday evening.

Returning District Governor W. A. Abrams, assisted by Dr. D. J. White, installed the officers. Other officers to serve this year are: Guy Hunt, first vice-president; Dr. C. H. Mock, second vice-president; Lee Stout, third vice-president; Dr. Robert C. Busted, secretary-treasurer, re-elected, directors, Harry Hamilton, M. R. Maddux, Dr. W. M. Matheson and Dr. W. Amos Abrams; Ted Twister, T. M. Greer, Ion Lamer, Dr. Orby Southard.

President Moose made an acceptance speech in which he outlined plans for the year's work in the club. Dr. Busted read the committee's report on the work of the year.

New Screen Installed at Appalachian Theatre

The Appalachian Theatre announces the installation of a new brilliant super-white Du-Lite sound screen, which is four feet wider and four feet higher than the one formerly used, and will make for improved vision and sound. This improvement is in line with the Appalachian's policy of giving the patrons of the popular showhouse the very best service at all times.

Red Cross Surgical Dressing Room Opens

The Red Cross surgical dressing rooms will be reopened Tuesday of next week, and thereafter will remain open each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock. Volunteer workers for rolling the bandages are urgently needed.

Knitters are also wanted by the Red Cross to complete the September quota of four turtle-neck sweaters. All those who have sweaters on hand are asked to complete them immediately, as they are needed at once for the men in the armed services. All those who would like to knit are asked to get material.

Appalachian Theatre Closes to Children

In an effort to co-operate fully with the county health department in its efforts to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis, the management of the Appalachian Theatre states that until further notice the playhouse will be closed to children under 16 years of age. Manager Norman also states that the same ruling is in effect at the Yonahlossee Theatre, Blowing Rock, which is under Appalachian ownership.

Mr. Norman states that through the air conditioning system the local playhouse is disinfected every day for the safety of its patrons, and that the seats are thoroughly disinfected each day.

NO POLIO AT LOCAL HOSPITAL
There are no cases of infantile paralysis at the local hospital, it is revealed Wednesday morning, and it is stated that no patient is admitted without an examination by his or her physician.

Fourth of July Celebration Cancelled by Sponsors After Health Department Forbids Children Under 16 Years Attending Public Gatherings: Schools Closed in Boone; Symptoms of Polio Are Given

With five cases of infantile paralysis reported in the county, the board of health met Monday afternoon on call of Chairman W. C. Greene, and resolutions were passed forbidding children under 16 years from attending public gatherings, closing the Boone Demonstration summer school, the Blowing Rock swimming pool, and urging parents to become acquainted with the symptoms of the disease, in order to prevent its further spread in this section.

Following action of the board the sponsors of the Fourth of July celebration called off the event, knowing that large numbers of children would surely attend, and while little time was left to publicize the cancellation of the patriotic rally, the considerable number of people who came to town gradually went away when the news was passed around through circulars and by word of mouth.

Those Afflicted

Those whose illness has been diagnosed as infantile paralysis are: Rayborn Taylor, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor, of Shulls Mills; Annette Miller, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Miller, of Stony Fork; Willie Geneva Greene, 14 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Greene, of Boone Route 2; Pauline Parker, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parker, of Laxton; Dean Carroll, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carroll, Sr., Meat Camp.

The first two children mentioned are patients at the Health Camp near Hickory, where hospital units have been set up by the State Board of Health and the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation to treat the disease. It is understood that treatment must be started within the first two weeks of illness to be effective.

Contrary to some belief the health board did not forbid the holding of public gatherings, only forbade the attendance of children under 16 at such gatherings. Medical opinion is that children under five years of age should not be taken from the home premises, and that those up to 16 should be kept out of crowds.

The Symptoms

The Health Department has issued the following statement relative to infantile paralysis, and the attendant symptoms: Polio myelitis is an acute systemic disease, caused by a specific filtrable virus, occurring in epidemics and sporadically. An attack may result in paralysis of one or more groups of muscles. Paralysis does not always result from an attack, for there may be complete recovery or only a weakening of the muscles affected.

The onset is usually always characterized by fever, oftentimes with nausea and vomiting, drowsiness, irritability, stiffness of the neck, and occasionally pain and tenderness of the extremities. These symptoms are usually present for three or four days before any signs of paralysis develop. The paralysis more commonly the legs and arms, and less commonly the muscles of respiration and the muscles of the face and eyes. There may be very little crippling in the milder forms of the disease, provided proper medical supervision is given the child during the acute and convalescent stages. Possibly 50 per cent of cases do not result in paralysis, in fact some of the cases are so mild that unless there is an unusual prevalence of the disease in the community the diagnosis is often overlooked.

Heavy Rains Visit Parts of Watauga

The drought was broken in Boone and environs last Saturday afternoon, and while the rains did not reach all sections of the county in quantities sufficient to revive the parched vegetation, it is felt that complete relief from the drought is on the way.

In Boone one and three-tenths inches of rain fell between the hours of 6:30 and 7:00 o'clock, it is revealed by Professor Julia Yoder, who maintains the weather station at Appalachian College. Some hail was mixed with the rain, and in the area east of Boone, considerable crop damage is reported from the icy pellets. In some fields, corn, cabbage, etc., was almost stripped, it is related by the hail.

Pooled Lambs Are To Be Weighed on July 14

Lambs for the lamb pool will be weighed on Friday, July 14. A letter giving the weighing schedule will be sent to all shepherms in the county. County Agent Harry Hamilton says he has some additional packing companies who are interested in buying the pooled lambs this year, so this should strengthen the market on the pooled lambs.