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CROWELL NAMED HEAD OF RETAIL GROUP IN BOONE

Manager of Belk-White Store Succeeds Guy Hunt as President of Merchants Association; J. E. Clay Vice-President, Mrs. Ellis Secretary

L. H. (Bus) Crowell, popular manager of the Belk-White store, was named president of the Boone Merchants Association at a recent meeting of the newly-elected board of directors. Mr. Crowell succeeds Mr. Guy H. Hunt, who has held the position during the past year.

J. E. Clay was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. Ruby Ellis secretary-treasurer.

Annual Meeting Held
The annual meeting of the local retail organization was held Tuesday, July 18th. Reports were heard by the president, Guy Hunt, the secretary and the chairman of the finance committee. Clyde R. Greene made a talk on the "Post-War Merchant" and a new committee was named to meet post-war problems, and make a canvass of prospective accomplishments for the post-war period.

New directors were elected as follows: L. T. Tatum, J. L. Qualls, D. L. Wilcox, J. F. Walters, Kenneth Linney, Guy Hunt, L. H. Crowell, G. K. Moore and W. H. Gragg. Clyde R. Greene was elected as state director.

SEEK FUNDS FOR POLIO BUILDING

Mayor Joins With Chamber of Commerce in Request for Aid for Health Center

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler joins with the local Chamber of Commerce in a second appeal for funds with which to augment the building fund at the Hickory Health Clinic, where sufferers from infantile paralysis from this entire region are being treated.

It is explained that the National Foundation pays all the expenses for operation of the clinic and for treatment, and makes only one appeal per year for funds with which to combat infantile paralysis. However, there are no funds from this source for building, and expansion is necessary, both for the present year's work, and as a preparation for the future. Some medical authorities lean to the belief that polio may become worse in future years, before the true facts of the disease are found.

A number of persons in this community have indicated their willingness to contribute to the infantile paralysis fund. All those who will aid at this time are asked to leave their contributions at one of the following places: Watauga Democrat, City Hall, Boone Drug Company or Carolina Pharmacy.

Pvt Arnold Pitts Gets Ammunition to Front

With the 27th Infantry Division on Saipan, July 13—(Delayed) The men lying in the ditch beside the road weren't talking to each other because their faces were buried in the dust to escape the Jap bullets zinging overhead.

They all knew two things for sure. The men up on the front needed the ammunition that was in the jeep they had abandoned on the road, and one of them was going to have to get up—and soon—to drive the vehicle on through the whining shots.

Then one of them arose, not slowly but quickly, and ran to the jeep. Bullets chewed into the road and a couple caromed off the car. But the soldier reached the machine, slid in behind the wheel and got the jeep moving.

When the four men who were in the ditch with Pvt. Arnold S. Pitts, 29, of Blowing Rock, N. C., saw him again, not one asked why he had taken such a chance against the unseen Jap machine gunner.

They knew, as Private Pitts had known at the time, that the ammo in the jeep was labeled "Urgent."

Crippled Children's Clinic Is Announced

Dr. Gaul, of Charlotte, will be in the offices of the District Health Department in Boone on August 16th, at 2:30 o'clock, for the purpose of conducting a clinic for crippled children.

Chosen by Merchants



L. H. (Bus) Crowell, well-known local retailer, who has been named president of the Boone Merchants Association.

MRS. W. H. HARDIN DIES ON SUNDAY

Well Known Resident of Route 2. Dies After Long Illness; Burial Tuesday

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Hardin, 87 years old, widow of the late W. H. Hardin, died at the home on Boone R. F. D. 2, last Sunday, after a long period of indisposition.

Funeral services were conducted from the Boone Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by the pastor, Dr. E. K. McLarty, and interment was in the city cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant being in charge of the details.

There is only one survivor in the immediate family, Henry J. Hardin, of Boone. A second son, Oscar L. Hardin, died several years ago. There are four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. One brother and three sisters survive: W. F. Winkler, Valle Crucis; Mrs. J. D. Council, Boone; Mrs. Callie Corpening, Camden, Mo., and Mrs. Fannie Estes, of Alberta, Canada.

Mrs. Hardin was born in Boone, a daughter of the late Joshua Winkler and Carolyn Pierce Winkler, and was a member of one of the county's most prominent pioneer families. She was a member of the Methodist Church and throughout her life took a great interest in religious activities. Mrs. Hardin was widely known over this region, and esteemed by all of her acquaintances.

Hold Memorial Service For Jule Welch Tate

The local post of the American Legion participated in a memorial service at the Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock Sunday afternoon in memory of Jule Welch Tate, who was drowned in the Mediterranean area while serving in the United States Navy. Young Tate was the son of Mr. Jule Welch Tate, Sr., who died a few years ago.

The service was very impressive and appropriate. The service was attended by members of the American Legion, a host of friends and near relatives. There was a very beautiful display of flowers.

Young Mr. Tate was an outstanding boy from the Blowing Rock section, who gave his all that others might live in peace and security. Young Tate was only 18 years of age, having volunteered his services to the country which he loved and cherished.

It is hoped that every community in the county will do as Blowing Rock has done, do honor to service men who give their lives that America may remain free.

On Friday, July 28, funeral services were held in the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church for Master Sgt. Harry C. Ward, who died in a Texas army camp. Sgt. Ward had been in the army for 19 years. He was a brother to the late Charlie Ward, of Blowing Rock.

Prizes Are Given in War Bond Sale Contest

The Boone Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce have announced the prize-winners in the Fifth War Loan Bond sale conducted through local retail stores.

Mrs. W. R. Richardson, who sold 39 individual bonds, received the first prize of a \$25 war bond; Miss Delcie Welch came second, and won \$10 in stamps for having sold bonds to 28 persons; Mrs. Dean Cook, third, made 20 sales and received \$5 in war stamps.

Mrs. H. D. Jones and Miss Theresa Brown received honorable mention. Mrs. Jones sold 19 bonds and Miss Brown 11.

REYNOLDS ASKS DELAY IN OPENING OF ALL SCHOOLS

Head of State Department of Health Makes Recommendation Because of Polio Situation; Would Apply to All Counties

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, last night recommended that opening of all public schools be delayed until mid-September because of the current infantile paralysis epidemic, which reached 427 active cases yesterday with the report of eight new cases.

Most of the state schools were scheduled to open about Sept. 1.

In a letter to all county health officers, Dr. Reynolds said that should the situation improve "beyond expectation," the recommendation could possibly be changed. However, he added, "if the situation should be discouraging the postponement might best be extended two additional weeks."

County health officers were requested to contact local boards of education and convey the recommendation so that all counties will receive uniform recommendations and may follow a uniform policy, he said.

Applies To All Counties

The recommendation, Dr. Reynolds said, applies to counties which have not yet reported cases of infantile paralysis, because "we feel that this policy will pay in the long run and that its adoption by all counties simultaneously will eliminate confusion."

The health officer cited the fact that in the last major epidemic (1935), 81 cases of infantile paralysis were reported in August. However, he added, the 1935 epidemic started in May, while the current outbreak began in June.

"In addition we know now that convalescent patients frequently have infectious stools for 30 days or more after onset. The school group, of course, is made up largely of children of the more susceptible ages."

"Therefore, the possibility remains that August, 1944, will be as heavy or heavier than August, 1935. Since most of the state's schools will either be in operation during September, or will start, we believe it a sound policy to delay the openings until all danger has passed."

Mr. Mast Attends Meeting of County Welfare Officials

David P. Mast, Watauga county welfare superintendent, is among the 28 county welfare heads in North Carolina asked by the State Department of Public Welfare to attend a four-day refresher course in Raleigh this week. The course is given as part of the state department's program of staff development.

Among the subjects studied are relationships of county welfare departments with other agencies; interpretation of the program to the public; financial, statistical and mental testing procedures; work with negro families; child welfare problems; public assistance, and staff development.

Six Cases of Typhoid in One County Family

The Health Department states that there is now a family in Watauga county, in which there are six cases of typhoid, two of these having developed during the past week.

Health officials continue to urge those who haven't yet been vaccinated to become immunized at the earliest opportunity. Those desiring the typhoid vaccine should present themselves at the Health Department on Monday and Saturday mornings.

Preachers and Deacons Will Gather Monday

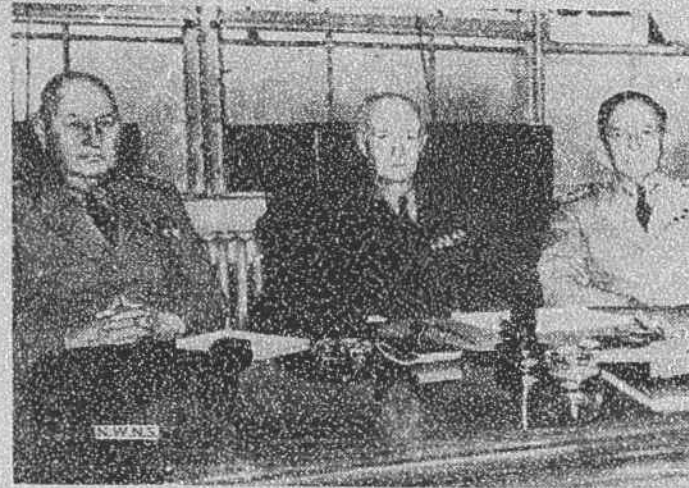
The following program for the preachers' and deacons' conference to be held at the Boone Baptist Church on August 8, at 2:30 p. m., has been released by Rev. Lawrence Hagaman, of the program committee:

Devotional—H. E. Nash.
Discussion—"Are You Baptized or Born into the Church," by Rev. Byrum Trivett.

"How Does the Death of Christ Save us?" by Rev. Grady Hamby.
"Fundamental Doctrines of the Church," by Rev. W. C. Payne.

"Is the Church Growing More Spiritual?" Open discussion.

Pearl Harbor Board of Inquiry



Members of the board of inquiry ordered by the secretary of the navy to inquire into the circumstances surrounding Pearl Harbor attack have started work. Admiral Orin G. Murfin, U.S.N., retired, president of the court (center); Admiral Edward Kalbfus, U.S.N., retired (left); and Vice Admiral Adolphus Andrews, U.S.N., retired, (right).

Summer School at Appalachian College Unusual in Many Respects

Captured by Nazis



Sgt. John E. Guy, son of Mrs. Myrtle Parks of Reese, who has been a prisoner of Germany since he was wounded on April 22. Sgt. Guy, who was a waist gunner on a bomber, suffered a broken left leg when he baled from his plane, but information received by his mother indicates that he is doing well.

POOLED LAMBS IN COUNTY ARE SOLD

Swift & Co. Buys Second Lamb Pool: Will Be Weighed Up on Friday, Saturday

The lambs included in the second Watauga county lamb pool will be weighed up on Friday and Saturday of this week, and have been sold to Swift & Co., to be delivered and weighed at West Jefferson. H. M. Hamilton, county farm agent, gives out the following prices which have been received for the lambs:

Blues 14c, blue bucks 13c, reds \$12.50, red bucks, \$11.50, medium \$10.50, medium bucks \$9.50.

The lambs will be taken up at the different scales as announced in a letter to the farmers from the county agent under date of July 26.

Auto and Quantity of White Liquor Seized

Deputy Sheriff Wiley Day and Patrolman Miles Jones seized a 1941 Pontiac coupe at Blowing Rock Saturday morning, took over its cargo of 13 gallons of blockade whiskey and arrested its occupants, Gurney Hamby, Doris Williams and Frank Washington, the latter colored.

The case was turned over to the A. T. U. and the trio were tried before Commissioner S. C. Eggers and bound to Federal court. The automobile was confiscated by the government.

Combination Hunting, Fishing License Ready

Combination hunting and fishing licenses are now available at the usual places in the county, according to Walter Edmisten, county game warden.

These licenses cover hunting and fishing privileges until July 31, 1945.

NO LIFTING OF QUARANTINE AS TO POLIO SEEN

Health Department Urges Strict Observance of Quarantine Rules to Prevent Recurrence of Polio; No New Cases Are Reported in County

The District Health Department Wednesday stated that with not a single new case of infantile paralysis reported for days, it is felt that the epidemic is fairly well under control in this immediate section but there was no intimation that the quarantine regulations, barring children from gatherings and from street crowds, would be lifted at once, lest there might be a recurrence of the epidemic.

The authorities feel that we have been extremely lucky in Watauga county to have had only the 14 cases of polio, and believe that adherence to quarantine rules has kept down the spread of the disease. At any rate, the Health Department will give official notice when it deems it wise to lift the quarantine. Until then the continued co-operation of the people is asked in keeping the children at home.

LOCAL SALES 'E' BONDS FALL SHORT

Fifth War Loan Closes With Watauga Far Over Top in Overall Quota

The Fifth War Loan campaign came to a close last Saturday with Watauga county far over the top in its overall quota, but lagging behind in the sale of E bonds to the amount of slightly more than \$22,000.

Mr. W. D. Farthing, chairman of the war savings staff, states that the total sales amount to \$280,227.75, whereas the overall quota was only \$143,000. However, the quota included sales of \$96,000 in E series bonds. Actual sales in this bracket have been \$73,747.75, making the county fall behind \$22,252.25 in sales of E bonds.

Mr. Farthing takes occasion to thank all the people of the county, both canvassers and buyers, for their splendid work in connection with the Fifth War Loan.

STATE LAGS IN E BOND SALES

Winston-Salem, July 31—E bond sales to North Carolinians in the Fifth War Loan jumped upward by \$1,500,000 Saturday. State War Finance Chairman C. T. Leinbach announced yesterday, and meanwhile reports of a heavy flow of last-day orders to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond kept alive hopes that the \$39,000,000 E bond quota may be reached. The campaign closed Friday.

As of Saturday, Leinbach said, E bond purchases totaled \$33,800,000, leaving the state \$5,200,000 short of its goal.

However, all sales reported thru Saturday will count, and Leinbach said that the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond had advised him that it "had a tremendous volume of orders" that might require several days to tabulate.

Several county chairmen indicated that orders sent in Monday would put their campaigns over the top, the state bond head declared.

Dr. Abrams Attends National Lions Meeting

Dr. W. Amos Abrams, former governor of District 3-A, Lions International, and member of the faculty of Appalachian College, is in Chicago this week, attending the 28th annual meeting of the National Lions organization. Mrs. Abrams accompanied her husband.

D. A. Skeen, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was slated to be elected president of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the closing session of the convention today.

Current Meat Points Continue Until Aug. 13

Current point values on all rationed meats and dairy products will be continued until at least Aug. 13, the office of price administration announced Friday.

The decision was in effect a postponement for two weeks of the war food administration's recent directive ordering OPA to remove most beef steaks and roasts from rationing by Aug. 1. The directive also authorized restoration of point values to pork loins and hams.