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COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE SET TO OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 18

Board of Education Delays Opening of Schools in Line With Suggestion of State Health Department; Is Further Precaution Against Polio

The Watauga county schools will open on September 18, rather than August 31, it was revealed Monday by County Superintendent S. F. Horton, who stated that the new date was set in compliance with a suggestion by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, who asked all counties to defer openings of schools because of the current infantile paralysis epidemic.

Dr. Reynolds stated that should the situation improve beyond expectation the recommendation for postponement of school openings could be changed, but that if the situation should be discouraging the postponement might best be extended two additional weeks.

The health officer made his recommendations apply to every county in the state, stating that he thought this policy would pay in the long run and eliminate confusion.

ANDREW BLAIR DIES ON FRIDAY

Former Teacher and Lumberman Succumbs to Long Illness; Rites Sunday

Andrew Dudley Blair, 76, lumberman and farmer of the Hodges Gap community, died at his home Friday morning, Aug. 4, at 6 o'clock, following a critical illness of several months.

Mr. Blair became ill early in the summer of 1943. He spent some time in City Hospital in Winston-Salem, where he underwent an operation, returning home the latter part of the summer. His health was slightly improved for a time, but he later was confined to his bed and since Christmas of last year he was quite ill.

The funeral was held at the home Sunday afternoon, Aug. 6, at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. J. D. Rankin was in charge of the service and was assisted by Dr. B. B. Dougherty. Burial was in the Boone cemetery.

Pallbearers were Fred W. Winkler, Jack Gragg, Elbert, Tom and Ernest Vannoy and Leon Day.

Flower girls were Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. R. F. Greene, Mrs. Birdie Smith, Mrs. J. C. Hauser, Mrs. Leon Day, Mrs. Tom Vannoy, Mrs. A. E. Vannoy, Mrs. Myrtle Miller, Misses Eula Oakes, Virginia Hodges and Mollie Hodges. Mrs. Earl Blackburn and Miss Kathleen Greer.

Mr. Blair was born in Caldwell county Sept. 4, 1867. He attended Skyland Institute, at Blowing Rock, Globe Academy and Catawba College. For some time in early life he taught school in the Caldwell and Watauga county schools and later and as long as his health permitted engaged in lumbering and farming. He was a member of the Boone Methodist Church.

Mr. Blair was twice married. The first time he was married to Miss Lula Hodges, who lived for only a short time. Later he was married to Miss Josephine Norris. She died early in 1942.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Harvey Dinkins, 2300 Lyndhurst avenue, Winston-Salem; two sons, Fred B. Blair, of the home, and Miles Paul Blair, Wilmington, Del.; three grandchildren; five sisters, Mrs. W. H. McGuire and Mrs. T. B. Moore, both of Boone; Mrs. George M. Sudderth, Blowing Rock; Mrs. George Merriman, Lake Como, Pa.; and Mrs. J. T. E. Williams, Jonesboro, Tenn.; and one brother, George F. Blair, Fort Myers, Fla.

Final Report Made On Fifth War Loan In Watauga County

Mr. W. D. Farthing, chairman of the local War Savings Staff, has received final clearance reports from the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, indicating that Watauga county more than doubled its overall quota in the Fifth War Loan, but fell short of its E bond quota by nearly \$11,000.

The figures show that total sales of bonds here were \$291,316.50, against a quota of \$143,000. Total sales of E bonds were \$85,036.50. The quota in this bracket was \$96,000.

'Mail Early' Poster



Early Christmas mailing for troops overseas was started with the unveiling of the above giant color reproduction of the official war department 1944 "mail early" poster.

MRS. MORETZ IS DEAD AT AGE 98

Aged Resident of Meat Camp Township Succumbs; Funeral This Afternoon

Mrs. Ellen Moretz, 98, widow of the late Joseph L. Moretz, prominent Meat Camp resident, died at her home Monday night.

The funeral will be conducted from Mount Zion Lutheran Church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. Hoke Ritchie, the pastor, assisted by Rev. Edwin Troutman, of Boone, and probably Dr. Monroe, of Hickory, and Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, of Salisbury. Burial will be in the Old Mount Pleasant church cemetery.

"Aunt Ellen," as she was widely and affectionately known, became a Christian at the age of 13. In 1896, when Mount Zion Lutheran Church was organized, she removed her membership from Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church and became a charter member of Mt. Zion, with the success of which she had much to do, remaining a faithful and steadfast member to the end.

Mrs. Moretz was a daughter of William and Elizabeth Miller, pioneer Meat Camp residents, and most of her life was spent in Meat Camp township. For the last few years she had lived in Hickory, only recently coming back to Boone to visit and become seriously ill.

Mrs. Moretz was a young woman during the War Between the States, and during the difficult reconstruction period following, she developed the philosophy that behind every dark cloud the sun was shining and that if the little things of life were attended to, the major problems would be few. She was ever present in the homes of neighbors in times of sickness and distress to help and console and had lightened the burden of hundreds. She also was keenly interested in world and community affairs. Even during her last hours she inquired of the war and expressed the hope that soon the conflict could end and that our boys might return home in peace.

Mrs. Moretz is survived by four sons, all prominent business men of their respective communities: J. Monroe and Poley W., of Boone; McCoy, of Charlotte, and Leonard, of Wynne, Ark. The only daughter, Ida Candis, died in infancy; Tilden in childhood; Edward, Meat Camp merchant, died in 1927, and Alfred, prominent Hickory business and textile man died two years ago. Also surviving are 30 grandchildren, 72 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family has lost a kind and gentle mother, and the church has lost a faithful and staunch member, and the state a beloved and useful citizen.

Hamilton Is Head Of United War Fund Campaign in County

Mr. H. M. Hamilton, Jr., has been named chairman of the United War Fund for Watauga county. This fund was as the case last year, contributes to 19 war agencies, and dollars contributed to this cause will travel into 91 countries and major geographical areas on six continents, touching an estimated 60,000,000 people.

Mr. Hamilton explains that 46½ cents out of every dollar goes for our own armed forces.

The campaign is to open in October, and it is asked that local people plan to give generously, for our own and for our allies. The complete list of those who will take part in the local phase of the campaign will be given at an early date.

TEN WATAUGA MEN INDUCTED; MANY SENT FOR TESTS

Sixty-six Registrants Go For Pre-Induction Physical Examinations; a List of Those Called Issued by Selective Service Board

Ten Watauga county men have reported at an induction center for service with the armed forces, and at the same time 76 registrants went for pre-induction physical examinations, it is revealed by the local Selective Service Board.

The following is a list of those sent for induction: Joe Bryant Wheeler, Dallas Lee Hartley, Ransom Ford Greene, Edward Lane Parlier, Stanley Dow Story, Ray Ford Dollar, Ralph Alonzo Woodring, Burl Bingham Rominger, George William Cook, Paul Bernard Moretz. The following men have gone for pre-induction tests:

Walter Ray Welch, Marvin Woodring Roberts, Bernard Lester Tester, Clement E. Johnson, Bill Hodges, Jr., Victor Finley Winebarger, Willard Spencer Johnson, Blaine Thomas Hayes, Alex Burl Greene, Junior Russell Vannoy, Arlie Howard Winebarger, Jack M. Todd, James Edgar Reese, Finley Estes Wagner, Solomon Miller, John Clifton Canipe, Jr., James Frank Wilson, Robert Elrod Norris, Clall Aldridge, Ralph Frank Proffitt, Roy Ransom Hendrix, Lloyd Filmore Snyder, Jerry Baxter Coffey, Claude Howard Bodenhammer, Willie Haskell Younce, Robert Lee Hicks, Paul Carlton, Claude Triplett, Howard Odell Presnell, Stacy Charles Stansberry, Dorman Lester Winkler, Elmer Lloyd Scott, Walter Edward Norris, Tracy Waters Coffey, Dexter Bascom Hampton, Haden John Cook, J. M. South, Mack Preston Dishman, Arthur Columbus Moody, Jr., Andy Alloway Mains, Dewey Martin Watson, Mack Rexford Hamby, Paul Jonathan Howell, Dave Cleveland Woodring, Walter Monroe Greer, Jr., Arlys Burton Glenn, Clyde Monroe Miller, Carl Nelson Presnell, Venley L. Carlton, Charles Lee Younce, Jr., Dillon Lane Triplett, Elmer Lloyd Scott, James Claude Beach, Ralph Thomas Fairchild, Fred Henry Greene, Austin Bruce Miller, Tommie Edwin Yates, George Butler Adams, Linard Laney Winebarger, Willie Lee Watson, Dallas Wade Stewart, Arlie Cress Greene, Dean William Moretz, Donald Edmond Trivette, Silas Richard McGuire, Jones Buri Miller, Jr., Lloyd Harold Miller, Thomas Bert Swift, Larkin Harrison Townsend, Albert Warren King, A. N. Brown, McKinley Odell Stephens, Transferred to other boards: Lyda Aldeen Watson, Karl Wayne Berry, Ernest Council Williams, Lincoln Lane Carlton.

Chamber Commerce Too Meet on Thursday

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Gateway Cafe on Thursday evening, August 10, at 7:45, it is announced by H. W. Wilcox, president.

It is stated that some very important matters are to come up for discussion and that a full attendance is desired.

Arthur Coffey Reported Wounded; Is In Navy

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Coffey of Boone Route 1, received word on Monday that their son, Arthur Coffey, of the U. S. Navy, had been wounded. No further details were given.

American Troops Landed on Guam



Guam landing amphibious tanks spurt toward Guam beaches on the first landing there by American troops since Pearl Harbor. These tanks carry machines and armament to drive the Japanese into the sea as another step toward Tokyo.

SOLDIER BALLOTS READY TO MAIL

Election Board Chairman Asks for Aid in Getting Ballots to Every Service Man

Cooperation in placing absentee ballots in the hands of as many Watauga county men in the armed forces as possible, is requested by R. T. Greer, election board chairman, who said ballots have been received and that they may be mailed out any day.

An office has been established in the Wade E. Brown building, Mr. John Perry has been named clerk to the board, and will be on hand every day in the week to mail out ballots to servicemen. Any member of the armed forces at home on leave may get his ballots in person by calling at the election board office. Mr. Greer said and explained that any member of a service man's family—wife, husband, brother, sister, parent or child of the voter—may make application either in person or by mail.

Those who filed applications to vote in the primary last spring need not apply again, but the board is desirous of being notified of any changes of address of these men since that time. Although there is no official deadline for applying for absentee ballots, Mr. Greer suggests that applications be placed as early as possible. It was pointed out that a number of absentees arrived too late for counting in the May primary.

The board states that the office is open now strictly for the benefit of servicemen, and that under state law absent civilians cannot apply for their ballots until October 8.

C. S. Sherwood Dies In Detroit, Michigan

C. S. Sherwood, native Watauga, died Sunday at his home in Detroit, Mich. Information reaching relatives here was to the effect that a heart ailment likely brought about his demise. He was 68 years old.

Funeral services and interment were in Detroit Wednesday. Mr. Sherwood was reared in Watauga county, leaving here about 40 years ago for the west, where he remained for some time. He returned here for a visit about 25 years ago and bought property near Elizabethton, Tenn., where he resided for a short time. He has lived in Detroit since.

He is survived by the widow and two sons, Frank and Carl Sherwood, both of whom live in Detroit.

J. W. Beach Wounded In Invasion Battle

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beach, of Boone, received a message Monday stating that their son, S/Sgt. J. W. Beach, had been seriously wounded somewhere in the French theatre of operations.

Sgt. Beach, who was a graduate of Appalachian High School, and one of the most popular young men of the town, entered the army June 26, 1941, and had been overseas for about six months. He participated in the original invasion of the Normandy peninsula.

James Shull Injured In Fight For France

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Shull, of Sugar Grove, have received word that a son, Pvt. James Shull, who is somewhere in England, was seriously wounded in the fighting in France. No further information was given by the War Department.

SIX WATAUGANS LOSE LIVES IN GLOBAL WAR

Casualty List Grows Longer as More Wataugans Are Added to Roll of Those Making Supreme Sacrifice; Those Who Have Been Killed

The war has been brought close home to Watauga county people in the past few days, with the information that six local men have lost their lives in the different theatres of the world-wide struggle, and that a number of others have been wounded in line of duty.

The brief information available as to those killed in action follows:

PVT. FRANK T. MAST
News from the office of the adjutant general reaching Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mast, of Sugar Grove, indicates that their son, Pfc. Frank T. Mast, was killed in action on Saipan on July 11. There was no further official information.

Pfc. Mast entered the army in September 1940. At the time of his death he was 25 years of age. He is survived by the parents, one brother, E. B. Mast, Canal Zone; four sisters, Mrs. Ray Farthing, Mrs. Hugh Reese, Misses Carleen and Jean Mast, all residents of Watauga county.

KILLED IN ITALY
Sgt. Carroll B. Eggers, a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Eggers, formerly of Vilas, now of Banner Elk, was killed in the fighting on the Italian front, the War Department message said. There is no further information.

KILLED IN PACIFIC
Pfc. Roy Moretz, a resident of the Todd neighborhood lost his life in the fighting on Saipan, but no other information is available other than that he was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Moretz, of Todd.

DIES ON SAIPAN
Sgt. J. B. Hollifield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Hollifield, of Blowing Rock, was killed in action July 9 on the island of Saipan, the War Department said. Sgt. Hollifield was serving in the Army Air Corps and had been in service since Sept. 16, 1941.

He was a man of good repute in his town and county, and widely esteemed. He is survived by his father and mother, a brother, Dale Hollifield, of the Army Air Corps; two sisters, Misses Martha Hollifield, of Kingsport, Tenn., and Miss Nadine Hollifield, of Blowing Rock.

LT. ROBERT HAL BINGHAM
Word came to Boone Tuesday that Lieut. Robert Hal Bingham, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larna H. Bingham, of the U. S. Marine Corps, had been killed in action in the Pacific, but details were lacking in the official message.

Lieut. Bingham, who was a graduate of Appalachian College, where he made an enviable record in scholastics, reported for duty in the Marine Corps December 26, 1942, and entered service outside the States in December of 1943.

Prior to his enlistment he had been responsibly employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and was clerk in the Boone postoffice. He is survived by his parents and one brother, Gene Bingham of Boone.

VALLE CRUCIS MAN KILLED
Staff Sgt. William Caudill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Caudill, of Valle Crucis, who had been reported missing in action over Italy since April 27, has now been officially reported as killed, in a message from the War Department.

Sgt. Caudill had been in the army for about 18 months, and on active duty for six months. He was a gunner on a B-24, and had been decorated with the Air Medal, Silver Star and Oak Leaf clusters for his gallantry over the targets of the enemy. He was 20 years old. Three brothers are in the armed services.

Sgt. Paul Welch, Reported as Missing, Is Prisoner of Nazis

Sgt. Paul Welch, son of Mrs. Walter Welch and the late Mr. Welch, of Deep Gap, who had been reported as missing in action in the European sector last February, is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to late advices received by the family from the War Department.

Sgt. Welch was a tail gunner on a flying fortress, and failed to return from a bombing mission over the European continent. He had been in overseas service for about 60 days.

GA. ESCAPEE IS CAPTURED HERE

Sheriff Effects Capture of Atlanta Man Charged With Murder; Was at Blowing Rock

Sheriff C. M. Watson revealed Monday how he and fellow officers arrested one Jack Lance, billed on murder charges in Atlanta, Ga., and who had skipped an appeal bond, within an hour after Georgia officers had notified him that Lance was supposed to be in this immediate area.

The arrest was made at one of the exclusive Blowing Rock summer hotels, where Lance had registered under the name of M. E. Laney, and where he occupied a room, costing \$14 per day. The sheriff learned that when Lance was taken from the hostelry the management had suffered a loss of \$129 for his lodging.

Deputy Sheriff Wiley Day and Chief Charlie Belick of Blowing Rock, accompanied Sheriff Watson to the hotel, and although the message from Atlanta stated that Lance was a desperate sort of character, he gave officers no trouble. The prisoner was incarcerated in the Boone jail, and Atlanta officers have returned him to that city. No details of Lance's former activities were given other than that he had been tried for murder, had appealed, and that the bond he had given was large.

Camp Yonahlossee Aids Polio Activities

Campers and counsellors at Camp Yonahlossee, in planning their annual carnival, decided to present the proceeds to the work with infantile paralysis at Hickory. Contributions amounted to \$85 and proceeds from the refreshments and attractions amounted to \$115, making a total contribution of \$200. In appropriate ceremonies at camp the check will be presented by the queen of the carnival, Mary McCrary, of Asheboro, to Mayor Lyerly, of Hickory, who will be presented by Mayor Robbins of Blowing Rock chairman of the infantile paralysis fund.

In the Fifth War Loan drive the campers, staff and owners, Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart, and Margaret Kephart, of Washington, D. C., raised \$8,800 and put it in with the Watauga county drive.

The camp is still maintaining a voluntary quarantine under the direction of the camp physician, Dr. Evans B. Wood, of Daytona Beach, Fla.

Miss Margaret Kephart, of Washington, D. C., who is employed by the Australian ministry of supply, has been spending her vacation at Camp Yonahlossee for the past two weeks.

Pfc. Jay C. Grayson Is Missing in Action

Pfc. Jay C. Grayson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Grayson, of North Wilkesboro, has been reported as missing in action in France since July 7, according to a War Department message received by his family last week.

Pfc. Grayson is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Watson of Boone.

Curtis Glenn Suffers Wounds in France

Corp. Curtis Glenn, former resident of Sherwood, has been wounded in the fighting in France, it is revealed in an official message received by his wife, Mrs. Muriel Harmon Glenn, of Boone.

No details were given other than that the local man had been injured.