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WATER SHORTAGE SERIOUS BEFORE THE RAINS CAME

Many Residents of City Failed to Get Water Saturday Afternoon. But Co-operation of the People Restored Service Before Effective Rains

The drought of the last few weeks resulted in a water shortage in Boone which became rather critical Saturday afternoon when the diminished supply in the mains could not reach the higher elevations in the city, but even before the entire citizenship was aware of the situation, the long-awaited rains began to fall, and Mayor Gordon H. Winkler says that the rather steady downpour which continued through Sunday has resulted in a plentiful supply for the time being, but that a few more days of dry weather may bring another shortage. He insists, therefore, that the people conserve water as much as possible until the drought is definitely broken.

Mayor Winkler also takes occasion to thank the many people of the town for their fine co-operation Saturday in cutting down the use of water, in answer to telephone contacts. This co-operation, he said, enabled the out of water to have their services restored, even before the effects of the rain were noted in the water reservoir.

Reports from over the county indicate that the rains of the weekend were general, and brought great benefit to the farmers of the entire region.

COLLEGE SUMMER QUARTER ENDED

Dr. W. Carson Ryan Delivers Address as 22 Seniors Receive B.S. Degrees

The summer quarter of Appalachian State Teachers College came to a close Friday evening, when Dr. W. Carson Ryan, Kenan professor of education at the University of North Carolina, delivered the address.

Dr. Ryan's two points of emphasis were, first, the curriculum should be adapted to the needs of life; second, the teacher must acquaint himself with the fundamental problems of government and society to fit himself for wise leadership.

Bachelor of Science degrees were conferred upon 22 members of the senior class, three men and 19 women. Twenty have already signed contracts to teach. Only two have selected other fields of service.

Director Polio Center Speaks at Appalachian

Dr. Edward A. Piszczek, head of the public health unit of Cook county, Ill., and director of the new Hickory polio emergency hospital, spoke Friday night in the auditorium of Appalachian State College to a large group of citizens and teachers from most of the Southern states on the polio epidemic in America. Some of the encouraging and interesting things said by Dr. Piszczek were that no cases of polio have developed in Watauga county for the past two months; that the hospital is able to give as good treatment as can be given in Chicago; that the best protection against polio is good, vigorous health; that over a period of years, the epidemic area shifts from one part of the United States to another and that it seems to be shifting from North Carolina.

School Bus Drivers To Be Given Tests

Mr. C. E. Jones, of the state highway safety division, will be at the county garage Sept. 12, at 9:30 a. m., to give tests for school bus drivers.

All prospective drivers who have not previously been certified, should be present for this examination.

Pfc. Paul J. Carroll Is Reported Missing

Private First Class Paul J. Carroll, son of Mrs. Mollie M. Carroll, of Boone Route 2, has been reported by the War Department as missing in action. No further details are given.

Pfc. Carroll's name was included among 1,818 U. S. soldiers reported by the War Department Saturday as missing in action.

Killed in Italy



Pvt. James Archie Holder was killed in Italy on July 5, according to a War Department message received by his wife, the former Miss Edith Allgood of Stony Fork. Prior to entering the service, Pvt. Holder was employed in Lenoir. He was inducted into the service October 9, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., being sent overseas in March, 1943. Pvt. Holder's immediate survivors are the widow and one little daughter, Sandra Kay, who are now making their home on Stony Fork.

TEACHERS REPORT ON SEPTEMBER 14

Two-Day Conference to Precede Opening of County Schools on September 18

The State Board of Education, as has been previously announced, has set September 18 as the date for the opening of the county schools. Pupils will enroll on that date, but Superintendent S. F. Horton states that all teachers are to report to the central school on Thursday, Sept. 14, where a two-day work conference will be conducted under the supervision of the district principal.

Complete plans for the two-day conference will be announced at the principals' meeting on Saturday, Sept. 9th, Mr. Horton said. Teachers will receive pay for this two-day pre-enrollment period of work, it is said.

Preachers and Deacons To Meet On Monday

The monthly meeting of preachers and deacons will be held at the Boone Baptist Church on Sept. 4, at 2 o'clock p. m. The program released by Lawrence Hagaman, is as follows:

What is a Woman's Work in the Church—Rev. J. C. Canipe.
Does the Christian Have the Mind of Christ?—Rev. Ronda Earp.
What Are Some of the Greatest Evils that Confront the Church?—Rev. Tipton Greene.

All preachers and deacons are invited. Open discussion for all.

Dates Changed at Community Cannery

The Cove Creek Community Cannery, in the future will be open on Tuesday of each week only, it is stated by Mr. Ernest Hillard, operator of the establishment.

Serves in Italy



Pfc. Lewis B. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson, of Sugar Grove, who is now in Italy. He has been in service since November, 1942. He was trained at Camp Lee, Va., and San Antonio, Texas, and has been overseas since May, 1943. Pfc. Anderson has not been home since entering the service.

LOCAL HOSIERY PLANT NOW ON WAR PRODUCTION

Mr. Baker Says Entire Production of Local Hosiery Mill for Remainder of Year Goes to Navy; Possibility of Instituting Another Shift

Mr. J. E. Baker, president of the Baker-Comstock Hosiery Mills of Burlington, was in town last week, and told the Democrat that the entire facilities of the Boone mill were being turned into war production for the remainder of the year.

A deal closed by Mr. Baker's interests with the navy calls for the delivery of 1,400,000 pairs of socks from his plants by the end of this year. Mr. Baker remarked that the total purchases of the army and navy were 24,000,000 pairs of socks monthly.

Mr. Baker stated that with this huge order from the navy there is a prospect that another shift will have to be added at the Boone mill. If this develops, of course, there will be an increased need of workers to take care of the expanded output.

Most of Stores to Abandon Half-Holiday On Next Wednesday

The large majority of the stores of the city, which since spring have taken a holiday each Wednesday afternoon, will abandon this practice as of the first week in September. It was announced this week by L. H. Crowell, president of the Merchants Association.

Information received Tuesday indicated, however, that the following grocery stores and markets will continue to be closed on Wednesday afternoons through the month of September: King Street Grocery, Holler's Grocery and Market, A. & P. Store, City Market, Dixie Home Stores, Boone Oil Co., and Thompson's Grocery.

Late War News

SOUTHERN FRANCE
Five American military tidal waves surge east and north of Paris toward Belgium 50 miles away and Germany 99 miles away; capture Chalons, Vitry-Le-Francois and Soissons; threaten Reims and Compiègne as German resistance lessens; British and Canadians push toward robot bomb coast in gains up to 15 miles.

SOUTHERN FRANCE
Fifteenth day of battle for South France finds Allies in virtual control as French forces point toward Spanish frontier; Americans spear to within 20 miles of Italian border, and other columns point north toward union with Lt. Gen. Patton's army; destruction of 15,000 trapped Nazis completed.

RUSSIA
Soviets take Black Sea port of Constanta in 67-mile advance from Tulcea; enter Buzau 39 miles from Ploesti oil fields in Romania and 58 miles northeast of Bucharest; smash into Hungarian Transylvania; establish major bridgehead on Vistula River 26 miles south of Warsaw.

IN THE AIR
British and Normandy based warplanes blitz fleeing German army in France; 750 heavy bombers blast enemy targets in Czech Silesia, Yugoslavia, North Italy and Hungary.

ITALY
Germans wheel toward Gothic line as eighth army units probe mountain outer defenses in central and eastern sectors of the front.

SOUTHEAST ASIA
Japanese drive Chinese from northwestern part of Tengchung; British capture Pinow.

Pays to Advertise

Sometime ago Mr. Lester Carroll inserted a want ad in the Democrat offering seed wheat for sale, and immediately orders came pouring in. One lot of wheat was sold to Mr. Fred Baumann, of Port Huron, Mich., who had come across a copy of the local paper, and different other states were represented in the 30 to 40 replies which Mr. Carroll had to the ad. Always a firm believer in advertising, Mr. Carroll is even more thoroughly convinced of the effectiveness of space in the local newspaper.

Maid of Orleans Welcome



The statue of the Maid of Orleans, in the square of the city of Orleans, bids the American liberators welcome. Photo radioed from France is the American and Allied troops were pressing through the city on way to Paris.

Wins Junior Post



Clyde R. Greene of Boone, who was elected last week as State vice councillor of the Junior Order United American Mechanics at the closing session of the order's two-day convention held in Raleigh. Mr. Greene has long been prominent in Junior Order affairs and this honor comes in further recognition of his service to the organization.

LIVESTOCK SALE BREAKS RECORD

More Than 1,200 Head Sold on Local Market; Volume of Sale About \$18,500

The biggest sale thus far held on the Watauga Livestock Market occurred last Wednesday when 1,248 head of sheep, cattle and hogs were sold. It was the occasion of a special lamb sale and Mr. Lester Carroll, manager of the market, states that 380 lambs were sold at highly satisfactory prices. Armour & Co. buying practically all of the lambs offered.

Three hundred and sixty head of cattle were sold at good prices, Mr. Carroll said, while only eight head of hogs were sold. The total volume of the sale was \$18,500.

CAMP BOONE CLOSES SEASON

Camp Boone closed its first season on Aug. 15. Its campers all came from Jacksonville, Fla., and Miss Edja Stenwall of that city was camp director.

During the eight weeks season, Camp Boone offered many activities including classes on handicrafts, hikes, picnic suppers, straw rides, tennis, croquet, swimming, etc., with horseback riding a special feature.

Friday evening the campers enjoyed a delightful banquet, with Dr. B. B. Dougherty delivering the main address. He complimented the director on the fine behavior and attitude of the campers and wished for the camp much success. Mayor Gordon Winkler, of Boone, welcomed Camp Boone and offered the city's support for its continued operation.

U. S. TAX BILL FOR LAST YEAR FIFTY BILLIONS

Washington, Aug. 29—The nation's tax bill was \$50,106,000,000 for the 12 months ending last June 30, the census bureau said today.

Exclusive of unemployment compensation collections, state revenues amounted to \$4,100,000,000, or 8.2 per cent above the previous year, the bureau said.

Local tax collections amounted to an additional \$4,600,000,000.

JURORS DRAWN FOR FALL TERM SUPERIOR COURT



The County Commissioners met in special session Saturday and selected jurors to serve for the fall term of Superior Court, which convenes on September 18th, with Judge F. M. Armstrong of Troy, presiding, and Solicitor L. S. Spurling of Lenoir, prosecuting the state docket.

POLIO SITUATION UNCHANGED HERE

One New Case Added to State Figure is Revealed to Have Been Afflicted in June

The polio situation in Watauga county remains unchanged, but it is pointed out that the State Board of Health figures indicate there now exist in the county 15 cases, rather than the 14, which has remained static for the past several weeks.

The department hastens to explain that this case in no wise reflects a spread of the epidemic here, since the new patient in the Hickory hospital, Clara Carlton, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Carlton, of Deep Gap, had been afflicted since June. She had been hospitalized in another city before being removed to the Hickory polio center Saturday.

The health department states that seven Watauga county persons are now in the Hickory institution while three have returned home and are showing satisfactory recovery. One polio victim, Newland Wellborn, of Deep Gap, is a patient at the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, Warm Springs, Ga.

Boone Man Honored at School of Medicine

Grant Ashley, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ashley, of Boone, was on Saturday elected president of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine student body for the school term beginning September 28, it was announced in Winston-Salem by Rod Bue of Greensboro, the outgoing president.

Both student body and class officer elections were held Saturday at the Winston-Salem medical school.

Wounded Soldier Is Showing Improvement

Mrs. Ella Mae Church, of Boone Route 1, has been notified by the War Department that her son, Pfc. Ivey Church, who was wounded in France on July 26, is making a "normal improvement."

Pvt. Church suffered injuries to the throat while engaged in the invasion of France.

Returns to Duty



S-Sgt. John R. Herman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Herman, of Vilas, who was wounded in France, has returned to duty. S-Sgt. Herman, who has been overseas for two years, has served in Africa, England and France.

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Fall Session of Court Starts on Sept. 18; One Week Term to Be Featured by Trial of Trio in Connection With Death of David Guy

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Of principal interest will be the trial of Newland Dotson and Mrs. Edna Oliver Rhymer on a charge of slaying David Crockett Guy of Beech Creek, whose battered body was found floating in the Watauga River last June, after the two accused had been found in possession of the dead man's automobile. Mrs. Maggie Hicks, a sister of Mrs. Rhymer, is being held under bond as an accessory in the homicide. Blood had been found in Guy's car, sheriff's officers said, and on Mrs. Rhymer's dress. It was thought that whoever was responsible for the death of Guy had robbery as a motive, since information at the time was that he carried a considerable amount of money on his person.

Aside from the murder trial, there are about 35 criminal cases, and since the court will only be held for one week, Clerk South has calendared only 25 civil cases for trial.

The names of the jurors are as follows:

Bald Mountain: Will Holman, J. L. Miller, Millard Stephens, Chas. Taylor, Clyde Jackson.
Beaver Dam: Don Sheil, Woodrow Eggers, Hugh Wilson.
Blue Ridge: Carnie Critcher, Carl Story, Stacy Ford, James Watson, Cearon VanDyke.
Blowing Rock: F. A. Icenhour, Randall Foster, Dewey Mitchell.
Boone: Chas. Rogers, P. W. Palmer, S. S. Gragg, I. T. Barnett, Tipton Greene, Pink Hodges, W. M. Burwell, Noah Bentley, Noah E. Miller, Raleigh Moretz, Lloyd Moretz, David P. Miller, Tom Vannoy, John Dugger, H. M. Hamilton, Jr., Fred Critcher.

Cove Creek: Claude Davis.
Elk: Albert Greer, Judson Hodges.
Laurel Creek: M. L. Sheppard, Geo. W. Pressnell, Albert T. Watson, Zeb V. Harmon.

Meat Camp: Ed Brown, Will H. Jones, Hoy Norris, Leonard Wilson, Joe C. Norris, Charlie Tugman, Richard A. Greene, Jones Burkett.
North Fork: David Main, Jas. D. Wilson, Will Wallace, Mack Thomas.
Shawneebaw: Wm. Hicks, Monroe Harmon, Marshall P. Ward, Henry Baird, David Tester.
Stony Fork: Noah J. Church, Alvie Watson, L. P. Watson, John Luther.
Watauga: Ransom L. Cornett, Charlie Church, J. C. Shook, Marshall Ward, Troy A. Townsend.

REPUBLICANS OPEN OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN WITH BROADCAST

The Republican party officially opened its 1944 presidential campaign Tuesday night with a three-way radio broadcast by Governor Earl Warren of California, Dwight Green of Illinois, and Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut.

Warren called for fair play in the election and said "We want the national administration to apply the rules it has made, whatever they may be, to itself as it does to us."

Green charged that the "bosses of the big city new deal machines" dictated the renomination of President Roosevelt while the "Republican campaign springs from the people."

Baldwin asserted that political bosses have "staked all they've got to get Tom Dewey because the Republican candidate believes in honest government by honest men and practices what he preaches."

G. B. CALLOWAY

Belated information reaches the Democrat of the death on July 3 of G. B. Calloway, 82, at his home in the Shulls Mills section. Mr. Calloway had been in poor health for some time, but his sudden death was attributed to a heart attack. Funeral services were held from the Foscoe Christian Church by Rev. S. E. Gragg and Rev. Mr. Stout, and interment was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, one son and two daughters: J. O. Calloway of Walton, Ky.; Mrs. Arl Sluder of Shulls Mills, and Mrs. Robert Fox of Banner Elk.

More supplies are now being flown into China than ever were trucked over the Burma road.