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BAPTISTS NAME REV. MR. CANIPE AS MODERATOR

Three Forks Association Closes Annual Meeting at Bethel Church; Clyde R. Greene Remains Clerk of Group; Other Officers Elected

Rev. J. C. Canipe, who has been pastor of the Boone Baptist Church for more than nine years, was chosen the moderator of the Three Forks Baptist Association, at the close of its 104th annual session, at Bethel Baptist Church in Beaver Dam township last Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Canipe was elected to the important position in the church after S. C. Eggers of Boone, who had served as moderator for four years, withdrew his name from consideration.

Other officers elected included the following:

Rev. C. A. Hamby, vice-moderator; Clyde R. Greene, clerk; W. J. Farthing, historian; R. C. Eggers, chairman of the executive committee; C. J. Farthing, Sunday School director; R. D. Hodges, orphanage director; W. C. Greene, hospital director; W. J. Farthing, B.T.U. director; N. M. Greene, associational missionary; Gordon Hodges, song leader.

Miss Kathleen Frink was elected association education director. She will be located in Boone and will be on call by any church in the association for aid in Sunday School. B. T. U. W. M. U. work, or in any general way.

The first day's session was featured by the address of Smith Hagaman, superintendent of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, and the annual sermon which was delivered by Rev. Raymond Hendrix.

There was a discussion of Christian Education by Rev. M. H. Kendall, professor of Bible at Mars Hill.

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VALLE CRUCIS MAN KILLED IN FRANCE

Pvt. Bynum E. Hayes Loses Life On July 30; Had Been In Ireland and England

Pvt. Bynum E. Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard F. Hayes, of Valle Crucis, was killed in action in France on July 30, according to a message received from the War Department.

Pvt. Hayes entered the service Oct. 5, 1943, and took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He was stationed at Fort George G. Meade, Md., prior to his going overseas in March, 1944. He served in the armed forces in Ireland, England and France.

Besides the parents, Pvt. Hayes is survived by five brothers: Dwight, of Vinas; Roger, Portsmouth, Va.; Thomas, Raymond and Dale, all of Valle Crucis. Also four sisters: Mrs. Robert Banner, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Ralph Baird, Valle Crucis; Mrs. Edward Herman, Detroit, Mich.; and Miss Carolyn Hayes, of Valle Crucis.

Dr. Lawrence H. Coffey, Well Known Here, Dies In Lincoln Hospital

Dr. Lawrence H. Coffey, 69, who had a number of relatives in Boone and in the county, and who was well known here, died in a Lincoln hospital Sunday, after suffering a stroke Saturday at his summer home in Blowing Rock.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at Waxhaw, where the physician lived, and interment was in the Coffey cemetery near Colettsville.

Dr. Coffey was a prominent physician and a leader in religious affairs. He was in apparent good health last week when he went to his cottage near Blowing Rock, but did not rally from the stroke suffered Saturday.

The deceased is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Archie King, Orlando, Fla.; two sons, Capt. Jack Coffey, San Antonio, Texas; William H. Coffey, Charlotte; one brother, C. D. Coffey, North Wilkesboro, and three grandchildren.

Paul J. Carroll Is German Prisoner

Private Paul J. Carroll, son of Mrs. Mollie M. Carroll, of Boone Route 2, is listed as a prisoner of war in Germany.

Last week Private Carroll was reported to have been missing in action.

Scene of Associational Gathering



Bethel Baptist Church where the Three Forks Baptist Association held a two-day session last week. One of the largest crowds in many years attended the meetings.

Moderator



REV. J. C. CANIPE

MINISTERS FLAY SLOT MACHINES

Say Many of the Illegal Devices Are Being Operated in the County

The ministers of the Three Forks Baptist Association, in session in Boone Monday, stated that "slot machines are in full operation in the town of Boone and over the county," and called upon officers of the law in Boone and in the county to enforce the statutes against these devices.

The resolutions passed in this connection, and which were signed by a committee composed of J. C. Canipe, Lawrence Hagaman and G. M. Watson, are as follows:

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the law-abiding citizens of Watauga county, that slot machines are in full operation in the town of Boone and over the county, and whereas, this is a flagrant violation of the laws of our state, and the moral laws of our God, we the preachers of Three Forks Association, in regular meeting Monday, September 4, 1944, by unanimous motion do pass the following resolution:

1. We deplore the situation in regard to these slot machines and call on all good citizens to make their protest known to the officers of the law.

2. We call upon the duly constituted officers of the state and the county and the town, to do their duty on this matter at once; that we particularly expect our mayor of the town of Boone, and our police force to clean up the slot machines in our town; that we further call on the sheriff of our county and his assistants to check all places where these machines are in operation, and confiscate them according to law.

3. That a copy of these resolutions go to our local paper and the officers whose responsibilities it is to protect law-abiding citizens against such outrages.

Friday Last Day For Lunch Room Canning

The canning of foods for the Boone school lunch room will close Friday, and those having vegetables to be canned for the benefit of the children are asked to bring them in Friday morning so that they may be processed during the day.

Mrs. Grady Moretz and her corps of workers have canned about 1,200 quarts for the local lunch room during the season, and Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, chairman of the lunch room committee, wishes to express appreciation for the fine work done by these people. She also thanks the many patrons of the school for the foods they have furnished for processing.

Patrons who have promised to supply canned food for the lunch room are asked to have it ready so that it may be picked up within the next few days. This food, together with that processed at the cannery, Mrs. Holshouser believes, will be sufficient to furnish the local lunch room during the coming year. Each patron of the school had been asked to furnish at least 10 quarts of food.

Local Insurance Man Wins Trip to Beach

Mr. C. T. Stanley, popular agent for the Occidental Life Insurance Co., has won a week's fishing trip to Wrightsville Beach, N. C., for producing more sales than anyone else in his agency for the month of August.

This is the second prize won by Mr. Stanley since his appointment by the Occidental Life Insurance Co. last February, the other being a \$50 war bond, for maintaining the best record of any agency with the company for the month of March.

LEGION ASKS FULL AID IN GATHERING PAPER FOR DRIVE

Plans Near Completion for Intensive Campaign to Gather Critical Material; Boy Scouts to Gather the Paper in Town of Boone

The American Legion committee on collecting scrap paper in Watauga county has about completed details on how to get the material in the proper channels.

Ralph G. Greer, chairman of the committee, has been conferring with Scoutmasters in Boone and Blowing Rock, also Mr. S. F. Horton in regard to putting the campaign across. Mr. Greer feels that the help of these men and with the co-operation of all citizens in Watauga, the campaign will go over the top just like all others have. "I feel like everybody is more than anxious to help in any way possible to aid in supporting the war effort and to help bring into effect the means which are necessary to carry the many thousands of items to our boys who are doing a splendid job in beating the enemy," Mr. Greer states. "We need all the scrap paper, cardboard and other paper products that can be had to make into containers to carry the many items to the fighting fronts. We have quit calling it waste paper—there should be no waste paper now. Scrap paper is the more appropriate term."

The American Legion is asking the people of the entire county to please look around your places of business and your homes and gather up all the scrap paper, cardboard and magazines that can be found and have them ready when the time comes to send them into the places which will be designated at a later date.

Scoutmaster Quincey of Troop 41, Boone, plans to have his Boy Scouts collect the material in Boone Sunday, Sept. 24. All business men and residents are asked to have their scrap paper ready for the boys when they call, and save time for all.

Rev. Ben Lee Ray, Scoutmaster of the Blowing Rock Troop, has already been gathering scrap paper and has a large collection on hand. However, he plans to make another special drive on the 15th. Mr. Greer asks business men and citizens to aid the Scouts in collecting this material. Please have all the paper, magazines and cardboard ready when the boys call on the 24th.

Lions Club Joins in Scrap Paper Drive

The Boone Lions Club has accepted the invitation of the American Legion to join with it in the mammoth paper drive to be concluded on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 24. Committees of Lions will meet with Legion committees to work out details. All residents of Boone are asked to have paper, magazines and cardboard bundled and placed on the front porch by 2:30 Sunday afternoon, Sept. 24.

Corporal Glenn is in Hospital in England

Mrs. Muriel Glenn has received additional information in regard to the injuries her husband, Cpl. Curtis N. Glenn, sustained in France on July 20. Cpl. Glenn stated in his letter to Mrs. Glenn that he was still recuperating at a hospital somewhere in England. He escaped a direct hit when an 88-mm. shell hit his dugout, causing a cavern, but sustained a sprained back that necessitated hospitalization.

Sgt. J. W. Beach to Be Back in Action Soon

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beach of Boone, have received word that their son, S-Sgt. J. W. Beach, who was seriously wounded in action in the battles for France, is recovering, and expects to be back with his division in the next few weeks. His injuries, it was explained, consisted largely of shrapnel wounds in one hip.

Pvt. Gene Ragan Missing in Action

Pvt. Gene Ragan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ragan of Boone, is reported by the War Department as being missing in action. Neither the date, nor the place where Pvt. Ragan was engaged, is revealed in the information at hand.

Store Manager



Mrs. J. L. Reese, who is in charge of Bare's Fair Store here, which will open its doors to the public Friday morning. Mrs. Reese was employed by this company for five years, and in all has been engaged in Boone department stores for a period of eight years. She is well known to the people of this entire trade area, and appreciates their friendship and confidence.

BARE'S STORE TO OPEN FRIDAY

New Department Store Occupies Wilcox Building Across From Postoffice

Bare's Fair Store, which is being installed in the building recently purchased by Mr. D. L. Wilcox, opposite the postoffice, is to open its doors for business next Friday, according to an announcement made in the advertising columns of this newspaper today.

The store, which will feature a full line of clothing for every member of the family, will be managed by Mrs. J. L. Reese, who has been engaged in similar work in this city for many years.

In commenting on his new store, Mr. Bare says: "We are glad to again be in Boone. We appreciate the fine business this firm was formerly given here, and promise a complete and economical merchandising service."

Lieut. David Greene Happy To Be Home

Lieut. David E. Greene, Jr., formerly of Boone, but now of Greensboro, is spending three weeks with his family there, after 14 months spent in the Pacific war theatre.

Lieut. Greene entered the service April, 1942, and took his pre-flight training at Ellington Field, Texas. He received his wings and was commissioned at Midland, Tex., February, 1943, as a bombardier on a Mitchell bomber. He joined his outfit in Sicily, and was then sent to Italy.

"Don't let the 'sunny' Italy fool you because it is plenty cold there," he said. "Later he went to India where it was hot and rainy."

Lieut. Greene completed 59 missions and on his last mission, as lead bombardier, he and his crew were shot down over Burma. They were picked up by the natives and after four days returned to their base.

"I've been on some tough missions, but my hat is off to the infantrymen, who are in mud and rain all day. They are really doing a swell job," he stated.

Lieut. Greene was awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf clusters in December, 1943, in Italy, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross in July, 1944, in India.

Three Wataugans Are Recruited Into Navy

J. E. Hoffman, specialist first class, navy recruiter, who comes to the Boone post office each Monday, announced the names of three men who have been accepted and sworn into the naval reserve. These 17-year-old Wataugans are: Clyde Vernon Ellison, Tamarack; Dean Ray Tester, Sugar Grove, and Otto Grissom Thomas of Mabel. Three other applicants have been accepted subject to passing physical examinations and are scheduled to leave on Sept. 13. These are Jack Moody of Blowing Rock, John Ernest Estes of Globe, and Kenneth Clay of Boone.

The quota for 17-year-old youths has been greatly increased, according to Recruiter Hoffman, and any interested applicants should see him at the Boone post office on Mondays.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The stores in Boone will close at 3:30 Thursday, Sept. 14, for Merchants Association picnic.

TWO ARMY FLIERS HURT IN CRASH OF GLIDER ON MONDAY

Lieutenants Cut Loose Ship From Tow Plane When Air Currents Threatened Craft; Crash Into Mountainside in Beach Creek Section

Two Army Air Force lieutenants, forced by adverse air currents to release their glider from its tow plane, crashed the motorless craft into a mountainside in the Beach Creek section of Watauga county Monday afternoon, and miraculously enough lived to tell the story. In fact, while badly injured, neither of the men is considered critically hurt.

The officers figuring in Watauga county's first air accident were Lt. H. L. Mauck, whose home is in Americus, Ga., and Lt. W. A. Lipsie of Blainsville, Pa. The former suffered a fractured left leg, with torn ligaments about the knee, and a severe cerebral blow. The latter came out of the crash with serious facial lacerations, chipped teeth and perhaps torn ligaments in the back.

The two men, in their early twenties, chatted good-naturedly with a representative of The Democrat Tuesday morning from their beds in Watauga Hospital, and told of the narrowing moments spent when they knew a crash was inevitable. Lieut. Lipsie admitted that a rather cold sweat broke upon his brow, when he thought the end was in sight, while his fellow traveler suggested his condition bordered on "petrification."

En Route to Maxton
The plane and glider were on a ferrying mission from George Field, Ill., to Maxton, N. C., when the accident occurred. The occupants of the glider explained that conflicting air currents were responsible for their bad luck, and that in order to save the glider, and perhaps avert (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

HUNT STORE BUYS WINKLER BLOCK

Department Store Plans Expansion Soon, Says Guy Hunt, the Owner

Hunt's Department Store announces the purchase from W. R. Winkler of the building next to their establishment, more commonly known as the 5 and 10 cent store building, and Mr. Guy Hunt, the owner of the store, says that plans are now under way to utilize the new property in connection with his rapidly expanding store.

Work is now going forward on adding additional floor space to the rear of the present quarters of Mr. Hunt's store, which has been enlarged a number of times to take care of the enlarged stocks which are being carried.

Blowing Rock C. of C., Town Council Hosts To Officials, Others

Blowing Rock, Sept. 4.—The directors of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce and the town council were joint hosts at a banquet given in the front room of Mayview Manor last Friday evening. Guests were the officials of the Watauga County rationing board, the Chamber of Commerce of Boone, the Boone Merchants Association, the Boone town council, and the Watauga county board of commissioners.

F. W. Webster, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, was master of ceremonies. The address of welcome was made by Mayor G. C. Robbins, and responded to by Mayor Gordon Winkler of Boone. Dr. A. P. Kephart welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, and the response was by H. W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce. Brief talks were made by Mayor Thomas Gamble of Savannah, Ga., who was the guest of C. G. Beck; R. A. Olsen, chief clerk of OPA; Milton Chapman, manager of Mayview Manor, and F. W. Webster.

Following the six-course dinner, the address of the evening was delivered by David Owens, of Charlotte and Blowing Rock. Speaking of postwar plans and programs, Mr. Owens said, "No one knows what the days which lie ahead hold for this county or any other county; but we do know that prosperity and progress will come to those who deal fairly with their fellowmen."

About 40 of the leaders of the business, professional, educational and civic life of Watauga county were present.