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## WILEY SHERWOOD SUCCUMBS; RITES HELD SATURDAY

Business and Educational Leader Dies After Long Illness; Had Been in Mercantile Business for 56 Years; Former Chairman Board of Education

Wiley F. Sherwood, who had been active in the business, religious and educational life of Watauga county for more than half a century, died at Watauga Hospital last Thursday, following a period of illness which extended over several years. His condition had been critical for only a few days, however. He was 73 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Cove Creek Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the Boone Baptist Church, and Rev. R. J. Starling, pastor of the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church, and interment was in the cemetery near the church. The church was filled with friends of the deceased from a wide area, and the floral offering was profuse.

Surviving are the widow, two sons and five daughters: James and John Sherwood of Sugar Grove; Mrs. Paul Walsh, Mrs. Grace Bingham, Misses Annie and Ruth Sherwood, of Sherwood, and Mrs. T. H. Coffey, Jr., of Blowing Rock.

Mr. Sherwood was born in Watauga county, a son of the late Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood and Mrs. Sherwood, and had lived here during his entire life. He had been engaged in the mercantile business for the past 56 years, and during his indisposition his business was managed by a son, James Sherwood, and by a daughter, Mrs. Grace Bingham.

For a number of years he was chairman of the Board of Education of Watauga county, and did a full share toward the development of the county's present fine school system. He aided materially in the establishment of Cove Creek High School, one of the leading institutions of its kind in this section of the state.

Mr. Sherwood was a devoutly religious man, and had been a member of the Baptist church for more than 60 years. For a long period of time he served as Sunday School superintendent at the Cove Creek church. He was a Mason and a member of Snow Lodge No. 363.

For more than 30 years Mr. Sherwood was postmaster at Sherwood, N. C., a postoffice named in honor of his father, the late Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood.

## WAR FUND DRIVE BEGINS OCTOBER 7

War Campaign To Be Merged With Boy Scout Effort; Goal Is \$4,500

The United War Fund Drive gets under way in Watauga county on October 7, it is explained by H. M. Hamilton, Jr., chairman of the campaign, who states that the effort this year will be combined with the Boy Scout drive, and the quota for the county has been set at \$4,500.

"The war isn't over yet," says Mr. Hamilton, "and our people are asked to give generously, and share our good fortune with our men in the service, and with our allies."

Mr. Hamilton has asked the following to help him in the campaign:

T. M. Greer, chairman, Boone; Rev. Walter K. Keys, Blowing Rock; Mrs. W. H. Wagner and W. W. Mast, Valle Crucis; Mrs. Albert Bingham and Mrs. Stanley Harris, Cove Creek; Dale Vannoy, New River; Mrs. L. A. Henson, Brushy Fork; D. C. Coffey, Lower Meat Camp; O. G. Winebarger, Upper Meat Camp; D. F. Greene, Bethel; Stanford Creed, Reese; W. D. Lookabill, Deep Gap; Stewart Simmons, Elk; John Hagaman and Marion Thomas, Mabel; Mrs. C. P. Moore, Shulls Mills; Colis Greene, Blowing Rock township; W. S. Miller, Todd; Robert Thomas, North Fork; Miss Myrtle Cook, Blue Ridge; Howard Edmisten, Shawneehaw; Dwight Cable, Laurel Creek; Alfred Adams, Treasurer; Mrs. M. R. Maddux, publicity director.

Until Lafayette's time the Landes region in France was unhealthy marsh land.

## Gets Bronze Star



Corporal William H. Kincaid, (above) of Sugar Grove, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for his heroic service in Italy. The citation reads: "For heroic achievement in direct support of combat operation in Italy, from 29th of Jan. 1944, to 5th of June 1944, as a member of wire team, he displayed courage, initiative and steadfast devotion to duty in laying and maintaining the wire lines of his battalion at all hours of the day and night under adverse weather conditions, intense shellfire and over all types of terrain. When the wire lines before Cassino were subjected to artillery fire he reconnoitered for less exposed routes, in some instances traveling mine areas to accomplish the mission. On the Minturno front when the maintenance of wire across the Garigiano River became a major problem he laid span crossings, swimming the river at several points to do so. In many cases when enemy fire made entry into an area perilous he performed the duties of wireman rather than send subordinates in his place. His actions and accomplishments throughout this period exemplified the highest tradition of the military service."

## SAYS MANY VOTES ARE MAILED OUT TO ARMED FORCES

Chairman of Elections Board States That He is Anxious For All Servicemen to Have the Privilege of the Ballot; Cooperation is Asked

A large number of applications for absentee ballots for Watauga county men in the armed forces have been filed with the county board of elections, states Chairman Roby T. Greer, who adds that there are yet many men in the service to whom the privilege of the franchise hasn't been granted.

Mr. Greer states that applications are being received daily at the election board office in the Wade E. Brown building and that ballots will be mailed out to soldiers and sailors as long as there is any prospect of their being returned in time for the count on election day.

Mr. Greer states that the board is very anxious that all the men who are fighting in the various theatres of war, and who are on duty in the camps in this country, be given the opportunity of registering their choice in the November elections and asks that the people of the county co-operate in filing the applications for ballots at once. Any member of the immediate family of a soldier may make the application, and the ballot is mailed the day the application is received, by air mail, at the expense of the government.

It is explained that ballots for civilians who are away from home, may not be sent out according to the state laws, until October 8.

## Workers Wanted in Red Cross Bandage Work

A number of workers are now urgently needed in the Red Cross rooms for the rolling of surgical dressings, and everyone who possibly can be asked to assist in this urgent war work. Bandages are being rolled each Monday evening, also on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the Red Cross rooms.

## DEWEY TRAIN IN COLLISION

Portland, Ore., Sept. 19—The special train carrying Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and his party crashed into a halted passenger train a mile north of Castle Rock, Wash., today, slightly injuring approximately 50 persons and sending a half-dozen to hospitals. But the Republican presidential nominee and his wife were not hurt.

## BIG PAPER DRIVE REACHES CLIMAX HERE ON SUNDAY

Lions Club, American Legion and Boy Scouts Unite in Effort to Secure Maximum Collection of Waste Paper; Collectors to Tour City Sunday

Ralph Greer and Mill Greer, co-chairmen, announce that all plans are completed for the mammoth paper drive for Boone and Watauga county. It is expected that every business enterprise and every citizen in Boone and the county will contribute to the success of this campaign sponsored by the American Legion, the Lions Club and the Boy Scouts.

Last week the Boy Scouts of Blowing Rock collected and sold approximately two tons of paper, magazines and cardboard as their contribution. Leaders in the local drive are predicting a collection of 20 tons from Boone and the rural areas.

The proceeds from the collection in Boone will go to the Boy Scouts and the proceeds from the county schools will be turned back to the schools as a lunch-room fund. Every person who gives a bundle of paper, a bundle of magazines or a bundle of cardboard will thus be helping a worthy cause in addition to helping to end the very acute paper shortage recently announced by the government.

All trucks, all voluntary workers, and all committee members to be used in the Boone drive will meet at the Appalachian Produce Exchange on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 24, at 2:30. The trucks with their riders and collectors will then visit every home in Boone to pick up paper, magazines and cardboard which will be bundled and placed on the front porch or the curb. At least ten trucks will be ready, and the Legion, the Lions and the Scouts will be represented on each truck.

The following list includes the personnel of the various committees:

**Transportation:**  
Beach Keller and Clyde Greene, co-chairmen; Alvin Cannon, J. L. Storie, Charles Hartley, Lionel Wat-

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## Memorial Service Is Held In Honor of Sgt. J. B. Hollifield Sunday

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17, a memorial service was held at the Boone's Fork Baptist Church in honor of Sgt. Jay B. Hollifield, who was killed in action on the Island of Saipan on July 9th. Sgt. Hollifield was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hollifield of Blowing Rock.

The church was filled to capacity and a number of people could not get inside. Sgt. Hollifield evidently was an outstanding young man in his community according to the evidence displayed by the people who gathered from over a wide area.

The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Levi Greene of Laxton. Other ministers participated in the service.

The American Legion was well represented and participated in the service. Ralph G. Greer, past commander and publicity officer, presented the Gold Star certificate issued by the Legion national headquarters and the local post, to Mrs. Hollifield. The Rev. Walter C. Greene, a Legionnaire, presented the U. S. flag to Mrs. Hollifield in honor of her son who gave his all that the Stars and Stripes may continue to be free to fly in the United States, its possessions and on the high seas.

## Many Attend Birthday Celebration For J. E. Luther, 101; a Confederate Veteran

On Sunday, Sept. 10, friends and neighbors of Jesse Elihu Luther gathered at his home on top of the Blue Ridge mountains in Watauga county at Deep Gap to celebrate with him his 101st birthday.

There were about 200 in attendance at which time several tables were loaded with delicious food. Those in attendance were relatives, friends and neighbors, and among others were Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of the United States District court, Wilkesboro; J. Gordon Hackett, of North Wilkesboro; T. E. Story, prominent lawyer, Wilkesboro; R. W. Gwyn, banker, North Wilkesboro, and J. B. Williams, building and loan and insurance executive, North Wilkesboro.

Several Talks Made  
Just before those in attendance were called to lunch, Rev. E. C. Hodges, of Hendrix, acting as toast-

## Churchill and Roosevelt in Quebec



Britain's premier, Winston Churchill, left, and President Roosevelt, pictured when they met in Quebec for another conference of war. Fate of Japan was discussed.

## Pioneer Merchant



Mr. D. Jones Cottrill, pioneer merchant of this city, an account of whose death was published in The Democrat last week. Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Boone Baptist Church and friends from a wide area gathered for the rites. Interment was in the city cemetery.

## WATAUGA CALF SOLD FOR \$950

Guernsey Heifer of W. M. Winkler Brings Highest Price Ever Given For Watauga Animal

William M. Winkler, purebred Guernsey breeder of Boone, sold a ten-month-old registered Guernsey heifer in George Salley's Southern sale at Columbia, S. C., on Monday, Sept. 11, for \$950. Mr. Winkler bred the calf and it is believed to be the highest price that any Watauga bred animal ever sold for in a purebred sale.

This big sale was made up of consignments from South Carolina, North Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Georgia. The sale averaged \$560 on the 58 head sold.

The top animal in the sale was a cow which sold for \$1,775. Mr. Winkler's calf was the fifth highest selling animal in the sale.

## A CORRECTION

In the story last week regarding the sale of lambs in the third lamb pool, it was stated that farmers received \$15.75 for blue circle lambs. It is explained that the price paid was \$15.25. The error is regretted.

## C. OF. C. TO MEET THURSDAY NIGHT

Postwar Program to Be Chief Topic of Discussion; Pamphlet on County to Be Printed

The Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Gateway Cafe Thursday night at 7:45, in a banquet session, at which the principal business will be the discussion of postwar projects for the further development of this immediate section.

At the meeting committees will be appointed to prepare an advertising pamphlet on Watauga county, which will give an insight into the resources and possibilities of this area, and outline the inducements being offered to prospective industries. The educational, agricultural and business life of the county would be outlined in the proposed publication.

A special committee from the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce will be present, and aid in the preparation for the material for the proposed advertising bulletin.

## Rev. Mr. Parker New Presbyterian Pastor

The Rev. J. Kenton Parker, Jr., of Concord, N. C., who has accepted the call of James L. Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church in this city, will occupy the pulpit Sunday morning.

The Rev. Mr. Parker is a graduate of Davidson College and Columbia Theological Seminary. He has held two pastorates since his graduation from Columbia.

Mr. Parker's father has been a minister for a number of years. Accompanying Mr. Parker will be Mrs. Parker and their two children, Helen Heger, age 7, and J. Kenton, III, age 4.

Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian, who has been supplying the pulpit of the local church, will go back to "High Haven," their home at Glendale Springs, Ashe county, and continue his writing.

The Parkers will move to Boone about the middle of October. Until then, Mr. Yelanjian will continue to preach here.

The church will be host at a Sunday supper at 5:45 p. m., to the returning and freshmen Presbyterian students of A. S. T. C.

## School Buses to Gather Food For Lunch Rooms

The school buses will gather the canned foods for the lunch rooms at the Boone schools on Friday of this week, it is stated by Mrs. J. E. Holsouser, chairman of the lunch room committee.

Patrons of the school have been asked to contribute 10 quarts each of canned food, and it is suggested that the food be assembled at a central point to facilitate collection.

## HITLER REPORTED MAKING PLANS TO LEAVE REICH

London, Sept. 18—Dispatches from Stockholm reported today that Adolf Hitler is getting set to leave his beloved Nazis at the proper moment and make a break for safety, but they disagreed as to the means he would use.

A report in a Stockholm newspaper said that 10 Messerschmitt-164 planes were kept at the disposal of Hitler and his staff and that they were suddenly fuelled Sunday.

A Daily Mail dispatch from Stockholm reported that a specially constructed submarine, fitted out as a passenger craft and capable of reaching Japan, awaited Hitler under heavy guard at Gdynia, Poland.

## TWO ARE BEING TRIED IN DEATH OF DAVID C. GUY

Second Degree Verdict is Accepted by State, as Trial Proceeds in Superior Court; Case Expected to Be Completed This Afternoon

Edna Oliver Rhymer and Newland Dotson went on trial Tuesday in Watauga Superior court, charged with second degree murder in connection with the death of David C. Guy, whose body was found floating in the Watauga River during the month of June. Mrs. Maggie Hicks,

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At the conclusion of the state's evidence in the case against Newland Dotson and Mrs. Edna Oliver Rhymer, charged with the killing of David Guy, defense attorneys made a motion for non-suit, which was granted by Judge Armstrong, and the defendants were released. Court was adjourned at 11 o'clock, following the disposal of a few divorce actions. No other civil cases were tried.

A sister of Mrs. Rhymer, is charged with being an accessory after the fact. Solicitor L. S. Spurling, on behalf of the state, accepted a second degree charge, in the opinion that the facts in the case did not justify prosecution for murder in the first degree.

Tuesday witnesses testified that Mrs. Rhymer and Dotson had visited the Tavern, near Villas, in the afternoon of the day Guy was killed in company with the deceased, and that they appeared at the same place at 2:30 the following morning, telephoning for the sheriff and stating that they had been robbed; that two men accosting them had taken Guy into their car and fled.

Sheriff's officers the following day found the body of Guy in the Watauga River, and the testimony of Dr. J. B. Hagaman revealed that the deceased had suffered severe blows about the head, and a laceration of one wrist.

Officers stated that at a later date Mrs. Rhymer had told them that while Dotson was asleep in the car, Guy attempted to assault her, and that she struck him over the head with a wine bottle. Evidence of blood were found between the point where the car is supposed to have stopped and the place where Guy's body was found in the river.

The court is expected to finish taking the evidence in the case by noon today, when the argument before the jury will begin. Judgment is expected to be passed this afternoon.

Following is a list of the judgments passed by Judge Armstrong preceding the calling of the homicide cases:

Charles Fritchard, violating prohibition laws, fined \$200 and costs.

Stanley Love, driving drunk, \$75 and costs.

Mack H. Toler, J. O. Hodges, Monroe Nichols, John Hampton, Walter Sharp, Sam Ray and Fred McLean, convicted of driving drunk, were each fined \$75 and the costs. Drivers' license in each case suspended for one year.

Nathan Presnell, operating car after license revoked, six months on roads.

Clyde B. Robertson, operating car (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

## COLLEGE OPENS FALL SEMESTER

Unusually High Enrollment is Seen Wednesday Noon; Over 400 Are Registered

Appalachian College began its regular fall term on Tuesday and information from the office of the Registrar, Dr. H. R. Eggers, indicates that 175 freshmen and 235 upperclassmen have already registered, bringing the total for the two days to 410, or a gain of 50 over the entire year of 1943-44.

Mr. Eggers states that registration will continue throughout the week, and that the number will probably be appreciably increased by the time the registration period closes. Freshmen are taking their tests today and regular classroom work will be under way by the end of the week.

The Appalachian High and Demonstration Schools as well as the other schools in the county opened on last Monday, and a large attendance is reported.