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## MORE THAN SEVEN TONS SCRAP PAPER GATHERED IN CITY

Collection of Essential War Material Highly Gratifying to Organizations Sponsoring the Effort; Collection of Paper in Progress in County

Fourteen thousand, six hundred and fifty-nine pounds of scrap paper, old magazines and cardboard were collected in Boone Sunday afternoon by the Boy Scouts, the American Legion and the Lions Club, in the county-wide drive sponsored by the three organizations, thus demonstrating that Boone is always ready to respond whole-heartedly to these war-time campaigns.

Committee Chairmen Ralph Greer and T. Milt Greer express their appreciation to all the citizens of the community who co-operated in making the drive go over the top, and state that the Boy Scouts realized a profit from the scrap of \$78.23.

The following individuals and enterprises donated trucks to be used in the drive: Alvin Cannon, Boone Steam Laundry, Parkway Company, Farmers Hardware, Buck Maddux, Orby Southard, Appalachian College, Rex Hagaman, Lionel Watson, town of Boone, Leonard Storie, Chas. Rogers and Walter Elmisten.

The Watauga county drive is now in progress. All this week the school buses will be hauling paper, magazines and cardboard to the various schools. The profits from this collection will go to the lunch room funds of the respective schools in the county. It is expected that the total tonnage will approximate 20 tons for the town and county.

## POLIO GIFTS AID IN EMERGENCY

Chairman of Local President's Ball Committee Gets Letter of Commendation

Pat McGuire, who has been chairman of the infantile paralysis organization in this county for many years, and under which organization the President's Ball and other annual benefit events were arranged for in the fight against polio, rightfully feels that the efforts made along this line by the people of Watauga county have borne fruit in relief to the children of this immediate area during the current polio epidemic, and has received the following letter from Dr. Ralph McDonald, state chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The letter should make everyone who has contributed to these annual fund-raising appeals proud of their contributions. It follows:

"We are at last emerging from the worst epidemic of infantile paralysis in the history of North Carolina. Over seven hundred of our people, most of them children, have been stricken down by this sad affliction, by individuals like yourself, who by individuals like yourself, who have given so generously, of work and money, to the fight against infantile paralysis, the state in some measure was financially prepared to cope with the epidemic in the early weeks. Every chapter contributed freely to the emergency fund. And of course you know of the splendid way in which the National Foundation came to our aid. They have sent us \$229,474.17—more money than North Carolina has sent to the Foundation from the proceeds of all previous fund-raising appeals.

"Every victim of polio in North Carolina, regardless of his economic circumstances, has received, promptly and completely, the best medical and nursing care science could give. We should, and do, feel proud of this fact.

"Your own contribution to this good work has been great. You may be sure you have the gratitude of all good people."

## Visits Parents of Dead Shipmate; Pledge Kept

Ralph Poole, U. S. Navy, whose home is in Elizabeth City, N. C., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lookabill of Zionville, whose son, James W. Lookabill, died on a naval vessel in the invasion of France June 6, 1944.

Mr. Poole and the late Mr. Lookabill were shipmates, and had had an agreement that in the death of one the survivor would visit the bereaved parents. Young Poole kept his promise just as soon as he could get sufficient leave to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lookabill.

## Deceased Leader



Wiley F. Sherwood, religious, educational and business leader, who died recently at his home at Sherwood, after a long period of illness.

## WATAUGA MEN REPORT TO ARMY

35 Are Inducted Under Selective Service Act; List of Those Going

Thirty-five Watauga county men have recently reported for induction into the army, according to the provisions of the selective service law. The local draft board has released the following list of those inducted, which includes three transfers to the local board and one transfer from another board:

- John Baxter Penley
  - Thomas Wade Tugman
  - Claud Rawn Wilcox
  - Edmund Jones Farthing, Jr.
  - Marvin Woodrow Roberts
  - Johanna Brooks Lentz
  - Thomas Carey Miller
  - Earl David Moretz
  - Russell Dean Warren
  - Harold Lavern Warren
  - Charlie Gwinn Isaacs
  - Clark Harding Storie
  - Joe Hunsley Hodges
  - Earl Leonard Smith
  - Arthur Fimora Nichols
  - Ephraim Fox
  - Arthur Columbus Moody, Jr.
  - Ernest Council Williams
  - James Carlisle Osborne
  - David Warren Hollars
  - James Franklin Church
  - David William Norris
  - Lewis Lee Moore
  - Conley Harmon, Jr.
  - Lewis Warren Burkett
  - Max Wilson Trivette
  - Bruce Ray Stout
  - Jesse Arlen Ford
  - Junior Ellis McLean
  - Howard Cecil Cole
  - Burl Dewey Glenn
  - Cyrus Addison Greene
  - Jack Dempsey Cobb
- Transferred to Other Boards
- Lyman Herman Burkett
  - Arthur Boyd Parlier

## WAR FUND MEET SLATED FRIDAY

Functions of United War Fund Will Be Explained by Field Representative

A meeting to help explain the functions of the United War Fund to all the different chairmen and assistants will be held at the courthouse in Boone on Friday, Sept. 29, at 2 p. m. N. E. Wright, field representative of the United War Fund, will be the main speaker.

The chairmen and their assistants in all sections of the county have been invited to this meeting. Plans are being made to get the War Fund Drive off to a good start about October 8th.

## County Singing To Be Held Here on Sunday

The county singing convention will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle here on the first Sunday in October, it is learned from Mr. Z. T. Greene, the secretary of the association, which arranges the semi-annual event.

Everyone is being invited to attend.

## Czech Professor Will Speak at Appalachian

Dr. Ervin P. Hexner, noted Czech political scientist, who is now a professor at the University at Chapel Hill, will speak at Appalachian College auditorium next Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The public is invited to hear this distinguished scholar and lecturer.

## C. OF C. PLANNING ISSUANCE BOOK ON WATAUGA COUNTY

Meeting Held Thursday Looking To Publicizing the County and Preparing for Postwar Period; Committees Are Named For Collecting Data

At the Chamber of Commerce meeting held Thursday evening, a number of matters of prime concern to the community in postwar days came up for discussion, and it was decided to begin at once to assemble material for a proposed booklet, dealing with Watauga county as a whole, and depicting just what the area has in store for the vacationist, the farmer, the industrialist, the sportsman and the various other groups.

Chairman H. W. Wilcox appointed the following committees to gather material for the various phases of the publicity piece, and has asked that these men meet on October 5, to make preliminary plans for their work. The place and hour will be announced later.

The committees are as follows: History, Dr. D. J. Whitener; Industry, Clyde R. Greene; Agriculture, H. M. Hamilton; Education, Dr. W. A. Abrams and Chapel Wilson;

Transportation, H. W. Wilcox; Communications, R. D. Hodges; Recreation, H. G. Farthing; Electrical possibilities, McKinley Ayers;

Natural resources, S. C. Eggers; Tourists, L. H. Crowell; Churches, J. C. Canipe and E. F. Troutman;

Town of Boone, Rob Rivers; Scenery, Julian Yoder; Art and photography, A. Antonaros;

Rev. Walter K. Keys was named chairman of the committee to prepare data on Blowing Rock.

Clyde R. Greene spoke briefly, listing the following as some of the pressing needs of the county: Airport facilities, cold storage plant, fertilizer plant, furniture manufacturing plant, playground facilities for the children, and more homes.

Mayor Gordon Winkler, referring to the recent rather serious water shortage, stated that plans are now being considered by the city government to increase the municipal water supply.

Talks were made by F. W. Webster and Mayor G. C. Robbins of Blowing Rock. Each advocated a program of publicity to attract large numbers of tourists to this area following the war.

## Pressure Cookers Are Needed for the Use of Polio Center

Pressure cookers are now being urgently needed for use in disinfecting garments at the polio clinic near Hickory, it was learned by the Democrat the first of the week and County Superintendent S. F. Horton asks that teachers of the county report such equipment as they may be able to secure the loan of for this worthy project.

It is understood that the equipment is in no wise damaged, will be returned strictly in its original order, and those who have cookers they can do without are asked to supply them, with the thought that they are merely rendering a service to our own children right here in this part of the county.

The Red Cross would be glad to accept the cookers if any are tendered for movement to Hickory.

## Local Political Groups Preparing for Campaign

The local political campaign, it would appear, is about to get off to a good start in Watauga county. The Democrats have just opened headquarters in the old Watauga Motor Co. building on Main Street, while announcement was made some time ago of the opening of Republican headquarters in the Linney rock building. Both headquarters are being managed by full-time secretaries, and will serve as gathering places for the respective political groups, as well as clearing houses of political information.

It is reported that there is considerable activity in both camps as to giving the opportunity of the franchise to soldiers from Watauga county, and the filing of these ballot applications constitutes the principal business to date. With election day only about six weeks away, however, it may be expected that both Democrats and Republicans will soon be "going down the line" in old-fashioned style for their respective slates of candidates.

## Yanks Air Force Fires Palau



Smoke rises from Palau as planes of the Third fleet soften up Jap base. Thick columns of smoke mark bomb hits in Molokai harbor as navy planes from carriers, under command of Admiral Halsey, blast the way for the invasion which opened with the landing of marines.

## GRAND JURY IN REPORT TO COURT

Usual Report Made to Judge Armstrong in Superior Court on Tuesday

The following is the report of the Grand Jury which was submitted to Judge Armstrong last Tuesday, and which bore the signatures of Chas. C. Rogers as foreman, and L. T. Barnett, secretary:

We, the grand jury for the September term of Superior Court, Watauga county, beg to submit the following report:

We have acted on all bills presented to us.

We have examined officers of clerk of court, register of deeds, county commissioners, county accountant, and tax collector and find them well kept and in good order.

Also inspected county jail, prison camp and courthouse and find each in good order.

We visited the county home and find that it is being kept in good order. We recommend the milk house be repaired, also the home needs replastering and the stove-pipe in the kitchen should be rearranged and made safe.

The heating plant is out of commission and must be repaired before it can be used. One fireplace re-lined, one arch over front door.

All guardians of minor heirs have made satisfactory reports to the clerk of superior court except G. E. Cletcher, who is guardian of Mrs. Clyde Hodges' children.

## Local Bank Resources Reach Record Total; Deposits \$1,915,000

Resources at the Boone branch of the Northwestern Bank at the close of business Saturday were \$1,995,499.36 according to Mr. W. D. Farthing, cashier, who stated that this was a record for the institution, at the same time revealing that deposits are now a little more than \$1,915,000, with prospects that they will top the two million mark within the next few weeks.

Mr. Farthing stated in an interview with The Democrat, that a number of people have asked him about the taxing of bank deposits. He explained that there is a state and county tax of about \$1.00 per year upon an average bank balance of \$1,000, and mentioned that the rate on such amount if paid for at the county rate would be \$12.50. He stated that there is no Federal tax on bank deposits and that he has never, in his 18 years' banking experience, had an inquiry from a Federal officer as to a bank account. Books concerning deposits may not be examined by tax authorities without a court order, Mr. Farthing added.

## Local Lions Club Holds Ladies' Night

The Boone Lions Club held open house for their wives on Wednesday night of last week at the American Legion hut. Lions Paul Coffey, T. M. Greer and W. B. York cooked the ham, and that was some ham! Two men were initiated into the club, Dr. R. K. Bingham and S. M. Ayers. The Lions welcome Mr. Ayers and Dr. Bingham into the club.

Lion Cratis Williams called the figures for the square dance which followed the dinner. Lion Morris O'Sullivan furnished the music.

The Boy Scouts, American Legion and Lions collected seven and a half tons of paper in their paper drive. The money obtained from the sale of the paper goes to the Boy Scouts.

## MANY REPORT FOR INITIAL TESTS

Thirty-one Go To Army Induction Center for Pre-Induction Examinations

Thirty-one Watauga county men registered under the selective service law, have been sent to an induction center of the U. S. Army for their preliminary examinations. Their names are:

- Leonard Ray Hicks
- Clyde Webster Woodring
- Burl Lee Wilson
- Dana Roly Ford
- Jack Simmons Church
- William Clarence Greene
- Lloyd Denver Townsend
- DeVaughn Basel Davis
- Robert Eugene Hicks
- James Howard Moretz
- John Riley Greene
- Charles Melvin Adams
- Russell Jennings Beach
- Glenn William Greer
- Stuart Edward Norris
- Arnold Ford Ward
- Lloyd James Guiler
- Noah Allen Hamby
- Floyd Linney Hodges
- Wiley Burl Elliott
- Perry Bryce Norris
- Herbert Tester
- Edward Wilson Townsend
- Glenn Martin Watson
- James Clyde Trivette
- Robert Lee Greer
- Grady Carlton
- William Elmer Miller
- Henry Vance Dishman
- LeRoy Price
- Fred William Johnson
- Thomas Raymond Eggers
- Y. Frank Greene

## SHERIFF SAYS NO SLOT MACHINES

Sheriff Watson Says He has Been Unable to Find One of Illegal Devices in County

Sheriff C. M. Watson stated Monday that he has been unable to find any slot machines in operation in the county, although "he has investigated all places where they were supposed to be in operation." It had been reported by a committee of ministers that these machines were in operation in the county. Sheriff Watson requests the publication of the following statement in regard to the controversy:

"Some time ago there was quite a triction created in Watauga county about slot machines being in operation in the county. I will say I have investigated all places where they were supposed to be in operation and have failed to find any machine in operation. I found three at Blowing Rock, but they are in Caldwell county, and up to the officers of that county.

"I will further say, if any lady or gentleman finds or hears of something going on in the county that needs seeing about I will appreciate it very much if they will come to me about it. I want to thank all four your past co-operation."

## ATTEND MEETING OF AGENTS SECURITY LIFE & TRUST CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Payne of Boone, will be in Winston-Salem next Saturday evening attending a reception and dinner given by the Security Life & Trust Co. for their agents and wives, and for all those of the Security organization who are now or have been in the armed forces during the present war. The company, says Mr. Payne, has been conducting a sales campaign during this month in honor of the Security representatives who are in the armed forces of the nation.

## G O P CANDIDATES ADDRESS VOTERS HERE ON TUESDAY

Candidates for United States Senate, National House of Representatives and State Senate Among Those Heard in Tuesday Evening Meeting

In the first political speaking of the current local campaign, county Republicans gathered Tuesday evening to hear addresses by Hon. A. L. Forree, candidate for the United States senate; Hon. Emory C. McGill, candidate for the ninth congressional seat held by Hon. R. L. Doughton, and by Hon. Edison Thomas, candidate for the state senate from the 29th senatorial district.

A representative group of Republicans from the various sections of the county gathered to hear the candidates, and their discussions of the issues of the campaign were enthusiastically received.

Mr. Forree, who is known as a splendid speaker, directed his remarks against the national administration to a large extent, and appealed to Democrats to vote the Republican ticket rather than the New Deal ticket. His address was delivered in a splendid manner, was free from bitterness and drew favorable comment from those in attendance.

Mr. McGill, Lenoir manufacturer, who is well known to many Wataugans, spoke briefly, asking for the support of the people of the area, and promising that, if elected, he would be a champion of good clean government in the nation.

Mr. Thomas, candidate for the state senate, introduced himself to the audience, and asked for the support of his candidacy in the coming election.

Mr. S. C. Eggers, candidate for the state legislature, made brief remarks at the close of the meeting.

County Chairman Earl D. Cook presided at the meeting, while W. H. Gragg introduced the different speakers.

## CHINA RELIEF IS ORGANIZED HERE

Particular Emphasis To Be Placed On Anniversary of China as Republic

The United China Relief Inc., of which Mrs. W. M. Burwell of Boone, is county chairman, has arranged a complete organization whose purpose it is to co-operate with the War Fund committee in promotion, organization and activities of the current War Fund campaign in every possible way.

The high spot in the United China Relief effort will be the celebration of the 33rd anniversary of China as a republic on Oct. 10.

The committee members are as follows:

Speakers' bureau—Clyde Greene, chairman; Dr. Amos Abrams, Dr. D. J. Whitener, S. C. Eggers.

Schools and libraries—Prof. John Howell, Mrs. Maude Ingle, Mrs. Ella Austin Beshears.

Churches—Rev. J. C. Canipe, Baptist group; Rev. E. F. Troutman, Lutheran group; Rev. M. Leach, Episcopal group; Rev. Mr. Yelanjian, Presbyterian group; Dr. E. K. McLarty, Methodist group.

Membership groups, associations, etc.—G. K. Moore, W. D. Farthing—Boy Scouts—Lee Stout.

Newspaper—R. C. Rivers.

Motion pictures—D. J. Norman.

Community workers: Dr. J. D. Rankin, Dr. Ralph House, D. P. Lavietes, Boone; Miss Nannie Smith, Valle Crucis; Rev. Walter Keys, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Albert Bingham, Cove Creek; C. P. Moore, Shulls Mills; Rev. Ben L. Ray, Blowing Rock; Scoutmaster Quincey, Troop 41, Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Burwell asks all the above to do everything possible to co-operate with the National War Fund campaign.

## PLANES CARRY SUPPLIES TO HARRASSED MEN

Somewhere in Holland—American fighters of the air late Tuesday poured jeeps, men and weapons onto a forward airfield here in the first landings with supplies for the harassed forces in the Eindhoven-Arnhem corridor. Previously supply and reinforcing of this battle zone has been done by glider or by parachuting men and material.

Blind workers turn out all the cotton mops needed to keep army barracks and mess halls clean.

El Salvador ranks fourth in world production of coffee.