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REFINANCING OF CITY DEBT TAKES ATTENTION MAYOR

Mayor Winkler in Address to Lions Club Envisions Huge Savings From Proposed Debt Refinancing Program; Other Civic Needs Spoken Of

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler spoke to fellow members of the Boone Lions Club Tuesday evening and as chairman of the Lions Club civic improvement committee, explained how a municipal refinancing plan working toward the establishment of a permanent credit for the town, could net the taxpayers a saving of \$50,000 over a period of many years.

Mayor Winkler also spoke of the need for improving old streets and opening new thoroughfares. He also mentioned the water system and the need for its expansion and extension. The inadequate street lighting system was referred to, and the need for new sidewalks. The mayor hinted that a recreational center is a possibility for the city.

Lion Canipe stated that Boone is making progress and planning for larger and better things in the near future.

Lion Southard spoke of postwar projects for Boone. For the business interests of Boone as well as for the accommodation of the tourist trade, Lion Southard would like to see a golf course, airport, an incinerator, park, and railroad for a growing Boone.

Lion A. R. Smith spoke in praise of the work of the city officials in Boone. Lion Smith added that his committee was planning to add benches to the courthouse lawn when spring comes.

Ladies' night will be observed on the night of December 19th.

Clyde Greene to Take Part in State Meeting On Postwar Problems

Mr. Clyde R. Greene of Boone, has been invited by Dr. Ralph McDonald, president of the N. C. Education Association, to take a leading part in a conference on postwar problems and the role of education in their solution. The meeting will be held in Raleigh Nov. 28.

The heart of the conference will be round-table discussions in which up to 25 persons will participate informally. Mr. Greene will serve as co-chairman of one of these groups, and will serve with another as presiding officer of the group to stimulate and guide discussion. "Your task," says the invitation to Mr. Greene, "will be chiefly to keep the discussion on the track, and see that every member has an opportunity to make his contribution."

Dr. Haught Addresses College Student Body

Dr. D. L. Haught, president of Glenville State College, Glenville, W. Va., was the assembly speaker before the student body and faculty of Appalachian College on Wednesday.

Dr. Haught was here to study the college. After the study, he spoke most favorably of the institution, the location, the student body, the organization and the school spirit. Here he thinks is the place for a great summer school. President Haught characterized two of his findings as outstanding. First, the practical psychology classes, especially with the seniors, and second, the careful checking of individual students concerning matters of home, elementary and high school preparation, English and psychological entrance tests, personal interests, and future ambitions. He found a helpful, comradely relation among the students and faculty.

Cabbage Producers Net \$225,000.00

Raleigh, Nov. 20—Cabbage producers in Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties have netted approximately \$225,000—about one and one-fourth cents per pound—for their crop this year, W. R. Sechler, N. C. department of agriculture marketing specialist, recently reported.

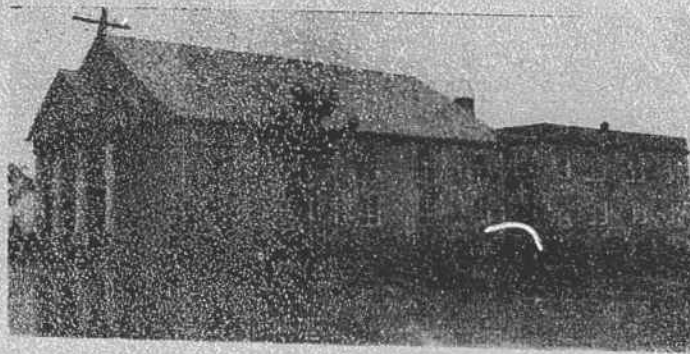
He said that 60 carloads, with 30,000 pounds to the car, were sold to the army and navy, 500 tons to kraut, and the remainder through regular commercial channels.

Flags Are Given to Families of War Dead

Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., has made arrangements to distribute large flags to families of men who have been killed in both World Wars, and states that he has already furnished about 36, 10 of which went to families of those making the supreme sacrifice in the first war.

Mr. Brown states that families who have lost sons in the war may receive their flag by presenting him with a copy of a letter announcing the death or an official telegram

To Be Dedicated On Sunday



BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pastor



REV. J. C. CANIPE

LOCAL CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED ON SUNDAY MORNING

Boone Baptist Congregation Lifts Debt From Fine New Church Plant; Five-Day Services Planned Together With Open House for Pastor

The congregation of the Boone Baptist Church, under the pastorate of the Reverend J. C. Canipe, has lifted the debt from its handsome church structure, and has arranged for dedicatory services to be held next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, inaugurating services to continue until Thursday of next week.

The church plant, which is as good and as modern as any structure to be found in a town of comparable size anywhere in the south, is a tribute to the tireless work of the present and past pastors, and the loyalty of the congregation.

Rev. P. A. Hicks, the pastor of the church during the first stages of the construction program, will deliver the dedicatory sermon, while in the evening there will be a message by M. A. Higgins, general secretary of the State Baptist Mission Board, Raleigh.

Monday at 7:30 p. m., Smith Haggan, superintendent of the Baptist Hospital, who served many terms as moderator and clerk of the Three Forks Baptist Association, will speak while the dedicatory program will continue Tuesday evening with a message from I. G. Greer, superintendent of the State Baptist Orphanage.

Wednesday evening, Rev. F. M. Higgins, former pastor of the church, will preach.

Reception for Pastor
On Thursday, Nov. 30, there will be an informal reception and open house at the parsonage for Rev. Mr. Canipe and Mrs. Canipe, in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of their pastorate, as well as their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. All the people of Watauga county, the town and the college, are invited and the following hours are suggested: 2:30 to 5 p. m. for friends outside of Boone, and all those in town for whom this hour is more convenient; 6:30 to 7:30, college students; 7:30 to 10:00, the people of the town of Boone. It is expected that large numbers of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Canipe will take occasion to greet them at this time.

Brief Church History
The Boone Baptist Church being the largest church in this area from both a standpoint of physical properties and church membership, a brief history of the church is given: The Boone Baptist Church was organized in 1871 with eleven charter members. The organization meeting was held in the courthouse and the first pastor was Rev. Wm. M. Baldwin, a man of great natural ability. The courthouse was used
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Dr. Stanbury Heads Appalachian Alumni

The Alumni Association of Appalachian College held its annual meeting in the college auditorium on Armistice day. Alumni from many former classes were present.

President Pansy Kincaid, class of 1915, Morganton, called the alumni business meeting to order. Chief matters of interest centered about the desirability of making the association more active and influential.

The fourth Saturday in October was set for the future annual meetings. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. Walter A. Stanbury, pastor Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, class of 1903; first vice-president, Sam F. Horton, superintendent of the Watauga County schools, Boone, class of 1916; second vice-president, Mrs. Lewis Hartley, Nebo, class of 1939; third vice-president, Miss Ruby Dockery, North Wilkesboro, class of 1942; secretary-treasurer, Dr. G. P. Eggers, professor of English, Appalachian, Boone, class of 1924.

Additional matters of interest were the address of the day by Dr. Pierce Harris of Atlanta; the creative exhibit contest by the various organizations of the college, in competition for a prize to the winning group; the evening program of music, folk dancing, baton twirlers, and two one-act plays. The afternoon was given over to receptions by various organizations.

WAR LOAN DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY MONDAY MORNING

Pledges Are Signed and Sixth War Financing Campaign Gets Off to Good Start Here as Business Men Gather at Local Playhouse

The Sixth War Loan campaign was officially inaugurated in this community as well as in the county, at an enthusiastic gathering of business men and others at the Appalachian Theatre last Monday morning, when pledge cards were signed to the amount of some \$15,000, and some rousing addresses were made, emphasizing the urgency of the current war financing campaign.

The meeting started at 8:30 and continued until 10 o'clock, during which time most business houses of the city were closed. Following a song led by T. M. Gear, Rev. E. F. Troutman said the invocation, and a 20-minute film, "The Battle of the Marianne," was shown. This film was of particular interest, since at least one Boone boy was buried in a cemetery shown on the screen, Marine Lieut. Hal Bingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bingham.

Clyde R. Greene, county War Fund chairman, told of the "Third Army" and what this meant from aggregation must do if the men on the firing lines are to be supplied with the things they need to guarantee an early and total victory.

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler delivered a splendid talk on the Sixth War Loan, and Dr. Abrams delivered a patriotic address, in which he followed the career of a local boy through the training camps, and the battle lines to his present bed in a government hospital.

Major J. H. Thomas, Marine Corps of Boone, spoke of the Battle of the Marianne, which was conducted while he was ill, and pointed out the scene in the movie in which one of his comrades in arms was killed.

The meeting closed with the distribution of pledge cards, which were taken up at the door. Those present each agreed to sell a minimum of \$300 in bonds during the Sixth War Loan campaign.

School Campaign On
Chairman Greene states that the campaign among the school children of the county is going strong and that the youngsters are really making a strong effort to sell bonds, and that their initial efforts have met with fine successes. The women's division likewise has its plans complete and the success of the campaign seems assured at this distance.

Mr. Greene is greatly heartened by the lack of complacency on the part of the people. Recent reports of victories on the fighting fronts had led to the fear that folks would think the war's end near and would relax in their bond purchases. "This condition doesn't exist," says Chairman Greene. "The people know that the war is not over, that much more of sweat blood and tears will fall before the day of final victory, and they will do their part in their usual whole-hearted way."

Holiday Gifts
Mr. Greene further points out that Thanksgiving is a good time for the people to show their gratitude for the freedom they are enjoying by making contribution to its continuance by war bond purchases. "Likewise," he added, "in spite of all the merchants have been able to do, there will be a shortage of Christmas merchandise, and War Bonds provide the solution to many a gift problem. Give bonds to those on your gift list... they are the perfect gift, and the proceeds may be used by the recipient in years to come, when every type of merchandise will again be available."

In France



S-Sgt. Hado Triplett, son of Mr. and Mrs. June Triplett, of Triplett, N. C., is stationed somewhere in France, and is getting along fine, according to word recently received.

Wood pulp was first made experimentally in the U. S. in 1854. By 1870, there were eight mills producing 1,077 tons of wood pulp commercially. By 1942, this country produced over ten million tons of pulp.

Belk-White Co. Suffers Heavy Loss As Flames Sweep Through Store

Missing in Action

Saturday Night Blaze Most Disastrous Perhaps in History of Town; Damage to Building Several Thousand Dollars; Workmen Expect to Repair Structure in Ten Days; Store to Open Soon



A fire, the origin of which is undetermined, swept through the big department store of the Belk-White Company here Saturday evening, inflicting a loss to the stock of perhaps \$50,000, and damaging the handsome brick building, owned by Messrs. R. I. and Grady Greer, to the extent of several thousand dollars. The loss to the building can't be accurately estimated until the materials are acquired, and the work progresses further.

The loss to the stock is covered by insurance, while there is partial coverage on the building.

The fire alarm was sounded shortly after 8 o'clock, and the fire had raced up from the basement store, and emerged from the windows above the plate glass fronts, before passersby realized a fire was in progress. Firemen immediately responded to the call, and fought the blaze diligently for two and a half hours before bringing it under control. The Blowing Rock Fire Department answered a call for help immediately and rendered every service possible in helping to combat the fire.

The flame started in the basement, but did not originate, it has been determined, from the furnace room. Electricians likewise state that there is no indication that there was faulty wiring, and certainly no short circuit. Some opinion is that a late shopper in the store perhaps carelessly tossed a cigarette butt.

At any rate the fire raged through the building with devastating effect, and but for the heroic efforts of the fire department it is quite possible that adjoining structures and maybe the entire block might have been wiped out. The fire was never allowed to break through the roof, and the steel framework prevented the roof structure from collapsing. The building is seriously damaged, and all fixtures practically destroyed.

The Messrs. Greer, owners of the building, had men on the job Monday morning, and the repair work is progressing. They hope to have the building back in first class condition within a period of about ten days.

Meantime the work of hauling away the burned merchandise progressed, and that portion of the huge stock which offered some promise of salvage was taken to other buildings. The damage from the flame and water was so severe that huge truckloads of the burned goods were hauled away to the city dump.

Meantime, information is that the Belk organization is ready to restore the store as quickly as the building is finished and that there will be business as usual in the big store in time for the Christmas shopping season.

It is being arranged to carry on business in a limited way in the front part of the street floor within a few days.

Thanks Blowing Rock
Mr. Joe Crawford, chief of the Boone Fire Department, takes occasion to thank the Blowing Rock Fire Department, for arriving on the scene of the Belk store fire, within a few minutes after they were notified of the seriousness of the conflagration. Chief Crawford says the men threw themselves into the work with enthusiasm and rendered the local department and the town a service which cannot be overestimated. All the members of the local fire department join Chief Crawford in expressing their sincere thanks to the people of the neighboring town.

Continued high military requirements for nitrogen mean that less will be available during 1945 for use on American farms, according to a report of the chemical bureau of the War Production Board.

Protect Your Home from TUBERCULOSIS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BUY and USE Christmas Seals

Opening Burley Market Season Delayed Week

The Lexington, Ky., Tobacco Board of Trade decided at a call meeting held last week to delay the opening of the 1944 burley market season until December 11, a week later than the usual date for holding first sales.

BACK FROM PEARL HARBOR

Mr. Worth Clawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bynum Clawson, of Boone, has returned from Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, where he has been employed in the shipyards for the past 18 months. Mr. Clawson is en route to Charleston, S. C., where he will be employed in the shipyards beginning early in December.