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MRS. DOUGHERTY DIES AFTER LONG PERIOD ILLNESS

Widow of Co-Founder of Appalachian College Succumbs to Long Period of Failing Health; Big Factor in Development of College

Mrs. Lillie Shull Dougherty, age 71 years, died at Watauga Hospital early Sunday morning, following an illness of three weeks' duration, which had been considered critical for the past several days. Mrs. Dougherty had been in failing health for a number of years.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist Church Monday at 2:30 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, who was assisted in the rites by Dr. E. K. McLarty, local Methodist pastor. Interment was in the family plot in the community cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

The funeral was largely attended, numbers of friends of the family coming from distant points in North Carolina and Tennessee. Business houses of the city were closed during the hour of the rites, and Appalachian College, Appalachian High and Demonstration schools suspended operations out of respect to the memory of Mrs. Dougherty. The floral offering was profuse.

Born in Tennessee
Mrs. Dougherty was born in the vicinity of Butler, Tenn., January 6, 1874. She attended Holly Springs College at that place, where she later was a member of the faculty. For several years she taught school in Johnson county, Tennessee, before moving to Boone in 1897.

She was associated with her husband, the late D. D. Dougherty and his brother, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, in the work of the Appalachian Training School, from its establishment in 1899, through its development into Appalachian State Teachers College, and until ill health forced her retirement. She had taught in the college, and for a time following her husband's death, held the position of business manager of the institution.

Mrs. Dougherty was a devout member of the First Baptist Church, and until her health was impaired was most active in the work of the church. For 20 years she had been president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

She lived a life of rare devotion to the causes of religious advancement and educational opportunity, and exerted a wide influence for good. She was widely beloved, particularly in North Carolina and Tennessee, where so many lives had been touched by her teachings and her unswerving loyalty to the principles of the Christian religion.

Surviving are four sons and daughters: Mrs. O. L. Brown, Mount Holly; Bernard Dougherty, Boone; Mrs. Roy Ruffy, Statesville, and Edwin S. Dougherty, of the army air forces, Columbus, Miss. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; one brother, E. L. Shull of Elizabethton, Tenn., and two sisters, Mrs. L. W. Campbell of Elizabethton, and Mrs. James H. Smith of Johnson City, Tenn.

MRS. MORETZ IS DEAD AT AGE 86

Well Known Watauga County Lady Succumbs to Illness Last Saturday

Mrs. Epsie Moretz, well known native Watauga county lady, died at Watauga Hospital last Saturday, where she had been a patient for about a month, after having suffered an attack of pneumonia. She was 86 years old.

Mrs. Moretz, who had lived for several years at Patterson with a son, Mr. Rudolph Moretz, was born in Watauga county January 30, 1858, a daughter of the late Thos. Hagaman and Sarah Reese Hagaman. She was married to James Moretz, who died many years ago. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and while her health permitted, took active interest in the furtherance of all religious activities. She was well known throughout this section and held in the highest esteem by her acquaintances.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Three Forks Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. Raymond Hendrix, and interment was in the family cemetery near Sands. Reins-Sturdivant was in charge of the arrangements.

The following sons and daughters survive: Mrs. J. R. Hodges, Boone; Vance Moretz, Baywood, Va.; Mrs. J. R. Coffey, Patterson; Henry Moretz, California; Mrs. C. L. Bumgarner, Fresno, Ohio; L. M. Moretz, Boone; C. R. Moretz, Patterson. There are 69 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Pfc. John Marsh is Visiting His Parents; Wounded in France



PFC. JOHN D. MARSH

Pfc. John D. Marsh, who was wounded in France on August 7, and who has been a patient at Ashford General Hospital, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Marsh of Boone.

Pfc. Marsh went into France on the third day after the invasion, where he engaged in hedgerow fighting for 59 days, being one of the group to see U. S. planes drop bombs among our own foxholes. He was present for the fall of Cherbourg, and at the battle of St. Lo a mortar shell burst near him, inflicting serious wounds to the right leg, blowing away the bottom of the foot. A shrapnel wound in the head resulted in his being unconscious for three days. Later he was hospitalized in England, before being returned to the States for further treatment.

Pfc. Marsh smilingly says, "It wasn't so bad over there." He compares the weather of northern France to that in Boone, and expresses satisfaction at having been privileged to spend some time at home.

SERIES OF FARM MEETINGS TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

County Agent Announces Important Gatherings in Various Sections; Food Production Needs; Movies, Other Entertainment Features

A schedule of farm meetings covering different sections of Watauga county, has been given out by H. M. Hamilton, county agent, who insists that farmers quit work long enough to attend the meeting nearest them.

The program will consist of a moving picture on an interesting farm subject, which will be exhibited even at the points where electric current is not available.

George G. Farthing, formerly on the county agent's staff here, will attend each meeting, conduct the movie show, and provide string music. The agents will also explain food production needs and discuss other farm and home topics so important to all farm families.

Mr. Hamilton says: "We want the whole family to attend these meetings so that every member of the family will understand what is needed most in the way of food production for 1945."

The schedule for the farm meetings follows:

Reese Community House, Monday, Jan. 29, at 2 p. m.

Deep Gap School, Monday, Jan. 29, at 7:30 p. m.

Green Valley School, Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 2 p. m.

Blowing Rock High School, Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 p. m.

Matney Methodist Church, Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 2 p. m.

Valle Crucis School, Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p. m.

Bamboo School, Thursday, Feb. 1, at 2 p. m.

Cove Creek High School (lunch room), Thursday, Feb. 1, 7:30 p. m.

Bethel High School, Friday, Feb. 2, at 2 p. m.

Mabel School, Friday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p. m.

Fire Damages Lenoir Store

Lenoir, Jan. 23—A fire of undetermined origin swept through the basement of the two story Smithy's Department Store building here with from \$20,000 to \$25,000 damage resulting from fire, water and smoke.

The blaze was confined to the basement but huge stocks of feed, sugar and flour were ruined by the streams of water required to put out the fire. Stocks of groceries, dry goods and furniture on the main and second floors were considerably damaged by the smoke that filled the building.

Dick Herman, manager of the store, said that the store would open again for business probably some time this week.

34 WATAUGANS GO TO ARMY IN CALL OF DRAFT BOARD

List of Those Drafted Contains Preponderance of Fathers; 14 Are Sent for Pre-Induction Tests; List of Those Called

Thirty-four Watauga county men have been sent to an induction center of the United States Army by the local Selective Service Board, as the current local quota under the draft act. At the same time 14 men have been sent for pre-induction physical examination.

The current draft list shows a preponderance of fathers, and men are included between the ages of 18 and 29. The list of those inducted follows:

Thomas Ernest Hayes
Robert Howard Simpson, Jr.
William Paul Wright
Early Henry Combs
James Arlon Ragan
Albert Edward Smith
Lewis R. Porch
Robert Quintin Moretz
James Milton Winkler
Everett Clay Beach
Jonathan George Moretz
Ivey Robert Moore
Roy John Greene
William Rayner Day
Howard William Honeycutt
Ulas McKinley Townsend
Howard Carson Harmon
Robert Lee Banner
Frank Linney Glenn
George Art Hicks
Victor Finley Winebarger
James Frank Wilson
Bynum Lloyd Presnell
Stewart Beach
Rom Bill Danner
Herbert Foster
Henry Doughton Caudill
William Baxter Bryan
Nathan Linney Presnell
Edward Stanley Critcher
James Butler Wilson
McKinley Calvin Yates

Transferred to Other Boards
Teddy Monroe Watson
Dennis Owen Coffey
Pink David Chester
George Hayes Wellborn
Lawrence Coolidge Potter

Following are the names of those sent for pre-induction physical tests:

Fred Shull
Grady Potter
Calvin Cottrell Church
Paul Junior Woodring
Ransom Edward Welch
Craff Presnell
Clive Greene
Clonnie Richard Hendrix
John Ed Isaacs
Jesse Ray Gragg
James Kermit Wallace
Edd Roy Greene
Austin Worth Lewis
William Ralph Miller

Local Legionnaire Gets Letter From Gen. Eisenhower

Lionel Ward, of Boone, 17th district commander of the American Legion, is in receipt of a letter from General Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander, A.E.F., in the European theatre, acknowledging a Christmas greeting sent by the local Legionnaire.

The letter says: "Dear Mr. Ward: I appreciate your Christmas greetings and good wishes. Sincerely, Dwight D. Eisenhower."

The letter is typed but bears no stenographer's mark, and is signed in pen by the commander. Needless to say, Mr. Ward treasures the letter from the allied war leader.

Farmers Now Applying For Emergency Loans

Applications for emergency crop loans (seed loans) are now being received in Watauga county. The office for the county is located in the courthouse. Farmers who are in need of funds for crop production purposes, or for the purchase of feed for livestock, may make applications at this office. Mr. C. Gordon Taylor is the field supervisor in charge of this county.

Loans approved now may include funds for immediate disbursement to meet early spring needs, such as the purchase of land, the purchase of fertilizer, or the planting of the early food or feed crops advocated by the extension service of the department of agriculture. Funds to meet later crop production expenses may be disbursed as needed.

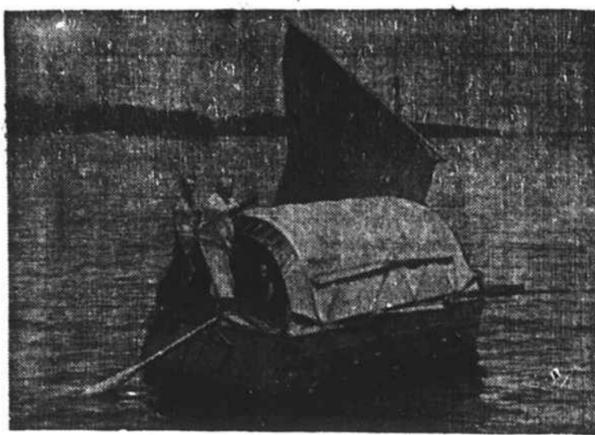
Emergency crop loans are made to farmers, either owners or tenants, who own or can make arrangements to obtain land to farm; who own or have the use of workstock and equipment with which to farm, and who can give a first lien on the crops to be financed as security.

P.-T.A. To Meet on Monday, Jan. 29th

The Boone Parent-Teacher Association will meet on Monday night, Jan. 29, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The discussion for this meeting will be "Sex Hygiene" and will be led by Mrs. E. E. Garber, Mrs. Hugh Daniel and Dr. Smith.

All parents are urged to attend this meeting as this topic is a vital one and all parents should have the information that will be given out by the leaders at this meeting.

New Fireproof Navy Life Raft



The Taylor, new unsinkable life raft, constructed of balsa wood and encased in fireproofed plywood, has just been designed by the American Lumber and Treating Company. The plywood has been pressure-impregnated with Minalith salts, which makes it withstand open flames. It has a capacity of 20 persons and is equipped with more than a half ton of food and 200 quarts of water.

Pvt. Dale Reese Is Killed In Action

Pvt. Dale Reese, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reese of Lenoir, was killed in action in the European theatre of operations on Christmas day. It is announced by the War Department. Pvt. Reese had arrived overseas only four days before he was killed. He was a resident of the Cove Creek section for many years, and was a nephew of Mr. Lewis Reese of Boone.

SOLID FUELS GROUP IS NAMED

Civilian Defense Committee Seeks to Promote Conservation of Coal

Dr. D. J. Whitener, chairman of the Watauga county civilian defense organization, announces the appointment of a committee, set up for the conservation of solid fuels in the county.

Mr. A. E. South has been designated as the chairman of the five-man group, the other members being: Mr. Shuford Edmisten, Boone; Mr. Walter C. Greene, Boone; Mr. E. Finley Shore and Mr. H. P. Houshouser, Blowing Rock.

It shall be the purpose of the committee to do everything possible toward the conservation of coal, now being used in such quantities by industry and by households, due to the extremely cold weather. It is suggested that wherever possible, home-owners use wood for fuel, and thus save coal for the furtherance of the war effort.

Yank Troops Now in Four Miles of Reich

Paris, Jan. 23—The American First and Third armies and the Ninth air force delivered a knock-out blow to the last German defenders of the Ardennes today when the doughboys closed to within four miles of the Reich frontier with gains up to five miles on a 30-mile front and the airmen destroyed or damaged nearly 2,000 fleeing enemy vehicles.

St. Vith, eastern Belgian highway center and last major bastion in the once-dangerous bulge, fell to units of the First Army at 5:45 p. m. after an all-day fight, according to a frontline dispatch from AP Correspondent E. D. Ball.

As the two American armies sweep in behind the retreating Germans, thrusting to within an average of five miles of the border all along the line, Ninth air force fighter-bombers carried their annihilation of the enemy through a second day and were joined by Invader and Havoc bombers which were used in this theatre for the first time as deck-level strafing planes.

The recapture of St. Vith came one month and two days after the Americans were pushed out by the Germans' December counter-offensive. Ball said that the town had been beaten into an almost unrecognizable pulp by American artillery and planes.

A. F. Sams Named Head Theatre Group

Mr. A. F. Sams, Jr., who operates theatres in Statesville, Boone, Blowing Rock and other towns, was elected president of the Theatre Owners of North Carolina and South Carolina, at the conclusion of the business sessions of the association's 33rd annual meeting held in Charlotte last week.

Mr. Sams succeeds George W. Parr, Lancaster, S. C., who has been named first vice-president.

LESS THAN THIRD POLIO FUND IS IN

Drive for Fight Against Infantile Paralysis Lags With One Week to Go

Five hundred dollars have been raised in the local campaign for funds with which to fight infantile paralysis, Howard Cottrell, chairman of the effort, said this morning, this amount representing less than one-third of the county quota of \$1,740.

Since the campaign comes to a close next Wednesday, local organization officials are concerned over the relatively small amount so far raised, and insist that all the people of the county, who are concerned over the well-being of the children, make a contribution at once. The need for such funds came home to the people here last year when seventeen Watauga county children were treated for infantile paralysis with funds raised for the National Foundation. Thus the county has benefitted far more than it will be called upon to pay for years to come. The disease is being checked by the money raised in the March of Dimes campaign, and Watauga people should be glad to have a part in such a worthy enterprise. All those who have not yet contributed are urged to mail in their checks to Howard Cottrell, Chairman, Boone, N. C., in order that the county quota may be raised in the week remaining of the campaign.

Eighty dollars was cleared at the dance held in Boone last Thursday while the \$500 also includes reports from two churches and five schools, and responses to 30 letters mailed out. On Friday a collection will be taken at the theatre for the fund and Saturday will be "Tag Day." At that time girls of the community will sell lapel badges for the benefit of the fund.

Might of Halsey Fleet Again Felt by Japs

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 23—The tremendous sweeping powers of Admiral W. S. Halsey's Third fleet throughout the waters of the China sea—Japan's lake—was emphasized with the revelation today that his carrier-borne fliers carried out another devastating attack against Okinawa in the Ryukyus.

The powerful enemy base at Japan's front door-step was hit on Jan. 21, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced, partially confirming a Jap Formosan communique which said American carrier planes struck Okinawa on Jan. 21 and 22.

"Reports of the damage inflicted are not available yet," the communique said. However, hard fighting is believed to have resulted as strong enemy defenses are known to be located on these islands.

The hard-hitting group of Admiral Halsey's battleships, carriers, cruisers and destroyers prowled north of Formosa refusing to let the Japs lick their wounds of the sixth raid this month against Formosa which was announced yesterday.

Smashing the Formosan bastion, the Yank airmen destroyed 140 enemy planes, inflicted damage on 100 others, and left two large Jap vessels burning furiously in Takao harbor, while docks and industrial areas also felt the weight of American bombs.

Ration Guide

MEATS, FATS—Red stamps Q5 through X5 good indefinitely. No new stamps until Jan. 28.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps X5 through Z5; A2 through G2 good indefinitely. No new blue stamps will be validated until Feb. 1st.

SUGAR—Sugar stamp 34 good for five pounds indefinitely. No new stamps until Feb. 1.

FUEL OIL—Period 1, 2 and 3 coupons good through heating year. SHOES—Airplane stamps 2, 2 and 3 in Book 3, good indefinitely.

TOBACCO SALES NOW MORE THAN 4 1/2 MILLION LBS.

Goal of Local Market Now is to Double Sales of Last Season; Prices Continue Strong, and House to Remain Open Until Next Wednesday

Sales at the Mountain Burley Warehouse Tuesday pushed the season's total to well over the four and one-half million pound mark, and led warehousemen to confidently predict that by the close of the auctions, last year's banner poundage will have been doubled.

Complete figures including the sales to Monday night indicate that 4,498,780 pounds of burley have

Burley Market to Close on Wednesday

Latest information from the Mountain Burley Warehouse is to the effect that the marketing season of 1944-45 will end with the sales of Wednesday, January 31.

Thus there will be five more sales, Thursday and Friday of this week, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

been sold this season, bringing the growers of the belt \$2,108,351.73, an average of \$46.90 per hundredweight. Warehousemen explain that last season's sales will be doubled when this season's total reaches 5,146,000, and they are firm in their conviction that the spiraling sales will reach these proportions by the time the last basket is sold.

On Monday the sales were 107,586 pounds, for \$4,592.40, and the figures for Tuesday when completely tabulated will be as great, the bookkeeper says. Receipts are continuing rather brisk today.

Mr. Roscoe Coleman, the warehouse operator, urges growers who yet have some weed on hand to bring it in, get a quick sale, receive their check and get home the same day. "A first sale every day" is still the order of things at the warehouses, and farmers continue to be uniformly happy with the treatment they are accorded by the warehouse staff and the checks they are receiving.

FARM LEADERS TO AID OWNERS

Farm Operators to Get Assistance in Preparing Farm Plans Under AAA

Immediately following the goals and production meeting on Jan. 27, of the county and community committees, county agent and other agricultural representatives, the community committees will hold meetings with farm operators for the purpose of advising, informing and guiding them in preparing their individual 1945 farm plans which will contribute to the all-important crop, livestock and poultry goals that have been assigned to this state. W. W. Mast, chairman of the Watauga county AAA committee, announced yesterday.

"Community committees will also assist farm operators in planning to build and conserve the fertility of their soil by advising them of the approved conservation practices that they may carry out and receive payments for during the 1945 program year," Mr. Mast said.

Mr. Mast pointed out that the intended production figures are of vital importance at this time as changing conditions in the war picture and domestic picture might make it necessary to adjust production goals before planting time, and the figures furnished at these meetings will present a true picture of just how we stand in comparison with the goals that have been set.

Mr. Mast further pointed out that each farm operator will be notified of the exact time and place of the meeting in his community, and it is hoped that every effort will be made to attend on the date set.

Allied Troops in 50 Miles of Manila

Allied Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 24—United States 14th corps troops pushed to within 52 miles of Manila yesterday by capturing the town of Concepcion and struck nine miles westward to seize Camp O'Donnell, where the Japanese confined many of the Americans who survived the "Bataan death march."

Another Yank column pushed into Zaragoza, 13 miles east of captured Tarlac, within eight miles of the upper Pampagna river, last Jap defense line on the road to Manila, and 10 miles from highway No. 5, only remaining enemy link between northern and southern Luzon. Front dispatches said patrols operating ahead of the main force moving toward Manila down highway No. 3 had paused four miles south of Capas, taken Monday, to reach the northernmost of Clark Field's 11 airstrips near the town of Bamban, 51 miles from Manila and 29 miles from Bataan, but Gen. MacArthur's daily war bulletin did not mention patrol action.

FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS JANUARY 14-31