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## CAFE OPERATORS HERE REFRAIN FROM BEER, WINE

Board of Aldermen and Mayor Express Appreciation to Cafe Owners for Desisting From Sale of Alcoholic Beverages; Town Legally Dry

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler and the town board of aldermen have joined in expressing appreciation to owners of cafes and other establishments in Boone, for their failure to apply for license to sell beer and wine, and comment on the generally accepted fact that the vast majority of the people of the city are opposed to the sale of alcoholic beverages.

The town has been legally dry for the past two months, following the refusal of the city council to issue license to an applicant, the proprietor of the last beer outlet in town. No others have made application, and opinion is that the condition hereabouts as regards inebriety has been considerably improved.

The statement by the mayor and aldermen is as follows: "The board of aldermen and mayor of the town of Boone wish to express their appreciation to the new cafe operators for not applying for license to sell wine and beer in Boone.

"It has been shown that the vast majority of the people of our town are opposed to the sale of wine and beer in Boone, and to conform to their opinion and wishes, must inevitably bring better success to these cafes.

"It has been over two months now since any place in Boone has had a license to sell wine or beer. The improvement in the conduct of those who ordinarily are customers of wine and beer establishments has been noted and commented on by many of our leading citizens.

"We, as your officials, wish to discourage the sale or use of either of these products and feel that the people of the town will make a special effort to support the old and new places of business that refrain from the handling of wine and beer."

## MERCHANTS SET HOLIDAY PERIOD

Stores to Close Each Thursday Afternoon Beginning the 15th of March

At a meeting of the Boone Merchants Association held Monday evening, it was decided that again this year the retailers would observe a half-holiday during the spring and summer months.

The stores will close each Thursday at 12 noon, it was decided, beginning March 15, until further notice. Last year the holiday was observed on Wednesday.

## PVT. WILLIAM H. VINES IS MISSING

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Vines Among Those Missing in Battle For France

Pfc. William H. Vines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Vines of Sugar Grove, is reported as missing in France since January 29, in a message received Friday from the office of the Adjutant General. No information as to the engagement in which he was lost was contained in the terse message.

Pfc. Vines has been in the army since April, 1944, and had been in the European theatre of operations since last December 1.

## Pfc. Lee Thomas Is Wounded In Italy Front

Pfc. J. Lee Thomas, son of G. H. Thomas, and the late Mrs. Thomas, of Mabel, was wounded on Dec. 24, on the Italian front, it is learned by his family.

Pfc. Thomas, who is with the Fifth army, has been overseas for 14 months, and has been in the army two years and nine months. His wife, the former Miss Winnie Jones of Jefferson, and daughter, Joan Lee, are with her parents at Clifton, N. C.

## Sgt. Dell Richardson Returns From Europe

Sgt. Ira Dell Richardson, who until recently had been on the list of those missing in action in the European theatre, returned to Boone Tuesday night, where he is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Richardson.

Sgt. Richardson had been reported as missing from the crew of an ill-fated bomber over Yugoslavia, but recent information told the parents of his safety.

## Get Your Pictures

Persons who have photographs of soldiers and others at The Democrat office are asked to call by and get them as promptly as possible. There are so many of these that they will not be kept indefinitely.

## Dies in Burma



S. SGT. PAUL D. HAGAMAN

## S. SGT. HAGAMAN DIES FROM WOUNDS

Son of Mrs. Elsie Hagaman of Boone, Wounded in India, Dies in Burma

Staff Sergeant Paul D. Hagaman, son of Mrs. Elsie Hagaman, and the late Hill Hagaman, succumbed in Burma to wounds received in India some time ago. The telegram telling of the local man's death, did not give details concerning the manner of his injury, but it was stated that a letter would follow.

Sgt. Hagaman, who was 25 years old, had been in the army for a little more than two years, and had been in the India-Burma war theatre for about six months, where he was radio operator on a combat cargo plane.

He was trained at Scott Field, Ill., and prior to his enlistment he had been a student at Appalachian College here. He was a graduate of the Boone High School, and had engaged in the filling station business with Mr. M. R. Maddux of Boone, before going to the army. Sgt. Hagaman was well known here, was one of the town's model boys, and was held in the highest regard.

He is survived by his mother, one brother and one sister: Ted Hagaman and Mrs. W. F. Miller, Jr., both of Boone.

## FOURTEEN LOCAL MEN JOIN NAVY

Five Others Are to Take Physical Examinations on Monday of Next Week

Fourteen 17-year-old youths from Watauga county have recently been accepted by the navy, were sworn in at Raleigh, and are now at naval training stations, according to Chief Specialist J. E. Hoffman, navy recruiter, who comes to the Boone postoffice each Monday. In addition three others leave Monday, March 5, for Raleigh to take final physical examinations and to be enlisted.

Those already accepted include: Vadis Graham Wright, Shulls Mills; George Clinton Thomas, Route 2, Trade, Tenn.; Samuel Craft Presnell, Rominger; Elmo Franklin Hicks, Sugar Grove; Homer Benjamin Arnette, Reese; Stanley Lee Reece, Mabel; Peyton Finley Penick, Boone; Everett B. Fox, Jr., Vilas; Horace William Edmisten, Sugar Grove; Lewis Gene Sherwood, Vilas; Jessie Fred Greer, Route 1, Banner Elk; Denver Earl Norris, Sugar Grove; Clyde Buster Ward, Vilas; and John Hoyt Edmisten, Boone.

Scheduled to leave Boone on Monday are Ronal Clyde Storie, Shulls Mills; Willis Augustine Morretz, Route 2, Boone, and David Franklin Mast, Valle Crucis.

Any Watauga county 17-year-olds interested in the regular navy or naval reserve are invited to see the recruiter on any Monday in Boone.

## PFC. STANBURY MISSING IN ACTION

Beech Creek Man, Formerly Wounded, Missing in France Since January 21

Pfc. Wade C. Stanbury, of the Beech Creek section of Watauga county, is missing in action since January 21, in France, his family has been advised by the War Department.

Pfc. Stanbury was wounded in August, 1944, but had been returned to active duty on the front early in January. No further information is available.

He entered the service in October, 1943, and had been overseas since April. Mrs. Stanbury lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ragan of Boone.

WFA announces set-asides that indicate the war requirements for canned vegetables will be somewhat greater in 1945 than in 1944, while those for canned fruit will be slightly less.

## BELL SYSTEM HAS POST-WAR PLANS FOR RURAL PHONES

Telephone Company Official Sees Adequate Telephone Facilities for Farmers Following War; REA Lines May Sometime Be Used

Mr. Thomas Parks, manager for the Bell Telephone Co., Lenoir, was in town Thursday and tells The Democrat of the post-war plans of his company, which will eventually bring standard telephone service to residents of all rural areas of this section, where any considerable number of subscribers can be secured.

"Until the war is won," says Mr. Parks, "war telephone needs must come first. But we have wide-range, post-war plans to further extend service to farm families. Important new devices have been worked out and others are being explored. Experience and know-how are at hand. The necessary equipment and manpower will be put to work on the job just as soon as the war permits."

"Bell system effort," continued Mr. Parks, "to bring good telephone service to the farmer at reasonable cost is not new. It has been going on for years, and there has been steady progress. The present program calls for the use of every type of physical facility, including the dial system, improved pole-line construction, a new system being perfected by Bell Telephone laboratories for sending conversations over rural lines, and the radio telephone. Some of this work has been held up by the war, but at the same time the war activities of the telephone industry have produced new knowledge that will help to extend farm service. When war demands slacken, farm telephone research will be intensified."

Mr. Parks expressed particular interest in rural phone service for Watauga county, where at present only a small percentage of the people are in areas served by telephone lines.

## ARMY OFFICER LAUDS RED CROSS

Captain Connor Thanks Watauga Red Cross Unit For Aid to Soldiers

The local Red Cross chapter is in receipt of a message from Capt. Connor, expressing appreciation for the work which the organization has been doing for men in the armed forces. The message says: "I want to take this opportunity of thanking you for the work which your organization has been doing for members of the armed forces. We greatly appreciate it. Keep up the good work."

Capt. Connor, who is with the quartermaster corps, writes from an overseas address.

## SENIOR RECITAL

Marie Hudler, who is a senior at Appalachian College, will appear in a recital Saturday evening, March 3, at 8 in the college auditorium. Miss Hudler is outstanding in the music department, serving as president of the Girls Chorus, pianist in the college orchestra, a member of the band, and as accompanist for the choruses. The public is cordially invited to attend the program.

## Red Cross Month, 1945

By the President of the United States of America

### A Proclamation

Whereas, under the provisions of its congressional charter, the American National Red Cross, in this fourth year of the war, is fulfilling its obligations to comfort our wounded, to cheer and help our servicemen on every fighting front, and to provide an essential link between these men and their families at home, thereby relieving anxiety and restoring hope to all those who are suffering and in need of aid; and

Whereas, this organization is helping the people at home to stand firmly behind our fighting men through its collection of blood for our wounded, its shipment of food parcels, medical supplies, and comfort items to our prisoners of war in enemy hands, its production of surgical dressings, and its recruitment of nurses for our army and navy; and

Whereas, the American National Red Cross is also carrying on its peacetime activities by assisting the civilian victims of tornado, flood, and other disaster, and by training the people of our nation to combat sickness and accident and thus to prevent suffering and death; and

Whereas, by the very nature of its services and the principles for which it stands, the American National Red Cross is helping to build a world of unity and peace

## YOUR RED CROSS... AT HIS SIDE



## WATAUGA WOMEN SOUGHT BY WAC

Recruiting Team in Boone This Week; Watauga Platoon To Be Formed

With some 6,100 women yet to be enlisted in the Women's Army Corps from the figure of 8,000 called for by the War Department at the first of the year, a team of Women's Army Corps recruiters were in Boone again this week to enlist unskilled women for medical training with the armed forces.

Reporting that results obtained throughout Watauga county to be above average, the recruiters—Lt. George B. Faulder, Sgt. Mary A. Norton and Cpl. E. Jane Brown, all from the recruiting headquarters in Asheville—highly praised Watauga county's women for the manner in which they have responded to the call for medical workers, and announced that plans have been formulated to enlist a quota of eight women from this area for assignment in an army general hospital as a unit.

"Our plan is to enlist eight women from this county for enlistment in the WAC medical program together," Lt. Faulder said, "and after enlistment these women will receive both basic and medical training as a unit. As far as the exigencies of military service will allow, we intend to assign the enlistees of this unit to the same general hospital."

Stating that a deadline of March 28 had been set for enlistment in Watauga county platoon, the recruiters (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

## DEAN JOHNSON DEAD IN FRANCE

Beaver Dam Man's Name is Added to Casualty List; Was 23 Years of Age

Dean Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Reece, Beaver Dam township, has been killed in action in France, according to a telegram from the War Department, received by the family. No details were given.

Young Mr. Johnson, 23 years of age, had been on active duty in Europe since early December. The parents survive, together with the widow, the former Miss Frankie Ward, a baby, and a number of brothers and sisters.

## POLIO FUND IS AHEAD OF QUOTA

More Than \$1,800 is Raised in Campaign to Erase Infantile Paralysis

Watauga county went well ahead of its quota of \$1,740 in the campaign to raise funds with which to combat infantile paralysis, it is stated by Howard Cottrell, county chairman.

Final figures indicate that \$1,804.40 has been raised here, and reports from three or four county schools are yet to be received. This amount was raised with a total expense of only \$49.44. Fifty percent of the net proceeds from the campaign, or about \$875, will remain in the county for care of those afflicted with polio, while the remainder is being sent to the National Foundation.

Mr. Cottrell takes occasion to thank all the churches, schools and individuals in the county for their fine assistance in making the effort a success. He desires to particularly mention the small group of colored residents of Boone, who contributed \$75 to the polio campaign.

## CANNING SUGAR RATION IS CUT

Drop From 25 to 20 Pounds a Person is Announced; Special Application Needed

The canning sugar ration will be reduced from the 25 pounds a person allowed last year to 20 pounds a person to be allowed this year, according to R. A. Olsen, local OPA director, who explained that the special sugar stamps in the ration books will not be available for canning sugar this year.

All canning sugar will have to be obtained by making special application to the local price and ration boards at times to be announced later, it was said. On the applications the consumer will be required to give certain information about canning activities last year.

## LIVED IN LAUREL CREEK

Nathan Hicks, whose body was found last week suspended from a limb in Shawneehaw township, was not a resident of that section, it has been pointed out, but lived in Laurel Creek township.

## RED CROSS MAPS FINAL PLANS FOR WAR FUND DRIVE

Community Leaders Gather Tuesday Evening to Complete Organization and to Name New Officers; Names of Those Who Will Conduct Canvass

A large group of community and county leaders gathered at the Red Cross rooms Tuesday evening, to elect officers for the current year, and to lay final plans for the war fund campaign which gets under way today, with a local goal of \$6,700.

Rev. E. F. Troutman was elected chairman; Dr. G. K. Moose, vice-chairman, and Alfred Adams, treasurer. The members of the executive committee are Gordon Winkler, Dr. G. K. Moose and Dr. W. M. Matheson.

During the course of the program, Mrs. Marion Ritzert, Red Cross field representative, discussed the work of the Red Cross for the soldiers at home and abroad, including the Red Cross clubs, club mobile service, hospital service, prisoner of war service, parcel service, medical packages, etc.

Chairman Troutman recognized Clyde R. Greene, war fund chairman, who briefly reviewed the record of Red Cross service in Watauga county, distributed the solicitors' kits, and explained the material. Following is a list of those who will be responsible for the actual conduct of the war fund campaign in the county:

**Town of Boone**  
Guy Hunt, chairman; Mrs. Russell D. Hodges and Mrs. M. R. Maddux, vice-chairmen; merchants, J. E. Clay, College, D. B. Dougherty, Chamber of Commerce, H. W. Wilcox, pipe factory, Austin Miller, hosiery mill, S. E. Gilne, highway forces, E. Ford King, courthouse, Paul Coffey, county building, H. M. Hamilton, town officials, G. H. Winkler; Daniel Boone Hotel, Rich. Mountain, Brown, and R. F. D. carriers, Edgar, Brown, Boone Steam Laundry, W. H. Gragg, Hagaman Clinic, Dr. W. M. Matheson; H. Perry building, Lee Stetter, Masonic lodge, Lee Stoup, American Legion, Ralph Greer; Watauga Hospital, Mrs. F. E. Sherman.  
Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Maddux have not yet released the names of the workers who will canvass the residential districts of the town.

**Rural Sections**  
H. M. Hamilton, chairman. The following are captains for their respective sections: Lower Meat Camp, D. C. Coffey; Upper Meat Camp, Mrs. Howard Gragg; New River, S. J. Barnes; Valle Crucis, Bald Mountain, W. S. Miller; Valle Crucis, W. W. Mast and Mrs. W. H. Wagner; Shulls Mills, Mrs. F. Moore; Mabel, Marion Thomas and John Hagaman; Cove Creek, Mrs. Stanley Harris; Laurel Creek, Ned Glenn and Dwight Blowing Rock, Collis Greene; North Fork, Mrs. L. A. Henson; Bethel, D. F. Greene; Reese, Sanford Creed.

## NEW RETAIL STORE TO OPEN ON 10TH

Watauga Hardware, Inc., Name of City's Newest Retail Establishment

The Watauga Hardware, Inc., will open its doors for business in the Critcher building, next door to The Democrat office, on Saturday, March 10, it is announced today, and carpenters and painters have been busy for some days getting the building in readiness for the new business.

The store, which is owned by Messrs. Gwyn Gambill of North Wilkesboro, Amos Wagner of Sparta, and J. Horton Doughton of Sparta and Statesville, will handle a complete line of hardware, building supplies, farm machinery, etc., it is stated, and much of the merchandise has already arrived.

## State Income Tax Collector Here Monday

Mr. F. L. German, deputy collector, will be in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court in Boone on March 5, 6 and 7, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their state tax returns.

A single person with an income of more than \$1,000 in 1944, must file a return, or a married man having an income of \$2,000 or more, is required to file.

## RECI-TAL

Students studying with Mrs. Boone, and the High School Glee Club, directed by Miss Burns, will be heard in recital Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the college auditorium. The public is invited to attend.