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## SHERIFF, CLERK, REGISTER MAY GET WAR BONUS

Substitute for Eggers Bill Gives Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds \$300 a Year War Bonus in Discretion of Commissioners

A substitute committee bill which would supplant the measure introduced by Representative Eggers in the house recently, would provide the payment of a \$300 per annum war bonus to the sheriff of Watauga county, in the discretion of the county commissioners, and make the payment applicable both to the clerk of the court and the register of deeds likewise, if paid to either official.

Representative Eggers had introduced a bill and secured its house passage, which would have paid the sheriff \$2,500 per annum with an additional \$600 for a principal deputy, had been withdrawn from the unfavorable calendar in the senate and sent to the committee on salaries and fees. It was there that the substitute bill received favorable consideration. The bill has passed the senate and will be sent to the house for action.

The text of the bill follows: The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the board of county commissioners of Watauga county be and it is hereby authorized in its discretion to pay to the sheriff, the clerk of the superior court and the register of deeds of said county, in addition to all compensation now being received by them in payment for the discharge of their official duties, a war bonus not to exceed \$250.00 per month for the period commencing January 1, 1945, and ending December 31, 1947, to be paid monthly with the first payment covering the months of January, February and March, 1945 to be due and payable on the 31st day of March, 1945.

Sec. 2. Payment of the war bonuses hereinabove provided for in Section 1 shall not be authorized for any one of said officers unless like and equal bonuses shall be provided for each and all of the officers named therein, that is to say, the sheriff, the clerk of the superior court, and the register of deeds of said county.

Sec. 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

## DAIRY PAYMENTS TO BE CONTINUED

Local Triple-A Committee Says Production Payments Will Be Paid Through 1945

Plans for the continuation of dairy production payments through the last nine months of 1945 have been announced by the War Food Administration, according to W. W. Mast, chairman of the Watauga County AAA committee.

"This announcement definitely extends the program for another three-month period, through June 30, 1945," he stated, "and continuation of the program after this date is necessarily conditional upon the approval of congress. The specific rates of payment after June 30 must also remain subject to later revision."

"Subject to these conditions," Mr. Mast continued, "the rates of payment on whole milk for April, May, and June will be 55 cents per hundredweight; for July, August and September, 65 cents; for October, November and December, 90 cents. The rate of payment on butterfat deliveries will be 10 cents a pound, through September; in October and December, 16 cents a pound."

Mr. Mast urged all milk producers to continue keeping accurate records and assured them that they would be notified relative to any additional information received, by the county office concerning dairy production payment program.

## State Service Officer To File Vets Claims

Mr. Richard Hulme, state service officer of the American Legion, will be at the Parkway Company in Boone, Tuesday, March 20, for the purpose of assisting veterans or their dependents in filing claims for compensation, it is announced by Lionel Ward, local service officer.

## BUY FLORIDA HOMESITES

Sheriff C. M. Watson, James C. Watson, E. W. Moretz, William G. Moretz and H. W. Horton were in Florida last week on a business trip. They recently bought a 30-acre tract of land there, divided it into one-acre tracts for homesites, fruit and vegetable gardens. This property has been sold, so an option was taken on another 40 acres near Miami, making it possible for other families to have inexpensive homes in the deep south in which to spend the coldest winter months.

## Killed in Action



Pvt. John D. Johnson of Sugar Grove, who was killed in action Feb. 3, 1945, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Frankie Johnson. Pvt. Johnson had been in the European area for only six weeks. He is survived by his widow and small daughter; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson of Reese; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Combs, of Vilas, and Mrs. Dennis Younce; also two brothers, Lloyd and Carl Johnson. He attended school at Bethel and was a member of the Forest Grove Baptist church.

## PFC. EDMISTEN IS KILLED IN ITALY

Sugar Grove Man a Casualty in Italian Campaign Overseas Since December

Pfc. John M. Edmisten, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Edmisten, of Sugar Grove, was killed in action on the Italian front on Feb. 26, his family was advised in a message from the office of the Adjutant General received Tuesday.

Pfc. Edmisten, who was 21 years old, was trained for the army at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Swift, Texas, having entered the service on April 12, 1944. He arrived overseas about December 24, 1944.

He is survived by the parents, two brothers and three sisters, George and Baker Edmisten, Mrs. Howard Lane, Mrs. Baker Ward and Miss Madeline Edmisten, all of Watauga county.

## Brevard College Day To Be Observed In County Sunday

Brevard College Day will be observed in the Methodist churches in Watauga county and throughout the Western North Carolina Methodist conference next Sunday March 18.

A goal of \$20,000 from the observance this year has been set and the churches in this county are expected to make liberal contributions.

Brevard is a modern junior college, ideally located in the mountains of Western North Carolina and operated entirely by the Western North Carolina Methodist conference. Brevard is a co-educational school and provides well-rounded educational training within the reach of all students.

A number of students from this county have attended Brevard College.

## Two Leave Today For Service in WAC

Two Watauga county women, Miss Doris Walker, of Boone, and Miss Mary Jo Bledsoe, of Todd, leave Thursday for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where they will enter upon their training in the Women's Army Corps. They will be members of the Governor Vance platoon, composed of 15 girls from Western Carolina, and will remain together until assigned as medical technicians in the WAC. In a ceremony at Asheville this afternoon the platoon will be given a flag sent from the governor's office.

The recruits will be accompanied to Asheville by Lieut. G. B. Faulder and Corporal Eva Brown, who have been here for a few days as recruiting officers for the WAC.

## CALDWELL'S FIRST POLIO CASE FOR 1945 REPORTED

Lenoir—Caldwell's first case of infantile paralysis for 1945 was reported here Thursday. The eight-month-old child was carried to Charlotte Memorial hospital last week when suspicious symptoms of the disease occurred. The case was diagnosed as definitely polio according to Dr. Douglas Hamer, who attended the child before it was sent to Charlotte.

## FARM ACTIVITIES ARE CITED BY COUNTY AGENTS

1944 Good Year for Farmers of County, it is Indicated; Comprehensive Review of Activities During Year is Given

County Agent Harry M. Hamilton has just finished the compilation of a detailed report of farm progress in Watauga county during the last year, and the following brief list of accomplishments gives an insight into the activities of agrarians during the period:

### List of Accomplishments

Fifty-seven registered Herefords were sold through the second annual Watauga Hereford breeders sale on Sept. 8, for an average of \$212.

The Shipley Farm, Vilas, sold a bred heifer in the State Hereford breeders sale at Statesville in April for \$810.

Four Watauga Hereford breeders jointly purchased the second top priced bull in the State Hereford breeders sale for \$900.

Ten farmers in the county bought purebred Hereford bulls during 1944.

Twenty Watauga farmers bought purebred Hereford cows and heifers.

Eight new herds of purebred Herefords were established in the county this year.

Three beef cattle farmers in three communities of the county built tile silos this year.

The Watauga county purebred Hampshire sheep breeders held a purebred ram and ewe sale at Boone on July 8.

The top ram in the purebred Hampshire sheep breeders sale that was held at Boone, sold for \$75 while the average for the 17 yearling rams sold was \$40.57.

Nine Watauga farmers purchased purebred rams in this sale.

Five farmers purchased purebred ewes in this sale.

W. H. Mast, of Sugar Grove, exhibited the grand champion fleece at the Elkin fat stock and wool show which was held at Elkin in October.

Watauga sheepmen who exhibited wool at this show won first prize in the county group for the five best fleeces.

Four hundred farmers sold 24,649 pounds of wool through the wool pool. 23,381 pounds of this wool graded clean and sold for the top price of 54 cents per pound.

One hundred and eighty farmers sold 1,584 lambs through the lamb pool.

Seven sheepmen turned in flock records on a total of 79 ewes showing a gross average return per ewe of \$18.83.

F. P. Wilson, of Reese, had a flock of six western ewes which raised 12 lambs and sheared 60 pounds of wool. The gross return per ewe in this flock was \$24.91.

Forty registered Guernseys averaged \$236 in the third annual purebred Guernsey sale that was held in

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## COURT TERMS TO BE EXTENDED

Bill by Representative Eggers Would Provide Additional Terms of Court

Representative S. C. Eggers has introduced a bill in the general assembly which would amend the general statutes of North Carolina, relative to terms of superior court in Watauga county, and the proposal has already been given house approval.

The measure, it is said, would set a two-weeks mixed term of court for the 7th Monday after the first Monday in March, and a two weeks civil term for the 14th Monday after the first Monday in March.

## Ration Guide

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2, now valid, expire March 31.

C2, D2, E2, F2, G2, now valid, expire April 28.

H2, J2, K2, L2, M2, now valid, expire June 2.

N2, P2, Q2, R2, S2, now valid, expire June 30.

MEATS, FATS—Red stamps Q5, R5, S5, now valid expire March 31.

T5, U5, V5, X5, now valid, expire April 28.

Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2, D2, now valid, expire June 2.

E2, F2, G2, H2, J2, now valid, expire June 30.

SUGAR—Sugar stamp 35 good for five pounds, expires June 2.

SHOES—Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 in Book 3, good indefinitely.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons from last season. Periods 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 from this season—all valid for 10 gallons each.

GASOLINE—A-14 coupons valid through March 21. Rationing rules require that each car owner write his license number and state on each coupon in his possession as soon as it is issued to him by his local rationing board. Your mileage rationing record must be presented to the board when applying for supplemental B and C gasoline rations.

## Soldier Is Killed, Brother In France



James Ralph Moody, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Moody, of Reese, who was killed in action on November 23 in France, and in whose honor a memorial service will be held at the Beaver Dam Baptist church on Sunday, March 18, at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. D. Ashley. The American Legion will participate in the service for the deceased man, who was a model citizen of his community, and the general public is invited. At the right, Pvt. Ralph Moody, a brother of the slain man, is shown. He entered the service Jan. 19, 1944, and was trained at Camp Blanding, Fla. He has been in France since November.



## OPERETTA TO BE STAGED SATURDAY

"Pirates of Penzance," a Presentation of Playcrafters and College Choruses

The combined choruses of Appalachian College, in collaboration with the Playcrafters, are presenting a musical comedy on Saturday night, March 17, at 8 o'clock, at the college auditorium.

The production, "The Pirates of Penzance," is known as one of the cleverest of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas.

The music is under the direction of Miss Virginia Wary, and the dramatic work and staging is directed by Mr. A. Antonakos.

In the cast are Stanley South, as the Pirate King; Tennyson Jones, his lieutenant; A. J. Smith, the pirate apprentice; Hal Shoemaker, the major general of the British army; Sam Brookshire, the sergeant of police; Pauline Cress as Mabel; and Eloise Buff, Mildred Hampton, Virginia Isaacs, all of whom are daughters of the major general; Ruth Favell, a practical maid of all work.

The choruses consist of pirates, policemen and English maidens who accompany the major general and his party. The accompanist is Miss Mary Alice Burns, who teaches in the public schools of Boone. Mrs. Jack Hodges has the direction of dances. The orchestra is under the direction of Garnet Felts, with Miss Helen Foster acting as associate director. The Playcrafters technical staff is assisting with the staging and scenery.

The public is cordially invited. A small admission charge is to be made.

## Bank Announces Lower Rates On Savings Accounts

The Northwestern Bank today announces reduced rates of interest on savings accounts and time certificates. After April 1, only one percent will be paid. But, it is pointed out that little hardship will be experienced by investors since the state intangible tax will be paid by the bank henceforth.

## Duke Alumni Banquet To Be Held Tonight

The annual Duke Alumni banquet of the Watauga-Avery-Ashe association is to be held this year in the Gateway cafe on March 14, at 7:30 p. m. Former students of Duke university, their parents and wives, are expected to be present. The price of the tickets is \$1.

Following the banquet and the business session, the group will go to the college auditorium where the Sugar Bowl film will be exhibited. This is the great football game which was played in New Orleans on New Year's day, between Duke university and the University of Alabama. It was easily one of the greatest games played in the entire country last season. The picture will be presented at 9 p. m. The public is invited to see it. Admission is free.

## Typists, Clerks Wanted For Civil Service Jobs

Examinations for stenographers, typists and filing clerks to hold government positions will be held at the high school building on Tuesday, March 27, at 3:15.

Application blanks may be secured from and filed with J. W. Norris, local civil service secretary, at the Boone postoffice.

## MERCHANTS PLAN ANNUAL DINNER

Employer-Employee Banquet Slated for Friday Evening; Program Arranged

The Boone Merchants Association will be host at the annual employer-employee banquet, which will be held Friday evening of this week at the college cafeteria, and Mr. J. E. Clay, president of the retailers' organization, states that a full attendance of the business men and their employees is desired.

Clyde R. Greene, local merchant, and president of the State Merchants Association, will deliver the principal address of the dinner meeting, and a brief program of fun and entertainment is being planned for the evening.

## LADIES NIGHT TO BE OBSERVED

Chamber of Commerce Makes Initial Announcement Concerning Annual Banquet

The Chamber of Commerce will observe its annual ladies night banquet March 23, at 7:45, at the Gateway Cafe, at which time the election of new officers and a report on last year's activities will be the principal items of business.

An outstanding speaker will be engaged for the occasion, and a short fun program is being arranged. Due to limited room, it is desirable that all who expect to attend the meeting notify Mr. C. A. Price or H. W. Wilcox not later than March 22, so that the necessary arrangements for the banquet may be completed.

## R. C. Knitters Should Return Garments

Volunteer knitters for the Red Cross are asked by Mrs. W. M. Burwell, production chairman, to bring completed navy gloves, army drab and sleeveless sweaters together with surplus wool, to the Red Cross rooms promptly, as shipment of the material is to be made within the next few days.

There is a new quota of army brooks type sweaters for women and olive drab sweaters for men, and more knitters are needed. Those willing to aid in this work are asked to call at the Red Cross office in the old Democrat building, and get their material from either Mrs. Burwell or Mrs. Grubbs.

## Scout Committee Sets Camporee Date

May 5-6 was set as the dates for the Watauga Boy Scout district committee at a meeting at the Gateway cafe Tuesday night. A delegation headed by Herbert Wey, camping activities chairman, will attend a council conference at North Wilkesboro March 17, to work out plans for district and council camporees.

It was reported that Watauga Scout troops are taking part in the waste paper drive during this month and next. Each Scout who collects 1,000 pounds of paper will be given a medal.

On March 24 the Scouts will participate in a campaign to clean up their respective school grounds.

## Postoffice, Bank To Join in Half-Holiday

In co-operation with the Merchants Association, the windows at the postoffice and bank will be closed on Thursday afternoons until further notice, as a holiday period. The bank had formerly closed on Wednesday afternoons.

## RED CROSS FUND REACHES \$4,000 IN FIRST REPORT

Campaign Gets Off to Good Start With Large Gifts in Initial Reports; Chairman Asks Workers to Intensify Efforts to Reach Goal Quickly

The campaign for the Red Cross War Fund in Watauga county has resulted in an initial collection of \$4,123.81, perhaps the largest amount thus far raised at this stage of a similar campaign in Watauga county, and donations continue to come in at a rather rapid rate, says Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the campaign.

The quota for the county is \$6,700, and although the initial report would indicate that the goal might be reached quickly, Mr. Greene points out that most of the large contributors are represented in today's figures, and insists that workers do not relax, but rather intensify their efforts, so that the county's part of the huge war fund may be reached as speedily as possible. Mr. Greene would appreciate receiving these neighborhood reports promptly.

The needs of the men on the fighting fronts for the services being rendered by the Red Cross are growing greater, and it cannot be too strongly urged that every person in the county contribute quickly and generously.

Following is a list of the first contributions by committees or sections, including the name of the solicitor and the amount turned in, in each instance:

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| Boone (business section):                              |            |
| J. E. Clay & Guy Hunt                                  | \$1,517.00 |
| G. H. Winkler  | 201.00     |
| Masonic Lodge and Boone business section, Lee H. Stout | 185.00     |
| Alfred Adams   | 100.00     |
| C. A. Price  | 65.00      |
| Blowing Rock, Mrs. H. C. Hayes                         | 1,314.00   |
| Lower Middle Fork, Mrs. F. H. Pennell                  | 37.00      |
| Lower Meat Camp  | 17.00      |
| Todd, Mrs. Fred Krider                                 | 22.00      |
| State Highway Department, E. Ford King                 | 155.00     |
| Upper Meat Camp, O. W. Wineberger                      | 51.00      |
| Boone (residential section):                           |            |
| Greene Heights, Mrs. J. E. Clay                        | 13.50      |
| Mrs. Dewitt Barnett                                    | 78.50      |
| Mrs. Floyd Hagaman                                     | 30.50      |
| Mrs. Rex Geer  | 24.00      |
| Mrs. J. H. Council                                     | 63.50      |
| Boone Baptist Church                                   | 100.00     |
| Brushy Fork section, Mrs. L. A. Henson                 | 70.50      |
| Miscellaneous  | 79.31      |
| Total, March 13  | \$4,123.81 |

## LEGION SPEECH CONTEST TODAY

High School Students to Participate in Contest; Awards to Be Presented

The American Legion oratorical contest will be held in the Boone High school auditorium Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at which time the contestants from the county high schools will participate, and awards will be presented during the afternoon.

The winners of the local competition will enter the district contest in Lenoir on March 22.

## Bedford Greene Dies At Boone Home From Illness of Few Months

Abner Bedford Greene, 71 years of age, died at his home in Boone Saturday from a sudden illness, presumably a heart attack. Although Mr. Greene had been ill for several months, his condition had not been worse, and immediately prior to the fatal attack he had appeared as well as usual.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from the Rich Mountain Baptist church by Rev. J. C. Canipe, Rev. Ed Hodges and Rev. W. C. Payne, and interment was in the cemetery near the church.

Mr. Greene was born in Watauga county, a son of the late Rev. Edmond Greene and Nancy Penley Greene, and had lived in Boone for a number of years, where he had been responsibly employed at Appalachian college. He had been a member of the Baptist church since boyhood, and had given freely of his labors to the work of the church during his entire life. He was a splendid citizen.

Mr. Greene was first married to Miss Julia Culler, who died many years ago. Surviving this marriage are one son and one daughter, David Greene of Knoxville, Tenn., and Miss Winnie Greene, of Boone. Later he was married to a sister of his first wife, Miss Betty Culler, who survives, together with two sons, Carl and Clarence Greene, who are both with the army on active duty overseas. Two brothers and one sister also survive. Rev. Tipton Greene, John W. Greene and Mrs. N. R. Barnes, all of Boone.