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COUNTY SCHOOLS TO OPEN TERMS ON AUGUST 27TH

Principals to Begin Duties Two Weeks Earlier Under the New Law; Heating and Well Drilling Contracts Let by Board of Education

The schools of Watauga county will open their 1945-46 terms on Monday, August 27th, according to the action of the county board of education, at its regular meeting last Monday. Under the new law, it is explained, all classified principals will receive their salaries for two weeks previous to the opening of school and two weeks after the term ends. Principals will, therefore, begin their work on Monday, Aug. 13. Contracts were let to the Noland Company of Winston-Salem, for furnishing materials for a steam heating unit in the Mabel school. R. L. Collins was the low bidder for the installation of this unit. Contracts were also let with the Townsend Brothers of Valle Crucis, for drilling wells at Mabel, Cove Creek and Bethel schools.

The board recommended that Castle school be discontinued and that the children in that neighborhood be transported to the schools at Boone and Deep Gap.

Resolutions of respect were offered in memory of Dr. W. A. Deaton, a loyal and faithful member of the board of education for the past several years.

BYRNES SWORN IN SECRETARY STATE

South Carolinian Takes Oath and Makes Plea for World-Wide Tolerance

Washington, July 3—Squinting into the sunshine on a White House terrace, James F. Byrnes took the oath as secretary of state today and then made a plea for world-wide tolerance.

"Today there can be no doubt that the peoples of this war-ravaged earth want to live in a peaceful world," he said. "But the supreme task of statesmanship the world over is to help them understand that they can have peace and freedom only if they tolerate and respect the rights of others to opinions, feelings and ways of life which they do not and cannot share."

Byrnes, attended by President Truman and the outgoing secretary of state, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., was sworn in before an applauding throng of the nation's highest officials.

"I enter upon my duties deeply conscious of the great and grave responsibilities," said the man who served President Roosevelt as unofficial "assistant president" through most of the war. The oath-taking put him into the twin role of secretary of state and the man next in line for the presidency.

Byrnes said he has been assured of the "wise counsel" of former Secretary of State Cordell Hull and of the advice of Stettinius.

Ration Guide

Processed Foods
T2, U2, V2, W2, X2, now valid, expire July 31; Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1, now valid, expire August 31; D1 through H1, now valid, expire Sept. 30; I1 through N 1, expire Oct. 31.

Meat and Fats
K2 through P2, now valid, expire July 31; Q2 through U2, now valid, expire Aug. 31; V2 through Z2, now valid, expire Sept. 30; A1 through H1, now valid, expire October 31.

Sugar
Sugar stamp #3 expires Aug. 31.

Airplane stamps, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, in Book Three, continue valid indefinitely.

Gasoline
A-16 coupons valid through Sept. 21. Each car owner must write his license number and state on each gas coupon as soon as it is issued to him. Mileage rationing record must be presented when applying for all passenger car gasoline rations.

FLIES TO LONDON

One of the first visas to be issued following the defeat of Germany went to Mr. Henry Lavietes, of New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Lavietes, of Boone, who flew to London on the 21st, returning last Sunday. Mr. Lavietes, the president of the Van Roy Company, was "sizing up" the future of the smoking pipe industry in England.

Returns to States



Staff Sgt. Ernest B. Dunn recently arrived in the States after having served 33 months overseas. He was attached to the 7th Infantry division, and served with both Fifth and Seventh armies. He fought throughout the campaigns of North Africa, Sicily and Italy, and has served in France, Germany and Austria for more than a year. Sgt. Dunn holds the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Infantry Combat Medal, Mediterranean Theatre Campaign Bar with six stars, American Defense ribbon, wound and service stripes. Sgt. Dunn was inducted Sept. 6, 1939, and took his training at Fort Lewis, Wash. He is to return there for his discharge, after which he will join his wife, the former Dorothy Simon, and small son, Larry, whom he has never seen, now living in Tacoma, Wash. Sgt. Dunn, who is 23, is a son of Mrs. Stella Dunn of Valle Crucis.

LAST RITES HELD FOR A.C. FARTHING

Watauga Native and Lenoir Hotelier Dies, Following Long Period of Ill Health

Funeral services for Abner Colly Farthing, native of Watauga county, but for many years operator of the Farthing house at Lenoir, were conducted from the late residence last Friday afternoon. Rev. W. L. Hutchins, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and Dr. O. R. Mangum, pastor of the First Baptist Church, conducted the services and burial followed in Bellevue cemetery.

Mr. Farthing was found dead in the hotel where he made his home at 3 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, members of his family related. He had been in poor health for a number of years.

Among the large number of relatives and friends from a wide area attending the funeral were the following from Boone: Mrs. J. M. Moretz, Mrs. Dorothy Greene, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Farthing and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Farthing, all of Boone.

The following concerning the death of Mr. Farthing, was written for the Lenoir News-Topic by Fred May, a long-time friend of the deceased:

Abner Colly Farthing was born in Watauga county on May 10, 1876, the son of Rev. Joseph Harrison Farthing and Adeline King Farthing, a family prominent in the religious, social, political and business life of the county and section since 1826, when Rev. William Farthing came from Wake county as a Baptist missionary and established the family in the Beaver Dam section. The following generations included many prominent men, especially in the Baptist ministry, which included not only his father, but his grandfather, the Rev. Abner Colly Farthing, for whom he was named.

Shortly before 1900 he came to Lenoir and was associated in the mercantile business with his brother-in-law, J. M. Moretz, under the firm name of Moretz and Farthing.

On November 26, 1902, he was married to Miss DeEtta Seehorn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Seehorn, and shortly afterwards they moved to Watauga county where he and his brothers operated a general mercantile store at Sweetwater. Months of illness followed, and on the advice of physicians he returned to Lenoir and became associated with Mrs. J. C. Seehorn, Mrs. Farthing's mother, in the operation of the Commercial Hotel, which was located where the Mutual Building and Loan Association and the Lenoir Hardware & Furniture Company now stand. After a few years they leased and operated the Jones House on the present location of the Lenoir Stationery Company.

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TEMPO OF RAIDS ON JAPAN BEING INCREASED DAILY

Five Hundred Superfortresses Rain Fire Bombs on Industrial Areas on Two Home Islands; Ground Success Reported in China and Borneo

The tempo of the American aerial offensive against the Jap homeland reached a new high Tuesday as nearly 500 night-flying Superfortresses spilled about 3,000 tons of fire bombs on industrial targets on Honshu and Shikoku islands.

Striking for the third time in three days, the B-29s ushered in July 4, Japanese time, by hitting Himeji, a big railroad terminal on Honshu, and Tokushima, Takamatsu and Kochi, on Shikoku. War industries were the targets.

On Pacific-Asiatic ground fronts allied successes were reported from both Borneo and China. On oil rich Borneo, Australian invasion forces were reported by Melbourne radio to have captured two airfields as they punched northward from flaming Balikpapan.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's July 4 communique said the Aussies had advanced three miles to take the Speinggan airfield which will place allied fighter planes within range of the heart of Java for the first time in more than three years. The general made no mention of the Manggar airfield, six miles northward, the second drome Melbourne reported captured.

The Japanese held ridge positions behind Balikpapan.

American warships and carrier-based planes blasted the Nipponese while other allied airmen made neutralizing strikes against airfields within range of Balikpapan and Lashed bridges, barracks and troop concentrations in the battle area.

On Borneo's northwest coast the Aussies, supported by navy rocket fire, advanced to within 50 miles of the big Japanese base at Jesselton.

Senate Gives Quick Approval to Byrnes

Washington, July 2—The senate today paid James F. Byrnes the tribute of confirmation as secretary of state without hearings, without debate and without dissent.

The nomination arrived from the White House at 12 noon, and in less than half an hour approval was granted.

This was the way the senate—Republicans along with Democrats—chose to illustrate their confidence in the South Carolinian who served in the house, in the senate, as associate justice of the supreme court and as war mobilization director.

The unanimous confirmation made Byrnes next in line of succession to the presidency if Mr. Truman should not complete his term.

Robertson Urges Buying Of Federal Auto Stamps

Collector of Internal Revenue C. H. Robertson has announced that auto use tax stamps in the denomination of \$5 were placed on sale in all post offices and offices of collectors of internal revenue on June 9. The stamps will evidence payment of the tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1945, and must be purchased on or before that date. The stamps will be serially numbered, and will be gummed on the face, and will have provision on the back for entry of the make, model, serial number and state license number of the vehicle.

Every owner of a motor vehicle which is used upon the highways should call at his local post office or at the office of the internal revenue collector and secure a \$5 use tax stamp and affix it to his vehicle at once. The various post offices are selling the stamps of the counter for cash only and no mail order business with respect thereto will be conducted by the post offices. Collectors of internal revenue are authorized to accept cash, post office money orders, certified and cashier's checks in payment of the use tax stamp. Personal checks will not be accepted.

Mr. Robertson stressed the fact that the use tax law has not been repealed and cautioned motor vehicle owners that failure to purchase and display the new use tax stamps on vehicles using the public highways after July 1, will subject the violators to severe penalties imposed by law.

Truman at San Francisco



President Harry S. Truman shown shaking hands with Secretary Stettinius on his arrival in San Francisco to bring down the curtain on the United Nations conference. Left to right are Senator Tom Connally, President Truman, Secretary Stettinius, Virginia Gilder-sleeve and Sol Bloom.

YANK TROOPS IN GERMAN CAPITAL

Occupation Troops Roll Into Berlin; Mixed Emotions From the Bread Lines

Berlin, July 3—American occupation troops rolled into Berlin today, speeding through the beaten capital's mammoth wreckage to the accompaniment of scattered waves and tears from bread lines and work-chains of women and girls.

The American veterans of World War two entered as conquerors and returned the crisp salutes of Red army women traffic police. There were tears of joy and cries of "God be thanked" from some Berliners, but others were silent and sullen.

Vanguards of a vast 4,000-vehicle convoy reached suburban Zehlendorf this afternoon after leaving Halle at 4 a. m., crossing the Elbe river and driving through Russian-occupied Germany west of the capital.

"Bridge trouble," however, delayed the combat veterans of the U. S. Second armored (Hell on Wheels) division and the prospects were that the division's main strength might not arrive before midnight—making them at least eight hours late in fulfilling a pledge they took three years ago to bivouac in Berlin.

A red-skinned hero of the U. S. army was the first American soldier to enter the Russian-held center of Berlin as a veteran of the 2nd armored division, which will take up positions in the American occupation zone in the southwestern part of the capital.

He was Pfc. Harvey Natchees of the Ute Indian reservation in Utah, a 25-year-old veteran due to return home on points after a few more days. He drove the Associated Press correspondent to Adolf Hitler's reichschancellery.

Girls in freshly-ironed frocks worked in lines along the route, removing the debris from great piles of ruined buildings. In an eight-mile drive through the center of Berlin, not a single block was seen intact.

Hundreds of women, children and old men queued up in front of bread stores. In Zehlendorf a German child complained of hunger and got part of Natchees' K ration. An old woman said she got only 200 grams of bread daily and no meat or fat. She went off with the rest of Natchees' lunch.

Dr. Whitener Delivers Fourth July Address

Dr. D. J. Whitener, head of the department of history, Appalachian College, has been selected as the patriotic speaker before the summer school student body at the College today. Dr. Whitener is a specialist in international relations.

Miss Lindau Dies at Blowing Rock Home

Miss Clementine Lindau died Tuesday, June 26th, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Moses H. Cone, Flat Top Manor, Blowing Rock. Burial was on the estate.

Mrs. Zach Linney and son, Romulus Z. Linney, V, of Washington, D. C., are visiting at the home of Mrs. F. A. Linney.

BOONE LIONS CLUB INSTALLS OFFICERS

Dr. R. C. Busted is President for Next Year; in Ceremony Held Tuesday Evening

In its annual installation banquet and ladies night, the Boone Lions Club installed officers for next year at the Gateway Cafe Tuesday evening.

Lion D. J. Whitener, zone chairman in district 31-A of Lions International, conducted the installation ceremony. The following officers were installed: President, Dr. Robert C. Busted; first vice-president, Clyde R. Greene; second vice-president, J. V. Caudill; third vice-president, A. R. Smith; secretary-treasurer, Ralph W. House; lion tamer, Joe Crawford; tail twister, Howard Cottrell; board of directors, J. E. Hoshouser, Lee Stout, Harry Hamilton and W. Amos Abrams.

The program committee, composed of D. B. Dougherty, chairman, M. R. Maddux and Howard Cottrell, Cottrell, had prepared printed programs listing the menu, the program for the evening, the retiring officers, and the incoming officers.

Awards for perfect attendance were presented by Retiring Secretary, Robt. C. Busted to the following Lions: W. Amos Abrams, W. M. Burwell, R. C. Busted, J. C. Cline, Paul A. Coffey, Joe Crawford, T. Milton Greer, Ralph W. House, Guy Hunt, C. H. Mock, G. K. Moose, M. J. O'Sullivan, A. R. Smith, Lee H. Stout, Gordon Winkler and D. J. Whitener.

Lions presented awards for having brought new members into the club were Gordon Winkler, J. V. Caudill, Milton Greer, J. C. Canipe, W. M. Matheson, W. B. York and A. R. Smith.

Lion Abrams presented Retiring President Moose with the past-president's button.

After installation, Dr. Robert C. Busted accepted the gavel of his office and made an acceptance speech in which he thanked the club for honoring him with the office of president. Stressing the camaraderie and good spirit present in the club, he was grateful that he is the leader of an organization which is "one of the most democratic to which a man can belong." He called attention to the complete absence of discord in the club and reviewed its outstanding achievements for the past year. He said that 200 blind persons and 114 crippled children have been helped during the past year.

Committees were appointed for next year. A list of the committees, their membership, and their chairmen will appear in this paper at a future date.

The complete program was: Welcome, President G. K. Moose; Lions Song, led by T. Milt Greer; Invocation, J. K. Parker, Jr.; Group Singing, Lions, Lionesses and guests; Presentation of Awards, Robert C. Busted; Installation of Officers, D. J. Whitener.

Guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Pat McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winkler, Mr. and Mrs. John Groer, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cottrell, Miss Helen Caudill, Dr. and Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Grace Council, Johnny Council, Rebecca Moose, Miss Mary Madison, Mrs. Cleon Hodges, Prof. C. E. Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayworth, Miss Carolyn Blair, Prof. Edwin Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

MANY VISITORS IN MOUNTAINS FOR GLORIOUS FOURTH

Blowing Rock Area Crowded With Vacationists as Fourth Brings Cooler Weather; Business Houses of Boone Close Doors for the Day

An unusually large number of visitors are celebrating the Fourth of July in the mountains today, and reports coming from Blowing Rock indicate that the mountain-top resort is crowded with those spending the Independence Day period in the hill country.

The heat wave of several days has been broken, and the Fourth dawn with lower temperatures, overcast skies and threatened rain, with prospects that many outdoor picnics will be interfered with before the day ends.

In Boone the business houses, almost without exception, have closed for the day, and the management and employees are being privileged to spend the day at home.

In all parts of the world soldiers and sailors are celebrating the Fourth, aided by the hospitality and homage of their allies, and all army personnel in the United Kingdom were granted a day-long holiday, but the navy went about its business as usual. Military and naval servicemen are being invited to dances and parties throughout the world arranged by different units and Red Cross clubs, and the Independence day celebration in Soviet Russia began Tuesday evening with a concert of American music by the Moscow State Philharmonic Orchestra. In China and in Australia and in most of the countries of the world note was taken of Independence Day and many of the rulers messaged greetings to President Truman on this occasion.

E BOND SALES YET COUNT ON QUOTA

Watauga Yet Behind On Sales of Bonds to Individuals; Period Ends Saturday

Watauga county is still falling behind in her purchases of "E" series war bonds, and Chairman Clyde R. Greene, in pointing out that all sales this week will be credited against the local quota, renews his appeal for accelerated purchases in order that the county may raise its \$136,000 "E" bond quota.

While the overall quota has been subscribed some time since, individual purchases of "E" bonds has been lagging during the Seventh War Loan, and with the unprecedented amount of money in the hands of the people at this time, it is felt that he quota could be easily reached during the remaining days of the campaign.

The war is reaching the period of decision, vast quantities of men and materials are being amassed for the big drive against the Jap home islands, and local people should be glad of the opportunity of loaning their surplus funds at good interest, to be used to equip the men who are offering their lives for us.

Slaughterers Given Their Monthly Quotas

Charlotte, July 3—Permanent monthly quota bases have been assigned to all group two slaughterers in Western North Carolina served by the Charlotte OPA district, A. M. Hollingsworth, district rationing executive, announced today.

The national OPA office released the figures on the percentages of assigned quota bases that slaughterers may kill in live weight during July. These quotas are established at 85 percent on cattle, 75 percent on calves, 110 percent on sheep and lambs and 80 percent on hogs.

Farm Bureau Secretary To Speak Here Friday

Hon. R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the State Farm Bureau, will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting of Watauga county farmers to be held at the courthouse Friday evening, July 6.

In making the announcement, Clyde R. Greene, president of the Watauga Farm Bureau, insists that all farmers be present, in an effort to promote a sound agricultural program for the days ahead.