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SAFE BLOWN AT HUNT'S STORE; MONEY IS TAKEN

Depradators Prize Bar From Window to Enter Building of Department Store; Most of Money Had Been Taken to Bank; No Goods Missing

Hunt's Department Store was entered Sunday night, the office safe blown with explosive, an undisclosed amount of money taken, and the robbers effected their get-away without detection. Mr. Guy Hunt, owner of the store, did not know of the robbery until he opened the store at the usual time Monday morning.

Investigation revealed that the building was entered by prizing the iron bars from a window at the back of the store, on the second floor level. The safe was blown open, pillows having been used to deaden the noise of the explosion. A rack of women's coats was found to have been overturned, but so far as Mr. Hunt could tell no merchandise was missing. Some silver money was dropped as the marauders made their way through the window.

Crime detection agencies were immediately contacted and every precaution taken to preserve any fingerprints which might have been left about the place. Pending the arrival of these agents, visitors to the store were barred from the immediate locality of the robbery.

RECORD RAINFALL CITED FOR SEPT.

Wettest September in History of Bureau at College; 12.58 Inches Fell

With a rainfall of 12.58 inches, September was the wettest comparable period in the records of the weather bureau at Appalachian College, says Julian Yoder, who keeps a day-by-day record of the whims of the elements.

Mr. Yoder further reveals that the driest September on record was sprinkled with 38 inches of rainfall, and that the total rainfall for this year so far has been 52.72 inches.

Deer Hunt Dates For Nearby Areas Given

Hunting of male deer on the Mt. Mitchell Wildlife Management area will be permitted on November 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and on the Daniel Boone Wildlife Management area November 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, it is announced by C. N. Mease, chief refuge supervisor, of Marion.

Hunting fees are \$2.50 per day. Applicants should make remittance to Mr. Mease with a standard application form which he will supply, for the asking.

William M. May Expires Thursday; Rites Friday

William M. May, 68 years old, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sterling Smith, of Perkinsville, on last Thursday. Funeral was held at Trade, Tenn., on Friday, Rev. E. F. Troutman being in charge.

He is survived by the widow and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. W. L. Stansberry, Vilas; Chas. May, Lenoir; Mrs. Sterling Smith, Boone; James H. Horton, Glade Springs, Va.; Rankin May, Cleveland, Ohio.

County Singing To Be Held On Sunday

Attention is again called to the county singing convention which will be held at the Tabernacle in Boone next Sunday, starting at 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. S. C. Eggers, chairman of the association which sponsors the singing, is particularly anxious that this year each church in the county be represented with a choir or quartet, or some other vocalist.

Teachers' Meeting Is Postponed to Nov. 17

The county-wide teachers meeting which had been called for Friday afternoon, Oct. 5, has been postponed until the regular meeting on November 17, the announcement having been made by Cratis B. Williams, president of the county unit of the N. C. Education Association, Tuesday afternoon.

October 7 to 13 is Fire Prevention Week. About 5 percent of farm fires are preventable.

Aids Injured Pilot



Lieut. Jean Hartley, navy nurse, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Hartley, of Blowing Rock, who is credited by Lieut. George Boerner, of St. Paul, Minn., with having aided materially in returning him to health, after a crash experienced while a marine pilot in the Pacific area. Lieut. Boerner was taken to a navy hospital in Pearl Harbor, and later was aided by Lieut. Hartley at a Jacksonville, Fla., hospital establishment. Lieut. Boerner suffered amnesia, with memory practically gone and with almost a complete lapse of perception. Lieut. Hartley, due to interest in the case and her fine training, restored her patient. He spent some time at Mayview Manor this summer, and called on Lieut. Hartley's parents to pay his respects. He's in fine shape, and being an athlete, expects to return to football this season.

PERRY TO BE NEW CLERK OF COURT; SUCCEEDS SOUTH

Cove Creek Man is Recommended for Position Made Available as a Result of Resignation of Veteran Court Official

Mr. John Perry, of Sherwood, has been recommended for the position of clerk of the superior court by the Democratic executive committee, to succeed Austin E. South, resigned, and the recommendation will likely receive early approval by Judge Wilson Warlick, the resident judge.

Mr. South had announced a few days ago his resignation, after 19 years in office, the actual retirement date being set at November 1. Mr. Perry, a son of the late Prof. W. Y. Perry, is well qualified by both character and experience for the position with which he is being honored. He is thoroughly competent, and it is expected that his administration of affairs will be of the very highest order. He is admirably fitted to carry on the duties of the office in the same fine manner as did Mr. South.

Congress Gives Road Program Green Light

Washington, Oct. 2—An immediate start on a three-year, \$3,000,000,000 federal-state highway construction program got an okay from congress today.

It came when the senate without debate and in two minutes adopted a house-approved resolution saying there is no reason to hold up any longer a program approved last December as a postwar employment cushion.

The program is the first big postwar public works project to get a go-ahead.

Worked out in detail 10 months ago, it provides for a federal outlay of \$500,000,000 a year for the next three years to match, dollar-for-dollar, state expenditures on highways.

The \$500,000,000 of aid to states is divided into this manner: \$225,000,000 for primary federal aid highways; \$150,000,000 for secondary and feeder roads.

\$125,000,000 for highways in urban areas.

Ration Calendar

MEATS AND FATS: Red Stamps A1 through E1, now valid, expire Oct. 31; F1 through K1, now valid, expire Nov. 30; L1 through Q1, now valid, expire Dec. 31; R1 through V1, now valid, expire Jan. 31.

SUGAR: Sugar Stamp No. 38, now valid, expires Dec. 31.

SHOES: Airplane Stamps Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, now good.

MERCHANTS ASK IMPROVEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Retailers Held to Discuss What is Termed "Lawless Condition Which Exists in the Town of Boone"; Resolutions Passed

At a special meeting of the Boone Merchants Association held Monday, at the instance of W. W. Chester, president, resolutions were adopted, as a result of what was alleged at the meeting to be "the lawless condition which exists in the town of Boone."

The text of the instrument, given the Democrat, follows:

"It was pointed out that the time has come when some change must be made, and that our town officials must show some action.

"The merchants are often called the back-bone of the town when it comes to taxation and donations and feel that in return they should have some protection for their property as well as a decent town in which their families live. It was also brought out in the discussion that the town officials had been approached on several occasions in regard to certain undesirable conditions which exist as: immorality in cars, on the streets at night, and especially on Saturday nights; frequent robberies; disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, profanity, improper parking of cars, violation of parking signs, double parking, parking too near intersections, conditions of streets, condition of sidewalks, opening up of back alleyways so that trucks can unload in back of stores rather than front; sanitary conditions, especially back of stores. Remove garbage cans from main street; enforce town ordinance in regard to merchants burning and throwing garbage and trash out of the back door.

"By unanimous vote, the board of directors of the Merchants Association went on record as adopting the following resolutions: Be it resolved:

"1. That the town board secure competent day and night policemen immediately and that the said officials carry out orders and perform all duties pertaining to the safety and protection of the town, property and people. That night policemen be furnished a night clock and make a complete check of the town every hour, check every door once and see that there is a light in each business house. The day policeman's duties should be to tag all cars for improper parking, and other violations, to take care of drunks, to keep order, and eliminate immoral conduct on the streets.

"2. The town board shall begin a street improvement program at once. Repair all broken down streets and thus save the taxpayers the expense of rebuilding new streets. Improve alleyways. Appoint zoning and planning board. Appoint building committee.

"3. That the town of Boone be made a clean town from a sanitary standpoint. Clean up back alleys and streets, remove unsightly shacks and rubbish. See that stores are not allowed to throw trash out the back doors. Encourage beautifying back lots, especially back of stores."

Big 5 Council Meet Ends in Deadlock

London, Oct. 2—The five-power conference of foreign ministers, after three weeks of discussing European peace settlements, ended tonight in apparent failure.

The ministers of the United States, Russia, Great Britain, France and China concluded their first peace talks in a deadlock over procedure which authoritative circles said would have to be resolved by President Truman, Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee.

Group Votes to Slash 12,000,000 From Taxes

Washington, Oct. 2—The house ways and means committee voted today to remove 12,000,000 low income persons from the income tax rolls in 1946 and to cut the total individual income tax burden almost half a billion dollars deeper than the administration recommended.

A CORRECTION

Mr. Dale Vannoy, of Boone, wishes it to be stated that he was not fined for breaking, entering and larceny in Superior court as was published last week, but did pay a fine on a charge of receiving stolen property. The correction is gladly made.

Roosevelt's Maryland Retreat

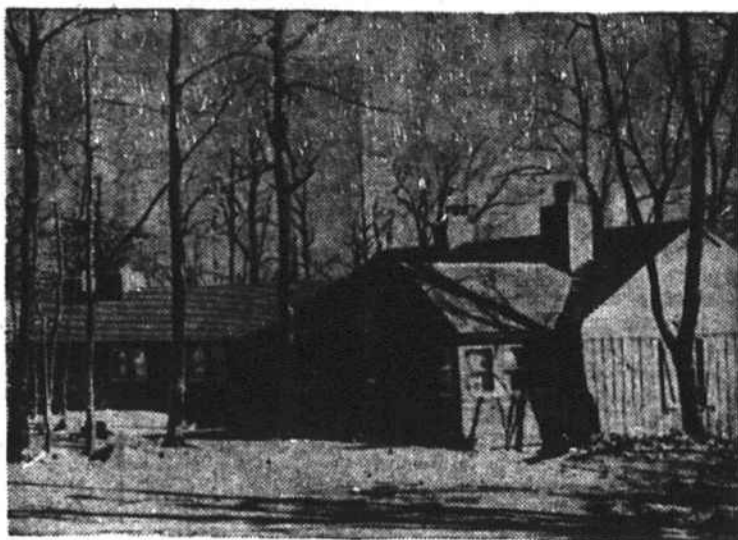


Photo shows the Catootin recreational demonstration area lodge where the late President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill went to rest and talk things over after their conference at the White House. The secret was well guarded from the public.

LARNA BINGHAM TAKEN BY DEATH

Boone Man Had Been Ill for More Than Five Years; Rites Thursday

Larna L. Bingham, 51 years old, popular Boone citizen and a member of one of the county's pioneer families, died Tuesday morning at 2:30. He had been ill for more than five years.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Methodist Church at 2 o'clock today (Thursday). Dr. E. K. McLarty will be in charge of the rites and interment will be in the community cemetery. The body will lie in state in the church auditorium for one hour prior to the rites.

Surviving is the widow, the former Miss Cora Jones, and one son, Eugene, of the army, Amarillo, Tex. Another son, Lieut. Hal Bingham, lost his life when the Fourth Marine division, of which he was a member, stormed the Saipan beaches. There are two brothers, D. B. Bingham, of Boone, and Howard S. Bingham, of Tacoma, Wash. The father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bingham, also survive.

Larna Lee Bingham was born and reared in Watauga county, and prior to his illness had held an important position in the Boone post-office. He was a veteran of World War I, and received injuries Nov. 10, 1918, in the Argonne engagement.

In his physically active years, Mr. Bingham took a keen interest in religious affairs, and had been a member of the Methodist Church since childhood. He had been on the board of stewards of the Boone church for a number of years, which position he held at the time of his death. He was held in the highest regard in this area, where he was known for his cheery disposition, his ready wit, and his qualities of high character.

ALBERT REED GREENE IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Funeral service was held Monday at Old Fields church, near Idlewild, for Albert Reed Greene, age 22, resident of the Stony Fork community, who died Saturday. Rev. Levi Greene conducted the rites.

Mr. Greene is survived by his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Greene; four brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Linda Ward, 39, Dies at Home Here

Mrs. Linda Ward, 39 years old, wife of Amos Ward of Boone, died at her home here on Sept. 26, and funeral services were conducted at Matney by Rev. Mr. Aller, interment being in that community.

Mrs. Ward is survived by the husband and a number of children.

STATE GASOLINE TAX COLLECTION UP 40 PERCENT

Raleigh, Oct. 2—With funds from the gasoline tax showing a 40 percent increase over the same month last year, revenues collected by the state's general fund and highway departments totalled \$7,608,040 during September, Revenue Commissioner Edwin Gill announced today.

V-MAIL TO END OCT. 31

Microfilm transmission of V-mail, by which some 1,500,000,000 letters were speeded to and from the armed forces around the world, will cease October 31, it is announced.

South Africa is finding jobs for returning servicemen.

SUPPORT ASKED FOR WAR FUND

Campaign to Raise Funds for Entertainment of Troops and Other Purposes Started

The National War Fund campaign got under way in the county Monday, and solicitors are beginning their work of gathering contributions for the last campaign of this kind to be conducted.

H. M. Hamilton, Jr., chairman of the local campaign, is very anxious that the county's goal of \$4,600 be subscribed as quickly as possible, and asks that all contribute generously and promptly, explaining that the occupation forces and others of our soldiery still are desperately in need of the entertainment and other services made possible by this fund, and that the need among the people of the war-ravaged countries this winter will be greater than ever before.

The war is not over yet for many millions of our troops and for countless civilians over the world. These people need our aid. The only way they may receive it is through the agency of the National War Fund. Give and give generously, when the solicitor calls.

PRESIDENT OPENS WAR FUND DRIVE WITH BROADCAST

President Truman opened the 1945 National War Fund campaign Tuesday night with an appeal for generous contributions to help war fund agencies "finish the job they were set up to do."

"War service has not ended," said the President in a broadcast from the White House. "I don't need to tell that to anyone whose son is still serving with the occupation forces or with the service troops in this country. For them the war is still going on."

He said the drive is for three causes—for continued "friendly services" for those still having a job to do in the armed forces, for health and welfare services for people at home, and for relief for war stricken persons in liberated areas.

E. F. SHERWOOD NOMINATED FOR VILAS POSTMASTER

Among the nominations for postmaster which have recently been made and sent to the senate by the President, is the name of Edmond F. Sherwood, of Vilas.

Promoted



Sgt. James W. Vines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Vines, of Sugar Grove, who has recently been promoted to his present rank from that of private first class. Sgt. Vines, who has spent 21 months in overseas service, is now in the Philippines.

OVER SIXTEEN HUNDRED LOCAL MEN GO TO WAR

Figures Reveal That Watauga County Has 127 Casualties; 28 Men Make the Supreme Sacrifice in Present War

Watauga county men went to the past war in large numbers as have their forefathers for generations when the bugle sounded for the global conflict, for figures just made public reveal that 1,618 sons of this county went forth under their country's flag to meet and aid in destroying the might of the foe.

Of these men who answered the call of the nation, 1,237 entered the armed services under the selective service system, it is revealed, while as nearly as can be computed, there were '18 enlisted men.

Twenty-eight Watauga men laid down their lives in the defense of their country, 15 were reported as missing in action, continue the grim figures, while 76 were wounded. There were eight prisoners of war.

Since Watauga county has a population of only 18,048, her record of service is particularly outstanding, and would doubtless be even more so if the record of her men who have enlisted could be accurately computed.

EIGHT MEN SENT TO AN ARMY POST

Latest List of Those Donning Uniforms is Given Out By Draft Board

Eight more Watauga county men have been sent to an induction post of the army for service under the terms of the selective service law, the local service board states.

The names of those making up the current induction list follows:

Fred Henry Greene
Dillard Lee Watson
Earl Eugene Miller
Edwin Vaughn Watson
Carson Lee Brown
Arthur Earl Ward
John Henry Oliver
Arville Lee Lowe
John Linville Greene

Surplus Cabbage May Be Sold to Government

A number of farmers have been having difficulty in marketing cabbage that have passed the green stage, therefore, arrangements have been worked out so that farmers in the county can sell cabbage to the government on the support price, says H. M. Hamilton, Jr., county agent. This price is \$1.10 per hundred pounds of cabbage, bagged and loaded in the car at West Jefferson. The farmer has to buy the bags and pay .01 per bag for inspection, it is said.

Cars are available for anyone who wants to load cabbage now. It takes 600 bags to load a car. Anyone interested in loading cabbage at the above prices should contact the office of the county agent at once.

Granville Norris Dies At Boone Home, Age 85

Granville Norris, age 85 years, prominent resident of Boone Route 1, died at the home on Sept. 28, and the remains were interred on Sept. 30, at Laurel Springs cemetery. Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. Arlie Moretz were in charge of the rites.

The survivors include the widow, Pansy Greene Norris, and the following sons and daughters: Virginia Norris, Fess Norris, Hazel Norris, Kelly Norris, Joseph Norris, Eugene Norris, Clay Norris, Mrs. Rosa Stanbury, Mrs. Nellie Miller, Mrs. Sarah Brackett and Mrs. Martha Taylor.

1,600 Tons of Sugar Found in Java Ports

Washington, Oct. 2—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson disclosed tonight that 1,600,000 tons of sugar have been discovered in the ports of Java since the Japs surrendered.

Obviously pleased over the discovery, Anderson told newsmen at a conference that this sugar should very greatly shorten the period of rationing in this country. Heretofore, it has been expected that consumer rationing might be necessary through 1946.