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## MERCHANTS SAY CRITICISM CITY BOARD UNFAIR

"Lack of Information" Blamed by Merchants for Recent Criticism of Municipal Government; Committee Says Officials Are Doing Good Job

A special committee, composed of T. M. Greer, L. T. Tatum and W. T. Walsh, representing the Boone Merchants Association, met with the city officials last Thursday evening, and after a frank and friendly discussion of local conditions make this further statement regarding a report of a former committee recently published in this paper:

"We find that due to lack of information and understanding of certain problems, statements made were unfair to our city officials. In fairness to them we now wish to state that the removal of garbage, the conditions of our water and sewer system and sanitary conditions in general are satisfactory and constant improvement has been made over a period of years.

"Tedious and complete plans have been made to supplement our water supply and we found that the reason street work had not been completed was because of the shortage of labor and conditions beyond their control and that they had complied with the law in attempting to get this work done after having made extensive plans for repair and improvement.

"It was brought out in the discussion that the reason for any misunderstanding was that an official meeting was not asked for to discuss these matters of civic concern. We found that a building inspector has been on duty for years and that a zoning committee had already been at work on plans for some time.

"We find that the traffic situation has decidedly improved and that a new policeman has been added to the police force. And as for some of our recommendations regarding traffic and double parking we want to say that they were not practical and in order to solve this situation it is necessary to have the co-operation of all concerned, including ourselves as it is necessary to double park at times in order to load and unload, as some of the merchants cannot get a back entrance.

"The merchants at all times should keep their garbage in suitable containers and back of stores clean so that the garbage collector can continue to do a good job.

"All in all, we find that Boone is one of the best towns to be found anywhere and recommend that the Boone Merchants Association co-operate with the town officials in keeping it this way.

"Our town is progressive and growing and has a great future and we want to help keep that fine spirit of co-operation that has always been evident among our people, by going directly to our town officials with matters pertaining to the betterment of our town. We think we have reached agreement on all matters and found them very co-operative and courteous and agree that they are doing a good job. Any former statement to the contrary is regretted."

## BUSINESS HOUSE IS BEING ERECTED

Modern New Building For Barnett Motor Company to Be Ready January 1st

Messrs. Lester Carroll and Dewitt Barnett are engaged in the construction of a commodious and modern sales room for the Pontiac automobiles on a lot near the Gulf Service station in East Boone, this information having been unfortunately omitted from a survey of new building construction published in The Democrat recently.

The new structure, which is of brick construction, fronts 85 feet on King street with a depth of 100 feet, is one story high, modern in every detail, and the owners expect it to be ready for occupancy about the first of the year.

The building will house the Barnett Motor Company, Pontiac automobile dealer, who also will stock International trucks and the line of International Harvester Co. farm machinery.

There's no telling when that 1,000,000 tons of sugar in Java will be available for export. Internal conditions in Java are responsible.

## Some Victory Loan Facts

Washington, D. C.—Victory Loan facts, honoring the men and women who won the war, are as follows:  
Dates: October 29 through December 8.  
Quotas: \$11,000,000,000; 4 billion in individual sales, 2 billion in Series E sales, 7 billion from other non-bank investors.  
Reasons: Treasury balance will be drained by December. Money is vitally needed for hospitalization, rehabilitation, retraining, feeding and clothing men overseas, transportation home, payment of munitions already used.

## BOONE DRUG STORE TO BE EXPANDED

G. K. Moose Announces \$20,000 Improvement Program at Local Pharmacy

G. K. Moose, owner of the Boone Drug Company, who has been in business here longer than any other retailer, has announced almost completed plans for a \$20,000 expansion program at the local pharmacy, which will involve the doubling of the floor space of the concern, installation of new equipment and departmentize the business along the most modern lines.

Mr. Moose states that the space now being used by the Western Auto store will be combined in the new drug store, and that Paul J. Oleand & Company, Greenville, S. C., architectural engineers, will have charge of the work, which will include an entirely new front, and that the dental parlors of Dr. W. M. Matheson on the second floor will be rebuilt according to specifications.

It is stated that a new fountain and other modern drug store equipment is to be installed under the direction of the United Rexall Drug Company, and will be the most modern obtainable. The prescription department, which Mr. Moose has always considered the most important part of his business, will be completely rebuilt, and the store will be strictly departmentized, reflecting the newest thought in drug store arrangement. The new structure will house the largest and most modern business of its kind to be found in this section of the state. New departments will be added, the store will be better staffed, and will render all of the services found in the stores of the larger cities. Work will start about the first of the year, and if equipment is readily available it is hoped to have the new store open in the early spring.

Mr. Moose established the Boone Drug store here in 1920, and thus is the oldest of the town's retailers. He built the first brick steam-heated business establishment in this city in 1921, and has been in the forefront of the local procession of progress since that time. The constant expansion and improvement of his place of business is continuing proof of his faith in the community, which he chose for his permanent location more than 25 years ago.

## Clyde Greene Injured In Automobile Accident

Clyde R. Greene, local hardware man, was seriously injured in an automobile accident which occurred near Fayetteville last Wednesday evening, but was returned to his home in Boone Saturday evening, where he is rapidly recovering.

Details of the accident in which Mr. Greene was injured are lacking, other than that he was in a head-on collision with another automobile early in the evening. He suffered head injuries, including a concussion, and injuries of the chest and left leg, and remained unconscious for several hours after he was removed to a Fayetteville hospital.

Mr. Greene, who is president of the State Merchants Association as well as state councillor for the Juniors Order, was on business for the Juniors when the accident occurred, and had attended sessions of the Grand Lodge in Raleigh, while away.

## Watches, Rings Taken From Local Jeweler

Two valuable watches and a number of finger rings were taken from a show window at the Stallings Jewelry store last Sunday night.

Entrance to the window was made by breaking a corner from the plate glass. So far no evidence has been secured against the perpetrators of the crime.

## HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASS PLANNED FOR BOND SALES

Final Effort Being Made to Stimulate Sale of Bonds in Victory Loan Campaign; Sales Continue to Fall Behind in Last Bond Offering

In an effort to further stimulate the sale of bonds in the Victory Loan campaign, a house-to-house canvass of Boone will be made during a one-week period beginning Thursday, it is announced by Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, chairman of that phase of the campaign, who states that everyone in the community will be urged to buy a bond in the final war-financing effort of the government.

The canvassers are organized to cover every section of the town during the week, and no stone will be left unturned in the effort to aid in raising the quota for Watauga county. It is earnestly requested that citizens co-operate fully with the canvassers in making prompt purchases of bonds, so that Watauga county may maintain her record of going all-out in every campaign concerning the war-financing program.

Alfred Adams, chairman of the Victory Loan campaign, states that the sale of bonds continue to fall far behind in the county, and that only \$34,000 worth of the securities have been disposed of. The county quota is \$138,000.

## WAR FUND DRIVE STILL GOES ON

Governor Cherry Issues Thanksgiving Appeal for Support of Campaign

Collections for the United War Fund campaign in Watauga county have reached the sum of \$3,200, says Chairman H. M. Hamilton, Jr., who states that the campaign is still progressing, with the hope that the county quota of \$4,600 may yet be reached. Mr. Hamilton urges all solicitors in the county to make a final effort to reach their respective quotas and make their reports to him at once.

Cherry's Statement  
Governor R. Gregg Cherry has released the following Thanksgiving appeal for support of the War Fund effort:

"On November 22 we richly blessed North Carolinians will give thanks for God's great generosity to us through the past year.

"Let us give more than thanks. Let us make it possible for others to give thanks through unselfish gifts to the United War Fund.

"Thanksgiving can only be real for millions of servicemen on active duty for many months yet, if your thankfulness makes possible the USO program which the army and navy ask you to provide for them.

"Thanksgiving will be possible for merchant seamen if your active thankfulness enables the United Seamen's Service to continue during 1946.

"Your thanksgiving will feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, care for the destitute, provide shelter for the homeless—many millions of them around the world—if you remember your debt to them and express your thankfulness in deeds, not words.

"If your United War Fund gift does not fully measure your sacrificial gratitude, I urge you voluntarily to increase it.

"If your gift has not yet been made, please make it quickly, generously, thankfully."

## Local Dog Wins in National Field Trials

Broad Arrow of Richmond, a Brittany Spaniel belonging to Dr. R. C. Busted and Lee Stout of Boone, won third prize in the national Brittany derby held near Detroit, Mich., last week.

This Brittany was trained and handled by Dr. Busted and performed against 21 of the nation's best dogs. His performance was doubly outstanding, as he had been trained on quail and had never before handled ring-necked pheasants, with which the trail grounds were stocked. The local Spaniel was the first Brittany bred and trained in the south to place in a national Brittany trial. The same dog won fourth place in the novice class at the special bench show in Detroit.

## Franklin D. Roosevelt Medal



Photo shows both sides of the Franklin D. Roosevelt memorial medal, which the treasury department announced as available to the public. The medal was designed by John R. Sinnock.

## HEREFORDS BRING HIGH AVERAGES

Third Annual Hereford Sale Held Here Friday is Pronounced Great Success

The third annual Watauga Hereford breeders sale which was held in the Mountain Burley warehouse here last Friday, was a great success. Thirty-five head went through the auction ring at an average of \$243 per head.

Buyers from Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina bought these Herefords to help improve the Hereford business on their farms.

The top animal was consigned by T. D. Brown and Sons of Sherwood. This was an outstanding cow with heifer calf at side. She sold to Ralph Horney, Speedwell, Va., for \$525. Another cow from the Brown consignment sold for the second high figure of \$475 to Mr. Horney.

The ten highest animals averaged \$360.50 per head and the top 25 averaged \$280. Fourteen head found new homes in Watauga county.

Everyone who attended the sale said the cattle in this year's sale was much better than the cattle that had been offered in previous sales.

H. M. Hamilton, Jr., was the auctioneer and was assisted in the ring by Forest Fern of the American Hereford Journal, Kansas City, Mo., Howard Stamey, extension animal husbandman, Raleigh, and R. E. Black, county agent, Sparta. W. G. Booker, farm products agent for T. C. I., Raleigh, was the clerk.

## Two Injured in Crash Return From Hospital

Blaine Trivette and Lee Teague, who were injured recently, when the automobile in which they were riding left the highway at Perkinsville, have returned to their homes from Watauga Hospital, and are improving. Mr. Trivette suffered a broken neck and minor injuries and will have to wear a cast for some time, while Mr. Teague is recovering from fractured ribs and chest injuries. It is believed that both will soon recover.

## Dates Are Established For Forensic Tournney

Dr. J. D. Rankin, director of the Appalachian Mountain Forensic tournament, announces Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8, as the date for holding the tournament.

The tournament was organized in 1936 for improvement in debating, after-dinner speaking, impromptu speaking, problem solving, women's oratory and men's oratory, and is patronized in the main by those colleges in North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, that are members of the South Atlantic Forensic tournament.

Individual scorings will be given in all activities and suitable awards presented to winners.

## Dr. Wright Chosen District President

Dr. J. T. C. Wright, of Boone, was elected president of the District Deputy Grand Masters' Association of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina Masons, which held its annual meeting in Raleigh last Wednesday.

Other officers include Dr. Charles H. Pugh, of Gastonia, vice-president, and R. F. Jarrett of Dillsboro, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Wright succeeds Lester M. Giliken of Goldsboro.

The association held its meeting in conjunction with the annual communication of the North Carolina Grand Lodge.

## COUNTY TEACHERS MEET SATURDAY

Junior Red Cross Worker to Speak; Prizes to Be Given Schools for Displays

The Watauga unit of the North Carolina Education Association will meet in the high school auditorium here Saturday afternoon at 2, it is announced by Cratis D. Williams, president.

Committees will meet in various rooms from 2 to 2:20, following which, a general meeting will be held in the auditorium. The program, according to Grady Tester, program chairman and vice-president, will consist of a talk by Miss Tony Beasley, Junior Red Cross worker for North Carolina, and a discussion of what is being done in the schools of the county in observance of National Education Week and National Book Week. Exhibits of prize displays will be in the school library. Following inspection of the exhibits, the teachers of the county will visit the classrooms of the Appalachian high school and the Boone demonstration school.

One first prize and two second prizes will be given to the teachers of one and two-room schools who have winning displays in observing National Education Week and National Book Week.

## Kidd Brewer Injured in Automobile Collision

Kidd Brewer, who recently returned to his home in Boone from naval service in the Pacific, was injured in an automobile collision which occurred near Kingstree, S. C., last week. Mr. Brewer suffered a slight concussion and minor injuries from a head-on collision between his car and one operated by Mrs. M. B. Bremerton.

Information is that Mrs. Bremerton lost control of her automobile and crashed into the one driven by Mr. Brewer, who was unable to avoid the accident. Both drivers were rendered unconscious and removed to hospitals in the area. Information is that both are showing satisfactory recovery, and Mr. Brewer will likely return to Boone within a few days.

## Future Teachers Hold Meeting at College

The Future Teachers met Monday, Nov. 5, in Lovill assembly, Appalachian College, and following a business session, Madeline Smoot led a discussion "Federal Aid for Education."

During a debating period many arguments both for and against a federal aid program were advanced. A brief social hour followed the discussion.

## Knitters Are Wanted At Red Cross Rooms

Mrs. W. M. Burwell, production chairman of the Watauga chapter, Red Cross, is anxious to secure a number of volunteer knitters to aid in the completion of 130 army v-neck sweaters, representing the quota assigned to the local chapter during last April. Full co-operation of the ladies of the county in finishing this work is urgently requested. Membership is requested.

## EXAMS TO CLOSE FRIDAY

Examinations for the fall term of Appalachian College will close at noon on Friday, Nov. 16. Registration for the winter term will be completed on Tuesday, Nov. 20. Students will use the vacation days to visit their homes.

## TOBACCO SALES TO START HERE DECEMBER THIRD

Banner Season of Seven Million Pounds is Confidently Expected by Officials of Local Market, as Warehouse Space is Being Doubled

The Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouses will open their auction sales for the 1945-46 season on Monday, December 3, simultaneously with the Kentucky and Tennessee markets, it is announced, and officials of the local market confidently expect 7,000,000 pounds to be marketed here from the bumper burley crop. Last year 4,800,000 pounds were sold.

Ceiling and floor prices will be in effect as formerly and government graders will be on hand for the opening.

Anticipating a banner season here the warehouse corporation is rushing the construction of a new house, which will double the floor space available, and relieve the congestion which has sometimes been experienced in the height of the selling season. There will be a total of 133,400 square feet of floor space in both houses, and barring unforeseen difficulties, it seems certain that the new house will be ready for the start of the sales.

Meantime, it is announced that the old house will be open for the receipt of tobacco on November 19, and farmers are asked to place their tobacco on the floors when it is ready, and be ready for the first day sales. The house will be responsible for the tobacco placed there prior to the start of the season, it is explained.

Bumper Crop Seen  
Mr. R. C. Coleman of Taber City, warehouseman, together with other tobacco men, has been in the county a number of times, and points out that this year's yield is the largest in the history of the burley enterprise in this section, and the tobacco is of uniformly high quality.

Recent damp weather has enabled farmers to begin the grading of their crops, and with continued favorable weather the trucks are expected to begin moving next week, in preparation for the big year on the local floors.

The houses will be under the same management as last year, and will be staffed by men of long experience in the tobacco business. Increased facilities for handling the crop will result in the minimum of delay in selling, and farmers may expect the best service they have ever procured here.

## HUNTING SEASON STARTS NOV. 22

Prospects Good for Large Bags of Upland Game, Says County Game Warden

The open hunting season for quail, rabbits and other types of upland game opens next Thursday, Nov. 22, states Walter Edmisten, county game warden, who insists that all hunters taking to field and forest provide themselves with the proper licenses as required by law.

Mr. Edmisten states that the prospects for game this fall are rather brighter than average, and he expects the take of birds and animals this season to be large.

The warden also points out that all persons who intend to buy furs this season should see him at once and procure the license provided by law.

## Chamber of Commerce Will Meet Thursday

There will be a dinner meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the Gateway Cafe, and President H. W. Wilcox states that there will be guests from Winston-Salem, Mountain City, Tenn., Abingdon, Va., and Bristol, Tenn.

Important highway matters are to come up for discussion, it is said, and a full attendance of the members is urged.

## COUNTY CONTEST

The 4-H girls of Deep Gap school held a canning contest October 1. The judges were Mrs. Marie Hamrick, Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Miss Matheson and Mrs. Dowling. Betty Ruth Steelman won first prize; Mary Ann Fairchild, second, and Mary Nell Watson, third.

Mrs. Hamby took the prize cans and put them on display at the A. & P. Store in Boone, along with other prize-winners of the county.