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## FARMERS TO VOTE ON AAA SET-UP DURING NEXT WEEK

Final Appeal to Get Out and Vote is Issued by Chairman of Triple-A Committee; Schedule of Polling Places and Dates; Tobacco Cards to Be Given Out

A final appeal to "get out and vote" has been directed to Watauga county farmers by Chairman W. W. Mast, of the county AAA committee. Farmers in 20 communities will ballot next week on the AAA committee members who will represent and assist them the coming year.

A big turnout of voters will demonstrate the Watauga county farmers believe in the elected committee system which enables farmers to run their own farm programs, Mr. Mast said. On the other hand, a small turnout might be interpreted to mean that farmers are not interested in having their programs run by farmers.

With many reconversion problems ahead, the AAA committee will have heavy responsibilities in 1946. They will be handling details of government programs and also voicing the opinions of local farmers on recommendations for new or improved programs.

Committee elections will be held in Watauga county at the following places on November 30, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.:

Winebarger's store (Zionville); Green Valley school (Meat Camp); Elkland school (Todd); Deep Gap school; Simmons' store (Triplet); City Hall (Blowing Rock); Bamboo school (Blue Ridge); Greene's Service station (East Boone); AAA office (Boone); Harmon's store (Lovill); Community House (Reese); Bethel school; Vance Harmon's store; Victor Ward's store; Sherwood's store; Mabel school; Howard Thomas' store; C. P. Moore's store (Foscoe); Howard Mast's store (Valle Crucis); Clyde Tester's store (Shawneehaw).

The county convention will be held at the AAA office in Boone on Saturday, December 1.

It is likely that some changes will be made in the polling places, in which cases voters will receive a letter telling of the change.

Mr. Mast pointed out that approximately 2,000 farmers are eligible to vote in the elections this year. Any farmers who participate in the agricultural conservation, or Federal crop insurance programs may vote. Five farmers will be chosen as committeemen in each community—three as regular committee members and two as alternates. Also elected will be a delegate to the county convention to be held later, where the county committee of three members will be elected.

## THANKSGIVING IS BEING OBSERVED

Most Business Places Take Holiday; Postoffice and Other Public Offices Closed

Most of the business houses of Boone are observing Thanksgiving Thursday by closing their houses, all the membership of the Boone Merchants Association being affected by the closing rule, and there will be little public activity during the day other than at the cafes, some service stations, and perhaps the drug stores.

At the same time, the bank, post-office, city and county offices will observe the holiday, and some of the churches are announcing special services in the church column of The Democrat today.

## TWENTY NAZI WAR CRIMINALS GO ON TRIAL

Nuernberg, Germany, Nov. 20.—Twenty topflight Nazis, once masters of Europe, sat meekly in a small oak-paneled courtroom today and listened to a five-hour recital of war crimes for which they may answer with their lives.

The fallen leaders, stripped of both their arrogance and their gaudy military trappings, were outwardly calm—some of them even appearing bored—as the 24,000-word indictment was read at the opening session of the international war crimes tribunal.

## HIGGINS TO PROSECUTE TOJO

Carlisle W. Higgins, United States attorney for the middle district of North Carolina, will be appointed first assistant attorney to lead in the prosecution of Tojo at the trial of the Japanese war criminals slated to begin early in 1946, it was revealed in Greensboro Monday.

## New Police Officer



O. L. SCRUGGS

## SCRUGGS ADDED TO POLICE FORCE

Accelerated Program of Law Enforcement is Started by the Town

Mr. O. L. Scruggs, Alabama native, more recently of West Jefferson, has been added to the local police department in line with the town government's policy of increased vigilance in the matter of law enforcement, and Mrs. Scruggs and one son will join the officer when suitable living accommodations are found.

Mr. Scruggs, who has had wide experience in law enforcement over a period of years, expresses himself as being well pleased with the community, and doesn't seem to regard the enforcement problem here as being too serious. A number of arrests have been made on charges of public drunkenness, but a good portion of the new officers' time has been taken in an effort to get the traffic situation on Main street straightened out. The traffic lights have been placed in operation again, motorists are being cited for non-observance of the signals, double parking has been eliminated, except in cases of emergency, and the situation is vastly improved.

## Warren Named New Head of N. C. Baptists

Rev. J. C. Canipe of Boone, Elected Second Vice-President of State Convention

Raleigh—The State Baptist Convention, in a whirlwind concluding session Friday, shelved for at least a year a proposal to expand the Bible department of Wake Forest College into a school of religion, and defeated a proposal to assume the debt of the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem.

Earlier, Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, was elected president, succeeding Dr. Ralph E. Herring of Winston-Salem. W. H. Weatherston of Raleigh, was a close runner-up.

Other officers named were the Revs. J. Winston Pearce of Durham, first vice-president; J. C. Canipe of Boone, second vice-president, and Leroy M. Martin of Raleigh, a layman, third vice-president. The body selected Asheville as its 1946 meeting place.

## John P. Houck, 68, Claimed by Death

John Preston Houck, 68 years old, died at the local hospital Wednesday of last week, and funeral services were conducted from the Zion Methodist Church in Ashe county Friday morning. Rev. W. L. Scott, of Pekeville, was in charge of the service and interment was in the family cemetery at Miller's Creek. Mr. Houck was a native of Todd, but moved to Boone in 1925, and had been employed by Appalachian State Teachers College since that time.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Alice McGuire; two sons and one daughter: Stanley Houck, Boone; Willard Houck, Miller's Creek; Mrs. H. C. Abernethy, Charlotte; and one sister, Mrs. W. E. Scott of Todd, and three grandchildren.

## LUKE LEA DIES

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 19.—Death came last night to 66-year-old Luke Lea, onetime publisher and power in Tennessee politics and the man who led a party to ex-Kaiser Wilhelm's Dutch retreat in an abortive effort to kidnap him. A United States senator at 31, Lea became a colonel of field artillery in World War I.

The printing press was invented about the middle of the 15th century.

## COUNTY TEACHERS MEET AT LOCAL HIGH SATURDAY

Miss Beasley Tells Teachers of Junior Red Cross; Representatives of Local School Units Give Reports of Work; Colored School Gets Prize

Teachers of Watauga county schools met at Appalachian high school last Saturday, following a session of the various committees, designed to make plans for the association's future activities.

During the course of the business meeting reports of the different committees were made by their respective chairmen, told of programs drafted for the next two meetings of the tutors.

Rev. E. F. Troutman, Lutheran minister, led in the devotionals, and Miss Antoinette Beasley described activities of the Junior Red Cross, and the rapidity with which it has grown in the United States and foreign lands. She displayed examples of work done by Junior Red Cross groups and said these service activities could be readily adapted to work projects in the school.

The last portion of the program covered reports of representatives of most of the school groups of the county, on activities conducted during National Education Week and National Book Week. Those representing the different schools were: Green Valley, A. E. Moretz; Bethel, Grady Tester; Blowing Rock, Mrs. John Barden; Cove Creek, Mrs. Dare Strother; Mabel, Mrs. Duth Roland; Appalachian elementary, Miss Christine Innings; Appalachian high, Miss Mary Madison.

The prize which had been offered to the best one-teacher and two-teacher schools in the county for the best displays of work done by the students during National Education Week and National Book Week, went to the Boone colored school.

Following the meeting the teachers visited the different rooms in the high and elementary schools, saw the bulletin boards and other displays arranged during the week. Samples of work done in other schools were displayed in the study hall.

## Local Lions Club Inducts New Members

The Boone Lions Club initiated the following new members at its meeting held Tuesday evening: Raleigh Cottrell, A. E. Hamby, John H. Thomas, Eugene Garbee, John C. Martin and Herbert Wey.

The initiation was conducted by the Lions education committee, J. C. Canipe, chairman. Conducting the catechism were Lions C. A. Price and J. E. Holsinger. Following the recommendations of the examining committee, Lion Canipe spoke on what a Lions Club means to its members, the community and civilization. President Robert C. Busted commended candidates upon their acceptance into the club.

Lion W. M. Burwell reviewed the success of the eye clinic held recently and reported that the eyes of 40 children were examined.

Guests for the evening were Grant Ayers, Starr Stacy, Mr. Sebastain and Lieut. Wade E. Brown. The program for the next meeting is to be in charge of the military affairs committee and the citizenship and patriotism committee, Lions Lionel Ward and Clyde R. Greene, chairmen.

## TWO-CENT POSTAGE

Washington, Nov. 20.—The house postoffice committee approved today a bill to reduce postage on local first-class mail from three to two cents.

The radar industry already is six times as big as the radio industry was before the war.

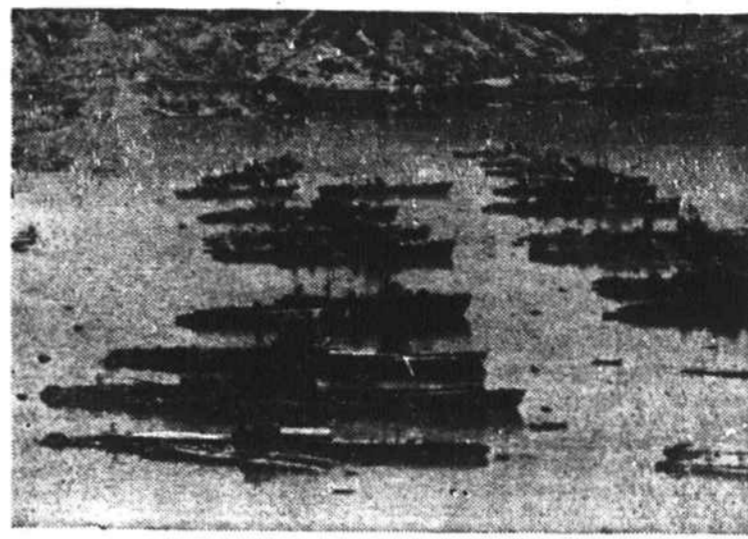
**Prevent TB**

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**GREETINGS**

**Buy Christmas Seals**

## Ghost of Japan's Imperial Fleet



Driven off the sea by U. S. naval might, the Japanese Imperial fleet, a pale ghost of its once-powerful self, is shown in Kure bay, the graveyard of ships and hopes of world conquest.

## Truman-Atlee Meet



Prime Minister Clement Attlee, shown in Washington with President Truman as they entered the White House to continue discussion of the eventual control of the atom bomb by international authority.

## SALE OF BONDS CONTINUE TO LAG

Reports of Pending Sales Made by Chairman Who Predicts Better Reports

Local sales of government bonds continue to fall behind expectations in the Victory Loan drive, and Chairman Alfred Adams reports the sale of about \$45,000 of the securities against a quota of \$138,000.

However, Mr. Adams states that the campaign is beginning to hit its stride, and a number of large sales of bonds are expected to be completed for the next report. Incidentally the house-to-house canvass which has been going on in Boone for a few days, remains to be reported, and considerable success is likely to attend this venture.

## Mrs. Matilda Bingham, 91 Years Old, Dies at Home Near Rutherford

Mrs. Matilda Johnson Bingham, who was 91 years old, died at the home near Rutherford, where she and Mr. Bingham had resided for 65 years, last Monday.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bingham, who was one of the most beloved ladies of her section of the county, were conducted from the Boone Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Dr. E. K. McLarty, and interment was in the cemetery in the home neighborhood, Reins-Sturdivant being in charge of the details.

The husband, Mr. Duvall Bingham, who is 89 years old, survives, together with three sons and two daughters: Jephtha Bingham and D. L. Bingham, Boone; Dr. L. R. Bingham, Knoxville, Tenn.; Misses Cretie and Almedia Bingham of the home. A large number of grandchildren also survive.

## MANY CONTRIBUTORS TO JR. RED CROSS AT DEEP GAP

Miss Dorothy Farthing, sponsor, collected \$31.78 for the Junior Red Cross at the Deep-Gap school. Mrs. Marie Hamrick's sixth and seventh grade room gave the largest sum, \$15.51, and will be rewarded at a picnic arranged by Mrs. Hamrick.

The following children gave one dollar or more to the campaign: Bobby Nichols, Harris Greene, Jane Moretz, Kate Greene, Reba Greene, Howard Greene, Ruby Greer, Joan Greene, B. L. Greene, Bobby Miller, Sarah Miller.

## BOONE, TWIN-CITY GROUPS PLANNING FOR BETTER 421

Highway Project Into Tennessee and Virginia Takes Attention of Chamber of Commerce; Many From Winston-Salem Attend; Another Meeting Dec. 6

Chamber of Commerce members of Boone and Winston-Salem met here last Thursday evening to discuss improvements of highway 421 from Winston-Salem to Boone, and complete modernization of the route leading from the Watauga metropolis to Bristol, Tenn.-Va.

Highway committees from the two Chambers of Commerce will serve as a joint group to further such improvements as straightening and widening of the Boone-Winston-Salem highway, and to enlist the cooperation of the states of Tennessee and Virginia in making of the road a strictly improved interstate artery of travel.

## To Meet December 6

H. W. Wilcox, of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, states that a joint North Carolina-Virginia-Tennessee highway meeting will be held in Boone on December 6, at which time the tri-state delegation will lay plans for a better highway 421 from Winston-Salem to Boone, and a commercial highway from Virginia to Tennessee to the North Carolina coast, traversing the most scenic section of the North Carolina mountains.

## Asks Three-lane Road

At Thursday's meeting Representative S. C. Eggers, member of the local highway committee, called for the construction of a three-lane highway from Boone to Winston-Salem, and Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, spoke, calling to mind that 25 years ago a similar group from Winston-Salem and Boone met to establish plans for a highway between the two towns, which came to be known as the Boone Trail Highway.

The Boone Chamber of Commerce Highway committee is composed of S. C. Eggers, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Clyde R. Greene, W. H. Gragg and H. G. Farthing.

The meeting was attended by about 50 Boone people, and the following composed the Winston-Salem delegation: William T. Ritter and R. D. Harwick, representing the Chamber of Commerce; Sanford Martin, Roy Craft, Tom Cash, F. J. DeTamble, Wade Gilliam, J. H. Early and Charlie Church.

## XMAS SEAL SALE IS UNDER WAY

Wataugans Asked to Purchase One Thousand Dollars Worth of Health Stickers

The annual sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals started Monday and will continue until Christmas Day, during which Watauga county people will be asked to buy a minimum of \$1,050 worth of the little stickers, the proceeds of which are to be used for the continuance of the fight against tuberculosis.

Mr. J. V. Caudill, chairman of the Christmas Seal sale locally, says that as was the case last year, the sheets of stamps will be mailed out to different individuals in the town and county, and they are being asked to mail their remittances back promptly in the envelopes provided for the purpose.

The following gives some idea of the work of the National Association for the Eradication of Tuberculosis, which is financed by the sale of Christmas Seals:

When the National Tuberculosis Association was founded in 1904 by a group of physicians and laymen, the TB death rate in the United States was nearly 200 per 100,000 population. There were fewer than 10,000 hospital beds for the care of tuberculosis patients.

Since 1904, the tuberculosis death rate has been cut 75 percent.

There are now 100,000 hospital beds for tuberculosis patients.

The tuberculosis control work of the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliates is financed by the sale of Christmas Seals. Of the funds received in the nation-wide Seal sale, 95 percent is spent in the state and five percent goes to the national association.

The army engineers have perfected a four-pound water purification unit capable of producing a half gallon a minute.

## TO OPEN BIDS ON HIGHWAY PROJECT

Commissioner Graham Says Bids On Construction Lenoir-Blowing Rock Road Open 27th

Bids on construction of approximately four miles of the Lenoir-Blowing Rock highway will be opened in Raleigh on Tuesday, Nov. 27, Chairman A. H. Graham of the state highway commission, has announced.

The bids will be for the grading, surfacing and structures on the four mile section which is about 10 miles from Lenoir.

W. Vance Baise, state highway engineer, stated that the Caldwell project was a part of bids for projects on "upwards of \$3,000,000" worth of construction in the state for which bids will be opened at that time.

Bids were let on this project on Oct. 9 and after being opened, the state highway commission decided to call for new bids. The Caldwell project on Route 321 was bid in at \$380,385.80 by a road firm from Fayetteville.

The Lenoir-Blowing Rock project will begin at Curtis' store at the end of the present completed road at the foot of the mountain and will run on a line above and east of the present old highway. The new road will be above the water falls and from that point will follow a straight-away course for nearly a mile. The project will end at the road now leading to the Ilmetite mines or near Dr. Clyde Hedrick's cabin.

Around the old road to the terminus it is a distance of about five miles but with the shortcut across the peaks of the mountains the distance will be reduced to 3.86 miles. The remainder of the distance to Blowing Rock which will be covered under another project, is about 6½ miles.

## Ruling for Packages Going Overseas Given

Parcels not exceeding 11 pounds in weight, 42 inches in length, or 72 inches in length and girth combined, and containing articles requested by the addressee, may be accepted for mailing to army personnel overseas, it was announced by John E. Brown, Jr., postmaster.

## EISENHOWER AND NIMITZ NAMED CHIEFS OF STAFF

Washington, Nov. 20.—President Truman today designated General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz to head the army and navy.

Eisenhower succeeds Gen. George C. Marshall as army chief of staff immediately. His nomination was sent to the senate where confirmation appeared certain—all congressmen who commented praised the appointment. Meanwhile he will serve as acting chief of staff.

Nimitz will replace Admiral Ernest J. King as chief of naval operations after Christmas. Meanwhile Nimitz will return to his Pacific fleet command.

## 1,500 AVIATORS LISTED MISSING

Tokyo, Nov. 19.—More than 1,500 American airmen still are listed as missing after combat missions over Japan, it was disclosed today, and army investigators have begun a vigorous search for information regarding their fate.