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ARTHUR E. HAMBY SUCCUMBS AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS

Prominent Citizen Died Tuesday Morning; Had Been Ill Since Saturday; Rites Thursday Afternoon; Leader in Growth of City

Arthur Edward Hamby, 56 years old, a prominent figure in the business life of the city for 25 years, died at his home in Boone Tuesday morning after a brief illness. Mr. Hamby had been confined to his home for three days with what was described as a chest cold. The immediate cause of his demise, however, was said to have been a heart attack.

Funeral services are to be conducted from the First Baptist Church this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Canipe, the pastor, and the body will lie in state in the church auditorium from one o'clock until the time for the rites. Interment will be in the cemetery.

Mr. Hamby was reared in Watauga county, a son of the late P. L. Hamby and Mrs. Hamby, and for the past 25 years had been an important figure in the growth and development of the town of Boone. In partnership with W. R. Winkler, Mr. Hamby was one of the founders of the Pastime Theatre here, which grew into the present Appalachian Theatre, and was half owner in the enterprise until a short while ago. He personally managed the local playhouse for a number of years, and was extremely popular with the general public. He had other business interests here, which included the half ownership of the community. Personable, generous house. He was a public-spirited citizen and his industry contributed greatly to the development of the city.

Mr. Hamby was a member of the Baptist Church and evidenced keen interest in the religious life of the community. Personable, generous and kind, he was held in the highest regard throughout this section, where he was widely known.

Mr. Hamby is survived by the widow, the former Miss Mildred Critcher; two sons, A. E. Hamby, Jr., and one daughter, Mrs. Edith Hamby Mast, of Boone, and Miss Martha Hamby, a student at W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro. One brother, Don Hamby, of Newport News, Va.; and five sisters survive: Mrs. C. W. Woodward, Clearwater, Fla.; Mrs. C. B. Craig, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Neil Clawson, Lenoir; Mrs. Jake Watson Blowing Rock, and Mrs. Martha Blair, Cincinnati.

OFFICER WARNS AGAINST FORGERS

Blowing Rock Policeman Says Check Thieves and Forgers Prevalent During Holidays

Chief of Police D. W. Wooten of Blowing Rock, co-operating in the U. S. secret service crime prevention program, today warned merchants and their customers to be on guard against check thieves and forgers. During the pre-holiday season the chief said these criminals take advantage of crowded streets and overworked clerks to "reap a harvest" by stealing and forging large numbers of checks.

Here are some safeguards suggested by Chief Wooten:

Persons who expect checks by mail should make arrangements for someone to be at home to receive them when they arrive and see that they are kept in a safe place until cashed. Merchants should instruct their employees to use greater care in accepting commercial and government checks, especially from strangers. They should be cautioned to require positive identification and make a note on the check the type of identification presented. The check should always be endorsed in the presence of the person cashing it and the endorsement should be carefully compared with the signatures on identification offered. The employee cashing the check should initial it in order to fix the responsibility and to later help him remember the transaction should the check turn out to be a forgery. Every person cashing a check should always ask himself the question, "If this check is returned as a forgery, will I be able to locate the forger and recover my money?"

Said Chief Wooten: "Neither customers nor merchants can afford to suffer the loss of a forged check when simple precautions could have prevented it. Treat your check as though it were cash. If you receive a check, protect it from thieves. If you are a merchant, be sure you know your endorsers."

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on your paper as it shows the date your subscription will expire and the date your paper will be stopped unless sooner removed. The Democrat is operating strictly on a cash in advance basis. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Judge Advocate



LIEUT. WADE E. BROWN

BOONE MAN GETS HIGH NAVAL POST

Local Attorney Named Judge Advocate of Sixth Naval District

Lieutenant Wade E. Brown, of Boone, has been appointed judge advocate of the general court martial of the Sixth naval district by Rear Admiral L. T. DuBose, USN., commandant of the Sixth naval district, Charleston, S. C. At the same time he was promoted from the rank of lieutenant (junior grade).

As judge advocate, Lieut. Brown will prosecute all cases coming before the general court martial for the Sixth naval district.

Before entering the navy in May, 1944, he practiced law in Boone. He served as commanding officer of an armed guard unit which was stationed aboard an army transport, a tanker, and a Liberty ship during the year of duty Lieut. Brown spent in the Pacific. His ship operated in the Philippine Islands area, and carried supplies to the Caroline and Marshall Islands. He reported to the Sixth naval district for duty in December, 1945.

Lieut. Brown graduated from Wake Forest College in 1941.

COLD WEATHER CONTINUES HERE

Mercury Shows Signs of Upward Trend Today, Following Frigid Wave

The cold weather continues in this area, with mercury Tuesday and Wednesday morning standing at slightly below ten degrees, but this morning there are evidences of clearing skies, and hopes are that the cold wave which began a week ago, may be definitely broken soon.

Much of the snow which fell the first of last week remains, although there was considerable thawing Sunday and Monday. Monday noon, however, mercury began to drop again, accompanied by a light snowfall, and there has been no relief since. Traffic this week, however, has been able to move most of the time without interruption.

Benjamin R. Winkler Succumbs on Saturday

Benjamin Roby Winkler, former school teacher, and a resident of the Rutherfordwood neighborhood, died at the home last Saturday after a long period of declining health.

Mr. Winkler was born in Watauga county, a son of the late Marshall Winkler and Carolyn Bingham Winkler. He taught school for a number of years in the county, and later engaged in farming activities.

Funeral services were conducted at the Bethel Methodist church by Rev. Mr. Stevens of Todd, Sunday afternoon, and the remains were interred at the cemetery in the home neighborhood, Reins-Sturdivant taking care of the details.

The widow and two sons survive: Garland and Dorman Winkler, both of Rutherfordwood.

Linville Man Concerned Over Proposed Highway

Mr. John Frank Hampton of Linville, was in town Monday, primarily to discuss with state highway officials and others the proposed construction of a near-cut highway from Boone to Linville, which, it has been suggested, might follow the general direction taken by the Linville River railway.

The local Chamber of Commerce has long been interested in this project, and Mr. Hampton believes it is one of the most important pieces of highway work for this area. He states that large numbers of Avery county people are anxious to trade at Boone, and would do so, if they could reach the Watauga capital without taking a long circuitous trip in doing so.

'E' BOND SALES CONTINUE TO LAG IN THIS COUNTY

Overall Sales Reach Sum of \$350,000, While Only About 39 Percent of E Bond Quota is Accounted For; Campaign Lasts to End of Month

Watauga county people continue to respond rather poorly to the appeals for the purchase of E bonds in the Victory Loan campaign, and reports today from Alfred Adams, chairman of the effort here, indicate that only 39 percent of the quota, or \$32,000 worth of bonds have been purchased by individuals locally.

However, the overall county quota has been handsomely oversubscribed with sales of \$350,000, the quota being only \$138,000.

The Victory Loan campaign, it is announced, has been extended until December 31, and all series E, F and G bonds sold during the remainder of the year will be credited on Victory Loan quotas, and a special effort is being made by state headquarters to get Christmas shoppers to include one or more bonds on their gift lists. There are only 15 more selling days to go, and only 58 percent of the state-wide E bond quota has been subscribed, it is pointed out.

WAR WORK LOCAL RED CROSS CITED

Watauga Chapter Gets Radio Recognition for Wartime Accomplishments

The Watauga county chapter of the American Red Cross was saluted Thursday afternoon at 1:15 p. m. in the fourth of five broadcasts on the role played by North Carolina chapters in the Red Cross program at home and overseas.

This honor was given the Watauga chapter in recognition of its outstanding work in production.

The salute to Watauga chapter came at the end of an interview on Red Cross work for the relief of civilians in war-shattered countries. The interview emphasized the need of a greater number of Red Cross workers now necessary to carry on this important service, which can be immeasurably extended now that transportation channels have been opened by the allied victories.

The broadcast pointed out that giving comfort to destitute people, whatever their country, has always been one of the greatest works of the Red Cross. This work is important to the international understanding which is the basis of a lasting world peace, and the Red Cross will increase its responsibilities to these people.

Other broadcasts in this Red Cross series over Station WSJS stress services to the armed forces, civilian relief overseas, and the future plans of the American Red Cross.

The chapter is proud of the work done by Mrs. Mae Miller, production chairman, and Mrs. W. M. Burwell, knitting chairman. Each has given unnumbered hours of volunteer work in getting the production done in the local chapter. Rev. E. F. Troutman, chairman, states that chapter extends its thanks to the women who have helped them in work; its sincere thanks for the honor given to this chapter.

The chapter now has a large quota, both in sewing and knitting, to be done, and asks the co-operation of all in completing the quota as quickly as possible.

Directors of Watauga Industries Hold Meet

The annual meeting of the board of directors of Watauga Industries was held on Monday, Dec. 10 in the handicraft house, with Miss Cora Pearl Jeffcoat presiding. Rev. Mr. Troutman opened the meeting with prayer.

The wide front porch of the crafts house has been enclosed during the year, using logs furnished by Cicero Townsend of Dutch Creek, one of the directors. This gives a separate display room and another for looms. Returns to Boone workers cover \$6,000. \$1,250 went to one weaver, while \$1,254 went to hooked workers. The total income for the year is \$13,750, which the twice that of year before last. Many more baskets, wood carvings and weavings are needed to meet the demands.

Christmas bonuses for good work were voted to Miss Lord, teacher and director, and to Mrs. Ruth Carlton South and Mrs. Addie Norris, assistants.

COLLEGE CLOSES FOR HOLIDAYS DECEMBER 19

The mid-term graduation exercises at Appalachian State Teachers College will take place at 10 o'clock on December 19th, the closing date for the Christmas holidays. Mid-term graduation was introduced at Appalachian as a part of the accelerated program set up under war conditions.

Still Center of Nation's Celebration



The White House belonged to the children on Christmas, during the late F. D. Roosevelt terms, and this Christmas will find President Truman's daughter and her friends carrying on the American traditions.

Democrat Announces Slight Changes in Subscription Rates

Effective as of January 1, 1946, there will be slight changes in the subscription rates of The Democrat as follows:

While the per year rate in Watauga county will remain at \$1.50, the same price charged for more than 22 years, the six-months rate will be \$1.00, while for four months the cost will be 75 cents. It can be readily understood that the mailing list cost on a subscription taken for six months at a time is twice as great as on the yearly basis, while for four months, the servicing of the list involves three times the amount of work as if the paper were taken for a year at one time.

Hitherto the rate outside the state of North Carolina has been \$2.00 per year. Henceforth the \$2.00 rate will apply to all papers mailed OUTSIDE WATAUGA COUNTY. Outside the county six months will be \$1.50 and four months \$1.00. Renewals for no more than one year at the old rate will be accepted until January 1.

SPARTA MAN NEW CO. FARM AGENT

W. C. Richardson Is Assistant of County Agent Harry M. Hamilton, Jr.

W. C. Richardson, of Sparta, a brother to Dr. W. R. Richardson of Boone, has been named assistant farm agent for Watauga county, and enters upon his duties immediately, following his discharge from the army.

Mr. Richardson graduated from State College in 1942, and immediately went into the army, where he served for 40 months. He was in the European theatre for 20 months.

Edgar Harve Wilson Dies at Zionville Home

Funeral services for Edgar Harve Wilson, 63, who died at his home on Wednesday, Dec. 6, were conducted from Zionville Baptist Church Saturday morning, Dec. 8, by Rev. W. D. Ashley and Rev. W. C. Payne of Blowing Rock, and Rev. R. C. Eggers of Zionville. Burial was in the family cemetery nearby with arrangements by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maggie Miller Wilson, and two sons, Sgt. LeRoy Wilson, who is somewhere in the Pacific, and Edward Wilson, who was recently discharged from the navy; a grandson, Kenneth Wilson; also four brothers: John, of Granite Falls; Pat of Yankton, S. D.; Roy, of Trade, Tenn.; and Roby, of Zionville R. F. D., and two sisters, Mrs. Sam Flannery of Zionville, and Mrs. Ida Blackburn, of Kennebec, Wash. Pallbearers were Rufus Smith, Clay Reece, Will Reece, Chas. Wilkinson, Edd Reece and Harve Brown.

Flowers were carried by Mildred Thomas, Mazella Thomas, Edna Thomas, Blanche Wilkinson, Jewel Reece, Josephine Greer, Ruth Collins, Marcella Critcher, Jacqueline Wilkinson, Anna Mae Stephens, Ola Brown and Marie Bumgardner.

Mr. Wilson, who had been in declining health for several months, bore his illness cheerfully and his friends went away feeling better after a visit with him. In the church he was always ready to do his part in anything that he could help and for years he was choir leader as well as a teacher in the Sunday school.

The church as well as the entire community has suffered a great loss as Mr. Wilson will be missed by all who knew him.

LONGER STORE HOURS PROVIDED

Merchants Act to Aid Shoppers by Remaining Open Later in Evenings

Retail stores in Boone, particularly those who have membership in the local Merchants Association, in an effort to co-operate fully with the Christmas shoppers, have stretched out their store hours for the convenience of those who work late, and who live in the outlying districts.

Beginning next Saturday the stores will remain open to 7 o'clock until Thursday, Dec. 20. From the 21st through the 24th an 8 o'clock closing hour will be in effect. Members of the association will be closed both Christmas day and the day following.

Indications are that the holiday trade is heavy, and despite large stocks of merchandise, the advice in the retail district is still "shop early."

AAA MATERIALS TO BE USED NOW

Triple-A Chairman Says Deadline for the Use of Conservation Materials Near

With the end of the 1945 program year just a month off, Ned Glenn, chairman of the Watauga County AAA committee, urges all farmers who have obtained conservation materials (lime or phosphate) under the 1945 program, to exercise every possible effort to use these materials in accordance with good farming practices before the deadline, Dec. 31.

Upon using all materials, a report should be made to the Watauga county AAA office by the farm operator. "If all the farm allowance has not been taken up in conservation materials and producers are eligible to receive payments, applications for payment may be signed at the same time," he explained.

The Triple-A chairman also urges producers having 1944 conservation materials transferred to the 1945 program to make proper use of it in order to obtain full credit and avoid a double deduction of the value of the materials.

Say 'Merry Christmas' With Democrat Ads

The next issue of The Democrat will be composed largely of greeting ads, and all those firms and individuals who desire to use the columns of The Democrat for extending the greetings of the season, may do so with comparatively little cost.

The publisher gladly supplies the copy and illustrations for this type of advertising, and all those interested in one of these greeting ads should phone 12 at once, and make arrangements. It is the quickest, cheapest, and best method of reaching all your friends and customers with a holiday message.

Two Editions Democrat To Appear Next Week

Present plans are for the issuance of two editions of The Democrat next week, one at the regular time, and the other, carrying the Christmas week date line, will appear perhaps Saturday rather than on Wednesday of the day after Christmas.

This decision has been made in order that those who issue The Democrat may have some time at home during the holidays. Also, since the stores are to be closed Wednesday after Christmas, the issue of the 27th could not be published on time, hence it is thought best to advance it to Saturday.

SALES OF BURLEY REACH MILLION AND HALF POUNDS

First Week of Sales at Mountain Burley Warehouses Sets New Pounding Records; Floor Full of Baskets for Wednesday's Auction

The first seven days sales at the Mountain Burley Tobacco warehouses in Boone totalled 1,591,520 pounds of weed, it is stated this morning at the offices of the corporation, and while official average prices are not complete, at noon today the average is thought to be holding near the 46-cent mark established in the opening days of the sales.

On Wednesday morning the floors are full of tobacco, and no less than 100 trucks are waiting to be unloaded just as soon as the initial baskets are sold, and the weed begins to move from the floor.

Recent severe winter weather which last week all but stopped traffic for a time, resulted in heavy receipts here over the week-end and as the trucks filed into town, one-way traffic had to exist for a period in the business district.

Farmers from a wide area in three states are coming to Boone with their tobacco and there is every evidence of the growing popularity of the local market. Observation is that the loads of tobacco are much larger this year than last, most of the loads being on standard trucks, rather than pickups and autos.

Roscoe Coleman, popular warehouseman, asks that farmers continue to bring their crops here for the best prices and the most courteous, considerate attention to be found in the area.

GARBEE DISTRICT SCOUT CHAIRMAN

Boone Man Named Head of Parkway District at Annual Meeting Tuesday

E. E. Garbee of Boone, was named chairman of the Parkway District, Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts, at the annual district meeting held in Boone Tuesday evening, while Lee Stout, also of Boone, was re-elected district vice-chairman. Dr. R. C. Busted of Boone, was named commissioner.

Prof. A. R. Smith presided at the meeting, which in spite of the bad weather, was attended by about 35 local citizens in addition to Scouts from Troop 41. Eagle Scout Colaway spoke on "Why I Like Scouting," and Grady Moretz took occasion to thank Mayor and Mrs. Winkler for the new district camp site.

Mr. Franklin, discharged veteran, spoke briefly on the value of Scouting to men in service.

The following awards have been presented during the year: Second class 3, first class 1, star 1, life 1, bronze palm 1, merit badges 41. Twenty tons of waste paper has been collected by the Scouts of the county and 28 boys have received the Eisenhower award for collecting as much as 1,000 pounds.

Brief talks were made by Clyde R. Greene, Hal Quincey and Gene Garbee, while the chairman received reports from all operating committee chairmen.

Christmas Program And Open House at Elementary School

The children of the Boone demonstration school will give a program of Christmas music Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2:45 in the Boone Baptist Church. Parents and friends of the school are cordially invited to come and hear the children render the story of Christmas in carols.

The program will be directed by Mr. O. M. Hartsell, of the music department, who was recently discharged from the army. He will be assisted by Mrs. Ennis Davis, teacher of the second grade.

Immediately following the church program, the public is invited to the elementary school. Under the sponsorship of the teachers and grade mothers of the P.-T.A., all rooms will be open for a short period of visitation. It is hoped that the parents and friends of the children will make a special effort to come.

Citizens Are Asked To Feed Birds During Storm

Mrs. W. M. Burwell, on behalf of the Boone Bird Club, expresses the hope that the people of the community and county will think of the birds during the snowy weather, when food is unavailable, and place bread scraps and other food where the song birds may eat it.

Mrs. Burwell also respectfully requests that the boys refrain from shooting or otherwise destroying the birds.