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## STATE BIRD CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING IN BOONE

More Than 200 Delegates and Visitors Expected to Attend Gathering to Be Held Here in May; Tentative Program Announced

There were invitations from Asheville, Hickory and Boone, but the North Carolina State Bird Club chose Boone for the meeting place of the annual convention to take place May 11th and 12th. The state meetings rotate between the eastern counties, piedmont and western, and the selection of Boone for the meeting is a great honor and a fine advertisement for the town.

The tentative program calls for a luncheon of the executive committee at 12:30 on May 11; registration of guests and representatives; a business meeting and a banquet at the college cafeteria. An address by a speaker of national reputation from the National Audubon Society will be heard in the college auditorium.

The second day of the meeting will be taken up with bird hikes and motor caravans to points of interest in this section.

Dr. R. C. Busted, president of the local club, requests all members of the local club to be present at a meeting Thursday evening, March 7, in the science building at 7:15. Plans will be completed for the state meeting. Those interested in becoming members of the club, and others who are interested in helping plan for the program in Boone are invited to meet with the club.

It is expected that 200 club members will attend the annual gathering here.

## Hold On to Ration Book No. 4; More Sugar Coupons In It

Raleigh — Housewives were advised today by the Office of Price Administration to retain in their possession War Ration Book 4, now used only to obtain sugar.

Although the currently valid sugar stamp 39 is the last stamp in War Ration Book 4, that is specifically labeled for purchases of sugar, spare stamps in that book will be designated as sugar stamps from time to time. For this reason, War Ration Book 4 should be retained even after Sugar Stamps 39 has been used, OPA emphasized.

Sugar Stamp 40 was used for the 1944 home canning program, OPA explained.

## Article by Mr. Wey Gets Wide Attention

The training department of Transcontinental and Western Airlines, Inc., of Kansas City, Mo., has asked permission to reproduce and paraphrase an article written by Herbert Wey, principal of the Boone high school. The article, entitled "Teachers, Too, Make Errors," appeared recently in a nation-wide magazine, the N.E.A. Journal.

Richard C. Murray, manager of the training center for T.W.A., in asking Mr. Wey's permission for use of the article, writes: "Your summary is so complete and your comments are so concise and appropriate that we feel it would be valuable for the use of our instructors. Although we are engaged in an industrial training program, we believe that the same principles of good, effective teaching apply to our work as to formal education."

Mimeographed copies of the article will be distributed to instructors for use in the instructors' training courses. Recognition of this work for an industrial training program testifies its value not only in the regular teaching profession but in special fields also.

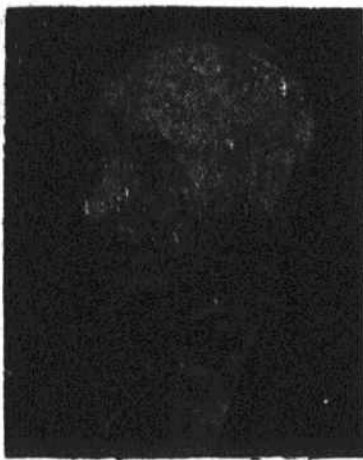
## Arthur W. Hardin Dies at Alabama Home

Arthur W. Hardin, about 65, died at his home in Talladega, Ala., last Friday morning after an illness of ten days. Funeral services were at the Talladega Methodist Church Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Hardin was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hardin, a nephew of Mrs. Ida Spainhour, Mrs. Alice Hardin and Mrs. John Hardin. He was born in Boone, reared in Sutherland, and attended the University of North Carolina. While at the University he married and settled in Talladega, Ala. He never returned to Boone after he left to enter college.

Miss Ora Lee Williams underwent an appendix operation Tuesday night at Watauga Hospital.

## New Treasury Aid



Max Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, has been named by President Truman to the post of undersecretary of the treasury. He will act as secretary during the absence of Secretary Vinson, at new world bank meetings.

## FARTHING ENTERS SOLICITOR RACE

Lenoir Attorney Announces His Candidacy for Solicitor in 18th Judicial District

James C. Farthing, of Lenoir, solicitor of the Caldwell county court, Monday formally announced his candidacy for solicitor of the sixteenth judicial district, subject to action of the Democratic primary.

Mr. Farthing is a veteran of World War II, having served 43 months as naval officer, both in the European and Pacific theatres of operation. He led the Caldwell county Democratic ticket in 1940 and was re-elected to the office of county court solicitor while serving in the navy.

Mr. Farthing is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College and the University of North Carolina, is an active member of the American Legion, past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, steward in the Methodist church and past president of the Young Democratic Clubs in the 9th congressional district.

Mr. Farthing is seeking the solicitorship now held by Folger Townsend, of Lenoir, appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the late L. S. Spurling.

## Lions Club Has 'Biography Night'

The Boone Lions Club enjoyed a delightful program of short autobiographies of six members at its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Lions giving the story of their lives were Gordon Winkler, Eugene Garbee, Guy Hunt, Bob Agle, R. K. Bingham and Joe Crawford.

Plans for the club minstrel were discussed by Cratis Williams, chairman of the minstrel committee. Date for the show to be given at an afternoon and night performance at the Appalachian Theatre, has been set for April 17.

Dr. J. T. C. Wright was guest of the club for the evening.

Five members of the Lions Club went to Hickory Sunday to attend a district Lions Club meeting held at the Hickory Hotel. Those attending were Dr. R. C. Busted, Dr. W. A. Abrams, Dr. R. W. House, T. M. Greer and Dr. D. J. Whitener.

## Local High School AHSA Champions

Rolling up 164 points to their opponents 91, the 1946 Blue Devil quintet took a firm hold on the championship of the Appalachian High School Association last Saturday night when they defeated the last of their opponents, Newland, by the score of 32-24.

While playing for the championship the local boys exhibited such fine teamwork that three of the players were selected on the all-tournament team. Those selected were Cuddy, Aldridge and Edmisten, the latter of whom was also voted the most valuable player of the tournament.

In the girls' division, Cranberry high school came out the winner, defeating Jefferson in the finals by a score of 43-25.

## 1946 Fishing Licenses Are Now On Sale

Walter F. Edmisten, Watauga county game and fish protector, announces that 1946 fishing licenses are now on sale at the usual places. He also states that prospects for restocking streams of the county is very good. Each sportsman is urged to purchase a license to take care of any fishing he may want to do and avoid having to buy two licenses.

## 38 LOCAL MEN GO TO INDUCTION CENTER

Draft Board Sends Large Number of Watauga Youths For Pre-induction Examination

Recently the selective service board in Watauga has forwarded the following young men to induction centers for pre-induction examination:

Lewis Earp  
John Franklin Eggers  
Walter Glenn Kirby  
Silvanus Mains  
Max James Harmon  
Junior Robert Michael  
Talmadge Stewart Carroll  
James Albert Hendrix  
William McKinley Presnell  
Howard Yates  
Lloyd Carl Hagaman  
Raleigh Howard Moretz  
Jack Eggers  
John Everette Yates  
William Harrison Alexander  
Rex Johnson Miller  
Eugene Allen Lyons  
James Everrett McConnell  
Earl Junior Colvard  
Hal Smith Cable  
Lynn Leo Edmisten  
Grover Cleveland Norris, Jr.  
Ernest Dean Dancy  
Cecil Paul Presnell  
James Don Lawrence  
Simon Paul Ellison  
Cohen Evans Watson  
Roscoe Clifton Pitts  
James Hill Cannon  
Coman Claude Storie  
Wayne Marvin Clark  
Everette Coffey  
Omar Glenn Swift  
Roser Odell Wheeler  
Gene Finley Watson  
Herbert Hoover Dotson  
James Edward Grogan

## District Music Contest To Be Held in Lenoir On Friday, March 29

Travel curtailment due to wartime restrictions, halted the annual music contests held until a few years ago in Lenoir; this year marks the first contest to be held since the war's end and will take place Friday, March 29, in the high school auditorium in Lenoir. The Lenoir district is composed of the counties of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell, Wilkes and Yancey.

In all contests except band and orchestra, schools will be classified as follows: Class A—high schools with enrollment over 600; Class B—high schools with enrollment of 250-600; Class C—high schools with enrollment under 250.

Major C. D. Kutschinski of State College, and John A. Holliday of Queens College, have been chosen as judges for the district music contest.

## Mrs. Viola Ward Lodged In Jail Here On Charge Of Knifing Her Husband

Her three small children left at home to be cared for by her mother-in-law, Mrs. Viola Harmon Ward, of the Bamboo section, is being held in the county jail awaiting trial at the spring term of superior court for the alleged knifing of her husband in a foray last Sunday noon.

According to Patrolman M. C. Jones, who arrived on the scene soon after the fight took place, the two wedded in a car belonging to Ward. After his wife had smashed the windshield of the car with a rock, Ward, it is said, attempted to remove her from the automobile by the hair of her head, and it was then that Mrs. Ward used the knife to settle the argument. Ward was brought to Boone and treated by a local physician, five clamps being required to close the wound which extended from his left shoulder blade forward under the arm for several inches.

Mrs. Ward is being held in jail in default of \$300 bond.

## Junior Order to Hold Banquet Thursday

Daniel Boone Council No. 129, Junior Order, will have a banquet Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the Carolina Cafe. Members are asked to notify Council Cooke, chairman of the arrangements committee, not later than Thursday noon as to whether they will attend and the number of guests they will bring.

## NOTICE TO PARENTS

Parents having children eligible to attend summer school or the regular fall term of school are asked to notify Mr. John T. Howell or Mrs. Grace Council. If there is a child in the family already in school, a notification need not be sent, as the school will get the younger child's name through the older one.

## Girl Scouts Have Birthday



The Girl Scouts of America was started March 12, 1912, by Juliette Gordon Low, in a stable in Savannah, Ga. Above photograph shows the original headquarters. Insert is photo of Daisy Gordon, now Mrs. Samuel G. Lawrence, Charleston, W. Va., who was the first Girl Scout. On their anniversary they are launching an extensive program to train young girls as responsible citizens in the world of tomorrow.

## KELLEY NOW WITH REINS-STURDIVANT

Local Mortuary Plans Erection of New Home as Soon as Materials Are Available

After almost five years of active duty in the USNR, Richard E. Kelley received his discharge January 14, at Camp Shelton, Va., and has resumed his duties as manager of the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home here. Mr. Kelley became manager of the establishment in 1934 and served in that capacity for seven years until he was called to active duty in the navy. During his absence the duties of manager were assumed by J. V. Caudill, Sr., who served capably until Mr. Kelley's return. Mr. Caudill has accepted the managership of the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home in West Jefferson.

In the navy, Mr. Kelley attained the rank of ensign and served in the Pacific theatre of operations. During his service overseas he was at such points as Bora Bora in the Society Islands; Papeete, Tahiti, New Heribides and the Fiji Islands. Fourteen months of his overseas duty were spent at the base hospital on Guam.

Assisting Mr. Kelley at the funeral home here will be J. V. Caudill, Jr., and Mrs. Kelley, who will be secretary to the organization.

Mr. Kelley has been named deputy coroner for Watauga county by the clerk of court to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Caudill.

## Plan New Home

Plans have been drawn for a new building to house the funeral home and it is stated that construction will begin just as soon as building material can be obtained. Two building sites are under consideration.

## Frank Taylor Receives Bronze Star Medal

Frank Taylor, of Valle Crucis, who received his discharge from the U. S. Army October 15, at Fort Bragg, is in receipt of a letter from Major General Edward F. Whitsell, adjutant general, in which he says, "I have the honor to inform you that by directions of the President, one Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to you for meritorious achievements by the commanding General. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the European Theater of operations from 6 June 1944 to May 1945. The skill, loyalty and uncompromising devotion to duty with which Private Taylor executed his responsibilities and efficient treatment of casualties throughout the invasion of Western Europe."

In addition to this, Mr. Taylor had received at an earlier date a campaign medal with five bronze stars and one bronze arrowhead, for which he refused formal presentation.

## Boone Weather

Mr. W. H. Smith has compiled the following report on Boone's winter weather covering the period October, 1945, through February, 1946:

First killing frost, Oct. 4; first freeze, Oct. 10; first snow, Oct. 14. Snows: Oct. 1, Nov. 7, Dec. 14, Jan. 8 and Feb. 6.

Sleets: Jan. 2 and Feb. 2.

Temperatures  
Low average: October, 26 degrees; November, 20; December, 14; January, 19; February, 20.

Below zero: December 16 and 20, January 2.

## Late News Bulletins

### HOOVER TO MAKE SURVEY OF FOOD NEED

Washington, March 5—Former President Herbert Hoover, who directed relief programs in Europe after World War I, has accepted President Truman's invitation to go to Europe to investigate food needs in starvation areas, it was disclosed today.

### DEMOCRATIC PARTY SCHEDULES MEETINGS

Raleigh, March 5—The state Democratic executive committee tonight selected Thursday noon, May 2, for the state party convention, April 27 for the county conventions, and April 20 for the precinct conventions. Approximately 45 persons and 51 proxies were voted out of a possible 144.

### NATIONWIDE RAILROAD STRIKE SET FOR MONDAY

A nation-wide strike of 30,000 railroad engineers and trainmen has been called for next Monday morning, a railroad brotherhood official announced Tuesday but union heads at Cleveland headquarters declined to confirm or deny that a date had been set. Ordinarily the railway labor act's machinery results in a 30 to 60 day "waiting period" after a formal strike call.

### CHURCHILL ASKS FOR U. S.-BRITISH ALLIANCE

Fulton, Mo., March 5—Winston Churchill today asked a virtual military alliance between the United States and Britain, and President Truman, speaking from the same platform pleaded for "full support" of the United Nations charter to save mankind from "destruction." The President spoke after the fiery wartime prime minister of Great Britain had bluntly accused Russia of seeking "indefinite expansion of its power and doctrines." Speaking in the Westminster college gymnasium where both Mr. Churchill and the nation's chief executive received honorary degrees, the former prime minister called for an end to the "quivering, precarious balance of power" which he asserted offered a temptation to "ambition or adventure."

### KRUG CONFIRMED AS SUCCESSOR TO ICKES

Julius A. Krug easily won senate confirmation today as secretary of the interior to succeed the veteran Harold L. Ickes. The senate action came with unanimous consent and without debate a short time after approval was recommended by the public lands committee. Krug, 38-year-old former chairman of the War Production board, was nominated by President Truman last week to succeed Ickes, who quit the cabinet post he had held nearly 13 years after a dispute with the president growing out of the nomination of Edwin B. Pauley to be under-secretary of the navy.

### JIMMIE CLAUDE PAYNE

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Stony Forge Baptist Church for Jimmie Claude Payne, six months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Lawrence Payne, of Boone, who died at the Watauga Hospital Friday, March 1, after an illness of more than three weeks. The child was a victim of a non-contagious form of spinal meningitis that was brought on by a continued cold.

Rev. Grady Hamby conducted the funeral services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the parents and one sister, Clara Jean Payne.

## RED CROSS DRIVE UNDER WAY; URGE PROMPT ACTION

Campaign Chairman Urges Workers to Complete Canvass as Rapidly as Possible; \$669 Contributed to Date

The annual Red Cross Roll Call campaign in Watauga county opened Monday, Feb. 25, and will continue until the goal of \$5,100 is reached. Clyde R. Greene, co-chairman with H. H. Hamilton, has issued an urgent appeal to the volunteer workers of the county to make every effort to complete their tasks as early as possible, and to make their reports in order that the campaign may be concluded.

"The drive is well into its second week and a good start has been made," said Mr. Greene this morning. "We will find it difficult to raise our quota of \$5,100 this year, despite the fact that it is much lower than last year. I want to urge the workers to make a complete and speedy coverage of the county so that we may finish this very important job as quickly as possible. I have no doubt as to whether or not Watauga county will go over the top in this campaign. We always have and we most certainly will this year."

The objective of the Red Cross is to carry on with the invaluable work which has meant so much during wartime and to serve returning veterans adequately and efficiently.

Mr. Alfred Adams, secretary and treasurer of the organization, reported Tuesday that \$669.50 had been turned in to him at the Northwest Bank.

## TRUMAN ASKS AMERICANS TO GIVE TO RED CROSS

Washington, March 2—President Truman asked generous Americans last night for \$100,000,000 so that the Red Cross can relieve anxieties and "make the clock tick faster" for thousands of war casualties.

"With the true American generosity, let us exceed this Red Cross campaign goal," Mr. Truman said in a broadcast over all major networks. The text of Mr. Truman's remarks: "My fellow Americans:

"The American Red Cross is close to the hearts of us all. You know it so well that I shall be very brief. "First, I wish to pay a personal tribute to the three million patriotic men and women who from this year's army of Red Cross fund campaign solicitors. These volunteers are busy people—people who shoulder many other community responsibilities. Yet they somehow find the time to get the really worthwhile jobs done well. Whether they call at your office, or your plant, or your home, this month, I trust that you will give them the welcome and encouragement they deserve.

"Secondly, I call your attention to the vital need of the American Red Cross in this first year of peace. The war is not over for the Red Cross. Wherever our occupation forces are stationed, this agency, with its many overseas clubs, provides moral-building comfort and good cheer and remains as an indispensable link with home."

## Navy Recruiter To Be Here Every Tuesday

For the purpose of accepting enlistments and furnishing information concerning the U. S. Navy to anyone who desires it, the navy recruiter will be in Boone every Thursday from 11 o'clock to 4:30 o'clock.

On every other Monday at 11 o'clock, the recruiter will be at the post office in Newland and Elk Park, March 4, 18, April 1, 5, 29.

He will be at West Jefferson every other Monday on March 11 and 25, April 8 and 22.

## World Day of Prayer

On March 8, at 7:30 p. m., the World Day of Prayer will be observed at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Boone. This is a call to prayer that goes out to all people everywhere. The public is invited to join in a fellowship of prayer at this meeting. The theme will be "The Things That Make for Our Peace," with Mrs. W. M. Burwell as program leader.

## HAROLD HONEYCUTT RE-ENLISTS IN NAVY

Harold Honeycutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Honeycutt, of Boone, re-enlisted in the navy Tuesday, resuming his rank of chief petty officer. CPO Honeycutt first enlisted when he was 17 years old and served for three and a half years, two and a half years of which were spent on an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific.