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WILCOX IS AGAIN NAMED HEAD OF COMMERCE BODY

Wade E. Brown to Be Secretary Chamber Commerce; Other Officers Named; Improvement Of Highway 421 West Comes Up For Further Discussion.

Herman W. Wilcox, was unanimously re-elected president of the Watauga Chamber of Commerce at the banquet meeting held Monday evening, and Wade E. Brown, was elected secretary, resuming the position he held before going into the Navy two years ago.

W. H. Gragg was elected first vice-president, while Dennis Townsend was named second vice-president. Alfred Adams was elected treasurer.

The new board of directors is composed of the following: C. M. Wilson, chairman, G. K. Moose, Council Cook, Dwight Edmisten, Owen Little.

The following standing committees were named:

Entertainment: Chairman, Howard Cottrell, Milton Greer, Bob Agle, Guy Hunt, R. D. Hodges.

Membership: C. A. Price, chairman, Grady Tugman, J. R. Craven. Nominations: C. M. Wilson, Chairman, Ralph Winkler, Grady Tugman.

Highways Discussed

Messrs S. C. Eggers and Clyde R. Greene discussed the proposal for the improvement of highway 421 west of Boone, particularly those sections of the road located in the states of Tennessee and Virginia. S. C. Eggers was named chairman of a committee to confer with authorities in Tennessee and Virginia and with other interested people as to the improvement of 421, at a meeting to be held in Boone at an unannounced date. Other members of the highway committee are: Grady Farthing, Clyde R. Greene, Wade E. Brown, Russell D. Hodges and Joe Huffman.

Messrs Grady Farthing and H. W. Wilcox made favorable reports on the Linville road proposal, and it was felt that headway was being made on this project. The Chamber has been promoting the construction of a new highway from Boone to Linville, along the line formerly traversed by the Linville River Railway.

Series of Dairy Meeting To Be Held in County

A series of dairy meetings will be held in nine of the schools of the county from April 1st to April 9th, it is announced from the county agent's office. The subject that will be discussed at these meetings is handling milk on the farm or quality milk production. Mr. F. R. Farnham, extension dairy specialist, Raleigh, N. C., will be the main speaker on the program.

These meetings are being held to show the school children and others how to handle milk in order to have a high quality product. It is hoped that the men and women in the communities where these meetings are held, will also attend the program.

The schedule is as follows:

- Deep Gap School, Monday April 1, 10 a. m.
- Green Valley School, Monday April 1, 1:30 p. m.
- Bamboo school, Tuesday, April 2, 10 a. m.
- Blowing Rock school, Tuesday, April 2, 1:30 p. m.
- Boone High School, Wednesday, April 3, 10 a. m.
- Valle Crucis School, Wednesday, April 3, 1:30 p. m.
- Cove Creek High School, Thursday April 4, 10 a. m.
- Mabel School, Thursday April 4, 1:30 p. m.
- Bethel School, Friday April 5, 10 a. m.

Action Taken To Aid Housing of Veterans

A nation-wide network of 71 federal offices was created Tuesday to administer a sweeping new order restricting many building activities so scarce materials can be channelled into lower cost homes for veterans. The southeastern regional offices will be in Atlanta and the North Carolina office will be at Greensboro.

A civilian production administration order, effective now, requires advance Federal approval for all types of construction—dwellings, industrial and commercial building and repairs; all except small jobs.

Swiftly following this move to free the materials for veteran housing, CPA announced that all new construction field offices were expected to be opened not later than Thursday.

GENERAL "HAP" TURNS FARMER



General Henry H. ("Hap") Arnold, retired chief of the army air forces, has settled down to a farmer's life on his ranch near Sonoma, Calif. General Arnold is pictured in his barnyard with Donald Newton, Arnold's herdsman.

DUVAL BINGHAM TAKEN BY DEATH

Prominent Rutherford Man Dies After Long Illness; Funeral at Rutherford M. E. Church.

Duval Ferdinand Bingham, 90 years old, widely known and prominent citizen of the Rutherford neighborhood, died at the Wilkes Hospital on March 25th, after a long period of impaired health.

Funeral services were conducted this (Wednesday) morning at 10:30 at the Rutherford Methodist church by Dr. E. K. McLarty and interment was in Rutherford cemetery, the arrangements being by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

Mr. Bingham was a life-long resident of Watauga county, and engaged in farming, until poor health and impaired vision caused him to retire several years ago. He was a fine citizen, intensely interested in movements calculated to better the conditions of his county and state, and was held in the highest regard by the people of the area.

Three sons and two daughters survive: I. J. Bingham, D. L. Bingham, Boone; Dr. L. R. Bingham, Knoxville, Tennessee; Misses Crettie and Almedia Bingham, of the home. One sister, Mrs. Dillard Cooke of the State of Washington survives, and one brother, R. L. Bingham of Boone.

Extension of Draft Law Is Considered In Doubt

The Senate Military Committee, divided on the question of whether to continue the draft as the services request, decided Tuesday to vote on April 9, just five weeks before the present act expires.

Meanwhile public hearings will be held. These will follow public hearings held by the house military committee on the same thing and closed hearings already held by the senate group.

The decision made it highly uncertain whether, if the draft extension is voted, the bill could be passed by congress before the present law expires May 15.

Memorial Service Will Honor Lee Cornett, Casualty of Okinawa

A memorial service will be held at the Mountain Dale Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 for Charles Lee Cornett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Cornett, of Beaver Dam township, Coxswain in the Navy, who lost his life at Okinawa while in the service of his country.

Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion, has been invited to take part in the service.

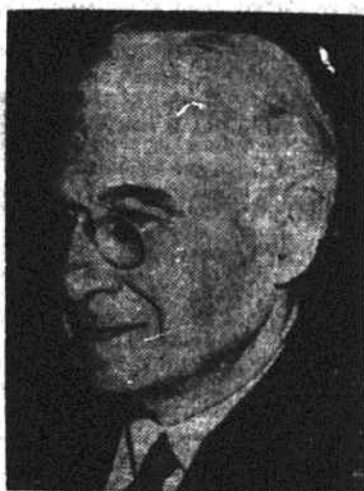
Mountain Dale Baptist Church is located in Beaver Dam township of Watauga County, about one and one-half miles northwest of Bethel High School.

PRESIDENT HOPES RATIONING OF FOOD IS NOT NECESSARY

Washington — President Truman today expressed the hope that a return to wartime food rationing would not be necessary. But he said he would not object to a return should it become absolutely essential.

He made these observations in response to questions which followed a reference to the plans for famine relief abroad.

ON ATOM BOARD



Bernard M. Baruch, financier and advisor to the Roosevelt and Truman administrations has been named by President Truman as the American representative on the united nations commission on atomic energy.

BEAVER DAM MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Willard Vance Dishman Hangs Self; Ill Health May Have Caused Self-Destruction.

Willard Vance Dishman, 47 year old resident of the Reece neighborhood ended his own life by hanging Monday afternoon.

Richard E. Kelley, deputy coroner, who investigated the death, says that it was a clear cut case of suicide, and no inquest was deemed necessary. Mr. Dishman left no note as to his motive for self-destruction, and members of the family believe ill health to have been the cause of the suicide.

The body was found suspended from a barn rafter by a trace chain, crudely knotted about the neck. Mrs. Dishman removed the body, within a few minutes, but life was all but extinct.

Mr. Dishman is survived by the widow, Janie Greene Dishman, three sons and three daughters: Lloyd C. Dishman, Reece; Ivan and Henry Dishman of the army; Maude, Mabel and Lita Mae Dishman, all of the home. There are two brothers: Ray and Toy Dishman of Reece; two sisters: Mrs. Robert Greene, Valle Crucis and Mrs. Smith Henson, Reece. The father, Carter Dishman, of Sugar Grove, also survives.

W. Thomas Van Dyke Dies Tuesday Afternoon

Press-time information tells of the death on Tuesday afternoon of William Thomas Van Dyke, of the Zionville section. Mr. Van Dyke, who was 72 years old, died at the Grace hospital, Banner Elk.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Middle Fork Baptist church by Rev. Raymond Hendrix, and burial will be in that neighborhood by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Nevada Elrod, and a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Ward of Zionville. There are two sisters, Mrs. T. Len Cooke, and Mrs. John Brown, of Boone.

THOMAS F. GREER DIES AT AGE OF 94

Funeral Services for Retired Farmer Will Be Held This Afternoon; Burial at Middle Fork.

Thomas Franklin, Greer, retired farmer, and one of the county's oldest citizens, died at the home of a son, Roby T. Greer of Boone, Monday afternoon, at the age of 94 years.

Funeral services will be conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Middle Fork Baptist Church on the Blowing Rock road, and interment will be in the church cemetery. Rev. R. H. Shore, Rev. W. D. Ashley and Rev. Raymond Hendrix will be in charge of the rites and arrangements will be by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

Mr. Greer was born in Watauga county and spent his entire life here. Until ill health and the natural infirmities of his advanced age brought about his retirement he lived on his farm mid-way between Boone and Blowing Rock.

Mr. Greer was one of the pioneers in improved farming practices in this region, and was a devout and industrious man, who did a full share toward the development of the area he loved, along religious and educational lines. He was intensely interested in the general welfare of the people of Watauga County, and during his long earthly sojourn, endeared himself to a widespread concourse of friends. He was an upright and public-spirited citizen, honorable and just, and lived a life of industry and usefulness.

He was married to the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Carlton, who preceded him in death, on Sept. 1, 1877, and is survived by three sons and six daughters: Horace, Roby T. and Grady, all of Boone; Mrs. Rosa Ford, Newland; Mrs. T. W. Hopkins, Lenoir; Mrs. R. H. Askew, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. R. C. Greene, Blowing Rock; Mrs. J. L. Pennell, Garfield, Wash., and Miss Mary Greer, Lincoln. There are two sisters: Mrs. Nancy E. Estes, Gridley, Calif., and Mrs. A. W. Laxton, Lenoir.

Premeasurement Burley Acreage in County Will Be Provided By A. A. A.

In order to speed up final measurement of tobacco acreage in Watauga County, and to give the farmer the benefit of knowing that he has not planted in excess of his allotment, premeasurement has been provided, Ned Glenn, chairman Watauga county AAA committee, announced today.

"Qualified persons have been approved and are now available to do this work at only a small cost to the farm operator," he said.

Mr. Glenn pointed out that premeasurement dimensions found to be correct will be used in the final check after planting. Since there is such a brief time between planting and harvesting, he urged all farmers to take advantage of this service so that final acreages may be determined on all farms and sales cards prepared for issuance by that time the markets open.

The following community committees have been selected to do the measuring in the various sections of the county: Olen G. Winebarger, J. M. Burket, E. G. Greer, Allen Adams, John K. Perry, Howard Edmisten, Dwight Cable, Henry Taylor, Sanford Creed, Clyde Robinson.

Boone Man to Appear in Chapel Hill Play Festival

Mars Hill, March 26.—Ned Austin of Boone is a member of the cast from Mars Hill College which will present an original play at the spring dramatic festival at Chapel Hill April 4-6.

Mr. Austin will play the role of Bis Crowder in "At the Howl of the Hound," a one-act tragedy written by Mary Lela Sparks of Spruce Pine and based on the Frankie Silvers legend. The play has been presented successfully in the Mars Hill College Auditorium, March 9 and at the district festival in Asheville on March 14.

President Truman Gives Welcome to UNO Group

President Truman welcomed the United Nations conference to this country Monday, pledging America's wholehearted cooperation in the cause of peace.

In a welcoming speech Secretary of State James E. Byrnes warned that "from now on no nation must be allowed to take the law into its own hands, and said that nations 'should do their best to adjust their disputes without resort to litigation.'"

RESIGNS



HARRY M. HAMILTON, JR.

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Veteran Watauga County Farm Agent Accepts Position With Dept. Agriculture.

Harry M. Hamilton, Jr., for more than ten years Watauga county farm agent, has tendered his resignation to the board of county commissioners and has accepted a position with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, assuming his new work on April 1.

Mr. Hamilton who will be a specialist in beef cattle and marketing, will have his office in Raleigh, but will continue to maintain residence in Boone.

Mr. Hamilton came to Watauga county ten years ago last January 1 to take up his duties in the county agent's office, and has accomplished a great deal for the livestock and general farming interests of the area. Due to his diligence in promoting the agricultural interests of the county, Watauga now has one of the best dairy and sheep programs in the State and likely ranks highest in the number of breeders of thoroughbred cattle.

Mr. Hamilton has fostered the Hereford beef cattle industry here through the 4-H clubs and otherwise and year after year Watauga Herefords have claimed prizes at district and state shows, garnering a number of grand and reserve championships during the past few years. The name of Watauga county has come to be linked with purebred Herefords among cattlemen everywhere, and there is a continuing and growing demand for animals produced locally.

Mr. Hamilton's successor has not yet been named.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Nell Walker Bell Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Nell Walker Bell, sister of Mrs. John E. Brown, Jr., of Boone, were held Sunday afternoon March 17 from the Mitchell Funeral Home, Fayetteville, Dr. Carl Townsend, pastor of the Hayes Barton Baptist Church, being in charge of the rites and burial was in the Cross Creek cemetery at Fayetteville.

Mrs. Bell, who was well known in Boone, where she had visited frequently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, died at her home in Raleigh Friday after a long illness.

Surviving are her husband, Chester O. Bell, two daughters, Mrs. Nell Bell Cochran of Charlotte and Elizabeth Marie Bell of Raleigh; her mother, Mrs. A. W. Walker, Fayetteville; five sisters, Mrs. R. P. Hawn, Mrs. John I. Taylor, and Mrs. Earl Downing, Fayetteville, Mrs. Ed Miller, Bennettsville, S. C., and Mrs. John E. Brown, Jr., Boone. There are six brothers, Charles Walker, James Walker, Luther Walker and Tilden Walker, of Fayetteville, Raleigh Walker of Bennettsville, S. C., and Richard Walker of Wade.

Mine Workers Told To Quit Work Monday

John L. Lewis on Tuesday signaled the 400,000 members of his United Mine Workers union to lay down their tools next Monday.

Spurring the mine operators' offer of wage increases, he moved to shut off the nation's bituminous fuel supply for the second successive year in a bargaining showdown.

The only chances of averting a mine shutdown at a time when the country's production prospects were the brightest in months, lay in the thin hope of an agreement in the few days left for negotiation, or in possible government intervention.

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RED CROSS FUND IN MARKED GAIN; YET UNDER QUOTA

Roll Call Lags With Number of Solicitors Failing to Report; Collections Double Those of Week Ago; Chairmen Make Last-Minute Appeals.

With March almost gone the Red Cross roll call campaign continues to lag in Watauga county, as numbers of solicitors have not made even a preliminary report of their activities to the central organization.

Encouraging, however, is the information that moneys actually in the bank today is \$3,525.05, or almost double the amount reported a week ago. However, campaign managers point out that the local fund is still \$1,574.95 short of the Watauga quota of \$5,100.

Messrs Clyde R. Greene and Harry Hamilton, co-chairmen of the Red Cross effort, in a final appeal to the people of the county, are insisting that solicitors finish contacting the people in their assigned sections and report at the earliest possible moment. They point out that in 1944 Watauga county's quota was \$6,000 and that we raised \$7,276.00, which was 131.3 per cent of the quota, and that likewise, in 1945 the quota of \$6,700 was oversubscribed, since we then raised \$8,642.00, or 129 per cent of the quota. We must not fail this time to reach or surpass our quota.

Junior Red Cross Leader To Visit Local Schools

Miss Antoinette Beasley, Junior Red Cross field representative, will spend April 2 and 3 visiting the local Red Cross chapter.

While here, Miss Beasley will visit several schools of the county, assisting teachers and students in planning Junior Red Cross work for the coming year and the remainder of this year. She will also confer with students of Appalachian College regarding their future duties as teacher-sponsors of Junior Red Cross activities. Having been a teacher in this State, Miss Beasley is intimately acquainted with school problems in this area, and is a trained specialist in this phase of Red Cross activity.

Watauga Chapter is fortunate in being able to obtain her services at this time and her expert guidance will be of great help to those interested in an enlarged Junior Red Cross program in the county.

Employment Service Wants Listing All Jobs

The immediate need is for more employers to list all their jobs, and not just some of them. Job orders and information about job opening all over the country centered in U S E S local offices is the key to efficient and orderly placement of returning servicemen and women, ex-war plant workers, and others.

The National Job Development Campaign of the United States Employment Service is emphasizing the need for the listing of all types of jobs—suitable jobs for veterans, war workers, and all job seekers. So if your needs are 1 or 100 workers, contract your Boone U S E S office who will in turn furnish you capable workers to fill your needs. Special attention is also directed to our sawmill employers and others in the logging and lumber industry. We will be glad to help furnish suitable help to produce building materials that are now so badly needed.

County Health Nurse Releases Clinic Dates

Following is a schedule of the clinic days to be observed by the county nurse in the health department at Boone:

Monday of each week, an examination of food handlers.
Fridays, immunizations.
Saturday mornings, maternity and infant care.

Citizens are asked to make their visits conform to the schedule given when possible. On other days, the nurse, Mrs. Opal Clawson, will be at other places in the county.

Local Farmers To Be Shown Diseased Pine

A field trip to inspect an infection of White Pine blister rust has been arranged to be held on Mr. R. L. Ballew's farm in Ashe county on Wednesday afternoon, April 3. This meeting is being held to show farmers what this blister rust looks like and how it effects white pine trees. Anyone who is interested in making the trip should meet at the office of the county agent at 1 p. m. on Wednesday, April 3.