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WATAUGA COUNTY ONLY \$150 SHORT OF RED CROSS GOAL

Final Effort in Town is Expected to Push Receipts Over the Established Quota; Chairman Urges All Workers to Send in Reports

Latest reports from Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the Red Cross roll call campaign, indicate that a last-minute effort in the town of Boone has resulted in total receipts for the humanitarian organization of \$4,949.48. This leaves the fund only \$150.52 short of the goal of \$5,100.

For a time the campaign lagged in the county and it was held in doubt as to whether or not the quota would be reached; however, the local organization has been contacting local business men the last few days, getting subscriptions raised, and now indications are that the full amount will have been reached by the first of next week, when it is planned to close the books on this year's campaign.

Several workers, Mr. Greene says, have not yet made their final reports, and they are urged to complete their work at once, and send in their reports so that the final check-up can be made and the campaign closed.

DEMOCRATS TO HOLD CONVENTION

County Organization to Be Named, and Delegates Selected to State Convention

W. R. Winkler, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Watauga county, has issued a call for the Democrats to meet in county convention Saturday April 27, at 2 o'clock, to perfect the county organization, name a chairman of the executive committee, and select the delegates to the State convention which meets in Raleigh on May 2. Chairman Winkler asks that precinct chairmen hold meetings on Friday April 26 at 2 o'clock, to name members of the township organizations and appoint delegates to the county convention.

Dr. Abrams Heads Local NCEA Group

The election last Wednesday for officers of the Appalachian College local unit of the North Carolina Education Association for 1946-47, resulted in the selection of Dr. W. Amos Abrams, head of the department of English, as president. Eugene E. Garbee, head of health education, was named vice-president; Starr Stacy, geography, treasurer, and Miss Louise Moore, library science, secretary.

Dr. Abrams promptly outlined an ambitious program for the year, including professional study, instructional improvement, and salary advance.

Class Officers Are Named at Appalachian

The election of four class officers each for the rising senior, junior and sophomore classes of Appalachian State College completes the organization for 1946-47.

The officers of the respective classes, in the following order, president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, are:

Seniors: Richard Pierce, Mooresville; Evelyn Miller, Statesville; Alvin Joines, Joynes; Joyce Brookshire, Taylorsville.

Juniors: Rogers Whitener, Spindale; Lou Rhyne, Lincolnton; Ruby Lee Kiser, Kings Mountain; Fern Williams, New Hope.

Sophomore: Jimmy McConnell, Boone; Carl Fidler, Cornelius; Mozelle Rodgers, Thomasville; Leo Mast, Sugar Grove.

GOP WOULD CLOSE OPA IN 9 MONTHS

Washington, April 16—Republicans launched battle on the house floor today to hold OPA's new lease on life to nine months, instead of one year, and to write into the price control law far-reaching revisions of pricing rules and regulations.

EVERY COUNTY REDUCES DEBT
Newland—The bonded debt of Avery county has been reduced from \$653,000 to \$409,000, a reduction of \$244,000 and a saving of \$18,000 in interest in the last three years.

Finland's Premier



Manno Pekkala, a social democrat, became Finland's premier and minister of defense, with the formation of a new government.

WARNS AGAINST WANDERING DOGS

Police Chief Says Drastic Measures in Offing; Cites Law Against Shooting in Town

Police Chief Scruggs issues stern warning to owners of dogs in the town premises, cites the state law city, to keep the animals on their requiring canines to be tagged, and says that unless the meandering animals are restrained on owners' premises, they will be shot.

Mr. Scruggs hopes dog owners will heed this warning and make it unnecessary to kill the animals, which have become a nuisance to residents of the city.

The police chief also states that vigorous enforcement of the law forbidding the discharge of firearms in the city is to be instituted, and hopes that arrests in this connection will be unnecessary. He invites the full co-operation of the people in this regard.

Study of Watauga Vets Gives Interesting Data

Here are some of the qualities that a careful study of the Watauga veteran group has revealed:

1. Half of them are less than 25 years of age.
2. Most of them return in top physical condition.
3. All of them are used to discipline and respond to intelligent direction.
4. Many of them have developed outstanding qualities of endurance, initiative and willingness to accept responsibility.
5. Many of them have received specialized training and have developed skills which can be adapted to and used in civilian employment.
6. Many have never worked before and are seeking career opportunities with their interest primarily on getting ahead and making a success of their peacetime job.
7. 50% have a high school education, or the equivalent.
8. 80% have placed themselves on the labor market in our country.

If possible try to make room in your establishment or business for at least one or more of these veterans. List your job opening with the local USES, or call 220. We will be glad to come to your establishment at any time and discuss on-the-job training, or other veteran development placement with you.

SUNRISE SERVICE

The Youth Fellowship group of the Boone Methodist Church is sponsoring an Easter sunrise service at the church at 7 a. m.

DISCHARGED



Gus A. Walls, coxswain, son of Mrs. Callie Walls and the late James Walls, was discharged from the navy in February at the naval separation center, Shoemaker, Calif., after serving four years with the naval landing force.

TWO SENTENCED IN HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN ASHE CO. COURT

John Albert Bradley Draws 12 to 15 Years at Hard Labor, and Woman Accomplice Gets 7 to 10 Years for Robbery of Taxi Man Near Deep Gap

John Albert Bradley, Jonesboro, Tenn., was sentenced to 12 to 15 years at hard labor by Judge Will Pless in Ashe county superior court Monday for highway robbery, and his accomplice, Francis Greer Hawkins, 23-year-old Lenoir woman, was sent to the state penitentiary for a term of 7 to 10 years, as the climax of the robbery by the two of a North Wilkesboro taxi driver near Deep Gap the first of the year.

Clayton C. Davis, of North Wilkesboro, had been employed by the two defendants and one Millard Greer, to drive them to Deep Gap. Upon their arrival there the driver was told to proceed a distance on a country road, where he was robbed of \$55 in currency, bound and gagged and trussed to a tree. The trio proceeded to Boone in the taxi. Davis later freed himself, and reported the robbery to local officers. Patrolman C. M. Jones and Police Chief O. L. Scruggs immediately apprehended the robbers as they sought to get a local taxi driver to take them to Johnson City.

Millard Greer made his escape from local officers. Wanted on similar charges elsewhere, Greer was later taken into custody after a running gun battle with officers at Welch, W. Va.

BUSINESS MEN LEAD JAP VOTE

Tokyo, April 14—Business and professional men predominate in the newly-elected Japanese house of representatives, replacing the "purged" politicians who dominated the diet prior to Japan's surrender, a survey of the election returns showed today.

Of the 464 members elected, only six listed their occupation as "politician," while only 21 were public officials. The largest occupational classification was that of company director, with 82. Also elected were 15 industrialists, 39 business men of other sorts, 80 educators, doctors and journalists, 52 lawyers and 49 farmers.

Complexion of the new house is predominantly conservative, although no single party won a majority.

More than 52,000,000 votes were cast by half that many voters, each being allowed to choose two candidates.

Appalachian May Have New Stands and Lights

Plans are being made, it is learned for the building of additional stands and the installation of lights at the Mountaineer football stadium at Appalachian College, bringing the seating capacity of the stadium up to about five thousand. The new stands will be located on the opposite side of the field from those now used.

Night games will be featured when the field is lighted; thus giving many townspeople an opportunity to enjoy football, with the prospect of increased attendance from other towns and communities.

Definite plans for the improvement will be presented to the next meeting of the Athletic Committee.

New Tobacco House Given Charter by State

A certificate of incorporation has been issued to the Farmers Burley Warehouse Company of Boone, by Secretary of State Thad Eure, authorizing the company to do a general warehouse business with a capital stock of \$102,000.

Stock in the sum of \$12,000 was subscribed by A. G. Wright of Kernersville, and C. C. Taylor and Rex Taylor, both of Westfield, it was said.

School Children to Give Public Performances

The Boone demonstration school plans to give two public performances this spring. The Easter cantata is given by the choirs of the four grades and the other will be an operetta given by the children of the primary grades about May 5.

It is estimated by U. S. economists that this country will be able to meet only about 65 per cent of foreign demand for American products this year.

SON OF LASSIE ENTERS MOVIES



Month-old Lassie, Jr., son of the famous canine star Lassie, makes his debut in movie. Lassie, Jr., is shown getting some professional advice from Rip, veteran of many Hollywood productions.

Larger Newspaper

The publisher of The Democrat is glad to announce that another column is soon to be added to each page to take care of the crowded condition of the newspaper. Material for this slight expansion has been ordered for several months, but is now on the way. With paper and labor shortages more acute than before the war's end, all newspapers are faced with conserving space in every possible way, and have necessarily been crowded with ads to meet soaring production expenses. However, The Democrat will expand at this time as much as possible, and will continue to be in the procession of progress in the fastest growing community in the state.

MAN ASSAULTED, ROBBED OF \$290

Willie Presnell Loses Sum of Money; Left Unconscious on Highway

Willie Presnell lost \$290 in currency as the climax of a drinking party in which he and two friends engaged last Sunday, Sheriff C. M. Watson reports.

Presnell, the sheriff continues, was found unconscious near the county home Sunday afternoon, and was brought to the jail, pretty badly mutilated. The sheriff says that Presnell, John Tester and Leonard Rominger, had been intoxicated together, but that there is no information as to who perpetrated the robbery.

The bills stolen consisted of two one hundred dollar bank notes, one of them marked "36" with red pencil. The remainder of the money was in bills of 5, 10 and 20-dollar denominations. The sheriff will appreciate any information concerning the missing currency.

THIS VETERAN NEEDS A JOB

Age 25, white, 8th grade education. N. Y. A. training as painter. U. S. Army experience: 2½ years as requisition clerk; checked requisition and filled orders from store rooms.

Civilian experience: 1 year-4 months punch press operator; painter (brush and spray) 2 years. Does both exterior and interior work. Mixes and blends paints. Uses transfers, does minor repair work, carpentry, plastering, filling in glass setting.

Comments: Wants work in this area as a painter. Will consider job by contract; will work for local contractor by day; or sub-contract job. Can furnish own equipment.

If any employer, or other persons needing painting done would like to interview this veteran for a possible position, or has suggestions where he might secure employment, contact the U. S. Employment service, or telephone 220.

Demonstration School To Give Easter Cantata

The choirs of the Boone Demonstration School, directed by Mr. O. M. Hartsell, will give an Easter Cantata Sunday April 21st at 7:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church.

The cantata will be given again Monday at 10 a. m. for the benefit of the school children and others who could not be present at the first performance.

MAYOR REQUESTS COOPERATION IN CLEANING UP CITY

Annual Cleanup Period is Designated as Last Week in April and First in May; Largest Number Summer Visitors in History Expected

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler on Monday designated the last week in April and the first week in May as the annual clean-up period for Boone, and insists on the full co-operation of the people in making the city clean and attractive for what is expected to be the largest crowd of summer visitors ever to visit this section.

The mayor's statement follows: "In designating the annual clean-up period, I wish to thank the large number of citizens for the good job they have already done in making their premises spick and span.

"The usual spring clean-up period will start April 29 and continue through the first week in May. This will give plenty of time for everybody to get their old tin cans and other trash together, and put where the city truck may haul it away.

"Let's make the town the cleanest it ever been, as we expect the greatest number of visitors in our history during the 1946 tourist season."

Mayor Winkler suggests that trash be placed in containers for convenience of the truckmen, when possible.

PUPIL INJURED IN BUS MISHAP

Fourteen-Year-Old Girl Injured as Gasoline From School Bus Catches Fire

Eugenia Ruth Luttrell, 14-year-old daughter of Mrs. E. M. Luttrell and the late Mr. Luttrell, of Shulls Mills, received serious injuries last Wednesday, as a group of children made their escape from a school bus, in danger of being ignited from flaming gasoline on the ground.

The bus, which was carrying pupils home from the Cove Creek school, developed engine trouble near Vilas, and the driver was attempting to blow the gasoline line free with an air pump. When the pressure was applied, it is said, some gasoline was forced from the fuel tank onto the pavement. One of the passengers thoughtlessly tossed a lighted match into the gasoline, precipitating the rush from the loaded vehicle. As the boys pushed the machine back off the flames, the Luttrell child jumped and fell under the rear wheels, the bus passing over her legs and chest. There were two broken ribs, one fractured and one misplaced.

She is a patient at Watauga Hospital, where her condition is described as favorable.

Funeral Services Held For Robert Lee Moretz

Funeral services for Robert Lee Moretz were held Wednesday morning at Mt. Pleasant Evangelical Lutheran Church, with the pastor, Rev. Hoke H. Ritchie, in charge.

Mr. Moretz, son of William Moretz and Sarah Condon Moretz, was born May 29, 1870, in Watauga county, and departed this life April 15, 1946, at the age of 75 years, 10 months and 17 days.

He was married to Emma Johnson, of Mountain City, Tenn., on April 9, 1906. To this union were born one daughter and one son who survive: Cynthia Caroline Moretz, of Washington, D. C., and Robert Ray Moretz, of Boone Route 2.

Surviving besides the wife and children are: one brother, E. Franklin Moretz, of Route 2, Boone, and one sister, Mrs. Ed Jackson, of Laxon; one grandchild, Violet Moretz, and a host of relatives and friends.

Mr. Moretz was the eldest member of Mt. Pleasant Church, having been baptized in infancy, and confirmed into adult membership in early manhood, where he remained a faithful member until death.

TAR HEEL SOLON TELLS HOW OPA CAN PLEASE ALL

Washington, April 16—Commenting on the second day of heated congressional debate on the extension of OPA, Rep. Sam Ervin, of the tenth North Carolina district, philosophized: "The only OPA act which will meet universal approval will be one which keeps ceiling prices on everything that we buy, and removes them from everything we sell."

IN GERMANY



Pvt. Roy V. Brown, Jr., who entered the service June 1, 1945, is now stationed in Germany with the occupation forces. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Brown, of Deep Gap R. F. D.