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## CITATION GIVEN REV. TROUTMAN BY RED CROSS

Local Minister, Chairman of Red Cross Chapter, Cited for Meritorious Personal Service to the Nation During the War Period

Rev. Edwinn F. Troutman of Boone, Lutheran pastor, has just received a handsome plaque, bearing the signatures of President Truman and Basil O'Connor, national Red Cross Chairman, given "in recognition of meritorious personal service performed in behalf of the nation, her armed forces, and suffering humanity in the second World War."

Rev. Mr. Troutman who contributed his time and talent without stint during the period of the greatest activity by the Red Cross here, also received the following letter from John C. Wilson of the Southeastern Area Red Cross office in Atlanta; Mr. Wilson wrote:

"I am delighted to submit to you the attached certificate in recognition of your leadership and service with the American National Red Cross during world war II.

"It is recognized that the many hours you have given and the sacrifices you have made in many other ways were not motivated by the thoughts of reward. We know too, that much of your time was given at the expense of your personal and business affairs. The American National Red Cross, however, has had this special certificate prepared in recognition of your service to others. Please accept this citation from the American National Red Cross as recognition of the valuable contribution you have made to the war effort through your leadership as chapter chairman. It is being extended as a symbol of appreciation for your loyal and faithful service."

## TWO CARGOES OF LIQUOR SEIZED

Patrolman Jones Nabs Tennesseeans With 12 Gallons; Negro Has Half as Much

Homer Albert Cox, and Burl Maper, who gave their addresses as Unicoi, Tenn., were tried before M. J. Williams, justice of the peace, on Wednesday of last week, for violation of the prohibition law, in connection with possession of 12 gallons of homemade liquor, and bound to superior court under cash bonds of \$300 each.

The two were apprehended by State Patrolman C. M. Jones, who stopped their car, because the tail lights were not on. While telling them of this violation the police officer noted the fruit jar cases, which held the booze, and took the men into custody. Their car, a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan was seized and will be sold for the benefit of the school fund.

**Negro Arrested**

On Sunday, after a two mile chase, patrolman Jones arrested Millard Gentry, negro, of North Wilkesboro on the Blowing Rock road, and seized his automobile and 6 gallons of "white lightning." Another negro occupant of the car made his escape. Gentry was tried before Magistrate E. N. Hahn, and bound to court under \$500 bond. The car, a 1940 Chevrolet was seized, and is being held in default of \$1,400 bond.

## 32 YEARS POSTAL DUTY IS ENDED

Miss Grace Hagaman of Reese, Retires as Postmaster After Long Tenure

Miss Grace Hagaman, postmaster at the fourth-class post office at Reese, retired at the close of business June 30, 1946, after having held the position for over 32 years.

Mr. Don Hagaman was sworn in as acting postmaster by C. C. Keever, Post Office Inspector, of Lenoir, N. C. The office will be moved to the store building where Mr. Hagaman has been located for many years.

The Civil Service Commission is expected to announce a competitive examination within the near future from which a permanent postmaster will be selected.

## DECIDE FATE OF OPA



This house-senate committee made up of conferees from both houses of congress, decided the fate of OPA extension legislation, which was vetoed by the President Saturday. Front row, left to right: Senators Tobey, Wagner, Barkley; Representatives Spence, Paul Brown of Georgia. Standing left to right: Senator Downey, Representatives Barry of New York, Gamble of New York, Patman of Texas, Wolcott of Michigan; Senators Milliken, Taft and Representative Crawford of Michigan.

## Atom Bomb Test Ranks Second To OPA In Discussions This Week

The widely-heralded tests of the atom bomb made in the Pacific Sunday, played second fiddle to the death of the OPA in local conversations this week, and the opinions concerning the demise of the price-fixing authority were many and varied, while the explosion of the atom bomb failed to lift an eyebrow.

Merchants of the city appear to be almost uniformly in favor of abolition of pricing regulations and a number of these carry ads in this edition of this newspaper expressing their determination to hold prices down in so far as possible, and to sell all present inventories at or below the ceiling prices. The general opinion of the retailers in that with full production of the essentials, competition, after a brief flurry,

## LOCAL RAMS GO TO THREE STATES HEAD FEDERAL BANK TO SPEAK

Top Ram Brings Seventy Dollars at Hampshire Breeders Sale Here

The Watauga County Hampshire Sheep Breeders Association sold their third annual sale, Saturday, June 29. Rams went to North and South Carolina and to Tennessee. The top price of \$70.00 was claimed by a blocky ram owned by Shipley farm and sold to Roy Bryant, Forbes, Mitchell county. The 16 rams sold averaged \$43.71 each.

Four rams and the two ewes in the sale were purchased by Watauga county farmers. J. R. Greene, Zionville, RFD, H. E. Greene, Deep Gap; Bert Farthing, Sugar Grove; and J. S. Snyder, A. C. Moretz and H. G. Greene, both of Deep Gap, purchased the ewes.

L. I. Case, in charge of animal husbandry department of N. C. experiment station, helped to take the bids. H. M. Hamilton, Jr. was the auctioneer.

## College Officials Are Back From New York

President B. B. Dougherty, Chapell Wilson, Edwin Dougherty, and J. D. Rankin returned today from attendance from the American Association of Teachers Colleges school for executives where they have been for the past two weeks, representing Appalachian State Teachers College in a study of teachers education in the elementary field.

The school was held in Chautauqua, New York and covered in its membership the accredited teachers college in America.

## Mrs. J. C. Lentz Is Taken By Death

Funeral services for Mrs. J. C. Lentz, 64, who died Friday in North Wilkesboro, were held Sunday afternoon at the Reformed Church in Blowing Rock.

Surviving Mrs. Lentz are the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Rufus Shore, Shulls Mills; Mrs. O. C. Bauguess, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. R. P. Sykes, Asheboro; Frank Lentz, Georgia; Ray Lentz, Todd; Mrs. Roby Dean, Lenoir; Charles Lentz, North Wilkesboro.

## VILAS MAN HELD FOR USING MAIL FRAUDULENTLY

Grady Trivett Bound to Federal Court by Commissioner Eggers on Warrant Sworn Out by Postal Inspector; Used Mail to Defraud

Grady Trivett, Vilas resident, was arrested Tuesday by Deputy Marshal Bassett of Wilkesboro, on a warrant sworn out by Post-office Inspector C. C. Keever of Lenoir, charging him with using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes.

Trivett was given a hearing before United States Commissioner S. C. Eggers, and in default of \$500 bond was taken to the Yadkin county jail to be held for trial at the next term of Federal court at Wilkesboro.

Mr. Trivett, it is stated had failed to furnish dogs to customers as advertised in magazines, was receiving payment for canines in advance, and allegedly had secured about \$200 for dogs which were not supplied to the customers.

Mr. Keever, came to Watauga recently and gathered the information which brought about Trivett's arrest.

## MILTON GREER HEADS LIONS

Local Grocer President of Civic Club; New Officers Installed Tuesday

T. Milton Greer, Boone grocer, was installed as president of the Boone Lions Club by District Governor Ed McMahon at the ladies night and initiation meeting Tuesday evening at the Gateway Cafe.

In his installation address, Gov. McMahon congratulated the Boone club for its year of phenomenal progress and praised the splendid work of retiring President Robert C. Busted and his co-workers for their success. He challenged the club with his inspiring address, "Lionism Looks to the Future," in which he related some of the plans of the international organization, most notable of which is the inauguration of a holiday on June 26 called World Peace Day.

Other officers installed Tuesday evening were: First vice-president, A. R. Smith; second vice-president, James Winkler; third vice-president, J. G. Martin; secretary-treasurer, Robert W. House; lion tamer, Robert Agle; tail twisters, Howard and Raleigh Cottrell.

The district governor recognized the outstanding work of Lion D. J. Whitener as zone chairman. Dr. Whitener was presented with an award for having been the best zone chairman in District 31-A. Dr. Whitener is deputy district governor for this year.

The meeting was presided over by retiring President Busted. Songs were led by A. R. Smith. Awards for perfect attendance were presented to 23 Lions by Zone Chairman Whitener.

In his inauguration speech, President Greer pledged himself to uphold the traditions of the club for service and leadership in Watauga county.

Guests for the evening were: Mary Lee Stout, Vivian Wood, Elaine Greer, Betty Sue Stone, Clyde Kilby and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rickard, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

## Price Controls Are Cut Loose After 3 Years

The prices a man pays for bread and butter, a roof over his head, the shirt on his back—harnessed three years by federal controls—were cut loose Monday to set their own pace.

A canvass of the nation, as OPA expired at midnight, brought these early trends in the dramatic situation which some predicted would end in ruinous inflation; other in a return of the old days "with plenty of everything at a fair price."

Meat industry spokesmen predicted a 10 per cent increase in meat prices, or five cents a pound.

A jump of two cents a quart in milk was forecast in dairy quarters.

Real estate authorities indicated a 15 per cent boost in rentals, effective August 1. Today is rent-paying day, customary time for 30-day notices to be served.

## We Hold These Truths to Be Self-Evident

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL; THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS; THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS; THAT, TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS, GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN, DERIVING THEIR JUST POWERS FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED; THAT WHENEVER ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT BECOMES OBSTACLES DESTRUCTIVE OF THESE ENDS, IT IS THE DUTY OF THE PEOPLE TO ALTER OR ABOLISH IT.



Words that have particular importance as we celebrate this peace-time Independence Day. It will be the first time for several years that many of the sons and fathers will be home to aid in celebrating the independence that they gave so much to maintain.

## RECORD SUM PAID FOR HARDIN LOTS

Auction Sale of Boone Realty Tops All Records; Subdivision Brings \$69,900

The auction sale of the lands of the Dr. R. H. Hardin Estate, which occurred last Wednesday brought a huge crowd to Boone's newest subdivision, and the more than 350 lots and tracts were readily disposed of for a total sum of \$69,900, which so far as is recalled, is far beyond receipts from any other sale of lots in this community.

The property which is located on Highway 421 east, adjacent to the city limits was sold by the American Trust Co., Charlotte, and the auction was handled by Walter & Gurley Auction Co., of Charlotte, and Z. A. Robertson & Co., of Johnson City, Tenn.

Most of the property was bought by local people, a large percentage going to veterans and others who expect to establish their homes there as soon as building conditions permit.

## MOST PLACES ARE CLOSED FOR 4TH

Business Men Celebrate Independence Day; Many Visitors Are Expected

The large majority of business places in Boone will be closed Thursday in celebration of Independence Day, and large numbers of visitors from below the mountains are expected to come to the Boone and Blowing Rock section for the holiday.

Public offices will likewise be closed today, and with the exception of some cafes, drug stores and automobile servicing places, there will be little business activity. A group of the department stores have foregone their usual Wednesday afternoon holiday for the convenience of their patrons.

## Funds Being Sought For Local Cemetery

Mr. James H. Council, treasurer of the committee on the community cemetery, insists that all those who have plots in the graveyard, make free-will offerings toward the upkeep of the property. Contributions are coming in very slowly this year, Mr. Council says, maintenance costs are far ahead of receipts, there is a deficit from last year, and unless some financial assistance is secured, there will be no way of continuing mowing and taking care of the cemetery. He asks that those interested make their contributions at once.

Donations may be sent to Mr. Council, Rob Rivers or Russell D. Hodges, the other members of the cemetery committee.

## Library to Be Closed For Fourth of July

The Watauga County Library will be closed all day Thursday in observance of the Fourth of July, Mrs. H. F. Ingle, librarian, announces.

## THREE HELD FOR STEALING CAR OF LOCAL DOCTOR

Dr. Perry's Automobile Recovered in Pottertown Section; Three Occupants Admit Their Guilt; Also Charged With Carrying Gun

Leroy Reese, 21; Lawrence Coolidge Potter, 21, and Simon Paul Ellison, 18, residents of North Fork township, are in jail here charged with the theft of an automobile belonging to Dr. H. B. Perry of Boone, the machine having been taken from near the offices of the local physician on June 26.

Patrolman C. M. Jones learned that the car was in the Pottertown section of the county, and taking Deputy Sheriff Wiley Day and Police Officer Scruggs with him, went in quest of the missing vehicle Saturday night. At 2 o'clock Sunday morning the car was found and was being occupied at the time by the accused men and two women, who were released.

Reese, Potter and Ellison were tried before Justice M. J. Williams and in default of \$1,000 bond each, are still in jail. They readily admitted the theft of the car, and were also charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a revolver having been found by officers in the glove compartment of the car.

The automobile appeared to be in normal condition but Dr. Perry's case, containing instruments, etc., was missing, and the accused denied any knowledge of the medical equipment.

## WATSON YOUTH ELECTROCUTED

Deep Gap Boy Meets Death in Newland When He Comes in Contact With Live Wire

William Watson, 15 years old, a resident of Deep Gap, who was severely burned in Newland Sunday when an electric wire carrying 7200 volts came in contact with a guy wire which he was holding, died in the hospital at Banner Elk Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

The youth, who reportedly was employed by a carnival which was leaving Newland, after a week's stay, was burned when a truck leaving the show grounds snapped the power line and it fell onto the guy wire which he happened to be holding. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Watson of Deep Gap.

Funeral services will be held at Watson cemetery at Deep Gap Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Huitt and Rev. Grady Hamby.

He is survived by the parents, three brothers, Dennis Harrison Watson, Newland Lee Watson and Joseph Billy Watson. There are two sisters, Misses Virginia Dare and Betsy Arline Watson.

## BAND CONCERT ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Community Sing to Be Feature of Event Sponsored by Woman's Club

The Worthwhile Women's Club is sponsoring a band concert and community sing, which will be held on the lawn of the Daniel Boone Hotel Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Gordon Nash will conduct the band concert, while Miss Manning of the summer school faculty at Appalachian State Teachers College will lead the singing.

The club women extend a cordial invitation to the people of the community to attend. Summer visitors are particularly asked to be present and participate in the sing.

Memorial services for Edwin Walter Norris, son of Cloyd Norris, will be held at Meat Camp Baptist Church on Sunday, July 7, at 2 p. m.

Participating in the service will be Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. A. E. Moretz. Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion, will be in charge of the services.

## Resumes Duties



W. H. WALKER

## WALKER RETURNS TO SCHOOL POST

W. H. Walker, After Three Years in Navy Again County Superintendent

Mr. W. Howard Walker of Sugar Grove, resumed his duties as superintendent of the county school system, after having served three years in the navy, on a leave of absence granted him by the local board of education.

Mr. Walker entered the navy as an apprentice seaman, and was separated from the service with the rank of lieutenant (jg). He saw service in different parts of this country, and at the time of his discharge was gunnery officer on the USS George W. Julian, which carried troops and cargo between west coast points, the Marshall Islands and Saipan.

Mr. Walker served nine years as county superintendent before he was furloughed to enter the navy. During his absence Mr. S. F. Horton was county superintendent, and Mr. Horton has been elected to his former position as principal of the Cove Creek high school.

## Lees-McRae Day at Banner Elk Church

Lees-McRae College Day will be observed at the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church July 21, and guests of Pinnacle Inn, former students and friends are invited to attend the program, which is being arranged by Rev. Thomas B. Southall, pastor.

At this gathering it is proposed to give the public a story of the history of the present endowment program being undertaken by the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

## Maternity Clinics Are Being Held Here

Maternity and infancy clinics are being held in the district health department each month on the 1st and 4th Friday from 1:00 to 2:00 p. m. The clinics are conducted by Dr. R. H. Harmon and anyone desiring an examination of this nature may attend the clinic.