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Leading the Fight Against Polio



President Truman supports 1947 March of Dimes, Jan. 15-30, assuring full co-operation to Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, sponsor of the nationwide drive for funds to finance the fight against polio. "The battle is far from won," the President said. "It must continue until this disease is finally wiped from the face of the earth."

LEGION SPONSORS LOCAL BASEBALL LEAGUE IN 1947

Watauga Post Seeks Reaction of Youth of County in Effort to Inaugurate Program of Baseball; All Schools of County to Be Canvassed

Watauga Post No. 130 of the American Legion, is on record as favoring the establishment of a junior baseball team in 1947, according to information released by the local post this week. The sponsoring of this team will, of course, depend on the reaction of the youth of Watauga county, but if interest is shown by a considerable number of boys, immediate plans will be inaugurated so that a coach can be secured, uniforms purchased and other plans started at once.

All schools of the county will be canvassed with the idea of seeing just how many boys are interested in such a venture. It is not necessary for applicants for the teams to be in school. The most important requirement is that all players for 1947 be born in the year 1930 or any year thereafter, and that such applicants be able to prove their age by birth certificates.

It is hoped that interest will warrant the establishment of at least four teams in the county, and that these teams will play a round robin series of games prior to the actual season which starts in June. Then the coaches of the Watauga County American Legion Baseball team will select from all the teams the best squad of 16 players which will represent Watauga county as it competes with other teams from the western section of North Carolina. The winners of these district games will go on to state, regional and national play-offs.

The coming baseball season will mark the 20th year that the American Legion nationally has sponsored these baseball teams. Growing in interest each year the number of teams this year is expected to mushroom out with by far the greatest number of teams ever entered into competition.

North Carolina has won the national championship three times within the last dozen years, and from American Legion junior baseball has emerged the stars of professional baseball.

Watauga county has sent several baseball players on to fame in organized baseball, and it is hoped that a number of teams can be organized this spring.

Any interested youth in the county is invited to write the American Legion, Boone, N. C., signifying his interest and request for fuller information.



MARCH OF DIMES EFFORT STARTS ON JANUARY 15

Number of Early Contributors to Polio Fund Reported by Chairman Agle; Cites Fact That Paralysis Toll is Felt for Many Years

Stressing the need for all-out support of the 1947 March of Dimes January 15-30, and at the same time releasing a list of the early contributors to the local fund, Mr. R. E. Agle, chairman of the local campaign, reminds that the cost of caring for polio victims continues for years after an epidemic has struck.

Citing New York state as an example, Mr. Agle explained that in 1946 more than \$200,000 in March of Dimes funds was sent by the National Foundation to its local chapters there to replenish treasuries depleted by outbreaks which occurred two years ago.

"It will be years," Mr. Agle added, "before the state of Minnesota will have finished paying the toll for continuing care of the 2,500 victims stricken there last summer alone, when over \$800,000 was added to local chapter resources by national headquarters, Illinois, Florida, Colorado, Wisconsin, Missouri and other states hit by the 1946 record epidemic, will be faced with similar financial problems," he said.

"By giving greater support than ever before to this year's March of Dimes, we are assured of the best of care for polio patients from the crucial stage of the disease through the prolonged after-care period," Mr. Agle concluded.

The Contributors

Mr. Agle releases the names of the early contributors to the March of Dimes fund as follows:

Appalachian High School	\$ 34.17
William L. Allison	10.00
Joe L. Blythe	10.00
Norman C. Cordon	10.00
T. Melville Gemmill	5.00
Morgan V. Gress	2.00
R. E. Agle	10.00
Mrs. Julius W. Cone	25.00
C. V. Henkel, Jr.	5.00
Total	\$136.17

HOLIDAYS QUIET IN COMMUNITY

Stores of City Remain Closed for Two Days in Observance of Christmas

Christmas week was quietly observed in the city, and retail merchants and other business men and their employees remained away from their businesses on Wednesday and Thursday, but the business district returned to its usual activity Friday morning with the merchants reporting perhaps the greatest volume of holiday sales in the history of the community.

A number of the business places of the town are closed today in observance of New Year's, but six of the town's department stores have announced that there will be business as usual.

Unseasonably warm weather prevailed during the holidays, and the threatened low temperatures haven't yet been recorded in the community.

WARDEN ARRESTS DYNAMITERS

Seven Are Bound to Court for Taking Fish With Explosives in New River

Seven men were bound to court Monday, on charges of dynamiting fish in New River, Bald Mountain township, Sunday night, and all the accused pled guilty of the offense as charged before Edwin N. Hahn, Justice of the Peace.

The arrests were made by County Game Warden Walter Edmisten, who was assisted by former Sheriff A. J. Edmisten, on bits of information gathered by the game officials. Search warrants secured by the officers revealed a large number of fish in the homes of the accused, and resulted in their confessions.

The men who gave bond for their appearance at the April term of Superior Court are: Ray Norris, Ernest Phillips, Chas Phillips, Jack Phillips, Lyle Vanoy, Earl Byland and Bud Byland.

Babson's Outlook In Democrat Today

The Democrat, this week publishes the annual business and financial outlook for 1947 by Roger W. Babson, noted economist and statistician, through special arrangement, with the Babson syndicate, and the publisher feels fortunate in being able to provide this special feature.

But for the fact that the Democrat was issued early last week, Babson's article would have been released by the local newspaper on the same date as published in the dailies.

Trivett Home Razed By Fire on Monday

Fire which likely originated from a defective flue, on Monday completely destroyed the residence of George Trivett of the Rominger neighborhood. Included in the loss of the five-room frame building was all household furnishings.

The family plans to rebuild as soon as material can be secured.

New Solicitor



JAMES C. FARTHING

FARTHING TAKES SOLICITOR OATH

Lenoir Man Takes Oath of Office for This District in Special Ceremonies

James C. Farthing, of Lenoir, son of the late A. C. Farthing, native Wataugan, took the oath of office as solicitor of the 16th judicial district in a ceremony held in the Caldwell county courthouse this morning. Solicitor Farthing succeeds Folger L. Townsend, who held the office by gubernatorial appointment since the death of L. S. Spurling.

The ceremony was arranged by a group of friends, including Judge A. R. Crisp and Hon. V. D. Guire, who served as district campaign manager for Mr. Farthing in his successful primary campaign last spring.

Burford F. Williams, president of the Caldwell County Bar Association, presided over the ceremonies, to which members of the bar and the general public were invited. Informal talks were made by other lawyers and friends of the new official. Fred H. Hoover, Caldwell county superior court clerk, gave the oath of office to Solicitor Farthing.

Merchants Against Firecrackers; Want Prohibitory Statute

The directors of the Boone Merchants Association have gone on record as being unalterably opposed to the sale and use of firecrackers in the state, and have memorialized against the practice, with the hope that a statewide movement may be instigated by the retailers, looking to stringent laws in this regard by the next Assembly.

The local retailers acted after there had been widespread complaint, at the general use of firecrackers during and for a long time preceding the Christmas holidays. The use of firecrackers, which included all kinds from the tiny ones, tied in strings, to the huge TNT bombs, was a source of great annoyance to the citizens of the town, and in some instances the continued explosions precluded sleep until the wee small hours.

Father Mrs. Stallings Dies at Neva Home

Andrew Henderson Shoun, 76, father of Mrs. B. W. Stallings of Boone, died at the home at Neva, Tenn., last Friday. He had been in poor health for the past year.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2:30 at the Pine Grove Baptist Church, and burial was in the family cemetery.

Mr. Shoun, who was a retired farmer, is survived by the widow, two sons and four daughters: Joe Shoun, Neva, Tenn.; Louis Shoun, Newport, Tenn.; Mrs. Frank Millsaps, Elizabeth, Tenn.; Mrs. Chas. Nelson, Newport, Tenn.; Mrs. Walter Cook, Arcadia, Calif.; and Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Boone.

Burley Sales Start Monday

Sales of burley tobacco will be resumed on the Boone market next Monday with the first sale occurring at the Farmers Warehouse. Tuesday the auction will shift to the Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 1; Wednesday Mountain Burley No. 2; Thursday, Farmers Warehouse, and Friday at Mountain Burley No. 1.

Full sales are expected during the opening days of the post-holiday auctions, and while receipts the first of the week were rather light, recent rains have conditioned the weed, and heavy movements are predicted for today. All warehousemen believe that prices will be fully as good as was the case before Christmas, and invite the farmers to bring their burley to the market where there is plenty of floor space, and no waiting to unload.

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Takes Office



H. CLAUDE GARLAND

GARLAND TAKES OVER TAX OFFICE

Shulls Mills Man Assumes New Duties in County Government Today

H. Claude Garland of Shulls Mills, today assumes his new duties as tax collector for Watauga county, a position to which he was named by the board of county commissioners recently winning the appointment over a large field of candidates.

Mr. Garland, who for a time was responsibly employed by the Parkway Company, is a native of Watauga county and a veteran of World War I. He enlisted in the army Sept. 1, 1918, studied engineering at the University of Tennessee, and was at Camp Johnson, Fla., for overseas assignment when the armistice was signed. He served at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and Camp Taylor, Ky., before his discharge June 10, 1919.

Mr. Garland was commander of Mark Twain Post American Legion, Jamestown, Tenn., for three terms, adjutant for one year there, and has been active in the affairs of the American Legion since his discharge. He is a member of Watauga Post No. 130.

In taking over the duties of tax collector, Mr. Garland succeeds Mr. Earl D. Cook, who has held the position for the past four years. Mr. Cook did not seek re-appointment.

Chronology of Year Worthwhile Feature

In the second section of the Democrat today will be found a review of the happenings in national and international circles during the year 1946. This feature has been most popular with Democrat readers in the past, and many have used it as a scrap book material for future reference.

HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire, which is believed to have originated from a faulty flue, threatened the destruction of the home of Ella Shearer, colored, Monday morning. Quick action on the part of the fire department saved the building, but it was said that water damage would perhaps be something like \$100.

BABSON SEES NEW UPSURGE OF BUSINESS DURING NEXT YEAR

1947 in a Nutshell

BUSINESS: To reach highest levels than recorded in 1946.

COMMODITIES: Opposing trends.

LABOR: Some basic problems to be solved.

REAL ESTATE: Continued good demand for modern suburban homes.

POLITICS: Increased foreign troubles.

STOCKS: To work higher.

BONDS: Firmness temporary.

WINKLER HOME RAZED BY FIRE

Paul Winkler Residence is Destroyed in Christmas Day Conflagration

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Winkler, located on Winkler's Creek near Boone, was totally destroyed by fire late Christmas afternoon, with a property loss of perhaps \$10,000, part of which was covered by insurance.

The fire originated in the attic of the large 8-room frame structure, and the noise from a radio in the living room prevented the family hearing the flames, until they were beyond control. Efforts of the fire department and other volunteers were confined chiefly to trying to retrieve personal property from the doomed structure. A number of pieces of furniture and some clothing was saved, but included in the loss were eight bedroom suites, all appliances, kitchen equipment, and 500 jars of canned food.

The family is living for the time being at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Winkler.

The building was erected about 50 years ago by the late J. S. Winkler, and was in an excellent state of repair. Mr. Winkler believes the fire might have originated from defective wiring. He expresses sincere appreciation to the firemen and others who so loyally helped during the conflagration.

Grouse Hunting Season Ends Today

The open season for hunting grouse in Watauga county comes to an end at sundown January 1, Game Warden Walter Edmisten states.

Mr. Edmisten further reminds sportsmen that the squirrel hunting season ended on December 15th, but that rabbits, quail, and fox may be taken until January 31.

BOY, 3, CUTS HAND; DIES

Detroit, Mich.—En route to a grocery store for a bottle of milk, Ronald Bruland, 3, fell in the driveway of his home and cut his hand badly on the broken empty milk bottle. Taken to a hospital, he died of a heart seizure as his hand was being treated. Doctors said the seizure was due to excitement and shock.

S. F. MOODY JR. ENDS OWN LIFE

Vilas Man a Suicide Thursday; No Message Left; Funeral Services Sunday

Solomon Finley Moody, Jr., 25 years old, ended his own life last Thursday. County Coroner R. E. Kelley reported, after examining the body, which was found about a half mile from the late residence, beside a twelve-gauge repeating shotgun. Mr. Kelley states that the lethal load from the shotgun entered the body in the region of the heart and that indications were death ensued immediately. No inquest was deemed necessary.

Mr. Moody left no message as to the reason for the suicide, which is presumed to have occurred about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted from the Brushy Fork Baptist Church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning by Rev. W. D. Ashley, and interment was in the Adams cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Moody, Sr.; one brother, Charles E. Moody, Vilas; three half-brothers, Frank D. Moody, Zionville; Joe Moody, Vilas; and Glenn Moody of Hickory. There is one sister, Mrs. Stanley Greer, Vilas.

Blan Isaacs Victim Of Heart Attack; Funeral Tuesday

Robert Blan Isaacs, 34 years old, died at his home in Boone early Sunday morning from a sudden illness, resulting from a heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted from the Forest Grove Baptist Church Tuesday at 2 o'clock, and interment was in the cemetery near the church.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Closta Isaacs, two daughters and one son: Beulah Jean, Ruth and Robert Blan Isaacs, Jr. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Isaacs of Vilas, survive, together with two brothers and two sisters; Paul Isaacs, Vilas; Burl Isaacs, Boone; Mrs. Orville Hagaman, and Miss Beulah Isaacs of Vilas.

Mr. Isaacs for a number of years had been a member of the sales organization at the Farmers Hardware and Supply Co., and was in charge of the radio servicing department. Possessed of a happy disposition and ready wit, he made friends readily, and was held in the highest regard by his many acquaintances.

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