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IMPORTANT

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POLIO EFFORT GAINS ADDED MOMENTUM HERE

Contributions to March of Dimes Pass Thousand Dollar Mark; a List of Recent Contributions

With only ten days to go on the March of Dimes campaign, contributions are coming in with increasing regularity, and R. E. Agle, chairman of the local polio organization, insists that there be an added effort on the part of all during the next few days so that Watauga county will even exceed its quota before the January 31 deadline.

A second March of Dimes ball will be held Friday evening, Jan. 31, in the high school building, and is expected to draw increased attendance. This ball, which was formerly known as the President's Birthday ball, will be the highspot of the winter social season, and is expected to draw a large attendance from Watauga and adjoining counties. Music will be by Paul Weston, and a good time is anticipated.

In releasing the following table of contributions to the polio fund, Mr. Agle calls attention to the collections made by the children of the sixth grade in the Boone Demonstration school. Miss Walker's grade raised \$60.40, while Miss Coble's fifth grade collected \$59.89. These classes deserve particular commendation, and will attend a special moving picture through the courtesy of the Appalachian Theatre.

The contributors:

Previously reported	\$513.77
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Gragg	5.00
Watauga B. & L. Assn.	10.00
New River Light & Power Company	10.00
Wilson's Feed Store	10.00
Esther S. Boone	1.00
A. P. Kephart	5.00
W. A. & Virginia Smith	2.00
Dacus Radio Shop	2.00
Mrs. Paul A. Coffey	1.00
Elmo Greer	.50
Mrs. Minnie Watson	1.00
Boone Colored School	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Lovill	2.00
Pet Dairy Products Co.	10.00
Mrs. Crette Swift	2.73
W. S. Miller	1.00
Mrs. W. S. Miller	1.00
W. W. Mast	5.00
Hamby Music Co.	10.00
Dance No. 1, Howard Cottrell, chairman	40.00
Methodist W.M.S. Circle I	5.00
Hoyle M. Hutchins	1.00
Mrs. Joseph F. Cannon	50.00
ASTC ball game collection, Jas. Cobb, chm.	30.14
Demonstration School, 6th grade, Miss Walker	60.40
Fifth grade, Miss Coble	59.89
Third grade, Miss Rankin	27.61
Second grade, Miss Davis	13.56
First grade, Mrs. Council	13.05
Fourth grade, Miss Goodman	9.30
Third grade, Mrs. Crawford	9.30
Sixth grade, Lashure	6.50
Fifth grade, Jennings	5.50
Fourth grade, Gibbs	5.10
Second grade, Carson	3.20
Otis Wilson	2.00
Home Electric Co.	10.00
Lyons Thrift Shop	2.00
Winkler Motor Co.	10.00
Hollars Food Center	2.00
Maddux Easo Station	5.00
Barnett Lunch Room	2.00
Gulf Ser. Sta., Blowing Rock Road	5.00
Reins-Sturdivant	10.00
J. C. Goodright	10.00
Boone Flower & Gift Shop	2.00
Economy Store	2.00
Mayflower Beauty Shop	2.00
W. E. Shipley	.50
Rutherford School	4.00
Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin	2.00
	\$1,014.64

Bill Is Introduced To Induce Persons To Enter Teaching

Raleigh—while an interested mass meeting was under way in Hugh Morson high school, Rep. John Unstead of Orange, took legislative steps Tuesday to encourage persons to enter the teaching profession.

Unstead's bill would provide free tuition to residents of the state who study in state-supported institutions and agree to teach in the state's school system after graduation.

Instead of paying cash for tuition, the student would sign a note and, if she or he enters the teaching field within five years after graduation, the note would be cancelled, but only after teaching the time specified.

Should the Unstead bill pass, it would be a reinstatement of a law that went out of existence in 1933 during the depression days when the state and its institutions of higher learning were in dire need.

All Autos Must Have New Tag Feb. 1

All automobiles operating on the public highways of the state must have their 1947 license plate by February 1, states Mr. Miles Jones, state highway patrolman. After that date all cars operating with the old license, will subject the driver to arrest.

Disabled Veterans Day



Without the crowding that sometimes accompanies shopping at the War Assets Administration retail store at Navy Pier, Chicago, these disabled veterans are able to select bargains along the route of the 940-foot long counter. Thursday has been set aside as a special day, when only disabled veterans are permitted to buy.

Pant Shortage



These three little victims of the shortage in three-cornered pants are shown as they staged their own demonstration in an attempt to impress upon their mothers and the public, the necessity of diaper conservation. Left to right are Judy Werner, 15 months; Florence Bennett, 18 months; and Elise Rubin, 15 months old.

TAXPAYERS ARE SLOW TO LIST

County Tax Supervisor Calls on Taxpayers to Prepare Their Lists This Month

Watauga county taxpayers are taking their own time about listing their property for taxation, says Paul A. Coffey, county tax supervisor, who reveals that this delinquency is being noted in every township in the county.

Under the state law, Mr. Coffey says, taxpayers are required to list their real, personal property and polls, for taxation during the month of January, and that those failing to do so are subject to a penalty. He and the various listers are anxious that the number of those against whom the penalty is assessed be held down to the minimum, and respectfully asks that the taxpayers co-operate by making prompt listings.

A list of the listers appears again in the Democrat today.

Mercury Takes Nose Dive to Bring First Real Winter Here

The unseasonably warm weather which has prevailed throughout the winter, came to an end Monday night when mercury plummeted to 17 degrees, on the heels of general rains which had been falling for several days, and early Wednesday morning the thermometer reading was one and one-half degrees above zero. Mr. W. H. Smith, who keeps The Democrat informed on actual temperatures, says that at 8:30 this morning the mercury had risen to two degrees.

The weather this morning is bright, the skies clear and a high wind is adding to the discomfort of the low temperature. A trace of snow fell Tuesday evening.

Martha L. Vandye Dies at Age of 88

Martha L. Vandye, age 88 years, died at her home in the Bamboo section last Saturday. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 o'clock from the Mount Vernon Church by Rev. R. C. Ebbers and Rev. W. D. Ashley.

Mrs. Vandye was the widow of the late George W. Vandye and is survived by three sons and four daughters.

G. I. LOANS
More than 540,000 GI loans, totalling \$2,842,000,000, have been approved for World War 2 veterans, with 478,000 of the loans being used for the purchase of homes, 44,000 for businesses and 18,000 for farms.

TAX RELIEF FOR TUTORS SOUGHT

Senator Brown Introduces Bill to Give Teachers Exemption for Summer School Expenses

Senator Wade E. Brown has introduced a bill in the state senate which, if passed, would grant the teachers in the state school system state income tax reductions for the necessary expenses incident to their attendance at summer schools.

The proposed tax exemptions would cover expenses paid during the income year by any teacher, principal or superintendent for the purpose of attending summer school in any university or college of the state. The exemptions would include such items as tuition, matriculation fees, regular fees, subsistence, athletic supplies, etc.

Under the terms of the bill deductions shall be allowed upon presentation to the commissioner of revenue or his agent, receipts showing the expenses paid by the teacher.

Son of County's First Sheriff Is Dead at Age of 87

John Daniel Cooke, 87 years old, a son of the first sheriff of Watauga county, died Monday morning at the home of a son Mr. B. F. Cook of West Jefferson, where he had made his home for several years. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at the Stony Fork Baptist Church by Rev. W. W. Whittington and Rev. E. W. Powers, and burial was in the neighborhood cemetery.

Ten sons and daughters survive: Joe C. Cooke, Adolphus Cooke, Boone; Fred Monroe and Dan Cooke, West Jefferson; W. L. Cooke, Todd; L. M. Cooke, Stony Fork; Mrs. H. O. Helsabeck, Rural Hall; Mrs. Ivy Greene, Stony Fork; Mrs. Harris Lemley, Fleetwood.

Mr. Cooke was born, reared and spent most of his life in the Stony Fork section of Watauga county. He was a son of the late Michael Cooke and Mrs. Cynthia Greene Cooke, his father having been the first sheriff of Watauga county. Mr. Cooke was an upright and honorable man.

Union Church Service Arranged For Sunday

Under the new plan of the Boone Ministerial Association a union service will be held Sunday night, January 26 at 7 o'clock, in the Episcopal church.

Union services will be held the last Sunday evening of each month. The number of these services has been increased in an effort by the ministers of Boone to stimulate inter-church cooperation and interdenominational ties and good-will.

The Rev. Dr. Barden, Methodist pastor and professor at Appalachian College, will be the preacher Sunday night.

Mrs. Moore Gets Radio Recognition

On the Walter Mason "Tell Your Neighbor Program" broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting System network, Tuesday morning at 11:15, Mrs. Emma H. Moore, librarian at the college library, was awarded the day's "Golden Rule Award" for outstanding community service. One dozen American beauty roses were wired to Mrs. Moore in honor of the occasion, and she was given the treasured "Golden Rule Award" certificate.

GOES TO VALDESE
Mr. G. P. Hagaman, who for some time has been cashier of the Northwestern Bank at Spruce Pine, has been transferred to the bank at Valdeese. Mr. C. W. Myers takes charge of the Spruce Pine unit.

RADIO STATION CHIEF TOPIC OF COMMERCE BODY

Johnson City Engineer Gives Chamber of Commerce Information Regarding Radio Broadcasting Facilities; Tobaccoconists Speak, also Dr. Bond

The possibility of establishing a radio station in Boone occupied the attention of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at its banquet held last Thursday evening, and Elihu Widener, radio engineer of Johnson City, Tenn., brought pertinent information to the group of 25 business men, relative to the civic proposal.

Mr. Widener stated that a radio station for Boone, of sufficient volume to serve the trade area (70 miles radius) would cost from \$15,000 to \$17,000, and that the operation of a 250-watt station would cost about \$420 for an 18 hour day. Sixty per cent of the time, he estimated, could be sold for commercial purposes for \$1.50 per minute, yielding sufficient revenue to show a profit on the venture. Mr. Widener answered a number of questions regarding the operation, equipment, etc. of a radio station, and the matter was referred to a special committee for further consideration.

Others who spoke briefly at the meeting were Mr. Puckett, local tobaccoconist, who has been on the market for five years, and said Boone was enjoying its best season since the establishment of the market. He predicts a season average of 41 cents, and says the quality of local burley is constantly improving as farmers gain experience in production and grading. Louis H. Smith, C. R. Taylor, Rex Taylor, and Mr. Wright, of the Farmers Warehouse, stated they were working for a better Boone tobacco market, and Mr. C. C. Taylor referred to Boone as the coming town of western North Carolina.

Mr. H. Neal Blair discussed the need of an airport for Boone and offered his property on New River for the purpose.

Dr. W. G. Bond of the Baptist Church, closed the meeting with a brief but entertaining talk on "Attitudes of Life."

BURLEY PRICES AT SEASON HIGH

Improvement Noted on Floors of Local Market as Season Nears End

The highest prices of the season are reported from the floors of the local burley tobacco market as the season nears its end, and with the end of the heavy rainfall, receipts are improving, something like 60,000 to 75,000 pounds being sold daily on the market.

Farmers Warehouse reports the sale of 38,000 pounds on Tuesday for a 42 cents average, the preceding day having seen the auction of 50,000 for a 40 cent average, and Mr. Taylor says the prices are continuing to improve since the buyers have learned the crop was overestimated.

The Mountain Burley Warehouse reports highest prices of the season, and Mr. Coleman promises immediate sales to all the late comers. He believes the tobacco crop is practically all sold.

Sales are being held daily by both corporations, and the closing date for the auctions will likely be announced in a few days.

As farm prices drop, it will be more necessary than ever to watch production costs, says C. B. Ratchford of State College.

Doughton, Transou Memorialized By Senator Brown in Legislature

Following is the text of the joint resolution introduced by Senator Wade E. Brown, and unanimously passed by the legislature, memorializing the late R. A. Doughton and Eugene Transou. Alleghany county men, who had been prominent in the public life of their state:

Whereas, this General Assembly has heard with profound regret of the death of the Honorable Rufus A. Doughton and the Honorable Eugene Transou, both of whom were formerly members of the General Assembly of North Carolina; and the members of the General Assembly do hereby desire to give expression of their deepest sympathy to the families of these distinguished men and to commemorate and make a record of the long and continued public service of these patriotic and competent public servants; and

Whereas, the Honorable Rufus A. Doughton was born at Laurel Springs on January 10, 1857; he was educated in the high school of Independence, Virginia and the University of North Carolina and was a lawyer, farmer and banker; he was a member of the North

Republicans Clean Sweep



Representative Bender, (R. Ohio) invited GOP members of the 80th congress to take one of his free brooms and "sweep away the cobwebs which have cluttered our thinking during the war years." Left to right: Reps. Homer D. Angell, Ore.; Albert J. Engel, Mich.; Thomas E. Martin, Iowa; Ben F. Jensen, Iowa; Jack Z. Anderson, Calif.; Robert F. Rich, Pa.; Karl E. Mundt, S. D.; and George H. Bender, Ohio.

ROBT. PULLIAM TAKEN BY DEATH

Local Attorney's Body Found Near Home Tuesday; Heart Attack Probable

The lifeless body of Robert W. Pulliam, about 50 years old, formerly a practicing attorney here, was found in a field near the home in suburban Perkinsville Monday morning. County Coroner Richard E. Kelley was notified of Mr. Pulliam's death, after the body had been discovered by Mrs. Leonard Pressnell, and since no indications of foul play were found, an inquest was not held. Opinion is that a heart attack caused his demise.

Graveside rites are to be held at the family cemetery at Perkinsville Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Pulliam was last seen Saturday afternoon at the home of neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Greene. He had evidently started home when the attack came and the body was found in a nearby field, after his absence from the neighborhood had been noted. The coroner's opinion was that death likely occurred Saturday.

Mr. Pulliam was a son of the late J. G. Pulliam and Mrs. Pulliam, and was reared in this community, where he received his education at Appalachian Training School. Later he graduated from the University of North Carolina and from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., and established himself in the practice of law in Boone in 1924. He had ceased active practice of his profession, and had recently been employed at Appalachian State Teachers College and the Farmers Burley Warehouse, in clerical capacities. He had held responsible positions with Federal departments in Washington. Mr. Pulliam was highly educated, unusually well informed on current affairs, generous and kind, and his sudden death is a source of sorrow to his friends here.

The only survivor is a sister, Mrs. Mary Leslie Marshall, of Santa Maria, Calif.

WATAUGA LEGION POST
Watauga Post No. 130, will meet in regular session January 24, at 7:30 p. m., and all members and ex-service men are invited. All members who would like to give George C. rivett a gift to get back to housekeeping, are asked to bring the gifts to this meeting.

Harriman says American economic policy is vital to Europe.

LADIES NIGHT AT LIONS CLUB

Group of Appalachian Students Enliven Program at Meeting of Civic Club

A group of students from Appalachian State Teachers College, supplied delightful entertainment at the ladies night banquet of the Boone Lions Club Tuesday.

The program, with Mr. Rogers Whitener as master of ceremonies, consisted of popular numbers by a trio composed of Mr. Whitener, Troy Husky and Tommy Craig. Miss Virginia Isaacs sang two popular songs accompanied by Miss Eloise Buff at the piano, which was used through the courtesy of the Craven Furniture Co.

Of unusual interest was the ventriloquist act of Miss Mayo Honeycutt, Appalachian senior, and her dummy, Charlie.

The dining room was decorated in mid-winter motif of evergreens and candles. Favors were napkins stamped with the Lions Club emblems.

Guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spaulding, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Bond, Prof. Walter Hawkinson, Miss Martha Gray, Miss Betty Sue Stone, Miss Vera Norris and Miss Frances Teams.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH IN HOME

Nephew of Cecil Miller Meets Death; Parents Perhaps Fatally Burned in Pa.

Mr. Cecil Miller of Boone, was called to Lancaster, Pa., Sunday on account of the death of a nephew, a son of Mrs. Ruth Peck and Mr. Peck, who was fatally burned when the home and its entire contents was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Peck, sister of Mr. Miller, is reported as in a dying condition from burns received in the conflagration, while Mr. Peck's injuries may yet prove fatal. The son was 7 years old.

Mr. Miller, in a telephone conversation with friends here, said Mrs. Peck's condition is critical, and that it appears death is near. No further details are available.

Library Books Are Available in County

The Watauga county library has arranged for circulating books in different places, so as to bring library advantages to the rural neighborhoods.

At present books are available in the Lovell postoffice building; at the Moody Store, Sugar Grove, and at J. B. Mast's Store, Sherwood. According to Mrs. R. W. Watkins, who is in charge of this phase of the local library work, the people should take advantage of this new service to insure its permanency. People in other neighborhoods who would like to be aided by the circulating library, should write Mrs. Maude Ingle, county librarian, or Mrs. Watkins.

VOLSTEAD PASSES AT THE AGE OF 87

Granite Falls, Minn., Jan. 20—Andrew J. Volstead, former Minnesota congressman and father of the Volstead prohibition act, died today. He was 87 years old.

Volstead, a lifelong dry, had been in poor health for years and abandoned daily visits to his Granite Falls law office four years ago. He had lived the life of a country lawyer, devoted himself largely to probate cases and took little part in community activities. Even appeals from his friends that he lead the fight against establishment of a municipal liquor store in 1942 went unheeded. The "wets" won.

SENATOR BROWN SEES ACTION ON SALARY MEASURE

Local Solon Thinks Agreement Will Be Reached Soon on Teacher Pay Hike; Says Amount of Money Not Now in Question; Differ on Details

Senator Wade E. Brown, spending the week-end with his family here, tells the Democrat that he believes that the settlement of the legislative snarl on the emergency increase in the pay of teachers and other state employes can be settled without further appreciable delay, since the two factions in the Legislature are practically in agreement except as regards technicalities.

Senator Brown states that the amount of money involved in the emergency increase is no longer in question, since the conference report and the amount provided in the Barker amendment, which had passed the house previously, are practically the same, as nearly as can be estimated, and that the effort on the new conferees will be to iron out certain technical differences.

The legislative tangle resulted from the fact that the 20% per cent pay increase bill recommended by Governor Cherry was amended in the house by Representative Barker, who called for a rate of state pay on a sliding scale, ranging to 30% in the case of some employes. The amendment was defeated in the Senate and both houses named a conference committee to iron out the trouble. Meantime the Senate had passed the administration bill which called for \$6,900,000. The conference committee, Senator Brown says, raised this sum to \$8,050,000, as against the estimated \$8,150,000 asked by Mr. Barker, it being the intent of the committee to make the money job of making accurate estimates is almost impossible in such a large scale proposal. At any rate Senator Brown states, that there remains no dollars and cents disagreement, and that the matter should be compromised soon.

The local Senator states that his committee acted with the intent of approving the amount of money set up in the Barker amendment, which is the highest that the conference group could recommend, but that the estimates are slightly at variance. He states that he is doing all possible to aid the teachers and employes of the state to get the greatest consistent pay increase, and will continue to work to the end of providing a payment which will be as nearly satisfactory and just, as soon as possible to make it.

Farm Bureau Names Delegates to State Meeting at Asheville

The eleventh annual convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation will be held at Asheville, on February 2, 3, 4, and 5 with headquarters at the George Vandebilt Hotel. This convention was at first announced for Winston-Salem but on account of the limited hotel accommodations there it was changed to Asheville.

At a meeting of the Watauga county farm bureau held Friday night, January 17 the following delegates and alternates were elected to attend the state convention:

I. B. Wilson, Elmer Miller, Odes Wilson, Frank Taylor, G. D. Barnett, Grady Farthing, E. B. Hardin, W. W. Mast, Denver Church, Collis Austin, and R. H. Vannoy. The members from Watauga county on the committees to report at this convention are as follows: Poultry, Ernest Hillard; Burley tobacco, E. B. Hardin; fruits, vegetables and potatoes, Don Shull; general crops, Frank Taylor; dairy and livestock, R. H. Vannoy; Edward A. O'Neal Club, G. D. Barnett; agricultural, business and industrial relationships, H. E. Greene; nominating committee, I. B. Wilson; resolutions, W. W. Mast and Odes Wilson.

This meeting also discussed the advisability of organizing a cabbage growers association for Watauga county and the following cabbage growers were selected as a committee to make a study of the matter. This committee will meet in the near future: Russell Farthing, S. C. Ford, M. D. Brown, Vaughn Rose, Fred Critcher, M. Clyde Brown, H. Neal Blair, J. B. Greene and Denver Church.

NEW ALLOTMENTS FOR BURLEY TO BE FILED

The closing date for filing 1947 new farm tobacco allotments is February 1, 1947, according to Ned Glenn, chairman of the Watauga county agricultural conservation program. Full information for the conditions under which applications may be filled may be obtained from the county or community committeemen, or local AAA office.