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MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN WILL END ON FRIDAY

County Quota in Sight, Says Chairman Agle; Late Contributors Should Respond at Once; President's Ball Friday Night

The current March of Dimes campaign comes to a close next Friday, and Bob Agle, chairman for the Watauga county canvass, states that the local quota of \$1,525.00 is now in sight, but hasn't quite been reached, and asks that those wishing to contribute to the fight against polio, do so at once, so that final results may be reported promptly. Funds may be left with Mr. Adams at the bank, Mr. Cottrell at the Boone Drug store, or at the Appalachian Theatre. Contributions may be mailed to Box 426, Boone.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, says Mr. Agle, "is ever ready to assist us here in Watauga county in any case, regardless of race, creed or color. It is our sincere wish and hope that we can exceed our quota as a token of our appreciation for what the National Foundation has already done and is willing to do for any and all citizens of Watauga county."

Item	Amount
Previously reported	\$1,014.64
Mrs. Nell C. Linney	5.00
Brushy Fork Baptist Ch.	6.52
J. E. Holshouser	10.00
Faculty Apts., Star Stacy	23.00
chairman	
Louise Taylor	2.00
A. & P. Store	5.00
St. Matthews Ch., Todd	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Grant Greene	10.50
Northwestern Bank	10.00
Snow Chapter No. 220	10.30
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hardin	5.00
Green Valley Home Club	1.50
Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Moretz	5.00
Swofford Tire Co.	2.90
The Fix-It Shop, Ralph Moretz	5.00
Total	\$1,120.47

No More Child Brides For N. C.

Raleigh, Jan. 24—There'll be no more child brides—or child grooms—in North Carolina, if legislation which was introduced today is passed by the general assembly. Bills have been introduced boosting the minimum legal age for marriage in North Carolina to 16. Under present laws, 14-year-olds can marry.

Variety Show to Be Held at Cove Creek

The student council of the Cove Creek high school is sponsoring a variety show to be given at the high school auditorium February 4, at 7:30 p. m. Included in this show will be a one act play given by members of the council. The show will be climaxed by a beauty contest. Contestants as follows have already been selected: Miss Katy Sue Farthing by Valle Crucis Co. Inc. Miss Carolyn Mast by H. W. Mast Store, Miss Bernell Aldridge by Townsends Grocery Co. of Boone. Other contestants will be entered later. Any business firm who desires may enter a contestant for the sum of \$2.50 and information concerning the contest may be had from Nannie Helen Greene, Sherwood. The winner will be declared at the end of the program and will receive a prize of \$5.00.

Taft Speaks Out in Favor of Open Shop

Washington, Jan. 28—Chairman Taft, Republican of Ohio, of the Senate labor committee said today that the closed shop gives unions "such tremendous power" over workers that Congress may have to outlaw it.

Blowing Rock Gets Textile Convention

Charlotte, Jan. 25—The Southern Textile association will hold its 1947 convention at Blowing Rock on June 19-21, a special meeting of the board of governors decided here today.

High Meat Output Forecast for 1947

Washington—The agriculture department predicted Monday that meat production this year will total 23,000,000,000 pounds, or 150 pounds for each civilian after allowing for military requirements and export.

WINNERS IN BABY SHOW



In a recent popularity contest, sponsored by the Boone Quarterback Club for the benefit of the Appalachian high school band, Master John Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Payne, and little Miss Ala Sue McGuire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. McGuire, were crowned king and queen. In second place were Master Eddie Paul Winkler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Winkler, and Miss Carol Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scott. Pictured above, left to right, are Eddie Paul Winkler, John Payne, Ala Sue McGuire and Carol Scott. (Photo by Palmer Blair)

WRITES HELD FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Mrs. Ruth Miller Heck and son Die as Flames Destroy Pennsylvania Home

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruth Miller Heck, 33 years old, and son, Johnny, 6 years old, were conducted jointly from the South Fork Baptist Church at Todd last Saturday, Rev. Raymond Hendrix being in charge and interment was in the Howell cemetery.

The fire occurred in the late afternoon as Mrs. Heck and son went into the kitchen to kindle a fire in the cook stove. Kerosene was used in an effort to ignite the wood, and it is thought that the fire had gone out, and that Mrs. Heck had made a second effort to light it, while some fire still remained. The stove exploded and filled the kitchen with smoke and flame. Mr. Heck rushed to his family's aid and succeeded in carrying both his wife and son to a neighbor's house, but only after he was critically burned. The home was completely destroyed.

The son died on the 20th, while Mrs. Heck expired on the 22nd, a brother of Mrs. Heck, Mr. Cecil Miller of Boone, was with them at the time.

Report Made on Jr. Red Cross Campaign

Mrs. Owen Wilson, chairman of the Junior Red Cross campaign in Watauga county reveals that \$219.92 had been collected. The names of the contributors are: Appalachian High School \$63.51; Blowing Rock High School \$53.03; Cove Creek Elementary \$18.49; Cove Creek High School \$16.70; Boone Elementary \$13.35; Deep Gap School \$11.93; Green Valley School \$6.32; Valle Crucis School \$6.16; Bethel Elementary \$5.17; Boone colored school \$5.45; Bethel High School \$4.30; Mabel School \$4.00; Grandfather School \$2.50; Winebrager School \$2.01; Bamboo School \$2.00; Lower Elk \$2.00; Potter, \$2.00; Riverview \$1.00; Rutherford \$1.00; Cool Springs \$1.00; Howard's Creek \$1.00.

TABER SAYS HE KNOWS WAY TO SAVE 2 BILLION

Washington, Jan. 28—Chairman Taber, Republican of New York, of the House-Senate budget committee said today he had found a way to save \$2 billion in a single government department. Taber declined to name the department, but told reporters that he is now shooting for a cut of between \$4,500,000,000 and \$5 billion in President Truman's \$37,500,000,000 budget.

To Play Here BURLY SALES END THURSDAY



HEROLD FREDERIC

FREDERIC TO APPEAR IN CITY

Outstanding Pianist to Appear in Artist Program at Appalachian College

Jerold Frederic, one of the outstanding pianists of the younger generation, will be presented by Appalachian State Teachers College for their fifth number of the artist program. He is American born and educated in the United States. His first appearance on the concert platform set a musical precedent. When without help of orthodox promotional channels, he played the amazing total of 257 concerts in three seasons and had recalls for seventy-five return engagements. Eugene Stimson, music critic of the Chicago Daily News, wrote: "In some twenty years of reviewing I have never encountered a pianist with quite Mr. Frederic's poetry of mind and devotion to beauty. I can quite understand the magnetic quality of his hold over his audiences, and I am sure that is something that will only increase with the years." Mr. Frederic is a member of the faculty of Ohio State University as visiting artist. He is now on leave of absence for the concert season with a schedule of eighty concerts in a coast to coast tour. He uses the Steinway Concert Grand Piano exclusively and carries it on a specially built trailer of his own design. It is so ingeniously constructed that movers can unload and set up the piano in an auditorium in twenty minutes. The college students and the public are invited to be guests of the college at this concert Sunday afternoon, February 2, at 2:30.

Hunting Season To End Here Tomorrow

The open season for the taking of all upland game comes to an end Friday January 31, it is noted by County Game Warden Walter Edmisten.

Jr. Order Holds Dinner Meeting

The local Junior Order Council held a ladies night event and banquet on the 20th, and sixty-five members were present for the occasion. Mrs. Shipwash, of High Point, State Secretary of the Daughters of America, spoke of the pending organization of a chapter of the DA in this community. Clyde R. Greene delivered the welcoming address, while I. S. Ayers, councilor, presided.

NAVAL RESERVE RADIO STATION SEEN FOR BOONE

Boone May Get Naval Radio Unit if Sufficient Interested Personnel Can Be Found; Project Primarily for Reservists With Experience

Naval Reserve Electronic companies and platoons are being organized throughout the Sixth Naval district and at present companies in Columbia, S. C. and Charlotte have been activated. Weekly drills are now being conducted every Thursday evening, with headquarters Sixth Naval district acting as master control station. The primary frequency for these drills is 2792 KC's and 2656 HC's is the secondary.

Lt. Commander H. M. Kennickell of Winston-Salem naval reserve, representative for this area, announced today that Boone may get a local unit if sufficient interested personnel can be found.

The units will be primarily for those reservists who have had communication, radar and technical electronic experiences, however, there will be openings for those interested in learning the electronic field.

The electronic warfare companies and platoons will participate in drills with each other and with the organized reserves when the reserve armories are completed. In the meantime equipment will be set up and drills held in approved temporary places. Equipment for all units will be available in the near future.

Naval reserve armories are being established in Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Charlotte, Asheville, Raleigh, Durham and Wilmington.

Each reserve electronic warfare company will consist of 40 men and five officers. The qualifications for officers will be in the rank of lieutenant commander and below with communication and electronic classifications, and enlisted men with radoman, radaman, electronic technicians mate rates, and non-rated men who have had an electronic background or are interested in learning the electronic field.

The reserve electronic warfare platoon will consist of ten men and one officer, whose qualifications will be the same as for the companies. The platoons will normally be organized in localities where sufficient personnel is not available for the organization of a company.

All personnel of the electronic warfare companies and platoons are members of the volunteer reserve, and will be given the opportunity to request a two weeks training cruise or two weeks participation in drill periods may be authorized, and there will be opportunities for advancement in rating. These units replace the present organization known as the naval communication service, and companies are established with their own navy radio station, which will be manned during drill periods by reservists.

Frozen Food Locker Plant Is Assured For This Community

Senator Brown Concludes Negotiations Resulting in Establishment of Food Preserving and Processing Plant to Be Located on G. C. Greene Land in East Boone; Option Signed

Boone is to have one of the most modern and up-to-date frozen food locker plants in the south, providing for Watauga county and Boone the facilities long needed for the processing and preserving of food, states Senator Wade E. Brown, through whose negotiations the plant has been secured for this community.

Mr. Brown states that an option has been secured on land of Mr. George C. Greene in East Boone, and that plans are for the construction of the plant during this year. No local funds will be sought, and the capital will be provided by Mr. W. H. Dameron, North Carolina native, war-time air pilot, and now a commercial airplane pilot in the southwest.

Mr. Dameron will operate through the Southern Frozen Food Lockers, Inc., of Raleigh, who construct, engineer and manage such plants, and who now have 28 plants in the state completed or under construction. Government building priority No. 4-4-2509, has been issued and operations are to start soon.

All Arrangements Made. The financial and construction arrangements have been made. However, success of the venture is dependent upon the farmer patrons who will find this plant of great value in their food preserving problems. For the successful operation of the plant, at least 200 lockers in the plant must be rented by those from the rural sections who, in fact, find them even more profitable than folks living in town.

The plant will provide a capacity of 650 lockers, each of which are six cubic feet in size and of the latest design. The processing equipment will provide ample space and facilities for the handling of a large volume of pork, beef, poultry and other meats, as well as vegetables and fruits. In the pork curing section which is provided for the curing of pork for home use, there is space sufficient to handle up to 150,000 pounds at one time. The Boone plant will not be dependent upon the weather for the curing of pork as the plant will make its own weather and will maintain a temperature in the pork curing room of around 35 to 33 degrees at all times. Under these perfect conditions pork can be cured to perfection, and guarantee is keeping when it is finally taken home.

Beef, when brought in, is hung in the chill and aging room and is kept there until it is ready to be processed. When the processing stage is reached, steaks, roasts and hamburger are prepared properly, trimmed, wrapped and then frozen under perfect conditions and placed in the locker to be available when the locker owner desires.

In addition to the advantages of a frozen food locker plant for the preserving of food for home use, there is also a tremendous opportunity for the processing of food through this plant to be sold on the open market at special prices and on an ever increasing market where the demands far exceed the supply, thus stimulating production on the farm, since the plant itself serves as a local manufacturing plant for food production.

Watauga is one of the three largest beef-producing counties in the state. Much of that beef today has to seek a market beyond the borders of North Carolina, much of it being shipped to northern markets where it is processed, returned and distributed to local retailers with the added cost of transportation and profit. With the plant Boone now has underway, much of this beef can be slaughtered and packed right here. The plant will also provide splendid outlet and packing facilities for the handling of beans and other vegetables and fruits so abundant in Watauga and Ashe counties during the summer months.

The low cost of \$15 to \$18 a year for the rental of the lockers is very reasonable when compared to the cost of operating a home refrigerator. The small additional charge for processing brings the total cost well within the range of all users of lockers.

The U. S. department of agriculture stated recently that where the owner of a locker in a frozen food plan properly used, would save more than \$100 a year in the food bill of the average family.

Pleated skirts are created on the coast for summer wear.