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TWO BEING HELD FOR ROBBERY OF NEWLAND BANK

Crowe Brothers Are Indicted by Federal Grand Jury in Asheville on Charges Growing Out of Robbery of Newland Bank; Three Others Being Sought

Asheville, Feb. 18.—George Crowe, Jr., and Casper Crowe, indicted by the Federal grand jury here yesterday on charges growing out of the holdup of the Avery County Bank at Newland on January 30, are expected to be brought from Knoxville to the Buncombe county jail today, U. S. Marshal Charles R. Price said last night.

Certified copies of the bill of indictment were sent to the U. S. Marshal in Knoxville with the request that he bring the two men to Asheville.

Indictments were also returned yesterday for three other defendants wanted in connection with the robbery. They are now at large and are being sought by F. B. I. agents.

The charges against the five men, according to the bills returned yesterday, are as follows: George Crowe, Jr., charged with receiving and concealing money alleged to have been stolen from a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and with conspiracy to rob a member of the FDIC.

Casper Crowe, charged with robbery of a member bank of the FDIC, conspiracy to rob the bank, receiving and concealing money from the bank.

The three defendants still at large are: D. L. Birchfield, William Edward Alred, and Cadaza George Dewey Saylor, all charged with actual robbery of the bank, receiving money stolen from the bank, and conspiracy to rob the bank.

Officers who have been working on the case yesterday indicated that the Crowe brothers are reported to have been the drivers of the automobiles used in connection with the holdup, one for the immediate getaway car and the other for a planted car to which they could switch.

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GEORGE HENSON DIES SUDDENLY

Prominent Farmer of Sherwood Neighborhood Succumbs From Heart Attack

George Henson, 62 years old, prominent Sherwood farmer, died at the home on the 11th from a sudden illness with what was diagnosed as a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted from the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church on February 14, by Rev. Mr. Middleton, of the Baptist Church, and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters: R. D. Henson, Reese; Oka Henson, Sherwood; Gurd Henson, Cleveland, Ohio; Buster Henson, Sherwood; Mrs. Grant Sutherland, Creston; Mrs. Ray Ellison, Sherwood. There is one brother, Dave Henson of Sherwood, and four half-brothers: Lonnie Henson, Vilas; Smith Henson, Reese; Herman Henson, Reese; Dana Henson, Reese. There are three half-sisters: Mrs. Howard Younce, Mabel; Mrs. Glenn Norris, Mabel; Miss Dora Henson, Reese.

Northwestern Bank Jumps 98 Places In 1946 In the Nation

North Wilkesboro—The Northwestern Bank, which has home office here and branches in several northwestern North Carolina cities and towns, jumped 94 places during 1946 to become the 511th largest bank in the country, figures revealed today by The American Banker showed.

On December 31, 1945, the Northwestern Bank was the 605th largest bank in the nation. The deposits were 30,769,796 on December 31, 1946, compared to \$26,769,651 on December 31, 1945.

Local Matmen Meet Maryville College Team on Saturday

The Appalachian matmen will be in quest of their ninth straight victory Saturday night when they meet the strong Maryville College team in the local gymnasium.

The Maryville wrestlers have met and defeated Auburn, Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech and University of Chattanooga this season, and claim the championship of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. Coach Watkins will be trying to beat his team-mate, Coach J. D. Davis, and his alma mater.

Argentina moves for U. S. aid for industrialization. Hannegan says Truman will be asked to run in 1948.

Prison Mother



Mrs. Maud Battlington Booth, 81, shown with lock from an old cell block at San Quentin prison, California, inscribed with tributes by the inmates and given to her recently.

RADIO STATION TO BE TOPIC OF C. OF C. MEETING

Radio Engineer and Representative of Radio Equipment Manufacturer Expected to Be Guests of Chamber of Commerce Thursday; Seek Final Decision

A further discussion of the proposed Boone radio station will feature the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, which will be held Thursday evening in connection with a banquet at the Carolina Cafe, and Mr. Herman Wilcox, president of the organization, is anxious that there be a full attendance at this gathering to make a final decision regarding the proposal.

A radio engineer from Johnson City, Tenn., and perhaps one from Statesville will be present at this time, in addition to a representative from a radio equipment manufacturer, and it is expected that complete information may be gathered at this time regarding the cost of building, as well as operation of a radio station in this community.

The Chamber of Commerce, says Mr. Wilcox, does not wish to place a burden on the community by securing something that would be a liability rather than an asset to the town. It is his wish to learn if the station could be expected to be self-supporting. If such is the case, the organization will do all possible to secure its construction, he states.

Mrs. J. H. Brendall Dies in Albemarle

Mrs. Virginia Gregory Brendall, 44, wife of Rev. J. H. Brendall, who lived in Boone during her husband's ministry at the local Methodist Church some years ago, died unexpectedly in Albemarle Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Brendall came to Albemarle a little more than four years ago from Winston-Salem where Mr. Brendall was pastor of the Ardmore Methodist Church.

Ancestral Home of Senator Brown Burns

The large frame residence of Mrs. J. D. Brown of Blowing Rock, the ancestral home of Senator Wade E. Brown, was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday.

The blaze was believed to have started from a stove in a room occupied at night by Mrs. Brown, who resided during the day at the home of a son, Mr. Kent Brown, a short distance away.

"Music On Parade" Topic of P.-T.A.

The February meeting of Boone Parent-Teachers Association will be held at the high school at 7:30 p. m. Monday, February 24. The program theme for the evening will be "Music On Parade." Mr. Gordon Nash, Mr. O. M. Hartsell, Mr. Lee Stout, and Mrs. Jim Council will be responsible for the musical program.

All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend the meeting and enjoy the music of the high school band and glee club.

RED CROSS SETS QUOTA FOR 1947 FISCAL EFFORT

Watauga County Asked to Contribute \$2,666 in Campaign to Begin March 3; Clyde R. Greene Will Again Serve as Chairman of Campaign

The Watauga county chapter of the American Red Cross has accepted a quota of \$2,666 and has named Mr. Clyde R. Greene chairman of the 1947 fund campaign.

This quota is almost 50 per cent below that assigned for Watauga county last year. Mr. Greene announces that the campaign will be conducted from March 3 to March 15 as part of the national drive to raise \$60,000,000 for carrying on Red Cross work on a county, national and world-wide basis.

There are more than 2,000,000 Americans still in uniform who are benefited by the services of the Red Cross. In addition to those in uniform who are served by this organization, the veterans' hospitals are overflowing with those who welcome the service which no other agency but the Red Cross offers. Still more ex-G.I. families are unsettled and in need of advice and financial assistance. The Red Cross disaster relief, which Watauga county gladly welcomed a few years ago, still stands ready to aid in emergencies and community disaster.

Officials of the local chapter feel that the chapter is fortunate in being able to again have Mr. Greene as campaign chairman. This will be the sixth Red Cross fund drive in which Mr. Greene has served as chairman and the chapter has the record of exceeding its quota each time. Mr. Greene is confident that the people of the county will not fail this organization which is standing by those who have served and those who are still serving their country.

But to raise the quota and give the Red Cross the means to carry on their services to the servicemen and veterans of this county will take the co-operation and active participation of every citizen of Watauga county. The total amount raised by the county last year was \$5,151.67.

Feb. 13 has been designated as Red Cross Sunday. Every pastor in the county is asked to bring in the work of the Red Cross to the attention of his congregation.

The plan of campaign will be the same as that used last year. Mr. Greene has asked the following persons to act as vice-chairmen:

Rural sections, L. E. Tuckwell, county agent, town of Boone; Grady Tugman; Blowing Rock, Mrs. H. C. Hayes; public schools, Superintendent W. H. Walker.

The treasurer has released the following financial statement of the chapter:

Fund bal. Aug. 31, 1946	\$3,782.87
Plus receipts	183.20
	\$3,966.07
Less disbursements	1,524.61
Bal. Jan. 31, 1947	2,441.46

Summary of Happenings in State Legislature During Past Week

Monday through Friday of the fifth week of the 1947 session saw the introduction of 99 new bills, for a total to date of 484, as against 152 bills introduced during the corresponding period of the 1945 session and that session's total at the end of the same legislative day was 521. At the close of the 33rd legislative day, the house was running practically even with the 1945 house in terms of the number of bills introduced, with 343 bills in the napper as against 1945's 342. The senate, however, was somewhat behind, with only 141 bills as against 179 in 1945.

Although the week was relatively light with respect to the number of new public bills introduced, a few bills which may evoke some interest and a fair amount of argument were started upon their dubious journeys. For instance, there is SB 130, which might be termed the "biennial liquor referendum bill," which would put to a state-wide vote next November the question of the continuance of ABC liquor stores as well as the legal sale anywhere in the state of any alcoholic beverage except malt beverages containing not over 5% of alcohol by weight, and light domestic wines. Then there is SB 118, which would "provide for the general welfare and protect the health, efficiency and general well-being of workers in the state of North Carolina by providing for minimum wages and maximum hour standards." With numerous exceptions as to its applicability, the bill would provide a minimum wage of 40 cents per hour, require the payment of time-and-a-half for time in excess of 40 hours per week, and limit female employees to whom the bill would apply, except for such seasonal periods as the pre-Christmas period, to a maximum

BOONE'S NEW FREEZER-LOCKER PLANT



Front elevation of the new freezer-locker plant, which will be erected in Boone this year, with work to get under way on actual construction as soon as weather conditions will permit.

WEED GROWERS HEAR BENNETT

Extension Tobacco Specialist Talks to Planters on Plant Bed Failure

More than 100 farmers gathered to hear Roy R. Bennett, extension tobacco specialist and the county agents lead a discussion on tobacco production.

The meeting opened with a discussion of the quality of the 1946 burley crop in this area. The farmers brought out the point that late plant setting dates caused by plant bed failure was largely responsible for the poor quality. Blue mold and wild fire were believed to be the main causes of plant bed failure.

Mr. Bennett then led a discussion, using colored slides to illustrate the effective way to combat these plant diseases. He showed many slides showing the results of using ferimate as a preventive. This is applied as a spray or as a dust.

The ferimate spray or dust should be applied first when the plants leaves are about the size of a dime, and repeated twice a week, with an extra application after each hard rain thereafter until the plants are set to the field.

A supply of bulletins will be sent to the county agents' office, and any one interested in using the ferimate should call by and secure one of these bulletins.

There was quite a lot of discussion on the possibility of producing tobacco plants below the mountain. Mr. Bennett pointed out that he thought that arrangements could be made to produce plants below the mountain and promised to investigate the costs and conditions.

Any one interested in having plants produced for them should leave their order with the county agent.

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Writes Book



GUY GREER

WATAUGA MAN NOW AN AUTHOR

Guy Greer Celebrates the Publication of Volume on Community Planning, Housing

New York, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Guy Greer, native of Watauga county, whose ancestors came here with Daniel Boone at the time of the Revolution, this week celebrated the publication of his book "Your City Tomorrow," by the Macmillan Company, New York.

Mr. Greer was born near Boone in 1891, and on his mother's side is descended from the Yates family of the western part of the state. His two brothers now run R. T. Greer & Co., crude drug company, in Pikeville, Ky., Marion, Va., and elsewhere.

The author has worked with the Federal Housing Administration in Washington, and as a member of the Board of Editors of "Fortune" magazine. He is also present a partner in Armstrong Associates—advisers, analysts and consultants in real estate and community planning, with headquarters in New York.

In "Your City Tomorrow," Mr. Greer explains what the average citizen needs to know about community planning and housing.

Local Red Cross Unit Names Officers

Rev. E. F. Troutman has been named chairman of the Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross, for the sixth consecutive year, it has been announced.

Miss Bernice Gragg was named treasurer for the ensuing year, and Mrs. Nora D. Warman was elected secretary. All board members were re-elected. Clyde R. Greene was named roll call chairman for the seventh year.

At the annual meeting reports were made by the various committee chairmen and R. W. Watkins, former field director for the organization in the European theatre of operations, gave a talk on Red Cross work overseas.

Mrs. Emma H. Ellison Dies Tuesday Evening

Mrs. Emma Hockaday Ellison, 62 years old, died at the home at Tamarack Tuesday evening, after a long period of indisposition. Funeral details are not completed, but it is stated that the rites will likely be held Thursday at the Ellison cemetery at Tamarack.

Mrs. Ellison, who was the widow of the late Alex E. Ellison, is survived by three sons and one daughter: Earl Ellison, Tamarack; Roy Ellison, Sparta; Ray Ellison, Sherwood; Mrs. Lester Eller, Tamarack. There are two brothers, Ed Hockaday, Damascus, Va., and Linney Hockaday, Fairfield, Pa.

The earth's store of uranium ore would be exhausted in less than 100 years if uranium were to replace coal completely as a source of energy.

LIONS ARE TOLD OF HEALTH PLAN



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Lion Robert King, Jr., district public health officer, gave an informative talk about the proposed good health program for the State at the meeting of the Boone Lions Club Tuesday evening.

Highlighting his remarks was the statement that 35% of the selectees in North Carolina were rejected by the armed services, due to impaired health. This condition provided the impetus for the good health campaign.

The N. C. Medical Care Commission appointed a commission to survey the State and present their findings before the General Assembly of 1945. It was found that doctors were concentrated in urban centers, that tuberculosis and mental institutions were overflowing, and that a considerable percentage of births occurred without medical attention.

Additional and enlarged hospital facilities were recommended, together with more facilities for training doctors, nurses and technicians, medical aid for negroes, and the establishment of scholarships for training doctors who would agree to practice in rural areas for a minimum of five years.

Dr. King further stated that the local hospital would probably be adequate if the requirements are met. The main requirement involved in the present program is that of matching funds which are to be made available by the State and Federal governments.

Mr. Smith Hagan, one of the trustees of the local hospital, emphasized that the institution is a corporation and that the property on which it stands was deeded to it by the state. He added that the hospital has no legal tie-in with Appalachian College, but that the college has use of the hospital, and that without convenient hospital facilities, the institution could not be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges.

The Lions Club pledged its support to the good health program, particularly as regards the betterment of the local hospital facilities.

MANY ATTEND LINCOLN EVENT

Local Republicans Go to Winston-Salem to Hear National GOP Leaders

A large number of Republicans from Watauga county went to Winston-Salem Saturday to participate in the annual Lincoln Day dinner and to hear addresses by Joe Martin of Massachusetts, speaker of the house of representatives, and Clara Booth Luce, former Connecticut Congresswoman.

Emory C. McCall presided at the banquet. Dr. I. G. Greer of Thomasville presented Speaker Martin and Raymond C. Barker introduced Mrs. Luce. Others on the program were Buford T. Henderson, Winston-Salem; Ray Jennings, Taylorsville, and Joe Helsabeck, Stokes county sheriff who was elected head of the Young Republican clubs in the State in the convention held earlier in the day.

TO AID VETERANS

Jack C. Winchester, assistant state service officer, will be in the office of Lionel Ward, county service officer, Friday, February 21. Any veteran desiring to confer with Mr. Winchester is asked to call before noon on that date.

FREEZER PLANT EQUIPMENT IS NOW ON ORDER

Work to Start Next Month on Construction of Local Freezer-Locker Plant, as Final Papers Are Signed; To Outline Plans for Rental of Lockers

The final contracts and charter arrangements for the Boone freezer locker plant were signed in Raleigh last week by Mr. W. H. Dameron and Southern Frozen Food Lockers, Inc., and present plans call for construction operations to begin on the enterprise no later than the middle of March, if weather conditions permit.

This information is contained in a letter to Mr. H. W. Wilcox from James E. Coad, vice-president of the Southern Frozen Food Lockers, who takes occasion to "express my sincere appreciation for your enthusiastic cooperation with regard to the locker plant and packing company for Boone." Mr. Coad states that Mr. Dameron has instructed his firm to proceed with "full and absolute authority for the construction of the locker plant in Boone."

The signing of the final contracts resulted in the immediate placing of orders for all machinery and other equipment which will be needed, as well as building materials, and it is said that construction will be started just as quickly as weather conditions will permit. Doubt is expressed however, that much can be accomplished before about the 15th of March.

Mr. Coad states that he expects to come to Boone within the next thirty days and meet with local people to discuss an outline of plans for the rental of lockers.

SAY DOUGHTON WILL NOT RUN

Flock of Candidates Expected to Fight for Post of Veteran Congressman

Hickory, Feb. 18.—Representative Robert L. Doughton will not be a candidate for renomination to Congress from the Ninth North Carolina district in 1948. The Hickory Record said it learned today from sources close to the congressman which are considered reliable. Doughton upon completing his present term will round out 38 years in Congress.

A wide open race for the vacancy is in prospect. Potential candidates include Walter Woodson, Sr., and W. D. Kizziah of Salisbury; Eugene Bost of Concord; Tom Wolfe, former highway commissioner, and Sen. A. Erskine Smith of Albemarle; former U. S. District Attorney Carlyle Higgins of Sparta; Ed Anderson, West Jefferson newspaper publisher; Senator John McLaughlin and former Senator Hugh Mitchell of Statesville; Representative Max C. Wilson and former Highway Commissioner V. D. Guire of Lenoir, and Kidd Brewer of Boone, administrative assistant to Senator William B. Umstead.

Net Proceeds From March of Dimes Campaign \$1,835

Mr. R. E. Agle, chairman of the recent March of Dimes campaign, reveals that the total contributions to the fund in Watauga county amounted to \$2,067, and that the expenses of the canvass was \$231.35, leaving a net contribution of \$1,835.65. The local quota was \$1,525.

Following is the March of Dimes expense account:	
Gasoline, car expense and signs	\$ 22.00
Metal label tabs	4.50
Dime cards, coin collectors, window cards	47.50
Rubber stamp	1.55
Postage and cards	21.00
Freight	3.50
Stenographic work	6.00
Dance hall	15.00
Music, Paul Weston	100.00
Total	\$ 231.35
Total contributions	\$2,067.00
Less expense	231.35
Net receipts	\$1,835.65
To be applied to:	
50% National Foundation	\$917.83
50% Local chapter	917.82
	\$1,835.65

Perfect Marriage Is Goal Novel Contest

In a novel contest seeking the perfect marriage in Watauga county, sponsored by the Appalachian Theatre prior to the playing of Hal Wallis' production, "The Perfect Marriage," the current ballots show "Trigger" and "Gallant Bess" leading in the votes. Since neither are residents of Watauga county, and this contest was really meant for human beings, these horses will not be eligible to compete, says the management.

KNITTERS ARE NEEDED

A number of volunteer knitters are needed by the local Red Cross chapter, to make use of left over yarns in fashioning boys' sweaters. The yarn may be found at the home of Mrs. W. M. Burwell at 203 North Water Street.