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SCHOOLS CLOSED AS HEAVY FALL OF SNOW CONTINUES

Superintendent Walker Says That All Schools Where Buses Operate to Remain Closed Through the Week; Storm of Week Continues in Area

All schools of the county, which are dependent on bus transportation of the students are closed and will remain closed the balance of this week, due to the continued snow which has fallen almost steadily for the past week, and which shows little signs Wednesday morning of abatement.

The Boone schools closed Friday and resumed operations on Monday. However, the attendance was so small that classes were dismissed at mid-day, and the students who had weathered the blizzard returned home. Superintendent Howard Walker states that perhaps as many as two one-teacher schools on the east side of the Blue Ridge are operating. He says that if weather permits the schools will open next Monday, but that at least one day of high temperatures will be necessary before it will be considered safe for the buses to transport children over the ice roadways.

Mails, Buses Make Schedules
Mails over the principal highways have made their schedules with splendid regularity, and bus schedules are being maintained in most all instances. However, Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., says that there will be but one delivery of mail in the city today.

The snow began Wednesday of last week, and reached a depth of perhaps eight inches before the wind got into action. Since that time, there has been only one day when the snows have ceased and conservative estimates are that no less than 18 inches has fallen. The snow has been accompanied for the last few days by high winds and temperatures ranging from 5 to 20 degrees. Predictions of clearing skies and rising temperatures failed to materialize this morning, as the snow continues to pile up, with a driving wind, and a temperature of 10 above zero prevailed.

Local traffic has been held to the minimum demanded by necessity, and no large number of rural residents have been to town since the blizzard set in. Coal bins about the town, many of them are running dangerously low, and residents of the city are staying close by the fireside, hoping for an early abatement of the storm.

State highway officials have worked valiantly in keeping the roads of the county open for traffic, and Monday all avenues of transportation could be used. Continued drifting, however, added to the troubles of the road workers, and since that time all equipment has been in almost constant use in an effort to break the recurring drifts.

On Tuesday some of the trucks bringing food supplies to local grocery stores, would not attempt to negotiate the icy roads over the mountains, and there is some apprehension that if the storm continues unabated, supplies will run alarmingly low.

JUNIOR ORDER MEETING
Regular meeting of Daniel Boone Council, Junior O. U. A. M., will be held at the hall of the council next Monday evening at 7:30.

"Baby your calves" and guard against the serious danger of calf pneumonia during the harsh late winter and early spring weather, says Dr. C. D. Grinnells, professor of veterinary science at State College.

Summary of Happenings in State Legislature During Past Week

From the standpoint of the number of bills introduced, the 1947 general assembly continues to lag somewhat behind the 1945 session. At the close of the 39th legislative day, a total of 608 bills had been introduced, against 672 in the same number of days in 1945. This can mean one of three things: (1) not as many bills will be introduced this session as there were in 1945, which would make, on paper, at least, less work to do and tend to produce a shorter session; (2) many legislators feel that the large amount of important business now before the assembly will keep it in session beyond the time spent in 1945 (77 legislative days), so they do not feel under a great urgency to get their bills drawn and into the hopper; or (3) it may be that the time and attention of the legislators have been so taken up with important and spectacular matters already before the assembly that they have had less time than in 1945 to think up, draw up, and intro-

AUTHOR



DR. D. J. WHITENER

PROHIBITION IS THEME OF BOOK

Appalachian College Professor Gives Account of Hectic Liquor Fight in State

Dr. D. J. Whitener, Ph.D., of the Appalachian College faculty, is being praised for his recent book, published by the University Press, which gives a picture of the fight over prohibition during all the years of the history of North Carolina, from the first regulation of "tippling houses" to the present era.

The following review of the volume by Josephus Daniels in the News and Observer, gives a clear insight into the content of the new volume.

"The author dedicates this volume to Justice Heriot Clarkson, consistent and militant leader for prohibition with a dedication by Josephus Daniels. This book deals with every phase of the regulation of strong drink from 1715 to 1945. It shows evidence of documentation in every era from 1715 regulation of Tippling Houses to State prohibition in 1908 to the present day hybrid era of ABC stores in part of the State in violation of the mandate of the people. The author has given the story of the long and varied success and defeats in the fight for temperance and prohibition. Newspaper articles drawn upon freely give the picture of the changing scenes of the contests which periodically have stirred the people.

"The author has delved into every available source to fully document a history that is invaluable to all who are interested in the long fight, losing and winning to lessen or end the sale and use of intoxicants. He has written a readable and full history, invaluable data to all who wish accurate data with reference to the long attempts to deal with a subject that has brought out heated contests.

Prof. Fletcher M. Greene, professor of history in the University of North Carolina, truly says of this new book: "It is a sound, scholarly study and analysis of an important problem in North Carolina history. It reflects also the general national picture of prohibition. The author has written a clear and interesting account of an issue in politics that has divided the American people into two hostile camps. Professor Whitener has examined practically all available sources, including official documents, newspapers, church minutes and manuscript materials. The study is a definitive one and will be of timely interest to the historian and the general reader."

CONTEST POSTPONED
Due to the bad weather the speaking contest which was to have been held at local high school Thursday evening, has been postponed to Thursday evening of next week.

LAST NEWLAND BANK ROBBER NABBED BY FBI

Cazada G. D. Taylor, Last of Five Wanted for Robbery of Avery County Bank, Taken by FBI in Indiana; Two Others Taken at Portland, Oregon

Gazada G. D. Taylor, last of five suspects wanted in connection with the sensational \$25,000 robbery of the Avery County Bank at Newland January 30, was captured Tuesday afternoon by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Saylor was taken at a tourist camp near New Albany, Ind., and at the time was armed with a .38 caliber revolver, the FBI said. He is a native of Harlan county, Kentucky.

Two other suspects were nabbed at Portland, Ore., Monday, after they were arrested for speeding. They were listed as William M. Alred, 27, also of Harlan county, and D. L. Birchfield, 29, of the Roan Mountain section of Tennessee.

Announcement of Saylor's apprehension was made by John C. Bills, agent in charge of the FBI in the Carolinas. Mr. Bills said that all five suspects have already been indicted by a Federal grand jury at Asheville, four being charged with bank robbery and George Crowe with receiving.

Saylor had a 1946 Chrysler in his possession when he was seized Tuesday, according to the FBI report. When arrested Birchfield and Alred also were said to have had a 1946 automobile for which they had paid \$2,500 cash, several guns and \$6,000 in paper currency and three \$5 rolls of dimes in wrappers of the same kind used on the \$1,300 worth of times stolen by the bandits in the Newland robbery.

The FBI said Saylor would be held in Louisville, Ky., until shortly before time for the trial in Asheville at a date still to be set.

At Portland, Ore., FBI Agent Howard Bobbitt reported that Birchfield and Alred denied any part in the robbery. They are being for Federal authorities in this state.

RADIO MEETING WAS NOT HELD

Chamber of Commerce Postpones Gathering to Discuss Radio Station Here

Due to the snowy weather the meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce was not held as scheduled last Thursday evening, at which time it was planned to have radio engineers from Johnson City, Tenn., give the commerce group detailed information concerning the possibility of establishing a radio broadcasting station in Boone.

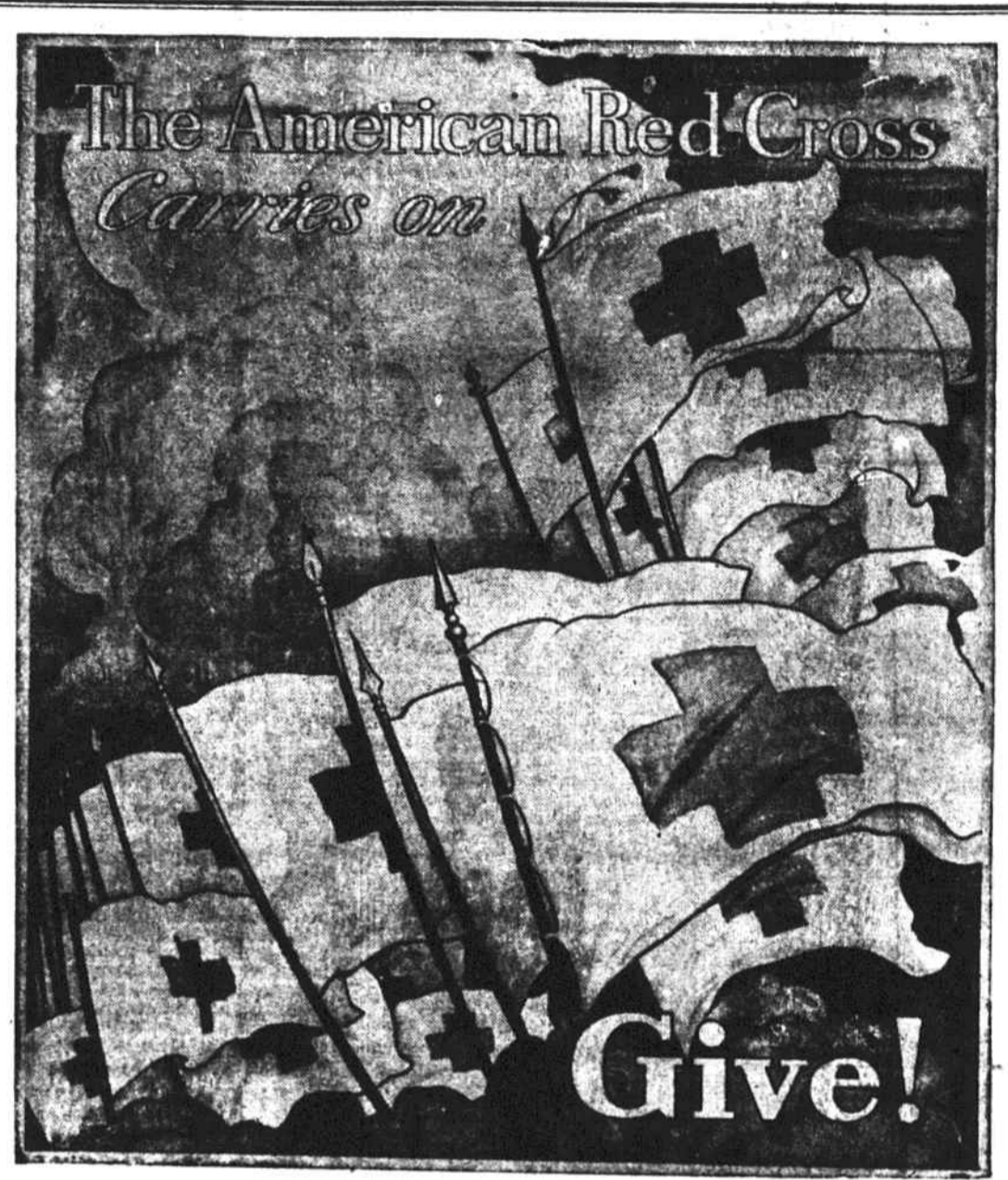
Mr. H. W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, states that the radio matter will be discussed at a meeting to be held when weather conditions permit.

Labor Leaders See Drive to Kill Unions

Washington, Feb. 25.—Militant labor leaders who led strikes last year, A. F. Whitney, Joe Curran and Harry Bridges, complained bitterly to Congress today against pending legislation which they called anti-labor.

Curran and Bridges, CIO Maritime union leaders who worked together in the 1946 shipping strikes, did not appear on Capitol Hill in person. But they sent hot statements to the Senate labor committee charging that present "anti-labor bills" are nothing more than efforts by "monopoly interests" to destroy labor unions.

Meantime chunky David Dubinsky, president of the AFL Ladies' Garment Workers, which has a long record of labor peace, testified coolly before the Senate group.



MONDAY MARKS START OF RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Roll Call Chairman Forms Organization to Start Intensive Campaign to Raise County Quota of \$2,666; a list of the Canvassers

Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the Red Cross roll call campaign in Watauga county, is putting the finishing touches on his organization, preparatory to the opening of the effort next Monday, and with the view to raising the local quota of \$2,666 within the shortest possible time. Mr. Greene hopes to end the campaign by the 15th of the month, although the period really extends to March 31.

The quota this year is about half of that of a year ago, and citizens are asked to respond promptly so that Watauga may "go over the top" quickly.

Those who recall the reconstruction efforts of the Red Cross in Watauga during the flood of 1940, will realize that the home disaster activities of Red Cross will more than justify the contribution asked to say nothing of the invaluable assistance being given to men in the armed services. Of further interest is the fact that this year 70.7% percent of money raised will be retained for local use, while only 29.3% will be forward to the national organization.

Below is the organization for the different parts of the county:

Town of Boone Business Section
Grady Tugman, chairman, G. D. Barnett, C. R. Craven, Joe Huffman, A. & P. Company, W. T. Welch; Matheson Building, Dr. Wm. Matheson; Belk-White Company, W. W. Chester; Hunt's Department Store, Guy Hunt; Carolina Pharmacy, W. R. Rock; Court House, Paul Coffey; County Building, Mrs. John Clawson; Appalachian Teachers College, W. R. Cottrell, John Wilborn, Mrs. R. W. Watkins, S. M. Ayers; Daniel Boone Hotel, C. A. Price; State Highway Department, E. Ford King, Dr. Perry Building, Mrs. F. M. Stubbs; Post Office, J. Edgar Brown; Colvard Oil Company and affiliated stores, Georgia Ayers; Superway Laundry, Frank Lyke; Trailer Cleaners, De. Shoemaker; Simons Store, Mr. Walsh; Watauga Hospital, Mrs. Bessie Brown; City Hall, Mrs. Ruby King; Watauga Drug Company, Chas. Wilcox; Winkler Motor Company, Paul Walsh; Boone Drug Company, Dr. Moore; Gateway Cafe, Mr. Marion Carter; Cash, Mrs. G. C. Greene; Moore Trail Cafe, Mr. Norman; Watauga Hotel, Mr. James Brawley

Town of Boone Residential
Mrs. M. R. Maddux, Mrs. E. T. Glenn chairman, Mrs. Chapel Wilson, Mrs. R. E. Agle, Mrs. G. D. Barnett, Mrs. Floyd Hagaman, Mrs. Jack Storie, Mrs. Len Hagaman, Mrs. Ed. H. Harts, Mrs. Paul Coffey, Mrs. Wiley G. Harzog, Mrs. Hal Vance, Mrs. W. W. Chester, Mrs. A. South.

Town of Blowing Rock
Mrs. H. C. Hayes and Miss Ellen Coffey, chairmen.

Schools
Howard Walker, chairman.
Appalachian high school, Mrs. Fred Gragg, Harold Quincy, Boone elementary, Mrs. Donald Thompson, Mrs. Joe Crawford, Mrs. J. W. Edrington, Mrs. J. W. Norris; Rutherford, Mrs. China B. Lavender; Rich Mountain, Nellie M. Lewis; Bantam, Miss Pearl Cowles; Green Valley, Mrs. Imogene Hardin; Winebarger, Mrs. Nell C. Greene; Riverview, Mrs. Blanche Payne; Deep Gap, Mrs. Pearl P. Dowling; Slony Fork, Mrs. Grace E. Greene; Mt. Park, I. J. Bingham; Elk, Mrs. Ethel P. Triplett; Lowe, Ek, V. M. Greene; Blowing Rock high school, Mrs. Beatrice C. Winkler; Blowing Rock elementary, Mrs. D. J. Whitener; Penley, Mrs. Lona Cook; Gosport, Mrs. E. Whitman; Valle Crucis, Mrs. Pansy K. Taylor; Grandfather, Miss Floy Cannon; Cool Springs, Mrs. Mary Sue Watson; Cove Creek, Mrs. W. M. Mast; Watauga, Mrs. Cove Creek elementary, Miss Anna Mae Sherwood; Rominger, George Harmon; Frennell, Mrs. Ruth W. Phillips; Kellersville, Mrs. Ella Mae Phillips; Windy Gap, Henry Hagaman; Bethel, Thomas Turbyfill, Mrs. Dorothy Taylor; Mrs. J. W. Hahn; Mrs. John Combs; Tamarack, Mrs. Pearl H. Greene.

Rural Sections
L. E. Tuckwith, chairman, Mrs. A. E. Hamblett, associate chairman. The following are chairmen of their respective sections and they will select their assistants:
Lower Meat Camp, D. C. Coffey; Upper Meat Camp, Mrs. Wade Clawson; New River, Mrs. S. J. Barnes, Lloyd Morehead; Bald Mountain, W. S. Miller; Valle Crucis, W. Mast, Mrs. Ed. H. Wagner; Shulls Mills, Mrs. C. P. Moore; Mabel, Marion Thomas; Laurel Creek, Mrs. Glenn; Henry Hagaman; Shawneehaw, Marshall Faring; Deep Gap, H. E. Greene, Hayes Wellborn; Elk, Stewart Simmons; Blue Ridge, Mrs. Foy Adams; Colville, Mrs. Keller; Blowing Rock, Collier Greene; North Fork, Mrs. Robert Thomas; Brushy Fork, Mrs. L. A. Henson; Bethel, D. F. Greene; Reese, Clyde Robinson.

L. GREER DIES AT AGE OF 75

Retired Merchant of Zionville Succumbs to Long Period of Illness

Lige Greer, 75 years old, one of the leading citizens and a retired merchant of Zionville, died at the residence Sunday, following a long indisposition. Paralysis was given as the immediate cause of his death.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Zionville Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers and interment was in the church cemetery by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral home.

The widow, Mrs. Nancy Johnson Greer, survives, together with two sons and one daughter: Howard Greer, Zionville; Raymond Greer, Battle Creek, Mich.; and Mrs. Dora Greer, Penn of Zionville. There are three brothers: R. T. Greer, Lenoir; Sam Greer, Brownwood; and Noah Greer, who resides in the state of Maryland. There are eight grandchildren.

SAFETY SHOW WELL RECEIVED

Charlotte Police Officer and Trained Dogs, Pigeons, Appear in County

A large number of people attended Officer Pressley's safety show, when the Charlotte policeman came to the county last week to give performances at Blowing Rock, Cove Creek, Valle Crucis and Boone.

Large numbers of school children as well as adults were delighted with the performances of Officer Pressley's trained dogs and pigeons, emphasizing the importance of traffic safety, and which has become one of the leading safety shows in the nation. There are now 70,000 members of the Pressley Safety Club. The show is under the overall sponsorship of the State Automobile Association.

Farm Repair Shop Open 2 Days Weekly

The agricultural repair shop at the Cove Creek School will be open Tuesday and Thursday nights of each week, in order that farmers may do their repair work. The hours for the next few weeks will be 7 to 10 o'clock.

BILL TO ABOLISH CHAIN-STORE TAX IS THROWN OUT
Raleigh, Feb. 25.—An amendment eliminating the State chain-store tax was killed by an overwhelming voice vote in the joint finance committee meeting today.

FARM REPORTS NEAR COMPLETE

Near 100 Per Cent Co-operation in Making Federal-State Farm Reports

Paul A. Coffey, county accountant, states that he is advised by the State-Federal Crop Reporting service that during the tax listing period the local list-takers did pretty nearly a 100 per cent job. In fact, in only two instances was the crop reports less than 100 per cent.

The townships of the county, the list-takers, and the number of farms reporting, are given below, the number of farms reported being 100 per cent, except where otherwise indicated:

- Bald Mountain, W. F. Norris, 115 farms.
- Boone, E. D. Cook, 8 farms.
- Blue Ridge, G. E. Miller, 220.
- Blowing Rock, Fred Spann, 124.
- Elk, Ralph Hayes, 112.
- Beaver Dam, A. E. Trivett, 311.
- Laurel Creek, Charlie Mast, 269.
- Stony Fork, Lloyd Wilcox, 282.
- Watauga, C. P. Moore, 382.
- New River, G. M. Watson, 290.
- Brushy Fork, Mrs. L. M. Hodges, 208 listed, 206 reported, 99%.
- Shawneehaw, A. C. Miller, 133.
- Cove Creek, W. K. Wilson, 371 listed, 370 reported, 99.7%.
- North Fork, John Potter, 79.
- Meat Camp, L. E. Wilson, 318.
- Mr. Coffey and Mr. Frank Parker, of the crop reporting service, join in thanking the list-takers and citizens for their aid in making this report so complete.

To Assist State Income Taxpayers

John L. Smoot, deputy collector of revenue for the State Department of Revenue, will be in the grand jury room at the courthouse March 6 and 7, from 9 to 5 o'clock for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their state income tax returns.

SIX MORE MEMORIAL HALF DOLLARS PLANNED

Washington, Feb. 25.—A Senate banking subcommittee today voted to issue six more memorial half dollars and then end the practice.

Senator McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin, said the group approved a Treasury proposal that Congress limit such commemorative pieces in the future to medals, rather than money.

The six proposed half dollars would commemorate:
The 200th birthday of General Pulaski; settlement of Jamestown Island, Va., and opening of the Jamestown drama; The 100th anniversary of Wisconsin statehood; Patrick Henry; the 200th anniversary of the founding of Reading, Pa., and the 100th anniversary of the entry of the Utah pioneers into Salt Lake valley.

JOHN ROMINGER FATALLY HURT

Matney Veteran is Killed When Automobile Skidded on Slippery Highway

John Rominger, of the Matney neighborhood, one of the seven sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Rominger, who saw service in the armed forces of the country during the last war, received fatal injuries when the truck which he was driving skidded and overturned on the icy highway near Heaton, Avery county. Mr. Rominger succumbed in the Banner Elk hospital Wednesday evening.

Funeral services were held at the Matney Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Watauga Post American Legion in charge of the graveside rites.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by the widow; a small daughter; eight brothers, Fred, Grady, Benny and Howard, all of Banner Elk; Ernest of Rominger; Clyde of Orlando, Fla., and Richard of Hawaii; and two sisters, Mrs. William Wrenn of Flint, Mich., and Miss Edith Rominger of the home.

BYRNES DENIES BEING OFFERED POST OF ENVOY

Washington, Feb. 25.—Former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today told the Charlotte Observer that he had not been offered the appointment of Ambassador to London, and that he had no plan at this time to re-enter the government service.

Secretary Byrnes, the first South Carolinian in 100 years to hold the high post of Secretary of State tendered his resignation January 7, because of ill health. He had been advised by his physician that he must "slow down" and take a long delayed rest.

March Is Proclaimed 'Red Cross Month' by President Truman

Whereas, the American National Red Cross, traditional friend and counselor of the servicemen and the veteran, furnishes comfort and renewed hope to our sick and wounded in hospitals, and provides morale-building welfare and recreational facilities for our occupation forces abroad as well as a wide range of services to those returning to civilian life in this country; and

Whereas, the Red Cross, chartered by congress and equipped by experience to cope with human needs when disaster strikes, performs its errands of mercy with skill and expedition; and Whereas, the Red Cross is devoting increased attention to its home-nursing and first aid programs, which are designed through training courses to check the spread of disease and to reduce the frightful toll of accidents; and

Whereas, this organization is entirely dependent upon the voluntary contributions of the people of the United States in ren-

dering these services, and has estimated that a minimum fund of \$60,000,000 will be necessary for the implementation of its philanthropic program in 1947; Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate and proclaim the month of March 1947 as Red Cross Month and urge every citizen of this country to respond generously to this essential, humanitarian cause. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the one-hundred and seventy-first. HARRY S. TRUMAN. By the President: G. C. Marshall, Secretary of State.