

is your best and most economical medium of advertising. With more than 2,000 paid-up cash subscriptions, your message goes to 13,000 people on the universally used basis of five readers to each subscriber.

WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

An Independent Weekly Newspaper—Established in the Year 1888

IMPORTANT

The date on your address label shows the date your subscription will expire, and the date your paper will be stopped unless sooner renewed. The Democrat is operating strictly on a cash in advance basis.

VOL. LIX, NO. 41

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1947

FIVE CENTS A COPY

CITY MINISTERS SET UP LOCAL WELFARE FUND

Ministerial Association Acts to Take Care of Needs of Those Not Being Provided For by Other Agencies; Initial Working Fund of \$1,000 Sought

Filling a long felt need in Boone is the program of the Boone Ministerial Association for the churches of the town to cooperate and actively participate in aiding the unfortunate and underprivileged people of the community, and a committee has been formed to suggest a plan of operation for the new activity, which has been one of the objectives of the Ministerial group since its formation last October.

The committee, composed of Russell D. Hodges, secretary-treasurer; G. K. Moose, Guy Hunt, Dr. W. G. Bond and Rev. Sam Moss, met with the Association, and gained unanimous approval of its general plan for the welfare activity.

The purpose of the committee is to minister to the needs of the people of Watauga county, not being taken care of by existing agencies, and the undertaking is to be dependent upon one interdenominational treasury.

The area to be embraced in the plan will be the whole of Watauga county, and a committee of five will administer the funds. One member of the committee will be a secretary-treasurer elected by the Boone Ministerial Association, the other four to be appointed by the president of the organization. There shall be three laymen and two ministers on the committee, to rotate between the various denominations annually, and the committee will elect its own chairman. It is the purpose of the group to cooperate fully with the local Board of Public Welfare.

The administrative committee will seek the nucleus of the permanent fund from donations by the Boone churches. Each church will be asked to contribute to the extent of its ability to the initial fund, the goal for which has been established at one thousand dollars.

In addition to monetary gifts, the administrative committee, it is pointed out, will be receptive to needed emergency supplies of food, clothing, etc.

WRITES ARE HELD FOR L. GREER

Zionville Merchant Succumbs to Long Illness; Interment in Zionville Cemetery

Elijah Greer, 75 year old, member of one of the county's pioneer families died at his home here on Sunday, February 23 after a long illness with an incurable malady.

Funeral services were conducted from the Zionville Baptist church Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. J. Ray Stewart of Mountain City, Tenn., pastor of the Methodist church at Trade, Tenn., where Mr. Greer was a member, assisted by Rev. R. C. Eggers of Zionville. Burial was in the Zionville cemetery with Reins-Sturdivant in charge.

Honorary pall bearers were: Vernon Castle, Fred Castle, Monroe Critcher, W. A. Stephens, Ivan Church, E. G. Greer, Lee Wilson, Luther Miller, Farris Baumgardner.

Active pallbearers: Will Reece, Tom Holden, Will Miller, Olan Stephens, Herbert Greer, Marion Thomas.

The large floral offering was in charge of Miss Mildred Thomas with the following assisting: Misses Mary Elizabeth Church, Joan Mast, Helen Love, Anna Mae Stephens, Mary June Stephens, Marcella Critcher, Mesdames Don Bingham, Chas. Wilkinson, and Lee Wilson.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Nancy Jackson, one daughter, Mrs. W. S. Penn of Zionville, two sons, Raymond Greer of Battle Creek, Mich., and Howard Greer of Zionville. Also eight grandchildren. Brothers surviving are: R. T. Greer, Lenoir; Samuel Greer, Brownwood; Noah Greer, Baltimore, Md.

Until ill health brought about Mr. Greer's retirement he was engaged in the merchant business and connected with his brother R. T. Greer in the root and herb business here and in Elizabethton, Tenn., Marion, Va., and Lenoir.

He was for the progressiveness of any enterprise for the upbuilding of the community designed to better conditions among his fellow men.

In the death of Mr. Greer the county has lost an honorable and just citizen, generous and kind and sadness has been brought to a host of friends throughout this section.

PRUNING THE BUDGET



Members of the joint congressional budget committee are in a huddle attempting to prune six billion dollars from the federal budget. Left to right are John Taber of New York, chairman of the house appropriations committee; Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, chairman of the senate appropriations committee; Representative Harold Knutson of Minnesota, chairman of the house ways and means committee, and Senator Eugene Millikin of Colorado, chairman of the senate finance committee.

To Speak Here



J. M. BROUGHTON

COAD, BROUGHTON TO SPEAK HERE

Officials of Southern Frozen Food Lockers, Inc., to Speak to USDA Council

Mr. James E. Coad, vice-president and treasurer, Southern Frozen Food Lockers, Inc., Raleigh, and former Governor J. M. Broughton, also an official in the corporation, will be here Thursday, March 6th at 2 p. m. to speak to the USDA council, and any others who might be interested in hearing them.

The meeting will be held in the county agent's office, according to the announcement of L. E. Tuckwiler, who states that if the crowd is too large, the gathering will be in the courthouse. The general public is invited.

Debate at Local Hi School Tonight

A group of Appalachian High School students will speak on the subject, "Is World Government the Way to Peace?" Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the high school auditorium. The winner of the contest will be determined by a vote of the audience and will receive a gold medal.

Those taking part in the debate are: Betty Lou Clawson, Joan Hardin, Eula Mae Hodges, Mary Lee Stout, Lois Townsend, Elmo Moretz.

Summary of Happenings in State Legislature During Past Week

At the close of the 45th legislative day, a total of 737 bills and joint resolutions had been introduced in the General Assembly, as against a total for the same period in 1945 of 875. Of the 737 measures so far introduced, only 129 came in during the first 5 days of the past week, as compared to 202 during the corresponding period of the 1945 session.

So, from the standpoint of the number of bills introduced, the current session continues to fall behind its predecessor, and if that fact were any indication of the speed which the legislature is moving toward adjournment it would seem that this session would extend somewhat beyond the 67 legislative days of 1945. A better indicator is the speed with which the major committees are turning out their work, and here those who hope for an early adjournment have cause for misgivings. The committees appear to be working unusually hard, and with great seriousness of purpose, but many difficulties are being encountered, especially in the money committees. For example, rough hard work still

LIQUOR BILLS TAKE SPOTLIGHT IN LEGISLATURE

State Wildlife Resources Commission is Set up by Assembly; Sale and Use of Firecrackers Banned; Dry Forces Make Arguments Before Finance Group

Raleigh, March 4.—Bills to create the State Wildlife Resources commission and to outlaw manufacture, sale and use of fireworks passed final legislative readings today, while dry forces presented arguments before a committee for a state-wide liquor referendum.

Senator Cole of Richmond was the only floor opponent to the bill to separate the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries from the State Department of Conservation and Development. The measure now goes to the House for conference in amendments.

Representative Kermon of New Hanover was the only member of his branch who tried to alter the anti-fireworks bill. He tried first to allow the manufacture of fireworks for out-of-state use and then tried to exempt his county. Both proposals were roared down and the bill will become law on ratification.

Representatives of the Allied Church League for the Abolition of Beverage Alcohol and their colleagues in other groups appeared before the Senate finance committee in support of State-wide dry measures.

Also attending the hearing were members of the House committee on propositions and grievances which has before it a bill by Representative Dan Tompkins of Jackson calling for a State referendum outlawing all intoxicating beverages of more than one-half of one per cent alcohol.

One dry bill, by Senator Penny of Guilford, would provide a referendum on the sale of all liquors and all but domestic light wines, beer would not be included.

Another, by Senator Chaffin of Harnett, would call for a referendum on sale of all alcoholic beverages.

A number of other dry bills are before the Assembly.

The Wildlife Resources commission will be composed of nine members serving staggered terms of from two to four years who would be appointed by the Governor. The Governor and the commission would fix the salary of the commissioner.

Both the wildlife and anti-fireworks measures passed quick floor votes after lengthy committee hearings.

BIGGER RATION OF SUGAR SEEN

Ten Pounds More Per Person is Virtually Assured in Prediction of OPA Official

Washington.—Ten pounds more sugar per person this year than last was virtually assured today in an announcement allotting 25 pounds for the first nine months.

An OPA official said it would be a "safe guess" that the 1947 individual use allowance will be 35 pounds.

Jointly the Office of Temporary Controls and the Agriculture department affirmed that a new ration stamp good for 10 pounds will be validated April 1, and announced that another stamp good for 10 pounds will come up July 1.

Household consumers already have been allowed five pounds each for the first three months.

There was no specific statement that another 10-pound stamp will be validated for the last quarter of the year, but the OPA official recalled that the Agriculture department has said a 35 pound allotment will be possible for this year if the crop turns out as expected.

Along with the announcement of individual sugar rations, the second quarter allowance for bakers, soft drink bottlers, candy and preserve manufacturers and other industrial users, hotels, restaurants and other eating places were boosted.

William S. Trivett Is Taken by Death

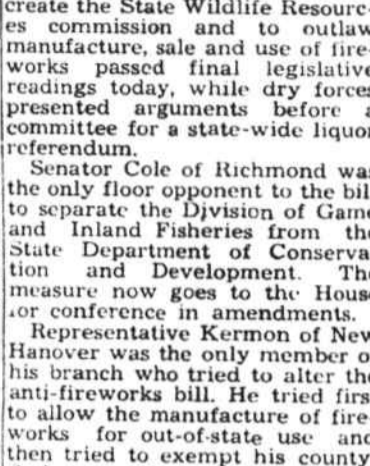
William Solomon Trivett, 85 years old, retired farmer of Sugar Grove, died at the home last Thursday, and funeral services were conducted from the late residence on Saturday, interment being in the family cemetery by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

Mr. Trivett is survived by the widow, Mrs. Susan Billings Trivett and one son and two daughters: A. E. Trivett, Reece; Mrs. Vertie Lane, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Trusty Pellens, Albany, N. Y.

Let us be steadfast for America, work and live for America, and eternally be on guard to defend our Constitution and our way of life against the virulent poison of Communistic ideology.—J. Edgar Hoover.

1947 RED CROSS FUND

U. S. A. WE GAVE 100% ALL OVER THE NATION! Let's Hang This Up for Keeps!



Basketball Tournament Starts At College Gym Wednesday

Teachers Meeting Is Postponed

The meeting of the school teachers of Watauga County, which was to have been held Thursday, March 6, has been postponed to Thursday, March 13, because of road conditions brought about by the continuing snow.

Teachers are asked to take note of the postponement and attend the meeting next week.

AVERY ROBBERY HAS NEW ANGLE

Deathbed Statement Links Newland Case Suspects to Blowing Rock Robbery

The \$2,800 armed hold-up of the Antlers Beer garden at Blowing Rock in January had been definitely linked today with the \$25,000 robbery of the near-by Avery county bank at Newland two days later in a deathbed statement by an attendant at the drinking place.

Theodore W. Green, 67, who died Tuesday night, was quoted by Police Chief M. A. Short as saying he had identified George Crowe, Jr. and Casper Crowe, brothers of Elizabethton, Tenn., as two of the four men in the Antlers robbery. The Crowe brothers and three other men are in custody in connection with the Newland robbery.

Green was alone at the Antlers last January 28 when the four armed men tied him to a bed in the basement living quarters and took \$2,800 from the place. The Antlers is owned by Green's son, T. W. Green, Jr.

Dr. Mary C. Warfield of Blowing Rock was quoted by the police chief as saying Green's death was attributable to a heart ailment aggravated by the shock of the hold-up.

The chief said Green was instrumental in bringing about the arrest of the Crowe brothers at Elizabethton a few days after the two robberies by supplying information to officers.

JAS. LAWRENCE DIES SUDDENLY

Former Watauga Resident Succumbs Saturday in Cleveland; Local Relatives Attend Rites

James Conley Lawrence, 44 years old, native Wataugan, and brother of Mrs. E. T. Glenn of Boone and Mrs. George Judy, of Valle Crucis, died suddenly at the home in Cincinnati, Ohio, last Saturday.

Mr. Lawrence, who was reared in Watauga county, was a son of Mr. G. M. Lawrence and Mrs. Lena Culver Lawrence, and had resided in Cincinnati for 25 years. He is survived by the widow and four children. The father also survives, together with several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in Cincinnati, and interment was in that city. Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Glenn and Mr. and Mrs. George Judy left Sunday to attend the rites.

Fractionation of cottonseed meals into three parts is being accomplished by a new solvent extraction method, the U. S. department of agriculture announces.

START OF RED CROSS EFFORT IS SLOWED BY SNOW

Organization is Functioning, But Bad Weather Precludes Much Activity in the Opening Days of Campaign; Valle Crucis Makes Only Report

The continued cold wave slowed down the start of the Red Cross campaign on Monday, but Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the canvass, states that his organization is functioning despite the wintry handicaps, and will bend every effort toward raising the local quota of \$2,666 well ahead of the official closing time of the roll call effort on March 31.

Only one report had been received as of late Tuesday afternoon, the initial response being from Mr. W. W. Mast, of Valle Crucis, who sends in \$29.50, contributed by the following persons of his neighborhood:

W. W. Mast \$10.00, Mrs. W. W. Mast 5.00, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mast, Jr. 5.00, Mack Norris .50, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mast 2.00, Julius Yates 1.00, W. H. Cook 1.00, Frank Baird 2.00, Ralph Church 1.00, W. C. Baird 1.00, Frank Mast 1.00.

BOND SALES SET RECORD VOLUME

Wataugans Buy \$19,181 in E Bonds During January; \$134,000 in Year 1946

January sales amounting to \$13,738.50 in U. S. savings bonds in North Carolina exceeded any previous month's sales since the victory loan in 1945, according to an announcement by Allison James, state savings bonds director in Greensboro, is through Watauga county savings bonds chairman, Mr. Alfred T. Adams.

The people of Watauga county invested a total of \$19,181 in E bonds as their part in the state's sales achievement. During 1946 Wataugans bought E bonds to the amount of \$134,334.75; F bonds \$1,480,000; G bonds \$9,700, for a total of \$145,514.75.

Mr. Adams stated that January has always been "fat" month for F and G bonds sales and for large denomination sales of E bonds in investor who want to acquire the annual limit early in the new year. "However," he said, "we didn't expect it to be such a record-breaker. The people of North Carolina and Watauga county are making an excellent beginning for the new year in setting aside savings bonds for their future security."

Mr. Adams urged all employees to avail themselves of the payroll savings plan for regular and systematic investments in savings bonds, even if they can have only a few dollars a week allotted to bond savings. Farmers, business and professional men and women and all others will be doing themselves as well as their state and nation a good favor, by regularly investing in savings bonds in 1947, and holding on to them.

KIDDIES TREK BACK TO SCHOOL

Storm Subsides, Permitting All Schools of the County to Reopen Monday

Watauga county children began the march back to school Monday after a one-week holiday enforced by the blizzard, and County Superintendent W. H. Walker states that while attendance was very small in some classes, all the schools were open.

The snow storm which had continued almost steadily for more than ten days, abated Saturday, there was considerable thawing, and prospects were for continued higher temperatures. However, Saturday evening, the snow came again, continued through the day Sunday, and Monday dawned snowy and windy. Tuesday brought more favorable temperatures, and Wednesday morning the mercury stands in the middle thirties, bringing hopes of a general thaw. Weather forecasters are of the opinion, however, that another period of cold will follow the probable rains of Thursday.

Funeral on Saturday For Rominger Lady

Last rites were held Saturday at the Liberty Baptist Church, in the Matney neighborhood, for Mrs. Elizabeth Caroline Mast, of Rominger, who died on Thursday of last week at the age of 80.

Rev. Mr. Starling and Rev. Mr. Adams were in charge of the services, and interment was in the church cemetery by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

Three sons and three daughters survive: Albert Mast, Morganton; Bud and Ira Mast, Rominger; Mrs. Nora Harmon, Mrs. Maude Harmon, Beech Creek; Mrs. Addie Yates, Valle Crucis; One sister, Mrs. Emma Mast of Banner Elk.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Win Novel Contest

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith of the Daniel Boone Park section, won the designation of "Watauga County's Most Perfectly Married Couple" at the close of the novel contest conducted by the Appalachian Theatre Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have received ten passes each to the local playhouse.