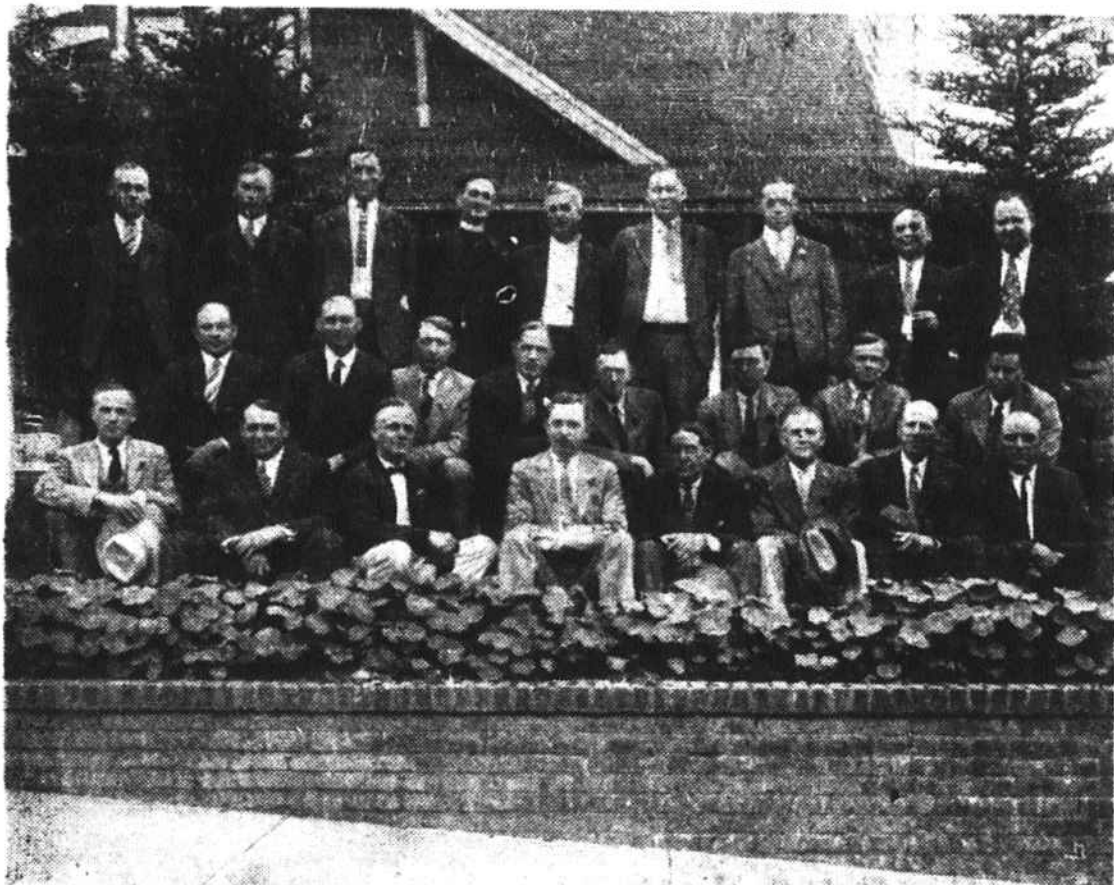


## BOONE'S FIRST CIVIC CLUB



Members of the Boone Civitan Club, pictured on the lawn of the W. H. Gragg home, after they had enjoyed dinner there in July, 1925. Reading left to right, back row: Russell D. Hodges, Tracy Council, Frank Moore, Rev. J. H. Burke, Leo B. Vaughn, Lloyd Isaacs, Guy L. Vannah (Boston), Charlie Eller, Rev. C. H. Moser; middle row: Rev. P. A. Hicks, Clyde Eggers, Howard Mast, Prof. I. G. Greer, Fred McDade, C. M. Critcher, Cicero Greer, L. L. Bingham; front row: George K. Moose, Watt Gragg, D. Jones Cottrell, Austin South, John A. Sproles, Sam Sullivan (Fla.), G. P. Hagaman, Edwin N. Hahn.

## Appalachian College Is Allotted \$1,918,000; Big Building Program Seen

### Summary of Happenings in State Legislature During Past Week

When the Senate and House adjourned on Friday the total number of bills introduced in this session had reached 1052. 754 of them in the House, 298 in the Senate. On the same legislative day in 1945 the total had reached 1287. Thus this session continues to lag behind its immediate predecessor so far as the bulk of legislation is concerned. Of the 1052 bills introduced this year, 584 or something more than 50% of them have been local in nature. This situation will be up for study if the General Assembly passes HB 751 introduced on Friday calling for a commission whose business it would be to consider the whole problem of local legislation and to make recommendations as to the passage of general laws on subjects most often embraced in local bills.

The tenth legislative week was marked by the reappearance of the big "money" bills on the floor of the General Assembly. The Finance and Appropriations committees of both houses have reported out their recommendations on the revenue, Appropriations and Post War Reserve bills. No sooner had the Revenue Bill been released for debate in the House than some members began to assault it with amendments: there were efforts to insure that Confederate widows and veterans get a \$9-a-month pension raise, to restore theatre taxes to their 1939 schedule, and to restore the 25 cents reduction in the corporate franchise tax rate by the original bill. All of them failed although the introduction of SB 275 on Thursday, to give totally blind and helpless confederate widows a pension increase, indicates that the friends of confederate widows are not yet ready to concede defeat. Representative Mull was more successful than his colleagues—in a close vote he succeeded in amending the Revenue Bill so as to prohibit the sale of wine and to closely regulate the sale of beer in his home county of Cleveland. The following day (Continued on page 4)

## Hebron Colony To Establish Home For Inebriates At Shulls Mills

### Whiting Property To Be Used for Alcoholics; Charlotte Minister to Give Full Time to Rehabilitation of Those Suffering From Alcoholism

The Hebron Colony of Mercy, Inc., Charlotte, a division of Alcoholics Anonymous, has purchased the Whiting property at Shulls Mills, and will operate there an institution for the rehabilitation of alcoholics. Applications now on file are enough to fill the house, it is said, and before admission each applicant promises to co-operate in every way toward his recovery, both from a physical and spiritual standpoint. This is described as a non-sectarian organization, welcoming all men, and Rev. E. A. Dillard, pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, will devote his full time and effort to the organization and the furtherance of its work, being president of the board of directors. Rev. Mr. Dillard expects to move his family to Watauga county at a later date, and has been granted a leave of absence by his congregation. The organization has made large expenditures for its present facilities, and anticipates a rapid expansion. Those interested in extending financial aid to the institution and its work, should get in touch with Rev. Mr. Dillard or write to him at Postoffice Box 4141, Charlotte, N. C.

### Art Exhibit To Be Held At Grade School

The State elementary art exhibit for 1946, consisting of some of the best art work of the elementary school children of North Carolina for the school year 1945-46, will be on display at the library of the Boone Demonstration school Monday, March 24, from 1:30 to 5:30. In addition to the State exhibit the classrooms at the local school will be open to the public after 3 o'clock, to display the work done by local students. The State art exhibit is a project of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, and is under the local sponsorship of the music and art department of the Worthwhile Club. The public is cordially invited.

### To Aid Veterans In Renewing Insurance

Mr. Jack C. Winchester, assistant state service officer, will be in the office of Lionel Ward, county service officer, until noon Friday, March 21, to assist veterans in renewing government insurance or in converting the insurance to some other kind of policy. All those interested should see Mr. Winchester at this time.

### Record Sum to Come to Local College for Gigantic Building Program; Additional Sum of \$318,000 is Granted to Replace Buildings Destroyed by Fire

The joint appropriations committee of the State legislature Tuesday afternoon, approved the grant of \$1,918,000 to Appalachian State Teachers College as a permanent improvement fund for the biennium, the record sum to be used for launching the most ambitious building program in the history of the local institution, and which it is said, will bring Appalachian to the front ranks of all the teachers colleges in the nation. College officials had asked for \$1,600,000 for building during the biennium, later revising the request to add \$318,000 to replace the music and art buildings destroyed by fire the last of the year. The first information that the additional sum asked had been granted, came in a telegram to President Dougherty Tuesday from Senator Lee Weathers of Shelby. In addition the college is to be the beneficiary of \$31,500 fire insurance benefit, which is to be used for equipment for the music and art department.

Dr. Dougherty gives out the further information that the legislature this year is allowing the college \$10,000 to aid in the operation of the summer school. Hitherto no funds had been made available for this purpose, and the relatively small sum is welcomed to extend the phase of the service offered teachers during the summer. Big Building Program Information is that the huge appropriation contained in the permanent improvements bill, will be used to launch at least fifteen separate building projects on the Appalachian campus. They are: Music and art building \$318,000; apartment house \$150,000; ten teachers' homes \$100,000; men's dormitory building and equipment \$400,000; women's dormitory \$235,000; equipment \$15,000; remodeling and enlarging demonstration school and equipment \$250,000; enlarging library building and equipment \$200,000; laundry and shop building \$50,000; power plant expansion \$197,500. The budget appropriations bill contains the sum of \$281,960 for each year of the biennium for operating costs at Appalachian.

Dr. Dougherty expresses particular gratification that funds were allowed in the sum of more than three hundred thousand dollars for the replacement of the old academy and science building. (Continued on page 4)

## EGGERS ACTS TO GIVE LOCAL VOTE ON BEER, WINE

### Local Solon Would Authorize Commissioners to Call Vote on Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in County; In Finance Committee

Representatives S. C. Eggers of Boone, is co-author of a bill which was introduced in the General Assembly last week by he and Representative Barker, which would authorize the county commissioners of Watauga and Stanley counties to call elections for the purpose of voting on the question of wine and beer sales, and the measure is now with the finance committee. The proposal would empower the commissioners to order the election as such time as they may desire, such election to be held under the laws governing the election of members of the General Assembly. If a majority at such election votes against the sale, or possession of wine or beer for that purpose, such would become unlawful at the expiration of thirty days after the result of the election is determined.

The Eggers-Barker bill is one of a great many such dry bills, which have been introduced in the current session of the Assembly, and whether or not they will be enacted into law remains to be seen. A large portion of the opposition, it is noted, comes from the inclination of the solons to preserve all sources of revenue in the face of the largest appropriations ever made in the history of the State government.

## BURLEY GROUP HOLDS MEETING

### Farmers Warehouse Directors, in Annual Meeting, Elect Slate of Officers

The officers and directors of Farmers Burley Warehouse, Inc., held their annual meeting in the offices of the corporation in Boone Tuesday, elected officers and transacted other business. The directors were highly pleased with the results obtained on the floors of their new house during the last tobacco season, and gratified at the reception accorded them by the growers of the belt.

Mr. C. C. Taylor was elected president; Rex Taylor, vice president, and A. G. Wright, secretary-treasurer. They comprise the board of directors. They state they will carry on the business under the same policies as heretofore, and make such improvements in their facilities as the convenience and welfare of their farmer friends and customers warrant.

## C. OF C. OBSERVES LADIES' NIGHT

### Dr. Greer to Deliver Address at Annual Ladies' Night Meeting of Chamber Commerce

The annual ladies' night banquet of the Boone Chamber of Commerce is to be held in the dining room of the Appalachian high school Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, and Dr. I. G. Greer of Thomasville, has accepted an invitation to deliver the address of the occasion. The dinner will be prepared by the high school lunch room workers, and since there is a limited amount of room available, Mr. H. W. Wilcox, Chamber of Commerce President, asks that all those contacted be able to make positive reservations. Mr. Russell D. Hodges will tell something of the frozen food locker plant which is to be constructed this year.

## \$2,500 Loss As Fire Destroys Building At Hilliard Poultry Farm

A fire, which is believed to have been caused by a short circuit in the electric wiring, completely destroyed the brooder house at the Ernest Hilliard farm at Vilas, bringing a loss of more than \$2,500, which is partially covered by insurance. In addition to the building, which was valued at \$1,500, 1300 baby chicks were lost, \$400 worth of feed, 1 horse, and about a hundred dollars worth of equipment.

### VET TRAINING INFORMATION

Mr. T. T. Turnley, veteran administration training officer, will be at the office of Lionel Ward, county service officer, Thursday, March 20, beginning at 11 a. m., for the purpose of aiding any veteran having problems in connection with his training. Major crimes rise; Hoover puts 1946 total at 1,685,203.

## Strongholds Set Up in Jerusalem



British soldiers are shown at work putting up barbed wire in the luxurious Katamon quarter of Jerusalem to provide shelter for essential Britains who will remain in the country. Further outbreaks on the part of underground organizations are expected.

## 56 Per Cent Local Red Cross Quota Is Raised

### COLLEGE CHORUS IN MUSIC DRAMA

### "Trial By Jury", Title of One-Act Musical to Be Staged; Direction of Miss Wary

The College Chorus of Appalachian State Teachers College, under the direction of Miss Virginia Wary will present "Trial by Jury", a music drama in one act by Gilbert and Sullivan, on Friday afternoon and night, March 28th, 1947. It is a satire on one branch of English civilization, a Court of Justice, in which Edwin is being sued by Angelina for breach of promise of marriage. The usher instructs the jury that "from bias free of every kind" the trial must be tried, adding that they need pay no attention when the ruffianly defendant speaks. They, therefore, shake their fists passionately at Edwin when he enters and attempts to explain that he no longer feels about Angelina as he did. "When First My Old, Old Love I Knew," The Judge, a self-made man, enters and tells the story of his life from the beginning. "When I, Good Friends, was Called to the Bar," He is enraptured when beautiful Angelina, the plaintiff, comes in with her bridesmaids. The note he had sent to one of the bridesmaids, he causes to be reread to her. She reads it, kisses it passionately, and places it in her bosom. Listening to her counsel's pitiful plea in her behalf, which he delivers "With a Sense of Deep Emotion," Angelina is so moved that she falls sobbing into the arms of the foreman of the jury, while the usher tries in vain to maintain silence in court. The jurors heap imprecations on Edwin and call for substantial damages.

In vain, Edwin begs, "Oh, Gentlemen, Listen, I Pray," and pleads with them not to bring a young fellow to sorrow, who loves this young lady today and loves that young lady tomorrow. But the plaintiff's counsel, upon referring to a law book, discovers that "In the reign of James the Second, It was generally reckoned As a very serious crime To marry two wives at a time" and while Angelina embraces Edwin, maintaining that she loves him with fervor unceasing, Edwin repels her energetically, protesting that he is a terrible bully, a ruffian and a sot. All is confusion until the judge can stand it no more. He bids the lawyers put their briefs upon the shelf; he will marry her himself. The operetta is one of the most colorful, and the music the most sparkling of any of the Gilbert and Sullivan productions. The accompanying parts are being handled in a most capable manner by Miss Margaret Manning, a member of the music faculty. Mrs. Kirchner of the Physical Education Department is directing the dances. "Spud" Whitener, of the cast, and Bill Christensen are in charge of the designing and directing of stage sets. Costumes are being furnished by Hooker-Howe Costume Co. Admission charges will be 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults.

## CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD THIS YEAR ON JUNE 17

### Date of Voting Changed Under Bill Introduced in Legislature by Senator Brown; Present Board's Term Extended to July 1

The municipal election for the town of Boone, which would have been held on Tuesday after the first Monday in May, will take place on June 17th, under the terms of a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Wade Z. Brown last week, and which passed the upper branch of the assembly on Saturday.

Under the new legislation, city officials will be elected on the first Tuesday after the third Monday in June, 1947, and biennially thereafter, and would take office on the first Monday in July. The terms of the Mayor and commissioners would remain at two years, and the terms of the present Mayor and council would be extended to the first Monday in July. Except as to the time of the election, and the date for new officials taking office, all elections for Mayor and Commissioners are to be governed by the general state laws as set forth in Article 3 of Chapter 160 of the General Statutes.

The measure received a favorable report from the Senate committee on election laws, and passed its third reading Saturday. The Brown measure, according to proponents, was sponsored largely because of the fact that in the present situation, an audit of the affairs of the town is always ordered, immediately upon the election of a new council, and that the books must again be audited as of the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. Henceforth only the year-end audit will be necessary.

## MERCHANTS TO FETE EMPLOYEES

### Annual Employer-Employee Banquet to Be Held Thursday Evening at Gateway Cafe

The annual employer-employee banquet of the Boone Merchants Association will be held at the Gateway Cafe Thursday evening, March 20, at 7:30, and a number of entertainment features are being worked out for the gathering, which is expected to be attended by a number of visitors from Lenoir and West Jefferson.

Mr. Grady Tugman, Merchants association president, states that there will probably be 125 in attendance.

## Red Cross Is Again Seeking Knitters

Mrs. W. M. Burwell is again asking for volunteer knitters to knit wool now on hand into sweaters.

Those willing to aid in this work should call for wool at Mrs. Burwell's home, 203 North Water Street, phone 72-J; and it will be greatly appreciated as she wants the chapter to keep its no. 1 rating on knitting.

5,000 American troops assigned to garrison duty in Trieste.

Contributions Pass Half Way Mark as Better Weather Lends Impetus to Campaign; Chairman Asks That Reports Be Made Immediately So That Final Report May Be Made Next Week

Collections for the Red Cross Roll Call campaign reached the sum of \$1,482.50, representing approximately 56 per cent of the Watauga county quota, it is revealed by campaign chairman Clyde R. Greene, who states that receipts have been greatly accelerated, since the abatement of the recent storms.

Mr. Greene is very anxious that the campaign be concluded within the next few days, and is urging the workers in the different sections of the county to make immediate reports, in order that the final tabulation may be published in the Democrat next week.

### A CORRECTION

Mr. Greene calls the attention of the Democrat to an error which occurred last week, when he was credited with a group of contributions, which in fact resulted from the efforts of Mr. Alfred Adams, and Mrs. Rubye Ellis.

Following are the names of the late contributors to the Red Cross:

- Court House, Paul A. Coffey  
Paul A. Coffey 5.00, Mildred Sedberry 10.00, Mrs. Rex Geer 1.00, Billie Duggott 1.00, Mrs. Bill Burkett 1.00, Smith 5.00, Fred M. Gragg 2.00, Helen Underdown 5.00, Mrs. Don Hodges 1.00, W. A. Carter 1.00.  
Hunt's Department Store 50.00, Mrs. Dallas Hodges 1.00, Rosedna Billings 1.00, Faye Rayfield 1.00, Mrs. John Duggott 1.00, Mrs. Bill Burkett 1.00, Mrs. George Roark 1.00, Bynum Grogan 1.00, Minnie Dare Greene 1.00, Forest Smith 1.00.  
Lennis Brown Pharmacy  
Lennis Brown 1.00, Lovola Brown 1.00, Mrs. Nina Taylor 1.00, Mrs. Margaret 1.00, Mrs. C. H. Mock 1.00, Jack Mock 1.00, C. H. (Continued on page 8)

## Cove Creek, Virginia-Carolina Winners In Basketball Tourney

### Sugar Stamp 53 to Expire March 31

Housewives are reminded by OPA that spare stamp 53, currently good for five pounds of sugar, must be "spent" in the next few days or not at all, since it expires March 31, one month earlier than originally intended. The following day, April 1, OPA begins the use of ten-stamp stamps, with spare stamp 11 becoming good for that amount.

While spare stamp 11 will be good for ten pounds right on through Sept. 30, OPA hopes the sugar supply will make it possible to declare another ten-pound stamp good on July 1. It is emphasized, however, that these ten-pound stamps are not a "bonus" and that sugar must still be used carefully. It is also pointed out that there will be no special stamps set aside this year for canning sugar, as the ten-pound stamps should prove sufficient to cover all necessary home uses of sugar, including canning.

### Draft Board Offices Closed Thurs., Fri.

The offices of the local Selective Service Board will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week, it is announced, but will open for business again Monday morning.

### Appalachian High School Association Closes Annual Tournament; Cove Creek Boys Defeat Boone by Narrow Margin in Finals

With one of the most successful years in its long and colorful history, the Appalachian High School Basketball Association crowned as champions, in the tournament finals Saturday night, Cove Creek and Virginia-Carolina, winners in the boys and girls divisions.

Starting Wednesday, sixteen boys teams and sixteen girls teams battled it out with Cove Creek and Boone emerging as finalists over West Jefferson and Blowing Rock in the boys division. In a terrific battle Saturday night, the rangy lads from Cove Creek downed their Boone rivals by the narrow margin of two points, 24-22.

The Virginia-Carolina girls were the class of the tournament all the way, experiencing little trouble as they licked West Jefferson in the semi-finals and emerged victorious over Jefferson in the finals, 34-22.

All Tournament teams were picked by a selected group of men and women in the Physical Education department of Appalachian State and the presentation of these awards, along with the winner and runner-up trophies, were presented Saturday night by R. W. Watkins, director of the (Continued on page 8)