

Hugh D. Griffin To Aid Watauga Scouting

Hugh D. Griffin, field scout executive with the Old Hickory Council, whose territory includes the Watauga District, announced last week he will be in Watauga county all day every Thursday to help in the scouting program of the county. Prior to this announcement he had no regular time to visit the county except at the monthly district meetings every fourth Thursday.

Woodrow Richardson, Watauga district chairman, said that Mr. Griffin will also be in the county at other times during the month, and leaders who need help in keeping their scouting program going may avail themselves of his service by contacting the district chairman, or Bill Bingham, neighborhood commissioner, and notifying them of their needs, so that Mr. Griffin may be informed to visit the units needing help.

Mr. Griffin expressed the hope that this would help the scouting effort in the county, and stressed the point that he is available at that time to confer with any persons connected with scouting or interested in scouting in the district. He may also be contacted at his home in North Wilkesboro at any other time when his advice or help is needed.

The monthly district meeting is set for May 22, at the St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal Church, in Blowing Rock. Troop 701, with

Home Agent Resigns Post

Mrs. Helen White, assistant home demonstration agent in Watauga county, has resigned her position, Miss Jean Childers, home agent, stated, because of the transfer of her husband, Robert G. White, by the Parkway Service.

Mrs. White has held the demonstration appointment for rural development work in the county. Her husband, who has been stationed here for some time as a ranger with the Parkway, has been promoted to the position of sub-district ranger at Socco Gap, at the south end of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Mrs. White's resignation and her husband's transfer are effective immediately.

Vatiani bids Italian Catholics form "front."

the Rev. Jack McDuffy as leader, will be host.

Letters To The Editor

Lauds Naming Holshouser

Dear Mr. Editor:

I have been following, with considerable interest and enthusiasm the appointment and confirmation of Mr. J. H. Holshouser for Federal Attorney for the United States Middle District Court of North Carolina and wish to go on record, emphatically stating that there could have been no better choice; and I wish for Mr. Holshouser a very successful tenure in office.

Most sincerely,
J. C. Church
RFD 1, Mountain Hotel
Bruceton Mills, W. Va.

Health Budget Recommended

A copy of the enclosed letter has been sent to all Board of Health members and all County Commissioners for Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga Counties. I forward this for your information:

I am forwarding to each member of the Board of Health, as I have been instructed to do by the Finance Committee of the Board of Health, a tentative budget including: the present staff at their present classifications and salaries, plus a new assistant sanitarian at a salary based on present salary scale, plus \$500 for equipment for the milk laboratory, plus \$500 to make possible a full 20 weeks of oral hygiene program, plus \$816.39 added to the other expense item to adequately meet this need.

This budget is unacceptable to the entire staff of the District Health Department. I am enclosing therefore, also a budget which we consider absolutely minimum for the continued operation of this department. If the budget, as directed by the finance committee, were adopted, according to the merit system salary scale which will go into effect July 1, 1958, four of the staff members would accept a demotion in classification because of the salary as set up in that budget not meeting the minimum requirements for their present classification. These four members would not accept this demotion and would resign.

I enclose the budget that would be necessary, beginning July 1, 1958, under the new salary scale, if salaries were raised one step for each staff member plus any further increase made necessary to keep them in their present classification, (i. e. The minimum salary of their present classifications). Added to these positions are those of two new nurses—one for Watauga County and one for Ashe County—as well as the assistant sanitarian already authorized by the finance committee, plus the other authorized funds as itemized above. School health funds from Ashe and Watauga counties will be available in the amount of approximately \$500 to-

ward the salary of these two new nurses.

Since the additional sanitarian and the milk laboratory have been added to make possible added services to special groups in our area, this budget presented by me, after very careful consideration and approval of each member of the staff will allow for increased services by each staff member to our entire population. We believe nothing less than this budget is possible for the very minimum needs of our program to be met. Anything less than this will mean cutting out the milk laboratory, then the extra nurses. This curtailment will proportionately cut down the present over-expanded program—services to dairies, foodhandling establishments, lodging places, etc, along with the x-ray bus survey, foodhandler examinations, well baby clinics, chest x-ray clinics, planning for mental health needs—particularly as to a guidance clinic—nursing services for screening, etc., examinations at the schools—including the pre-school clinics, immunization clinics—including polio—and our work with mothers and infants—including premature babies.

This is sent to you for your information and there is no question but that the new merit system salary scale will go into effect July 1, 1958, and that new untrained, inexperienced public health personnel cannot be obtained at the salary level presently paid your trained staff.

Sincerely yours,
Mary B. H. Michal, M. D.
District Health Director

Watauga Hospital

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following couples recently: Ralph S. Miller of North Wilkesboro, and Edith Marie Storie, R. F. D. 1, Blowing Rock; Frank Jones Williams of Zionville, and Earleen Main of Sugar Grove; Archie Lama Carroll of Triplett, and Miss Christine Hartley of Boone; Lewis Monroe Coffey of R. F. D. 1, Boone, and Peggy Joe Warren of Sugar Grove; Clyde Cole of Vilas and Christine Ruth Miller of R. F. D. 2, Boone.

NEW UNION PLANNED

The A. F. L.-C. I. O. has announced it would start a new union in the laundry and dry-cleaning field at a founding convention scheduled in Washington May 12-14.

The affiliate would replace the Laundry Workers International, which was ousted from the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations on corruption charges last December.

BEST SUSPENSION URGED

Senator Humphrey (D-Minn.) has urged the Eisenhower Administration to announce willingness to enter an agreement to suspend nuclear tests for a period of two to three years.

He said, however, any agreement should leave room for continued nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes.

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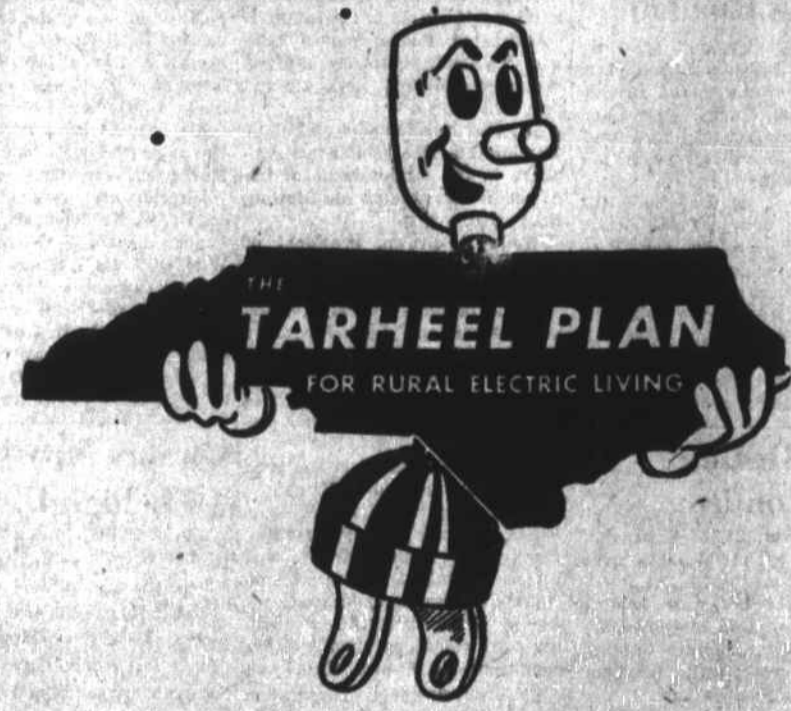
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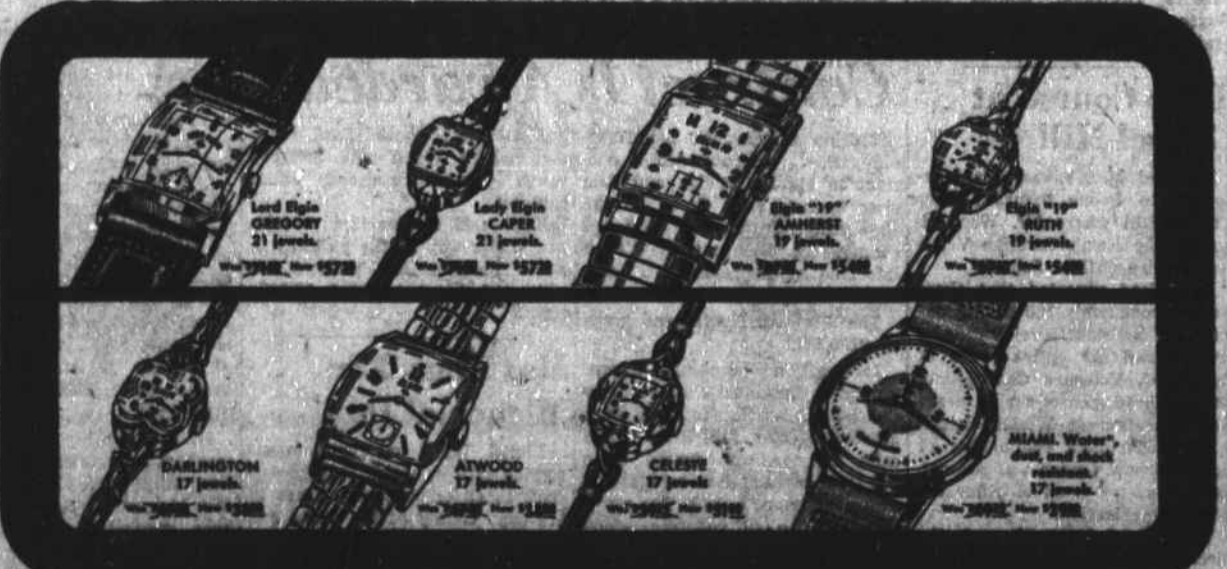
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