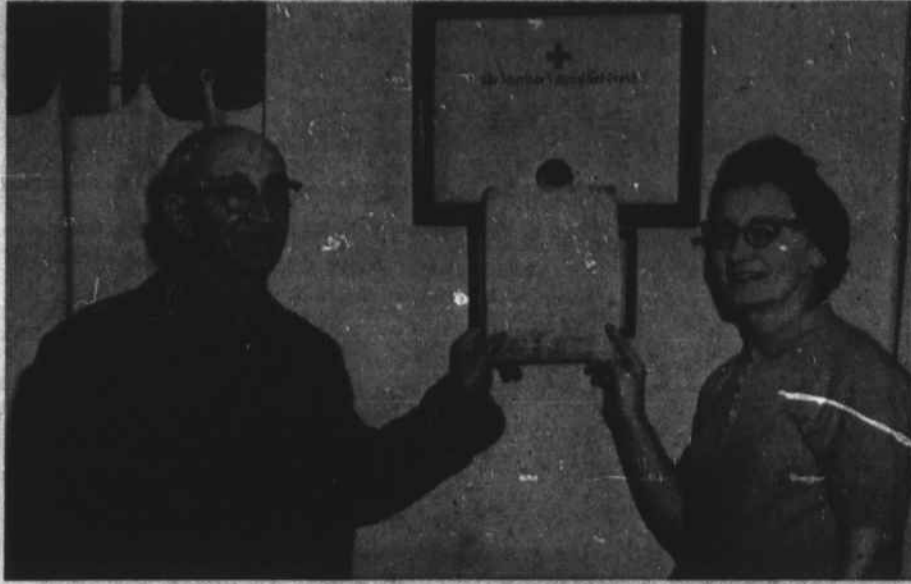


# Original Red Cross Charter In 1917

The original charter of the Watauga Chapter of the American Red Cross was signed on November 28, 1917, by United States President Woodrow Wilson. President Wilson was joined by Stockton Axson, action secretary of the ARC, and Elliot Wadsworth, acting national chairman.

The application for a charter was drawn up in Boone earlier that month with R. C. Rivers Sr. acting as chairman. The then-editor of the Watauga Democrat (and father of the current editor) was accompanied by George Hagaman, chairman of the finance committee, and Mrs. W. C. Coffey, secretary.

Other charter members included Tom Miller, M. B. Blackburn, Capt. E. F. Lovill, F. A. Linney, W. C. Coffey, Lon Payne, Mrs. Pearl Hodges, and Mrs. Sallie Rivers.



S. M. Ayers, President of the Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross, is shown with Mrs. Goldie Fletcher, Red Cross office manager, looking at the original application for a charter for the local Red Cross unit.—Gaddy photo.

# War Tragedy Is Cause Of Red Cross Beginning In 1859

According to a publication circulated by the American Red Cross, the organization was born from the suffering of 40,000 soldiers, wounded and dying on the battlefield of Solferino in northern Italy, in 1859.

A young Swiss banker, named Dunant, recruited volunteers to give aid to these sufferers, and saw the desperate need for similar volunteer units in all countries to care for sick and wounded soldiers.

His efforts resulted in bringing together representatives from 16 countries in October, 1863—the start of the Red Cross as it is known today.

A treaty—the first Geneva Convention—was signed by 12 governments a year later, has since been accepted by nearly every nation in the world.

Today — one hundred years later—there are about 90 national Red Cross societies in the world, each dedicated to helping the helping the sick and wounded in time of war, as well as prisoners of war and civilians in war-torn areas.

They also help in floods, fam-

ines, and other natural disasters in peacetime.

Today there are 3,600 local chapters of the Red Cross, chartered by Congress. In the interworkings of the organization are more than two million volunteers.

The Red Cross gives aid to members of the armed forces, to veterans, victims of disasters, those who need blood, those who need home nursing training, and training in first aid and safety.

About 55 per cent of the total staff time and about 40 per cent of the Red Cross budget goes for these services to the armed forces. Approximately 74,000 servicemen are given some type of help each month in 390 hospitals.

Each year Red Cross collects more than two and a half million pints of blood at a cost of about \$13 million. No charge to patients is made by Red Cross for blood donated. Clinics and hospitals may share with Red Cross the cost of collecting, processing and distributing and may charge part of the



NEW OFFICERS of the Watauga Chapter of the Appalachian State Teachers College Alumni Association recently met at the home of Mrs. Reba Moretz in Boone to formulate plans for Watauga alumni during 1963-64. In the picture (seated l-r) are Mrs. Moretz, secretary, and Mrs. Grace Beach, treasurer. Standing are James A. Greene, principal of Parkway Elementary School, president; and John Marsh, vice-president.—Penley photo.

cost to patients. The entire program of the American Red Cross is financed by voluntary contributions and gifts. The annual expenditures of the organization ranges from \$86 to \$116 million (figured

on the basis of the last ten years).

Dr. Albert Schweitzer has said of the Red Cross, "The Red Cross is a light in the darkness. . . It's the duty of all of us to see that it does not go out."

# New Crops Tested By N. C. Experiment Stations

By M. E. GARDNER  
N. C. State College

We have a comparatively new project in the Experiment Station which is designed to collect and test new crops which may be of interest and economic importance to North Carolina. Dr. W. T. Fike is coordinated for North Carolina in the southern region of 13 states.

One of these crops is the sunflower. I want to briefly discuss this crop with you because you might want to try it with some of your neighbors. I suggest this procedure because a group could produce enough seed to attract the trade without any one in the group becoming too heavily involved in the beginning.

Sunflower seed is used primarily as a source of oil and as wild bird food. Dr. Fike seems to think that the wild bird food idea is the best for North Carolina growers. The wholesale price of seed has been 10-14 cents per pound for the past few years. Ten cents for the smaller seed and 14 cents for the larger.

Variety test plots at Plymouth and Rocky Mount have recorded yields of 1,000-1,600 pounds per acre; 1,000-2,000 pounds per acre at Salisbury; and 2,500-2,900 pounds per acre at Laurel Springs. These tests indicate that higher yields may be expected in the Piedmont and mountains than in eastern Carolina.

Any soil that will produce corn is adapted to sunflower

seed production. The fertilizer requirements are also the same. The seed should be planted about April 1 in the Coastal Plain; April 15 in the Piedmont; and May 1 in the mountains.

There are dwarf and giant varieties. The dwarf sorts grow to a height of about six feet while the giant varieties may reach 12 feet. The giant varieties usually produce larger yields in North Carolina than do the dwarf types.

The amount of seed per acre will depend on the variety used and the spacing of rows and seed in the row. This usually takes five or six pounds. The dwarf varieties are usually mature by the last of August and the giant sorts about the last of September.

The heads may either be harvested by hand or by a grain combine with certain adjustments in the reel and cutter bar.

I am running out of space but have given enough for you to decide whether or not you may be interested in a project of this nature in your own community. If you are, drop me a card and I will see that you receive information in more detail than I have been able to give here.



MISS LENNIS GREENE

Miss Lennis Greene received her cap at the capping services of High Point Memorial Hospital School of Nursing at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 22. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mae Greene of Sugar Grove. She is a graduate of Cove Creek High School.

# Effective Grub Control Tried

The results of the Ruelens "pour-on" method of treating cattle for grub control was better than 96% effective in the North Fork community in the 1962-63 season, according to L. E. Tuckwiller, County Extension Chairman. A total of 55 cattle were treated October 10 last year, and were examined on March 14, this year. Of the 55 head only one was found to have grubs. This one animal had a total of six grubs on this date.

The farmers owning the cattle examined were Clay and Arthur Thomas, 39 head, no grubs; Dean Isaacs, 11 head, one with grubs; Arnt Greer, 6 head, no grubs found.

No lice were found on any of these cattle.

Worst of flu plague thought to be over.

# Paul & Ralph Say:



A lawyer wired one of his clients: "Your mother - in - law passed away in her sleep last night. Shall we order burial, embalming, or cremation?" The client wired back: "Take no chances, order all three."

—PAUL & RALPH

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