

# World War I Vets To Gather Sunday

W. N. Knight, State Adjutant, Veterans of World War I, announces that Jack Branch, Senior Vice Commander, Department of North Carolina, Veterans of World War I, will be the principal speaker at a rally of World War I veterans in the Watauga County Courthouse, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

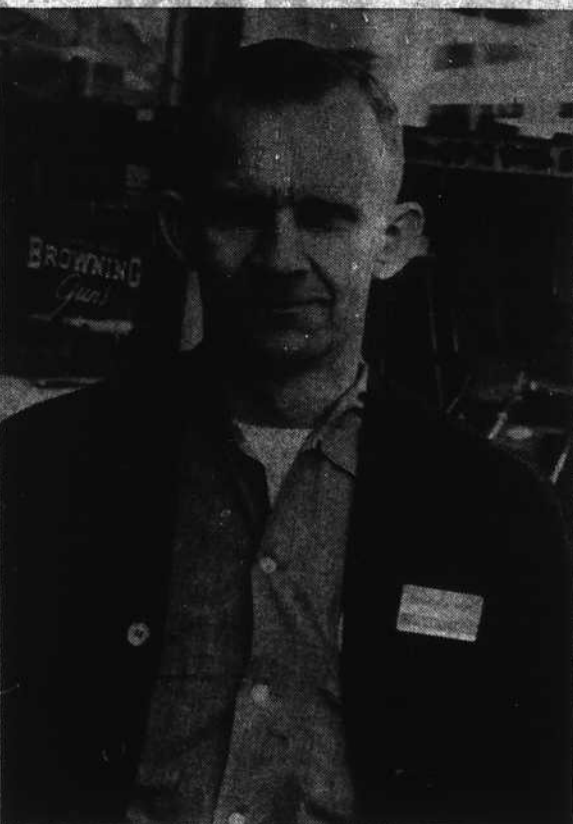
Knight said that letters have gone to all veterans of World War I in Watauga and surrounding counties relative to the gathering. He pointed out that a hearing was held by the full committee on Veterans Affairs on March 24, at which time the National Commander and his legislative staff appeared and

presented their legislation for the non-service-connected veterans.

Knight added, "Indications are that progress has been made in securing some benefits for this group at this session of the Congress. With social security benefits depriving many of our aging veterans from realizing their full pensions, it is felt that some income limitations will be lifted whereby a number of our veterans may be able to realize these additional benefits."

All World War I veterans in Watauga and surrounding counties are urged to attend this meeting. The wives of these veterans are invited as well as widows of all WWI veterans.

# Wataugans At Work



For two years, Chester R. Fraley of Route 1, Vilas, has been a salesman with Farmers Hardware in Boone. He retired from the U. S. Air Force in 1962 after 21 years service. He married the former Mary Francis Harmon of Boone and they have three children: Diane, who celebrated her 18th birthday last week; Judy, 15; and Michael, 8. Fraley, who attends Brushy Fork Baptist Church with his family, was reared at Morehead, in Eastern Kentucky. (Saff photo)

# Pigeon Roost News Meanders Over Hill And Relates Latest Fish Tale

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The writer is under the weather bitten by the flu bug and it looked a little doubtful that we would even get a column out this week but when cousin France Miller dropped in to tell his latest stories what he had observed about the animal life in his-neck-of-the-woods we thought that we would try to get his story anyway. He is a self learned naturalist.

He came meandering o'er hill and dale from his home at Rock Creek (Mitchell County) a section 5 miles away from here. He said that he had been rather busy of late building another wooden bridge over the very wide stream of Rock Creek that always stays tumidity. He is replacing the bridge that was completely washed away by the flood late last fall. This is his third bridge that he has built since he has lived there for last five years. But he said that he was building this bridge five feet higher than of any bridge that had ever been built and he could tell by the water marks on the rocks at the place where he is building the new bridge that it is six feet higher than the water has ever been at

that new location. Since his bridge has been washed out he has been traveling across the creek in a little canoe type boat that he borrowed from a neighbor who lives on up the creek. But he never could propel the boat with a paddle probably due to such swiftness of the stream or hidden "suck-holes." However, he worked out a little device that proved to be very good. He stretched a heavy wire across the stream fastened to big locust posts on each side of the creek and he somehow fitted a hook on the wire which was also made out of wire too and with this hook he pulled the boat back and forth across the creek but it is hard on his hands even if did have gloves on and of course still much harder to pull if the boat was loaded with a big load. He showed the marks of wear in the palm of his hands.

But his special story this time was about a large doe deer that he watched with great interest on two occasions doing its stunts right out in the water up above its knees. He said on Monday of last week while working on the bridge he happened to look down the stream about 100

yards away and he discovered the deer standing far out in the stream. So he began to walk down the bank of the creek where he could get a closer view of the deer. He found it looking right straight down close to the water and it would bob its head up and down like it was playing with something. Upon closer investigation he discovered that the deer was really playing with the horny head fish that is plentiful in Rock Creek.

The very next day he seen the deer again playing with the fish not far from where he first seen it. There is a little island just in the back ground where he seen the deer and it may

be a haven for the doe deer for next few weeks and where a little fawn might soon be rambling around on this island which is a good hiding place for at least a bear too.

France Miller always has got good stories to tell. He is called by most people here by the name of blackberry John. He was named that because about 30 years ago he made a run of blackberry wine and got tanked upon it a little bit to high that he couldn't talk level headed.

Blackberry John ended up his story about the deer by saying—that was fine about the deer playing with the horny-head fish so that it don't get to rough and hurt some of them.

# Voters' Service

The voters of North Carolina will, in the 1966 primaries and general election, nominate and elect the following officers: One U. S. Congressman, 5 N. C. Supreme Court Justices, 15

Superior Court Judges, 17 District Court Judges, 21 Superior Court Solicitors, 50 State Senators and 120 State Representatives.

March 18 was the official deadline by which candidates must have filed for U. S. Senator, U. S. Congressman, N. C. Supreme Court Justice, Superior Court Judge, Superior Court Solicitor and District Judge.

The voters of Watauga County additionally will nominate and elect three County Commissioners, a sheriff and a Clerk of Court; and Board of Education members (nominations only).

Noon, April 15, is the deadline by which candidates for State Senator, State Representative and county offices must file with their County Board of Elections. Candidates for these offices are required to file in the county of their residence. All prospective candidates are cautioned to file promptly so as not to run the risk of being "closed out" as required by law.

(This column is by the Voters Service Committee of the league of Women Voters of Boone. Additional information may be obtained by phoning Mrs. Carl Bredow, evenings, 264-2958.)

# Vestal Elected Head

## Of Area Conservation

Paul J. Vestal of Moravian Falls was elected president of the Northwest Area Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts at the Spring meeting held at Little Mountain Grange Hall on March 15.

The Northwest Area Association is made up of the ten northwesternmost counties in the state.

Mr. Vestal is chairman of the Wilkes District Board of Supervisors, and has served as a supervisor for a number of years.

Other officers elected were: vice-president, A. C. Moretz, of the Watauga District; and Thomas Brown, of the Surry District, secretary-treasurer.

George B. Collins, second vice-president of the State Association, gave an interesting report on the actions being initiated and carried out in the state. Other reports were given by H. A. Smith and Bill Austjn.

# Dr. Tedford New President N. C. Speech Association

Dr. Thomas L. Tedford is the new president of the North Carolina Speech Association. He was chosen at the Association's spring meeting on the Wake Forest campus March 12.

Tedford, chairman of the ASTC Speech Department, said the NCSA is open to all high school and college speech teachers in North Carolina. The organization is rapidly growing because of its recent approval by the North Carolina Department of Education, and the

certification of speech teachers. The demand of speech teachers in North Carolina is increasing and, as of now, the demand exceeds the supply. This situation exists mainly because of increased emphasis in this area by the Speech Association.

Tedford says the association meets as an business organization in which they talk over problems and share ideas.

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