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## DOUGHTON FLAYS G. O. P. REGIME IN BOONE ADDRESS

Attacks Tariff Act and National Farm Relief Board. Lauds Democrats on Accomplishments in State, and Pays Tribute to Labor. Audience Largest Ever Addressed in This County.

Before one of the largest crowds that ever assembled in Watauga County for a political address, "Farmer Bob" Doughton, candidate for re-election to Congress in the Eighth District, launched his campaign with an hour's talk in the courthouse here Monday afternoon.

Introduced to the audience by W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, the veteran legislator began his remarks with a plea for harmony in the ranks of the party and advice to the young voter on his duties as a citizen.

After lauding the accomplishments of the Democratic Party in North Carolina and Watauga County, Mr. Doughton reverted to national affairs. Going back to the Wilson administration he traced the legislative developments up to the present, and asserted that during the six years of absolute Democratic rule, accomplishments had been greater, distribution of wealth had been more even and prosperity had been more universal than at any time since the Civil War. Referring to the Farm Relief Board, "Hoover's pet idea," he gave statistics to prove that most commodities of the agrarian had decreased in value from 40 to 60 per cent since that body began its functions, and that the condition of rural people has become the most depressive in history.

"Candidate Hoover promised to abolish poverty; he promised every man a job," said Mr. Doughton, "and most every working man now has a job looking for a job. We have many 'tuses' that have caused worry to the American people and the medical profession—appendicitis, neuritis, tonsillitis, and peritonitis—but the most fatal 'itis' yet discovered is 'Hooveritis,' and the only remedy for this malady is a good dose of Jeffersonian Democracy."

The tariff laws recently enacted as a sure cure for the ills of commerce came in for a thorough dissection by the speaker, who averred that the third day after they were written into law a second crash came into the stock market that cost investors more than eight billion dollars.

"This law was passed after 1,000 of the country's leading economists had warned the President that its

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## Dental Parlors Are Robbed of Valuables

Dr. J. M. Gaither, local dentist, has posted a reward in the sum of \$50 for the delivery and conviction of the man who on last Thursday robbed his office of bridge work, gold and platinum to the value of perhaps \$300. Dr. Gaither has a complete description of the person who stole his supplies, but thus far has been unable to apprehend him.

The man had been to the office during the day and had an examination and asked for estimates on different items of dental work. He was given an appointment for the next day, and Dr. Gaither went to supper. While he was gone, however, the nurse returned to the office and called him up to extract a tooth for a youth who lives in the neighborhood. Before the doctor arrived, however, Miss Snyder left the office for a few minutes, and the boy with the toothache was the only witness to the reappearance of the thief. Before Dr. Gaither arrived the stranger told the young patient that he was going to look for some work he was having done there, and proceeded to go through the dental equipment in the next room. The doctor missed his valuables soon after he returned and the local boy told him of the occurrences.

Because Dr. Gaither happens to have a thorough description of the man in question, he has more than usual hopes of bringing him to the bar of justice.

## "Poss" Foster Climbs On the Water Wagon

J. M. "Poss" Foster, of Blowing Rock, charged with public drunkenness, was placed on good behavior for two years by Judge A. M. Stack in Superior Court Tuesday. "Poss" came directly to The Democrat office, and asked the local news editor to announce that from now on "old Poss" is through with all intoxicants from "home bureau" to liquor, for "yea, verily, it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

"Poss" Foster in days gone by has by his own acknowledgment, imbibed freely of the forbidden fluid. He has been in the toils of the law at various times (always on account of drink), but this is the first time that "Poss" ever signed the pledge or reserved a seat on the water wagon. But from now on, if you would believe his words, he intends to closely observe divine law, turn a deaf ear to the wailings of Satan and shun the very appearance of evil.

The "village wag" of Blowing Rock does not resent Judge Stack's decision, but he did intimate that "whoever told the Grand Jury that he manufactured and sold 'home bureau' certainly had a 'lot of gall'."

## Don Bingham Seriously Injured in Auto Wreck

Mr. Don Bingham, son of Attorney and Mrs. John B. Bingham, of Sugar Grove, remains in the Kings Mountain Hospital, Bristol, where he was taken last Tuesday following an automobile collision in which he was dangerously injured. Pneumonia is thought to have developed, however. The Democrat understands that at this time his condition is considered much more favorable.

The accident occurred when a truck driven by Mr. Bingham was being taken to the Tennessee market with a load of produce. He was accompanied by Mr. C. S. Zipperer, whole sale produce man of Savannah, Ga. When only a short distance out of Bristol the truck collided with a bus of the Camel City Coach Company. Mr. Bingham was thrown on the pavement and seriously injured. He was badly cut and bruised and practically all the flesh torn from one thigh. It was thought at first that his injuries might prove fatal, but there are now bright hopes for his recovery.

According to Mr. Zipperer, Mr. Bingham was taking the extreme right-hand side of the road and was making a speed of about fifteen miles per hour. The bus, he says, was traveling at a speed of perhaps 35 miles per hour and had been granted at least two-thirds of the road. Mr. Zipperer says that when he realized a crash was inevitable he closed his eyes for a second, and can give no details as to what parts of the vehicles struck or exactly in what manner young Bingham sustained his injuries. After the collision he gave his attention to taking his companion to the hospital and didn't examine either car.

## 19th Annual Johnson County Fair a Success

Last week our neighboring county of Johnson, just beyond the State line in Tennessee, "pulled off" her annual county fair, and did it in great shape, this being the nineteenth consecutive fair since its organization. This event is always looked forward to by several surrounding counties, and this year it had lost none of its attractions for the people, for they were there, both day and night, and every minute was filled with nice, clean, wholesome entertainment.

The midway, with its various devices for entertainment and pleasure, was well up to the standard; the fireworks, exceptionally good; the farm exhibits, regardless of drought, were good, and clearly demonstrated what the good agricultural county of Johnson can produce in a normal crop year. The ladies' exhibits, art, canned goods, fancy needle work, etc., were fine.

Ten Shorthorn cattle, owned by T. W. Ferguson, of Lenoir, were easy winners, and in the language of another contestant, "He just rolled up all the blue ribbons and cash prizes offered in the cattle department, stuck them in his pocket and carried them off."

Ten race and saddle horses from the stables of Ex-Governor Steward of Virginia, managed by the Madron brothers of Mountain City, took the luster from most of the other horses on exhibit. The harness and jockey races were exceptionally good.

Cove Creek's community booth in the agricultural building was, to us, one of the most complete and attractive of its kind. Mesdames Hattie Johnson and Stanley Harris, of Amana, had the exhibit in charge, which was a real advertisement for Watauga. Fine specimens of all our staple crops were there, together with canned goods, row upon row; eggs, honey, oh, so, anything and everything that grows in the fertile soil of that wonderful section of Watauga was represented in the exhibit. The promoters received a nice cash prize that will be used in the agricultural department of the Cove Creek High School.

Mr. Clark Swift, who farms his father's land, had a single farm exhibit, and hanged it if it wasn't as good as that of the community show.

The people who have made this fair possible through all the years are to be congratulated upon the successes attained and here's hoping for them more and more success as the years roll by, and greater and greater developments in what has now, it seems, become a permanent institution in the good county of Johnson.

## Home of Pink Hodges Burned Friday Evening

Fire of undiscovered origin on last Friday evening completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Hodges, a little more than a mile west of town, near Adams postoffice, inflicting a loss of no less than \$4,000, a portion of which is said to have been covered by insurance. The Boone fire company hastened to the scene of the conflagration, but the flames had made such headway that they were powerless to check their ravages.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges were in Mountain City at the time, and neither they nor neighbors can assign any other cause for the blaze than that it came from electric short circuits, or in some way developed from the dying embers in the range on which supper had been prepared.

The home was a first class structure and was well furnished, and the loss cannot be definitely estimated. A nearby garage was also consumed.

The diameter of many of the small stars, heretofore indeterminate, can now be measured directly by a new powerful interferometer.

## JUDGE A. M. STACK DISPOSES OF LIGHT CRIMINAL DOCKET

No Cases of Major Importance Tried at This Term of Court. Jurist Delivers Masterful Charge to Grand Jury. Cites Disrespect for Law. Judge Lyons to Preside Next Week. Lewis Case to Be Retried.

With Judge A. M. Stack presiding, the Fall Term of Watauga Superior Court convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The criminal docket was exceptionally light, and was disposed of Tuesday evening. Report cases, illicit liquor and affray charges principally composed the calendar, no major cases being up for trial at this term.

Judge Stack in his charge to the Grand Jury stressed impartiality, declaring that the purpose of the law was to give justice alike to "the rich and the poor, the black and the white, the weak and the strong." He called attention to the prevailing opinion that a rich man is favored by the statutes, and expressed the belief that this vein of thought has caused a great many to lose their respect for the courts.

The jurist presented statistics to show that North Carolina has a greater per capita rate of crime than Chicago, and laid a part of the blame to the fact that sympathy for young offenders, and pity for men of reputation has caused a laxity in the enforcement of the law as it is written. He advised a speedy trial for offenders, as is guaranteed by the Constitution, and suggested that the next General Assembly enact a law providing for an officer in each county whose duty it would be to gather evidence and assist the State in prosecutions. The salary of this officer, he stated, could be charged to offenders, a part of the Solicitor's fee being converted to this use.

"A youth who can commit a man's crime should be subjected to a man's punishment," Judge Stack continued, and warned the jurymen to consider well the evidence against the juvenile offender. It is his belief that too much consideration has been shown young men who have fallen into the toils of the law, and has given them a wrong impression of the seriousness of their offenses.

The first hour of the session was given over to report cases. The case against Otis Watson, charged with the brutal murder of Andy Johnson near Deep Gap more than two years ago, was brought to the judge's attention, and he advised the county to offer a suitable reward for his apprehension, which would be doubled by the State, and that Watson be outlawed. "When you offer a reward for a man, dead or alive, you generally get results," stated Judge Stack.

The principal civil case to come up at this term is the retrieval of the case of Unaka and City National Bank of Johnson City vs. John Lewis and wife, Madge Lewis. The case involves the possession of two automobiles, city property in Blowing Rock, and jewels valued at more than twelve thousand dollars. Judge C. C. Lyons will preside over the second week of the term.

A complete list of the criminal proceedings follows:

Bynum Holman, worthless check, \$25 and costs.

Walter Baumgartner, driving car drunk, judgment suspended until next term.

J. L. Welborn, carrying concealed weapon, \$50 and costs.

W. W. Randall, liquor, \$25 and costs.

Howard Snyder, forgery, judgment suspended upon payment of cost and show good behavior.

Fred Hollar, worthless check, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

W. J. Miller, liquor, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Ralph Porch, driving car drunk, 12 months on the roads, and pay damages to both cars and costs; bond and judgment suspended until next term of court.

J. P. Gosnell and Odie R. Freeman, liquor, judgment continued until the next term of court, upon payment of cost.

Correllus Watson, assault with a deadly weapon, six months on the roads.

William Day, manufacturing vine, not guilty.

G. T. Robbins, forgery, 18 months in State prison.

Paul Hodges and Stokes Williams, manufacturing liquor, Paul Hodges to pay cost; Stokes Williams, twelve months on the roads, suspended under \$1,000 bond for good behavior.

Hub Sweet, liquor, judgment suspended.

Mrs. Nan Church, slander, not pros with leave.

Conley Woodring and George Campbell, manufacturing liquor, judgment suspended under bond to show good behavior.

Boss Welch, liquor, judgment suspended on good behavior.

Emmit Oliver, manufacturing liquor, six months on the roads. Judgment suspended on good behavior for five years.

Zell Greer and C. Church, larceny of fish, 12 months in State Prison, suspended for five years.

## WILL ADDRESS G. O. P. CONVENTION



HON. GEORGE PRITCHARD, OF ASHEVILLE

## DATE FOR G. O. P. CONVENTION SET FOR SEPT. 13TH

Hon. George M. Pritchard, Candidate for the United States Senate, Is Expected to Address Republican Gathering. Congressional Candidate Will Also Attend. Precinct Meetings on 12th.

The Republican County Convention will meet in the Courthouse in Boone on Saturday, September 13, at 1 o'clock p. m. according to an announcement made Tuesday by the Executive Committee, through its secretary, Mr. Clyde R. Greene. Candidates for the various county offices are to be named at that time and such other business transacted as may properly come before the assembly. The township primaries will be held on Friday the 12th at 2 p. m. and one delegate will be named to the county convention for every 25 votes cast in the last election for Governor.

Hon. George M. Pritchard, Republican candidate for United States Senator, is expected to deliver the principal address, while Hon. E. F. Wakefield, candidate for Congress in this district, will be present also.

## Marshall Mott Revival to Begin Sunday Morning

Rev. Marshall L. Mott, of Winston-Salem, one of the most widely known evangelists of the Southern Baptist Convention, will begin a series of revival services at the Baptist Church in Boone next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour.

The lawyer-evangelist who has been successful to a remarkable degree in his evangelistic efforts, will do the preaching and will be assisted in other capacities by Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, of Memphis, Tenn. The former will direct the music, while Mrs. Armstrong will direct the personal work and give special Bible lectures to the ladies and to the students at the college.

The local congregation feels very fortunate to have secured the services of these eminent theologians and is anxious for a great revival which will leave a blessing with every individual in the community. A cordial welcome awaits every one. Services during the week days at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m.

## SAYS HAIL CAUSED BIG DAMAGE AT POPLAR GROVE

Mrs. Z. T. Greene of the Poplar Grove section was in the city Friday and told of the unusual damages resulting from the heavy hail storm of last Tuesday in her settlement. The stones fell in such quantities, says Mrs. Greene, that she froze ice cream with them on the following Thursday, and it would have been possible to have shoveled up a wagon load of the ice. The stones were said to have been almost as large as hen eggs and cabbage, corn, beans and other growing crops were seriously damaged. The scope of the storm, however, was not so widespread, but the destruction in its path was almost complete in so far as small crops were concerned.

Raymond Greene, manufacturing liquor, 60 days in jail; judgment suspended on good behavior.

Herman Greene, manufacturing liquor, four months on the roads, judgment suspended for five years on good behavior.

Charlie Greene, manufacturing liquor, payment of cost.

Augustus Hampton, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended for five years on good behavior.

## STATE WILL TAKE OVER ROAD DOWN WATAUGA RIVER

Commissioner R. A. Doughton Pays Visit to Watauga and Looks Over New Project. Road Will Give Direct Connection With Johnson City and Elizabethton. Will Open Up Vast Undeveloped Section.

"Blessings come to those who wait is an old adage, but a true one. For the past six years the people of the county have been much interested in getting the State to take over for maintenance some of Watauga's cross-country roads. We have waited, waited, and patiently, too, most of the time, to get some word from our great State Highway Commission relative thereto. Letters have been written, the commission has been besieged by delegations and single individuals who were always received most courteously, and their contentions given a glad hearing, and never were they turned away without hope.

There are two roads that have been in the minds of the people. The one from Sugar Grove down Beech Creek to the State line; the other from Valle Crucis to the Yonahlossee near Sandy Flat.

Last Thursday, without heralding his visit to the public, Hon. Rufus A. Doughton, chairman of the State Highway Commission, came to Blowing Rock and there, in consultation with a Tennessee delegation of road men, it was agreed to build a through road from Sugar Grove to Butler, Tenn., the two states to meet there, making it one of the leading roads in this part of the county. After an adjournment Mr. Doughton came on to Boone, where he addressed members of the Boone Civitan Club at the Daniel Boone Hotel. That afternoon he and Mr. Ashburn made a hurried trip to the head of the road at Sugar Grove, and left for his home in the early evening.

The road is a very important one, as it opens up a great country, and gives a more direct outlet to Johnson City and other towns and cities. The Valle Crucis road is equally important, but in the words of one of the members of our highway commission not so long ago, "We cannot build out one of them at a time." So the good people of that section will remain on the waiting list for a little while longer.

## Gragg Makes Statement Regarding Sugar Beets

Mr. W. H. Gragg, local rector and farmer extraordinary (?) recently brought the editor a sugar beet that tips the scales at seven pounds and a few odd ounces. The mammoth vegetable was grown in Mr. Gragg's garden here, and, according to him, tests high in sugar, vitamins, etc., etc.

"I sent one of these beets to the college laboratory here for chemical analysis," said Mr. Gragg, "and this is the report they gave me: 'Sugar content 93 per cent; vitamin A, 11,361.013 per square inch; vitamin B, 7,398,006 per square inch; and 99,508,320 calories per square foot.'"

Mr. Gragg concluded his scientific dissertation with the information that "vitamin A goes to the brain, while vitamin B goes to the lower intestinal tracts." The Democrat gives the above information just as it was passed in, and absolutely refuses to guarantee its authenticity.

Frank Rodrick, believed the only veteran of the Crimean war in the United States, celebrated his 103rd birthday recently at his home in Indiana.

## MORRISON SPEAKS AT DEM. POW WOW; PICK CANDIDATES

Ex-Governor Blames Republican Policies for General Distress. Says Privilege in Power. W. R. Lovill Senatorial Candidate. Roby T. Greer Will Make Race for House. Harmonious Convention.

Opening the Democratic campaign in Western North Carolina with a thundering attack upon the Republican administration at Washington, former Governor Cameron Morrison was the principal address to the Watauga County Democratic Convention here Saturday afternoon, called upon the people of the mountains to rally this fall to the Democratic Party and its entire ticket.

The convention, looked on as one of the most harmonious ever held here, made the following nominations: State Senate, W. R. Lovill; House of Representatives, Roby T. Greer; Clerk of Court, A. E. South; Sheriff, Luther Farthing; Register of Deeds, Miss Helen Underdown; Coroner, Dr. J. B. Hagaman; Surveyor, Roby Vines; County Commissioners, T. J. Baird, J. Y. Walker and Eller McNeil. Practically the entire ticket was nominated unanimously.

Morrison was presented by Congressman R. L. Doughton. Tom Coffey of Blowing Rock was made permanent chairman.

The former Governor, known throughout the State as democracy's most militant champion, held his attack in check long enough, however, to pay sincere tribute to Governor O. Max Gardner, the man he defeated in the fierce second primary race for Governor in 1920. He also dismissed with satiric contempt and few words the announcement by North Carolina Republicans in their most recent platform that they are now "prepared to assume responsibility of the State's government."

Mr. Morrison appealed to his hearers to work for J. W. Bailey, Senatorial aspirant, and for the re-election of their own "Farmer Bob" Doughton, along with the entire Democratic county ticket.

In his discussion of the administration of the national government, however, the former governor laced and belted the Republican Party as a "party kept alive by means of two vicious practices: the keeping alive of sectionalism and successfully organizing those who seek governmental advantages, commonly called 'special privileges' through which they are enabled to exploit and plunder the great toiling masses of the country."

"Hoover prosperity," and what he termed the "complete destruction of whatever Wilson prosperity had remained from the Harding and Coolidge administrations" were laid to the Republican party leaders in a scathing denunciation of the conduct of the government by the "party of privilege." It was a typical Morrison campaign speech and it revived memories of other days when a younger but not more determined and not more zealous Morrison fought with

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## Fox Hunters Must Procure Licenses

Warden H. Grady Farthing asks the Democrat to state that fox hunters who wish to follow the sport this fall and winter will have to procure licenses just the same as those who hunt with guns. Mr. Farthing also desires to correct a false rumor that has been going the rounds to the effect that he has given permission for the ruthless destruction of foxes. The State Game Department has given permission to farmers whose chicken roosts have been molested by the sly creatures to kill them, but Mr. Farthing believes this rule should be restricted as much as possible.

Hunting licenses may be purchased from the following deputy wardens: Ronald Foster, Blowing Rock; Everett Fox, Banner Elk; R. E. D. Roby, Penley; Penley; Carl Davis, Todd; John H. Mast, Sugar Grove; Forace Moretz, Howards Creek; Horace Cook, Blowing Rock; E. D. Eller, McNeil, Rutledge; Will W. Mast, Valle Crucis; Harrison Baker, Meat Camp; J. L. Shull, Sugar Grove; E. P. C. Carroll, Deep Gap; Boone Hardware Company, Boone; Nile Cook, Blowing Rock; Ira Critcher, Banner; A. E. South, Clerk of the Court, Boone; Hard A. Hagaman, Beech Creek; Martin Trivette, Rominger; Carroll Trivette, Rominger; Will W. Austin, Shulls Mills; John W. Ward, Leander; Ed Harbin, Shulls Mills; O. A. Baird, Beech Creek; Don Hagaman's Store, Beaver Dams; Clarence Newton, Shulls Mills; R. F. D.; Tom Broyhill, Triplett; Floyd Greene, Zionville; Ed Greer, Zionville.

Prices of the licenses are as follows: Non-resident hunting, \$15.25; State resident hunting and trapping, \$5.25; State resident trapping, \$3.25; county resident trapping, \$2.25; county hunting and trapping, \$3.00; State resident hunting, \$3.25; county resident hunting, \$1.25; resident county fur dealers, \$10.00; resident State fur dealers, \$75.00.

## CONTRACT LET FOR HEATING MAINS AT STATE COLLEGE

Mr. J. L. Powers, of Bennettsville, S. C., has been awarded the contract for the extension of the underground heating mains at the college to the old part of the campus, Mr. R. F. Coffey, resident engineer, announced yesterday. The contractor expects to rush the job to completion as early as is possible and will employ local laborers exclusively.