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WADE BROWN TO RUN FOR SENATE IN THIS DISTRICT

Boone Lawyer and Veteran Chosen by Alleghany County as This District's Candidate for State Senate; Ashe Democrats Give Enthusiastic Approval

Wade E. Brown, Boone attorney and veteran of the last World War, was named as the Democratic candidate for the State Senate from the 29th district by Alleghany county partisans...

According to the rule which has been followed for many years by the Democrats of Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany, senatorial nominations rotate, and this year Alleghany's time came...

Ervin Speaks in Ashe
Congressman Samuel J. Ervin, of Morganton, was the speaker at Jefferson and was presented by Congressman Doughton.

J. O. Blevins, Lansing merchant, was unanimously chosen by the convention as Ashe county's candidate for the legislature...

In the county commissioners race, the two incumbents, M. G. Edwards and W. G. Vannoy, were named on the first ballot...

MRS. WARMAN IS WITH RED CROSS

Former Hospital Head Succeeds Mrs. Grubbs as Red Cross Secretary

Mrs. F. E. Warman, who for the past twenty-six months has served as superintendent of the Watauga Hospital, assumed the duties of Executive Secretary of the Watauga County Chapter of the American Red Cross...

Mrs. Grubbs Lauded
In connection with the resignation of Mrs. Grubbs, Clyde R. Greene, president of the Watauga Red Cross Chapter, has this to say:

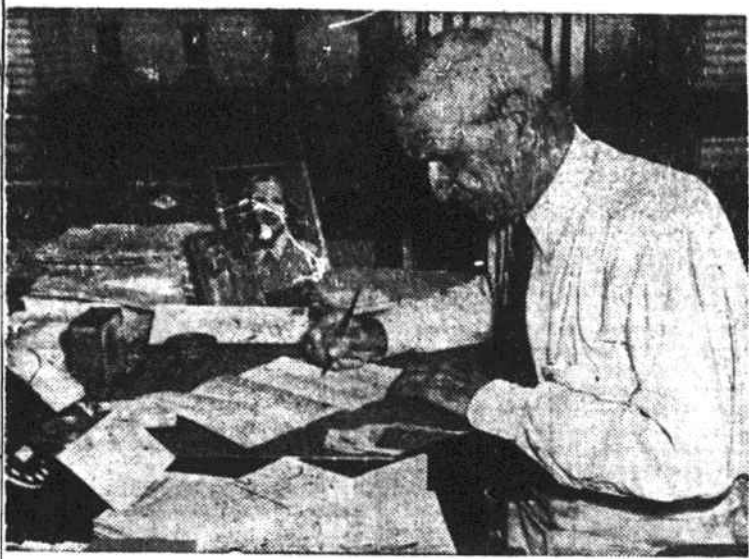
"Mrs. Grubbs served the American Red Cross with an unselfish zeal through twenty-six months of the war period, and her work reflected great credit upon herself and upon the organization which she so ably espoused..."

Vets Foreign Wars To Meet Thursday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at the Legion Hut Thursday evening at 7:30, and all members are asked to attend for the purpose of transacting important business.

The veterans, it is said, are contemplating the purchase of a lot for future construction purposes, and all members should be present to cast their ballots in this connection.

Number One Washington Lobbyist



Ben March, the first of the legion of congressional kibitzers, is shown as he registers his activities under the legislative reorganization act. He has been with People's Lobby, Inc., for 25 years.

Seeks Senate Seat



WADE E. BROWN

DEMOCRATS TO HOLD MEETING

Pow-Wow Stated for September 21; Precinct Meetings on Preceding Day

The Democrats of Watauga county will gather at the courthouse in Boone Saturday afternoon September 21st, for the purpose of naming candidates for the various county offices...

The Republican convention will be held next Saturday afternoon.

State to Get Huge Slice Federal Funds

Washington, Sept. 8.—North Carolina will receive the third largest share of federal funds now available for promoting child welfare service during fiscal 1947...

Exceeded only by Texas and Pennsylvania, both with larger rural populations, North Carolina will receive a total of \$127,772 during the year...

North Carolina's share of \$127,772 is based on a rural population of 2,597,448 persons, 4.4 per cent of the nation's rural population...

Baptists to Entertain For Rev. Mr. Canipe

The members of the Boone Baptist Church will entertain with an informal reception, honoring Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Canipe and family Thursday evening from 7 to 10 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greer.

OLD ALMANAC
Mrs. Emma Ragan of Boone RFD 2, exhibited at the Democrat office the other day a miniature almanac, about twice the size of an ordinary postage stamp...

COVE CREEK HI HAS FULL STAFF

School Opens With Complete Faculty With 230 in High School Department

The Cove Creek school opened Sept. 3, with a complete staff of teachers headed by former county Superintendent S. F. Horton. We are happy to announce the following new teachers who joined us this year...

To help the school function more adequately this year, Mr. Horton has delegated certain duties to committees as follows: Social, with Mrs. Norman Wilson, chairman...

Football is being added to the athletic program for the first time this year and much interest is being shown by all those who have turned out...

CHEST CLINIC IS TO BE HELD HERE

Representative of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium to Be Present

The Health Department plans to hold a chest clinic Tuesday, Sept. 24th at the Health Department. A representative of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium will be at the Health Department Office for the purpose of examining all old and arrested cases...

County Singing to Be Held October 6

The Watauga county singing will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle in Boone on Sunday Oct. 6, it is announced by S. C. Eggers, chairman.

Mr. Eggers insists that all singers, classes, etc. in the area attend this singing, and especially urges church choirs to attend.

HOSPITAL APPRENTICE
James Ralph Hicks, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hicks, Vilas, has qualified as hospital apprentice, second class, at Portsmouth, Va.

Hicks, entered the Navy 21st May 1946 and had recruit training Bainbridge, Md. Before enlisting in the Navy he attended Cove Creek High School.

CANNERY TO CLOSE
The Cove Creek cannery will be closed until further notice except Friday, Sept. 20th. Anyone desiring to do canning after that date contact Robert Shipley at Vilas.

800 May Be Enrolled Appalachian College For Current Session

Registrations for the fall term at Appalachian State Teachers College got underway Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, and Dean J. D. Rankin estimates that from 700 to 800 students will have been enrolled when the institution starts regular classroom activities.

There are 600 dormitory reservations, Dr. Rankin says, while large numbers of students, of whom he has no record as yet, will be quartered in the homes of the town. Likewise, pending completion of registration, college officials cannot accurately estimate the number of day students from the town.

FARMERS TO GET LESS PHOSPHATE

Local AAA Group Cuts Phosphate Allocation to Wataugas by 40 Per Cent

Due to the shortage of materials and the inability of suppliers and dealers to furnish phosphate at a fair price to the Watauga County Agricultural Conservation Program for this year...

Since the shortage has been apparent, many farmers have ordered lime in order that they may still earn their share of the money allocated to their farms. It is important that all farmers do this where possible in order that no money allocated to the county will be lost.

Farmers may also purchase phosphate from their dealers and, by using it on approved practices, still earn all the money approved for their farms. Practices on which credit may be obtained are: Permanent pasture; grasses seeded in the fall of 1945 or the 1946 program year; crimson clover, ryegrass, hairy vetch, Austrian winter peas seeded in the fall of 1946 with or without a nurse crop.

Approximately \$6000 has been approved for permanent pasture and reseeding pastures. There are still several farmers who have not reported carrying out these practices. If they have carried out either, or both of these practices, this report should be made before Sept. 20. If they have been unable to do so, it is advisable to substitute lime for these practices, as there are very few farms on which lime could not still be used this year.

It is urged by the County Committee that all farmers report the practices they have carried out so far during the year. The following are the approved practices for 1946: lime, phosphate, winter cover crops, such as seeding crimson clover, ryegrass, hairy vetch, or Austrian winter peas, turning or rye in the spring of 1946, seeding permanent pastures, and reseeding pastures.

Any additional information may be obtained from the local AAA office.

Blowing Rock Rotary Club Has First Meet

Blowing Rock.—The first regular meeting of the newly formed Rotary club of Blowing Rock was held Friday night at the Watauga Inn, and was presided over by Dr. Walter K. Keys, recently elected president of the club.

Keynote speaker was J. Luther Snyder, Rotarian from Charlotte, who told of his experiences visiting Rotary clubs in foreign countries, including Cairo, Egypt, as well as Milan, Italy, Paris, and London.

A program committee was appointed, consisting of Duke Custer, John Reinking, and Cameron Williams, and it was decided that future meetings will be held regularly each Friday night at the Watauga Inn.

The remainder of the program consisted of a round-table discussion of Rotary activities. Among the out-of-town guests were Gwyn Harper of Hickory, Bob Adams of Lenoir, and Tom Gartland of Port Majorca, Florida.

A special ladies' night is planned for the near future.

SOME MAN!
Pittsburgh, Pa. — When John Porter, of Dauphin, Pa., suddenly became ill on a train, it took eighteen men altogether to move him to the Allegheny General Hospital. Porter, 54, weighs 721 pounds and has been playing the role of the "fat man" in circuses for years.

KEEP SCENT 3,000 YEARS
Toronto. — A mass of roses in a jeweled gold box, found in the tomb of Tutankhamen in 1922 by archaeologists, still retained a faint perfume, after 3,000 years.

Federal funds for the school lunch program averaged \$7 per pupil last year and there was about \$11 per pupil furnished by States and localities.

SCENES AT BOONE FORK DAM SITE



Above is shown the site where Julian Price of Greensboro, is building a lake, near Blowing Rock, on Boone's Fork. Bottom view is of the approach to the development from the John's River road.

Julian Price Launches Big Development On Boone's Fork

525 ENROLLED IN GRADE SCHOOL

Appalachian Elementary Starts Term With Capacity Enrollment; New Teachers

Eager faces and autumn skies, accompanied by the familiar ring of an 8:50 bell, ushered a capacity enrollment of five hundred twenty-five young Americans into the Boone Elementary school on Tuesday morning, September 3rd. Immediate and interesting plans were begun for a varied yearly program in music, library, physical education, and other activities.

The staff welcomes the addition of six new members. Mrs. Mary Ellis Snow, and Mrs. Hugh Reavis, both Appalachian graduates, will hold respective positions as director of the Physical Education Department and assistant librarian. Mrs. Snow begins her professional career with us, and Mrs. Reavis was formerly employed in the Kannapolis schools.

Miss Joe Crawford, third grade teacher, and also an Appalachian alumna, has held a position formerly in the Blowing Rock schools. Miss Mary Ellen Gibbs, Guilford college graduate, who is doing graduate work at Womans college, was employed in the Summerfield school in Guilford county and will hold fourth grade position in our school.

Sixth grade work will be under the supervision of Miss Mary Walker and Mr. Melvin Lashure. Miss Walker is a graduate of Womans college, where she received her M. A. degree, and has been formerly in the Guilford county system. Mr. Lashure was employed one year in the Davis county schools after leaving Appalachian. He was later employed in the Kannapolis schools and for the past four years has been with the N. C. Shipbuilding Company.

Greensboro Insurance Man Creating Lake, Primarily For Fish Culture; Further Development of Project in Offing; Site Disclosed by W. S. Whiting More Than 30 Years Ago

Julian Price, president of the board of directors of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., Greensboro, is pushing the construction of a huge lake on Boone's Fork, about two miles from Shulls Mills, the primary purpose of which is said to be the propagation of rainbow trout.

Mr. Price is a trout fisherman of many years experience, and has sought the advice of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, which has pronounced the stream as being excellent for the habits of the rainbow trout.

Mr. Price has several bulldozers, numerous trucks, a steam shovel and a large number of workers busily constructing the dam, which is six miles from Blowing Rock and near the Linville Road. The structure will be 65 feet thick at the base, 425 feet long, and the impounded water will cover 300 acres of land, and reach to the vicinity of Coffey's Gap. There is now a three acre dam on the property which is teeming with trout, and a number of smaller rearing pools, which will supply the stock for the big lake.

Once the lake is completed, perhaps next spring, plans are in the making for the further development of the project, it is said, and a certain area of the lake will likely be apportioned for swimming. Roads are being planned, one of which will be built across the dam, giving easy entrance to the development. It is not stated whether or not power will later be developed below the dam, or what other activities will take place.

FINAL PLANS ARE MADE FOR DRIVE BY FARM BUREAU

Township Quotas Are Established for Membership Campaign by Watauga Farm Group; G. D. Barnett is Named Chairman Membership Campaign

At an enthusiastic membership committee meeting held at the Carolina Cafe in Boone on Thursday night, Sept. 5, final plans were made for the annual membership drive of the Watauga County Farm Bureau.

Watauga's quota for this drive as set by the State Farm Bureau, is 300. Last year the membership reached 156. Several of this number should renew memberships at this time, it is stated. The membership committee feels like the county should have a larger quota than 300, since the county is a leader in agriculture in Northwest North Carolina.

Acting on this it was voted to set township quotas as follows: Bald Mountain 25, Beaver Dam 50, Blowing Rock 25, Blue Ridge 35, Boone (town only) 25, Brushy Fork 30, Cove Creek 50, Elk 10, Laurel Creek 35, Meat Camp 40, New River 40, North Fork 10, Shawneehaw 20, Stony Fork 30, Watauga 60. This gives us a quota of 485 which we can easily reach if all members of the membership committee will add as many as 10 new members to what we already have.

G. D. Barnett was elected chairman of the membership drive and the following men were selected to form the membership committee: Bald Mountain: W. F. Norris and R. F. Vannoy, Beaver Dam: D. F. Greene, (Continued on page 8)

LOCAL HI SCHOOL ENROLLS 400

Appalachian High Breaks Former Enrollment Records; Many Faculty Changes

Appalachian High opened with the largest enrollment of the history of the school. Including the 12th grade for the first time, nearly four hundred students enrolled on the opening day of the term.

The returning faculty members this year were Mrs. Gordon Nash, Miss Winona Williams, Miss Elsie Stogner, Mrs. James B. Winkler, Mr. Harold Quincy, Miss Martha Grey, Mr. R. L. Tait, Mr. Gordon Nash, Miss Margaret McIntyre, and Mr. Weir, principal.

The new teachers which were employed to teach this year are Mrs. Margaret Gragg who is replacing Mr. Williams, Miss Flora Alexander, is replacing Miss Jane Grey in the social studies department; Miss Betty Gabriel is replacing Mrs. Hugh Daniel in the girls phy. ed. dept; Miss Ruth Gilreath is replacing Miss Mary Madison in the biology department; Willard C. Tripp is replacing Miss Dorn in the physics and chemistry department; Ben Simpson is replacing Miss Bruton in the mathematics department; Miss Helen Parrott is replacing Mrs. Edna James in the home economics department. Mrs. Maxwell is an additional teacher hired to teach art and Mrs. Dorcas Gomedela is an additional teacher hired to teach math and English.

For the first time, Appalachian high is offering art as one of the regular subjects. Approximately 50 students have taken advantage of this new course and are enrolled in the art classes.

The eight grade curriculum has been changed to include a course in reading which is taught by Miss Flora Alexander. The main purpose of this course is to increase the reading ability of all eighth grade students.

Band has been included in the regular high school schedule and students meet it during the regular high school schedule the same as the other subjects.

On Friday morning in assembly program, Mr. Hartsell led the school in a community sing. This (Continued on page 8)

Curb Market Closes Successful Season

The Curb Market, which has been in operation this summer, under the sponsorship of the home demonstration clubs of the county, closed on Friday, September 6th, until next summer.

The sellers were well pleased with the amount they made this year, and are looking forward to a larger and better market next summer. We hope to have a greater variety of products next year also.