

## KING STREET

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MRS. GRADY TUGMAN brightens our office with a big vase of beautiful white roses. Thanks a lot . . . they make us feel more cheerful . . . Rev. Sam Moss delivering Memorial Day sermon to scantily filled church . . . Only a handful of veterans present . . . folks soon forget the "blood, sweat and tears," it would seem . . . dead cat rapidly becoming a part of the soil along the street . . . live cat stalking baby robins . . . a rainy Sunday . . . kiddies faces partially hidden in big slices of watermelon . . . youngster working on bike by the roadside . . . children taking part in various vacation Bible schools around the city . . . and busy housewives taking time out to work with these future citizens . . . and showing them the right way . . . business men arguing politics . . . Watt Gragg making plans for attending the Philadelphia convention . . . Rob Rivers thinking of going to the same town to a different meeting . . . Workmen finishing the work of razing the E. S. Coffey house . . . one of the old landmarks about the town, the house is perhaps 50 years old, and was one of the town's finest in its day . . . workmen, used to cull lumber, marvel at the 24-foot clear white pine beams, used in framing the big house . . . Most of the old dwellings along the street are gone . . .

RELATIVELY FEW of the eligible Democratic voters of the county had enough interest in their government to vote in the State primary last Saturday. In the State of a possible nine hundred thousand qualified to take part in the primary, about four hundred thousand appeared and marked a ballot . . . Even though the men being nominated, were actually being elected at the same time . . . We worry no end about Joe Stalin and the prospects of his taking over the land . . . We ought to worry more about the possible death of our system from within, due to growing apathy . . . The right to vote is no longer considered man's greatest heritage . . . Failure to vote can only result in government by the minority . . . in a land which cherishes the idea of government by the majority.

SURE, we perched ourselves on the end of the twig as regards the Senatorial race . . . lot of other folks did the same thing . . . Perhaps the wish was father to the thought . . . Closeness of the Johnson-Scott race amazed the most of the politically-minded . . . Both sides girding for another show-down fight the end of the month . . . typhoid clinics being held . . . disease all but wiped out by vaccines and improved sanitation facilities . . . Chamber of Commerce finds lots of folks interested in coming to Boone . . . talk of centennial celebration here next year . . . continued showers give hills a face-lifting . . . the high price of real estate . . . the scarcity of housing and the prospect of a banner college term . . .

LAST WEEK our prediction that Scott and Johnson would get the bulk of the primary vote in Watauga county, and for a change, we made a rather good prediction . . . Where we got into trouble, and received a bit of kidding was over the statement that young Albright would get a "sizable" vote. Frankly, we don't know how many votes "sizable" would mean . . . but since Webster defines the word as meaning "of suitable size or bulk", we might have been right after all . . . To one who did not vote for the personable young fellow, it would appear that he received a vote in Watauga of suitable size.

## Clothing Expert To Aid Club Girls

On Tuesday, June 8, Miss Julia McIver, clothing specialist, State College will be in Boone to give a demonstration for the 4-H Club girls of Watauga county, on "Making a Dress." This demonstration will be at the American Legion Hut at 10 a. m.

"Iron Curtain" cracks to admit student visitors. Snyder forecasts return to deficit financing next year.

## DEFEATS SENATOR UMSTEAD



Former Governor J. Melville Broughton, who won the seat held by Senator William B. Umstead in Saturday's voting, Broughton's lead is more than twenty thousand, and may be upped with the official State Board tally of the results.

## Huge Whiskey Cargo Turned Over to State

### Mrs. L. L. Critcher Claimed By Death

Mrs. Lillie Howell Critcher, wife of L. L. Critcher, pioneer merchant of Boone, died at the home last Saturday following a long period of indisposition. She was 80 years old, and had been a resident of Boone for about forty years.

Funeral services were conducted at the late residence Monday afternoon by Dr. W. G. Bond of the Boone Baptist Church. Rev. Raymond Hendrix assisted in the rites and the body was interred in the family plot in the community cemetery.

Pallbearers were: W. C. Greer, A. J. Edmisten, Raleigh Cottrell, Howard Cottrell, B. H. Watson, J. C. Cook, Don Howell, S. C. Webster, Brainard Watson, I. T. Barnett. Flower girls were: Mrs. John Marsh, Mrs. W. C. Greer, Mrs. Floy Mast, Mrs. Eric Adams, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Benfield, Mrs. Verner Benson, Mrs. Hale Vance, Mrs. W. R. Cottrell, Mrs. D. J. Cottrell, Mrs. Leroy Wilson, Mrs. Joe Cook, Mrs. R. K. Bingham, Mrs. Lula Bingham, Mrs. Jim Cooke, Mrs. L. L. Bingham, Mrs. Helen Trexler, Mrs. Grady Farthing, Miss Sallie Ray, Miss Lelia Ray, Mrs. E. M. Cook, Mrs. Paul Coffey, Mrs. Homer Critcher, Mrs. Dean Cook, Mrs. Esteile Grayson, Mrs. Mayme Donnelly, Mrs. Anne Yates, Mrs. D. L. Wilcox, Nancy Adams, Ann Cottrell, Catherine Benson, Mrs. Brainard Watson, Mrs. B. H. Watson. Mrs. Critcher was married to (Continued on page 4)

### Sheriff Watson Delivers 232 Cases Liquor to State Warehouse.

Sheriff C. M. Watson and Accountant Paul A. Coffey, delivered to the Central Warehouse Co. in Raleigh, last week, 232 cases of whiskey, seized here and ordered by the court to be sold to the State ABC system for the benefit of the school fund.

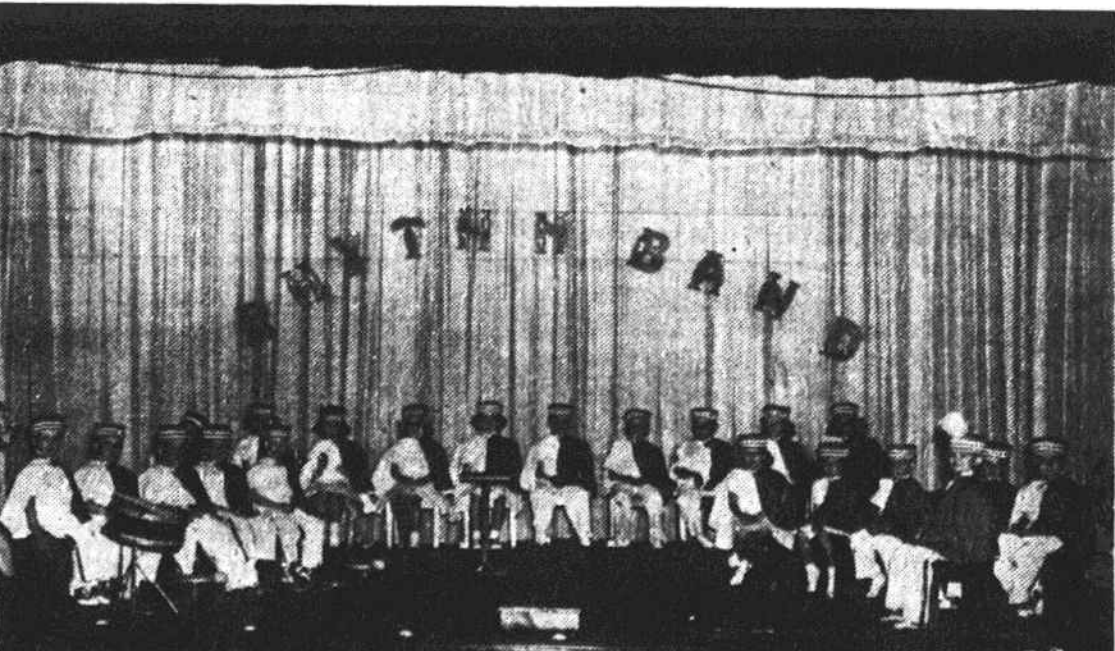
The whiskey cargo was seized on highway 421 some time ago by State Patrolmen T. G. Roberts and R. B. Parker, and Travis Triplett of Wilkes county, the driver of the truck, was fined three thousand dollars by Judge Nettles at the April court term. It was also decreed that the truck and the spirits be sold and the proceeds go to the school fund.

Sheriff Watson estimates that the amount received from the liquor will amount to eight or nine thousand dollars. The official warehouse receipt indicates that the following list of spirits was delivered by the local officials:

35 cases 5ths Seagram 7; 88 cases 5ths Seagram 7; 15 cases 5ths Calvert Reserve; 9 cases 5ths Schenley Reserve; 61 cases 5ths Calvert Reserve; 9 cases 1/2 pints Philadelphia; 15 cases 1/2 pints Calvert Reserve. Total 232 cases.

**STATE EXPENSES**  
The expenditures of state governments in their 1947 fiscal years totaled \$8,146,000,000 which was more than 25 per cent above the outlays a year earlier, according to the Commerce Department. Expenditures in the 1947 fiscal year were equal to \$59 per capita compared to \$49 in 1946 and \$41 in 1940.

## RHYTHM BAND APPEARS IN CONCERT



Mrs. Council Cooke presented the Rhythm Band on Friday, May 14, in their annual concert at Blowing Rock school auditorium. Musical Direction, Mrs. Albert Mullins. Maestro, Jackie Sharp. Alternate Maestro, Ted Cobb. Members of the Rhythm Band include Ken Miller, Nelson Storie, Jimmy Townsend, Thomas Corbett, Dale Luttrell, Terry Cannon, Ted Cobb, Perry Coffey, Hoyle Coffey, Gail Miller, Dare Hodge, Pat Coffey, Ernestine Pitts, Cora Brodyhill, Becky Earnest, Joyce Davis, Donald Holder, Mary Lentz, and Charles Craig.

## BROUGHTON WINS, JOHNSON LEADING SCOTT

Former Governor Defeats Senator Umstead by Substantial Margin; Johnson Has Plurality; Incumbents Are Renominated.

Raleigh, May 30—J. Melville Broughton, his election conceded by incumbent William B. Umstead, led his opponent by about 20,000 votes today in the Democratic primary for the United States senate with 1710 of 1952 precincts reported.

With 242 precincts not yet reporting the results of yesterday's voting, Broughton, 60-year-old Raleigh attorney and former governor of North Carolina, had an unofficial count of 183,703 votes and Umstead 163,827.

Broughton will meet Republican John A. Wilkinson of Washington, N. C., in the November election in this traditionally Democratic state.

A June 26 runoff for the governorship became necessary when State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, 57-year-old Pender county native, high man in the field of six, failed to gain a majority.

Johnson had 152,938 votes to 145,942 for runnerup W. Kerr Scott, 52-year-old former state commissioner of agriculture from Haw River.

Other gubernatorial votes: R. Mayne Albright, 69,463; Oscar Barker 10,289; Olla Boyd, 1,747, and W. F. Stanley, Sr., 1,972.

George M. Pritchard, Asheville attorney, was the unopposed Republican candidate for governor.

The lone Republican congressional contest in the 10th district saw Roy A. Harmon take a 1,969 to 1,208 lead over runnerup Louis G. Rogers. The margin, from 132 of 177 precincts, was not enough to assure him victory in the field of five without a runoff.

The total vote was about 400,000, scattered showers throughout the day contributing to a cut of about 100,000 in the expected tally.

There were five races for state positions in the Democratic primary. The winners were: Commissioner of Labor—Forrest T. Shuford of Raleigh; Treasurer—Brandon P. Hodges of Asheville; Lieutenant Governor—H. P. (Pat) Taylor of Wadesboro; Secretary of State—Thad Eure of Raleigh; and Auditor—Henry L. Bridges of Greensboro.

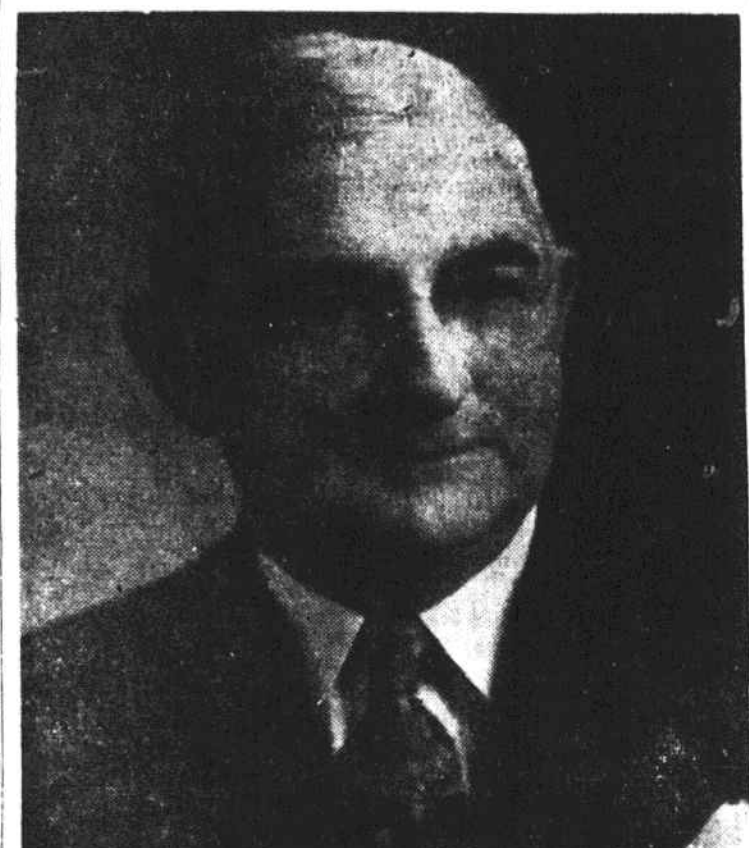
Shuford, Eure and Bridges are (Continued on page 4)

## Frank Triplett Wins Auto Race

Frank Triplett, Boone mechanic and garage operator was the winner of the stock car races held in North Wilkesboro Sunday, when veteran drivers from over the southeast fell short in the 50-entry speed classic.

Mr. Triplett's car, a 1938 Ford, especially equipped for the track by himself, was driven in the race by Marshall Teague of Daytona Beach. Mr. Triplett had entered three races before his entry took the purse.

## TAKES SMALL LEAD IN 6-MAN RACE



State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson who maintained a relatively narrow lead over his nearest opponent W. Kerr Scott in the six-man race for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Some observers believe the official tabulation of the vote will reduce the lead of Johnson to from 5,000 to 7,000.

## Junior Jaycee Group May Be Formed Here

### Winston-Salem Man Speaks On Aims of Junior Chamber Commerce

Mr. Lyn Leonard, president of the Winston-Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce meeting held last week, explained the objectives and purposes of his organization, and the Chamber went on record as favoring the establishment of a Junior group here. It was voted to lend every encouragement to the young men of the community in the formation of their proposed organization.

It was pointed out that Watauga will be 100 years old next year and Chairman Wilcox suggested that the next meeting would likely concern itself with making preliminary plans for a centennial celebration.

A committee composed of Wade E. Brown, Joseph Conderman, Clyde R. Greene and J. R. Craven was named to ascertain how many local people are interested in building hotels and tourist courts.

It was reported that many people are seeking residence in the community and that business firms are anxious to locate here. Mr. L. H. Smith reported that he has had a number of inquiries as to the establishment of motor courts here.

It was agreed that a new advertising folder would be prepared and delivered by January 1, 1949. Meantime, the Secretary was instructed to prepare leaflet giving pertinent information concerning the community, to take care of immediate needs.

## Agle President Of Lions Club

R. E. Agle, district manager for the Sams Theatres, was elected president of the Boone Lions Club at the meeting held last night.

In other elections for club officers Bill Dameron was elected secretary and treasurer; Howard Cottrell, first vice-president; Joe Crawford, second vice-president; Burleson, Valle Crucis; Betty Lou Clark, R. D. Hodges, Jr. and Joseph Conn, tail twisters; Raleigh Boone; Roberta Critcher, Boone; Robert Carl Day, Boone; Betty Jean Farthing, Boone; Mary Nell Farthing, Sugar Grove; Lenore Fischer, Boone; Bill Garvey, Boone; Elene O. Goodnight, Boone; Joyce Gragg, Boone; Ted Hagaman, Boone; Grace Sherwood Joyce, Boone; Verdola Keller, Boone; John T. King, Boone; Eugene Lyons, Boone; Harold Mast, Sugar Grove; Leo Mast, Sugar Grove; Kent Robinson, Reese; Clara Mae Shepherd, Sugar Grove; James Sherwood, Sugar Grove; Jeanne Shull, Valle Crucis; James Templeton, Boone; Catherine Vannoy, Boone; Jack Worrell and Marianne Worrell, Boone.

These newly-elected officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in July.

Guests for the evening were Lion Cecil Hackney of the Robins, N. C. Club and Bryan Collins, former Boone Lion.

### LEGION BASEBALL

The American Legion baseball club will meet Rutherfordton on College field in Boone Monday at 3 o'clock, in the first Legion game of the season.

## JOHNSON LEADS AS WATAUGANS CAST BALLOTS

Normal Local Vote Gives Impressive Lead to Johnson And Senator Umstead; The Vote By Townships; Watt Gragg G. O. P. Nominee.

Charles M. Johnson received a substantial majority over Kerr Scott in the voting in Watauga last Saturday, while Senator William B. Umstead carried the county handily over former Governor J. M. Broughton, as the normal number of partisans went to the polls.

The official count showed that Johnson received 766 votes as against 441 for Scott; Umstead garnered 782 to 415 for Broughton.

H. P. Taylor carried the county easily in his race with Don Tomkins for the Lieutenant-Governorship. The vote stood: Taylor 813, Tomkins 181.

Thad Eure, Secretary of State, nosed out John T. Armstrong by a vote of 924 to 111.

Henry L. Bridges, auditor got 695 votes as against 229 for Chas. W. Miller.

Brandon F. Hodges, running for State Treasurer tallied 935, James B. Vogler 95, Z. W. Fraze 23.

For Commissioner of Labor, Forest H. Shuford received 718 votes and D. B. Sherrill 239.

In the only Republican contest Watt H. Gragg, Boone, candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, received 323 votes as against 9 for G. L. Willard.

Since paramount interest developed in the race for Governor and United States Senator, the tally is given by townships:

Bald Mountain: Broughton 11, Umstead 33; Johnson 31, Scott 12. Beaver Dam: Broughton 140, Umstead 19; Johnson 86, Scott 24. Blowing Rock: Broughton 21, Umstead 47; Johnson 49, Scott 17. Blue Ridge: Broughton 0, Umstead 5; Johnson 0, Scott 6. Boone: Broughton 93, Umstead 168; Johnson 223, Scott 39. Brushy Fork: Broughton 19, Umstead 74; Johnson 48, Scott 48. Cove Creek: Broughton 35, Umstead 189; Johnson 182, Scott 35. Elk: Broughton 2, Umstead 6; Johnson 3, Scott 5. Laurel Creek: Broughton 18, Umstead 54; Johnson 53, Scott 23. Meat Camp: Broughton 9, Umstead 34; Johnson 10, Scott 32. Meat Camp no. 2: Broughton 0, Umstead 2; Johnson 2, Scott 2. New River: Broughton 31, Umstead 92; Johnson 41, Scott 76. North Fork: Broughton 4, Umstead 0; Johnson 4, Scott 0. Shawneehaw: Broughton 12, Umstead 13; Johnson 2, Scott 21. Stony Fork: Broughton 12, Umstead 24; Johnson 6, Scott 34. Watauga: Broughton 9, Umstead 34; Johnson 26, Scott 67.

The other four candidates for Governor received total votes as follows: Albright 21, Barker 3, Stanley 1, Boyd 0.

## Jack J. Mast Passes on Monday

Jack J. Mast, prominent citizen of the Sugar Grove neighborhood, died at the home there on May 31, after an extended illness. He was 74 years old and had spent his entire life in the home neighborhood, where he was a prosperous farmer and good citizen.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at the Willowdale Baptist Church. Rev. Mr. Vance and Rev. R. J. Starling will conduct the rites and interment will be in the Mast cemetery at Sugar Grove.

The widow, Mrs. Bessie Bingham Mast, survives, with five sons and five daughters: Carlton Mast, Seattle, Wash.; Henry Mast, Vilas; Ned, Thomas and Houston Mast, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Claude Watson, Alice Mast, Mrs. R. H. Simpson, Jr., and Elizabeth Mast, of Sugar Grove, and Mrs. Robert Rahe, Portland, Ore. Also one brother and two sisters.

### TELEPHONE RECORDERS

The Federal Trade Commission has set June 30 as the date on which automatic telephone conversation recording devices will become legal. Telephone companies then may collect special charges on phones having such devices and also must install a tone-warning system to let those taking part in the conversation know that a recorder is being used.