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BY
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WITH THIS EDITION, The Watauga Democrat completes its sixtieth year of continuous service to the people of the area . . . and at each anniversary the publisher always feels particularly grateful to the folks for their continuing support of the county paper, which for a large part of

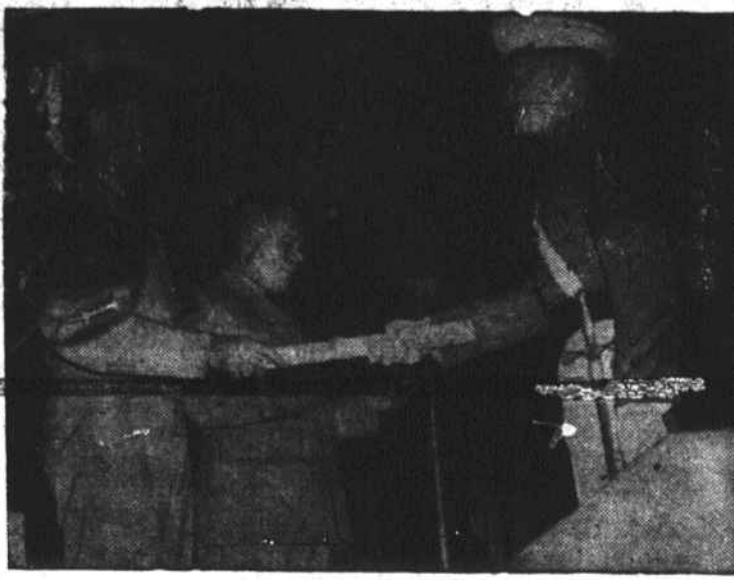
neighborhood far too small to provide an adequate livelihood for the publisher, and half-time farming in those olden days filled in the fiscal gap, and the paper lived on, while others in towns of comparable size went by the board throughout the years . . . Yes, we're happy for the patrons and the friends who have stuck by two generations of the Rivers family in their journalistic efforts . . . Time has a healing effect on frayed nerves, and only the pleasant occurrences of the long years are recorded in memory's diary . . . Boone's oldest business institution greets its many readers with the hope that the Watauga Democrat will be here, rendering an increasing measure of service to the community and the county for another three score years.

THE PRESENT PUBLISHER who was weaned on printer's ink, and who cut his teeth no doubt on type metal . . . learned the alphabet, and began to read before school age from playing with busted letters of type in the old "hell box" . . . was a fair type at the age of six, and rather indistinct on hanging around the old print shop, when it wasn't fishing weather, has had a pretty good time all along . . . He has enjoyed the evolution of the town from a tiny neighborhood built around the courthouse, to the best small city to be found in the area . . . likewise he has taken a pride in the growth of the Democrat . . . He was around a good many years, before the old Washington hand press gave way to the first power machine . . . saw the advent of the wheezy gas engine . . . its fuel had to be imported from Lenoir by wagon . . . He aided in wearing out the new machine, and negotiated for the present machinery . . . he helped ship away the old hand type to the smelter, and unboxed the first linotype machine . . . He's still seeing new equipment going on the floor, and feels a quickening of the pulse whenever a new gadget takes its place in the modern weekly newspaper plant . . . Yes, we've been around here for a good while . . . but not for the sixty years!

WATT GRAGG gets off to G. O. P. convention, happy as a jay bird, and the hosts of the Grand Old Party are busily engaged in the city of brotherly love in putting a presidential ticket before the country . . . The party sees the green light for the first time in sixteen years . . . the party faithful from the vineyards where the ballots grow are naming the man who likely will be the next President of the United States . . . That's the general opinion . . . a few however, insist that you'd better not lay down your money at the pari mutuel window till you see the guy who is going to jockey Jumbo in the fall sweepstakes . . . Orthodox Democrat allows there's one bright spot on the political horizon—he will be able to cuss the Washington government again . . . something he hasn't been able to do for sixteen years . . . Democrats going to make another pass at naming a candidate for Governor Saturday . . . Candidates Johnson and Scott trying to warm up an apathetic electorate . . . Many see a smaller vote than when the ballots were cast four weeks ago . . . Republican campaigning for Scott . . . another saying that won't help him . . . still wish the folks would get out and vote for somebody!

LARGE CROWDS gather at Winkler Motor Co. for showing of new model Fords . . . general public approval of the new vehicles . . . Letcher Teague, veteran taxicab operator, occupying his new stand on Depot Street . . . Kiddies getting a bang out of giving Pop a token of their esteem on Father's Day . . . Business man loading building blocks into rear of his auto . . . Snooks Linney looking after the pruning of the trees on his spacious lawn . . . (Continued on page 4)

IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



At U. S. Military Academy graduation exercises at West Point, William C. Buckner, son of the late General Simon Bolivar Buckner, received his commission as a second lieutenant in the army from Major General Maxwell Taylor, Academy Superintendent. The fledgling officer's father died in the Pacific in the last war while leading American troops against the Japs.

1,525 Local Vehicles Pass State Inspection

YOUTHFUL HERO



Joseph Fisher, 11, of Washington joins Bob Feller, of the Cleveland Indians in a bit of refreshment after saving the life of a youngster by pushing him out of the path of an auto. Feller presented Joseph with a U. S. savings bond, a citation, a gold medal, and a popsicle!

Dairy Foods Contest is Slated

The first Dairy Foods Demonstration contest ever to be held in Watauga county will be held June 30, 2:00 p. m. in the Home Economics Department of Appalachian High School, according to Miss Norma E. Dillingham, assistant home agent.

The winners of this contest will go to Asheville July 15 to compete in the district contest. There are two teams entering, one from Bethel 4-H club, it's members are Maude Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Wilson, Reese, and Betty Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa L. Reese, Reese, N. C. The other team is from Boone Sr. 4-H club and it's members are Joyce Norris, daughter of Mr. Cloyd Norris, Rt. 2, Boone, and Rita Lee Norris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Norris, Rt. 1, Boone.

The judges for the contest are Miss Madgen Ryan, Mrs. Marjorie Pittman, and Mrs. Eileen Goodnight, all from Appalachian State Teachers college.

Miss Dillingham urges anyone who is interested to attend the contest.

To Give Instructions At Frozen Food Plant
Miss Nita Orr, extension home economist in food conservation, will give a demonstration on preparation of fruits and vegetables for the Locker Plant on Friday, June 25th at 2:00 p. m. The demonstration will be held at the Frozen Foods Plant and will begin promptly at 2:00 instead of 10:00 a. m. as was announced in last week's paper.

Inspection Lane to Return to Boone Later in The Year

Roy Phillips, manager of the Motor vehicle inspection lane, which closed here last week, tells the Democrat that 1,525 of the 2,683 cars registered in Watauga county, have been inspected, and that of the number going through the lane, 1,385 passed inspection and were given blue stickers.

Mr. Phillips states that the lane will return to Boone later this year for a short period, so that the remaining cars may be inspected. Notice of the new dates will be given later.

Ladies Night At C. of C. Planned

The ladies night meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Baptist Church basement Tuesday evening June 29, when President H. W. Wilcox states the group will arrive at a decision on whether or not the proposed centennial celebration will be promoted here for 1949.

Special entertainment will feature a travel movie reel, in technicolor, entitled "Shortest Way Home," giving 35 minutes of sightseeing through the most scenic regions of America.

Other matters to take the attention of the meeting will be the possibilities of building a modern tourist court, issuing a new folder, preparing articles for travel magazines, and the best way of advertising Boone during the remainder of this season and next winter.

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are invited to attend. Reservations should be made by turning in your reservations to Mrs. Pearl L. Bingham.

The Secretary's office is being moved to the Linney building on Main Street.

Legion Takes Two Victories
Last week Coach John Hollars American Legion boys won two out of three games to remain at the top of the standings in the area. Monday night under the light the fast moving Boone team lost the first game of the season to Marion.

COLLEGE TOTAL FOR SUMMER TOPS RECORDS

Enrollment at Appalachian One Thousand and Forty-Eight as Institution Has Its Most Auspicious Opening of Summer School Term.

Appalachian State Teachers college opened its summer session this past week with the largest beginning summer school enrollment in the history of the college. The total number of students enrolled now stands at 1048. A number of students who will report Monday to enroll in the practice teaching courses, and those registered for the two weeks course beginning July 6, will swell the total for the first term to well over 1100, it is estimated here.

Appalachian is offering a master's degree this summer for the first time. 186 students are taking the graduate work, and 862 are enrolled for undergraduate courses.

The enrollment includes the largest number of North Carolina students ever enrolled in the summer school, with a total of 880. However, eleven other states and one Territory are represented in the student body by the additional 168 students.

86 of North Carolina's one hundred counties are represented. There are 96 counties in other states with students enrolled.

Following North Carolina's 880 students, South Carolina is second with 65. Florida has 33, Virginia 25, Georgia 24, Tennessee 7, Maryland 5, Kentucky 3, Pennsylvania 2, and one each from Mississippi, Michigan, Indiana, and Puerto Rico.

In the number of graduate students enrolled North Carolina also leads with 142, followed, in order, by South Carolina with 16, Florida 11, Georgia 9, Virginia 5, Kentucky 3, and Tenn. 1.

A number of visiting faculty members were added to the regular faculty for the summer term, most of them in the graduate school. Among these are Mildred C. Herring, librarian in Central high school, Greensboro, Library Science; Dr. William F. Beck, history professor at Mary Baldwin college, History; Dr. Kenneth J. Frasure, assistant principal, University high school, Champaign, Illinois, Education; Dr. Eleanor Haegels, instructor in Early Childhood Education, Temple University, Education; Dr. J. J. Engerrand, Wittenburg college, French; Dr. Alton C. Morris, English at the University of Florida and editor of the Southern Folklore Quarterly, English; Evelyn Montgomery, head of the department of Modern Languages, Okmulgee high school, Oklahoma, Critic in French and Spanish; Dr. Mike Wright, head of department of Biology, Tusculum college, Biology; Ruth Robinson, primary supervisor of the Bristol, Va. city schools, Primary Education; Dr. Benedict A. Hall, associate professor of biology at Dennison University, Biology; Dr. David H. Briggs, head of department of education and psychology, Maryville college, Psychology; Dr. Leo R. Miller, principal of the Thacher School, Kansas City, Education; Dr. J. C. Peele, dean of Florida Southern college, Education; Rosa Veal, teacher of third grade at Burriss Demonstration school, Ball State Teachers college, Writing; Dr. Margaret K. Walraven, instructor for the extension division of Southern Methodist University, children's book editor of the Dallas Times Herald, author of "Library Guidance for Teachers" and "Teaching Through the Elementary School Library", Library Education. Dr. Walraven is the secretary of the American Association of School Librarians.

Added to the music faculty is Nicholas Erneston, B. M. of Shenandoah Conservatory and M. M. from Cincinnati Conservatory, who will teach violin. Homer M. Keever, B. D. and M. A. from Duke University and teacher in the Cool Spring school, will teach in the social studies department. Miss Mary Lois Staton has been added to the department of grammar grade education.

Since the rooming facilities of the college would not permit all students to live on the campus, a large number is being taken care of in the town.

LAYING DOWN RULES TO MARSHALL



General George C. Marshall, Secretary of State, who more often had a voice in laying down the rules, lends an ear to Packy Doyle, member of the Sun Valley staff, explains the rules before the statesman entered into a game of softball. Mrs. Marshall joined the General in his vacation at Sun Valley, Idaho.

First Band Concert To Be Held Next Friday

PREMIER



Dr. Wong Wen-Hao, noted geologist and chairman of the national resources commission, who has been named premier of China, is shown above. As president Chiang Kai-Shek's compromise choice, the 59-year-old Dr. Wong was confirmed by the legislative yuan 439 to 94.

Singing on the Mountain Sunday

The twenty-fourth annual pentecostal singing on the mountain will be held the fourth Sunday in June, the 27th day, on the Yonahlossee Road at the base of the Grandfather Mountain.

Mr. J. L. Hartley of Linville, chairman of the singing, invites all singing classes in western Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and South Carolina to attend, and says "there will be plenty on the ground to feed a multitude."

All Star Game Creates Interest

Much interest is being shown as the time draws near for the big July 3 all-star game between two hand-picked teams from the east and west of the county.

Manager John Hollars states the teams are battling right down to the last for the standings that will enable them to place more men on the honor team.

Bamboo has already sewed up first place and Blowing Rock second in the eastern half. Dor-man Cook popular playing manager of Bamboo will pilot the eastern team.

The low point in meat supplies for 1948 probably will be reached between July and September.

LOCAL VOTERS LACK INTEREST IN STATE VOTE

Johnson and Scott Go into Final Lap of Gubernatorial Race; Light Vote is Seen in Next Saturday's Balloting Johnson Carried Watauga.

So far no great interest has developed locally in the Democratic primary, next Saturday, when Charles M. Johnson and Kerr Scott go into the finals of a long and bitter fight, with the Governorship of the State constituting the winner's purse.

In the first campaign six candidates were in the field, and Johnson had a lead of something over 8,000 votes. Since party rules call for a majority nomination, Candidate Scott asked for the second primary, and both candidates and their friends have been trying to arouse an apathetic electorate during the intervening four weeks. Some of the more political minded folks in the State doubt that any big turnout of the voters will result from this last campaign—some even predicting that the total may be as much as a hundred thousand short of the tally in the first.

At any rate, Saturday is primary day again, and all qualified Democratic electors are entitled to vote for one of the two candidates in the field.

Watauga county cast 1232 votes in the first primary, which was considered something near a normal turnout. Some of those interested in the voting say the vote will be larger Saturday—others look for a shrinkage, but it may be expected at the last minute there will be some kindling of interest in the forthcoming battle of the ballots.

Johnson carried the county handsily in the first go-round, garnering 768 as against 441 for Scott. Only 25 votes were cast for the other candidates. Of these Albright received 21, Barker 3, and Stanley 1.

Heirs Elizabeth Perry Being Sought in State

Chicago, Ill., June 24. — Mrs. Elizabeth Perry Benbow, who would be 87 years old, if living, and therefore, "more likely her children or grandchildren, are being sought in North Carolina to claim a \$10,000 estate to which they are unknowingly the heirs.

This became known here today when Walter C. Cox, probate geologist, 208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, who specializes in tracing missing relatives to settle estates, assumed charge of the hunt with scant clues on which to proceed.

"Mrs. Benbow, whose maiden name was Perry," Mr. Cox said, "was born in New England in about 1859. When a young woman, she married Benbow, whose first name is unknown, and the couple went to somewhere in North Carolina to live.

"Under the laws and circumstances applying, only Mrs. Benbow, if living, or her children or grandchildren, are entitled to claim the estate. There is reason to believe that she or her descendants are still located in North Carolina."

Three Local Men Enlist in Navy

The following local men joined the navy at the local recruiting station Monday:

Dolphus Ned Lyons, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Lyon of this city.

Honie William Lunford, son of Daniel Lunford of Sugar Grove.

Wiley William Danner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Danner of Boone.

The three men will go to Huntington, W. Va. for their final physical tests. If they are approved they will go to Great Lakes Naval Station for their basic training.

SAVES BABY, DIES

Newark, N. J.—Minding the baby while her mother was out shopping, the dress of Barbara De Couse, 7, caught fire from the kitchen gas range. She rolled on a bed, extinguishing the flames, setting fire to the bed. Barbara snatched her two-month-old sister, Paula, from her crib and ran to the home of a neighbor. She saved the baby, but died in a hospital as a result of her burns.

Appalachian Band to Appear in Series of Six Summer Concerts Here.

The Appalachian Summer School Band will present its first in a series of six summer outdoor concerts this Friday evening at seven o'clock. The concerts will be presented on the college campus adjoining the fountain in front of the Administration building. The public is cordially invited to attend these outdoor programs.

The band consists of fifty members ranging from grammar grade students to graduate students in college, all of whom participate purely for the enjoyment of presenting light popular music as will be presented on all the programs.

Concerts for the summer are scheduled for the following Friday evenings: June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, and August 20.

Community Sing At Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, June 22. — A community sing will be held here Sunday July 4 at 8 o'clock on the green of the city park, or if the weather is rainy, in the auditorium of the high school.

There will be songs by quartets from Watauga county churches, and the Blowing Rock Rotary Club, also colored groups will contribute spiritual and special numbers.

The invitation to the general public to attend concludes with: "Let us worship the Lord in song and praise. Let us praise Him with music for His wonderful works for the children of men."

PRESIDENTIAL VOTING TONIGHT

The program of the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, calls for the start of the balloting on a presidential nominee tonight, although it is explained that voting may actually be deferred to Thursday.

The first two days of the convention were devoted to speech-making, drafting of a platform and routine organization business.

Thomas E. Dewey appears to be the leading contender for top honors, and his cause got a boost when Senator Edward Martin, Pennsylvania's favorite son candidate, withdrew Tuesday and announced he would place the New York Governor in nomination.

Wildlife Group to Name New Officers

The Watauga Wildlife Club will hold a picnic supper Wednesday evening, June 30, on the lawn of Mrs. F. A. Linney in Boone at 7:00. In case of rain the supper will be held at Legion hut. Officers for the coming year will be elected at that time.