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KING STREET

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THE USUAL SMALL TOWN GOSSIP has given way to bigger things in the past few days . . . to the naming of a president, a Governor, and the failure to name a different negro to wear the belt of the heavyweight champion of fistiana . . . the so-called wise guys were, many of them, even offering to lay their money on the line that Dewey could not get the number one C. O. P. post a second time . . . The little man from the big state did that and with ease . . . Likewise a lot of "in the know" information was that the Democratic organization of the State would not break down — not yet . . . but Charlie Johnson took a drubbing from Kerr Scott, dairy operator, and sort of general political house-cleaner . . . Some of the boys along the Street laid down their coin on Jersey Joe Wolcott to eliminate Joe Louis from the boxing championship. It just wouldn't work . . . The "brown bomber" laid the Jersey contender low and limber just when he decided to . . . so all in all, the Street hasn't done so well in its considered opinions of what is likely to happen on the big town stage . . . and of course most everybody still contends he was right . . . and that fate, destiny, or what have you, was all wet.

PAYING A VISIT TO THE CASCADES . . . scenic spot on the Parkway, where a man was dashed to bits the other day . . . Go out to the shady nook ever so often . . . like it . . . but this time, like so many others, perhaps went to try to figure out how the victim of the accident thought it would be possible to take a shower under the first c. 'he precipitous falls made by the cold mountain stream as it plunges down its rocky way . . . There's a little ledge, where the poor fellow probably imagined he could stand in the cooling mountain water . . . a circus performer probably could . . . but a barefoot boy would never try . . . we would recall from many a fishing trip, just how slippery rocks become in these mountain streams . . . anyway the fact that this peaceful glen had seen stark tragedy didn't dampen the ardor of the folks who kept moving in and out of the woods to the picturesque waterfall.

CHESTNUT SPROUTS continue to grow for brief periods around the stumps of the trees which were struck dead near twenty years ago . . . They grow for a period, and die from the same old blight that killed the parent tree . . . the clean and well-kept parking and recreational areas along the Parkway . . . folks still respect the authority of the Federal government, to a degree, at least . . . the magnificent spread of the mountain ranges . . . The handsome new Three Forks Church . . . The increasing number of dairy cows as milk routes spread over the country . . . Jim Brown, preacher, carpenter, auctioneer, offering to sell anything for the high dollar . . . business men talk of the inevitability of an economic shake-up after the election, no matter who wins . . . State employees wondering what they'll be doing after the first of the year . . . man sipping coffee and delivering classic talk to a companion on the need of less selfishness and more genuine honesty . . . hustling about to get ready for church, and getting all squared up and ready about midway of the service . . . fellow hopes Dewey will clean-out the internal revenue department . . . he will, but there most likely will still be income tax laws . . . Another wants Scott to boot out all State employees . . . Wade Lewis, native Watauga, coal miner for forty years, lauds John L. Lewis . . . says he has been a god-send to the miners and others . . . always argued there was two sides to the matter . . . Watt Gragg back from Philadelphia, full of vim, vigor and hope . . . was for the right man . . . W. C. Greene back from a trip to the far west . . . says crops in the farm belt look good, but that building operations are definitely slowing down over the country.

FOLKS continue to show us their friendship by stopping by and leaving a pat on the back, a word of commendation or just a good-natured "howdy" . . . Others like to leave a little something on the desk for the

CALLING ALL YOUNG MEN



By a vote of 78 to 10 the Senate passed the peacetime draft bill which would call up men aged 19 through 25 for two years of military duty. Shown following passage of bill by the Senate are Senate armed services committee members, left to right: Senators Raymond E. Balwin (Rep. Conn.); Leverett Saltonstall, (Rep. Mass); Chairman Chan Gurney (Rep. S. D.); Millard Tydings (Dem., Md); and Richard B. Russell (Dem., Ga.)

Foot Slips, Man Dies In Fall From Parkway Cliff

NOMINEE



Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, who was chosen by acclamation as the Republican candidate for the Presidency, at the party's national convention in Philadelphia last week.

Body of Kannapolis Man is Crushed at Bottom of Scenic Waterfall.

Clyde Smith, 38 years old, a resident of Kannapolis, met instant death, when he slipped and fell more than 175 feet down the granite face of the Cascades, a scenic waterfall on the Parkway, four miles from Deep Gap. Companions said Smith disrobed and attempted to "take a shower" near where the swift mountain stream starts its mad dash down the mountainside, and apparently his foot slipped, catapulting him 175 feet down the sheer cliff. Death was thought to have been instantaneous. The body was said to have been badly broken, but a crushed skull was said by Coroner Richard E. Kelly of Boone, to have been the cause of death. Accompanying Mr. Smith were his nephew, James M. Smith and Miss Dina Mozelle Childers, both of Kannapolis. The accident occurred while the Kannapolis people were on a brief vacation trip in this area. Mr. Smith was said to be survived by his parents who live at Hiddenite. No funeral arrangements were disclosed here. Forest service rangers, who investigated, said that while Mr. Smith's companions were apparently suffering from severe shock, and seemed confused as to details, such evidence as they gathered, indicates that the death resulted from an accident.

All-Star Game Next Saturday

Large crowds from every community in the county are expected to assemble at the college field in Boone at 3 o'clock Saturday to watch their favorites in the county's first annual all-star game. The squads, hand-picked at a meeting of the managers show much class and a close ball game is expected by all. The west seems to have the edge in the pitching department with Deck Rominger, the league leader, with seven victories to one defeat. The east will have the edge in hitting with such sluggers as Dorman Cook, Carter Lentz, Hugh Hampton coming up with good averages. Mayor Gordon Winkler will throw out the first ball. There will also be a game Sunday July 4, which will see Bert's Raiders meet Foscoe on the local diamond. The game is scheduled for July 3 at 3 o'clock. Admission will be 25 and 50 cents. In case of rain the game will be played at the same time Monday July 5.

No Crimson Clover Being Provided

Due to inability of local dealers to handle crimson clover seed at the recommended fair price, the Watauga County AAA Committee will not be able to issue any purchase orders for crimson clover seed this year. However, credit will be given and payment made to the extent of available funds for seed purchased and seeded before the closing date, which is October 1. Tickets covering the purchase of this seed must be presented when the report is made. Farmers are urged to carry out the winter cover crop practice, which includes crimson clover, Austrian winter peas, vetch and rye-grass. This is a real conservation practice and should not be overlooked. Decline in divorces last year noted in national survey.

DEWEY AGAIN TO LEAD GOP ON HUSTINGS

New Yorker Chosen for Presidential Race; Governor Warren Takes Second Place On National Ballot As Republicans Hold Convention.

Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. — The Republican Party today chose Thomas E. Dewey-Earl Warren ticket today and closed their convention cheering for a coast-to-coast victory hope in November's presidential elections. California's Governor Warren got the vice presidential nomination by acclamation once New York's Governor Dewey, unanimously nominated last night for the presidency, pointed him out as the man he wanted for a running mate. The gravel ending the 24th National Republican convention banged down at 12:30 p. m. (EST). Chairman Joe Martin ended it on the same note hit on Monday when it opened—victory. Just before the session's end, he introduced Warren as the "next Vice-President of the United States."

The cheering delegates left no doubt they believed him—that this is the year the GOP can end sixteen years of Democratic rule. Warren in an acceptance speech pledged "every bit of loyalty in my make-up."

Mrs. Warren and the Governor's three daughters, Virginia, nineteen, Dorothy, seventeen, and Nina, fourteen accompanied him to the platform.

The smiling family group posed for five minutes for pictures. Mrs. Warren wore a blue suit and a wide-brimmed white hat. Warren took the speaker's stand and drew a laugh at the outset by saying:

"For the first time in my life I know what it feels like to get hit by a streetcar."

"Yesterday, I received something of a jolt. I had no idea I am sure that there was any such shock awaiting me as today. And before you change your mind I want to say—I accept."

"Now the reason that I am so quick to say that is that I have not yet recovered my breath, much less my thoughts. "If I let it go any longer, I'm afraid I'll forget to say even that."

"I am more grateful to you than you know for the great honor that you have given me."

Sing Feature at Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, June 23.—A big Fourth of July sing will be held Sunday evening at 8 o'clock on the village green. If it rains the High School auditorium will be used.

The Appalachian summer school band will contribute numbers and there will be quartets from several Watauga county churches, negro spirituals will be presented by colored groups, and the Rotary Club quartet featured—all this in addition to the community sing by all present. The singing will be directed by Norman Cordon, recently added to the staff of the University of North Carolina to promote interest in music in the State. All vocalists and lovers of music are particularly invited.

Thomas E. Moody Rites in Plant City

Mr. Thomas E. Moody, Jr., 63, a resident of Plant City, Fla., died June 23 at Watauga Hospital.

The body was returned to Plant City, where funeral services were held, and interment was in the Plant City Memorial Park.

Mr. Moody was the president of the Hillsboro State Bank in the Florida town, and had been making his summer home in Boone for ten years.

ON THE MOVE

America has been on the move since 1940. Statistic reveal that one-half of the entire population of the United States, or 70,000,000 persons, have moved at least once since April, 1940. Twelve millions moved to new states; 2,000,000 to the West Coast; 13,000,000 moved to a new county within the same state, and about 50,000,000 moved from one location to another in the same municipality.

U. S. side says ERP envisages no '48 buying from Argentina.

CAROLINA'S CHOICE



Kerr Scott, former Commissioner of Agriculture, who won the Democratic nomination for the Governorship over Charles M. Johnson, State Treasurer, last Saturday, by an impressive majority. Mr. Scott's majority is expected to be well over forty thousand, when the returns are officially tabulated.

Many Visitors Expected In Mountains on Fourth

LIONS LEADER



Dr. J. Whitener of the faculty of Appalachian State Teachers College, who was named Governor of district 31-A, North Carolina Lions, at the Lions Club convention held in Greensboro recently.

Erneston Added To Music Dept.

The music department of Appalachian State Teachers college has added to its regular faculty Nicholas Erneston, specialist in stringed instruments, and enrollments are now being accepted for class instruction and private lessons.

Mr. Erneston was graduated from Boyden high school, Salisbury, where he played concert master in the high school orchestra for four years. He holds a bachelor of music degree from Shenandoah Conservatory of Music, Dayton, Virginia, a master of music degree from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and will shortly receive his master of education degree from Cincinnati Conservatory.

Boone Juniors Defeat Asheville

Coach John Hollar's boys regained their batting eyes to defeat Asheville here Monday, 8-2. Big Carlock Greene went the route striking out 15 men.

Thursday the boys play Marion on the local field at 3:00. The game will go a long way in deciding the final standing of the Juniors in the State race.

POSTAL DEFICIT

For this fiscal year, the Post-office Department is expected to have a deficit of about \$300,000,000. It handled 640,740,000,000 pieces of mail.

Business Will Cease Monday As Local Stores Observe Holiday.

Tourist travel into Blowing Rock and Boone is expected to hit peak proportions this weekend as vacationists from every section of the country will arrive in the hill country for the Fourth of July holidays.

Since the fourth falls on Sunday, Monday will be observed as a holiday by most business firms everywhere, and in Boone, the merchants have planned to remain closed Monday, in order that they and their employees may celebrate independence day.

No formal celebration of the Fourth is planned locally, but the all-star baseball game Saturday is expected to draw large crowds from over the county.

Heavy travel is anticipated, not only in the mountain region, but in the coastal regions, and Motor Vehicles Commissioner L. C. Rosser has appealed to drivers to use an extra measure of precaution during the holiday week-end.

Recalling that eight persons lost their lives in highway accidents in Carolina during the Fourth last year Rosser said:

"Motorists will have to exercise real restraint on the highways during this busy week-end. Hold down your driving speed, stay in line on hills and curves. If you drink, don't drive. Observe all traffic regulations, signs and signals."

Curb Market to Open Friday

The Watauga Home Demonstration Curb Market will open on Friday, July 2, for its third season. The market, which is operated during the summer months under the sponsorship of the home demonstration clubs of the county, will be located on East Main Street, near the Adventist Church.

Each Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30, members of the home demonstration clubs will bring fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs, chicken and baked things to sell.

Notice to Advertisers in The Democrat

Due to the fact that the stores will be closed next Monday, the day the Democrat normally carries on its advertising solicitations, it will be necessary for the publisher to have advertising copy for next week's edition by the end of the current week. Advertisers will be called on Friday or Saturday, and their cooperation in letting us have their copy early this time will be appreciated.

SCOTT CARRIES COUNTY LARGE VOTE TALLIED

Local Trend Reversed in Second Primary as Scott Takes Lead Here; Vote Considered Large; The Official Tabulation by Townships.

Watauga county, which went for Charles Johnson by a narrow margin in the May 29 primary, did an about-face in the voting last Saturday and gave Kerr Scott, who carried the State overwhelmingly, a narrow majority.

Official returns indicate that Scott received 850 votes as against 802 for Johnson, thus carrying the county by 48 votes. This is an impressive local victory, considering the fact that Johnson carried the county in the first primary by a majority of 325. The first vote stood: Johnson 766, Scott 325.

The vote Saturday was the largest turn-out for a primary in a number of years, and upset the predictions by both Scott and Johnson leaders that the vote would likely be lighter than was the case in May.

The campaign locally was waged intensively, but without fanfare, both sides working quietly but effectively. Frank Baird of Valle Crucis managed the campaign for the victorious Mr. Scott while Austin E. South did the work for Charles Johnson.

The official vote by townships is as follows:

Townships	Johnson	Scott
Bald Mountain	29	19
Beaver Dam	20	71
Blowing Rock	63	25
Blue Ridge	—	12
Boone	200	122
Brushy Fork	49	90
Cove Creek	287	42
Elk	2	4
Laurel Creek	40	80
Meat Camp no. 1	11	82
Meat Camp no. 2	4	8
New River	44	133
North Fork	9	—
Shawneehaw	11	41
Stony Fork	8	64
Watauga	25	55
Totals	802	850

Ernest Eggers Burned in Crash

Ernest E. Eggers, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Eggers of Zionville, and a resident of Kinsport, Tenn., where he is employed as a driver for the Mason-Dixon Lines is in a serious condition in a hospital in Sweetwater, Tenn., as a result of a collision between his heavy trailer-truck and a pick-up vehicle near Madisonville.

Eggers was badly burned in the wreck, in which the Mason-Dixon truck burst into flames. The driver was en route to Atlanta, Ga. with a load of paint, varnish and steel.

Tennessee highway patrol officers Cpl. C. D. Simpson and James Waldrop reported that the trailer-truck crashed into the rear of a lighter vehicle driven by Henry Coltharp, while attempting to make a left turn off highway 41.

The impact of the collision caused the inflammable contents of the Mason-Dixon truck to explode, setting off a raging inferno. Patrolmen said Eggers was pinned in the cab of the heavy vehicle, and that when he was finally extricated almost all of his clothing had been burned off.

The driver of the pick-up escaped with minor injuries, while Eggers was rushed to the Sweetwater hospital, where attendants described his condition as "fairly serious."

Mr. Eggers, a native of Zionville, N. C., had worked for the Mason-Dixon lines for the past nine years.

Band Will Aid Antique Show

In connection with the Antique Show and Silver Tea which the Worthwhile Woman's Club is sponsoring Saturday, July 10, the Band will furnish a concert on the lawn between the Methodist and Baptist churches at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The antique show will be open to visitors between the hours of 2 p. m. and 9 p. m. Any person desiring to exhibit articles may do so by bringing them to the Baptist church by 11 a. m. on Saturday.