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ODDS AND ENDS: Cecil Critcher and family return to their home in Blowing Rock from Storie, Wyoming, where they had resided for more than a year. Cecil had been catching up with his hunting and fishing in the land of open spaces and distant horizons. . . . trickling of those who will be absent on election day, seek ballots to be cast under the absentee law. . . . Sonny Carico and his bride of Lynn, Mass., say hello to friends in the community. . . . cars creeping along on Howard's Knob road Sunday, as their occupants enjoyed the rare autumn scenery and the panoramic view of the town. . . . Sherman Hollar talks of the improvement in the lot of the farmer in recent years, and says he thinks beef on the hoof will be higher soon. . . . says market already strengthened locally. . . . Ralph Hartley and party return from deer hunting expedition in eastern Carolina with a fine buck. . . . others plan forays in quest of the white tails as seasons open in various sections. . . . Prof. Abernathy who does some farming down at the old home at Rutherford College, bring us the "proof of the pudding" . . . a monster sweet potato. . . . the yam, which no doubt could lay claim to some kind of championship honors, pulls down the beam to the 4 1/2 pound mark. . . . Democrats talk of the apathy of the voters. . . . some of the Republicans advance the same complaint. . . . Friday Teague passes us a couple of prime "punkins" . . . ready frosted, for our first pie of the season. . . . fisherman stands in the middle of the chilly waters of New River, casting a plug for the frolicsome bass. . . . late tourists shiver as they take a walk around town after nightfall.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Coach Duggins and his Appalachian Mountaineers for vanquishing the Catawba gridders in the toughest tilt the locals had on the current card. . . . The Duggins charges, raised on the short end of the odds, came through in fine style to take the lead in the North State Conference and to provide the homefolks with their most exciting week end of the fall. The Mountaineers are bringing honor to Appalachian and joy to the folks generally in their most outstandingly successful season since before the war. Odds are strongly in favor of Duggins holding right on, and ending the season undefeated. Congratulations!

THE OCCASIONAL voter who has troubled himself to find out something about partisan political history in the United States, and who gives out with a discourse on both the Hamiltonian and Jeffersonian concepts of government. . . . he is pretty nearly as rare as a dodo bird. . . . Greer Hodges, head of the local VFW Post, which has a membership of more than a hundred and an attendance of about 15, wanting his fellow veterans to come out and participate in organizational affairs. . . . Group arguing in behalf of old home remedies for all the physical ills of man. . . . boneset tea. . . . onion juice for croup. . . . a devil's brew from skunk cabbage for whooping cough. . . . Not to mention the buckeye or the Irish tater carried on the person to absorb the "miserics" and bring ease to a tortured body. . . . voter pining cause Warren and Barkley "are the top flight candidates in second place spots."

NEXT SATURDAY is the final day for voter registration. . . . Those who haven't formerly registered are required to get their names on the books this week. . . . or they just can't drop a ballot in the slot. . . . Many former residents of other areas have established their citizenship here during the past two years, hundreds have reached the age of 21, no doubt, since then, and all these must register if they want to participate in the November 2 balloting. . . . It is to be hoped that an apathetic electorate will become aroused this week to the extent of bringing about a full registration. . . . Governments, good and bad, are mirrors of the public will. . . . If you like your government, vote for its continuance, if you don't, supplant it with another—that's your privilege, the cherished, battle-won right. (Continued on page 4)

CACHE OF HEROIN IS FOUND



Customs officials, making a routine search of the S. S. Vulcania, after the vessel arrived in New York from Italy, unearthed a cache of pure heroin valued at upwards of \$250,000. Picture shows customs officials with confiscated opiates in federal customs house in New York. They are, left to right, Michael Connolly, Herman Lipski and Michael Munro.

Big Whiskey Plant Is Seized By Sheriff



John Locke Lewis, U. S. rail expert, went to the Holy land to whip the rail lines of the new nation into shape. He was mowed down by the Arabs. Photo shows Mr. Lewis (at left) with the manager of the Israeli railways, two days before his death.

Business Good As Fall Arrives

Washington — The Commerce Department reported last night that business picked up nicely as it moved into the Fall season, giving promise of a "sustained high aggregate volume."

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics recently forecast that foreign aid and defense spending assure high level activity until mid-1949 at least.

The Commerce Department review of the current situation described price trends as "more mixed than in the preceding months—with industrial prices higher and agricultural prices easing as the harvests were gathered."

The department said prices continued to advance in September for "a broad but not pervasive list of manufactured goods."

It made this distinction: "In those industries—such as textiles, leather and shoes—where demand backlogs are largely satisfied, prices have not risen as much as the average for the non-farm, non-food group."

P. T. A. SUPPER
The P. T. A. will sponsor a chicken and dumpling supper Thursday, October 21, from 5:30 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. at the high school lunch room. The price will be \$1.00. Tickets are now on sale. The proceeds will go to the two school lunch rooms. Come, bring your friends and help back up your schools.

RITEs ARE HELD FOR KIRCHNER INFANT
Rites for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Kirchner of Boone, were conducted Friday, at the Presbyterian Church by Rev. J. K. Parker, and interment was in the community cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, and two brothers, Gay and Randy of the home.

North Carolina's cows produced an average of 419 pounds of milk each during August.

MOUNTAINEER FOOTBALLERS DOWN INDIANS BY SCORE 20 - 13

Local Gridders Scalp Indians in Catawba's First Loss in Six Years; Wild Hysteria Accompanies News of Victory in Grid Classic.

Winston-Salem—A stout hearted Appalachian team, rocked back on its heels by the savage early attack of a fighting Catawba team, stormed back to smash over a pair of second period touchdowns and added another in the third to hand the Indians their first North State Conference loss in six and one half years by a 20-13 score here last Saturday night.

A scene of wild hysteria broke when the final gun went off. The Appalachian followers, jubilant over the Highland institution's first win over the Tribe in 11 years, poured on the field to lift the tired and happy victors to their shoulders.

RED HOT BATTLE
The Indians, who just wouldn't believe all the upset talk that was making the rounds before the battle and fought gamely to prevent it, at the end walked with heads bowed from the first defeat they had taken from a league foe since the late stages of the 1941 season—longer ago than most of the 7,000 fans assembled in this snug, attractive stadium could recall.

It was a rip-roaring, see-saw battle all the way and the Indians, with Johnny Coble pulling the trigger and firing sure shot throws, were knocking away on the App one-yard line when the final gun popped.

Walt Ragan lugged Elton Garlich's opening kick back to the Appalachian 26. A pair of line bucks failed and on third down Bill Cross tried the left side and fumbled, with Goodman recovering for the Indians on the App 19. Jack Ward in three cracks at the line rammed through for a first down on the nine. The Appalachian line rose to the occasion and threw back the threat, Bill Speechart losing back to the 16 on last down as a flock of Mountaineer tacklers roared in to blast him.

OVAL POPS HIGH
After an exchange of punts the Apps took over on their own 28 and drove back to the 31 on a pair of line bucks. Pete Mills whacked off the left side and fumbled, the ball scooting high into the air. Left End Art Claar of the Tribe raced under it and galloped down the sidelines for the Tribe's first score. Mills made a frantic effort to get him on the 20, but the Indian flanker shook him off and headed on home. Spears' kick was blocked and the Indians were in front 6-0 after a little over 10 minutes had gone by in the opening chapter.

Late in the first quarter Coble rolled a kick out on the Appalachian 12-yard line and the Mountaineers started to roll. Herman Bryson ripped through the middle to the 28. Mills spotted John Caskey heading downfield on the Catawba 40 and rifled a toss to him. It skidded off the big end's fingertips and then Bryson swung around right end, tore in to the open and raced to the Catawba 32 before Bobby Gore and Jack Ward nailed him. The Tribe line thundered through to drive the Apps back to the 40 and Bryson kicked out on the ten.

Doughton Heard At Bethel School
Congressman R. L. Doughton, of Sparta, was the principal speaker at a Democratic rally held at the Bethel High School, in Beaver Dam township, last Friday night, when a packed house, heard the veteran representative cite benefits accruing to the people under the Democratic administration, in his race for re-election.

A number of other Democratic candidates were present and delivered brief remarks. They included Dr. H. B. Perry, candidate for the State Senate from the 29th Senatorial district; Mrs. Mary S. Harris for the House of Representatives; Will Wibeberger and Charles Clay for county commissioners; Miss Helen Underdown, register of deeds, and C. F. Thompson for surveyor.

AT "RIGHTS OF MAN" MEETING



Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late President, is shown chatting with French government leaders at the Carbone, in Paris, where she addressed a meeting of the commission of the rights of men of the United Nations organization.

Saturday Last Day Voters May Register



Lieut. Com. E. Scott McCluskey, right, of Stuttgart, Ark., received nine awards for outstanding combat service as a fighter pilot during operations against the Japs in the Pacific. Vice Adm. J. D. Price, left, congratulates McCluskey at ceremony in Washington.

College Acts to Meet Challenge

There is now a definite challenge for teacher training institutions to improve their programs of teacher education, and for administrators to improve their programs of supervision for teachers in service. Appalachian State Teachers College is attempting to meet this challenge. During the coming year the college, under the direction of Herbert Wey, principal of the demonstration high school, will undertake a study of the difficulties experienced by student teachers during their first years' teaching experience, and of beginning teachers during their first year's teaching experience.

The college staff feels, that in so far as educators are able to analyze and anticipate the difficulties experienced by teachers and beginning teachers, they may assist in affecting more rapid and adequate adjustment on the part of these young people. The college is undertaking the study on the basis that if the work which presents difficulty, or which is imperfectly done by the beginning teacher, is known, then the college will be better able to prepare young teachers.

Student teachers, beginning teachers, and their superiors will be asked to make reports at definite intervals throughout the year. A personal interview will be held from time to time with each person, taking part in the study.

The values of such a study should be many. The data which will be collected will be of value to the teachers of professional courses leading up to student teaching and to supervisors of the student teachers. The information will also be of value to administrators and supervisors whose job it is to direct the work of the beginning teachers. The learning of school children will be facilitated insofar as the teachers, colleges and administrators know the difficulties that beginning teachers will experience and are able to help the beginning teacher eliminate or adjust to these difficulties.

Saturday is the last day for voters to register for participation in the general election of November 2, and registration will be open all day at the sixteen voting precincts of the county. Voters may also register between now and Saturday by contacting the registrar at his home.

Election officials explain that there is no new general registration, but that those who have become qualified to vote in the county since last election, cannot do so unless registered. Those who have registered formerly in one of the county books, need not appear.

For the convenience of the voting public the names of the various registrars are given herewith:

Bald Mountain: John Davis. Beaver Dam: Clayton Vines. Blue Ridge: M. O. Coffey. Blowing Rock: Parks Knight. Brushy Fork: Martin Herman. Boone: Howard Cottrell. Cove Creek: Allen Adams. Elk: Howard Hayes. Laurel Creek: Jurd Shull. Meat Camp: C. G. Hodges. Meat Camp No. 2: Ron Ragan. North Fork: W. C. South. New River: Grady Greer. Shawneehaw: Fate Townsend. Stony Fork: E. B. Hardin. Watauga: R. A. Olsen.

Apps Hold Lead In Conference

Greensboro—For the first time since the fall of 1941, the North State Conference has a new leader.

Although far from in as champions, Appalachian's Mountaineers moved into the drivers seat occupied so long by Catawba in defeating the Indians 20-13 Saturday night.

This was the first conference loss for Catawba since Elon turned the trick 8-7 in 1941.

The Tribe not only fell out of first place by its loss, but moved into a three-way tie for second with Western Carolina and Elon. Each has two victories and one loss.

Appalachian, yearly a contender, has one tie against its conference record and still must face three other league foes. However, Catawba plays only six conference games. Lenoir Rhyne and High Point, the other two in the running, also play eight games. Western Carolina plays but four.

Individual scoring leaders remained the same with Lee Spears adding a touchdown and an extra point against Appalachian for 48 points. Herman Bryson of Appalachian remained his closest pursuer with 42 points, counting a score in his team's victory.

Rites Are Held For A. N. Church

Abner Nelson Church, a lifelong resident of the Mabel neighborhood, died at the home on October 12, at the age of 73.

Funeral services were held at the Mabel Methodist Church at 2 o'clock, and interment was in the Mabel cemetery.

The widow, two brothers and one sister survive: Wiley M. Church, Mabel; John Church, of Derby, Iowa; Mrs. Sarah L. Davis of Mabel.

1948 PROGRAM OF AAA ENDS; NO FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE

Lessened AAA Appropriation Runs Out; No More Funds Till Next Year; Farmers Given Advice as to Future Farm Plans.

Due to the fact that there are no more funds available for the 1948 Agricultural Conservation program, the Watauga County AAA Committee have terminated the 1948 program. No more orders will be issued for this year. Applications for payment are being prepared for those who have made a full performance report and are being forwarded for payment. Farmers who have not used their materials and made a full performance report are urged to do so at once.

The county committee has officially started the 1949 program in order that many farmers may receive lime and phosphate this fall, or if they wish to buy this material and use them this fall, money may be obligated for payment. The county allocation is \$66,558.00, which is a little more than twice the 1948 allocation. Orders for lime and phosphate are now being accepted. Farmers may receive materials up to \$1 per acre of cropland and pasture plus \$5 for each farm up to 20 acres and \$3 for each farm above 20 acres. Further allocations may be made as funds are available.

No community committee will call upon the farmers to assist in filling out the 1949 worksheet. Farmers will come to the county office and fill out their worksheets and place their orders for materials. Any farmer who has made a full performance report for 1948 is entitled to receive materials on the 1949 program. In fact several farmers have already done this. The 1949 program is open to every farmer in the county.

Handbooks are being mailed to all farmers this week. If you fail to receive one, write or call upon the county office for your copy. Your attention is called to the fact that all practices for the coming year will require prior approval of the county committee. No more than 60 days will be given to carry out any practice for which prior approval is granted. An order for materials such as lime, phosphate and seeds constitute prior approval.

The cost of lime to the farmer this year will be \$1.45 per ton for delivery to the farm and \$2.45 per ton spread on the field. Either of these payments will be made at the time the order is placed. The credit rate will be \$2.10 per ton. The cost of phosphate to the farmer will be 62 cents for 18, 19 and 20%, and \$1.21 for 46 or 47%, per cwt. The credit rate will be 68 cents for 18 per cent, 72 cents for 19 per cent and 76 cents for 20 per cent and \$1.61 for 46 per cent and \$1.65 for 47 per cent per cwt.

All farmers who have filed prior approval for seeding small grain this fall must make their report by Nov. 1, unless not already reported.

Masons To Have Own Lodge Hall

Snow Masonic Lodge is to have a new home soon, it is learned from the officials of the fraternity who have closed a deal with W. R. Winkler for one-fourth interest in his new building on King near the courthouse.

Mr. J. E. Clay, secretary of the Lodge, who has taken an active part in negotiating the deal, says that considerable finish work remains to be done on the new hall, and hopes that those Masons who have skill with the saw and hammer will give of their time in completing the work.

It is hoped that the hall may be occupied by the first of the year.

First Snow Hits Area Monday

A considerable trace of snow was evident in Boone and environs Monday morning. The flurry was accompanied by near-freezing temperatures, and followed closely behind the first frost of the season which occurred last Thursday night.