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KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

BESIDE THE BALLOT BOX
"It took a thousand years to shape this box.
Only by centuries of struggle was that lock fastened
Upon it to preserve my ballot in honor."
One generation after another beat themselves against the door to this Room and died upon its threshold.
Before it opened to let me enter
And choose my government.

Dreamers and poets of liberty;
Martyrs and prophets of truth;
Soldier and seaman; statesman and philosopher;
All who have labored in the costly human march toward freedom—
These are my unseen companions beside the ballot box today."

AS THIS IS WRITTEN the folks are marching along to the polls to avail themselves of one of the greatest privileges accorded free men . . . to choose their government . . . As usual many of those in the long lines are unacquainted with the value of their birthright, and are being towed in by the politicians of both political parties . . . lured by the lucre of the well known slush funds . . . unmindful of the people and policies they are choosing when the "X" is placed in the circle . . . The majority however are fairly well versed in whatever issues are before the electorate and take reasonable pride when they handle the pen and when they drop the ballot in the ballot box . . . while a deplorable number rally to the booth and go down the line for the party, driven along by a blind political prejudice which blots out consideration of either the candidates or the issues involved . . . At any rate all can vote, whatever their motives and whether bad government or good government results, the right of the majority to govern the land can't be successfully brought into question.

ALL THE PROPHETS, newspapers, and straw pollsters, assure us that Governor Dewey has the White House job in the well-known pouch, and we have freely subscribed to this line of reasoning . . . However, over the week-end, as the campaign warmed, we were impressed by the increasing number of folks . . . the "little folks" of the Roosevelt era, who were talking it up for Truman . . . A lot of them Democrats and quite a few Republicans . . . all of them convinced of the likelihood of hard times if Dewey wins . . . we have heard of this condition prevailing over other sections of the country . . . If the workers, the farmers, the laborers are afraid of Dewey, Truman will win . . . Don't be surprised if he does, but don't lay the money down . . . He's gaining on the home stretch and the garland of victory may be pushed over the long ears of the Democratic donkey for the fifth time in a row . . . Don't count Harry out yet . . . If we knew for a fact who's to be elected, we couldn't gaze into the crystal ball and tell what course the government will take in the next four years . . . We can't prophesy the horrors of war, nor predict the miseries of hunger and unemployment . . . but this we do know, whoever occupies the Pennsylvania Avenue bungalow will be there by the wishes of the folks . . . that is the point . . . democracy is at work in all its comparatively youthful vigor . . . We shall abide the results with confidence.

LIKEWISE, all down the line, we wouldn't be able to gaze into the crystal ball and know what we would expect of our new State administration . . . or just the degree of efficiency and progressive action will come from whatever party takes over the affairs of the county government a few weeks hence . . . We think we know — all intelligent voters believe they can foresee a rosy future if their party wins . . . but since a successful politician, lots of times, is the one who can be all things to all people, who can talk out of both sides of the same mouth without a stammer, and carry a pail of water on each shoulder without losing a drop . . . we just couldn't of a dead certainty know what's

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TRUMAN WINNER

Democrats Ahead In County

Eggers In Lead For Assembly

Democratic candidates for all county offices, with perhaps one exception, have been elected, according to unofficial returns given the Democrat at noon Wednesday by R. T. Greer, chairman of the county board of elections. Chairman Greer says that returns indicate that Dr. H. B. Perry carried the county for the Senate by a majority of about 140; that Miss Helen Underdown was elected Register of Deeds by 300 votes, and that Harry Hamilton, Chas. Clay and William Winebarger are in as commissioners by majorities of from 50 to 74.

C. F. Thompson's unofficial majority in his race for surveyor is given as 61. Mr. Greer says that Representative Clyde Eggers is ahead of Mrs. Mary S. Harris in the assembly race, which probably will not be settled until the official tabulation tomorrow. Mrs. Harris has refused to concede defeat.

TWO JAILED FOR ROBBERY

Two men are held in jail here following their arrest in Mountain City, Tenn., less than 12 hours after they allegedly robbed and beat a 65-year-old woman near Blowing Rock Saturday night. Held without bond on charges of armed robbery and assault were Sam Slud, Mountain City, Tenn., and O. J. McLain, Blowing Rock.

Officers said the two men entered a store operated by Miss Florence E. Boyd, 10 miles west of Blowing Rock on Highway 221 about 8 a. m. Saturday. With guns trained on the elderly woman, the assailants took all the money they could find in the store—then filled a bag with cigarettes, candy and canned goods, according to officers. The gunmen were not satisfied with their haul, Miss Boyd told officers. They beat her in an attempt to make her tell them where other money was hidden in the store.

After leaving her on the floor of the store, the gunmen fled in a car towards Tennessee. A short time later, every law enforcement officer in the area was alerted. City officers, deputy sheriffs, State highway patrolmen and S. B. I. agents joined the hunt.

One of the officers was SBI Agent S. T. Turkelson, who said yesterday he had been on McLain's trail for three months as a suspect in several robberies committed in Blowing Rock last summer.

Less than a mile from the little country store operated by Miss Boyd, officers found a car answering the description given of the gunman's getaway car. It had been wrecked, and the occupants were gone.

Three hours later, deputies in Mountain City arrested Sluder. McLain was arrested early Sunday near the same spot.

Officers said neither of the men offered any resistance when cornered.

Local Students On Radio Hour

Several students from Appalachian High school will appear on a program to be broadcast over Radio Station WKEB, North Wilkesboro, on Tuesday, November 9, or Wednesday, November 10.

Students representing the school will discuss problems of vital importance to the public in regard to National Education Week, which is held yearly in November.

A definite time and date will be announced as soon as a reply is received from North Wilkesboro.

Re-elected



DOUGHTON IS EASY WINNER

Congressman Robert L. Doughton has a firm new hold on the ninth district seat in Congress he has occupied since 1910, and by virtue of the national Democratic sweep, will again resume his position as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, a post which he had already held longer than any man in the history of the nation.

Radio reports early Tuesday morning quoted the veteran congressman as saying that he had carried every county in the district with the possible exception of Stanley. Latest broadcast indicated that his majority over Clyde R. Greene of Boone was around 15,000.

Both Congressman Doughton and Mr. Greene waged intensive campaigns throughout the district and as was the case in the national election many local Republicans and Democrats were unprepared for the news of the extent of the Doughton victory, although conservative analysts had given the Congressman a better chance for victory.

GREENE CONCEDES DEFEAT
Clyde R. Greene, prominent Boone business man and unsuccessful candidate for Congress in the ninth district, has conceded his defeat, and has dispatched a congratulatory message to Congressman Doughton as follows:

"My heartiest congratulations upon your 20th victory. As chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the 81st Congress your opportunity for constructive service to the nation will be tremendous. My sincere best wishes."

Mrs. Julia Greene Succumbs At 77

Mrs. Julia Emma Greene, 77, of Stony Fork, died Oct 24 at the home. Funeral services were held at Stony Fork Baptist church Tuesday after at 2:00 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Bynum Trivette assisted by Rev. Ashley and Rev. Payne.

Mrs. Greene is survived by her husband G. A. Greene and the following children: A. A. Greene, Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Deep Gap; V. O. Greene, Mrs. Ernest Greene, Stony Fork; E. R. Greene, J. T. Greene and V. R. Greene of Winston-Salem. Twenty-six grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren survive. There are three brothers, J. O. Welch, Winston-Salem; A. M. Welch, Stony Fork; J. F. Welch, Deep Gap.

The pallbearers were grandsons and the beautiful floral offerings were carried by granddaughters and nieces. Mrs. Greene was held in high esteem by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

Ithaca N. Y.—Student publicity chairman at Cornell University is A. P. Story, Jr. His full name is Austin P. Story, Jr., and his fraternity brothers refer to him as "Associated Press."

STATE STAYS IN RANKS OF MAJOR PARTY

North Carolina, true to tradition, stayed firmly in the fold of the Democratic party in North Carolina as a result of the Tuesday voting.

Kerr Scott, Democratic candidate for the Governorship has tabulated a 300,000 lead over his opponent, George M. Pritchard, Republican, while other candidates on the major party slate won by slightly varying margins.

Every Congressional district in the State has returned Democratic Representatives to Congress and Hon. J. Melville Broughton, won easily and overwhelmingly over his Republican opponent.

Truman carried the state by more than 200,000 popularity in spite of the heavy inroads of the Thurmond ticket, while the Wallace vote was negligible.

Dr. Perry Gains Senate Seat

Dr. H. B. Perry has taken a decisive lead over Dr. A. P. Kephart in his race for the State Senate, it was learned this morning. Unofficial returns from the three-county district give the local physician a lead of from 700 to 800.

Basketball Card Released by Apps

The Athletic Committee of Appalachian State Teachers college has released today the proposed basketball schedule for the 1948-49 season. The Mountaineers, defending champions in the North State Conference, have scheduled twenty-five games for the coming campaign.

Dec. 6, East Tenn. State, away; Dec. 8, Kannapolis, home; Dec. 11, McCrory, home; Dec. 14, Guilford, home; Dec. 17, E. C. T. C., away; Dec. 18, A. C. C., away; Jan. 6, Chatham, away; Jan. 8, Lenoir-Rhyne, home; Jan. 11, W. C. T. C., away; Jan. 13, Kannapolis, away; Jan. 15, East Tenn. State, home; Jan. 18, High Point, away; Jan. 20, Georgia Teachers, home; Jan. 28, Catawba, away; Jan. 25, A. C. C. home; Jan. 29, Chatham, home; Feb. 1, McCrory, away; Feb. 4, E. C. T. C., home; Feb. 6, Lenoir Rhyne, away; Feb. 8, Elon, home; Feb. 11, Elon, away; Feb. 12, Guilford, away; Feb. 15, High Point, home; Feb. 17, W. C. T. C., home; Feb. 19, Catawba, home; Feb. 24, 25, 26, ESAC Tournament—Elkin.

For the country as a whole, consumers' income at the end of the third quarter hit an annual rate of \$191,800,000 with expenditures at the rate of \$179,000,000. This puts the annual rate of savings at \$12,800,000,000 compared with a rate of \$12,000,000,000 at the end of the half year.

OLDEST CHURCH IN AREA



The new Three Forks Baptist Church building, which was recently completed at a cost of \$22,500. The church, which is located just east of Boone on highway 421, is the oldest in western North Carolina, having been organized in 1790. —Photo by Blair.

REMAINS IN WHITE HOUSE



Truman Elected In Face Hostile Press, And Polls

Reversing what had been hailed as an overwhelming Republican trend throughout the nation, and throwing the predictions of newspapers out of the window while knocking the charts of pollsters and professional political analysts into a cocked hat, President Truman has apparent-

BULLETIN!

Governor Dewey conceded the election of President Truman at 11:20 Wednesday morning, when the Truman edge in Ohio and California made it impossible for the Empire State executive to catch up with the fighting Missouri incumbent. In his telegram to the President Governor Dewey said: "My heartiest congratulations on your election and every good wish for your success with the administration . . . The telegram concluded with a plea for a united-effort in behalf of peace.

ly won the presidency in his own right on the basis of Wednesday morning returns, in the greatest political reversal in modern political history.

At the same time word is that both the Senate and the House were carried by the Democrats in their unexpected upsurge of renewed leadership throughout the nation, but the final returns as to the exact extent of the sweep haven't as yet been tabulated.

President Truman, as this is written, is leading in 27 states with a total electoral vote of 279, while Dewey is leading in states having a total electoral vote of 214. Dewey carried New York, Pennsylvania and other eastern states, while Truman is ahead in the populous States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois; is carrying many of the mountain states, all of the south save four states, and is holding a slight lead in California. Late reports indicate that if final returns sustain the President's Ohio lead he will win, while if Dewey carries Ohio, he has not definitely won, but that the contest will go to the new House of Representatives, which would almost certainly spell out a Truman victory.

The final outcome of the presidential race is expected to be announced by noon today. Neither Dewey nor Truman have issued public statements.

Mass X-Raying Available Here

The local Health Department has been very fortunate in securing an X-ray mobile unit for the purpose of mass X-raying.

The unit will be at the college on Tuesday, November 23 from 9:00 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. for the purpose of X-raying the college student body and the Boone and Blowing Rock High school students.

On Wednesday, November 24 from 9: a. m. until 11:30 a. m. the unit will be at Cove Creek High school for the purpose of X-raying the Cove Creek and Bethel High school students and anyone in that section of the county who desires to have one.

From 1:00 p. m. until 4:30 p. m. the unit will be at the courthouse in Boone for the purpose of X-raying anyone who would like to have it.

This service is free to the public and we would like to have as many as possible to take advantage of this opportunity.

JAP PRISONERS

For the sixteenth consecutive month, Russia failed in September to live up to its agreement with Allied headquarters for returning Japanese prisoners of war. Only 37,214, of the agreed 50,000 were returned during the month. Japanese repatriated from Soviet-controlled areas up to Oct. 15 total 839,595, with 484,092 still waiting to be released from Russian zones.

Mrs. Williams Rites Are Held

Mrs. John S. Williams, 78 years old, a member of one of Boone's most prominent pioneer families, died Thursday October 28th, at her home in Blowing Rock, following a long illness.

Funeral rites were conducted at the home Saturday, and interment was in the Boone cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. R. D. Earnest, minister of the Presbyterian church at Blowing Rock, of which Mrs. Williams was a devout member.

Mrs. Williams was the former Miss Betty Council, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Willis Council of Boone. In 1888 she was married to Mr. John S. Williams of Raleigh, one of the foremost school teachers of his day. Mr. Williams died in 1932.

The survivors are three sons and six daughters: Hugh, Cameron and Bower Williams, Blowing Rock; Mrs. E. F. Fewell, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. U. O. Miller, Hickory; Mrs. Clarke Brown, Jefferson; Mrs. H. E. Conrad, Statesville; Mrs. H. F. Custer, Blowing Rock; Mrs. H. P. Holshouser, Blowing Rock.

Staley Garrison Dies Suddenly

Staley Frank Garrison, 53, of Burlington and Valle Crucis, died unexpectedly early Saturday morning at his home at Valle Crucis.

Funeral services were conducted at the Burlington Presbyterian Church by Rev. Chester Alexander. Time and date of the service was not learned.

Mr. Garrison, owner of a finance company at Burlington, was retired. Survivors include the wife and two sons, Staley Frank Garrison, Jr. and Nat W. Garrison, both of Burlington.

Mrs. Ruth Swan Taken By Death

Mrs. Ruth Ellen Swan, neice of Mrs. A. M. Norton, died in a Charlotte hospital last Wednesday, following a brief illness. Funeral services were held at the home in Albemarle Friday afternoon, and interment was in Fairview cemetery of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Swan attended Appalachian State Teachers college.