



Open House

Gathered around the refreshments table at the Watauga County Library during open house last week were (left to right): W. Guy Angell, superintendent of schools and library trustee; Miss Jo Anne Payne, circulating librarian; Homer Brown, librarian and

regional library director; Mrs. Carrie Hodges, a member of the original board of trustees for the library; Mrs. Mary Brown, bookmobile operator; and Mrs. R. H. Harmon, library trustee.

W. Vernon Bolick Rites Tuesday

W. Vernon Bolick, 56, of Route 8, Lenoir, died Sunday at 6:15 p. m., in the Blowing Rock Hospital after an illness of three weeks.

Born January 14, 1907 in Caldwell County, he was a son of Mrs. Alice Ford Bolick of Route 8, Lenoir, and the late

Clinton Bolick. Bolick was a member of Bailey's Camp Baptist Church and a sawmill operator.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a. m. at Bailey's Camp Baptist Church with the Rev. J. H. Crisp and the Rev. Hugh Kincaid officiating. Bur-

ial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his widow, Mrs. Macie (Bolick) Bolick; five daughters, Mrs. Treva Austin, Mrs. Reba Ford, both of Route 4, Lenoir, Mrs. Lena Laws of Route 1, Lenoir, Mrs. Alice Bolick Gainey, Miss Elizabeth Bolick, both of the home; five sons, Lester Bolick of Blowing Rock, Boyd Bolick of Scottsville, Ky., Glenn Bolick, Dale Bolick, both of Seagrove, Danny Bolick of the home.

Also surviving are three sisters, Miss Gracie Bolick, Mrs. Polly Watson, Mrs. Betty Moore, all of Route 8, Lenoir, two brothers, George Bolick of Happy Valley, Johnny Bolick of Blowing Rock; and 18 grandchildren.

WASHINGTON COMMENT

Goldwater Said To Be Ahead In G. O. P. Race

Washington, D. C.—Senator Barry Goldwater is still ahead in the delegate race in the Republican Party, despite the rise in prominence in recent weeks of Governor George Romney of Michigan as a challenger.

Governor Nelson Rockefeller is now said to realize the seriousness of his disadvantage. Close friends say he is now in the race more to block Goldwater than anything else. Some of his former supporters are frankly doubtful if he could get the GOP nomination, and even more doubtful about his chance of beating President John Kennedy should he get it.

The Romney effort takes into consideration the certain opposition to Goldwater of many of the former top leaders of the party. And it is also true that former President Eisenhower would not list Goldwater at the top of a list of his choices for the nomination.

The question is rapidly shaping up as to how much former bigwigs in the party can affect the outcome of the 1964 GOP convention. It should be recalled in this connection that former President Harry Truman and a large number of top party leaders, including Adlai Stevenson, could do little to change the trend at the 1960 Democratic party convention.

Goldwater stalwarts say delegates alone will decide who the Republican nominee will be, and they feel certain Goldwater is far ahead in the delegate race. This is largely true, but it cannot be denied that the voice of someone like Eisenhower would not go unheeded.

Thus the key to the outcome of the coming San Francisco convention might be how effective former party giants are in blocking the Goldwater drive, whether they come out openly

and fight the Arizona Senator or whether they are, generally, unorganized, and less outspoken against the conservative Senator.

There are grim indications that the United States is in for a trade war with the European Common Market. Thus, it appears, President Charles DeGaulle has maneuvered the ECM into the position he desired.

The most disturbing development is the curt manner in which the effort to end the chicken far ended recently. The ECM offered only the smallest of token cuts in the tariff, and the U. S. reaction was swift and indicative of disgust.

Retalitary tariff increases on European products are now almost certain. The reaction in Europe will probably be more increases in tariffs on U. S. goods. Since the Kennedy Administration is fighting a critical battle over the international balance of payments, the prospect of a tariff war is most unwelcome.

In this connection, President Kennedy has promised Senators on Capitol Hill that the goal in the next year will be to effect some economy in government, and to bring about a balance of the budget in the near future.

In the next budget defense expenditures are certain to be cut, one item apparently being a proposed reduction in the number of carriers maintained by the Navy—a proposal sure to bring on a fight with the Navy.

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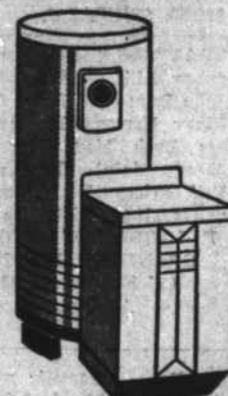
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