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DEMOCRATS WIN IN WATAUGA COUNTY

Official Vote of Watauga County in Tuesday's Election

TOWNSHIPS	Solicitor	Senator	Represent.	Clerk	Sheriff	Reg Deeds	Treasurer	Coroner	Surveyor	County Commissioners														
Boone	807	542	811	542	821	535	765	589	754	602	749	612	791	560	813	529	809	549	808	827	799	544	557	543
Bald Mt.	89	121	65	124	70	118	71	120	66	121	61	126	84	104	68	123	69	69	69	69	122	122	122	122
Beaver Dam	380	79	438	81	334	83	323	94	335	82	338	77	339	79	310	79	338	340	310	79	80	79	80	79
Blue Ridge	35	247	36	247	22	257	26	252	20	261	23	245	35	246	37	243	35	45	25	243	244	244	244	244
Blowing Rock	217	177	235	147	203	190	195	194	184	209	204	174	219	174	215	179	218	221	215	174	178	112	178	112
Cove Creek	411	268	409	273	413	265	419	255	402	278	409	261	412	268	407	272	414	411	405	266	267	267	267	267
Elk	29	171	28	172	28	171	24	178	27	173	27	161	28	171	28	170	29	26	26	171	174	174	174	174
Laurel Creek	286	201	285	201	283	205	293	194	284	202	283	199	286	201	285	200	278	278	294	211	198	194	194	194
Meat Camp No. 1	252	168	252	169	256	167	247	171	235	174	258	167	273	149	251	167	255	255	253	165	168	165	165	165
Meat Camp No. 2	30	23	30	23	29	23	29	24	29	23	28	24	31	23	29	23	29	29	29	23	24	23	23	23
North Fork	32	81	31	82	35	78	33	80	31	82	31	81	31	82	31	82	31	31	31	82	82	82	82	82
Shawneah	135	139	135	139	138	136	138	149	128	137	138	141	133	136	139	140	136	136	138	141	130	130	130	130
Stony Fork	128	317	120	324	122	323	128	317	127	312	123	322	137	300	125	320	130	121	118	319	330	314	314	314
Watauga	340	400	341	398	357	386	375	407	342	401	342	396	345	401	343	398	349	382	353	344	346	398	395	392
TOTAL	3206	2832	3144	2900	3033	3015	3034	3010	2960	3063	3060	2935	3167	2869	3115	2909	3136	3136	3089	2938	2949	2899	2899	2899

DEMOCRATS WIN ALL OFFICES BUT REGISTER DEEDS

Majorities Range from 18 For Clerk to 373 for State Senator; Dough-ton's Majority 128

The board of canvassers of Watauga county met at the courthouse at 11 o'clock this morning for the purpose of checking returns from the fourteen precincts in the county. The board organized by electing Jack Horton chairman and D. P. Wyke secretary.

When the organization was perfected, T. E. Engiam, in behalf of the Republican candidates, presented a petition asking that the board adjourn until some future date to investigate alleged irregularities in the voting Tuesday. Mark Squires, of Lenoir, in behalf of the Democratic candidates, moved that the canvass proceed, which motion carried unanimously. Sheriff Farthing was instructed by the board to send for the registrars from Blowing Rock, Elk, Stony Fork and Laurel Creek, who did not answer when the roll of townships called. The returns from these townships were soon in and the count began, which at the time of going to press had not been completed. The county ticket, however, is presented in detail in the table on this page.

The official count shows the election of all Democrats with the exception of the register of deeds, Mrs. Pearl Hartley, incumbent, winning over her opponent by a majority of 103. The lowest majority for any of the candidates was eighteen for Austin E. South for clerk of the court over A. W. Smith, Republican. Sheriff Farthing defeated W. H. Gragg for sheriff by only 24. T. H. Coffey, Democratic candidate for the legislature, wins over Blaine Coffey, Republican, by 224, and the Democratic commissioners are elected by majorities ranging above 200.

The largest majority given to any candidate was 374 for T. P. McNeil, Democratic candidate for senator in the district.

J. A. Rousseau, Democratic candidate for solicitor in the 17th district, carried the county 333 over John R. Jones, his Republican opponent.

The canvassers were not through with the state ticket at press time, therefore we are unable to give the complete official results.

DEATH OF MRS. HAHN

Mrs. J. Lee Hahn, mother of Edw. N. Hahn, of Boone, and Mrs. J. N. Patton, of Hickory, died Monday morning at the home of Mrs. Patton, of diabetes, at the age of 81 years. Mrs. Hahn had for several summers visited her son here, and was in reasonably fair health until last February, when she contracted flu and diabetes, her vitality was too weak to combat the disease. Funeral was held at the home of the daughter, and interment was at Mt. Olive church near Hickory Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

RIDDLES' FORK NEWS

Lloyd Castle and George Norris went to Lenoir Tuesday.

Aaron Stephens, Carl and Wheeler Davis have returned from West Virginia.

Willard Norris is below the mountain this week with a load of produce.

A CORRECTION

Through an oversight last week the Democrat announced that Rev. Taylor pastor of the Watauga circuit had been sent there as a "supply" when in fact he was returned for the third year and he is so popular with his churches that it would be safe to predict that he will fill out his four years. Since coming to the work he has built one of the two best churches in the county and is considered one of the most able ministers within our borders.

Wanted: Two husky young men for moving buildings.—Ohio paper.

"Are you related to her by marriage?"
"No; I'm her brother by refusal."

Approximately 120 days a year in Brazil are not working days, being either Sundays or holidays.

WATAUGA INN RAZED BY FIRE

Popular Hotel at Blowing Rock Destroyed by Fire Last Friday; Damage Placed at \$20,000

By RUPERT GILLET

The Watauga Inn, Blowing Rock's only year-round hotel, which was totally destroyed by fire Friday at a loss of \$20,000, will be rebuilt, according to Thomas H. Coffey, one of the owners.

"Although I have no definite plans for rebuilding," Mr. Coffey said, "it is probable that a new structure will be erected in time for the summer season."

The fire started at noon Friday, and within a few minutes the entire second floor was burning, and flames were leaping forty feet into the air above the roof. The frame building burned so rapidly that it was only by fast work and with the greatest difficulty that the furnishings were removed before the flames reached them. Heroic work on the part of almost every citizen in town resulted in saving all of the furnishings, with the exception of some that were broken in throwing them from the second floor windows.

Among the first to reach the fire were the pupils of the Blowing Rock school. Principal A. E. Mercer placed the younger pupils under one teacher, and then, with the older pupils, boys and girls alike, he went to the fire, and the boys entered the building and threw the furnishings from the doors and windows, while the girls carried them beyond reach of the flames. Postoffice employes, business men and workers in every store on the main street did everything possible to help prevent the fire from spreading. Happily, no high wind was blowing, and this kept other houses from catching.

In the absence of an organized fire department, no effective means was available for extinguishing the fire. All of the two-inch hose in town was requisitioned, and a line was run from the fire plug in front of the hotel to the cottages surrounding it. These cottages were sprayed with water and saved, although for a while they were threatened with destruction. Coals, falling on the house of N. C. Greene, town councilman, ignited the roof, but it was quickly extinguished and did no damage.

As the fire started just at noon, the dinner table was set, and it was carried to the street with the dishes on it. Workers who entered the house found two great pans of corn bread, done to a turn, still in the oven of the kitchen range, but they did not partake thereof.

Dewey Storey, high school boy, was one of the first to enter the burning building and one of the last to leave. He was painfully cut on the foot by broken glass as he threw furnishings from the windows. Other schoolboys who helped are: Glenn Coffey, Paul Foster, Jay Knight, Fred Day, Bynum Crisp, William Holshouser, Dee Cannon, Sidney Cannon, Claud, Greer, Jack Green, Arnold Coffey, Frank Klutz and

DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN STATE PLACED AT 100,000

Charlotte, Nov. 3.—With the assembling of return from Tuesday's general election in county seats due to start tomorrow, returns today were meager and hard to get, according to reports from all sections of the state.

With the entire North Carolina congressional delegation of ten Democrats safely returned, United States Senator Lee S. Overman and the Democratic state ticket elected, apathy even more marked than on election night descended on officials and others usually interested in getting in returns. The Democratic majority, it is indicated, will run well in excess of 100,000.

A total of 800 out of the 1,734 precincts in the state had been unofficially reported tonight for United States senator, giving Overman 97,889 votes to 50,304 for Johnson J. Hayes, Republican. The Democratic state ticket ran about in proportion.

LOVIN WINS IN AVERY

Latest information from Avery and Mitchell counties is to the effect that Johnson J. Hayes carried former county by 1,800 and Mitchell by about 1,000. J. I. Lovin, Democratic candidate for the legislature in Avery was elected by a substantial majority, with the Republicans electing the remainder of the ticket.

ASHE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC

Ashe county elected the entire Democratic ticket by majorities ranging from 700 to 1,300, according to information today from West Jefferson. Johnson J. Hayes led the Republican ticket, but Overman is said to have carried the county by about 500 majority.

WILKES REPUBLICAN

Wilkes county elected a full set of county officers with majorities ranging up from about 1,000 to probably over 2,000. Mr. Hayes reported today that he had carried the county by approximately 2,200.

PEAY WINS IN TENNESSEE

Governor Austin Peay was re-elected governor of Tennessee over his Republican opponent by a substantial majority.

SMITH LANDSLIDE IN N. Y.

Outside of the county ticket, interest here centered more in the result in New York than anywhere else, where Alfred E. Smith, possible Democratic candidate for president in 1928, was running for governor of the Empire State for the fifth time. He was elected by an overwhelming majority over his Republican opponent, Ogden L. Mills.

Successful transplantation of a toe to take the place of a finger has been accomplished by a New York surgeon.

Parks Knight

The girls who helped in removing the furniture are: Lois Klutz, Margaret Sudderth, Helen, Sudderth, Pauline White, Lucile Coffey, Velma Cannon, Beulah Wooten, Christine Johnson, Edna Miller, Lucile Reid, Elizabeth Sudderth, Luch Williams, Ethel Cannon and Susie Green.

NEWS OF A WEEK AT BLOWING ROCK

New City Water System is Nearing Completion; Street Paving Anticipated; Extension of City Limits Bein Discussed

By RUPERT GILLET

Blowing Rock, Nov. 3.—Completion of the last link in state highway No. 17, leading from Boone to Hickory, has been placed under the direction of W. A. Tuttle, highway engineer with long experience in building North Carolina roads, it has been announced. Mr. Tuttle will be resident engineer in charge of highway construction in this part of the state.

The work was begun in September under W. B. Smith, of Lenoir, maintenance supervisor, who took charge of the active construction work pending the appointment of a permanent resident engineer.

This nine miles of road, being built directly by the state, is the last link in the mountain turnpike taken over by the state five years ago. The project will be completed in time for summer traffic. Mr. Tuttle estimates:

Work of widening and resurfacing begins at the top of the Blue Ridge just outside of Blowing Rock and will extend down the mountain to Richland Hills, where it will connect with the eleven miles of road already completed by the state between Blowing Rock and Lenoir.

A force of thirty-five men is at work. They are using one steam shovel, one air drill, one steam drill and one crusher. Since this road offers all of the difficulties usually encountered in mountain road building, a great deal of drilling and blasting has been necessary.

The completed road will be 26 feet in width, except at curves, where it will vary from 30 to 35 feet. The method being used is described by Mr. Tuttle as an economical adaptation of penetration macadam. Two layers of crushed stone, either quarried or blasted, are covered with a still finer layer, thoroughly crushed, and then a penetration tar treatment is applied.

This is practically the same method as that used in the road from Boone to Blowing Rock, which has proved notably satisfactory under heavy traffic for more than a year.

Revival at Baptist Church

Rev. J. C. Canips, whose revival meeting at the Boone Baptist church met with such signal success, is conducting a similar meeting at the Blowing Rock Baptist church. Services are conducted twice daily, at three in the afternoon at 7:30 in the evening. Good attendance and enthusiastic services are reported.

Street Paving

It is probable that after the new water supply system is completed here, the sidewalks on the principal streets will be paved, according to N. C. Greene, city councilman in charge of public works.

"It may be found," Mr. Greene said, "that the expenses of the water and sewer systems will prevent immediate work on paving the sidewalk, but this work will be done as soon as the town is in a financial po-

Water and Sewer System

The new water supply and sewer system of Blowing Rock, which has been under construction since last July, will probably be completed by the latter part of this week, it was said here by Cyrus C. Bobb, consulting engineer.

The system, built at a cost of \$100,000, will serve the entire town of Blowing Rock, and provisions have been made to extend the system to Mayview Park and to Green Park, if these communities are later taken into the corporate limits of the town. The present city limits include a circle with an approximate radius of three-fourths of a mile from the center of the town.

To complete the system, nearly seven miles of water pipe were laid, and 12,000 feet of sewer pipe were installed.

The water system is supplied by the Mayview well, 220 feet deep, delivering 90 gallons a minute, and a second well sunk by the town. This well is 500 feet deep and delivers 50 gallons a minute. The reservoir capacities include the Mayview concrete reservoir of 60,000 gallons, and a new steel standpipe of 170,000 gallons capacity, which will be erected on the Blowing Rock hotel hill.

A pressure of 95 pounds will be maintained in the mains in the center of Blowing Rock. This pressure is made possible by the elevation of the reservoirs, and no pumping will be necessary to maintain it.

The sewage disposal plant is composed of a septic tank and a lagoon bed filter of the type approved by the state board of health for communities the size of Blowing Rock.

Mr. Bobb pointed out that, although Blowing Rock has long been widely known as a summer resort, it has been seriously handicapped by lack of water and of sewer system. The completion of these systems, he said, will mark the greatest step Blowing Rock has yet taken toward providing for summer visitors.

Fire Truck Needed

The burning of the Watauga Inn emphasizes again the urgent need for early delivery of the fire truck, ordered by the city some two months ago. Last Friday, during the fire, all of the two-inch hose in town was requisitioned, but it could not be assembled in time to save any part of the main building, although a fire plug is situated directly in front of the hotel site.

The new truck is to be delivered in about a month, under the contract. It will be an American-La France machine of the latest design, with two 200-gallon chemical tanks, ladders and enough hose to cope with such situations as the Watauga Inn fire.

The cost of the truck will be \$5,000. This amount was raised by popular subscription, to which donations were made by several prominent summer residents and by benefit entertainments.

Extension of City Limits

With the approaching completion of the Blowing Rock water and sewer systems, interest has been revived in the proposal for the inclusion of Mayview Park and Green Park into the town limits. All of the residents

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DEMOCRATS GAIN IN THE NATION

Seven Senate Seats Lost by Republicans; Al Smith Wins in New York

Washington, Nov. 4.—With heated returns coming in from 47 states, the Republicans last night took dismal toll of the election wreckage. They lost seven seats in the senate and may control the upper branch of the next congress by only one vote.

Thirteen Republican congressmen are defeated, thus reducing their majority in the house to 30, including the La Follette rebels and discontended agrarians from the West.

They counted as the most cruel blows of all the smashing defeats of Senator Butler and Senator Wadsworth in the conspicuous contests in Massachusetts and New York.

Counting the overwhelming victories of the wet referenda in most of the states where it was a vital issue they saw themselves faced by the troublesome necessity of taking a definite stand for or against prohibition.

With Oregon a trifle doubtful but but conceded to the Republicans at an early hour this evening the makeup of the next Senate was found to be a sensational deadlock. It is this: Democrats, 47; Republicans, 47.

Farmer-Labor, 1

Vacancies, 1.

The vacancy exists in Maine where a special election will be held on November 13 to choose a successor to the late Senator Bert M. Fernald.

Sturdy Yankee foe of the World Court. Here a Republican is expected to be elected though the Democratic chiefs, heartened by the sensational victories of yesterday, may unlose their artillery in a desperate battle there for control of the Senate.

With the Maine election secure, however, the Republicans will be left with only a flimsy, doubtful domination of the Senate in the last two years of the Coolidge administration. Any momentary fusion of the Democrats and the hostile insurgents from the west will turn it upside down.

HAPPENINGS AT VALLE CRUCIS

Valle Crucis, Nov. 3.—Mrs. W. D. Clarke has moved to Lenoir where she will spend the winter with members of her family.

Mr and Mrs. D. F. Mast returned Friday from the Methodist conference at Gastonia and a visit to Lexington.

Last week was marked by two deaths in the vicinity of Valle Crucis, that of Mr. Alfred Townsend, of Dutch Creek, and Mrs. Joel Eggers, of Clark's Creek.

Mrs. Roscoe Caudell returned from the Watauga hospital Monday, much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnhardt, of Lenoir, and Miss Nannie Taylor were visitors in the valley Friday.

P-T. ASSOCIATION

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet tomorrow (Friday), afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Demonstration school building. All members are urged to be present.