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ALLEN LEADS STATE TICKET

Education Superintendent Tops Entire State Ticket and Has Majority of 74,364 Over I. G. Greer, His Republican Opponent

Revised complete unofficial tabulations made by R. C. Maxwell, secretary of the state board of elections, reveals that Dr. A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction led the state Democratic ticket in the election of November 6.

Unofficial tabulations made Thursday in the office of Secretary of State J. A. Hartness, showed that O. Max Gardner, running for governor on the Democratic ticket, and Baxter Durham, incumbent state auditor led the ticket. Maxwell's figures as tabulated Friday, however, showed that Dr. Allen led the entire ticket-topping Gardner by 1,527 votes. The state board of canvassers will meet in Raleigh on December 4 to make official canvass of the votes.

The unofficial returns, expected to be made official with perhaps a few slight variations when the official canvass is made, show candidates for state officers ran as follows:

Governor: Gardner, 562,000; Seawell 288,815; Gardner's majority, 73,193.

Lieutenant governor: Fountain, 360,566; Fisher 288,921; Fountain's majority 71,645.

Secretary of state: Hartness, 361,255; Mrs. Tighe, 288,294; Hartness' majority, 72,961.

Auditor: Durham 361,248; Caeger 288,239; Durham's majority 73,109.

Treasurer: Lacy 361,393; Johnson 288,904; Lacy's majority, 72,489.

Superintendent of public instruction: Allen, 363,527; Greer, 289,163; Allen's majority 74,364.

Attorney general: Brummit, 361,137; McCreary, 289,013; Brummit's majority 72,124.

Commissioner of labor and printing: Grist, 361,060; Goslen, 288,638; Grist's majority, 72,422.

Commissioner of agriculture: Graham, 360,536; Patterson, 285,865; Graham's majority, 72,171.

Insurance commissioner: Boney 360,769; Hamilton, 288,616; Boney's majority, 72,153.

Commissioner of revenue: Dough-ton, 360,823; Pitts, 288,714; Dough-ton's majority, 72,109.

Corporation commissioner: Lee 360,426; Gregg, 287,853; Lee's majority, 72,573.

WORLD COURT REVIVED

Washington, Nov. 24.—During the concluding weeks of his occupancy of the White House, President Coolidge is expected to seek ratification by the world powers of America's proposed entry into the World Court, and senate approval of the Kellogg "anti-war" pact and the naval cruiser construction bill.

These hopes of the president were disclosed today at a breakfast in the White House to which 17 Republican senators were invited. Mr. Coolidge took up with the Republican leaders of the senate their calendars of business for the approaching short term and revealed his desires for early action on the Kellogg treaty and the cruiser bill.

More surprising to some of the guests was the revival of the World Court subject. It is understood that the president indicated a desire to approach again the world powers on the question of approval of the reservations voted by the senate in adhering to the World Court protocol. Several of the nations have declined to accept the reservations. It is understood that Mr. Coolidge will ask Secretary Kellogg to renew discussions with the foreign powers with a view to obtaining their acceptance to the reservations. There seems to be no thought in the mind of the president or of senate leaders of seeking any modification of the reservations.

A MONEY MACHINE

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 19.—James Chapman, negro, made from \$3 to \$10 a day selling "black cat wish-bones." But that wasn't enough. He sold a negro couple here a "money-making machine" which he said would turn out legal tender. He charged them only \$100 tax which he said the government levied for the privilege of manufacturing U. S. money. The machine consisted of two pieces of wood bolted together and containing five fresh official \$10 bills. Now Chapman is under arrest on a warrant charging him with using the mails to defraud.

W. M. U.

The quarterly meeting of the W. M. U. of Three Forks association, will be held at the Cove Creek Baptist church Friday. The session will begin at 9 o'clock and continue throughout the day.

Rufus Robbins Dies At Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, Nov. 28.—Funeral services were held at the Boone Fork church on Thursday for Rufus Robbins, whose death occurred at his home here on Wednesday morning, following a long and severe illness.

Mr. Robbins was 75 years old, and during his long life in Blowing Rock had seen his children establish influential families in this section. His sons here are Rev. E. D. Robbins and Lee Robbins. One son, Walter, lives in Washington, and was not present at the death of his father. Daughters living here are Mrs. Rufus Coffey, Mrs. Clyde Dula and Mrs. Lena Hartley. One other daughter, Mrs. Lennie Hollers, is in Richmond, Va. Mrs. Robbins will continue to make her home here without "breaking up," at least temporarily. Mrs. Hartley will remain with her, and Mrs. Dula and her small daughters, Elsie and Anna May, will join Mr. Dula in Winston-Salem.

Miss Mabel Coffey and Mrs. Ernest Banner of Durham, Howard Coffey of Statesville, Horace Williams of Maiden, and one brother, Larkin Robbins of Caldwell county, were here for the funeral. A number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Rue Payne. The family extends thanks to friends who have showed kindness and sympathy during Mr. Robbins' illness and at the time of his death.

There will be a story-telling hour at the library on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock to which the children of the community with their mothers are invited. The library will be open in the evening as usual on Thursday. There will be no school on Friday following Thanksgiving, according to the custom here, Principal G. O. Mudge announces.

Mrs. Rob Greene and Miss Ann Greene made a business and shopping trip to Charlotte Monday.

The meeting conducted at Cool Springs Baptist church by Rev. E. C. Hodges and Rev. W. C. Payne, closed Sunday afternoon with six additions to the church.

Mrs. J. A. Panella made a brief trip to Blowing Rock last week, driving from her home in Statesville.

Miss Nettie Winkler, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Reid, has returned to Granite Falls. Mrs. Reid, who has been quite ill, is much better.

Misses Maude Powell and Ruby DeLa and Julius Henderson, who are students at the Blowing Rock high school, spent the weekend at their homes in the Boone Fork community. Earle Grang of that community, has returned to school, following a week's illness.

Miss Inez Henderson and Narval Crowder have been guests of the high school recently.

Mrs. Thos. J. Coffey, Mrs. Sally Council Reeves and Mrs. Lena Reeves plan to leave Thursday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Davis at their home in Hot Springs, Va.

Miss Carrie Miller is spending some time with Mrs. G. C. Robbins here.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL GO IN NEXT MONDAY

The county commissioners, board of education and road commission will be in session at the courthouse Monday. At the same time, Mrs. Pearl Hartley, who has been the efficient and popular register of deeds for the past four years, will retire, and Miss Helen Underdown of Blowing Rock will assume the duties of the office. This being the only change in the official family at the courthouse, the other officers will renew their bonds, and continue to function as usual.

DRY ENFORCEMENT MAY CHANGE HANDS

Washington, Nov. 27.—President-elect Hoover is working on a plan to transfer prohibition enforcement from the treasury to the justice department, it is learned from his dry friends here. It is understood that the Anti-Saloon league is backing the transfer, as an aid to prohibition enforcement.

BASKETBALL GAME THIS P. M.

The Boone Hi basketballers and the fast quintet from Cove Creek will clash here this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 in a game that should be interesting from start to finish. Both teams are, as yet, undefeated this season. The following will be the lineup of the local team: Cottrell, f; Estes, f; Cullers, c; Brown, g; Capt. Hagaman, g.

J. N. McLEAN, PRESIDENT OF CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL, VISITS LOCAL CLUB

Civitan Head Here



JAMES NELSON McLEAN

President of Civitan International, and member of the firm of McLean, Krouse & Granger, corporation and commercial lawyers of New York City; Member of the City Club of New York, American Bar Association, New York County Lawyers' Association, Officers Reserve Corps Air Service and many other clubs and societies. Mr. McLean is now on an extended tour of Civitan Clubs in the southern states.

Will Lay Cornerstone of Lutheran Church Today

Dr. H. Brent Schaeffer, president of Lenoir-Rhyne College, has accepted an invitation to preach the sermon in connection with the laying of the cornerstone of the new Lutheran church in Boone, which is rapidly nearing completion. The service is to be held today at 10 o'clock in the Episcopal chapel, immediately following which all will go to the new church for the laying of the cornerstone. This is indeed a fitting way to give thanks, and the local Lutheran organization is to be congratulated upon the splendid edifice which they have constructed. The public is cordially invited to be present at the service and also the exercises at the new building.

N. C. CONGRESSMEN GET BIG VOTE IN ELECTION

Raleigh, Nov. 28.—Although two of them were defeated, the 10 Democratic congressmen received an aggregate of 88,819, or more than 10,000 in excess of that given any state officer except Superintendent A. T. Allen, according to additional returns from the election of November 6 compiled by R. C. Maxwell, secretary of the state board of elections.

The vote for congressmen, with the majorities of the winners is:

First district: Warren, 22,140; Freccott, 7,219—15,931.
Second district: Kerr, 24,129; Johnson, 3,005—21,124.
Third district: Abernethy, 21,740; Melane, 17,310—4,430.
Fourth district: Pou, 31,288; Wrenn, 16,434—14,854.
Fifth district: Stedman, 54,990; Harden, 54,813—177.
Sixth district: Clark, 26,061; Downing, 16,346—9,697.
Seventh district: Hammer, 41,124; Ferree, 39,121—2,003.
Eighth district: Doughton, 37,535; Bogie, 36,251—1,284.
Ninth district: Bulwinkle, 45,560; Jonas, 49,799—3,043.
Tenth district: Weaver, 48,607; Pritchard, 49,045—438.

ROLLED PEANUT 11 MILES IN 11 DAYS TO PAY SMITH BET

Harlington, Neb., Nov. 23.—Bill Williams, who was a Smith man and backed his political convictions, finished paying through the nose yesterday when he rooted a peanut across the finish line of his "big push" from Rio Hondo, 11 miles away. Terms of the bet called for Williams to roll a goober the 11 miles with his nose in 11 days. He finished in nine and one-half days to the welcoming of a brass band.

WAS HE PRO OR ANTI?

Shelby, Nov. 24.—A flareback to some of the charges heard in the recent election campaign occurred in this county this week when a deputy sheriff in upper Cleveland arrested Rev. James Gray, an itinerant preacher. The pedestrian parson at the time of his arrest was carrying a large Bible in his hand and a half pint of booze in his pocket.

Delivers Interesting Address at Luncheon Here Last Thursday on Ideals of Civitan; Club Wins Attendance Prize at Salisbury Meet

The Boone Civitan Club was signally honored at its meeting last Thursday noon in the presence of Mr. James Nelson McLean, of New York City, president of Civitan International. Mr. McLean spent the day here en route from the Carolinas Association meeting to Abingdon, Va., where Thursday night he addressed members of the organization from southwest Virginia and east Tennessee.

Mr. McLean was introduced by Dr. G. K. Moore, president of the local club, and outlined in a very interesting manner the progress the Civitan organization has made in its little more than eight years of existence. He spoke of the practical work of the clubs and declared that co-operation among the members in setting and striving to attain definite goals are the most important things which tend to achievement in the different organizations.

Several goals for which Civitan as a unit has been working for all over the country were discussed. The most important of these, said Mr. McLean, are relief and proper provision for underprivileged children, prevention of crime, suppression of tuberculosis and the maintenance of high standards of citizenship.

In conclusion Mr. McLean pleaded for "Organization, perseverance and achievement." Organize your business, your home, your community, persevere, and achievement will be the ultimate reward.

His address was greatly enjoyed by the large number of members present and was most inspirational and encouraging to the club.

Boone Club Wins Attendance Cup

President McLean, however, was not the only attraction at Thursday's meeting. Some fourteen members of the local organization journeyed down to Salisbury Tuesday, and captured the attendance prize given by the Carolinas association. In this contest, Boone nosed out Charlotte for the loving cup—a task worthy of the reward. And that is not all. Boone was further honored in having one of its citizens, Civitan J. Frank Moore, named as one of the directors of the Carolinas association; and that is not all. President Squires of Charlotte, retiring president of the Carolinas association, paid Mr. Moore a high tribute when he referred to Mr. Moore as the best Civitan in the association. No higher tribute could be paid any man and people hereabouts are of the opinion that Frank Moore is worthy of the tribute.

NORMAL NOTES

Prof. and Mrs. I. G. Greer gave a folk lore concert at the central school building a few nights ago.

Dr. B. R. Dougherty has returned to the Normal after being away for quite a while engaged in the work of the board of equalization.

Rev. C. H. Myers of Mooresville, a former student here, was at the Normal last week and conducted devotional services and made a splendid talk to the student body. Rev. J. A. Hicks was with him.

The Normal has just finished registration for the winter term, and the number entering at this time runs the enrollment considerably beyond the 450 mark. There were seven who graduated at the close of the fall term. Class work is getting well started for this term.

Prof. I. Greer and Mrs. Greer gave a folk-lore program before the ladies' clubs of Shelby recently. They were greatly pleased at their fine appreciative audience and the splendid attitude of the ladies.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, member of the state equalizing board, hands in the following important facts about counties receiving some of the equalizing fund: Teachers' salaries, 1928 (for 90 counties), \$9,601,000; 20 per cent for operating expenses, \$1,521,200. Total, \$11,521,200. State valuation (90 counties) \$1,849,897,464, at 40c, \$7,399,589. Normal increase, estimated 5.21 per cent, \$600,000. Total equalizing fund for 1929-30, \$4,721,611. Equalizing fund required for 1930-31, (\$600,000 added), \$5,321,611.

Mr. Edwin Dougherty, son of Prof. D. D. Dougherty, is displaying a fine selection of 26 varieties of county-grown apples in a glass covered case at the Normal. He secured the selection from Mr. George Hayes, who lives west of town. Mr. Hayes says he has 75 varieties, nine of which are on one tree. Through the kindness of Prof. D. D. Dougherty, the faculty of the Normal enjoyed a trip to the rock at Blowing Rock to see a mountain sunset. This is a privilege not every one can enjoy. The faculty greatly appreciates this kind consideration of Prof. Dougherty.

Possibilities Good for Kraft Cheese Plant

Mr. O. L. Darter of Bristol, southern manager of the Kraft Cheese Company, accompanied by Mr. F. E. Farnham of the state department of agriculture, was in the city last week, looking after the possibilities for the manufacture of Kraft cheese in Watauga. Plants have already been established at Jefferson and Mountain City, Tenn., and Mr. Darter says the farmers of Ashe county were paid approximately \$20,000 in three months for the milk they delivered at the Jefferson plant. Lines have been established from both plants over a wide radius, and milk is being collected every other day from the Mountain City plant as far east as Sugar Grove, this county.

Watauga has long been noted for the manufacture of cheddar and Swiss cheese and a Kraft plant will be located here in the event sufficient milk can be contracted with which to operate. With the coming of grass in the spring, Mr. Darter said, various milk lines will be established over this county as feeders for the other plants and also to furnish an index to the possibilities of the new venture. It is the intention of the company to establish a Kraft plant in every county seat in the state where a sufficiency of milk may be secured.

The Boone Civitan Club is actively sponsoring the establishment of a Kraft plant here, and Mr. Darter extended an invitation to members of the club to visit the Jefferson plant at an early date, which invitation will likely be accepted.

DOUBLE SLAYING IN CALDWELL MONDAY

The Lenoir News-Tropic Monday says Clyde Crisp, age about 15, and his brother Charley, aged about 25, sons of Jasper Crisp of Johns River, are dead as an aftermath of a bloody fight which is alleged to have taken place at the home of Pink Crisp near Setzer's Gap late Sunday. The two Crisp brothers were shot Monday morning, it is said, by Otis and Joel Crisp, their cousins. Clyde Crisp was killed outright and Charley was carried to a Lenoir hospital, where he died Monday afternoon.

Otis Crisp and Joel Crisp, sons of Sherman Crisp, have not yet been arrested. The tragedy is claimed to be the culmination of a fight in which Pink Crisp and Joel Crisp, his brother, were worsted. The fight took place late Sunday. Monday, when the fracas was renewed with the result that two are dead and two others are being sought on a charge of murder.

J. R. LATHAM GOES TO MARION

Mr. J. R. Latham and family who have made their home in Boone for the past three years, left Tuesday for Marion, N. C., where they will reside in the future. Mr. Latham has been manager of the Standard Oil Company here and a change in the plans of the organization moved him to his new field. This territory will, in the future, be taken care of through the manager at Hickory. Mr. and Mrs. Latham made a host of friends during their residence here, who regret to see them leave.

BED-TIME STORIES

Br'er Rabbit was seated under a hickory tree sunning himself one afternoon when something dropped near him.

"That's a hickory nut," he said to himself. "I wish Mrs. Squirrel were here."

"Rump!" Another hickory nut dropped near Br'er Rabbit and he looked up to see where it came from and he saw Mister Jay Bird sitting on a limb.

"Hey, you, I wish you would throw some of those nuts down when Mrs. Squirrel comes this way. She knows where there are some carrots I need and you will help me a lot by throwing down some nuts—wait, here she comes."

Sure enough, Mrs. Squirrel was coming down the path, her tail waving in the breeze.

"Good morning, my dear, dear, Mrs. Squirrel. I am so delighted to see you," said Br'er Rabbit, bowing very low.

"Glad to see you, too," said Mrs. Squirrel.

Just at that moment a hickory nut banged on Br'er Rabbit's head and he jumped up with an "Ouch!"

"Isn't that just lovely?" said Mrs. Squirrel. "I will not have to climb the tree now, but can stay here and talk to you."

"I asked Mister Jay Bird to throw down some nuts for you, but I didn't tell him to bump me on the head," whined Br'er Rabbit.

"Well, you see, what is one rabbit's discomfort is a blessing to me—it often happens that way," replied the lady with the bushy tail.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE COUNTY?

Defects Are Pointed Out, and Remedies Suggested That Would Tend to Make a Happier and More Prosperous Community

By SMITH HAGAMAN

In studying a condition with a view to a remedy, it is always best to try to know the truth, although it may not be as favorable as we might desire.

Let us try to ascertain a few facts with reference to our county's real condition.

First, I believe we have one of the very best counties in the state, viewed from many angles—rich in soil, fine grass, fruits and vegetables can be grown in great varieties. This gives the county a wide range of selling products—cattle, sheep, poultry and high class vegetables.

I might say, parenthetically, that I heard a man of wide acquaintance, a citizen of another county, remark a few days ago, that there is "no other citizenship quite so fine as Watauga's—neighborly, cooperative and sympathetic—and I made no attempt to convince him otherwise."

I am quite sure there is just one thing wrong with our county—and I am thinking of it as one big business enterprise—which ought to be remedied and it can be done.

To state the case clearly, the people of the county as a whole in rapid transition from the old conservative order to the new, in the rush toward an easier and more luxurious life, have allowed themselves to plunge into debt beyond safe and sane business lines.

I am quite sure that the buying program has gone very much beyond the income of the county as a whole. This would soon wreck any business concern.

Perhaps some one would suggest as a remedy a more conservative buying program and no doubt this would be wise, but it is a matter of common knowledge that perhaps not many would take that kind of advice, hence the best solution to this problem—and it is a problem—is that ways and means must be devised by which the people can make more money than they are now making.

Every hand in the county has the information that this condition must be met sooner or later.

No great business concern would think for one moment of trying to function that did not have a man at its head or as general manager who knows the business thoroughly, and who can organize the many details into one great money-making whole. I am thinking of the varied interests the farmers of our county as one big business that can be in a measure so organized.

I have talked with a number of farmers and business men of the county and find them almost unanimous in their opinion that Watauga needs a good capable man to aid the farmers in a program of increased production, better marketing and in fact to help him to make more money.

I am quite sure the dairying interests of the county are going to be offered, in the next few months, quite an interesting proposition.

The banks of the county are so much interested in securing a good man to aid in stimulating the varied interests of the farmers of the county that they are anxious to aid in a substantial way so that it would ease the taxpayers of the county very little. Almost every progressive county in the state has found it is the wisest investment that they are making.

Banking and other interests prosper only in proportion to the farmers' prosperity.

G. O. P. SPENDS MORE THAN DEMOCRATS IN STATE

Raleigh, Nov. 26.—Expenditures of the Republican party in North Carolina in the presidential election were almost \$25,000 greater than those of the Democratic party, sworn statements filed today with the secretary of state reveal. Disbursements of the Republicans totaled \$74,478, while the Democrats spent \$49,620.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A special Thanksgiving service will be held at the Methodist church this morning at 10 o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited.

Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour the pastor will preach a special sermon. The theme will be, "The Speech of Conscience." It is urged that every member of the church hear this message. Let's make this a "church going" day for Methodism in Boone.

NO MEETING OF CIVITANS

Today being Thanksgiving, there will be no meeting of the Boone Civitan Club. The next luncheon will be held at the Daniel Boone hotel Thursday, December 6.