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WATT H. GRAGG IS SWORN IN AS U. S. MARSHAL FRIDAY

V. C. Bradley Will Continue as Chief Deputy Marshal. Other Members of Staff Announced. Commission is Dated March 29th. Watauga Man Issues Statement. Oath Administered by Judge Hayes.

Greensboro, N. C.—Watt H. Gragg of Boone Friday morning assumed his duties as United States Marshal of the Middle North Carolina District after taking the oath of office before Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Federal Court. Mr. Gragg, whose appointment was recently confirmed by the Senate, succeeds J. J. Jenkins, of Siler City, who has held the post since 1927.

The commission for the new marshal was received here Thursday by Judge Hayes, and Mr. Gragg was notified and reached the city that evening preparatory to taking the oath Friday. Immediately after the oath was administered the new marshal assumed his duties.

Speculation as to the likely changes that would be made in the personnel of the office and field force working under the marshal was settled shortly after the oath was administered when Mr. Gragg announced the appointment of his assistants and deputies, effective immediately.

V. C. Bradley, who has served in this capacity since July, 1927, will continue as chief deputy marshal. Mr. Bradley has served as deputy under three marshals, Brownlow Jackson, Dr. C. G. Bryant and J. J. Jenkins.

Miss Addie Morris will be retained as office deputy, a position which she has held for five years. She is a former resident of Forsyth County.

Charles E. Ader of Winston-Salem will become assistant to the chief deputy, succeeding Thomas Neal, of this city. This appointee is a former newspaper man.

The following have been selected by Mr. Gragg as deputy marshals:

Greensboro Division—W. R. Furella, High Point, and Frank Milikan, this city.

Winston-Salem Division—R. C. Brown, Hamptonville.

Salem Division—Charles W. Hall, of Davie County.

Rockingham Division—D. H. Lewis, Aberdeen.

Wilkesboro Division—H. H. Jennings, North Wilkesboro, and B. H. Goss, Jefferson.

Three of these appointees, W. R. Furella, R. C. Brown and H. H. Jennings, have been serving as deputy marshals under the retiring marshal, Mr. Jenkins.

Mr. Gragg's commission is dated March 29 and is for a four-year term. He was endorsed for the post by the Republican State Executive Committee in session here December 5, and his appointment by President Hoover was confirmed several days ago by the Senate.

The new marshal, who is 44 years old and a native of Caldwell County, has been a resident of Watauga for 25 years. He is secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association of Boone, and director of the bank there also. Mr. Gragg has long been active in the affairs of the Republican Party, being candidate for sheriff in Watauga County in 1926 and a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1928.

The following statement was issued Friday by Mr. Gragg:

"I desire, upon entering upon my duties as United States Marshal for the Middle North Carolina District, to express to my friends, who have aided me in obtaining the appointment, my sincere thanks for their confidence. It is my hope that during the four-year tenure no incident will take place which in any way would alter this trust. The duties of my newly attained position will at all times be executed with a consciousness of the dignity of the office and the responsibilities entailed."

Mr. Jenkins, the retiring marshal, is a former sheriff of Chatham County and a prominent business man of Siler City. His candidacy for reappointment failed to win the indorsement of the executive committee in December. Mr. Jenkins was in the city Thursday, preparing to relinquish his post.

Blowing Rock Hotel Is Expected to Open First

Mr. Donald J. Boyden, who has been engaged during the winter in the operation of the Governor Taylor Hotel at Elizabethton, Tenn., passed through Boone Tuesday en route to Blowing Rock where he will make ready for the opening of the Blowing Rock Hotel, popular tourist hostelry. Mr. Boyden thinks that he will likely have his opening this year on May 1, and states that prospects are bright for the summer season at the Rock. The date set for the opening is earlier than in years past, on account of reservations, made to include the month of May as vacation period in the mountains.

Apple Queen



Miss Helen Ames Washington of Overbrook, Pa., has been chosen Queen of the Shenandoah Valley Annual Apple-Blossom Festival.

SUPERIOR COURT WILL CONVENE ON MONDAY; 2 WEEKS

Judge McElroy Will Preside at Regular Spring Term. Two Homicide Cases Will Be Tried and Docket of Lesser Infractions Runs to Almost a Hundred. Sixty Civil Cases Are Calendars.

The regular spring term of Watauga Superior Court will convene next Monday for a two-weeks session, with his Honor, Judge F. A. McElroy, presiding.

Two homicide cases are expected to come up for trial, one involving Ed Stokes of the Cove Creek section for the slaying of Ivy Greene, and the other in which Ephraim Wallace of the Beech Creek section will be arraigned on a charge of fatally shooting Thurston Oliver, neighbor man, during the Christmas holidays. Stokes, it will be remembered, was formerly tried before a justice of the peace, and was acquitted, after evidence indicating self-defense to the court had been introduced. However, the matter came before the grand jury for investigation last fall, and a true bill was returned.

Wallace has been in jail since shortly after the shooting in which he is implicated, occurred. From evidence given at the coroner's hearing, it is deduced that the fatal shot was fired following an argument concerning some blockade liquor, however, there is very little general information concerning the holiday tragedy.

Sixteen men are now occupying the county bastille and the State docket includes almost a hundred cases, perhaps the heaviest docket for several terms. Sixty civil cases are calendars for trial and it is expected that the full two-weeks term will be required to clear both dockets.

COLLEGE Y. W. C. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

Miss Helen Barber Named President of Association. Installation Services Held Sunday Night in College Auditorium.

In an impressive installation service held in the Auditorium of Appalachian State College here at 8 o'clock Sunday night, and ending with a beautiful candlelight service about one of the fountains on the lawn, the college Y. W. C. A. installed new officers for the coming year. Elections were held last week, the Australian ballot being used, and interest in the outcome reached an unprecedented height, according to Dessa Mae Triplett, retiring president. Miss Helen Barber, of Winston-Salem, one of the most popular students on the campus, was elected president for the coming year. Following the retiring president's charge to the organization last night, Miss Barber responded with a few words of appreciation and plans for the coming year.

Other officers elected for the ensuing term are: vice-president, Della Powlas; secretary, Virginia Lindsey; treasurer, Catherine Warlick; pianist, Clarice Thompson; choirster, Kate McIntyre; program chairman, Deseffa Boesser; publicity chairman, Evelyn Miller; social service chairman, Louise Moore; social chairman, Virginia Hunt; world fellowship, Mary Williams; reporter, Pauline Bingham.

The Y. W. C. A. is by far the most active organization on the campus of State College here. In membership, the organization boasts a large percentage of the 900 students, and is always active in sponsoring any worthy cause that will be of benefit to the college or student body. It is under the auspices of the "Y" that Appalachian will hold her first May Day exercises this year, and it is planned, according to the chairman of the senior cabinet, to make this a yearly feature. In addition, the organization has sponsored several contests among the student body, a weekly current event feature in chapel, and occasional special programs for the student body.

RUSSELL HODGES NAMED CHAIRMAN BY REPUBLICANS

County Convention Saturday Draws Large Crowds. Hodges Named Chairman and Clyde R. Greene Secretary. Executive Committee Named and Delegates to State and Congressional Conventions Picked.

About three hundred Republicans from the various sections of the county gathered in the courthouse Saturday afternoon in convention, and the meeting, being the first local political gathering of the year, was participated in enthusiastically and the business dispatched readily. Former Representative Blaine Coffey delivered the address of the day, extolling the principles of his party, and defending its record, and his utterances were well received by the filled auditorium.

Russell D. Hodges was re-elected chairman for the ensuing two-year period and Clyde R. Greene, secretary-treasurer. The following filled the membership of the executive committee in the various townships, the first named being the member, the second the associate member:

Bald Mountain, C. M. Blackburn and Mrs. Wade Norris; Beaver Dam, W. K. Johnson, Mrs. W. R. Johnson; Blowing Rock, J. E. Young and Mrs. Harry Tharrington; Blue Ridge, Walter Hampton and Miss Minnie Day; Boone, Arthur Adams and Mrs. Paul Coffey; Cove Creek, J. M. Burkett and Mrs. Marion Thomas; Elk, Joe Wheeler and Miss Ola Triplett; Laurel Creek, W. J. Farthing and Mrs. W. O. Bingham; Meat Camp No. 1, Carl Byers, Mrs. Celia Greene; Meat Camp No. 2, Wayne Miller and Mrs. John Penley; North Fork, J. M. May and Mrs. A. N. Thomas; Shawnee-haw, T. T. Shook and Mrs. John Smith; Stony Fork, Sherman Welborn and Mrs. Joe Coffey; Watauga, Fred Hatley and Mrs. W. W. Collins.

A slate of delegates and alternates were elected to the Congressional convention in Taylorsville on the 9th, and to the State Convention in Charlotte on the 14th. The delegates chosen are: H. P. Holshouser, A. G. Miller, Fred Hatley, C. M. Critcher, W. M. Thomas, C. S. Provette, Miss Blanche Smith, G. C. Robbins, Mrs. Margaret Coffey, I. G. Green, Fred Hodges, A. D. Adams, S. C. Eggers, W. H. Gragg. Alternates included: J. E. Holshouser, Russell D. Hodges, Clyde R. Greene, Miss Ola Triplett, Dr. J. M. Hodges, G. W. Robbins, S. E. Greene, A. W. Smith, D. L. Wilcox, J. T. Hampton, Mrs. A. D. Adams, Mrs. Joe Coffey, Alvin Cannon, Blaine Coffey.

The resolutions committee secured unanimous indorsement by the convention of the following resolutions:

First: That we endorse the Herbert Hoover Administration and commend him for his heroic effort to restore prosperity to our country and to the world at large.

Second:—We hereby heartily endorse the work of Charles A. Jonas as national committeeman and of James S. Duncan as State Chairman, and pledge to them our loyalty and co-operation in the coming election.

Third:—We declare the action of the United States Senate in the rejection of Charles A. Jonas, as United States District Attorney, and deeply resent the unwarranted partisan attack that was made upon him by the senators from North Carolina.

Fourth:—We restate our conviction that the only safeguard to our American liberty and institutions is in the integrity of the ballot, and we therefore insist that every possible safeguard be placed about the ballot, and we therefore insist that every possible safeguard be placed about the ballot box so as to restore the confidence of the people in the honesty of our election.

Be it further resolved that we extend to the family of J. C. Ray, deceased, the sympathy of this convention, and that when this convention adjourns to adjourn in all respect to his memory.

LITTLE MISS COUNCIL ON VISIT TO WASHINGTON

Little Miss Grace Council, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Council, Boone, has been visiting relatives in Washington, D. C., for some time, and during her stay there was a caller at the office of "Farmer Bob" Doughton, Congressman from the Eighth North Carolina District. In a letter from Mr. Doughton to the editor, he has the following to say about her pleasant call:

"Among the visitors who have called at my office recently has been little Miss Grace Council, of your city, and I can truly say that I felt very highly honored by her visit, especially when I was told that she expressed a desire to come to see me. She came to Washington, I was told, to do so 'egg rolling,' which I am sure she enjoyed, and then came over to pay us a visit on Capitol Hill. It is always a pleasure to me to have my North Carolina friends drop in to see me."

WINNERS NAMED IN MILK WEEK ESSAY CONTEST

Many High School and Grade Students Enter into Competition. Miss Bess Lewis of Cove Creek Writes Prize Winning Essay. Thomas Young of Blowing Rock Wins in Graded School.

A committee composed of Miss Billie Todd, Miss Rooker and Prof. A. J. Greene has just completed grading the deluge of essays, rhymes and posters, which were forwarded in connection with the recent milk for health campaign, and the winners were announced yesterday. Miss Bess Lewis of the Cove Creek High School was adjudged winner in the essay contest as regards high schools, while in the grades, Thomas Wood Young of Blowing Rock took first place. The best poster from a high school student was made by Miss Gwendolyn Coffey of Glowing Rock, and in the grades Miss Margie Baird of Cove Creek won. The prize winning rhymes were submitted by John Idol of Boone High School, and Ludy Coffey of Blowing Rock Grade School. These entries will be forwarded to Raleigh and will compete in the State-wide contest for silver cups offered by Governor Gardner.

Miss Lewis' essay, which took the prize of \$3.75 offered by the Boone Parent-Teachers and Civitan Club, follows:

The Importance of Milk to the Body
Milk is very important in the human body. It contains many of the elements necessary for the growth of children. Children should drink a quart of milk a day. Some people have the idea that a quart of milk for a child each day is too much because they will not eat enough other foods to keep their bodies strong and healthy. This is untrue because milk has more energy value than most foods. Protein, mineral salts, fat, sugar and vitamins are found in milk. Infants get their protein entirely from milk which helps to build strong muscles. Although older children can get protein from other foods it is helpful for them to get a large per cent of it from milk. Milk should be given children freely to help build strong bones and good teeth. Milk helps to make good blood and the minerals in milk help to build and keep strong bones. The calcium in milk, which helps to keep the teeth strong and white, is needed by every child. Lack of calcium often causes people to have ugly and decayed teeth. Milk gives children a chance to good health that they otherwise do not have.

It is also important that adults should have milk in their diet each day. It is not as important to adults as children because their muscles and other organs are almost developed. However, this is no reason why adults should not drink milk freely. Many people who try to reduce will not drink milk because they think it will cause them to gain. It is true that whole milk is fattening, but it is not necessary for them to drink it whole. They might use skimmed milk, but termilk or other milk products that are not fattening. The body needs milk to help carry off the waste of the body.

If for no other reasons, we can see that it is very important to have milk in our diet every day.

The graded school essay, submitted by Thomas Wood Young, won a similar prize, and is reproduced:

The Value of Milk
Milk is one of the best foods known in the world. Lots of people think milk is just a beverage or some kind of refreshing drink, but it is not. Milk is now counted a food and one of the best there is.

We can use milk in many ways. It can be used in many drinks and also in many things we eat.

Milk is of great value to the sick people, especially those who have bone infection. At all hospitals doctors say that their best medicine is milk. For instance, the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital, while I was there each child was supposed to drink at least a quart of milk a day. The milk was to help build our bones and help us get strength. It is also a great muscle building food. All the prize fighters, wrestlers and athletes drink lots of milk each day.

Each family in North Carolina should own at least two cows, or have the milk of two cows, so that each child and adult could have all the milk they need. If all the people in North Carolina would drink as much milk as the doctors say there wouldn't be near the sickness as there is. If you don't drink you sure won't be as healthy as the one that does. So milk is the word.

The prize winning rhyme from high schools by John Idol follows, and carries an award of \$2.50 from the Entre Nous Club:
If you want to prevent T. B.
Drink milk instead of tea.
It will give you plenty of pep,
So you can study and not need help.
Drink milk every day,
Instead of eating a "Milky Way."

To Speak Here



Robert R. Reynolds of Asheville, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate, will address the voters of the county at the courthouse next Monday at the noon hour, during the recess of court.

MRS. W. D. NORRIS OF ROUTE TWO DIES SATURDAY

Heart Attack Proves Fatal to Respected Resident. Seven Children Survive. Funeral Services Conducted from Home Sunday Morning by Reverends Payne and Shore. Burial in Sands Graveyard.

Mrs. W. D. Norris, aged 75, died at her home on Boone Route 2 Saturday evening, following a heart attack suffered some thirty minutes previous. She had been in ill health for some time but had recovered sufficiently to go about her daily duties, and was thought to be rapidly regaining her health.

Mrs. Norris previous to marriage was Miss Vinie Purlear, daughter of the late John Purlear of Wilkes County, but had been a resident of Watauga for more than half a century. She had been an active member of the Howard Creek Baptist Church for nearly fifty years, and during this long period was one of its most constant attendants. Her charitable deeds and acts of kindness had endeared her to a host of friends in all parts of the county, and her untimely passing has caused genuine sorrow in her community.

Funeral services were conducted from the old home on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, with Rev. W. C. Payne and Rev. Robert Shore in charge. Burial took place in the Sands graveyard.

Surviving are three sons, Gurney Norris of Route 2, W. C. Norris of Boone, and Robert Norris of Hickory; four daughters, Mrs. John Rosenbaum and Mrs. Hunter Peters, of Bristol, Tenn., Mrs. Henry Ragan of Boone, and Mrs. Scott Norris of Beaver Dam; four brothers, Arthur and Frank Purlear of Avery County, and Noah Purlear of Lenoir, and a sister, Mrs. Solomon Davis, of Ashe County.

BANNER ELK LADY BURIED LAST WEEK

Mrs. Eliza Lowrance Succumbs to Long Illness. Funeral and Burial at Foscoe Church, Rev. S. E. Gragg in Charge.

Mrs. Eliza Lowrance, 62, died at her home near Banner Elk on Easter Sunday after a long illness. The remains were returned to the home community at Foscoe and funeral services were conducted in the Advent Christian Church at that place by Rev. S. E. Gragg, the pastor, and interment was in the community cemetery beside the grave of a great grandfather who had served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Surviving are the husband, W. M. Lowrance, and eight children, all of whom were present for the funeral. Deceased had been a member of the Advent Church for 35 years, and had made her home the most of her life in the Shulls Mills and Foscoe communities. She was active in her church work, a kind and good neighbor, and her friends were numbered by her acquaintances.

The best rhyme from a graded school, written by Luda Coffey of Blowing Rock, wins \$2.50 from the Worth While Club, and is as follows: We've joined the "Battle," and may it last.
Till T. B. and pellagra are things of the past.
We're going to win, and I'll tell you how:
Drink Grade A milk from a Grade A cow.

BOB REYNOLDS IS 'O' PRESENT CASE TO VOTERS HERE

Candidate for Nomination for Senate Seat Will Make First Local Speech in Senatorial Primary Here During Noon Recess of Court Monday. Buncombe Lawyer Making Colorful Campaign.

Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville attorney and politician will put the political pot to boiling in these parts, when at the noon hour on next Monday he will fire the opening gun in the Democratic preferential primary, and enunciate the platform upon which he expects to receive sufficient support to be nominated by the Democrats for the United States Senate on June 4th.

This is the first time in his spectacular career that Reynolds has visited Watauga County in the role of a campaigner, and considerable interest is being manifested. A young man, at the height of his political powers, a forceful thinker and an orator of ability, Reynolds gained state-wide notice when he received more than forty per cent of the vote cast in his memorable race against the veteran Senator Lee S. Overman in 1924.

Mr. Reynolds is running on a platform calling for various governmental reforms, including guarantees to bank depositors, payment of soldier bonus, modification of prohibition laws, cheaper power rates, regulation of trusts and monopolies, payment of European war debts, banning of immigration for 25 years, relief for the farmer and general reduction of taxes. It is expected that a large crowd will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing the picturesque mountain campaigner.

New York Newspaper Man Visits in Boone

Harley G. Brendel, an associate editor of the Wall Street Journal who during the winter months spends his time in Southern Pines, is visiting his brother, Rev. J. H. Brendell Jr., at the Methodist parsonage, and mingling with friends he knew some twenty-five years ago when his father was pastor of a local church. Mr. Brendel has spent more than fifteen years in the Metropolis, and his journalistic endeavors have brought him in touch with some of the nation's leading financiers. He is thoroughly conversant with economic and political matters and expresses a belief that the worst of the depression has passed, and that a change for the better will take place within the next few months.

According to the visitor, Roosevelt is at present the leading Democratic presidential aspirant, but he glibly points out that at least twelve good men are seeking the nomination, any of which might be given the honor at the Chicago convention. Mr. Brendel is of the opinion that the liquor question and the tariff will be leading issues of the 1932 campaign. He declares that big business is now crying for a downward revision of tariff rates, and believes this to be one of the Democrats' most outstanding advantages in the coming battle of ballots.

He further states that Al Smith has retained his popularity in the Empire State, and will in all probability have control of the large delegation at the national convention. The Democrats, Mr. Brendel believes, will have an excellent chance for victory if they can get together on a candidate.

Turning to State political matters, Mr. Brendel forwarded the opinion that Bob Reynolds is steadily gaining ground in the Senatorial scramble, and is getting to be a formidable contender for the nomination. His liberal views, he added, will go a long way toward lining up the large progressive vote.

Mr. Brendel will probably remain in town until the end of the week. He will go from here to Greensboro where he will spend some time with his parents.

VOTES REPUBLICAN TICKET 50 YEARS; NOW HE'S QUIT

Greenlee S. C.—After voting the Republican ticket for fifty years, Colonel A. A. Gales, long prominent in South Carolina Republican circles, Saturday said "I think we need a change."

For the first time in his life, he said, he wants to see the Democrats win in the coming presidential election.

"If I were in a state that needed votes," he said, "I would vote the Democratic ticket for the first time in my life."

FOOD SALE

The American Legion Auxiliary will conduct a food sale on Monday and Tuesday, April 11th and 12th, at the Blackburn store building. Only good home cooked foods will be used, giving a real dinner for 25c. Also sandwiches, pie and coffee at very reasonable prices.