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RESULTS OF JUNE PRIMARY REMAIN DOUBTFUL HERE

Fountain Appears to Be Favorite in Watauga for Governorial Nomination. Senatorial Vote Likely to Be Badly Split. Grist Makes Strong Bid for Solder Support. Newell Favorite with C. O. P.

By JIM RIVERS

With the primary election only a month away, and a militant legion of candidates for State offices stumping all sections in vigorous manner, things political are attracting an increasing interest in Watauga and prospects are that a large vote will be cast in the county on June 4th.

Lieutenant Governor Dick Fountain, who is the only candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination thus far to address a Watauga audience, appears on the surface to be the favorite candidate in the three-cornered race. It is believed, however, that both J. C. B. Ehringhaus and A. J. Maxwell have developed formidable support in the county, and that they will likely increase their followings between now and primary day. Neither of the three candidates, it is understood, has yet formulated a local organization, and opinions generally are to the effect that "still hunt" practices will be in vogue during the closing days of the turbulent campaign.

Senate Race Attracts Attention

In the Senatorial scramble, which lies between five active candidates, local people appear slow in making up their minds. Bob Reynolds and Judge Tom Bowie addressed audiences here some three weeks ago, the former bearing down on prohibition laws as they now stand and urging a return of government to the people; the latter crying loudly for tax reform. The genial Bob, whose seductive oratory and frank stand on political and economic questions has packed houses to capacity in all sections of Tarheelia, made an undeniable "hit" with his audience, and sentiment in his favor has cropped out in various townships.

Judge Bowie, who enjoys a wide acquaintance in Watauga, assailed tax laws as they now stand, advocated the abolition of ad valorem assessments, and, incidentally, had many things to say derogatory to the political ambitions of Cameron Morrison. But even those who are inclined to follow the standards of Ashe County's favorite son frankly admit that Judge Tom barely raked the surface in his Boone speech and that lots of work remains to be done if he gets his share of primary votes.

Grist Active Among Veterans

Frank D. Grist has invaded the county on two or three different occasions, but has it appears, confined his activities to World War veterans, many of whom have pledged their support to his candidacy. Party leaders in Watauga have been ignored by Grist, it is stated, in his zealousness to corral the soldier vote. His "pay the bonus" war cry, which has been freely used from Cherokee to Currituck is undoubtedly touching a responsive chord in the bosom of many an ex-warrior, and it is freely predicted that the Caldwell man, often termed the "luckiest politician in North Carolina," will get more than a handful of the coveted vote in Watauga.

Cameron Morrison, who is defending his right to the Senate seat which he now occupies, is backed by many of the older party men in Boone, and is said to enjoy the same stable support in outlying townships. Morrison has for many years been a favorite with Watauga folks, and is possibly as well known here as any of the other candidates, including neighbor Bowie.

Split Vote in Prospect

But political forecasters are of the opinion that the younger element has rebelled, to a certain extent, against the Senator, due to his stand on the McNinch appointment and his close affiliation with so-called big business, and that Watauga's vote will probably be badly split. It is also predicted that Bob Reynolds' frank prohibition views, his hearty handshakes and superb showmanship will likely garner for the Asheville man a substantial share of Watauga's primary vote.

Candidates for minor state offices have so far failed to make their appearance on the local political stage, but the mails are flooded with great rafts of literature, telling of the accomplishments of hitherto unheard-of gentlemen who yearn mightily for a place on the ticket next fall.

Republicans Back Newell

On the Republican side of the fence little interest is being shown in the Senatorial battle which is brewing between the ultra-dry Jake F. Newell of Charlotte and the awedly damp George W. DePriest of Shelby. It is generally believed that Newell will find little difficulty in carrying Watauga solidly, and that the DePriest candidacy is already doomed to ignominy. In the meantime various ex-service Republicans are said to have succumbed to the bonus doc-

Many Applications For Red Cross Flour

Applications for the free flour to be supplied the needy people of this section through the Red Cross, are being filed in ever-increasing numbers, and investigations are being made and requests being granted pending the arrival of the commodity. It was expected that the flour would have arrived last week, however, for some cause, there has been delay, but it is expected that the wheat will be milled and the shipment made from Johnson City some time this week.

TEN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS B. ROCK

Twenty Seventh Grade Students Graduate. Edgar Tufts Jr. and Professor I. G. Greer Deliver Literary Addresses. Rev. Sexton Buchanan Preaches Baccalaureate Sermon in Presbyterian Church.

The Blowing Rock Consolidated School ended Friday after a most successful year. Commencement exercises began Friday evening at 8 p. m. with the graduation exercises for the seventh grade. The invocation was by Rev. P. A. Hicks, and the welcome address was by John Brooks Lentz, president of the class. Prof. I. G. Greer of Appalachian State Teachers College delivered the literary address and Superintendent Smith Hagaman presented diplomas to the graduates. Rev. Sexton Buchanan spoke the benediction.

Those receiving diplomas were Alberta Greene, Elise Pendley, Francis Pitts, Helen Gragg, Nancy Ward, Gladys Fester, Grace Hartley, Luda Coffey, Mary Moody, Christine Hollifield, Anne Wilcox, Molly Galen, Betty Robbins, Pinkey Gragg, Blanch Hamlet, George Suddreth Jr., John Brooks Lentz, Charles Robbins, Dennis Coffey, John Knodle.

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock the senior class presented a delightful two and one-half hour operetta entitled "Hearts and Blossoms," with a cast which included Edith White as Mrs. Manning, Elizabeth Waters as June Manning, Mae Tester as Marie Manning, Omer Coffey as Jerry Higgins, Joe Bolick as Uncle Matthew, Philip his nephew by Edward Coffey.

Guests at the hotel were Archie Simms, Frank Klutz, Maude Powell, Edith Walker, Bessie Wooten as MaLindy and Sidney Cannon as Sanbo. A fast-stepping junior chorus was composed of the following: Pauline Greene, Arlene Jenkins, Helen Walker, Gieda Dula, Blaine Suddreth, Irene Jenkins, Conrad Presnell, Dee Cannon, Dennis Underdown, Merrill Gragg, Ebbie Coffey and Terrence Triplett.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. Sexton Buchanan preached the baccalaureate sermon at the Presbyterian Church. Class day exercises were observed Monday night, and on Tuesday night the senior class was graduated. Edgar Tufts Jr., president of Lees-McRae Junior College, made the literary address.

Those receiving diplomas were Maude Powell, Elizabeth Waters, Edith White, Edith Walker, Omer Coffey, Joe Bolick, Sidney Cannon, Archie Simms, Edward Coffey and Frank Klutz.

Patients Moved Into New Hospital at Banner Elk

Banner Elk.—The new sixty-bed Grace Hospital is now open and receiving patients, although the formal opening will not be held until May 23rd.

It was a great undertaking to move patients and equipment from the old to the new hospital, and the management wishes to thank all of its friends who helped make the transfer possible.

Special thanks is due to Mr. W. W. Bailey and Mr. Sells, both of Spruce Pine, who not only donated the use of their ambulance but spent the day at Banner Elk, giving personal supervision to the moving of the very ill patients.

The brick building, just vacated, is being renovated to be used as the nurses' home.

Child Health Clinics Begin Next Wednesday

Through the co-operation of Watauga doctors, child health clinics will be held during the summer months at various points throughout the county. Children may have the benefit of free health examinations and mothers are urged to bring them to the clinics as often as is possible.

The first clinics will be held as follows: Bailey Camp at St. Mark's Church, Wednesday, May 11th at 2 p. m.

Boone, at Miss Fisher's home in Cabin Colony, Thursday, May 12th, 4:30 p. m.

Clark's Creek, Holy Communion Church, Wednesday, May 25th, at 2 p. m.

Property Will Be Advertised To Satisfy Taxes, Board Rules

County Government Laws Force Foreclosures on Property for Unpaid Taxes. Collections Pick Up in Last Few Weeks, Says Sheriff Farthing. Several Hundred Tracts to Be Sold on Monday, June 6.

The Board of County Commissioners in regular session last Monday failed to grant a postponement of sales of land for past due taxes. The action of the board came after the Attorney General had handed down a decision to the effect that there was no way according to the law for county governments to grant extension of time to tax payers. Accordingly the list of those who have not paid their taxes has been prepared by Sheriff L. M. Farthing and will be turned over to the newspaper for publication next week.

In taking this action, it is explained the county commissioners have no alternative, being bound by the law

R. W. STEVENSON TAKEN BY DEATH AT HICKORY HOME

Father of Boone Man Succumbs to Long Illness. Pioneer Merchant of Catawba Town. Funeral Conducted Friday Afternoon. Widow and Nine Children Survive. Last Member of Large Family.

Mr. R. W. Stevenson, 75, prominent retired merchant of Hickory and father of Charles S. Stevenson of Boone, died Wednesday afternoon of last week following an extended illness. Mr. Stevenson had been in declining health for the past two years and for several weeks his condition had grown serious.

The funeral was conducted from the late residence on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. A. C. Gibbs and Rev. R. K. Redwine, D. D. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

The pallbearers, selected from among the members of Piedmont Council No. 43 of the Junior Order, included J. W. Hartsfield, A. T. Jones, A. W. Penland, George Seagle, Roland Wagner and W. V. Moore.

Mr. Stevenson was a native of Alexander County and a member of a prominent family of that section. He was a son of the late Andrew Wright Stevenson and Martha Matilda Moore Stevenson. He was born on December 6, 1856.

In 1882, Mr. Stevenson came to Hickory and from 1898 until two years ago, or a period of over thirty years, he was one of the leading merchants of Hickory. He retired about two years ago on account of his failing health.

Mr. Stevenson was united in marriage to Miss Julia Alice Bowles on December 4, 1884. She survives with the following children: Misses Annie and Maye Stevenson, Mrs. A. L. Whitener, Mrs. William Schildknecht, of New York, Mrs. John D. Brooks, Paul and Robert Stevenson of Hickory, and Charles Stevenson of Boone.

Mr. Stevenson was the last surviving member of a family of nine children, four sisters and four brothers having preceded him to the grave.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevenson and children were present for the funeral and burial rites.

Commencement At College Is On Today; Many To Graduate

Nine hundred and twenty students of Appalachian State Teachers College, the largest number at this season in the history of the institution, will be privileged to hear Dr. N. W. Walker, dean of the School of Education at the State University, when he delivers the annual literary address at the commencement exercises next Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Sixty-five young men and women will be graduated from the college with bachelor of science degrees, and during the year 104 students will be graduated from the two-year normal course.

Watauga County is represented in the group that will receive bachelor degrees by the following: Mrs. Leona Lookabill, Boone; Bernard Dougherty, Boone; Miss Ruth Honeycutt, Boone; Miss Maggie Moretz, Boone; Miss Mary Wellborn, Stony Fork; Miss Ruby Winkler, Boone; Miss Lucille Miller, Boone; Miss Cynthia Moretz, Boone; Miss Dessa Mae Triplett, Matney; Roy Ellison, Sugar Grove; Roy Keller, Blowing Rock. Misses Ruth Coffey and Clarice Leonard, of Boone, are among the two-year normal graduates.

Play Starts Exercises Perhaps one of the cleverest comedies ever presented in Boone will be put upon the boards of the college auditorium stage Thursday night as

Local Men to Paint Green Park Hotel

Messrs Mark and Steve H. Ralph Wilson, Fred Wilson and Albert Vannoy, local painters, have been awarded the contract for painting the exterior of the Green Park Hotel, it was learned yesterday. It is to begin this morning, and the plan is to have the building completely covered in paint. The buildings and cottages adjacent also included in the contract, it stated.

REGISTRARS WILL ENROLL VOTERS EACH SATURDAY

Last Saturday Was First Day for New Voters to Register for June Primary. Books Will Remain Open Three More Days. Those Who Have Hitherto Voted Need Not Register Again. Statutes Cited.

The registration books in the fourteen precincts of the county were opened last Saturday for the purpose of enrolling new voters for the June primary, and V. C. Howell, chairman of the County Board of Elections, states that under the law the books will remain open through the next three Saturdays, May 28th, the last Saturday before the primary election, is set aside as challenge day.

Those who have previously voted in a local election will not be required to register again. Only new voters must be enrolled at this time.

Party Affiliation Pledge

A number of inquiries have reached the local newspaper office as well as the election officials, for information as to whether a member of one political party may vote for a candidate or candidates in the opposite party. For the information of these questioners, it is stated that electors may vote only for the candidates of the party of which they are members, as set forth in Section 95 (c. s. 6027):

"No person shall be entitled to participate or vote in the primary election of any party unless he be a legal voter or shall become legally entitled to vote at the next general election, and has first declared and had recorded on the registration book that he affiliates with the political party in whose primary he proposes to vote, and is in good faith a member thereof, meaning that he intends to affiliate with the political party in whose primary he proposes to vote and is in good faith a member thereof."

Section 99 further justifies the opinion advanced by election officials: "When an elector offers himself and expresses the desire to vote at a primary held under this article, he shall declare the political party with which he affiliates and in whose primary he desires to vote, as hereinbefore provided, and he shall then be furnished by the registrar ballots, as desired by him, of the political party with which he affiliates, which he may vote, and he shall not in such primary be allowed to vote a ticket marked with the name of any political party of which he has not declared himself to be a member as herein defined."

White ballots will be used by the Democrats while pink ones will carry the names of Republican candidates for State office, it is pointed out.

Cove Creek Boys Take Part in Farm Contests

Four members of the agricultural class at Cove Creek High School attended the Western North Carolina Agricultural Speaking Contest held in Asheville on April 26 and 27. Alfred Adams, representing the Cove Creek school, placed third in the contest, and received much favorable comment on his address which he delivered.

The trip was made by way of Banner Elk, Burnsville, to Asheville. The night was spent in Asheville, and the return trip was made the next day by Chimney Rock, Morganton, Lenoir and Blowing Rock.

Howard Walker, who is in charge of agricultural work at the school, accompanied the boys, the entire expense being paid by him. Those who made the trip were Alfred Adams, Earl Henson, Wheeler Farthing and Eleanor Hodges. Young Henson placed first in the contest held last year.

Fred H. Hodges Opens Drug Store at Rock

Fred H. Hodges, late owner of the Hodges Drug Store of this city, on Tuesday morning opened a drug store at Blowing Rock, and indications for the tourist business in that resort are bright, he says. Mr. Hodges has for three years conducted a pharmacy in the neighboring town, and this year he expects to give his personal attention to the enterprise.

VACCINATION TO BE GIVEN FREE; CLINICS BEGIN ON MONDAY

Nine Points in County Selected for the Administration of Typhoid and Diphtheria Serums. Doctors and Nurses Co-operate with Board of Health and Render Free Service. First General Work Since 1929.

Mr. Gordon Battle, sanitary inspector for the Watauga County Board of Health, has released the schedule which has been prepared giving the dates and points when immunization against typhoid and diphtheria will be provided the citizens of this county.

With the co-operation of various doctors and nurses locally, it has been arranged through the efforts of the local health organization to administer the serums absolutely without cost. All citizens are urged to avail themselves of the protection against typhoid, while children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years should be brought to the most convenient point for inoculation against diphtheria.

This is the first general vaccination in Watauga County since 1929, when 6,600 persons were inoculated at a cost to the county of \$1,500. Under the arrangement this year neither the county government nor the individual is subject to the payment of any fee whatsoever.

Dates of Clinics

The list of places and dates for the free vaccination is as follows:

Boone (Courthouse)—Monday and Tuesday, May 9-10; May 16-17; May 23-24; May 30-31. Miss Finser in charge. Hours 9 to 12 a. m.

Boone (Dr. Hagaman's Office)—Wednesday and Thursday, May 11-12; May 18-19; May 25-26; June 1-2. Dr. J. B. Hagaman and Miss Mary Krieger in charge. Hours 9 to 12 a. m.

Blowing Rock (Dr. Warfield's Office)—Friday, May 13-14, May 20-21, 9 to 12 a. m.; Saturday, May 27-28; June 3-4, 2 to 4 p. m. Dr. Warfield in charge.

Cove Creek (School House)—Tuesday, May 10; May 17; May 24; May 31. Hours 2 to 4 p. m. Mrs. Stanley Harris and Miss Amy Fisher in charge.

Cove Creek (Clyde Mast's Store)—Wednesday, May 11; May 18; May 25; June 1. Hours 10 to 12 a. m. Dr. Ollie Bingham in charge.

Windy Gap School—Friday, May 13; May 20; May 27; June 3. Hours 10 to 11 a. m. Dr. Love in charge.

Bethel School—Friday, May 13; May 20; May 27; June 3. Hours 2 to 3 p. m. Dr. Love in charge.

Dor Hagaman's Store—Friday, May 13; May 20; May 27; June 3. Hours 4 to 5 p. m. Dr. Love.

Mabel—Saturday, May 14; May 21; May 28; June 4. Hours 2 to 5 p. m. Dr. F. M. Greer in charge.

Clark's Creek (Schoolhouse)—Monday, May 9; May 16; May 23; May 30. Hours 2 to 4 p. m. Miss Fisher in charge.

Esther Stewart Awarded High Honor at A. S. T. C.

Miss Esther Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Stewart of Hunting Creek, Wilkes County, has been made valedictorian of the graduating class at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, by virtue of her exceptionally high scholastic attainments at the local institution.

The Wilkes Patriot, published at North Wilkesboro, has the following to say concerning the work of the young lady:

"Miss Stewart was graduated from the Wilkesboro High School in the class of 1928 with an average of 98. She was also valedictorian of her high school class. Superintendent T. E. Story said recently he doubted if any student had ever made a higher average at the Wilkesboro school."

"The young lady has also made an enviable record at Boone. She is very popular among her classmates as are her sisters, Miss Laurie, also a member of the senior class, and Miss Dorothy, a member of the freshman class. Miss Dorothy was valedictorian for her class at Wilkesboro High last spring."

ROOSEVELT GETS ALASKA'S SIX CONVENTION VOTES

Juneau, Alaska.—The election of the Franklin D. Roosevelt pledged delegation to the Democratic national convention, headed by John W. Troy, chairman of the territorial Democratic committee, appeared assured as late returns continued to trickle in from last week's primary.

With six votes at the convention, both contesting slates of delegates were pledged to the New York governor. The delegates to the Republican convention is avowedly pro-Hoover.

A regular meeting of Watauga Post, American Legion, will be held in Legion Hall on Friday evening, May 6th, 7:30 o'clock. All members and prospective members are urged to be present, as matters of a very important nature are to be discussed.

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