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POLITICS WARMS AS JUNE PRIMARY DRAWS NEARER

Morrison, May Have Slender Lead in Senatorial Scramble. Ehringhaus Has Edge for Governor. Second Primary Between Fountain and Administration Candidate Appears Inevitable.

Raleigh.—Fur is flying and a fever heat has been reached in this the last week of the primary campaign, which got off to such a mild start that fear was plentiful that it would be a very tame affair. But all these fears have been banished and all the fire needed for a lively tilt is in evidence.

The contest for governor is reminiscent of the Morrison-Gardner-Page fight of twelve years ago, and, like it, a second primary is freely predicted. And to that contest is added another of major proportions, that for the U. S. Senate, which refuses to be shunted aside, and continues to vie with the governor's race in interest and intensity.

One interesting development is the declaration of Senator Morrison that, dry personally and politically as he has always been, if the State democrats should adopt a wet plank, he will stand upon it, or get off the platform—which is another way of saying if the people want to be wet, he will let 'em be wet, as they may desire. This is unmistakably an effort to meet the apparent wet sentiment developing in the State, evidenced by a seemingly definite support of the candidacy of Robert R. Reynolds, a modificationist.

Morrison Unruffled
Senator Morrison reputedly has not yet realized the danger which his real friends are constantly advising him he is facing in the Reynolds candidacy, but he has now gone into the campaign in the characteristic Morrison manner. Talk, sifted down, seems to indicate that Senator Morrison will lead, even though some of his followers are afraid for him and the Reynolds camp is claiming leadership. And there is a big difference of opinion as to which will take third and fourth places, Thomas C. Bowie or Frank D. Grist.

The governor's race also offers perplexities. It is believed in many quarters that J. C. B. Ehringhaus will lead, although Fountain and Maxwell supporters dispute it. Maxwell has undoubtedly made great gains, but few thoughtful politicians concede that he can win, although the unexpected may happen.

Reports of campaign expenditures filed in Raleigh show more than \$40,000 has been spent up to filing time last week. This will probably exceed \$50,000 by the end of this week, and this amount may be doubled, if all spent by and for these state-wide, Congress and a few state senate candidates could be recorded. Local candidates and managers and a second primary will certainly bring the total to a quarter of a million dollars.

Senator Morrison led in spending, turning loose \$9,582; Bowie spent \$5,040.95; Reynolds \$1,361, and Grist \$1,268.59 in the senate contest, they reported. Ehringhaus spent and had spent in his behalf \$6,475.36; Maxwell spent \$6,302.94, and Fountain \$1,460.30. Baxter Durham spent \$910, Chester O. Bell \$572.60, and George H. Adams \$484 in the auditor race. Stacey W. Wade spent \$442.70 in the secretary of state fight against Hartness. No other state wide candidate spent as high as \$400.

Holston Presbyterian Meets at Blowing Rock

Holston Presbyterian held its annual meeting in Blowing Rock on May 23-25. The attendance was excellent and the program one very much worth while. Mrs. J. H. Vancan, the retiring president, presided in her efficient manner. The motto, "Look to Jesus, the same yesterday, and today and forever," was carried out in the devotionals each day.

The speakers from outside Holston Presbytery were: Mrs. Poindexter of Chattanooga, Tenn., a Bible teacher of note; Miss Janie McGaughey of St. Louis, chairman of Woman's work of the Southern Presbyterian Church; Mrs. R. C. Anderson of Montreat, the president of Appalachian Synodical; Mrs. Dorsey of Montreat, president of Asheville Presbyterian; Mrs. Caloway of Knoxville, Tenn., chairman of Christian social service of Appalachian Synodical.

Mrs. Beason of Johnson City had charge of the special music and added much to the program. All enjoyed Professor and Mrs. I. G. Greer, of Boone, and their mountain songs. The cordial hospitality of the hostesses church added much to the pleasure and comfort of visitors.

Noticeable improvement in the health of 4-H club members examined last year and again this year in the 4-H health contest is noted by authorities of Clay County.

Amelia Did It



Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam, first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic, got to Ireland in spite of storms and a damaged plane.

NEWSPAPER TO BE PUBLISHED DURING SUMMER AT B. ROCK

Journal in Neighboring Resort Town to Run for Twelve Weeks Each Summer. C. V. Henkel, publisher and Business Manager, Publisher Man Named as Editor. First Edition on June 11th.

Blowing Rock. The first issue of The Blowing Rocket, new summer newspaper for Blowing Rock and vicinity, will be published on June 11, according to C. V. Henkel, publisher and business manager of The Rocket. Twelve weekly issues will be published during June, July and August, devoted entirely to the interests of the summer visitors to the resort, and carrying news of the summer colony and stories about the Blowing Rock country.

Mr. Henkel, whose father was active in the development of Blowing Rock as a resort, has met with cordial support for the newspaper among the hotel men and other business men of the community. A. T. Robertson Jr., for the past three seasons editor of The Pinehurst Outlook, is the editor of the Blowing Rocket and Miss Mary Cannon of Concord and Blowing Rock, is society editor.

A plan of distribution has been worked out which will cover both the cottage colony and the hotel guests of the mountain resort, and in addition many copies will be mailed out weekly as advertising for the town to prospective visitors. It is the purpose of the publisher and editor to make The Rocket as useful as possible in the growth and prosperity of Blowing Rock.

ROOSEVELT AND HOUSE CONFER

New York Governor Returns to His Native Heath After Vacation at Warm Springs, Ga. Has Nothing to Say.

New York.—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, his face well tanned by the Georgia sun, returned to the state of his past political battles Thursday and stoutly refused to be led into a discussion of any public question.

He was believed, however, to have delved into his chances for winning the Democratic presidential nomination in a visit he made immediately after his arrival with Col. Edward M. House, the late President Wilson's confidential adviser.

Neither would comment on the visit and the governor's associates termed it merely a friendly visit of farewell to Colonel House, who started Thursday for his annual summer vacation in New England.

Others attempted to read into the matter a connection with the Texas delegation whose 46 convention votes are pledged to Speaker John N. Garner. They recalled that Colonel House in 1912 held the Texas convention delegation for Woodrow Wilson and saw in Roosevelt's visit with him an indication the governor places much reliance in the possible influence Col. House might have in winning him the support of Texas democracy, if not on the first ballot, at least on a later one.

Boone Boy Awarded Diploma of Merit

Neil Hartley, son of Mrs. Pearl Hartley of Boone, has been awarded a diploma of merit by the Atlanta Georgian-American for an essay submitted on Washington's Farewell Address, according to information coming to Professor T. E. Story, of the Wilkesboro schools, where young Mr. Hartley was a student during the past year. It is asked by the newspaper sponsoring the competition that the diploma be presented at some Washington celebration event or similar occasion so that the popular local youth may be accorded the honor due for such an achievement.

Wages of City Employees Cut 20 Per Cent.; Pool Tables Banned

The Board of Aldermen of the town of Boone at its last regular session passed an order slicing a flat twenty per cent. from the salaries of officials and employees of the city, and further decreed that after the first of June there would be no more pool tables, high ball or other gaming devices allowed to operate within the town.

The salary cut, it is understood, is effective as of May 1st, and will reduce the amounts due for services rendered the city during the month which has just closed. The

action came as a result of the general trend towards economy in government brought about by slack tax collections and general depressed conditions of business.

The miniature pool tables, high ball slot machines, etc., which have proven popular with the younger folks of the town for several months were outlawed after complaints had been made by parents of college students, who it is thought were giving altogether too many of their study hours and the spending money to the fascinating amusements.

ANTI-RAT DRIVE WILL START HERE; COUNTY INCLUDED

Expert in Rodent Control Comes to City to Aid in Destroying Rat Colonies. Will Be Here for Three Days. Civitans Sponsor Engagement, and Details to Be Worked Out at Luncheon.

Mr. A. F. Oman, Department of Agriculture expert in the control of rodents, is expected to arrive in Boone today and will remain here until including June 4th, during which time he will direct a campaign against the wharf rat borde which for the past several months has been a source of great destruction in the community.

The movement to eliminate the imported pests was instituted by the Civitan Club, and at the luncheon meeting today definite plans for the campaign will be worked out. All of those interested are asked to be present at the session, which will be held during the noon hour at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

While the anti-rat campaign was conceived as a community project, it is learned that for the actual cost of the bait used with the poison farmers of the county will be able at a negligible expense to rid their premises of rats, and are asked to get in touch with Mr. Oman, on either Thursday, Friday or Saturday of this week and get the full particulars.

Watauga Boy Receives B. S. Degree at Berea

Berea, Ky.—George G. Farthing, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Farthing of Sugar Grove, N. C., will be among the graduates to receive a B. S. degree at the Berea College commencement exercises Monday morning, May 30th. Mr. Farthing has been in Berea five years. He graduated from the Berea College Academy in 1927, then entered the college department. His special study has been in the field of agriculture.

In addition to his excellent work as a student he has been active in various campus affairs. He was made a member of the Alpha Zeta Society and was its president this year. He was president of the Berea College Dramatic Club and of the Ag. Home Ec. Club.

MISSIONARY UNION TO HOLD QUARTERLY MEETING HERE

A quarterly meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association will be held with Boone Baptist Church next Sunday, June 5th, at 2:30 p. m., according to an announcement made yesterday by Mrs. J. L. Qualls, superintendent.

The program will be in charge of Mrs. Smith Hagaman, personal service chairman, Mrs. J. D. Brown, mission study chairman, Mrs. Enoch Swift, stewardship chairman, and Mrs. J. J. Coffey, young people's leader. It will consist of talks, plays and music.

The main feature of the meeting will be a talk by Mr. Dozier, of Japan. The public is cordially invited.

Primary Campaign Attracts an Increased Interest in Watauga

The primary campaign, which until a short while ago evoked little interest in Watauga County, is now beginning to attract the attention of the Democratic voters, and party leaders are predicting a sizeable vote next Saturday when the nominees for state offices and United States Senator are to be named at the polls.

Watauga County being exempt from the primary law as affects county officials, is calculated to cast a decidedly smaller vote than in those counties, in which local men and local issues figure, and it is not generally believed that more than one thousand votes will be cast next Saturday. It is recalled that in the heated Simmons-Bailey fight of 1930, Watauga County

MRS. REEVES DIES AT BLOWING ROCK LAST THURSDAY

Native of Boone and Sister of J. D. Council Succumbs After an Illness of Several Months. Was Member of One of County's Oldest Families. Funeral Friday Afternoon and Interment in Cemetery at Boone.

Mrs. Sallie Reeves, widow of the late Dr. Reeves, died at her home in Blowing Rock last Thursday after an illness which had its beginning several months ago. She had never fully recovered from an operation performed at Statesville several weeks ago, and complications which afterward set in were the direct cause of her death.

Funeral services were conducted from the Episcopal Church at Blowing Rock Friday afternoon by the Rev. J. H. Burke of Hendersonville, former rector at the Valle Crucis School, with the assistance of Rev. Sexton Buchanan of the Presbyterian Church, and interment was in the cemetery in Boone. A large concourse of friends from all the surrounding country gathered to pay their respects to the memory of deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Lena Reeves and Mrs. Davis of Richmond, Va.; a sister, Mrs. J. S. Williams, of Blowing Rock, and a brother, J. D. Council of Boone. Mrs. Reeves before her marriage was Miss Sallie Council of Boone, and was a member of one of the oldest families of this region. She was reared here, but lived in Blowing Rock since her marriage many years ago. She was well known and admired throughout the mountain country, and a host of friends are saddened by her demise.

Injured When Auto Lights Blink Out

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Phillips of the Perkinsville community each received minor cuts and bruises when the car in which they were riding left the highway, No. 60, below the Wilkes County line Sunday night. The accident occurred when the auto lights went out as the trio was returning from Statesville where they visited Mr. Phillips' mother who is a patient at the Davis Hospital. She is reported to be improved and those involved in the auto accident are not seriously wounded.

Sheriff's Office In Successful Raid Friday

A fifty-gallon oil barrel, 20 bushels of beer and the usual paraphernalia incident to the manufacture of moonshine whiskey, constituted the net results of a raid made by Sheriff Farthing and Deputy H. A. Hagaman on lower Stony Fork last Friday. The improvised distillery had been in recent operation and the furnace was hot when the officers arrived. It is understood, however, that there was no information gained as to the identity of the operators.

He Won't Run



Owen D. Young (the "D") doesn't stand for anything) refuses to be a candidate for the Presidential nomination, but heads a national committee to try to help loosen bank credits.

COUNCIL WARD IS BADLY INJURED IN FALL FROM TRUCK

Resident of Peoria Suffers Badly Fractured Skull and Is Otherwise Injured When He Is Catapulted to Roadway from Atop Motor Truck; Now in Winston-Salem Hospital. May Recover.

Council Ward, 41-year-old resident of the Peoria section of Beaver Dam, was near-fatally injured last Thursday afternoon, when he was thrown to the roadway from on top a loaded truck, a distance of about eight feet. After having been given first aid attention by Dr. W. O. Bingham, of Sugar Grove, where the accident occurred, the injured man was taken to the Banner Elk Hospital, where examination revealed a long crack across the front portion of the skull, while the nose and right cheek bone were fractured. The legs and arms were seriously lacerated and the loss of blood was heavy. Saturday Mr. Ward was removed to a Winston-Salem hospital in order that he might be under the care of a specialist and it is believed that he has an excellent chance of recovery.

Mr. Ward was at the Pink Hodge filling station near Boone, when the truck, loaded with vegetables and operated by Mr. Bud Osborne, stopped. Mr. Osborne readily agreed to give Ward a lift if he could climb on top the load. Mr. Ward climbed on top the load and seated himself on a hamper of beans, and it is believed the basket slipped with him and threw him to the road. Mr. Osborne did not know of the accident at the time it occurred.

The injured man is a brother of Lionel Ward of Boone, and is well known throughout the county.

JOHN JENKINS GETS LONG PRISON TERM

Notorious Ashe County Criminal Sentenced to Twelve Years in Atlanta for Postal Law Violations Monday.

North Wilkesboro.—John Jenkins, notorious criminal of Ashe County, was sentenced by Judge Johnson J. Hayes in Federal Court at Wilkesboro Monday to a total of twelve years in the penitentiary at Atlanta or such other place as the attorney general may designate. He was sentenced to five years in each of two counts for violation of postal laws and defrauding through the mails, and received a two-year sentence on another charge of violation of postal laws. The five-year sentences run concurrently, making the total time to be served seven years.

Jenkins is also wanted by state officers in Ashe and other parts of Northwestern North Carolina on charges ranging from petty thievery to larceny.

Certified Accountants Meet at Blowing Rock

The North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants closed a very successful spring social session at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock Saturday morning. George H. Emory, president of the association, presided.

On Friday afternoon A. J. Maxwell, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, spoke to the assembly, and a banquet and dance was enjoyed Friday evening.

VISITS IN BOONE

Rev. J. H. Brendall of Greensboro spent the week-end visiting his son, Rev. J. H. Brendall Jr., in Boone. Mr. Brendall occupied his son's pulpit at the Methodist Church Sunday morning, and many of those who listened to Mr. Brendall's sermons when he was pastor here 25 years ago, were present. The aged minister is retired from conference assignments. The visit of the well-known gentleman was enjoyed by his many friends here.

MRS. SUMA HARDIN SUCCUMBS AFTER A LENGTHY ILLNESS

Prominent Boone Lady Fails to Rally from Operation Performed at Davis Hospital Tuesday Afternoon. Funeral Service Thursday at Methodist Church with Dr. Chandler in Charge. Interment Here.

Mrs. Suma Hardin, widow of the late Oscar L. Hardin and a leader in social and religious organizations in Boone for many years, died at the Davis Hospital, Statesville, Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of several months. Her condition, however, had not been considered critical until a few weeks ago. An operation was performed a short time before death came, as a last resort in an effort to check an incurable malady. She was 43 years old.

Funeral services are to be held from the Methodist Church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, and Dr. O. J. Chandler of Asheville, former pastor here, is expected to be present, and is to be assisted by the Rev. J. H. Brendall. Interment will follow in the city cemetery.

Mrs. Hardin was a daughter of the late Dr. H. McD. and Mrs. Little, was born in Alexander County, but had made her home here since childhood. She was a member of the Methodist Church and had taken an important part in religious activities of the town. She was also prominently identified with various social organizations, and was extremely popular with all of her friends and acquaintances.

Surviving are two sons, Billy Mack, who lived with his mother, Bobbie of Blowing Rock, her mother, Mrs. H. McD. Little, and one brother, Roscoe, of Boone.

Local Minister Visits Washington Cathedral

Washington, D. C.—The Reverend Leicester F. Kent of Valle Crucis, N. C., was among a group of more than a score of Episcopal clergymen from all parts of the country attending a conference this week on the stimulation of preaching and church work at the College of Preachers of Washington Cathedral. The conference was conducted by Professor T. A. Montgomery of the Philadelphia Divinity School, and was on the subject of "Preaching the Gospel."

During the conference, the Reverend Mr. Kent made a pilgrimage through Washington Cathedral and observed the beauties of its 14th century Gothic architectural design. The Cathedral is now approximately one-fourth built and when completed will rank among the notable edifices of the Christian world. He also saw the tombs of Woodrow Wilson, Admiral George Dewey, Melville E. Stone, the noted journalist and one of the founders of the Associated Press, and other eminent Americans.

Soldier Believed Dead Is Returning to Home

Freidburg, Germany.—Oskar Daubmann, who was listed as killed in the Battle of the Somme, is returning from "the dead."

The German war veteran has informed his mother he survived the war, was wounded, and has twice escaped prison camps after stirring adventures and hardships. His last escape was from an African camp to which he had been sentenced for killing a guard.

Daubmann's return after sixteen years overjoyed his mother, who was told by the German consul at Naples that her son had arrived there. She also had a letter in his handwriting from Palermo.

She had mourned him as dead, and his name was inscribed on the monument to war dead at his native town of Edingen.

Daubmann's letter said he was wounded and fell captive in France. Later he tried to escape, killing a guard. For that attack he was sentenced to twenty years in an African prison.

BOONVILLE BOY WINS HONORS IN FARM DEBATING CONTEST

Monroe Johnson of the Boonville High School won first place in the district public speaking contest held at Harmony recently, according to word received Monday from his teacher, Ralph Walker, of Sugar Grove.

This contest is open only to those boys who are taking Vocational Agriculture and carry out an agricultural project during the summer. The state is divided into ten districts. From each district a boy is selected to go to Raleigh.

Young Johnson will go to Raleigh on June 28th to compete for the state prize. Last year J. L. Jones Jr., of the Boonville School won first place in the state contest. J. L. went to Hot Springs, Ark., where there were thirteen states represented.

There are now fifty registered herd bulls in Person County where there were only two back in 1927.