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## Republicans Nominate a Strong Ticket; Williams, Dulin Address Gathering

Critchler Nominatted for Sheriff, Holshouser for the Legislature. Orators Draw Applause and Resolutions of Principles Are Adopted.

The Republicans of Watauga County gathered in convention at the courthouse here Saturday afternoon, and nominated a complete slate of candidates for county offices and a candidate for the General Assembly. A large and enthusiastic crowd was in attendance, and harmony prevailed throughout the meeting. George F. Robbins, of Shulls Mills, presided as chairman.

J. E. (Peck) Holshouser, young Boone attorney, received the nomination for the Legislature on the first ballot. C. M. Critcher, Boone merchant and former sheriff, was picked from a field of six for sheriff. Fred Cooke of Deep Gap was named for register of deeds, Dr. W. O. Bingham for coroner, and Iredell Bumgarner of Vilas for surveyor.

Fifteen names were brought before the convention for county commissioners and from them, after several ballots, were selected A. G. Miller, Deep Gap merchant; Alfred Thomas, Cove Creek farmer, and Ben Farthing, Valle Crucis merchant. All of the nominations were made unanimous by the convention.

W. D. Farthing of Boone, W. F. Sherwood of Sugar Grove, and D. F. Coffey of Blowing Rock were endorsed by the convention for the Board of Education.

Preceding the convention, addresses were made by Phil P. Dulin of Statesville, candidate for Congress in the Ninth District, and H. S. Williams of Concord, candidate for Attorney General.

Mr. Dulin attacked the Democratic administration in North Carolina for "extravagance in the expenditure of public funds," used campaign utterances of Dick Fountain as a cudgel with which to sink his utterances, and directed shafts of criticism at the highway commission which, he said, "squandered money as long as Wall Street was willing to furnish it."

### Attacks State Administration

"Economy should be stressed in North Carolina," the speaker stated. "Notwithstanding hard times, the expense of Governor Gardner's office has increased, the expense of the public school system has increased, and the expense of the highway commission and public health service has increased. Various commissions which have been brought into being by the Democratic party are squandering tens of thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money. Yet they tell you they are giving you an economical government."

Mr. Dulin attacked the University of North Carolina as "an institution for the upper classes," and declared that State appropriations should be withheld from it until it offered equal advantages to the "one-galvanized man." He denounced the State highway patrol as a "useless organization" and the Historical Commission as a "needless burden on the taxpayers."

Failure of the 1931 General Assembly to bring about a revaluation of property in the State was scored by the speaker, who declared that each member who voted for a postponement of the law had violated his oath of office. Farmer Bob Doughton, his incumbent opponent in the Congressional contest, was blamed for not having taken an active part in the effort to cause a revaluation.

Referring to the 1930 election in Watauga and the alleged conspiracy of Democratic election officials to deprive voters of a free exercise of the franchise, the Congressional aspirant said: "Those who are crooked in elections are crooked through and through. The man who corrupts the ballot is a traitor to his country. . . . The Democratic party, not only in your county, but in the State of North Carolina, is rotten from the lowest to the highest."

Mr. Dulin confined his remarks to State affairs, and did not discuss the national campaign. In closing he told the audience that he favored a high protective tariff, immediate payment of the soldier bonus, and retention of the Eighteenth Amendment.

### Mr. Williams Speaks

Mr. Williams, who in 1916 opposed Congressman Doughton in the old Eighth District, was introduced by Mr. Dulin.

The Concord man spoke in humorous vein, and drew round after round of applause as he "waded" into the State election laws, the judicial system and the educational lay-out of Tarheelia. The school system he described as a "system wherein the kids are taught to vote the Democratic ticket," and declared that unless a

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## ALL SCHOOLS OF COUNTY ARE OPEN; LIST OF TEACHERS

Boone Schools Opened Tuesday, Other Institutions Already in Session. Increased Enrollments Reported, and Successful Terms Visualized. Complete Roster of the Teaching Force in County.

With the opening of the high school and the grades in Boone Tuesday the various schools of the county are now in session, and reports coming to the office of the Board of Education are to the effect that increased enrollments are apparent, and that indications are the accomplishments this year will be more marked.

Following is a list of the teaching force in the Watauga Schools. In each instance the first named is the principal of the school:

Boone—Guy H. Hill, R. H. Harman, Grady Moretz, Claude Pyatte, Miss Grace Graybeal, Mrs. Baxter Linney, Miss Edna Holtzclaw, Miss Annie German, E. C. Christenberry, Charles Farthing, Miss Eula Todd, Mrs. R. L. Clay, John Howell, Mrs. John Howell, Miss Ethel Roubelle, Miss Gladys Bolt, Miss Jane Eliason, Miss Mildred Richardson, Miss Estelle Pyc.

Oak Grove—John Perry, Miss W. Lametta Rowe.

Howards Creek—M. J. Williams, Miss Ollie Eller.

Rutnerwood—Miss Eula Carroll, Mrs. Mary Horton Duncan.

Poplar Grove—Miss Floy Cannon.

Liberty Hill—Cleve Gross, Mrs. Linney Walker.

Brushy Fork—Tom Moody, Mrs. Reatha Harman Wilson.

Blowing Rock—Grady E. Tester, Paul Bingham, Mrs. Norma Brown Gragg, Mrs. Ralph Askew, Miss Mabel Henson, Russell Henson, Mrs. Emma Story, Mrs. Sarah Banner Horton, Mrs. Elizabeth Suddreth Lentz.

Cool Springs—Dewey Mitchell.

Bamboo—Mrs. Ralph Estes, Miss Grace Edmisten.

Aho—Arthur Thomas, Miss Lucy Henson.

Headshaw—Miss Grace Bingham, Penley—Miss Maude Perry.

Cook—Mrs. Gladys Glenn Mast.

Timbered Ridge—Mrs. Lucy Wilson, Miss Nettie Wilson.

Bethel—Ralph Spinnous, Vera Underwood, Ralph Southerman.

Herbert Farthing, Miss Ona Farthing, Mrs. Leta Norris.

Forest Grove—Mrs. Ruth Holt Matheson, Mrs. Minnie Johnson.

Reese—Lewis Reese, Mrs. Lewis Reese.

Riverview—Tom Jackson.

Castle—A. E. Moretz.

Silverstone—Kimp Wilson, Miss Iva Dean Wilson, Miss Betty Ruth Greer.

Mabel—Mrs. Nettie Scott Swift, Miss Pearl Mast, Miss Lucy Glenn.

North Fork—Mrs. Hazel Norris Church.

Zionville—Miss Effie Winebarger.

Cove Creek—S. F. Horton, W. Y. Perry, Paul Allison, Miss Constance Shoun, Mrs. Grace Mast, Mrs. Mary Wiley Bostick, W. H. Walker, Miss Annie Dougherty, Dean Swift, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Bingham Mast, Miss Winnie Thornberg, Mrs. Mae Reeves Payne, Miss Blanche Stokes, Miss Anna Mae Sherwood.

Elk—Newton Cook, D. L. Bingham, Miss Ola Triplett.

Kellerville—Miss Cloyce Harman, Mrs. Bernice Trevell.

Ivy Ridge—Robby Vines.

Windy Gap—Miss Ruby Mast.

Rominger—George Harman, Rominger, Miss Ada Banner.

Presnell, Marshal Ward.

Miller—M. E. Norris, Miss Alice Taylor.

Green Valley—C. G. Hodges, Mrs. Thelma Horton.

Winebarger—Alex Tugman, Miss Eleanor Moretz.

Chestnut Grove—Ralph Greene, Miss Ruby Farthing.

Rich Mountain—Mrs. Blanche Wilkinson, Miss Beatrice Culler.

Tracy—Miss Ruby Arnold.

Potter Town—O. G. Winebarger, Miss Gladys Winebarger.

Deep Gap—Arthur Ruppe, Mrs. Arthur Ruppe, Mrs. Leona Moretz, Miss Earl Payne.

Meadow Creek—Mrs. Ruth Phillips Howell.

Stony Fork—Mrs. Lola Thompson Moretz, Miss Essie Henson.

Mt. Paron—Miss Earl Henson.

Cool Springs—Miss Dessie Mae Triplett.

Valley Mountain, Ernie Triplett, Miss Mary Luna Carrender.

Valle Crucis—Miss Lola Rowe, Miss Pearl Payne, Edward Dula.

Clarks Creek—Mrs. Hazel Fox Mast.

Dutch Creek—Oscar Brown.

Shulls Mills—Z. T. Greene, Mrs. Gladys Bingham.

Foscoe—Clyde Henson, Mrs. Clyde Henson.

Grandfather—Ford Henson, Miss Effie L. Fox.

Colored Schools

Boone—P. F. Johnson.

Laurel Creek—Robert Johnson.

Beaver Dam—Rebula McQueen.

## Opens His Campaign Here



ROBERT R. (BOB) REYNOLDS

## Victory Rally to Feature Opening Bob Reynolds' Campaign Here on 24th

## Barbecue and Band Concerts Being Arranged; Ehringhaus, Bailey, Gardner and Other Notables Are Expected to Be Present. Parade to Be Feature.

Hon. Robert R. Reynolds, colorful Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, will officially open his campaign in Boone on Saturday, September 24th, it was revealed to a company of Watauga Democrats who conferred with the Asheville attorney Sunday, and since their return plans have been inaugurated whereby Boone is on that day to be the scene of the greatest political rally in the history of Western North Carolina.

Invitations have been extended to J. C. B. Ehringhaus, candidate for Governor; A. H. Graham, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor; Governor O. Max Gardner, Senator Josiah W. Bailey, Congressman R. L. Doughton, State Chairman J. W. Winborne, and other leading Democratic statesmen to attend the Victory Rally, and officials of the local Democratic Club, which is sponsoring the event, have good reasons to believe that practically all the invitations will be accepted.

In addition to the address of Mr. Reynolds, which is to be the high spot of the program by virtue of its being his opening gun in the campaign for ballots, remarks are expected to be made by other candidates and office holders, and the slate of local Democratic nominees is expected to be present in a body and occupy seats on the speakers' platform, which will be erected in the open.

Parade to Form at Blowing Rock. The tentative program calls for the gathering with Mr. Reynolds at 10 o'clock at Blowing Rock, of Mr. Ehringhaus, Senator Bailey and the other Democratic chieftains, and a parade will be formed, entering Boone behind the Lenoir High School Band of sixty pieces, the most superb musical organization in the State. Mr. Reynolds, driving his battle-scarred flivver, will follow the band in company with the other candidates. The Lenoir band will intersperse the program, according to present plans, with campaign music and patriotic airs.

A barbecue of extraordinary proportions is scheduled as a principal attraction, which will be served without cost, and is to be supplemented by Watauga basket dinners donated by the housewives of Boone and the county.

### Not a Local Event

Watauga County Democrats who are laying the plans for the Victory Rally insist that the gathering is not to be understood as strictly a local

affair. Ashe, Wilkes, Caldwell, Alleghany and Avery counties are invited and urged to send Democratic delegations, and be the guests for the day of the local partisans. Information is already coming daily indicating that the neighboring organizations expect to co-operate to the fullest extent, and preparations are being made to take care of no less than five thousand people.

### Detailed Program to Be Announced

The Young Peoples Democratic Club, who sponsor the rally and which is to be staged by all Democrats of the county regardless, will meet in the courthouse Thursday evening when a definite program will be drafted. At this time it is urged that representatives from each township be present to join in working out the details of the rally, plans for which are on a vaster scale than hitherto attempted in this region.

## 75 CASES WILL BE TRIED NEXT WEEK

Rather Heavy Docket for Superior Court Which Convenes Monday. Sinclair Will Preside. Most Cases Are for Misdemeanors.

Between seventy-five and eighty cases will have been docketed for trial when the regular fall term of Superior Court convenes next Monday morning. Judge N. A. Sinclair will preside, and the term will be completed during the week, there being no provision for an extension. No civil cases will be called.

Practically all of the cases scheduled for trial are of a minor nature, larceny and violations of the prohibition laws predominating, with a sprinkling of other misdemeanors. Jack Hodges, Boone youth is to face a manslaughter charge growing out of the death of Glenn Wyke at Mayview Manor this summer, but there are no more homicide charges.

### REVIVAL SERVICES TO BEGIN AT VALLE CRUCIS SEPT. 18

Revival services will begin at Valle Crucis Methodist Church next Sunday, September 18th. Rev. T. C. Jordon, of the Wilkesboro Methodist Church, will assist Rev. G. C. Graham, the pastor. Services will be held twice daily. A cordial invitation is given all to the services.

## RALPH ROBBINS DIES AS RESULT OF AUTO WRECK

Resident of Poplar Grove Section Succumbs to Injuries Saturday in Banner Elk Hospital. Accident Occurred Near Boone. No Eye Witnesses. Funeral at Piney Grove on Sunday. Parents Among Survivors.

Ralph Robbins, 25 years old, native Wataugan but for the most of his adult life a resident of Caldwell County, died in the Grace Hospital at Banner Elk Saturday night from injuries received in an auto accident on the previous Friday. Concussion of the brain was given as the immediate cause of his death.

There were no eye witnesses to the accident which occurred on the sharp curve at the Hines Graveyard one mile west of town. The machine which was believed to have been traveling at a high rate of speed, failed to round the curve and crashed into a fence. Young Robbins, who was unaccompanied, received a long fracture of the skull, and never regained consciousness. Passersby picked him up soon after the accident was thought to have occurred and brought him to Boone physicians who in turn advised sending him to the hospital, where physicians held out no hope for his recovery.

Funeral services were conducted from the Piney Grove Church in the Poplar Grove section Sunday afternoon and interment was in the community cemetery. Besides the father and mother, several brothers and sisters survive.

Deceased was born and spent his boyhood in Watauga County, but since a child resided in Caldwell. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Robbins who recently returned to this county, and the family has many friends throughout this region.

## DOUGHTON WILL ADDRESS VOTERS

Outstanding Congressman Makes His First Public Appearance Here Monday Noon. To Present Issues of Campaign During Court Recess

Hon. Robert L. Doughton, member of Congress from the old Eighth District for twenty years, is scheduled to deliver a campaign address at the courthouse during the noon recess of court next Monday, according to announcement coming from J. L. Wilson, chairman of the Watauga County Democratic Executive Committee, who is extending an invitation to voters of both parties to hear the issues of the campaign discussed for the first time since all local candidates have been placed in the field.

For many years it has been the custom of Congressman Doughton to deliver his first speech in this section at the fall term of court, and this year Chairman Wilson and other leading Democrats believe that his appearance will draw even increased crowds in view of the intensified issues of the present campaign. Tentative plans call for the installation of an amplifying system in the courthouse, so that those who cannot be accommodated in the building may be able to hear the deliverance from the outside.

## East Tenn. Bus Line Inaugurates New Service

The E. T. & W. N. C. Motor Transportation Company is now operating the bus line from Boone to Blowing Rock, Lenoir and Hickory. Twenty passenger buses are being used and these are run through from Johnson City to Hickory. This line now offers the very best and fastest service from Boone to Charlotte, Statesville, Salisbury and other Central North Carolina points. Its schedule from Boone to Charlotte is almost an hour faster than any other route.

In addition to service to North Carolina points, the E. T. & W. N. C. also has excellent service to Johnson City, Elizabethton, Bristol and other points and to all Western and Northern points. It has hard surfaced roads all the way.

## Ballou & Bingham Style of Law Firm

Mr. F. J. Ballou of Jefferson and John H. Bingham of Sugar Grove have formed a law partnership and are now opening offices in the Blackburn building across from the courthouse. Mr. Ballou has made his home in the west for the past five years, where he recuperated from serious injuries sustained in an auto accident, but is well known throughout this section where he practiced law for about twenty-five years.

Mr. Bingham is known by all Wataugans and has had a successful legal career covering more than twenty years.