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AIN'T YOU GLAD?

Hold your horses, gentlemen, the elephants are coming! In just a few days folks around Boone will hear this clarion call...

WELCOME, GIRLS!

They're here, good people... just hundreds and hundreds of the cutest little school ma'ams to be found in a State that leans mightily toward the production of feminine pulchritude!

JUST BETWEEN US—

ESTER SETZER has a cow, the cow runs in a pasture near his home, and the cow wears a cow-bell! Well, there's someone in the neighborhood who can't stand the musical tinkling of the bell...

SOLICITOR SPURLING is a real, honest-to-goodness vote-getter, which was demonstrated by his record majority in last Saturday's primary election...

PIGS WILL BE PIGS... but they seldom perform as this one did! A week or so ago, a shoat weighing perhaps seventy-five pounds made his appearance at the old Blackburn hotel building.

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WATAUGA MAN IS ARRESTED; CHARGE BURNING OFFICER

Claude Teague Taken Into Custody Last Week as Result of Near-Fatal Burning of Wilkes Citizen, M. S. Phillips Not Expected to Recover from Burns Received When Thrown Into Vat of Boiling Mash.

Claude Teague, resident of Blowing Rock, was taken in custody last week by Deputy Marshal Milliken and Chief of Police T. E. Story of that place, and lodged in jail on a charge of participating in the serious injury of M. S. Phillips, of Ferguson, who was recently hitrown into a vat of boiling mash as he was aiding officers in a raid on a moonshine distillery.

Mr. Phillips, a well known resident of Wilkes County, is fighting for his life at Wilkes Hospital and reports coming to The Democrat indicate that his chances for recovery are slight.

Matherly and Turney laws were arrested and taken to Wilkesboro jail from the still site, but it could not be learned whether either of them threw Phillips into the mash.

Following the raid, Marshal Dowd personally investigated the affair and directed a search for the guilty party. Every deputy marshal in the district was summoned to North Wilkesboro and joined in the search for the person responsible for the near-fatal injuries of the Wilkes citizen, who, it is understood, was acting in the capacity of a Federal officer at the time.

JONES WINNER BY LANDSLIDE VOTE

Seventeenth District Solicitor Carries Every County in District, Majority May Run to Ten Thousand. Complete Returns Not Available.

Solicitor John R. Jones of North Wilkesboro won an overwhelming victory over his opponent, F. J. McDuffie, for the Republican nomination to succeed himself in the primary of Saturday, although a complete tabulation of the vote by counties is not yet available.

Wilkes County gave its native son a majority which will range from three thousand to thirty-five hundred although the complete vote had not been ascertained at this writing.

Davie County was carried by Solicitor Jones in handsome fashion, and Avery County approved his candidacy by 1,000 majority. Alexander County returned a majority of 1,850 for the incumbent, who is being widely congratulated on having carried every county in the district by such gratifying margins.

LEGION'S CHILD WELFARE SURVEY BEING CONTINUED

Mrs. Charles Younce, who has been engaged in the registration of disabled and diseased children for the past week, announced yesterday that she will remain at the county relief offices through Saturday. The survey is conducted by the American Legion and Auxiliary, and following enrollment of the physically handicapped children, treatment and further examination will be furnished. This service is free.

Mrs. Younce states that more than one hundred have been enrolled, and is hopeful that the work may be completed by this week-end.

MISS REBA DOUGHTON GETS POST WITH YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Washington.—The appointment of Miss Reba Doughton, daughter of Representative Doughton of North Carolina, as an assistant to the executive secretary of the Young Democratic Clubs of America, was announced Sunday by Cliff Woodward, president of the organization.

SPRINKLE ON OIL BOARD

Mr. B. F. Sprinkle, Lenoir oil dealer, who is well known here, has been appointed chairman of the Caldwell County petroleum committee to represent the State code authority. The board will hold monthly meetings to investigate violations of the code and secure compliance.

Announces Candidacy



Mrs. Merline H. Shumway, who is one of the first to announce her candidacy for State president of the American Legion Auxiliary, has served on the State Board for the past three years and is a member of the Jim Leonard Unit of Lexington, N. C.

675 ARE ENROLLED FOR COLLEGE TERM

Students Continue to Arrive in Great Numbers and Belief is That Last Year Registration May Be Surpassed. Many Seek Rooms.

The first summer term of Appalachian College opened Tuesday, and Wednesday noon registration was still going strong after 675 had enrolled. This figure lacks only about fifty of reaching the peak of last year's summer school, and belief is expressed that the number this year may go far beyond the former period.

Since last week students have been arriving in great numbers from all directions by public and private conveyance, and the streets of the town are again thronged with teachers. Dormitories are rapidly filling, and many, through preference, have applied for accommodations in private homes of the town.

Complete registration figures will not be known for several days yet, but still the teachers continue to arrive.

Missionary Union to Meet at Blowing Rock

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association will hold its annual meeting in the Blowing Rock Baptist Church, beginning at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, June 14th. The session will continue through the day and dinner will be served by the local society. The theme of the program for the morning session will be "Recapture the Rapture of Prayer."

The young people's program will be presented in the afternoon, theme, "Stewardship." The Union is particularly fortunate in being able to have Miss Sara Funderburk, missionary to South China, who will deliver an address on "Prayers Answered in China," and Mrs. Edna R. Harris, State W. M. U. corresponding secretary. The subject of Mrs. Harris' address will be "Wanted."

All members and their pastors are urged to be present. The public is invited.

Typing and Accounting Courses at High School

Mrs. E. S. Christenbury is opening her typing classes at the Boone High School today (Wednesday) and all those interested in taking a course of this kind are asked to get in touch with her at once.

At the same time, Mrs. Eagley of Cranberry is offering classes in stenography, shorthand and accounting, at the high school. Any of these courses may be secured by paying a small tuition fee. The special training will cover a six-weeks period and is given under the general direction of the high school authorities.

Classes are open to all, whether students or not.

RECORDER'S COURT

The following cases were disposed of by Judge John H. Bingham in Recorders Court Tuesday.

Charles McConnell, assault on female, 3 cases, 8 months suspended on payment of \$20 and cost.

Rom Potter and Ed Potter, assault with deadly weapons and disturbing public worship, nol pros with leave.

Burless Hortley, removing crops, costs.

Robert Miller, violating prohibition laws, 4 months suspended on payment of cost.

Dennis Teague and France Tester, larceny, 4 months suspended on payment of cost.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore, of Moro, Oregon, who are spending a few weeks touring the east, visited with friends in Boone Wednesday afternoon.

141 GALLONS OF LIQUOR IS TAKEN IN SINGLE RAID

Three Are Arrested and Two Automobiles Seized in Largest Coup of Blockade Liquor Ever Effected by a Watauga County Sheriff. One Car Equipped With Smoke Screen. Remarkable Enforcement Record.

The largest amount of illicit whiskey ever taken by the Watauga County authorities was reported last Thursday by Sheriff A. Y. Howell, the official coup netting one hundred and forty-one gallons of a fair quality of corn liquor, two automobiles, three men, a smoke-screen apparatus and a high-powered rifle.

Wednesday evening Sheriff Howell in company with Deputies W. L. Day, John K. Brown, and A. L. Gross and Granville Norris of the Boone police force, stationed themselves on the Boone Trail Highway near Rutherfordwood. They were watching for a particular person who, incidentally, did not show up, and it was necessary to stop practically all cars. At about 11 o'clock a Chevrolet pick-up was halted, its cargo of sixty-five gallons seized, and two men, Howard Brown and one Lane, of Watauga County, taken into custody. About one o'clock at the same spot a Ford coach was taken, together with seventy-six gallons of liquor and two men, Arnold Gilreath and Ralph Freeland, both of Wilkes County. The latter car was equipped with a large smoke screen attachment and a high-powered rifle, loaded with hollow-pointed bullets, was taken from the vehicle. It is understood that the smoke screen constitutes a felony.

This night netted the officers four men, two automobiles, smoke screen, rifle and one hundred and forty-one gallons of liquor, and is unquestionably the banner catch for this section.

The automobiles will be sold at public auction while the trial of the prisoners will take place at next week's session of Recorders Court.

Howell Has Fine Record Investigation reveals that Sheriff Howell has created for himself a wonderful record of enforcement during his tenure in office. He and his deputies, with the co-operation of the city police, have captured thirty-four stills and taken fourteen men connected with the operation of the illicit plants. More than fifteen thousand gallons of still beer has been dumped, and hundreds of gallons of liquor destroyed.

Fifteen automobiles have been confiscated, either stolen machines or liquor haulers, and thirty escaped convicts, highwaymen, kidnapers or men wanted by other states and counties have been arrested. It is found that about 600 have been arrested and jailed since A. Y. Howell took the oath of office a little more than fifteen months ago. Men and women have been captured nailing from the following states: North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, New Mexico, Florida, California, Georgia, Alabama, District of Columbia, Idaho, Montana and Tennessee.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET SATURDAY

Delegates to Be Elected to State Convention. Precinct Meetings Friday. Executive Committee and Chairman to Be Named.

The Democrats of Watauga County, pursuant to a call from Chairman J. L. Wilson, will assemble in the courthouse next Saturday at 2 o'clock for the purpose of naming delegates to the State convention and to perfect a county organization.

Precinct meetings will be held on Friday at 3 o'clock and delegates named to the county convention. Each township, at the same time, will elect a township committee, the chairman of which constitute the county executive committee. Vice-chairmen, women, will also be named in the several townships.

A county chairman will be selected by the committee at the county convention.

The State convention will be held at Raleigh on June 21, at which time former Senator Cameron Morrison will be the keynote speaker.

WATAUGAN BADLY BURNED IN OIL TANK EXPLOSION

A message received by W. M. (Barber Bill) Hodges on Friday stated that a brother, Mr. J. L. Hodges, was seriously burned in an oil tank explosion at Corbin, Ky., on the day previous. The many friends of Mr. Hodges, who is a native of this county, will be grieved to learn of his misfortune. No news as to his present condition is obtainable. He has been a resident of Corbin for some time, being engaged as a filling station operator.

His Promotion Opposed



Washington, D. C.—Commander G. W. Calver (above), U. S. Navy, House Physician, since 1911, is the storm center as the attempt was made to promote him to the rank of Captain in 1933 appropriations.

BYRDS INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Shulls Mills People Hurt as Cars Collide at Granite Falls, Being Treated at Hickory Hospital. Blame for Wreck Not Established.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Byrd, prominent residents of the Shulls Mills section, a son, Letcher S. Byrd, and wife, Mrs. Margaret Byrd, were more or less seriously injured in an automobile collision which occurred last Sunday morning at Granite Falls, N. C. The injured were immediately taken to a Hickory hospital where latest reports indicate that hope for recovery is entertained.

Mrs. Margaret Byrd sustained a fractured skull and possible concussion of the brain, and was likely the most severely injured. Hospital attaches are encouraged, however, since the lady has regained consciousness.

W. H. Byrd received cuts about the face, body bruises and injuries to the spine.

Mrs. W. H. Byrd's injuries consist of a broken arm and severe cuts about the face and head.

L. S. Byrd received treatment for a slight cut and was dismissed from the hospital.

Immediately following the accident Sheriff J. C. Tolbert of Caldwell made an investigation and learned that the crash occurred when a car occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Martin of Granite Falls, was making a left turn on Highway 17 to enter a street leading to a church. At this point, the Sheriff reported, the Byrd car attempted to pass, with the resultant crash, the Byrd car turning over two or three times and being practically demolished. Mr. and Mrs. Martin escaped uninjured and there was slight damage to their machine.

Blame for the accident has not been established by the Sheriff's office, it is said, and no arrests have been made in connection with the crash.

Judgeship Race Is In the Local Mind

The triangular race for the Superior Court judgeship in the Seventeenth district, which has simmered down to a contest between J. A. Rousseau of North Wilkesboro, and J. Hayden Burke of Taylorsville, has provided the principal topic of conversation locally since last Saturday's voting.

Pending the tabulation of the official vote, most reports would indicate a victory by Burke. However, the Winston-Salem Journal, in a survey in its Tuesday's issue, indicates that Burke received 4304 as against 4688 for Rousseau, with a relatively small vote for J. A. Ragland. On the basis of these figures a second primary is inevitable.

Information Wednesday is that the entire Alexandre vote has been contested by Rousseau and that the county board of elections passed it on for further ruling to the State board. The Alexandre county vote was Burke 2905, Rousseau 59, Ragland 6. It is understood that Rousseau charges heavy Republican voting in Alexandre.

Blowing Rock Named In Advertising Gasoline

In a recent advertisement for Gulf gasoline, published in daily newspapers throughout the nation and demonstrating the pulling power of that brand of motor fuel, the name of Blowing Rock is prominently used. An automobile loaded with a long trailer bearing heavy cargo is pictured, being drawn up a hill near the neighboring town, and of course Gulf pulled the load farthest. This constitutes advertising for the town of Blowing Rock and, incidentally, Mullins & Clay will be interested to know that a bag lying atop the load carries the well-known checkerboard design of the Purina mills.

When black cloth becomes shiny, rub the spots with slices of raw potato.

SPURLING WINS HANDS DOWN IN WATAUGA VOTING

Light Balloting Characterizes Primary in Which Solicitor Gains All But Five of Votes Cast. Winborne Bags All But a Scattering of Local Ballots. No Other Contest Before Watauga Voters.

Solicitor L. S. Spurling had a walk-away in Watauga's primary voting Saturday, when out of 1,117 votes cast, he allowed his unsuccessful opponent only five ballots. Mr. Spurling, who won the nomination to succeed himself as State prosecutor in the Sixteenth District, carried five counties of the district, while Theodore F. Cummings of Hickory only carried Catawba. The official count over the district is expected to net Mr. Spurling a majority of something over 10,000.

Voting in Watauga County was unusually light, in the absence of a county primary ballot, but friends of Mr. Spurling feel gratified with the number of electors who came to the ballot boxes. There was little division of opinion and primary workers were confronted with only one problem, that of getting sufficient enthusiasm aroused to result in a fair-sized vote.

Winborne Leads Stanley Winborne, candidate to succeed himself as Utilities Commissioner, likewise had smooth sailing in Watauga, having marked up 963 ballots, as against 33 for his defeated opponent, E. C. Macon.

The official tabulation, as reported by the county board of elections Tuesday, is as follows:

Table with columns for Township, Spurling, and Cummings. Rows include Bald Mountain, Beaver Dam, Blowing Rock, Blue Ridge, Boone, Cave Creek, Elk, Meat Camp No. 1, Meat Camp No. 2, Laurel Creek, North Fork, Shawneetown, Story Fork, Watauga, and TOTAL.

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SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN SEPTEMBER

Announcement is Made of the Start of Elementary School, High Schools to Open September 3, With One Exception, Walker States.

All high school of Watauga County will open their 1934-35 sessions on September 3rd, with the exception of Boone High School, which is scheduled to open September 4th, according to information coming from County Superintendent Howard Walker Tuesday morning.

Mr. Walker states that elementary schools may open either on July 23rd or September 3rd, unless they happen to be connected with a high school or bus line. In that case, it is explained, they will necessarily open on the 3rd, as buses will not start before that time.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for the month of May, 1934, as compiled by the Cooperative Station at Appalachian State Teachers College:

- Average maximum temperature, 74 degrees. Average minimum temperature, 46 degrees. Average temperature, 60 degrees. Average daily range in temperature, 28 degrees. Greatest daily range in temperature, 42 degrees; date, 17th. Highest temperature reached, 84; dates, 20th, 22nd. Lowest temperature reached, 33 degrees; date, 26th. Total precipitation, in inches, 1.94. Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 0.45; date, 15th. Number of days with 0.01 inch or more precipitation, 8. Number of clear days, 22. Number of partly cloudy days, 4. Number of cloudy days, 5. Dates of frosts, 26th, 27th.