

Land Ho!
The Changing Ocean
Safety and Speed
Much for Science

On Board Steamship Normandie—
Four nights from New York and the
ship is at Southampton. The Isle of
Wight is on your right. Passengers
are landing for England. On your
left is France, across the water. You
land there later. On old crossings
passengers watched eagerly for the
first land. Now crossing and land-
ing are as exciting as a trip by rail
from Chicago to Lake Forest, or
from Wall street to Forty-Second
street by subway. You are in Eu-
rope before you realize that you have
started. The poetry of travel has de-
parted with fast ships on the ocean
and automobiles instead of camels
on the desert.

No matter how often you cross this
Atlantic ocean, or the North Amer-
ican continent the crossing is always
different and interesting. The ocean,
like the wide plains, is forever chang-
ing.

Two days ago the waves looked
like playthings for children. Last
night the ocean changed its mind and
rolled the waves up high with a
shrieking wind. The steward said,
"We shall have to fasten the arm
chairs tomorrow," but the heavy
ship paid no attention to the waves.
The ocean changed its mind again
and calmed down.

A speedometer telling how fast
the ship moves is operated by a
mechanism below the keel that re-
cords the speed of the rushing water.
Burning oil produces steam; steam
power is converted into electric power,
and that drives the ship. The
captain always knows how deep the
ocean is beneath him; an electric
contrivance sends a sound wave
down through the water to the bot-
tom, which sends back an echo.

Knowing the speed at which sound
travels through water, it is easy to
calculate the depth. The machine
does it for you. It is a feeble sound
—one hundred and sixty thousand
vibrations to the second. No hu-
man ear could pick it up, but the
machine records it. Twenty-five
thousand vibrations per second is the
limit of your ear, and that is not bad
for a primitive contrivance like a
human being.

Newton D. Baker, secretary of war
in the "big" war, tells graduating
students of the Massachusetts In-
stitute for Technology it is their duty
to "carry science into politics." Se-
sionists, Mr. Baker thought, must
seek for "the solution of world prob-
lems when the great international
crises come, as it surely will come."

A sufficient "great crisis" seems to
be here now, with many countries
wanting to fight each other, differ-
ent classes already fighting each other,
and in this richest country in the
world—ten million human beings
living practically on charity.

George Bernard Shaw, not yet
eighty, says, "I must give up public
speaking. I am too old." That sur-
prises you from a Celt and an Irish-
man. At eighty many men have been
vigorous in thought and body; for
instance, Pope Leo, Von Moltke,
Gladstone, Michelangelo.

Not one of those, however, suffered
from handicaps that have aged
George Bernard Shaw prematurely; he
is a vegetarian and a teetotaler.

In spite of England's pitifully weak
and belated backdown on sanctions,
due to London's fear of Mussolini's
air fleet; a backdown denounced as
cowardice by Lloyd George, Britain,
for face-saving purposes, will main-
tain a great fleet in the Mediter-
ranean. Mussolini will welcome such con-
venient air and submarine targets
near home as a sort of British hos-
tage to fortune.

M. Auriol announces that France
will not devalue the franc any fur-
ther. It has already been reduced by
80 per cent., as though our dollar
had been knocked down to twenty
cents instead of fifty-nine cents.
Prime Minister Blum knows that it
does not pay to scare capital out of
its wits, something that our best
Washington minds have still to
learn. The French workmen will
have their forty-hour week and the
strikes are about over.

Returning to the real American
interest, the defeat of Joe Louis,
young gentlemen and old will ob-
serve that it is most important in
all undertakings not to be afraid,
them "an invincible conqueror of
Louis had encountered saw before
worn out or cowardly. Fighters that
men."

RECORDER'S COURT
Only four cases were tried before
the Recorder Tuesday, as follows:
Charles Waiser, public drunken-
ness. 30 days on roads.

Lloyd Stanbury, Robt. Norris, sei-
zing for fish. One-half the cost.

Gordon Arvuthnot, public drunk-
ness. One-half the cost.
J. W. Greene, operating car with-
out license. Fined \$10 and required
to pay one-half the cost.

DEMOCRATIC STANDARD BEARERS



President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vice-President John N. Garner, who were nominated by acclamation to head the Democratic ticket, just prior to the closing of the convention in Philadelphia Saturday.

BEAUTY PAGEANT FEATURES FOURTH

**Forty Of Watauga County's
Fairest Are to Compete for
Title "Miss Watauga."**

The annual American Legion Beauty pageant will be held at the Legion on Saturday evening, July 4, at 8 o'clock, when the title "Miss Watauga" will be bestowed upon the young lady who wins the favor of a group of impartial judges. This honor will entitle the winner to compete in the state-wide contests.

About forty of Watauga's comeliest young ladies will be featured in this year's parade of pulchritude, and the event is expected to draw even more interest than last year, when the largest throng since the inception of the event gathered.

Contestants are being sponsored by the following firms: Pastime Theatre, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., Boone Department Store, Walker's Jewelry Store, New River Light and Power Co., Pearson's Store, Boone Feed Store, Millers Five and Ten Cent Store, Boone Trail Cafe, Watauga Drug Store, Hodges Tire Co., Dixie Stores, T. & L. Cafe, Belk-White Co., Qualls Furniture Store, Princess Cafe, City Meat Market, Snithey's Store, Spambour's Inc., Cottrell's Quick Lunch, Watauga Democrat, Daniel Boone Hotel, Sanitary Barber & Beauty Shop, Shell Service Station and Cafe, Barnett's Service Station, Lillian Mae Beauty Shop, Miller's Floral Shop, M. & M. Motor Co., Boone Steam Laundry, Johnson-Stuart Co., Boone Drug Company, Rademar Beauty Shop, W. R. Chevrolet Co., Highland Furniture Co., Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home, Mayflower Beauty Shop, Daniel Boone Motor Co., Boone Chamber of Commerce, Ruth-Louise Shop.

PRIMARY RACE TO END ON SATURDAY

Democratic Candidates for Governor and Two Other Offices To Be Chosen.

Saturday marks the close of the second heated Democratic primary campaign in the state, with chief interest centering in the battle being waged for the gubernatorial honors between Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby and Dr. Ralph W. McDonald of Forsyth county. State-wide reports indicate that a much tighter vote will be cast than in the first primary when more than 500,000 visited the polling places, and when Mr. Hoey amassed a lead of a few thousand over his nearest opponent.

Wilkins P. Horton and Paul Grady are also contesting in the second primary for the office of Lieutenant-Governor, while the position of Secretary of State will go to either Thad Eure or Stacy Wade, the incumbent.

Local Interest Wanes
Apparently from a local viewpoint, interest is at a rather low ebb in the run-off, but it is expected that both the McDonald and Hoey forces will show an increased activity as the time for the battle of ballots draws nearer. Hoey received 1381 votes in Watauga county in the first primary; Dr. McDonald 281, Sandy Graham 81 and John A. MacRae 8.

In view of these figures it would appear that Hoey is the local favorite by heavy odds, and the vote for Graham and McDonald was so small as to be almost inconsequential. Generally speaking, fourth of July vacation trips, and a generally lessened interest over the state, would seem to vouchsafe a comparative light vote.

WRIGHT SAYS MONDAY BROKE HEAT RECORDS

Temperature records covering a period of seven and one half years were shattered in Boone Monday, when Old Sol's withering rays sent mercury upward to 94 degrees, the highest recorded by Prof. J. T. O. Wright, weather observer at Appalachian College.

Prof. Wright also reveals that the year 1936 also brought the coldest day during his 7½ years of recording the caprices of the weather, when the thermometer indicated a temperature of 7 degrees below zero.

At the same time, it is pointed out, there has been only one and one-third inches of precipitation during the month of June, as against an average rainfall for the month of from 4½ to 5 inches.

FUNERAL VICTIM AUTO COLLISION

Wataugans Attend Rites Held for A. J. Rayfield in Granite Falls Friday.

A number of Wataugans attended the funeral services held in Granite Falls Friday for A. J. Rayfield, 56, a former Watauga county, who was killed in an automobile accident near Granite Falls two days previously. Rev. Walter Icehour was in charge of the obsequies, which were held at the Methodist Church and interment was in that cemetery.

Deceased is survived by the widow and one daughter, Miss Thelma Rayfield. Two brothers, John Rayfield of Granite Falls and George Rayfield of Boone, also survive.

The fatal accident occurred as the Ford car driven by Mr. Rayfield apparently cut into the side of a bottling company truck, driven by Ralph Self of Hickory. The two vehicles were meeting on the highway at a slight curve. Mr. Rayfield's car hit the truck near the rear wheel, careened into a ditch and back into the highway, where it turned over three or four times. Mr. Rayfield's skull was crushed and he died two hours later.

A. J. Rayfield was reared in the Silverstone section of Watauga county where he lived until fifteen years ago. He had been engaged in the mercantile business at Granite Falls for many years, where was a prominent citizen. He was a leading member of the Methodist Church and held in high esteem by his many acquaintances.

STANDARD OIL LEADERS HOLD DISTRICT MEETING

A district meeting of bulk dealers for the Standard Oil Company was held at the Daniel Boone Hotel on Wednesday night of last week, the banquet being given by J. R. Latham of Hickory, formerly of Boone, who was credited with having secured for his company the most competitive accounts during the months of April and May.

Twenty-seven dealers were present for the banquet, and numerous brief talks were made. Mr. Lee Stout, local Standard Oil dealer, was an especially invited guest.

SPEAKS IN LENOIR

Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the Boone Baptist Church has been invited to deliver an address to the Western North Carolina Pastors' Conference in Lenoir Monday. The subject of the address by the local minister will be "The Preacher and His Program in His Church."

CONVENTION PUTS STAMP APPROVAL UPON ROOSEVELT

Garner Will Be President's Running Mate in the Campaign Shortly To Start.

NOMINATIONS ARE MADE WITH NO SIGN DISCORD

Roosevelt Appears to Accept Nomination, and to Defend His Administration; Two-thirds Rule Is Abolished.

Convention Hall, Philadelphia, June 27—Twice unanimously, the Democratic convention renominated Roosevelt and Garner today for the already accelerating presidential campaign.

Both the President and Vice-President accepted the campaign mandate before a mammoth audience at Franklin Field.

It was the first time in American history that both candidates of a political party have been nominated and formally notified in a space of 24 hours.

A din of "ayes" from the crowded floor ratified Roosevelt for the leading place on the ticket at 12:42 a. m. Eastern Daylight Time.

After a rest, a subdued and smaller assembly of the delegates formally designated his running mate at 1:52 p. m., just before adjournment of the ninth and final session.

Placed in nomination by Governor James V. Allred of Texas, Garner was given his demonstration innings in a march led by his fellow south-westerners.

Their rebel-yells were loud and frequent; but the scene contrasted (Continued on page 8.)

SPEAKS HERE

Senator Reynolds Patriot Speaker Saturday



Senator Robert R. Reynolds, who, Wednesday afternoon, accepted by telephone an invitation by the American Legion to deliver an address in Boone on the fourth. The Senator will speak at the Legion Park at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, as will Josephus Daniels Jr. The Junior Senator will be accompanied by his daughter, Miss Frances Reynolds and by Miss Marie Newson, who is Secretary to Hon. Forbes Morgan of Washington. This is Senator Reynolds' first public appearance in Boone since he was inducted into office and it is believed that he will have an immense audience.

DROUGHT ALARMS COUNTY FARMERS

Severe Shortage of Food Crops Seems Evident As Dry Weather Continues.

The probability that truck crops in this section will be the poorest this season for many years, is manifest, as June ends with scarcely more than an inch of precipitation as against a normal four or five inches.

Potatoes, the principal produce of Watauga county, are pronounced an almost total failure on some farms. In many instances, it is said, the blooms have died, and the vines have become mature without tubers of marketable size. Some farmers are of the opinion that even though a normal rainfall should begin at this time that the potato crop would not be over "fair."

There is yet a prospect for late cabbage provided there is a let up in the drought, while corn is reported as doing fairly well in most sections. It, however, cannot long endure the blistering sun without moisture.

Cattle raisers are particularly alarmed, since there is comparatively no dry feed in prospect. Indications are that cattle which would ordinarily be kept as "feeders" will be forced on the market due to lack of forage, with a resultant heavy monetary loss. Extremely dry periods during the month of June have been recalled, but scarcely has such a period been preceded by aridity during May. The hay crops depend largely on a bountiful rainfall during May. It was not that way this year.

ROBBERS OF MAST STORE CAPTURED

Sugar Grove Merchant's Purse Taken From Robbers Apprehended in Bristol.

Two men, captured in Bristol last week as they attempted the perpetration of a garage robbery, are without question those who entered the store of A. C. Mast of Sugar Grove on the 15th, since a purse with Mr. Mast's name and his driver's license was found on the person of one of the fugitives.

Mr. Mast's store was entered when one lock was out loose and a second broke, and some fifty dollars worth of gasoline and miscellaneous merchandise was taken. The robbers failed to locate Mr. Mast's money, but did take the tell-tale purse, which did not contain any currency. Mr. Mast believes that the robbers did not have sufficient room in their vehicle to accommodate more of his goods, since merchandise taken elsewhere was included in their load.

The prisoners' names could not be learned, but it is said they are about 30 years old, and that one of them had recently escaped jail at Greenville, Tenn. They were driving a car stolen the night before the Mast robbery in Johnson City, and 1500 miles had been added to its mileage. Bristol officials refused to let Mr. Mast have the burglars until they had faced trial in that state.

FAMED HOSTELRY RAZED BY FLAME ON SUNDAY MORN

Esecola Inn, Summer Hotel at Linville is Quickly Demolished as Guests Flee.

NEW HOTEL TO BE READY FOR OPENING NEXT YEAR

Chestnut Lodge Will be Operated for the Remainder of the Season. Boone People Helped Construct Hotel In 80s.

Esecola Inn, fashionable Linville tourist hostelery was reduced to ashes Sunday morning, when fire, believed to have originated in the kitchen, rapidly spread to other parts of the huge frame building.

The hotel having just opened, only about twenty-five rooms were being occupied, it was said, and employees quickly warned the guests, enabling them to salvage many of their personal belongings. There were no casualties.

Other structures nearby were threatened, but the employees, guests and people from the countryside, confined the blaze to the hotel.

Nelson McRae, president of the Linville Improvement Company, has announced that a new structure will be ready for occupancy next summer, and that Chestnut Lodge, on the hotel property, will be operated for the remainder of the current season.

Built In Eighties

The original part of the Esecola Inn was constructed in the years 1888 and 1889. Of local interest is the fact that the late J. W. Farthing was foreman of construction, that the late Jordan McGhee and son, J. W. McGhee built the chimneys, while R. C. Rivers, deceased editor of the Watauga Democrat, labored as a carpenter on the job as did "Bud" Council, also deceased. The structure had, however, been added to from time to time but the original remained within the enlarged building.

No estimates could be secured as to the monetary loss, although it is said that there was a fair insurance coverage.

DANIELS TO SPEAK HERE ON SATURDAY

State Commander of Legion Will Address Veterans' Picnic on Fourth of July.

Josephus Daniels Jr., state Commander of the American Legion will deliver a patriotic address when veterans of the world war and their families gather Saturday in Legion park for a picnic lunch and celebration of the glorious fourth. The address will be delivered at eleven o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to hear Mr. Daniels and veterans of all wars are urged to come and bring their families, together with well-filled baskets for a picnic lunch. Tables are being constructed under the pines and an outstandingly entertaining occasion is promised by the sponsors.

Nominating Party Is Held Here Saturday

A large group of Democrats from the different sections of the county gathered at the courthouse Saturday evening on the occasion of the deliverance by President Roosevelt of his acceptance speech, this being one of several thousand such rallies held throughout the United States.

Wade E. Brown, local attorney, delivered a brief message to the assembly, eulogizing the administration of the President and calling on his hearers for continued support of Roosevelt. The Spruce Pine band furnished the music for the occasion and the President's address was heard through radio, many who did not enter the auditorium listening from the outside.

Sponsors of the rally state that it was decidedly successful from the standpoint of ticket sales, and that many holding tickets preferred to hear the address in their own homes. However there was an enthusiastic and satisfactory large crowd at the courthouse.

BASEBALL AND FIELD EVENTS ARE CANCELLED

The baseball games and round of field events which had been arranged by the Chamber of Commerce for July 4th have been definitely cancelled, according to the secretary, Mr. A. G. Qualls, who states that a hitch which developed in the arrangements made "impractical to proceed further with preparations for the program of sports.