

**BRISBANE THIS WEEK**

**The Souls of Oysters In the Coffin, He Pays Polly Has a Tombstone Suicide is Folly**

Mr. Kokichi Mikimoto, able Japanese gentleman, once a peddler of noodles, is now gigantically rich, thanks to his oyster pearl idea. He makes real pearls by forcing the oyster to work at pearl production. Instead of diving for oysters, hoping to find one with a pearl in it, he puts little, irritating grains of sand inside the shells of millions of oysters, and each oyster proceeds to deposit the pearly substance on the sand to escape its irritating scratching.

The pearls are "real." Although experts can tell the difference, they annoy jewelers and have hurt the value of the other occidental pearls, but they make it unnecessary for the unfortunate pearl diver to "go all naked to the mungy shary," as the poet has it. Mr. Mikimoto has been obliged to kill hundreds of millions of oysters, which is serious; his Buddhist religion teaches that each has its little separate soul—in fact, the soul of his great-grandmother might have resided in one of the oysters.

An American who recently died left a fortune of between 25 and 30 million dollars, chiefly in tax-exempt securities on which the owner, while he lived, paid no income tax. Now that he is dead, inheritance taxes will take about two-thirds of the many millions.

The lack of a "dead-or-alive" tax-exempt securities offers opportunity to come able lawyer. If the government has no constitutional right to take any income from tax-exempt bonds, how can it legally take half merely because the owner is in his coffin?

A green parrot, with red tipped wings, buried in a respectable grave, will have a granite headstone with "Here lies Polly Coddington, sixty-eight years old," engraved on it. Exactly how old Polly was, no one knows. Born in Brazil, she was presented to the grandmother of Mrs. Joseph E. Hunt, eighty-eight years ago. Parrots, like eagles, elephants and other intelligent creatures that eat wisely, often pass one hundred.

A higher race thinks up foolish things for itself.

Gruesome details which no one seems to have put into a movie of a horror story are published in connection with a recent suicide. The unfortunate victim, convinced that life was not worth while, hanged himself, and then, still conscious, found he was mistaken and made desperate unsuccessful efforts to cut the rope.

Those that think of suicide should remember that they must leave the world soon in any case, and might as well remain to see what will happen. While there is life, there is hope.

Chung Kai-Shek, dictator of the Nanking government, warns China, "No nation can ruin us unless we first ruin ourselves," emphasizing the fact that the short road to national ruin is neglect of preparation for war. Some patriotic American "radio sponsor" might arrange to broadcast that talk in Washington, D. C. We need it here almost as much as China needs it.

England fears that quarrels among union men may cause strikes in airplane factories and delay Britain's effort to get ready for her next war. Such strikes would probably bring welcome orders for planes to American factories; nevertheless, it is only fair to remind British workers, quarreling among themselves, that when foreign bombs begin dropping on their families, any strike against national safety will seem to have been foolish, in retrospect. And those words, "chiefly women and children," should be remembered.

Borrowed money is cheaper, and it ought to be, since the dollar is only worth 50 cents. A cheap dollar should bring a cheap rent. Even so, it surprises you to learn that Mayor LaGuardia borrowed from J. P. Morgan & Co. thirty million dollars for the city, spread over a five-year period, for one and one-tenth per cent interest.

Here, Myron C. Taylor, head of "Big Steel," greatest steel company in the world, announces increases in wages, also resumption of full dividend payments on the preferred United States Steel stock, also earnings in three months of more than thirteen million dollars, biggest in six years. Thirteen million dollars in three months may not be "big money," but "it is better than being hit on the head with a sharp stone."

**INJURED IN WRECK**  
Mr. John Main of Boone, is reported as having suffered a fractured right shoulder when the car in which he and Mrs. Main were riding turned over 12 miles this side of Jefferson Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Main received only slight injuries, it is said, while Mr. Main is showing satisfactory improvement at the Banner Elk hospital, where he was taken following the accident.

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**May Marry King**



Mrs. Wally Warfield Simpson, American-born woman who recently was granted a British divorce decree from her husband, Ernest Simpson. Mrs. Simpson has often been seen in the company of King Edward VIII, and it is currently believed that she will become the bride of the youthful monarch.

**BANK CLOSES 208 LOANS IN COUNTY**

**Federal Land Bank Makes Report of Local and Statewide Activities for Year**

Durham, Oct. 24.—In Watauga county 208 loans were closed in the amount of \$282,230 by the Federal Land Bank and the land bank commissioner, from May 1, 1933, through June 30, 1936, according to information received by Robert M. Gantt, state director for the National Emergency council for North Carolina.

Of the loans closed in Watauga county, 41 loans for \$59,500 were made by the Federal Land Bank and 167 loans totaling \$192,730 by the land bank commissioner.

Through the agency of the Farm Credit administration in North Carolina, \$47,870,000 have been loaned during the same period. These loans included 5,056 of Federal Land Bank loans for \$11,741,100; 12,905 land bank commissioner loans in the amount of \$17,221,271; 46,054 Production Credit association loans totaling \$12,562,243; and \$2,269 emergency crop loans amounting to \$8,345,476.

In addition to refinancing loans through the Farm Credit administration, the farmers in North Carolina were benefited also by a reduction mortgage principal amounting to \$5,385,600. Further savings resulting from lowered interest rates are estimated at \$490,000.

In the period May 1, 1933, through June 30, 1936, 765,674 mortgage loans, totaling \$2,056,156,826 were made and \$1,391,373,603 was advanced in loans to co-operatives, while \$318,978,072 was loaned to co-operatives by the agencies of the Farm Credit administration in the United States.

**LOCAL OFFICIALS TO ATTEND INSTITUTES**

A number of sheriffs, registers of deeds and clerks of court in this and neighboring counties are planning to attend the one-day district institutes which the Institute of Government will hold beginning next week.

Sheriffs from this region will gather at Asheville on the 20th, and clerks of court at Waynesville on the 17th. The dates for the schools for registers of deeds have not been announced.

**RED CROSS DRIVE STARTED TODAY**

**Officials Believe That Local Response Will Be Adequate; List of Workers**

The annual Red Cross Roll Call, the campaign for the addition of dollar memberships to the world's greatest humanitarian organization, gets under way locally today (Wednesday) and will continue until Thanksgiving.

Mrs. James H. Council, chairman of the Watauga chapter, predicts an unusually successful campaign, and she and other officials of the chapter believe that the response should be considerably greater than a year ago.

Following are the names of those who will engage in the actual canvass of the community for Red Cross memberships: Mrs. James Council, Mrs. Council Cooke, Mrs. Anos Abrams, Mrs. G. K. Moore, Mrs. D. J. Whitener, Mrs. R. D. Hodges, Mrs. J. Harold Wolfe, Mrs. James Winkler, Mrs. Herman R. Eggers. On Appalachian College campus, Mr. Eugene Garbee will be assisted in the work by Miss Maude Cathcart.

It is urgently asked that the response in this community be as liberal as is possible.

**Farley Felicitates Chairman Cleve Gorss**

Cleve Gorss, chairman of the Watauga County Young Democratic committee, has received a telegram of thanks in connection with the election, from James A. Farley, postmaster general and chairman of the national committee. Mr. Farley said: "Please accept my most sincere and grateful thanks for the efforts put forth by you on election day. I received the returns from your county very promptly and they were most encouraging to me at headquarters. Every county chairman in the nation performed his task faithfully and well. I want to thank you personally and I wish you would express my thanks to all the men and women who are members of your organization. (Signed) James A. Farley."

**CAROLINA ALUMNI TO HOLD MEETING**

**Dean R. B. House is Principal Speaker; Over 50 Watauga Alumni Expected to Attend**

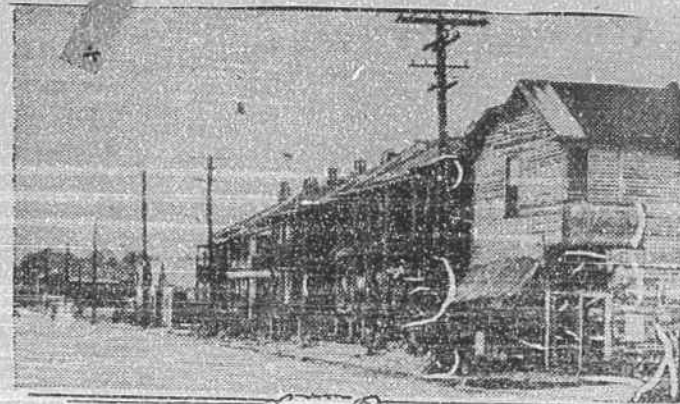
With Dr. D. J. Whitener, head of the Appalachian history department, presiding as president, the Watauga county group of the University of North Carolina alumni is holding its annual dinner Tuesday, November 17, at the Daniel Boone hotel, Boone. Dean R. B. House, who is in charge of the Chapel Hill unit of the Greater University, will be the principal speaker for the evening, and Mr. J. Maryon Saunders, general secretary of the University alumni, will also be present.

Dr. Whitener, president; Mr. J. Harold Wolfe, secretary of the organization, and Professor J. T. C. Wright, vice president, have sent out invitations to approximately thirty alumni of Watauga county urging them to be present at the meeting. With the alumni's guests in attendance, 50 or more are expected for the convention.

In addition to the alumni of this county, other invitations are being extended to the most prominent alumni of the surrounding counties.

Of 4,000 official life guards at English beaches, 1,500 are women.

**Before and After Slum Clearance**



The first federal low-cost housing project has been completed in Atlanta, Ga. Pictures show before and after views of this project which was started early in 1935. Apartments rent for about \$5 a room. There are accommodations for 604 families with incomes averaging \$1,200 to \$1,800 a year.

**NEW JUSTICES OF PEACE CERTIFIED**

**Several Townships Did Not Elect State of Magistrates; Names of Those Elected**

Little interest developed in the recent election of justices of the peace in the county and a number of townships did not elect state or county candidates on either political ticket.

The names of the justices elected follow:

Bald Mountain township: W. L. Eylan, Clyde S. Jackson.

Beaver Dam: D. C. Hagaman, Ass. Reece.

Blowing Rock: W. T. Vandyke, N. C. Greene, Fred Hartley.

Boone: D. J. Council, Fred R. Greer, A. P. Moody, W. R. Cottrell.

Cove Creek: Solomon Eggers, A. B. Harman, Carl Wineberger.

Laurel Creek: Conley Trivette, Monroe Ward, J. O. Harman.

North Fork: C. R. Wilson, J. R. May, Frank Main.

Stony Fork: Jason Moretz, E. A. Russell.

Watauga: G. W. Robbins, Joe K. Mast, W. P. Coffey.

**REPUBLICAN HOLD IN CONGRESS WANES**

Washington, Nov. 10.—Republican leaders in congress, talking roster of the seats left to them following the Democratic avalanche of last Tuesday, today found themselves all but powerless in their cast of "opposition" in the coming session.

Recapitulation revealed that, in the senate, the Republican forces are insufficient even to force a record vote, and that in the house of representatives they have a margin of but two members to force a roll call.

The problem of committee representation in both houses is no less serious. In the senate, for example, there are 33 standing committees, and 13 special committees. To place only two Republicans on each committee would mean five committee assignments for every Republican senator—considered about the maximum any senator can handle.

**PASTOR ATTENDS BAPTIST MEETING**

**Rev. and Mrs. Canipe in Durham for Important Session of State Baptist Convention**

Rev. J. C. Canipe, local Baptist pastor, and Mrs. Canipe are in Durham for the 106th yearly session of the North Carolina State Baptist convention, largest religious group in the state. The convention was called to order Tuesday afternoon by Dr. Zero Walk of Shelby, president, in what is expected to be the most important session within a decade.

The Baptist pastors began their annual conference in Durham Monday with Rev. John Link of Weldon, delivering the annual address. The speakers on the night program were Dr. O. T. Binkley of Chapel Hill, and Dr. Jesse T. Weatherspoon, member of the faculty of the Louisville Baptist Theological seminary.

Dr. Charles H. Durham delivered the annual sermon before the state convention Tuesday afternoon, speaking at 1 o'clock, two hours after the assemblage was called to order.

Indications were that the largest delegation in recent years would be present for the principal activities of the convention.

**Lees-McRae Wins In Davidson Track Meet**

Banner Elk, Nov. 11 (Special)—Lees-McRae College cross-country team won over the Davidson College freshmen November 7th, at the Davidson Homecoming celebration. The score stood, Lees-McRae 35; Davidson, 20.

Larry Burgess finished first for the Banner Elk institution, negotiating the 1.3 mile course in 9 minutes 32.4 seconds.

Those going from Lees-McRae were: Burgess, Gibson, Robinson, Grigg, Williams, Carter and Cornett. Coach E. L. Lafferty, a former Davidson star, accompanied his team.

**CATAWBA UPSETS APPALACHIAN IN CONTEST FRIDAY**

**Mountaineers Lose Conference Game 11-0; Game Next Saturday With East Tennessee Teachers**

The Appalachian Mountaineers received their first setback of the season at Salisbury Friday when the Catawba Indians handed them a 14-0 defeat in a game that would have made Appalachian champions of the North State conference had the score been vice-versa.

The Catawba Indians outplayed the Mountaineers throughout the game which was marked by fumbles of both teams. Appalachian dropped the ball six times and Catawba was guilty of five errors. The biggest touchdown threat came in the first quarter when Earl Smith, charging hard, intercepted a lateral intended for one of Catawba's men and carried the ball to the Catawba 35-yard line where he dropped the ball while trying to shift positions.

The Mountaineers, tired and discouraged returned to the college campus late Friday night and were met by the largest aggregation of Appalachian students that have ever turned out for such an occasion. In their nightcaps and gowns, the students left the dormitories to give a cheering hand to the defeated gridmen, thus showing the finest school spirit that has ever been manifested on the Appalachian campus.

At present the Appalachian gridmen are working hard in preparation for the contest with East Tennessee at Johnson City.

**Bank of Blowing Rock To Deliver Dividend**

The Democrat is asked to announce that 10 per cent dividend checks due the stockholders of the Bank of Blowing Rock will be ready for distribution Friday, November 20th at the office of Mr. Howard Holshouser, the trustee. It will be necessary for each stockholder applying for his check to bring his certificate of stock, properly signed for transfer, and receive a new certificate with his check.

Mr. Holshouser states that no check can be delivered until the stock certificates mentioned are delivered.

**DOUGHTON, GRAGG IN HAPPY MEETING**

**Congressman and Defeated Opponent Center of Happy Group as they Swap Stories**

Congressman R. L. Doughton and his unsuccessful opponent, Mayor Watt Gragg met Thursday at The Democrat office as a group gathered for the purpose of tendering congratulations to Mr. Doughton, and the two went into a good-natured huddle over their campaign experiences, each assuring the other that no personal thrust had been heard during the hot campaign in which they had engaged.

Incidentally, Mr. Gragg produced a copy of a telegram which he had sent Mr. Doughton, congratulating him on his victory, and which said:

"Permit me to extend you my cheerful and wholehearted congratulations in your smashing victory at the polls last Tuesday. The people spoke—you are their choice; we entered the campaign as friends, we close it with warm friendship on my part. You are my congressman; as in the past, I tender you my loyal and wholehearted co-operation in the interest of all the people."

"W. H. Gragg." Mr. Doughton expressed deep appreciation of the message, which he said was the second he had received from an opponent. The other, which is cherished by Mr. Doughton, came from the late Hon. Frank A. Linney, of Boone.

**CLOSE FOR ARMISTICE**

The bank, postoffice and practically all other business houses of the city were closed Wednesday in celebration of Armistice Day.

**The Presidential Vote**

Latest revised tabulations of Tuesday's presidential popular vote as compiled by the Associated Press Saturday show: Total voting districts, 122,722; districts reported, 110,131; districts unreported, 12,641; Roosevelt vote, 25,772,987; Landon vote, 15,842,703; Roosevelt plurality, 9,810,284; Lemke vote, 650,849; Thomas (Socialist) vote, 108,061; Brower (Communist) vote, 56,648; Colvin (Prohibitionist) vote, 12,330; Aiken (Socialist-Laborite) vote, 6,415.

Total vote counted, 42,569,931.

**The Official Vote of Watauga County in the Election of Nov. 3**

PRECINCT	State Senate		Hous. of Reps.		Sheriff	Register Deeds	Coroner	Surveyor		County Commissioners			Congress	Governor	President								
	R. T. Greer	C. M. Critcher	W. F. Miller	S. C. Eggers				A. J. Edminsten	O. J. Harman	W. R. Vines	I. A. Bungamer	C. I. Billings				Ira Edminsten	Eliot McNeill	A. C. Moody	Spencer Miller	Ralph Greer	R. L. Doughton	W. H. Gragg	Clyde R. Hooy
Bald Mountain	78	132	84	127	80	134	84	130	81	82	129	79	80	82	129	130	132	83	126	80	130	80	131
Beaver Dam	339	168	338	169	337	173	340	169	339	339	172	350	546	349	164	165	172	343	169	338	172	339	169
Blowing Rock	287	287	233	273	239	264	260	263	244	234	267	236	238	236	272	268	269	268	257	265	256	257	261
Blue Ridge	56	298	60	300	67	293	62	299	63	62	297	62	62	62	298	298	298	61	299	61	299	60	302
Boone	1450	472	1491	444	1496	458	1531	421	1527	1505	433	1570	1509	1510	429	439	433	1422	581	1434	457	1414	654
Cove Creek	503	415	521	401	504	422	509	415	515	515	402	512	517	511	408	412	406	436	424	435	421	434	423
Elk	34	183	34	144	34	144	34	144	34	34	144	34	34	34	144	144	144	34	143	34	144	34	143
Laurel Creek	316	274	322	278	312	279	314	274	313	318	269	325	325	350	265	268	269	310	278	311	178	312	277
Meat Camp No. 1	36	230	337	228	347	225	359	207	339	337	223	339	330	348	220	235	222	347	227	333	232	326	227
Meat Camp No. 2	41	116	44	36	44	36	44	36	43	36	41	44	44	36	36	36	36	41	36	41	37	42	38
North Fork	21	37	16	123	20	121	21	120	21	21	120	21	21	120	120	118	118	23	115	20	117	20	121
Shawneehaw	117	173	117	173	115	173	117	173	117	117	172	118	116	117	172	172	171	115	170	117	170	121	178
Stony Fork	140	378	144	377	146	374	146	375	145	145	375	145	145	148	375	374	376	146	376	143	379	133	373
Watauga	286	488	290	486	298	487	303	484	304	303	481	299	296	297	485	485	485	293	483	297	482	302	464
TOTALS	3982	3617	4040	3561	4039	3583	4114	3510	4085	4055	3468	4074	4065	4074	3517	3545	3531	3925	3693	3909	3697	3880	3765
Majorities	365		476		456		604		4085	537		529	548	529				232		212		94	