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THE ELECTION RESULTS

Partisan tickets in a municip-
al election render service in
that they bring out the voters,
as was evidenced in the record
balloting of Tuesday, and such
interest in public affairs shows
a healthful condition of the
civic consciousness.

The Democrat unsuccessfully
advocated the citizens method
of governing the town, since the
unit of government was so
minutely small, by comparison,
and since there is little on
which political organizations
can subsist. The populace failed
to follow this procedure of
nominating candidates, chose
the partisan path, and then
elected for themselves a council
of mixed political affiliation.
The citizens plan, it develops,
would have provided a shorten-
ed path to about the same des-
tination, and there would have
been no resultant scars of bat-
tle.

At any rate, there is no gain-
saying but that the town has a
competent administration and
and one which will motivate to
what it believes the best inter-
ests of the community. The
people have passed judgment
and the new council should
have general co-operation.

Little Journeys In
Palestine

By J. C. CANIPE

We took a ride around the walls of
Jerusalem on donkey back. An in-
teresting ride it was! One dignified
Texas preacher was on a donkey
that continued to bray and he finally
slapped it on the head and said,
"Shut up, Baalam!" We all had a
good laugh at him.

We started that ride from the
Damascus gate and went around
south through the Kidron Valley, the
Hinnon Valley and out on the west
at the Tyropoeon Valley. We passed
the Garden of Gethsemane, the Tomb
of Absalom, the leper colony of Si-
loam, etc. The tomb of Absalom
which he built himself, is almost cov-
ered with stones thrown here by
Jews and others in contempt for
him. I added my stone to the heap.
The leper city or colony just below
the Pool of Siloam is a pitiful sight.
The poor unfortunate ones are con-
fined in these quarters and have
been since the time of Christ.

We rode up the Valley of Hin-
non—that famous valley which rep-
resents hell, because the refuse of
Jerusalem was continually burned
here. It is still more or less a dump-
ing ground for the city, though not
as bad as in ancient days.

Coming on up and out, we
landed on the highway to Bethle-
hem and dismounted our famous mules
and turned them over to their own-
ers who followed us almost to our
hotel begging for more tips. If one
shows a little friendly interest in
one of those Arabs, he will never leave
you till he gets all your small
change. One other famous ride that
we had was the camel ride into the
desert behind the Pyramids to spend
the night. I'll confess that I am not
a good mule or camel rider at that.

PERMANENT PASTURES
NOW READY TO GRAZE

Beef cattle should be turned onto
permanent pastures in May, for by
this time the grass is in good con-
dition for grazing, said E. H. Hosteller,
professor of animal husbandry at
State College.

While on the summer range, he
continued, the animals will require
less care and will need no feed other
than good pasturage, but they
should be inspected regularly and
given plenty of salt.

The bull should be turned with the
beef cattle herd about the first of
May so that next year's calf crop
will be early and uniform.

"And remember," a purebred bull
improves the value of the calves and
in the long run is worth more than
he costs," he says.

OPEN FORUM

Readers are invited to contribute
to this department. Profit may be
derived from these letters. Name
of writer must accompany all man-
uscript and brevity is urged.

DISAGREES WITH
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Editor Watauga Democrat:

On April 27, the Cove Creek school
committee held a meeting to select
teachers for the 1937-38 term of
school. Among other things the
name of C. D. Pyatte, head coach
and math teacher, was dropped from
the list of teachers for Cove Creek
high school. Claude D. Pyatte has
served Cove Creek high school for
three years as a member of the fac-
ulty. His classroom activities have
been far above the average, while in
the athletic field his teams have
been noted for their skill far and
wide throughout western North
Carolina. During the past six weeks
Mr. Pyatte has been at Peabody Col-
lege, Nashville, Tenn., where he will
remain throughout the summer com-
pleting work for his M. A. degree in
the field of physical education.

We feel that a rural school like
Cove Creek is exceedingly fortunate
to have on its faculty one who has
made such progress in the field of
higher learning. While we wish it
clearly understood that we desire to
cast no reflection on the educational
or personal qualifications of his suc-
cessor, we beg for the return of Mr.
Pyatte, believing such a move to be
for the best interests of the school.
If, however, it is necessary for him
to be removed, we wish to ask the
committee to publicly show cause for
such action through this column. We
also feel that through courtesy a
teacher should be asked to resign
rather than dropped.

PATRON OF COVE CREEK HIGH
SCHOOL.

ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

Editor Watauga Democrat:

I wish to state that I have resigned
from the committee of Cove Creek
district. I also wish to state that I
am responsible for no action taken
by said committee in their recent
meeting. I regret the necessity for
such action, but feel that I had no
alternative under the circumstances.

For some time I have done all in
my power to obtain a girl's coach for
our daughters. We as mothers want
a woman of good personality and
strong character who has majored
in the field of physical education. In
her position as coach, this woman
would be responsible for our girls,
both at home and abroad. When a
vacancy was created I requested the
election of such a woman, but my re-
quest was entirely ignored by the
other members of the committee.
When I asked why these changes
were being made I was informed
that they had reasons but could not
and would not disclose them.

We, as citizens of Cove Creek
community, are asking for members
of our committee who will consider
first and foremost the best interests
of the school and not act hastily and,
in many cases, without adequate in-
formation on the matter at hand.
Yours for better schools and better
citizens,
MARY S. HARRIS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Editor Watauga Democrat:

As an out-of-state observer of the
NYA project in western North Caro-
lina, the part that interests me most,
and which stands out as one of last-
ing units, is the reviving of the
manufacture of hand-made furniture
of a half a century ago. Yes, even
a century ago.

At one of the Watauga county
projects—the NYA chair factory on
Watauga River, one will see the tools
and machinery used by craftsmen
50 years ago. The grandsons of
these famous craftsmen are reviving
the use of this equipment, and are
restoring the patterns of the antique
furniture in common use a century
ago.

The manufacture of this age-old
furniture will revive and restore
these patterns to the modern and
future generations. And above all it
is teaching the youths a vocation,
and giving them training that will
prepare them to face their adult life,
as useful citizens and craftsmen.

Too much cannot be said in praise
of your NYA projects.
A Visitor from California,
DON H. PHILLIPS.

MILTON STORY

Editor Watauga Democrat:

Please allow me just a little space
in your columns in regard to the
passing of Milton Story. I can think
of no man as I can think of Milton
Story. His life was a model of
models as long as he kept his right
mind. His whole life seemed to be
in the interest of the young and ris-
ing generation. He was strictly a
Christian gentleman, loyal to his
church and if there is one that will
have added stars in his crown, it will
be Milton Story. I have heard him
say to his aged mother, "Are you
warm enough, mother?" hundreds of
times—seemed that he could not do
enough for her comfort. I would say
to his brothers and sisters, nieces and
nephews: Follow the path that Bro.
Milton and Uncle Milton trod, for in
my mind he was always found
walking the straight and narrow
way and when the time comes for
you to cross the chilly waters of
death, then it will be that you will
have nothing to regret that you
walked after Brother and Uncle
Milt. It brings sadness to think of
such men going, but it is the will of
Him who doeth all things well. His
lifeless remains rest on a hill above
old Three Forks church, of which he
was a member for many years, and
seemed a most sacred part of him.
I would say to one and all, that
his life was an example for us all to

From Our Early Files

Items from The Democrat of
April 28, 1898

Mr. W. L. Bryan is progressing
nicely with his new building.
Mrs. Calvin Long has been very
ill for some days, but we learn she
is now improving.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. G.
D. Bingham, of Amantha, is very ill.
Hope he may soon recover.

The carpenters are at work put-
ting an annex to the pipe factory
here. It will be used for the boiling
tanks.

Jas. P. Taylor, commissioner, will
sell the Linville River Railroad at
Bakersville on June 6. See notice of
sale.

The largest trimmed ivy grub
yet brought to the plant here, was
got out by John P. Absher. It
weighs over 300 pounds.

R. K. Harris, the popular marble
dealer of Hickory, was in town last
week and placed an ad in our col-
umns.

Three women from Mitchell coun-
ty were sent to the pen from federal
court at Statesville for blockading.

The largest trout of the season
was brought in by E. S. Coffey on
last Saturday. It measured 17 1/4
inches and weighed one pound and
eight ounces.

Presiding Elder Blair preached an
interesting sermon in the Methodist
church on Sunday night. At the
close of the services Miss Lelia Ra-
gan was received into the church.

Mr. M. E. Blackburn is just finish-
ing his large dwelling and it will
be open for boarders during court.
Nice rooms, good fare and attentive
servants will be found at this new
hotel.

We now have a prospect for a good
school in our town. Prof. Jones, a
teacher of much experience, spent
last Saturday with us and thinks of
opening here about May 15. Beyond
question we have the best opening
for a school the year round to be
found and our people are of the
opinion Prof. Jones is the man to
run it.

From the Elk Park Mail we learn
that J. T. Norris, telegraph oper-
ator at Cranberry, has accepted the
position of secretary for Congress-
man Fearson of the ninth district.

Dr. C. J. Parlier left on last Sat-
urday to attend the marriage of his
brother, Elshja, to Miss Annie,
daughter of Dr. J. J. Mott, of States-
ville. They were married in the

Fireside Philosophy

(By C. M. Dickson)

Modern Code of Morals—if one
can't kill ALL the snakes in his
yard, or destroy ALL the whiskey in
his community, he shouldn't bother
with any of it.
Thousands of people are so glad
that "parked" cars just can't talk.
Apparently, some men would be
glad to go blind to keep from seeing
something to do.



If some men ever receive grace at all,
it is like veneering—a very thin coat.
If a duck has troubles, he takes
them under the water, while an
eagle takes his skyward.

No man regrets not doing his duty
except the man who doesn't do it.
If a white woman has her hair
kinked and calls it a "permanent," it is reasonable that
a colored woman who has hers
straightened will call it a "tempo-
rary."

If Newton's law of gravitation
didn't meet them, some people are
so slow that even when they start
to fall they would never reach the
ground.

No one should blame a minority
from wanting recognition, but it
should be blamed for wanting "dom-
ination."

If heaven is what we say it is,
shouldn't we mend our ways to get
there?

A colored man, upon receiving a
letter from his girl was heard to say
"Mongst all de bitters dere am
always one sweet, and I know dat
gal of mine am de one." Sometimes,
just ONE "sweet" can leaven the
whole heap.

Mrs. Eunice Johns, the young
Tennessee bride, who recently took
unto herself a husband, has at least
two primary requisites for rearing a
family; namely, age and education.
She was nine years old, and in the
third grade. Experience, which may
be very costly, will be "added unto
her."

Those who oppose voting liquor
into their counties probably haven't
thought what an impetus it will put
on business in the way of building
additions to county homes and jail
houses.

By no means does merely singing
in the choir on Sunday morn always
atone for what may have happened
on the night before.

follow. We feel assured that think-
ing of the life he lived that his soul
rests with Him who doeth all things
well and never makes a mistake.
A FRIEND.

Episcopal church in Statesville yes-
terday.

The Statesville Landmark says
Miss Annie Morgan, who will have
charge of the Banner Elk Hotel,
Watauga county, this summer, is
making preparation to open the ho-
tel June 1. It is an attractive sum-
mer resort and many Statesville
people will probably visit it this
summer.

Items from The Democrat of
May 5, 1898

W. D. Clark last week opened up
a nice stock of goods on the moun-
tain near the Stuart house.

The Democratic county convention
to send delegates to the state con-
vention is called to meet in Boone
on Monday, May 23. A full delegation
is desired.

On Tuesday of this week Mrs. Jane
L. Rivers received the sad news
that her youngest brother, Matthew
Rhea, of Bluff City, Tenn., died at
his home on last Friday.

James P. Taylor and family have
gone to Blowing Rock where they
will remain during the summer.
Their hotel is now being fitted up
for the summer and will be open by
June 1.

At a meeting of the stockholders
of the Boone and Blowing Rock
Turnpike Co. on last Monday J. W.
Farthing was elected president and
W. C. Coffey secretary and treasur-
er.

The attorneys attending court, out-
side of our own bar are Newland,
Wakefield and Bower of Lenoir;
Todd, Blackburn and Council of Jeffer-
son and F. A. Limey, of Taylors-
ville.

Col. Ed. Jones asks us to say to
those who wish to enlist in his com-
pany for the war had better do so
by Saturday of this week. Address
or call him at Lenoir, N. C. He
thinks he will have all the men he
needs by Saturday night.

Sheriff Boyd who enjoys the repu-
tation of being one of the best sher-
iffs in the state, is in town this week.
In fact Judge Starbuck made the
assertion here this week that Boyd
kept his business in better shape, as
an officer, than any sheriff he knew.
We are not dictating to Caldwell,
but we hope the good people of that
county will renominate and then
elect him.

News reaches us that Rev. John
Eller, Beaver Dam, lost his residence
and nearly all the contents by fire
on Monday night of this week. We
are indeed sorry to note this fact as
it seems this good man is almost fi-
nancially ruined. No insurance.

NITRATE OF SODA IS
FATAL TO LIVESTOCK

Sodium nitrate in fertilizer is good
for grass but bad for livestock.

Dr. C. D. Grinnell, veterinarian at
the N. C. agricultural experiment sta-
tion warns, that nitrate often causes
a rapid, fatal inflammation of the
stomach.

Before turning stock into a pas-
ture where nitrate has been applied,
he said, be sure that enough rain has
fallen to wash the nitrate off the
grass and down into the soil.

He also cautioned against leaving
bags of nitrate around where domes-
tic animals can get at it.

Operator: "It costs a quarter to
talk to Coraville."
Henpeck: "Can't you give me a
special rate just for listening? I'm
going to call my wife?"

Though one runs hard and reaches
high to win a prize, the prize is usu-
ally worth the effort.

Remember
Mother
with
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CAROLINA
PHARMACY
NYAL Service Drug Store

Watauga Falls News

Rev. W. C. Payne filled his regu-
lar appointment at the Antioch Bap-
tist church Sunday.

Mrs. Bynum Trivett has returned
from the Baptist hospital, Winston-
Salem, very much improved.

Mrs. Amos Teater has returned
from the Grace hospital and is im-
proving.

Mrs. George Trivett is visiting
relatives at Neva, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Roby Vines and fam-
ily visited friends in the community
Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doughton Greene
have moved to Mr. J. L. Glenn's.

Miss Reba Trivett, of Beech Creek,
visited her grandparents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. L. Glenn, during the past
week.

GROWERS MAKE PLANS
FOR SEEDING LEGUMES

Now that most farmers have
seeded all the legumepods they plan to
grow this year—cowpeas, soybeans,
velvet beans, and other legumes—
assume an important position as green
manure crops and for soil improve-
ment and erosion control.

Most of the legumes, whose roots
contain bacteria which take nitro-
gen out of the air and store it in a
form available for plants, will
grow on almost all types of soil, ac-
cording to A. H. Veazey, agronomist
of the soil conservation service.

Veazey pointed out that the lespe-
dezas do best on the heavy soils and
that cowpeas and soybeans need
sandy soils for healthiest growth.

When the legumes are turned un-
der as green manure, they not only
add nitrogen to the soil, but also
provide organic matter which aids
materially in the conservation of soil
and moisture.

Summer green manure crops
should be followed by winter cover
crops, and the winter crop that fol-
lows should be mowed down and
left on the land as a mulch.

It is advisable, continued Veazey,
to leave the land idle for 10 or 15
days after the green manure crop
has been cut, in order that the plant

food may become more readily avail-
able to the winter crops that are to
be put on the land.

Another important factor is that
the green manure top should be
mixed with the soil, so as to encour-
age rapid decomposition and utiliza-
tion of the plant food elements by
the next crop, he said.

ZEB VANCE'S UNCLE
WAS KILLED IN DUEL

Asheville.—An uncle of Zebulon
Baird Vance, wartime governor of
North Carolina, was killed in a
duel 110 years ago this spring, a
Federal Writers project record here
discloses.

Dr. Robert Brank Vance was oppo-
nent of Samuel P. Carson, of
Burke county, for a seat in congress
in 1827.

The contest was hard fought, the
record shows, and engendered much
bitter feeling and recrimination.

Carson issued the challenge, which
Vance accepted. Dueling was for-
bidden by North Carolina law, so the
opponents repaired to Saluda Gap,
over the line near Greenville, S. C.,
as was common custom among those
who wished to "fight it out."

Carson killed Vance on the first
fire, the record states. Some of the
accounts say Vance held his fire.
Carson won the election, served
his term, then moved to Texas where
he became secretary of state. Vance
was buried in Hempstead cemetery,
Reems Creek township, near the Zeb
Vance birthplace.

North Carolina farmers who did
not take part in the soil conservation
program in 1936 are now filing work
sheets with farm agents and re-
questing information as to how they
might qualify for the adjustment
payments.

The purchase of a thick low-set
Hereford calf by Joe Brown brings
the total number of calves being fed
in Watauga county for the Asheville
fat stock show to seven.

A modern substitute for the Bible
and family devotions—a deck of
cards and a "bridge party."

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Fred Reppart, Auctioneer

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