

# BULLET IN BRAIN, WATAUGAN LIVES

Oliver Hampton, Intended Suicide, May Have Chance to Recover From Wound

Oliver Hampton, resident of Blowing Rock R. F. D., Tuesday afternoon apparently had a fair chance to survive a wound from a small bore rifle bullet, which is said to have ranged through the front section of his brain. The attempt at self-destruction was made last Friday morning, and Tuesday, from his bedside in the Davis Hospital, Statesville, Mr. Hampton was able to recognize his friends and to talk to them at frequent intervals. Surgeons are said to be more or less baffled by his resistance to the grievous injury, and now believe he has an outside chance of recovery.

## To Include Potatoes In '38 Farm Program

AAA Reveals Large Majority Wanting Plan; North Carolina In Favor

Washington, Oct. 12. — Potato acreage stabilization provisions will be included in the 1938 agricultural conservation program, the agricultural adjustment administration announced today, after checking preliminary returns of the referendum among potato growers which closed October 2. The potato program, like other parts of the agricultural conservation program, is voluntary. Unofficial reports received in Washington through October 9th showed that in the nation-wide referendum 25,193 votes were cast in favor of a potato acreage stabilization program, and 5,425 against. The returns were from 710 counties. Ninety-two other counties where potatoes are grown commercially had not yet reported. North Carolina growers voted 2,676 for the potato goal, with 40 against.

On a percentage basis, 82 per cent of the 30,618 votes were in favor of the potato program. In announcing the 1938 program it was stated that goals for potatoes would be included if such goals were favored by at least two-thirds of commercial producers. The referendum included all counties where potatoes are an important commercial crop. In those counties all growers who raise potatoes for sale were eligible to vote. The question on which growers voted was "Are you in favor of establishing a potato acreage goal for each commercial potato farm in connection with the 1938 agricultural conservation program?"

AAA officials explained today that the potato acreage stabilization program is an effort to hold potato acreage at a constant level. The national goal for potato acreage in 1938 is between 3,100,000 and 3,300,000 acres. The average acreage for the 10-year period 1928 to 1937 was 3,346,000 acres. The national goal will be apportioned between states, counties and individual farmers on the basis of past production, modified by production facilities, soil conservation requirements, and recent acreage trends. As a result of the referendum the potato program becomes an integral part of the 1938 agricultural conservation program. Payments per acre will be based on the annual normal yield of potatoes for the farm. For early potatoes the rate will be six cents per bushel. For late potatoes the rate will be four cents per bushel. Deductions for exceeding the goal will be at a considerably higher rate per acre than the rate for adhering to it.

## PIE SUPPER AT THE DEEP GAP SCHOOL

The public is cordially invited to attend on Saturday evening, October 16, at 7:30, at the Deep Gap school, a Halloween frolic and pie supper. The main features of the evening will be string music, fortune telling, and contests for all ages. The proceeds will be used for the purpose of buying supplementary readers.

## SARAH E. PHILLIPS

Sarah E. Phillips, 94-year-old Brownwood resident, died at the home October 4th, funeral services being conducted on the following day by Rev. Joe Greene, interment in the neighborhood cemetery. A nephew, A. S. Cooper, of Brownwood, survives.

## WILLIAM WHITTINGTON

William Whittington, 10 years old, colored, died Friday at the home here from what was termed an abscess of the brain. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Revs. Hatton and Swan and interment was in the city cemetery. The parents, Raymond and Della Whittington, survive.

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## Funeral for Dr. Hardin Held Sunday Afternoon

Surgeon at Banner Elk Hospital, a Native of Boone, Succumbs to Short Illness; Many Attend Rites; Was Leader in Profession

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Boone Methodist church for Dr. Ronda H. Hardin, widely-known physician and surgeon, who died at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, last Friday morning. Dr. Hardin became ill a week previous, following church services and an emergency operation was performed. His condition had been thought to be improving until shortly before his death, which was attributed directly to a heart attack.

The rites were in charge of Rev. J. M. Murray pastor of the Banner Elk Presbyterian church, Rev. Paul Townsend and Rev. J. C. Canipe, of Boone, assisting during the course of the services.

More than a thousand residents of Watauga and Avery counties, including many from far distant points, gathered to pay their respects at the bier of the esteemed physician, and the church was filled, a vast throng being unable to secure seats. Perhaps as many as two hundred members of Cranberry and Snow Masonic Lodges attended the rites in a body and were present for the services at the graveside.

Active pallbearers were: Henry Hardin, James Council, Byron Pritchett, James Horton, James Shoemaker and Rob Rivers.

Honorary pallbearers: Dr. W. C. Tate, E. H. Tufts, Dr. G. K. Moore, Dr. H. B. Perry, Dr. B. E. Dougherty, W. S. Whiting, Dr. Edward Campbell, Harry Burleson, John F. Hampton, F. H. Stinson, R. O. Banner, Mr. Bagby, Ed Gualtney, Don Horton, Bill Winters, Mr. Bowman, Carl Wiseman, Mr. Neshit, Joe Taylor, B. J. Council, W. H. Gragg, R. L. Bingham, A. W. Smith, C. M. Critcher, W. L. Holshouser, L. A. Greene, W. D. Farthing, C. P. Hagaman, W. W. Mast.

The chancel of the church was literally banked with flowers, some of the pieces being given by different organizations, civic and business, with which the deceased physician had been prominently identified.

About twenty members of the nursing staff of Grace Hospital attended in uniform and assisted in handling the flowers. Other flower bearers were: Mesdames E. H. Tufts, J. M. Murray, B. J. Council, B. Crowell, Jim Council, Rob Rivers, Henry Hardin, M. P. Critcher, Sam Horton, James Mast, R. L. Clay, Jeff Stanbury, Chappell, Tracy Council, Eugene Byerly, Charles Zimmerman, Misses Margaret Tufts, Faucette, Hurst, Martha Petteway, Claire Douglas, Crow and Ruth Lowe.

Interment was in the city cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant taking care of the arrangements.

## Native of Boone

Ronda Horton Hardin was born in Boone, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Joseph Hardin, November 25, 1892, a member of one of the pioneer families of the county. He received his early education at the Appalachian Training School, and graduated from the North Carolina Medical College in Charlotte in 1914, and later attended the medical school of Duke University. He began practice at Shulls Mills, where he practiced for several years as physician with the Whiting Lumber Company, and in 1925 went to Banner Elk, since which time he has been associated with Dr. W. C. Tate in the operation of Grace Hospital, which is said to be the largest rural hospital in America.

He did post-graduate work at Tulane University and was elected two years ago as a member of the American College of Physicians. He was chairman of the post-graduate section of the North Carolina Medical Society.

Said Dr. Roswal C. Long, chairman of the board of trustees of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, of which Grace Hospital is a branch: "The trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association feel that in the death of Dr. Hardin they have lost a friend as well as a great doctor, a man who has been a credit to his profession as a fellow of the American College of Physicians, and who has made a wide circle of friends."

Dr. Hardin not only reached the pinnacle of success in his chosen profession, but became a leader as well in religious, business and educational circles. He was a deacon in the Banner Elk Presbyterian church, a Mason and a Shriner, a director of the Banner Elk Bank, President of the Watauga Building (Continued on page eight)

## Physician Dies



Dr. R. H. Hardin, who died at the Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, Friday from a brief illness.

## SERVICES CLOSE AT FIRST BAPTIST

Forty Are Baptized at Close of Revival Meeting; 73 Additions to Church

The revival meeting closed at the Baptist church here Sunday night, having resulted in 73 additions to the church. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, baptized 40 in the new baptistry at the close of the service Sunday evening. The church was crowded to overflowing at the closing service.

Rev. Wayne W. Williams, of Oteen, did the preaching during the first week of the meeting. However, he had to leave and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Canipe, carried on the meeting with increasing crowds and results. Miss Gracia Halstead, of Oldham, City, assisted during the entire meeting with her famous chalk talks. She also painted the beautiful River Jordan scene on the back of the new baptistry. All who saw this picture were deeply impressed with its beauty and likeness to the real Jordan scene. Rev. Mr. Canipe, who has been in the Holy Land and seen the Jordan River, gave Miss Halstead some ideas for the painting and she portrayed it in a marvelous manner in the painting.

The meeting was a great success from every standpoint and the pastor and members of the local church feel that they are better prepared to go forward with the work in every way.

The new church auditorium is now complete in every detail and it is a credit to a town or city many times larger than Boone. One can often hear the remark by visitors to the town, "Boone must be a wonderful town; look what beautiful churches and schools you have."

## WIN PRIZES ON BEEF CATTLE

Watauga 4-H Club Boys Take Awards at State Fair on Calves Shown

That Watauga is rapidly coming to the front as a producer of fancy livestock, was again demonstrated Tuesday when three prizes were given local 4-H Club boys for the excellence of their showing of baby beef cattle at the State Fair, Raleigh.

Joe Brown won first prize in the heavyweight classification, his calf being also adjudged the reserve grand champion; Earl Edmisten's calf won second place in the light weight division, while John Edmisten took away second prize in the middle weight class. Earl Edmisten won third place from the point of showmanship.

The three youths were given a total of \$104 in cash prizes.

## Farthing Cashier Northwestern Bank

W. D. Farthing, former cashier of the Bank of Blowing Rock, and lately manager of the Rich Mountain Mortgage Co., has been named cashier of the Northwestern Bank here, to succeed Paul A. Coffey, who was transferred to the management of the Northwestern at Burnsville. Meantime, Mr. Marion Thomas of Mabel, assumes the management of the Rich Mountain Mortgage Co.

## CONGRESS WILL MEET OCTOBER 15

President Sees Urgent Need for Legislation After His Western Trip

Washington, Oct. 12. — President Roosevelt called a special session of congress today to consider legislation which he said would stabilize the income of the farmer and increase the income of the lower-paid employees of American industry.

To these tasks he added: 1. Land utilization legislation—the spreading of the TVA idea to other sections of the country. 2. Reorganization of the executive branch of the government. 3. (Tentatively) anti-monopoly legislation.

"I shall ask this special session to consider immediately," the President said in one of his fireside broadcasts tonight, "certain important legislation which my recent trip through the nation convinces me the American people immediately need."

"This does not mean that other legislation, to which I am not referring tonight, is not important for our national well-being. But, other legislation can be more readily discussed at the regular session."

Congress will convene in special session November 15 instead of waiting until the regular session in January.

The President announced the signing of a proclamation calling the special session at a two-minute press conference late in the afternoon. In his speech tonight he declared those who oppose calling congress into session are fearful of letting democracy operate, and repeated previous assurances that the administration is concerned not with abolishing property but increasing the number of property owners.

## HANCOCK ENTERS RACE FOR SENATE

Fifth District Congressman Enters Candidacy Opposing Reynolds

Asheville, Oct. 12. — Congressman Frank W. Hancock of Oxford today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination as United States senator.

He issued his formal announcement in Asheville—the home city of the incumbent, Senator Robert R. Reynolds, who has revealed his intentions to seek re-election.

Congressman Hancock's brief announcement said: "I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination as United States senator in the June primary. I shall run on my record of public service as a member of congress for the past seven years. My campaign will be an aggressive and vigorous one but always maintained on a high plane in keeping with my concept of the dignity and responsibility of the office."

The congressman, who has made an enviable record as state and national legislator, spent several hours in the city today and released his announcement shortly before his departure for Shelby. In Shelby he is the guest of B. W. Royster, his roommate while a student at the University of North Carolina.

The entry of Congressman Hancock into the race as an opponent of Senator Reynolds is expected to eliminate Congressman Robert L. Doughton and former Senator Cameron Morrison as potential opponents of the Asheville legislator. Unless there are developments not now apparent, Senator Reynolds and Congressman Hancock will fight it out for the Democratic nomination at next June's primary.

## TAX DISCOUNT DURING MONTH

One Per Cent Allowed Those Paying 1937 County Taxes During October

The 1937 tax books are now in the hands of County Tax Collector A. D. Wilson, who states that those paying their taxes during the month of October will be allowed a discount of one per cent.

Pursuant to usual custom, Mr. Wilson will make calls throughout the county during the first days of November for the benefit of those who do not find it convenient to come to Boone to settle their taxes, and an advertisement to this effect will be published in the county newspaper next week.

## North State Tour is Feted Tonight At Blowing Rock

## MANY EAGER TO JOIN SCHOOL BAND

Enthusiasm Runs High as Future Soudas Report for First Rehearsal

With the enthusiasm that only youth can display, the boys and girls of Boone high school are accepting the invitation to join the high school band. In the new band are five clarinets, five trumpets, three mellophones, three trombones, one baritone, one slyphone and three drums.

According to Band Director Gordon Nash, several more clarinets and trumpets are needed, and especially is he in need of a sousaphone or bass. This instrument is the backbone of every band but its cost is more than an individual is expected to pay. A sousaphone costs around \$300, therefore, it will likely be necessary for the school to call on the community for help in purchasing this instrument.

Mr. Nash is giving the invitation, "Join the New Band," to those who are interested and still wish to join. He invites the parents to talk with him in regard to their boys and girls who want yet to take music.

Free instruction is offered to those from the fifth grade on up through high school; however, there is a fee of 50c per month with which the school purchases music materials for the band.

Although the American Legion has kindly consented to allow the high school to use their instruments, they are still in need of several extra pieces. Should any persons have an instrument in their home not in use, they could help the band considerably by allowing the school to use it.

## KIDDIES OF CITY WILL BE TAUGHT

New Activity at Recreation Center Designed to Entertain Children of Town

The Boone Recreation Center is now equipped to take care of a pre-school age group of children. Miss Mildred Elkins, supervisor of the center, wishes to announce to all mothers in Boone this additional activity and to urge them to send or bring their children (ages three to six years) to the center every morning from 9 till 12, beginning Thursday morning, October 14th.

A staff of three capable leaders will be on duty every morning to work and play with the pre-school group. Attractive programs will be arranged for them, based on the regular kindergarten system. As the recreation program in Boone is a government project, supported by the community, there is no charge for any of the activities offered. Miss Elkins feels that every mother with a pre-school child should take advantage of this new department in the recreation program, because it will relieve the mother of the responsibility of the child during the morning hours, and it will also help to establish the recreation program in the community.

In addition to the above activity, the center has a very attractive game room where all age groups may participate in different table games, ping-pong, active games, etc. Instruction in weaving rugs, towels, etc., is also offered to any interested person. The center is located in the old college administration building next to the new hospital.

## Urge Observance Of U. S. Navy Day

Two representatives of the naval recruiting station at Asheville, Frederick H. Jacobs, chief signalman, and Henry G. Fleming, chief fire controlman, were in Boone Tuesday in the interest of navy day, October 27th. This day, it is said, will be observed in an effort to better acquaint the people with the navy and what it means to the country and at that time every department of the navy will be "at home" to the people.

Messrs. Jacobs and Fleming state that they are enlisting men in the navy at this time and that it is likely an office will be temporarily opened in Boone a little later on for the purpose of acquainting youths of this section who are interested, with the advantages being offered.

Journalists, Travel Authorities, Included in Motorcade Being Entertained Thursday Evening at Blowing Rock; Short Stop in Boone

The motorcade of nationally known travel executives, newspapermen and other writers from many states, reaches the beautiful Blowing Rock country today (Thursday), when the distinguished visitors are welcomed at Banner Elk, Boone and at Blowing Rock where the night will be spent and where regal entertainment is planned by Mayview and by the Chamber of commerce.

The tour, which is made possible by the Governor's hospitality committee of the board of conservation and development, originated in Asheville Sunday and has covered the entire southwestern part of the state before reaching the higher lands of the Blowing Rock region. After having viewed many attractions offered by the mountain-top resort and partaken of the rare hospitality of the citizenry there, the caravan of motor cars and chartered buses will proceed to Lenoir and on into the Piedmont section of the state, and on into eastern Carolina and the coastlands.

## Spend Night at Blowing Rock

The motorcade arrives at Banner Elk Thursday noon, where its members are to be greeted by members of the faculty and Glee Club of Lees-McRae College, and a sumptuous mountain repast will be served the travelers at Pinnacle Inn.

A group of Boone citizens, including officials and others will meet the caravan at Banner Elk and journey with it to Boone where at 4 o'clock, a stop of a few minutes will be made at the Daniel Boone Hotel. The informal stop will include a brief welcome, likely by Mayor Gragg, the distribution of souvenirs, typical of mountain handicraft, following which the guests will be escorted to Blowing Rock by civic leaders of that city, where extensive plans have been made for their entertainment overnight.

The tourists will arrive at Blowing Rock at 5 p. m., and go at once to Mayview Manor, which has remained open until this time, for the specific purpose of entertaining the group. George T. Robbins, president of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, tells The Democrat that the evening's entertainment will get under way with the cocktail hour which is from six to seven o'clock. A beverage, mixed from a recipe of old Virginia, will be dispensed beside a rustic fireplace on a spacious veranda overlooking the Johns River gorge.

The informal dinner will be served at 7, Mayor Watt Gragg of Boone, noting in the capacity of toastmaster, and remarks will be made by various local citizens following the address of welcome by David Ovens of Blowing Rock.

Following the banquet will be an old-time square dance, and Mr. Robbins, together with the management of Mayview, extends a cordial invitation to the people of this section to attend.

At 8 o'clock Friday morning the visitors will be taken on a tour of the points of scenic interest about the rock, and will be met on the highway near Green Park Hotel at 10:30 by a group of Lenoir citizens, who will furnish the escort down the mountainside. Lunch will be served at the Carlheim Hotel, before the party proceeds to Hickory.

The tour, which was promulgated as a part of the state publicity program, is designed to better acquaint the outside world with the advantages North Carolina offers the tourist, the investor, the industrialist. Representatives of some of the leading metropolitan newspapers and magazines, together with representatives of nationally-known travel bureaus are included in the tour while a number of state newspapermen and other local citizens are included.

## FUTURE FARMERS PLAN TRIP TO STATE FAIR

A number of the boys from the Daniel Boone chapter of Future Farmers of America plan to attend the state fair at Raleigh this week. They are making the trip in a college bus and will have room for a few farmers or other persons who would like to go. If interested, see R. G. Shipley before Thursday night.