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GREER IS NAMED CHAIRMAN BOARD OF ELECTIONS

J. C. McConnell Secretary of Group; Board Votes to Re-list Voters of County Pursuant to Legislative Authority; Attend Statesville Meeting

Grady Greer was named chairman of the Watauga county board of elections, when the board met at the courthouse Saturday morning and organized for the primary elections which will be held Saturday, May 25. J. C. McConnell was named secretary of the board.

The most important matter to come before the board was the discussion of the new legislative enactment requiring each county board of elections to order either a new registration or relisting of voters. The purpose of the act is to secure an accurate registration of all qualified voters living in the various counties and to remove names of persons not qualified to vote, whose names are now on the registration list.

The local board voted to re-list the voters in Watauga county. Russell D. Hodges, Republican member of the board, favored the new registration.

On Tuesday Messrs. Greer, Hodges and McConnell went to Statesville where they met with election officials from 22 other counties, to receive instructions regarding the new election laws from State Chairman W. A. Lucas. Mr. Lucas explained the new amendments to the state laws governing the conduct of primaries and general elections.

Primary Calendar

Following is a calendar of dates leading up to the primary which is of timely interest:

April 25—Registration opens at polling places.

May 4—Registration continues at polling places. County Democratic precinct meetings held.

May 11—Last registration date at polling places. Democratic county conventions held.

May 15—Deadline for filing first statement of expenditures by candidates and campaign committees.

May 17—State Democratic convention meets in Raleigh.

May 18—Challenge day; registration books open to public at polls.

May 25—First primary election.

May 28—County boards of elections meet to certify first primary returns.

June 15—Deadline for filing second statement of campaign expenses.

June 22—Second primary election.

June 25—County boards of elections meet to certify second primary returns.

D. Carlton Byers, 82, Claimed by Death

David Carlton Byers, 82, a retired farmer of the Meat Camp community, died Thursday evening in Watauga hospital, following an illness of almost a year. The immediate cause of his demise was pneumonia.

Mr. Byers was born in Wilkes county February 15, 1858, but came to Watauga at a young age where he spent the remainder of his life.

He was married in 1879 to Julia Ann Woodring, who passed away in 1912. Three sons survive: N. T. and Carl Byers of Zionville, and J. W. Byers of Boone. Nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Byers was later married to Lela Arnold, who survives him. Other survivors include a brother, J. A. Byers of Hickory; two sisters, Mrs. Lucinda Hodges of West Jefferson, and Mrs. W. R. Barnes of Zionville Route 1.

The funeral was held at Meat Camp Baptist church, of which he was a faithful member, at 11 o'clock Saturday, Rev. J. C. Canipe and Rev. Tipton Greene being in charge. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Byers was a splendid man, a good upright citizen and a kind neighbor. He will be greatly missed in his community.

INCOME TAX COLLECTION CONTINUES TO INCREASE

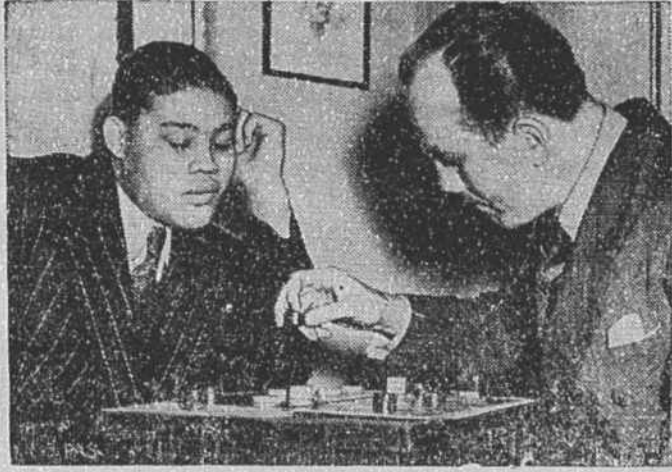
Raleigh, March 26.—State income tax receipts edged nearer a new record today with fiscal year collections at \$11,012,288.62. The best previous record was \$11,364,598.63.

R. L. Ward, Jr., director of the division of accounts and collections, figured that a new record would be set during April. As long ago as last fall revenue officials predicted about \$12,000,000 would be received from income taxes this fiscal year.

FRENCH-SOVIET BREAK NEAR

Paris, March 27.—Strained relations between Russia and France appeared early today to have reached the breaking point, with semi-official dispatches from Moscow stating that the Soviet ambassador to France, Jakob Surits, had been "freed from his functions as Soviet ambassador in France." The dispatch said the French government had declared his presence in Paris no longer was desirable.

BEFORE THE FIGHT



New York.—Joe Louis (left), heavyweight boxing champion of the world, and Johnny Paychek of Des Moines, Iowa, contender for the crown, go in for a few rounds of checkers at the 20th Century Sporting Club here. The pair will meet at Madison Square Garden March 29th when Louis will defend his title.

Campaign Manager



WADE E. BROWN

BROWN TO MANAGE BROUGHTON HERE

Local Attorney to Actively Engage in Campaign For Raleigh Candidate; Makes Statement

Wade E. Brown, local lawyer and civic leader, has been appointed Watauga county manager for gubernatorial Candidate J. M. Broughton of Raleigh, it was announced yesterday by State Manager S. B. Denny of Gastonia.

In commenting on his appointment Mr. Brown says: "Mr. Broughton is a man of outstanding ability and fine character and I consider it a privilege to have a small part in letting the fine citizens of my county know about a man so admirably fitted to be governor of our great state."

Womanless Beauty Contest on Friday

The womanless beauty contest sponsored by the Methodist Missionary Society, will be held in the auditorium of the Boone high school on the evening of Friday, March 29, at 8:00 o'clock.

You are invited to come out and see the professional and business men of the town and others dressed in ladies' attire, and competing for beauty awards. Admission: adults 20c and children 10c.

RECORD NUMBER OF BALLOTS ARE ORDERED

Raleigh, March 26.—Political observers forecast a smaller North Carolina vote this year than in recent years but the board of elections will have more ballots than ever before.

The division of purchase and contract ordered 2,825,000 ballots today for the May 25 first primary, or 1,640,000 more than for the first primary in 1936. The Democratic ballots will be on white paper and Republican on pink. There was no Republican primary four years ago.

ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE IN LEXINGTON

Among those attending the state Baptist Sunday school convention in Lexington Monday and Tuesday were: S. C. Eggers, Rev. J. C. Canipe and Mrs. Canipe, Rev. and Mrs. Grady Minton, Rev. Dwight Edmisten and Mrs. Richard Hodges. Bad roads and weather cut down the attendance, there being only about 500 in the session. The meeting, however, is described as being one of the best yet held.

The S. S. Niagara began laying the Atlantic cable on June 10, 1858.

32,871 ARE GIVEN JOBLESS CHECKS

North Wilkesboro Employment Office Has Distributed \$217,624.05 in 26 Months

Raleigh, March 26.—The North Wilkesboro employment service office, which serves the area embraced in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes counties, has delivered \$217,624.05, included in 32,871 checks to unemployed or partially unemployed workers in that area in the past two years and two months, through February, figures compiled in the central office of the N. C. unemployment compensation shows.

The white employment offices, with 10 colored branches in as many cities with large colored populations, distributed 1,969,005 checks for \$13,204,094.11 in the same two years and two months, less the 18,684 checks for \$215,095.21 sent to residents outside the state who had previously accumulated reserves in North Carolina. The distribution for January was 49,209 checks for \$285,382.35 and for February it was 59,775 checks for \$308,145.51.

In January, the North Wilkesboro employment office delivered \$3,558.29 included in 736 checks and in February, 850 checks for \$4,340.27 were distributed.

Benefit payments of \$13,436,933.89 had gone to unemployed workers of North Carolina for January, 1938, through March 20, 1940, from the state employment compensation commission. Contributions and interest on the state's balance in the U. S. treasury amounted to \$33,149,630.03 through last Wednesday, leaving a balance in the state fund as of that day of \$19,712,896.14, Chairman Charles G. Powell reports.

Dr. Dougherty Speaks To Wilkes Citizens

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian Teachers College, addressed a county-wide meeting of school committeemen of Wilkes county held in Wilkesboro Saturday afternoon.

The subject of Dr. Dougherty's address was "Qualities of a Good Teacher." He also touched on a number of the duties of school committeemen during his remarks.

The meeting was called by C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes schools, and about 75 committee members from all parts of the county were in attendance.

Price of Auto Tags to Be Lowered Saturday

Cut rates on automobile license plates, with all tags selling for three-fourths of the annual price, will go into effect next Saturday, and the quarterly reduction is expected to stimulate the sales of licenses throughout the state, many people waiting to buy plates until the lowered rates apply.

No affidavits are necessary, it is stated, but bargain-rate tag purchasers are required to state non-operation of their cars in North Carolina since January 1.

CENSUS SCHOOL TO BE AT WEST JEFFERSON

A school of instruction for enumerators in Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties will be held at Jefferson on Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30. All enumerators in these counties are asked to be at Jefferson at 9 a. m. Friday. Any and all applicants will be welcome to this school which will be under the direction of Assistant Supervisor A. O. Joines of Sparta.

"TOM SAWYER"

The grammar grades of the Blowing Rock school will present the operetta, "Tom Sawyer," Friday evening, March 29, at 7:30.

WILCOX RE-NAMED PRESIDENT OF C. C. AT ANNUAL MEETING

John Conway Re-elected Vice-President of Commerce Body; Richard E. Kelley Treasurer; Blowing Rock Mayor Speaks

Herman W. Wilcox was re-elected president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at the annual business meeting of the organization held at the Baptist church Tuesday evening. John Conway was re-elected vice-president and Richard E. Kelley, treasurer. M. I. Clark, S. C. Eggers and Wade E. Brown, together with the officers, will constitute the board of directors. The secretary will be named at a future meeting of the board.

Mayor Grover C. Robbins of Blowing Rock, and Gene Wike of Boone, who were members of the mayor's tour to Florida some time ago, each addressed the gathering. Mayor Robbins pointed out that the goodwill group visited 35 towns in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida and received publicity in 57 newspapers. Floridians, he said, are thoroughly sold on a Florida and know their state. He ventured the opinion that before western North Carolina could sell itself to the outside world successfully, its residents must first actually sell the area to themselves. Mr. Robbins insisted that all of Northwestern North Carolina be publicized, rather than any specific section.

John L. Gilmer of Winston-Salem, vice-president of Greyhound Lines, spoke briefly and Secretary Wade E. Brown was heard in the annual report of the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce. The construction of the burley tobacco warehouse was given as the outstanding accomplishment of 1939. The financial report indicated that \$264 had been collected by the commerce body during the year and that there is a balance of \$87 in the treasury at this time.

The meeting was closed with a sound movie, "This Amazing America," filmed by McAlpin Thornton, traveling passenger agent for the Greyhound Lines.

President Wilcox was heard in an expression of profound appreciation for the co-operation of the citizens during the past year, and solicits a continuance of the fine attitude toward the Chamber of Commerce.

About fifty were in attendance at the meeting, with a good number from Blowing Rock, the delegation from that place being headed by Mayor Grover Robbins and C. S. Prevette, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

J. P. Thomas Dies On Last Wednesday

Mr. J. P. Thomas, aged resident of Valle Crucis, died at the home on Wednesday of last week from a sudden illness with a heart attack. He had been in rather poor health for about a year prior to the fatal illness. He was 76 years old.

Mr. Thomas was a son of the late Alex Thomas and Mrs. Thomas and was born and reared in the neighborhood in which he died. He was a farmer by occupation. Deceased was a member of the Episcopal church, was a good and substantial citizen, and was held in high regard by the people of the county.

Mr. Thomas, who was never married, is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Joe Ward of Cove Creek, and Mrs. Roby Thomas of Sutherland.

Preachers, Deacons Will Gather Monday

A meeting of the preachers and deacons will be held at the Boone Baptist church Monday, April 1, at 2 o'clock, and Rev. Carl Triplett and Rev. R. H. Shore have given to the program for the gathering: Devotional, Earl Colvard; Bible study, 12th chapter of Hebrews; Vilas Minton, verses 1-4; Dwight Edmisten, 5:11; R. C. Eggers, 12:18; W. D. Ashley, 18:24; J. C. Canipe, 25:29.

Each speaker will be allowed 15 minutes. All preachers are asked to attend this meeting.

PRESIDENT ENTERS TRADE PACT FIGHT

Washington, March 26.—President Roosevelt's personal influence was thrown into the senate's close fight over the trade agreements act today in an effort to defeat the current move to give the senate a controlling voice in the tariff-making system. With a vote approaching on an amendment by Senator Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, to require senate ratification of the agreements, Chairman Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, of the senate finance committee laid the situation before the chief executive and left the White House saying: "The President is of course intensely anxious that the Pittman amendment and all others be defeated."

The American Legion was organized in Paris in 1919.

Re-Elected



H. W. WILCOX

BUSINESS CENSUS HERE COMPLETED

Manley J. Williams Says Population Count to Start April 1 in Watauga County

Manley J. Williams of Lovell, announced Tuesday that he had completed the business census of Watauga county, and that some general information as to the survey will be available to the public within a few days.

Mr. Williams takes this opportunity of thanking the people of the county for their splendid attitude in helping make the census a successful one, and states that the record of co-operation accorded him in Watauga won for the county a special citation from the district office.

Mr. Williams, who is also to take part in the farm and population census which starts April 1, says that about 15 people will be engaged in this work in the county, but that the appointments have not been announced. He says that applicants are to attend a kind of examination in either West Jefferson or Lenoir the end of the week, and that appointments will follow.

HOLTZCLAW TRIAL SET FOR APRIL 10

Watauga Boy Charged With Slaying Filling Station Attendant; Is More Hopeful

Bynum Holtzclaw, Watauga county man, who is being held in Warren, Arkansas, on a charge of murder, is to be tried on April 10th, according to information coming to relatives here.

Young Holtzclaw was apprehended several weeks ago, following the roadside slaying of Elmo Kelley, who in company with a filling station attendant, sought to collect for gasoline which Holtzclaw is alleged to have secured without payment for same. Following the shooting Holtzclaw escaped but offered no resistance when captured some time later.

The latest news coming from Arkansas indicates that the crime is not as serious as it first appeared and that there will be a first degree verdict is altogether unlikely.

Holtzclaw is making appeals for funds from relatives here, and it is said that a local lawyer may be secured for his defense when the case comes up for trial.

FACES LIQUOR CHARGE

Dwight Checks was brought before United States Commissioner S. C. Eggers last Friday on a charge of manufacturing liquor. He admitted guilt and was committed to Winston-Salem jail pending his trial in Federal court.

EASTER VISITORS

Prof. and Mrs. A. G. Glenn of Smithfield, N. C., spent the Easter holidays with homefolks in and near Boone, also a brother, Dr. R. O. Glenn, of Mountain City, Tenn.

MARGARET ANN MILLER

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Miller of Port Clinton, Ohio, announce the birth of a daughter, Margaret Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are former residents of Boone.

VISIT IN LEXINGTON

Mrs. T. B. Moore, Jr., and small daughter, Gail, are spending the week with relatives in Lexington, N. C.

RETURNS TO COLLEGE

Miss Jacqueline Hardin returned to Greensboro College Monday after a holiday visit at her home on the Wilkesboro road.

Miss Mary Hendrix of Shelby, spent Easter visiting with her cousins, Misses Jacqueline and Margaret Hardin.

JAMES A. FARLEY TO GET HEARTY WELCOME IN CITY

Much Interest in Visit of Postmaster General to City on April 10th; Postoffices to Be Dedicated in Canton, Boone and Statesville

An enthusiastic welcome awaits Postmaster General James A. Farley when he visits Boone on April 10th, for the dedication of the city's beautiful new postoffice building, and indications are at this time that a throng of record-breaking proportions will gather in the city for the exercises.

Interest in the visit of the postal official has been heightened since his hat is definitely in the ring as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, it being the first time in the history of the city that a presidential aspirant has visited the capital of Watauga county.

Mr. Farley who is to dedicate a postoffice at Canton on April 9 will be met in Asheville on the morning of the 10th by a motorcade of citizens from Boone and is expected to arrive in town at 10:30.

The city will be gaily decorated for the event and the high governmental official will be accorded a generous welcome, with the local high school band playing an important part in the initial portion of the program. The grandstand is to be erected at King and Depot streets and the main avenue will be roped off from the Rivers corner to Smithey's store, the traffic to be routed via a back street during the time of the ceremonies. There will be plenty of room for the thousands who are expected to gather and there will be no annoyance from traffic. In case of bad weather the dedicatory speech will be delivered in the tobacco warehouse, and in either case an amplifying system will carry the program to all who gather here.

Mayor W. R. Lovell will deliver a short address of welcome, distinguished guests including state and national figures will be recognized, and Congressman Robert L. Doughton will present Mr. Farley to the audience.

Following the program the speakers, distinguished guests and others will have lunch at the Daniel Boone hotel, and the party will proceed to Statesville for a second dedication. In the evening both Congressman Doughton and Postmaster General Farley will attend a rally of the Young Democrats of the ninth district.

Within the next few days a program of the day will be printed and distributed along with invitations to promote people throughout the state.

Ground Is Broken For Business House

Former Sheriff John W. Hodges has broken ground for the erection of a large business block on the site of the old drug store building near Greene inn.

The building which will be 42 feet wide and will contain one room with 25-foot front, another with 15, and the structure will have a depth of 100 feet, with full basement, including modern heating equipment. The contract for the construction of the modern brick building has been let to Walter C. Greene, local contractor, and the structure will be rushed to completion.

Mr. Hodges does not state who will occupy the building, other than that it is being constructed for mercantile enterprises.

G. O. P. DELEGATES GO UNINSTRUCTED TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Jake F. Newell, state Republican chairman, said Monday that North Carolina's delegates to the Republican national convention would, for the most part, go uninstructed.

With the exception of Bennett Riddle of Morganton, who announced he would support Thomas E. Dewey for the nomination in advance of his election as a delegate, the state delegation will not have any strong pre-convention preference, Newell forecast.

OPERETTA TO BE GIVEN AT COVE CREEK SCHOOL APRIL 4

"Top o' the World," an operetta, will be given at Cove Creek school Thursday evening, April 4, at 7:30 o'clock. The cast consists of more than a hundred high school and grade school pupils, the leading roles being played by Geneva Cannon, Harold Mast, Welch Tester, Virginia Danner, Imogene Castle and Walter Thompson.

A variety of dances, western scenes, Indians, character numbers, light comedy and romantic, tuneful melodies are blended into a modern production which will appeal to everyone.

Tickets are now on sale for reserved seats.