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WILLKIE, McNARY G.O.P. NOMINEES

Nominee Gets Great Ovation as
He Speaks to Delegates; Will
Wage Vigorous Fight

Philadelphia.—With not so much as a delegate's badge to his lapel—but with the Republican presidential nomination tucked securely in his pocket—Wendell L. Willkie visited the party's national convention in its closing hours Friday and took it by storm again.

The convention's smiling victor stood before the crowded hall, which had just seen Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon nominated for the vice-presidency and in a speech carrying the heavy emphasis on brevity, pledged himself to the Republican cause.

Thursday night he stamped the great gathering—in a pandemonium of pro Willkie uproar from the galleries—into nominating him as its presidential candidate. Friday his tousled hair covered with confetti, and even a bit sticking to his perspiring cheek, he faced the microphone and said simply:

"Democracy and our way of life is facing the most crucial test it has ever faced in all its long history."

"As your nominee I expect to conduct a crusading, aggressive, fighting campaign to bring unity to America, to bring the unity of labor and capital, agriculture and manufacturer, farmer and worker, and all classes to this great cause of the preservation of freedom."

"So, you Republicans, I call upon you to join me. The cause is great. We must win. We cannot fail if we stand together in one united fight."

The crowds which had cheered an absent hero for four days went wild at the opportunity to applaud their man standing before them. Every sentence of his speech drew its well-bulging shout, and as Thursday night he captured their votes, Friday he appeared to capture their loyalty and fighting devotion.

McNary, the lean veteran senator from Oregon, Republican floor leader whom nearly everyone about the capitol calls "Charley" or "Mac" was Willkie's choice for the vice-presidential nomination. And that was enough for the crowd.

From early morning, in fact the only uncertainty about the vice-presidential situation was whether or not McNary would accept. As the convention assembled for an afternoon session which was nearly an hour late in beginning, the buzzing gossip dealt only with McNary's attitude. But word was soon received from Washington that McNary, like a "good soldier would accept," and that was that.

Missouri complimented its only Republican member of congress, Representative Dewey Short, by placing him in nomination, but it was a runaway race from the start, and scarcely one which Short took seriously. The final figures were 890 for McNary 108 for Short, and two for Senator Bridges of New Hampshire.

Thomas E. Dewey of New York, was the three-to-one favorite over Willkie on the first ballot, having 365 votes as against 106 for the Indianan. Dewey, however, dropped like a plummet before the avalanche of Willkie support and only had 45 votes when the sixth and final ballot was started. Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, ran second and polled a consistent gain throughout the five ballots, but was far behind the winner when the nomination was made.

Mayors Convene At Blowing Rock

Thirty mayors and Chamber of Commerce men were guests of Mayor Grover C. Robbins of Blowing Rock, at a banquet Saturday night.

Following an afternoon session which featured adoption of constitution and by-laws of Western North Carolina Mayors' Association, J. M. Broughton, Democratic candidate for governor, greeted the delegation and accompanied them to points of interest about the resort. From the Blowing Rock he turned breeze-tester by hurling Mayor Robbins' hat off the rock only to have it blown back by a brisk breeze.

Dr. J. M. Washburn of Lake Lure, presided over the meeting with Jim Coad of Hickory, and Grover C. Robbins of Blowing Rock leading the executive committee for plans for a midwestern tour of the state. After the banquet the delegation adjourned to meet at Tryon, at which time schedule and plans for the proposed tour will be offered by the committee.

A CORRECTION

In last week's issue of The Democrat it was stated that Mr. Walter C. Greene was constructing the Boone Body Shop building. This structure together with the store building adjacent, which is the property of the Building and Loan, are being built by Mr. J. E. Clay. The body shop has already been occupied while the other structure will be finished within a few days.

NEW CHURCH TO BE OPENED SUNDAY



St. Luke's Episcopal church in Boone, which will be used for the first time next Sunday, with dedicatory services by the Right Rev. Robert E. Gribbin.

FUNERAL FOR J. H. BRINKLEY SUNDAY

Well Known Vilas Resident Succumbs to Long Illness; Many Attend Services

Funeral rites for J. H. Brinkley, aged 69, well-known Vilas resident, were held at Willowdale Baptist church Sunday afternoon by Rev. R. L. Painter, pastor of the church, who was assisted in the services by Rev. J. C. Canipe, Boone Baptist pastor, and Prof. A. J. Greene. Mr. Brinkley died in Watauga hospital Saturday after an illness of several months.

A large number of friends gathered from far and near for the rites and the floral offering was large. Many Boone people attended the services. Interment was in the Howell cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, three sons and four daughters: G. D. Brinkley, Boone; John H. Brinkley, Cleveland, Ohio; Elmo Brinkley, Vilas; Mrs. Claud Isaacs, Heaton; Mrs. Oscar Chappel, Shouns, Tenn.; Mrs. Alton Cornett, Endicott, N. Y.; and Miss Johnnie Brinkley, Boone. Also surviving are two brothers and four sisters: Andrew Brinkley, Big Four, W. Va.; Will Brinkley, Shady Valley, Tenn.; Mrs. Lee Howell, High Point; Mrs. Hiram Dotson, Boone; Mrs. W. M. Hodges, Adams; and Mrs. Louise Randolph, New York.

Native of Watauga
Mr. Brinkley was a native of Watauga county, and had lived here throughout his life, engaging for the most part in farming. In recent years he had been employed in the mercantile business at Vilas. He was a member of the Willowdale Baptist church, and when his health permitted took active part in religious activities. He was a Spanish-American war veteran.

Mr. Brinkley was a good citizen and a kind and generous neighbor.

Chamber Commerce Now Has 57 Members

Herman Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, states that the goal of 60 members by July 15th, has been almost reached, with 57 members now on the roster, and several others indicating their willingness to affiliate at a later date. The new members are: Bare's Fair Store, Watauga Building and Loan, W. R. Lovill, Parkway Co., J. D. Shoemaker, Mayflower Beauty Shop and Colvard Oil Co.

Mr. Wilcox expresses appreciation for the fine co-operation of the people of the town which is most encouraging to him and other officials of the organization, and announces the booking of a most entertaining sound picture for showing at the next Chamber of Commerce meeting. The title of the film is "Let's Go to the Fair," and constitutes a preview of the New York World's fair. Mr. Wilcox has seen the picture and describes it as most interesting. The next meeting will be held sometime this month.

Preachers, Deacons To Meet on Monday

There will be a meeting of the Baptist ministers and deacons at the Boone Baptist church next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, it is announced by Rev. Carl Triplett.

The subject of the meeting will be the "Early Church." Rev. R. C. Eggers will discuss its beginning; "Its Officers, Their Duties," Rev. Grady Minton; "Its Mission," Rev. R. H. Shore; "Its Power," Rev. J. C. Canipe.

MABEL WINS FROM BRISTOL BAKERY NINE

The Mabel baseball team defeated the Bristol Bakery nine at Mabel Saturday by the score of 12 to 0. Bristol was able to get plenty of men on the bases, but couldn't score, while Mabel took advantage of every opportunity to count.

JONES NEW HEAD BAR ASSOCIATION

Charlottean Succeeds Fred Sutton at Close of Convention at Mayview Manor

The North Carolina Bar Association elected Hamilton C. Jones of Charlotte, as its president Saturday evening as the annual convention came to a close at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock. Mr. Jones succeeds Fred I. Sutton of Kinston.

Other officers named were: Isaac C. Wright of Wilmington, L. S. Spurling of Lenoir, and Fred Cox of Wadesboro, vice-presidents; Allison Stubbs of Greensboro, secretary-treasurer, and James G. McClamock of Goldsboro, and Norman Shepherd of Smithfield, members of the executive committee.

J. M. Broughton, Democratic gubernatorial nominee, told the bar members at the closing session that they should take their places as leaders in America's defense program. He believes that the United States should make itself so powerful that aggressive totalitarian states would not attempt to invade it.

Around 400 bar members from all sections of the state attended the two-day conclave last week, hearing featured addresses by Claud M. Dean, clerk of the United States circuit court of appeals and Mr. Broughton. Senator Tom Connolly of Texas and Governor Hoes, who were to have spoken during the convention were unable to attend.

Red Cross Sends To Headquarters \$594.27

A check for \$594.27 has been forwarded to national headquarters of the American Red Cross as Watauga's first contribution toward the relief of the innocent sufferers in Europe's war, and Mrs. E. E. Garbee, chairman of the Watauga chapter, says the need for funds to meet the greatest emergency in all time, is constantly growing more urgent.

Of the total amount collected \$38.39 has been retained by the local chapter for the purpose of purchasing garment material and express on the shipments of garments to be made later.

Mrs. Garbee asks that all who have not made contributions do so at once, so that we may have a share in relieving at least a portion of the human misery now extant. Contributions may be left with Miss Gragg at the Northwestern Bank, with Mrs. Garbee or at The Democrat office.

VICTORY DREAMS BRING SMILE



Victory dreams bring a smile to this champion's face on the eve of the All-American Soap Box Derby finals. With his race driver's safety helmet beside him, his snappy derby uniform nearby, this champ is ready at a moment's notice to pilot his sturdy little derby racer to victory. All local

NEW CHURCH IS TO OPEN ON SUNDAY

St. Luke's Episcopal Congregation to Worship in New Structure First Time

Dedicatory services will be held at the new St. Luke's Episcopal church in Boone Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. It has been announced by Rev. E. Dargan Butt, priest in charge, Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, of Asheville, bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, will conduct the services. At 9 o'clock a. m., communion services will be conducted by Mr. Butt.

The new church building, which is situated near the demonstration school, is just now being completed, and is one of the most beautiful of the city's churches. Although small, the building represents the very latest and best thought in church architecture and the grounds have been landscaped to fit in with the structure.

The building which cost near \$4,000, is of brick construction and contains a vestibule and vesting room, besides the nave, chancel and sanctuary. The building is 53 feet long and 22 feet wide and the auditorium will seat 100 persons.

An Old Congregation

St. Luke's congregation is one of the oldest in Boone. The first frame building was on King street opposite the present location of the Daniel Boone hotel and was erected in 1882. In 1903, Rev. W. R. Savage, the pastor for many years, enlarged the structure. After a number of years, however, it was razed and the lot traded for the property on which the new church stands.

Rev. Grant Folmsbee, a senior in the Philadelphia Divinity School, will be minister-in-charge at St. Luke's during the summer, it is announced.

TWO ARE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Dallas Hodges and Charles Combs Occupants of Automobile Which Crashed

Charles Combs was critically injured and Dallas Hodges suffered minor hurts, when the automobile which was driven by the former rolled down a steep embankment on the ne highway 421, near Lovell postoffice Wednesday afternoon.

The driver of the machine, it is said, attempted to pass another vehicle, when the loose grave on the surface of the highway caused the car to slide over the steep embankment. Mr. Combs suffered internal injuries, it was said, and for a time after his admission to Watauga hospital, it was thought that his recovery was unlikely. He is now improving, however. Hodges received minor injuries about the face.

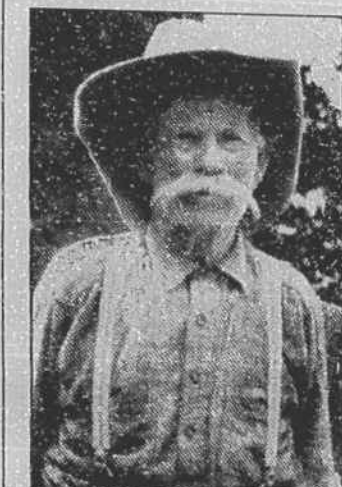
BIGGEST NAVAL ORDER IN NATION'S HISTORY IS LET

Washington, July 1.—The navy placed the biggest order in its history today—for 45 new warships to cost about \$500,000,000—just two hours after President Roosevelt signed legislation to speed up contract-letting and ship-building.

At the same time the army promoted 1,350 regular officers and called the first of 9,000 reserve officers to active duty for intensive specialized training while the President discussed with defense advisors a program for further army expansion with emphasis on mechanization.

Population Of County Now 18,844, Initial Figures Of Census Show; Gain 2,919

Veterans Guests Of Theatre Today



Mr. J. E. Luther, above, Deep Gap, veteran of the Confederate armies, and Newton Banner of Sugar Grove, soldier of the Grand Army of the Republic, are guests today of the Appalachian Theatre. They are to have lunch with Manager Trotter, and in the afternoon attended the showing of "Dark Command," a Civil War film. The one other Civil War veteran in Watauga, Mr. W. H. Blackburn of Laxon, was invited but was unable to attend.

CAROLYN MILLER IS "MISS BOONE"

Betty Ruth Winkler Given Title "Miss Junior Boone" in Recent Contest

Miss Carolyn Miller received the title "Miss Boone 1940" at the close of a beauty contest sponsored by the Worth While Women's Club at Appalachian Theatre last Thursday evening. Miss Betty Ruth Winkler at the same time was given the title "Miss Junior Boone." A large number of the younger ladies of the town took part in the competition which was well attended.

Thursday afternoon contests for the little tots were conducted, and in each age classification a prize was given to both a boy and girl. Following are the names of the winners.

1 year old—Jane Fox, William Matheson.
1 to 3 years old—Mary Judith Rhea, John W. Hodges, III.
3 to 5 years old—Jane Rivers, Wade Young.
5 to 8 years old—Martha Council, John B. Collins.

JAMES L. GREER

Last rites for James L. Greer, 78-year-old farmer, who died at his home at Rutherford Saturday, were conducted from the Rutherford Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. Willie Cook in charge. Burial was in the Rutherford cemetery. Death resulted from a cancer of the throat and heart ailment. Surviving are the widow, four sons and two daughters: Alex and Joe Greer, Lenoir; George and Raleigh Greer, Deep Gap; Mrs. Fred Michael, Boone Route 1. Also surviving are two brothers and three sisters: Thos. Greer, Deep Gap; E. C. Greer, Greensboro; Mrs. Sabie Long, Fleetwood; Mrs. Sarah Winebarger, Laxon, and Mrs. Rhoda Greene, Stony Fork.

The giraffe is said to be the only animal that lacks a voice.

Every Township in the County Shows Gain in Population Except One; Boone and Blowing Rock Gain, But Principal Increase in Rural Sections; Many More Farms Than Decade Ago

The population of Watauga county, according to preliminary figures given out by the bureau of the census, is now 18,084 as compared with 15,165 ten years ago, a gain of 2,919. Although Boone and Blowing Rock, the county's only two incorporated towns, showed large gains, the bulk of the population increase is in the rural areas.

Boone now has a population of 1,784 as against 1,295 ten years ago, and Blowing Rock is listed as having 655 inhabitants, as compared with 503 in 1930.

It is interesting to note that every township in the county has chalked up a population increase with the sole exception of Bald Mountain which has seven fewer people than a decade ago.

Also of interest is the preliminary figures for the agricultural census which indicate there are now 2,770 farms in the county, whereas there were only 2,375 in 1930.

Following is a breakdown of the 1940 census figures by townships, with the 1930 figures also given for comparison:

Township	1930	1940
Bald Mountain	432	425
Heaver Dam	1,156	1,435
Blowing Rock	1,001	1,170
Blue Ridge	713	820
Boone	3,332	4,483
Cove Creek	1,766	1,907
Elk	443	608
Laurel Creek	1,155	1,373
Meat Camp	1,236	1,518
North Fork	339	374
Shawneehaw	630	751
Stony Fork	1,243	1,436
Watauga	1,719	1,784

Total 15,165 18,084

Cities and Towns 1930 1940

Boone 1,295 1,784

Blowing Rock 503 655

Mr. Zeb V. Long Jr., district supervisor of the census, Salisbury, from whose office these figures come, states that the figures are preliminary and subject to correction, however they are believed to be "substantially correct."

Joines a Visitor

Mr. Oscar O. Joines, assistant district supervisor of the census, while visiting in Boone Monday, states that the gain in population in Watauga county was far above the average, and he praised enumerators for their splendid efforts in providing a "really accurate census." Mr. Joines also expressed full appreciation of the bureau for the assistance of the citizens here generally in co-operating in compiling the sixteenth census.

Yeggmen Blow North Wilkesboro Store Safe

Yeggmen blew the safe at the Goodwill Department store in North Wilkesboro sometime Saturday night or Sunday morning and escaped with what was believed to be several hundred dollars in cash and valuable papers owned by N. B. Smith, owner of the store.

Police said the safecracking was discovered by Mr. Smith Sunday afternoon. He was unable to give an estimate of the amount missing, but said it included receipts from Saturday's sales and some cash used for change.

MILLIONS TO BE RAISED BY NEW DEFENSE TAX

On Monday, July 1, exactly six days after President Roosevelt signed the new national defense act, the new defense tax on moving picture admissions, cigarettes, gasoline, etc., went into effect.

During the coming year, it is estimated that \$60,000,000 additional revenue will be collected from the tax on movie tickets alone.

Additional revenue thus raised will be used to increase the effectiveness of our national defense, said by military experts to be entirely inadequate to repulse possible invasion by the present day aggressor nations. Each time the new tax is paid on a movie ticket, a package of cigarettes, or a gallon of gas, that much more will go to insure us against any invasion of this nation by a foreign power. Unless the expected revenue can be raised under the newly enacted national defense act, it may be necessary for congress to levy new taxes or increase rates on taxes already in effect.

During 1939, it is estimated that 1,517 persons were killed in railroad grade crossing accidents.