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## ROOSEVELT AND WALLACE WILL LEAD DEMOCRATS

In Radio Address, President Tells Convention Duties in Washington Will Prevent Active Campaign

President Roosevelt, declaring that in a time of "public danger" he could not turn his "back upon a call to service," Thursday night accepted a third term nomination at the hands of the national convention in Chicago. On roll call of states the President received approximately 1,000 of the convention's 1,094 votes. On motion of National Chairman James A. Farley, who received a scattering vote for the presidency, the nomination was made by acclamation.

Amid boos and cheers, Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture in the Roosevelt cabinet, was nominated for vice president.

**President Speaks**  
While fully 20,000 persons sat in a midnight hush in Chicago stadium the President told them by radio from the White House that "only the people themselves can draft a President."

"If such a draft be made upon me, I say in the utmost simplicity, I will with God's help continue to serve with the best of my ability and with the fullness of my strength," he said.

But he explained, as had Mrs. Roosevelt an hour or so earlier that the times were so fraught with danger that he would be able to do little campaigning.

"But I shall never be loathe," he said, "to call the attention of the nation to deliberate or unwitting falsifications of fact which are sometimes made by political candidates."

He said all the needs of human security had not been met; much more needed to be done. But, he added, "progress along these lines is gravely endangered by what is happening to other continents."

Then he continued in a grave tone: "If our own government passes to other hands next January—untried hands—we can merely hope and pray that they will not substitute appeasement and compromise with those who seek to destroy all democracies everywhere."

Mrs. Roosevelt sat on the speaker's stand listening intently. Once she closed her eyes for a long time. Friends have said she did not want her husband to run, that her personal wish was to retire to the quiet of the Hudson valley.

She had sat through the long and emotion-torn session, when men yelled bitterly "we want a Democrat" (Continued on page two)

## Red Cross Goal Is Believed Reached

Mrs. E. E. Garbee, chairman of Watauga chapter American Red Cross, is in receipt of a letter from national headquarters stating that when all final reports are in, it is believed the twenty million dollar war relief fund will have been raised and that active campaigning can now be terminated. Mrs. Garbee advised, however, that it is imperative that any plans which have been started should be carried through, and that reports from every section should be turned in as rapidly as possible.

A one dollar contribution has been made by Mr. Noah Winebarger of Meat Camp township, which has not been hitherto reported.

Watauga county has now subscribed a total of \$603.35 to the war relief fund, slightly more than its quota for the twenty million dollar fund. Of this amount \$88.39 is retained by the local chapter for providing supplies for making garments, etc., for relief purposes.

The letter which Mrs. Garbee has received extends congratulations to everyone and an expression of appreciation of the loyal services of this county to "the victims of the greatest catastrophe in history."

## Fish and Game Club Will Meet On Friday

The Watauga County Fish and Game Club will have an important meeting Friday evening, July 26, at 7:30 at the Junior Order hall in Boone. Mr. Farthing will present a member of the state game commission at this time, who will have slides and motion pictures of native wildlife.

Mr. D. B. Bingham, secretary of the club, asks everyone interested in the conservation of game and birds to attend.

## Power Co. Moves Office

The New River Light and Power Company has announced that its up-town business office will be moved on the first of the month to one of the front offices of the Watauga Democrat building, where customers will pay their electric and other bills after that time. When the company went out of the electric appliance business it did not need the space available at its former location, hence the move.

## Surprised



Washington, D. C.—Admiral J. O. Richardson, commander of the United States fleet, came 5,500 miles from Hawaii in an unheralded visit to discuss naval projects in the defense program.

## WORK STARTED ON NEW CHURCH HERE

Presbyterians Plan to Have Excavation of Lot Completed by End of the Week

Ground has been broken for the erection of the new \$25,000 James I. Vance Memorial Presbyterian church and the excavation of the handsome new building is expected to be finished by the end of the week. It is the purpose of the congregation to have the walls erected and the building enclosed before the coming of winter, and the building will be finished as quickly as possible.

The new church which will occupy a lot near the entrance to the city cemetery, has been designed by D. R. Beeson, Johnson City architect, and the interior and exterior of the brick structure will follow the early American style of architecture. The auditorium, balcony and choir loft will seat 350 persons.

The basement will be divided into assembly and departmental rooms for the Sunday school and a kitchen will be equipped to take care of dinner meetings of the congregation.

The building committee is composed of E. Ford King, chairman; E. Ford King, Jr., Dr. Robert King, D. R. Beeson, Leslie Lyons, L. W. Timmons, J. E. Holsinger, I. S. Miller and Rev. John Rhea. Contributions are being received from a wide territory.

The Boone congregation was organized in January, 1939, with a membership of 30, and under the pastorate of Rev. John I. Rhea, has shown a large growth. Services are being held in the high school library pending the construction of the church plant.

## MANY ENROLLED AT APPALACHIAN

Beginning of Second Summer Term Finds 543 On Campus; Gain Over Last Year

Five hundred and forty-three are enrolled for the second summer semester at Appalachian College, according to information coming from Dr. J. D. Rankin, dean of administration, Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Rankin states that a few late registrants will bring the total to 550, a number much larger than had been anticipated and a gain of 38 over the enrollment at the same time last year.

The present term will end August 23, while the regular college year will start on September 3.

## 4-H Club Group Goes To Raleigh Monday

Eight Watauga county 4-H Club boys and girls went to Raleigh Monday where they are in attendance at the short course for 4-H Club members at State College, which began Monday evening and will end Friday night.

This is by far the largest group of 4-H members ever to go from Watauga to State College and includes Rosa Lee Clawson, Ruthwood club; Reba Hodges, Cove Creek club; Madeline Edmisten and Mildred Perry, Bethel Club; John Edmisten, Bethel club; Council Henson and Gilbert Edmisten, Cove Creek club, and Mack Greene, Mal club.

G. G. Farthing, assistant county agent, and Miss Elizabeth Bridge, home demonstration agent, accompanied the group to Raleigh.

**HIGHWAY OFFICES MOVED**  
The offices of the state highway commission have been moved from the stone building of Mrs. F. A. Linney to the office building of Attorney Wade E. Brown.

## STEWART RESIGNS ATHLETIC POST AT APPALACHIAN

Head Coach and Director of Athletics Goes to University of Delaware; R. W. Watkins New Mountaineer Mentor; Has Been Here Eight Years

Flucie Stewart, head coach and athletic director of Appalachian College Saturday resigned his position to join the coaching staff of Delaware University, and college officials on Monday announced their appointment of R. W. Watkins as his successor.

Stewart will be connected with Bill Murray, former Duke star, who has recently been made head coach at Delaware after a fine record at Children's Home, Winston-Salem.

Clyde Canipe, for the past six years coach at Albemarle high school, appears to have the inside track for the assistant post here, and the athletic committee will take action this week.

Mr. Stewart has been connected with the Appalachian staff for the past five years.

His work during the 1939-40 sports season brought him much acclaim. Taking over the athletic directorship after Kidd Brewer's resignation last summer, Stewart brought North Carolina conference championship in both football and basketball to Appalachian.

His football record for 1939 was nine victories with one early-season defeat by Rollins College. The Mountaineers rang up 269 points to 33 for their opponents.

Stewart produced a rip-roaring basketball team last winter which swept through the North State conference with 18 victories in 20 starts. The team represented the Carolinas in the National Intercollegiate tournament in Kansas City and made a good record.

Stewart came to Appalachian as assistant coach to Kidd Brewer five years ago after three years of successful coaching of freshman football and varsity basketball at Furman University.

As line coach at Appalachian he produced forward walls that brought him a reputation. In 1936 the Mountaineers scored 269 points in nine victories and one defeat against 29 by opponents. In 1937 the Boone boys rolled on undefeated and unscored on, while in 1938 they won nine and lost one with a total of (Continued on page eight)

## BOY DROWNED IN WATAUGA RIVER

Avery County Youth Loses Life While in Bathing Sunday; Funeral Held Monday

Funeral services were held at Flat Springs in Avery county near the Watauga line Monday afternoon for Lloyd Stout, 16-year-old Walely resident, who drowned in the waters of Watauga River Sunday afternoon.

Young Stout, who with another youth of the neighborhood, was bathing in the river, accidentally slipped from a rock in a pool of water more than 10 feet deep. The lad, being unable to swim, went down immediately, and his companion being unable to rescue him, went for help. Searchers found the body several hours later.

The youth is survived by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Stout, residents of the Beech Creek section, and by several brothers and sisters.

## Deeds Bear Burden Of New Defense Tax

Miss Helen Underdown, register of deeds for Watauga county, has been advised by the collector of internal revenue, that effective July 1, the defense program of the federal government has raised the documentary tax on deeds covering real estate, from 50 to 55 cents. Other advances are noted on the issuance of capital stock, foreign insurance policies, passage tickets to foreign destination, etc.

The increased rates went into effect July 1, and will continue for a period of five years unless sooner repealed by an act of congress.

## Watauga Jurors Are Summoned To Ashe

At the request of the defendant, Judge Will Pless in Ashe county superior court on Monday, ordered that 30 jurors be drawn from Watauga county for the trial of the four Ashe county cases against ex-Sheriff Henry M. Miller, charged with an alleged shortage of \$27,000 during the six years he served as sheriff and tax collector.

Trial of the cases is scheduled to begin Wednesday morning and will probably last a week. The evidence presented in the referee's hearing held last year will be read.

Referee G. H. Hastings of Winston-Salem, ruled that Miller owed the county the sum of \$17,471.70, plus interest of around \$2,000.

## GOES TO UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE



Flucie Stewart, popular coach and athletic director at Appalachian State Teachers College, who resigned Saturday to accept a position as line coach at the University of Delaware.

## JUSTIN WHITING SUCCEEDS WILLKIE

Nephew of W. S. Whiting of Shulls Mills, Heads Commonwealth and Southern

Justin R. Whiting, nephew of W. S. Whiting of Shulls Mills and Butler, Tenn., has succeeded Wendell L. Willkie as president and member of the board of Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, it was announced last Wednesday.

The board elected Whiting to the vacancy created when Willkie resigned as head of the utility concern to pursue his campaign as Republican nominee for the presidency of the United States.

A member since 1933 of the New York firm of Weadock & Whiting, counsel for C. & S., Whiting has been associated with the company since 1912. Born in Michigan in 1886 and prominent in Michigan legal circles, the new C. & S. president was a Democratic presidential elector from Michigan in 1932.

Informed in Colorado Springs of Whiting's election, Willkie declared the company would be "in excellent and expert hands" under its new president.

Mr. W. S. Whiting was in town Monday and had just returned from St. Clair, Mich., where he had visited his nephew, the new utility company president.

## COUNTY TAX RATE IS FIXED AT \$1.25

Same Rate as Last Year Prevails; Higher Bond Payments Cause Bigger Budget

The tax rate for Watauga county for the year 1940 will be \$1.25, the same as prevailed during the fiscal year of 1939-40, but higher principal and interest payments for the new fiscal year have raised the total expenses of the county government from \$110,460.20 last year to the new budget figure of \$123,918.67. The fact that a surplus remained in the debt service fund from last year enabled the commissioners to take care of the county's finances with the present tax rate.

A full and detailed summary of the budget is published today according to law.

C. Gordon Taylor, county accountant, states that the property valuation in the county is practically unchanged, \$7,603,000, but that there would have been a slight raise in the valuation but for the construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the resulting loss of list values.

## HARMON REUNION

There will be a reunion of the Harmon families at the Calvin Harmon old home place, now owned by J. Y. Walker, the first Sunday in August. All members of the families and relatives are urged to come out and have a good time and a real picnic.

## COMMERCE BODY HAS 76 MEMBERS

Business Men Enjoy Movie at Last Meeting; New Advertising Folder is Approved

The Boone Chamber of Commerce now has an all-time record membership of 76, according to an announcement made by H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization, and at the last meeting a layout of the new advertising program for the city was approved by the special committee.

A large number of business people attended the meeting and the motion picture "Let's Go to the Fair" was greatly enjoyed.

The committee reports that the new folder will be perhaps the most complete advertising piece thus far devised by the local Chamber of Commerce, and that by a slight reduction in its size a saving of about \$125 has been effected. The folder which will be 12x19 inches, is being printed in four colors and will contain a brief outline of local civic activities, educational and religious advantages, as well as inducements to vacationists and sportspeople. (Continued on page eight)

## Oxford Singing Class Appears Here Aug. 2

The singing class from the Oxford Masonic orphanage will appear in concert at the Baptist church in Boone Friday evening, August 2, at 8 p. m., under the sponsorship of Snow Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Fourteen children will participate in the program. There will be songs, recitations and patriotic drills, and the program this year is said to be even better than usual.

There will be no admission charge this year, but the public is cordially invited as the guests of the Masons. A free will offering for the benefit of the orphanage will be taken.

## Effects of War On Tobacco Exports Cited

Effects of the European war on tobacco exports from the United States are clearly revealed in a statistical statement published by the tobacco division of the department of commerce.

That the effects have become more telling during recent months is shown by the fact that exports during September, 1939, were 45,576,402 pounds, valued at \$9,895,465, and only 15,911,662 pounds, valued at \$3,059,144 during April, 1940.

Bright flue-cured exports for the eight-months period of the 1940 fiscal year were 179,746,223 pounds valued at \$36,357,225, a considerable drop from the 304,702,883 pounds, valued at \$107,414,266, in 1939, and 309,437,320 pounds, valued at \$117,147,560, in 1939.

Burley exports for the current fiscal year have increased, totaling 8,587,609 pounds, valued at \$1,762,507, compared with 7,981,800 pounds, valued at \$1,746,569, in 1939, and 7,722,720 pounds, valued at \$1,950,791, in 1938.

## TWO NEW BUSINESS BUILDINGS BEING ERECTED IN BOONE

Smithy's Store and Crest Stores to Have Elegant New Quarters as Better Weather Gives Impetus to Current Building Program; Smithy to Have City's Largest Store

With the coming of warm dry weather, Boone's current building program has hit its stride and two new mercantile structures are being erected on King street, one to house the Smithy's stores, and the second to provide for the expansion of the Crest Five and Ten Cent establishment.

The Smithy store building, which is being constructed on the old Blackburn hotel property near the courthouse, will have the distinction of being the city's largest mercantile building, its frontage on King street being more than twice that of any other retail establishment. The main building will have a frontage of 125 feet and a depth of 95 feet. Mr. N. B. Smithy, owner of the Smithy store, who is personally supervising the construction, states that the walls of the one-story building will be constructed of a new and improved type of concrete block, which has a glazed face, and which at a distance strongly resembles white marble. The building will have a full basement, which with the street floor, will provide more than 23,000 feet of floor space.

The remainder of the Smithy lot just west of the store building, having a frontage of 150 feet, will be used for a model automobile servicing depot and the gasoline storage tanks have already been placed. In addition produce houses and structures for the poultry department will be constructed to the rear of the store building.

The excavation for the store has been completed and Mr. Smithy believes that the buildings may be erected in 90 days of good weather. He says the Smithy store, in its (Continued on page eight)

## Bronze Plaque Given Local Chapter F.F.A.

The Daniel Boone F. F. A. chapter was one of 40 local units recently recognized by the state association of Future Farmers of America as winner in federation chapter contests. In recognition of this achievement, a bronze plaque was awarded to delegates of the local chapter at the annual convention of the Young Tar Heel Association of Future Farmers of America held in Raleigh July 16-18.

A plaque was awarded to the winner in the chapter contest in each of the 40 federations in the state. The Daniel Boone chapter led in the Parkway Federation which is composed of seven chapters representing vocational agriculture departments in the high schools of Alleghany, Avery and Watauga counties.

To determine the winning chapter in each federation the local units were scored on supervised farm practice, co-operative activities, homework and community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings, conduct of meetings, scholarship and recreation.

Milton Moretz and Glenn Cottrell were official delegates of the Daniel Boone chapter at the state convention.

## LEAVE FOR SOAP BOX RACE EVENT

J. R. Brendall, Jr. to Represent Boone in Charlotte Event; Stallings Accompanies Him

J. R. Brendall, Jr., young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brendall of Boone, is representing this city in the Charlotte Observer's annual soap box racing event, and he in company with B. W. Stallings, who has conducted these amateur racing events in Boone for several years, left for Charlotte this (Wednesday) morning.

Young Brendall, who is quite a mechanic, has put lots of time on the construction of his racing car, which is built according to approved plans and specifications, and it is felt that he has an excellent chance of winning the race. The winner of the Charlotte event today goes to Akron, Ohio, to compete in the national race.

## Hunting and Fishing Licenses Available

Mr. Bill Casey, county fish and game warden, states that combination fishing and hunting licenses for the year 1939-40 are now available. These licenses which are state-wide sell for \$3.10 and are good for hunting this winter and fishing to July 31, 1941. A considerable saving can be effected by using the combination license, since if the licenses are bought separately they cost \$4.20.