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## OCTOBER 16TH IS PROCLAIMED DAY OF REGISTRATION

### President Roosevelt Signs Draft Bill and Issues Proclamation; First Peacetime Draft in History Becomes Law

Washington, Sept. 17.—President Roosevelt yesterday made peacetime conscription the law of the land and proclaimed October 16 as the day on which all men from 21 to 35, inclusive, must register for selective military training.

The first peacetime draft of manpower in American history became law at 3:08 p. m. with a stroke of the presidential pen. Mr. Roosevelt proclaimed registration day a moment later.

The momentous action came two days after congress gave its final approval to the legislation.

An estimated 16,500 men—citizen and alien alike—must register at polling places throughout the country. From this number, the nation will build up over the next five years a reservoir of 5,000,000 trained men for its land and sea forces.

"America stands at the crossroads of its destiny," Mr. Roosevelt said in his proclamation fixing the date of registration.

He took cognizance of the current world situation and served notice in direct language that the United States is ready and able to defend at any cost the heritage of its freedom.

"Time and distance have been shortened," he said. "A few weeks have seen great nations fall. We cannot remain indifferent to the philosophy of force now rampant in the world. The terrible fate of nations whose weakness invited attack is too well known to us all.

"We must and will marshal our great potential strength to fend off war from our shores. We must and will prevent our land from becoming a victim of aggression.

"Our decision has been made. . . . It is the will of our people."

Conscription became law on the day that the first contingent of national guardsmen—60,500 militiamen from 26 states—were mobilized for a year of intensive training with the army.

The first group of conscripts—about 400,000—probably will be called to the colors about November 15. Then, for the next five years, about a million men will be inducted into the army annually for a year of training.

They will be drawn by lot and selected for service from the list of 16,500,000 registrants.

The call to the colors of guardsmen and conscripts is designed to build a trained civilian army capable of meeting any emergency.

In proclaiming registration day, Mr. Roosevelt observed:

" . . . our young men will come from the factories and the fields, the cities and the towns, to enroll their names on registration day.

"On that eventful day my generation will salute their generation. May we all renew within our hearts that conception of liberty and that way of life which we have all inherited. May we all strengthen our resolve to hold high the torch of freedom in this darkening world so that our children and their children may not be robbed of their rightful inheritance."

Mr. Roosevelt did not designate registration day as a holiday. He urged, however, that all employers, as well as federal, local and state government agencies, give their workers adequate time in which to fulfill their obligation of registration.

## REPUBLICANS TO GATHER SEPT. 28

### Nominating Convention Is Announced; Prominent Republican to Deliver Address

The Republicans of Watauga county will gather in convention at the courthouse in Boone Saturday, September 28, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for county offices and transacting such other business as may appear proper. The call for the convention was issued Tuesday by T. E. Bingham, chairman of the Republican executive committee, and Clyde R. Greene, secretary of the committee.

The chairmen of the various townships are requested to call their township primaries to be held at the voting places in the respective townships at 2:30 p. m. Friday, September 27th for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention. Each township is entitled to one delegate for each 25 votes cast for the Republican candidate for governor in the election of 1936.

The committee is making arrangements to have some outstanding Republican leader address the convention.

Between us and the sun, 11,640 earths the size of our own could be placed easily.

## Actress Mother



Hollywood, Cal.—Jane Clayton, wed to cowboy star Russell Hayden, offers her six-weeks old baby, Sandra, as definite proof that motherhood is an impetus to a screen career. Miss Clayton has just been called back to work, to play her first leading role.

## WATAUGA FAIR CLOSSES SATURDAY

### Fair Officials Satisfied With Exhibits; Displays of Farm Crops Called Best Ever

Sugar Grove, Sept. 17.—The tenth annual Watauga agricultural fair was brought to a close here last Saturday evening after a three-day exposition of the farm and home products of the county. The fair began on Thursday afternoon with the entering of exhibits and entertainment furnished by the Davis and Parrot Amusement Company.

Because of the recent inundations of farm crops, it was thought prior to the opening day that entries would be curtailed; however, in spite of the fact that exhibits in some departments did not come up to their usual number, fair officials have said that they were satisfied with results. According to a statement by Ernest Hillard, secretary of the fair association, displays on farm crops were the best ever to be made. In all, seven entries were made in this department, the first premium being won by Jim Banner and the second by Miss Margaret Adams. Cash prizes were awarded to these winners by the Boone Merchants Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave P. Mast won the fair sweepstakes premium and were awarded an "Easy Washing Machine" given by Moretz Bros. Electric Company of Boone.

In the home canning department on a display consisting of 20 cans of home produced food, Susie Belle Moody and Mrs. J. E. Moody won first and second prizes, respectively.

Chief among the attractions afforded by the fair were the dramatizations presented by the Sauline Players, professional actors appearing in this area for their first time. During their stay in the Cove Creek community, these players gave three productions in the high school auditorium.

The chief point of interest in the exposition Saturday was the baby beef show, in which Jimmy Dugger won the grand championship and Earl Edmisten the reserve championship.

The complete list of prize winners will be published in the next issue of the paper.

## Rites Are Held For Mrs. R. T. Greer

Funeral services were conducted in Lenoir Thursday afternoon for Mrs. R. T. Greer, 64, resident of that city, who died Wednesday morning following a heart attack. Death followed an illness of several weeks.

The services were conducted from the First Methodist church, of which she was a member, by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Moser. Burial followed in Bellevue cemetery.

Mrs. Greer was the former Eunice Josephine Todd, daughter of the late Charles P. and Angeline Miller Todd of Todd. She married R. T. Greer, prominent Lenoir business man.

Mrs. Greer was active in church circles and took a leading part in the affairs of the Lenoir Woman's Club and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Members of the Men's Bible class of the Lenoir Methodist church served as honorary pallbearers.

Surviving are her husband, R. T. Greer, a daughter, Mrs. E. A. Dobbins, both of Lenoir; four brothers, W. B. Todd of Lenoir, J. W. Todd of Marion, Va., Roger and Joseph Todd of Pocatello, Idaho, and one sister, Mrs. S. W. Ray, of Marion, Va.

## RIVER REACHES NEW HIGH

New River reached perhaps the highest crest ever known in the August 13 flood and at the W. H. Wagner place, it is said the flood waters were 32 feet high.

## TO MEMORIALIZE FLOOD VICTIMS

### Mayor Lovill Designates Fifth Sunday as Date for County-Wide Memorial Service

Mayor W. R. Lovill has issued a proclamation setting aside the fifth Sunday in September as the time for holding a memorial service for those who lost their lives in the flood of August 13 and calls upon the people of the county to pay their respects to the stricken at this time.

The text of the mayor's proclamation follows:

We are still in grief and sadness because of the loss of so many precious lives in the recent and greatest flood disaster within the memory of our people, and while the material loss to our people of their homes and their crops and lands which seem to be destroyed so staggeringly, yet such material loss pales into insignificance when compared with the precious lives of dear little children, the old and middle aged, who were swept into eternity by the raging and cruel torrents which seemed bent on destroying all things in their paths.

Those who were taken were our children, our people, leaving unbounded grief and heartaches in many homes. These dear ones must not and shall not be forgotten.

Therefore, I deem it most fitting and proper that a county-wide memorial service be held in the county courthouse in Boone, North Carolina, on the fifth Sunday in September, at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

We earnestly hope that members of the families from whom was taken a dear one, will be present, and that every minister of the gospel in Watauga county will attend this most important and Godly service.

This the 16th day of September, 1940.

W. R. LOVILL,  
Mayor of Boone.

## TELEGRAPH LINE NOW FUNCTIONING

### Direct Wire From Boone to Charlotte Replaces Inferior Service Disrupted by Storm

Mr. H. W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, states that this week Boone is experiencing its first standard type of telegraph service, through a direct wire to Charlotte. This new improved service displaces the rather unsatisfactory service put out of commission in the August flood.

The old service routed messages to eastern points via Elk Park, Johnson City, Nashville, Atlanta and Charlotte, and messages may now be delivered much more quickly than through the old system.

Western Union officials are hoping that the increase in business will justify the continuance of the important service, and it is hoped that a simplex may be installed at a later date.

## REA GETS LARGE NEW ALLOTMENT

### \$232,000 Appropriated for Construction of Electric Lines in This Area

Mr. G. F. Messick, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, was in town Tuesday and says that a new appropriation of \$232,000 has been approved for the construction of additional REA lines in Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany and Caldwell counties. The new extensions are now being staked out in these counties. Melvin F. Burgess of Boone, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the Watauga county lines, which are to serve about 800 families. Work will start in about two weeks and be completed in 90 days.

## Elk Lad Performs Heroic Flood Rescue

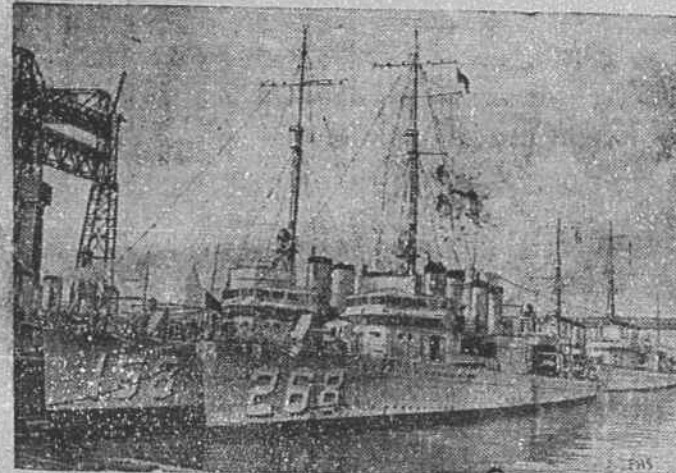
Jack Todd, 17-year-old resident of Elk township, was in town Tuesday and modestly told of having effected the rescue of Bill Greene, a neighbor, just before the flood of August 13, took his house from the landscape.

After the water around the Greene home had risen above Todd's knees he gained entrance and found the occupant asleep. With difficulty he loaded him upon his back and carried him through the raging waters to a place of safety. Fifteen minutes later the Greene home was swept away.

## NEW BURLEY

A type of tobacco that looks, smells and tastes like burley but is almost completely free from nicotine has been developed by the Kentucky agricultural experiment station.

## BRITAIN BOUND



NEW YORK, N. Y.—The recommissioned U. S. destroyers Leary, left, and the Shubrick, may be among the 50 destroyers traded to Great Britain for the 99-year right to construct military and naval bases on the Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad, Antigua and British Guiana.

## HIGH SCHOOL DAY AT UNIVERSITY

### Appalachian to Meet Carolina as High Spot of High School Celebration

All high school seniors in Watauga county have been extended invitations to attend the annual high school day celebration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Saturday.

The occasion is expected to draw to the university from all sections of the state the largest gathering of high school girls and boys ever assembled in this state at one time.

A total of 17,000 seniors from 84 counties stretching from Murphy to Manteo took part in last year's event, and acceptance this week indicate an even larger turnout.

This year's program, which will continue informal, will include welcome from university authorities; visits with boys from "back home," campus tours, a picnic lunch, and band concert, topped by the main grid show.

"We want our boys and girls to have time to wander around the campus and take a look at the buildings and to visit with the boys from home," Dean R. B. House wrote in his invitation to the seniors.

This will be Carolina's third annual high school day, but it marks the first time the Tar Heels have taken on an in-state opponent, and Appalachian will be the joint host to the school folks Saturday.

The game itself promises to be a feature. Carolina has prospects for another colorful, wide-open team. Appalachian is North State conference champ and has lost only four games in four years. And both have veteran teams headed by a "big and little All-American," Paul Severin and Ted Reitzle.

## HIGHWAY 421 IS OPEN WEDNESDAY

### Traffic Resumed on Main Thoroughfare Closed by Flood, Says Engineer

Traffic is to be resumed on U. S. Highway 421 between Boone and North Wilkesboro sometime today (Wednesday), according to information given out by James H. Council, district highway engineer. The road has been closed to through traffic since the heavy landslides and wash-outs of the August flood.

Mr. Council states that while the road is open to all types of traffic, that on certain sections one way travel rules will be enforced. He urges drivers to proceed slowly at such points and carefully watch the highway signs.

Since 421 has been closed travel has proceeded to North Wilkesboro either by West Jefferson or Lenoir.

## Rayburn Elected Speaker of House

Washington, Sept. 16.—Sam Rayburn, 59-year-old Texas Democrat, was elected speaker of the house of representatives by acclamation today while the body of his predecessor, the late Wm. B. Bankhead, of Alabama, lay in state at the front of the house rostrum.

Members of a Democratic conference held just before the election said there was no discussion regarding filling of majority leadership which Rayburn is vacating and some expressed belief nothing would be done about it immediately.

## BROWNS HEADS DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION

Wade E. Brown, Boone attorney, was named chairman of the ninth district Young Democratic Clubs in Raleigh last week. Other members of the committee are: Mrs. Gorge Uzzell of Salisbury, vice-chairman; Ernest R. Alexander, Salisbury, secretary; R. L. Brown of Albemarle, treasurer.

The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic and most widely attended gatherings in the history of the organization, and Ralph Gardner, son of former Governor O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, was elected chairman of the state organization.

Florida has 43.8 acres of water for each fishing license, excluding the ocean.

## MANY CASES TRIED IN SUPERIOR COURT LIST OF JUDGMENTS

### Judge Don H. Phillips Presides as Heavy State Docket Comes Up for Trial; Most Defendants Charged With Driving While Intoxicated

The regular fall term of Watauga superior court convened Monday with Judge Don Phillips of Rockingham, presiding, and Solicitor L. S. Spurling of Lenoir, prosecuting the docket.

An unusually large number of cases, mostly misdemeanors, were docketed for trial and Wednesday morning about 25 defendants were yet to come before the court. It is unlikely that the state docket will have been cleared before Thursday, at which time some cases on the civil calendar are expected to be taken up.

### The Judgments

Following are the judgments of the court up until Wednesday morning:

Boone Grimes, violation prohibition law, 4 months on roads.

Harold Moody, violation prohibition laws, 4 months on roads.

Fay E. Trivett, larceny 2 years, suspended for five years during good behavior.

Joe Snyder, violation prohibition laws, \$25 and costs.

Estel Greene, Marsh Fletcher, Ralph Reese, breaking and entering, 12 months.

Vernon Phillips, forcible trespass, 12 months.

Clyde Hollar, public drunkenness, \$15 and costs.

James Rapan, carrying concealed weapon, prayer for judgment continued for two years.

Harold Flannery, reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

A. D. Charles, driving car after license revoked, 60 days, suspended on payment of costs.

Burton Church, driving car with license revoked, 8 months.

Bill Nichols, driving drunk, 90 days.

Henry Ogelsby, assault with deadly weapon, 2 years.

Grady Proffitt, violation prohibition laws, costs.

Arlie Winebarger, violation prohibition laws, costs.

Robert Simmons, driving drunk, 4 months.

Robert Simmons, temporary larceny of automobile, 4 months.

Wash. Hodges and J. A. Faw of Elk township, who were to have been tried for setting fire to the woods, were held in contempt by Judge Phillips when they tried to intimidate a state witness before the grand jury.

They were sent to jail for 30 days.

Walter Bumgarner, being tried on a charge of driving drunk, left the courthouse during the course of his trial just after noon Tuesday and has not been apprehended. Judge Phillips ordered a capias issued and the payment of the bond under which he had been held.

Following is a list of those arraigned on charges of driving motor vehicles while intoxicated, and who were fined \$50 and the costs of the action. In each case the drivers' license were revoked for a period of 12 months: Howard Thomas, Wade Edmisten, Jess Walker, John McGuire, Clarence Parsons, Dady Story, Albert Ford, Monroe Winebarger, Richard Day, Geo. Thomas, James H. Brown, C. G. Koontz, I. E. Story, Ray Gentry, J. R. Beam, R. J. Lowrance, Joe H. Greer, Milton Winkler, Chas. Tolly, E. H. Anderson, Paul Coffey, Fred Emerson, Kim Young, Lester Ragan and Granville Church.

## CITIZENS WANT RAILWAY REBUILT

### Abandonment of Railway Protested by Merchants Association and Other Organizations

Mr. Clyde R. Greene, president of the Boone Merchants Association, on behalf of that organization, has protested the abandonment of the Linville River Railway from Cranberry to Boone, which was damaged by the August flood, the company having petitioned the interstate commerce commission for the privilege of discontinuing the line.

Mr. Greene has received a letter from Congressman R. L. Doughton and also from the interstate commerce commission to the effect that when the date of the hearing is set, those objecting to the abandonment of the line will be given due notice and opportunity to present their case.

The Merchants Association will be joined in protesting the abandonment of the narrow gauge by the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations and business interests throughout this territory. The hearing will be set sometime after the 25th of October.

Congressman Doughton informs Mr. Greene that he "will continue his efforts to prevent the abandonment of the railroad line."