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BOTH PARTIES TO NOMINATE SLATES CANDIDATES SAT.

Republicans and Democrats Announce Nominating Conventions; Wall to Address Republicans; Democrats Not to Have Outside Speaker

For the first time in recollection, Democrats and Republicans of Watauga county will hold their nominating conventions on the same day. Next Saturday at 2 o'clock the Democrats of the county will gather in convention at the courthouse to name their candidates for county office, and at 7:30 in the evening the Republicans will place their candidates in nomination.

The Democrats will hold their precinct meetings at 2 o'clock on Friday at the various polling places, while the Republicans will name their precinct delegates to the county convention at 2:30 on the same day.

The Democrats have not announced any outside speaker for the occasion, while the Republicans will present Hon. L. L. Wall of Winston-Salem.

Little Interest
So far little pre-convention enthusiasm seems to have developed locally, but it is expected that about the usual amount of interest will have developed by the time the conventions are called to order.

This year candidates are to be named for representative in the legislature, register of deeds, county commissioners and surveyor. The clerk does not come up for election this year, neither does the sheriff or coroner who are serving four-year terms.

Superior Court In Number of Judgments

Watauga superior court adjourned Wednesday after having cleared up the state docket, but no cases were tried on the civil calendar. No jury trials were heard during the term, all the defendants have one submitting. One quit the court during the process of a jury trial. Following are other judgments of Judge Phillips court:

- Reed Thomas, driving drunk, \$50 and cost, driving license suspended for one year.
- R. C. Greene, worthless check, prayer for judgment continued on payment of check.
- Dwight Moody, driving drunk, 90 days; operating car without license, 30 days.
- A. G. Church, driving drunk, \$50 and cost, license revoked for one year.
- Dale Story, driving drunk, \$50 and cost; license revoked for one year.
- Roy Lentz, driving drunk, 90 days, also suspended sentence of 90 days put in effect.
- Leonard Watson, driving drunk, 90 days.
- Lawrence Burris, driving drunk, \$50 and cost; license revoked for one year.
- W. A. Hicks, driving drunk, 90 days.
- Dewey Johnson, violation prohibition laws, 4 months suspended on payment of cost.
- D. Greer, Omar Greer, Cline Bowen, violating prohibition laws, one-third cost, 4 months suspended.
- Lewis McVey, violation prohibition laws, 4 months on roads.

F. S. A. To Engage In Food Rehabilitation

Mr. William A. Smith, county rural rehabilitation supervisor for Watauga announced this week that the Farm Security Administration has been notified to assist in the rehabilitation of low-income farm families who are in distress because of the flood. These families will be accepted and assisted on the same basis as other FSA clients and will be given assistance in planning their farming operations in such a way as to rebuild their farms and provide food for their families and feed for their livestock. Also, the plan will provide the necessary financial assistance to carry it out. Farmers who can provide their own finances from other sources cannot be assisted by FSA.

All low-income farm families who are needing the assistance offered by the Farm Security Administration are requested to make application at the FSA office in the courthouse.

Merchants Ask That Essays Be Submitted

All those who wrote essays in the "Mrs. Typical Customer" contest, held in connection with the National Retail Demonstration are asked to turn them in to the store where they received the entry blanks by Saturday, September 28th, 9 o'clock, after which the essays will be judged and the \$10 and other prizes awarded.

Those who have not yet prepared their essays are urged to write them at once as there is still time to become eligible for the gifts and a chance at a trip to New York.

"The Least of These"



London, England.—Jane and Jacqueline, two pitiful little inmates of the East Grinstead (England) sunshine home for blind babies, hurry to the home's air raid shelter as Nazi planes roar overhead.

MURAL IS PLACED IN POST OFFICE BY ALAN TOMPKINS

Doughty Pioneer Depicted in Oil Painting Which Decorates the Lobby of Federal Building; Artist Is Widely Known For Abilities

Installation of the new mural for the Boone post office has been reported as complete to Edward Bruce, chief of the section of fine arts, Federal Works agency, by Alan Tompkins, the artist. Painted in oil on canvas, the panel has been entitled, "Daniel Boone on a Hunting Trip in Watauga County."

Mr. Tompkins was commissioned to paint the mural on the basis of the designs submitted in competition recently held by the section of fine arts. In keeping with established procedure all of the entries in the contest were reviewed anonymously by a jury of distinguished American artists.

In his description of the mural, Mr. Tompkins says: "After 1761 Daniel Boone went on many hunting trips in which is now Watauga county and to the country to the west of it. He built a cabin at the present site of Boone and is said to have used it as a base camp on many occasions."

"The mural shows Daniel, at the age of 26, with two companions on one of these trips. The hunters have just come to the top of a rise and have paused to survey the country ahead. Two pack horses carry the skins and supplies."

"At this time Daniel Boone was an experienced hunter, trapper and woodsman, as well as a wagoner, blacksmith and farmer. He was already a veteran Indian fighter and had been a soldier in Braddock's ill-fated campaign."

"I have chosen the period when Daniel Boone had completed an exacting apprenticeship and was beginning the explorations which were to make him famous. The time is dawn, the wilderness is vast and forbidding, the characters are courageous, determined, resourceful."

Born in New York in 1907, Mr. Tompkins is now a resident of Connecticut though he has traveled and studied extensively in this country and abroad. After graduating from Columbia College in New York in 1929, he studied in Austria, Germany, France and England, and then returned to obtain a master of fine arts degree from Yale in 1933. The Winchester fellowship of 1933 again took him to Europe, and after another year of study he returned to teach at the John Herron Art school at Indianapolis, and later at the Cooper Union Art school in New York.

Well known as a mural painter, examples of work in this medium may be found at the Columbia University club, New York, and in the post offices at Martinsville and North Manchester, Ind., two earlier commissions awarded to him by the section of fine arts.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Mr. Walter C. Greene sold five acres of land near Laxon to the Red Cross which will build a four-room house for the widow of Andrew Greene, whose life was lost in the flood.

Mr. Greene also sold 11½ acres of land to Dwight Greene of Laxon, who will build on the property next year.

GREAT BRITAIN SUNDAY

Next Sunday, September 29th, has been proclaimed a day of prayer—prayer for Great Britain. This is a nation-wide movement which governs and church leaders throughout the country have joined.

WATAUGA CALVES TAKE TOP HONORS AT CATTLE SHOW

James Dugger Shows Grand Champion at Hendersonville; Local Boys Win Six Places Out of Seven; Calves Bring Fairly Fancy Prices

The Watauga county 4-H Club boys' Hereford calves, which were fed, fitted and shown under the supervision of H. M. Hamilton, Jr., county agent, again took top honors at the Western Carolina Fat Stock show, Wednesday, September 18, which was held in connection with the Western Carolina fair at Hendersonville.

Out of seven possible first prizes the Watauga boys with their baby heeves won six, leaving the other to Haywood county.

In the lightweight class of baby heeves, Gilbert Edmisten won first prize; Maston Hodges third, and Russell Hodges fifth; Lawrence Wilson, ninth, and Loy Isaacs tenth.

In the medium weight competition, James Dugger won first prize; John Edmisten second, and Russell Hodges eleventh.

Heavyweight class: Council Henson second and third prizes; Earl Edmisten fourth; Frank Mast seventh. First prize in this class was won by Calvin Francis of Haywood county, and was the only first prize in all the baby heef classes which was not won by a Watauga steer.

Entries in the get-of-sire class consisted of three steers fed in the county from which they were shown and the get of a registered bull of one of the beef breeds. In this class three steers from John Dugger's bull won first prize; three steers from Dr. H. B. Perry's bull won second prize, while three calves from the Bull owned jointly by Wiley Perry and W. W. Wilson won third prize.

Entries in the county group class consisted of five fat steers fed in the county from which they were shown and only one entry was allowed from each county. In this class a group of five Watauga baby heeves won first prize.

In the township class, Earl Edmisten won first prize, Gilbert Edmisten second, and James Dugger third.

Grand Champion
In the championship class the baby heef which was fed and shown by James Dugger of Vilas, was awarded the grand championship honor. This is the fourth consecutive year that a Watauga county baby heef has won the grand championship at the Western Carolina Fat Stock show.

The county agent, Mr. Hamilton, who has personally looked after the feeding and showing of all the Watauga Herefords during the past four years, should feel proud of such an enviable record while the farmers of the county feel themselves most fortunate in having the services of such an expert cattleman and 4-H Club leader as their county agent.

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R.A.F. STRIKES AT BERLIN AND THE CHANNEL AREA

London, Sept. 25—Cutting a fiery swath of destruction across western Europe in their mightiest assault of the war, British bombers blasted Berlin yesterday and early today and sank five Nazi torpedo boats along the French coast where many German troops were reported killed during "invasion" rehearsals.

Unloading explosive and incendiary bombs on Berlin for the third consecutive night, British raiders early today bombed a hospital and residential area of the capital in a two-hour, 48-minute attack, according to informed Nazi spokesmen.

British bombers smashed directly upon two German mine-sweepers in the channel and a third was damaged during another daylight attack by the R.A.F. and, in an air battle that followed, a British bomber and a Nazi plane crashed into the sea, it was stated.

The mine-sweepers, like the attacked torpedo boats, might be used to launch any attempted invasion of Britain, clearing the way for troop-laden barges.

CAFE IS ENLARGED

Mr. J. O. Cook, owner of the Hotel Watauga and Cafe, states that the cafe is being enlarged by the addition of a commodious private dining room, and that a large amount of modernized equipment is being added to bring the popular eating place up to the highest possible standard of convenience and service.

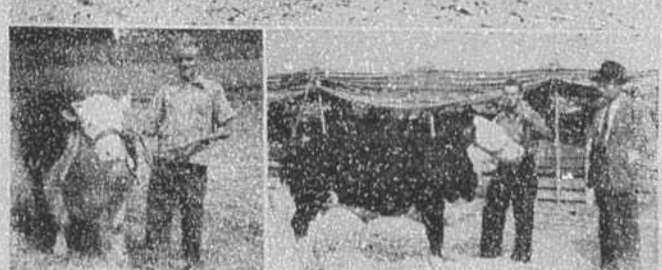
BUYS TOWN LOTS

Mr. Walter C. Greene bought the 16 lots, a part of the burley warehouse property which was to have been sold at auction on the 13th. Mr. Greene says he bought the property for development and will likely build houses thereon to suit the prospective owners or renters.

STORE ALMOST FINISHED

The store building of J. T. Barnett in East Boone is being erected rapidly and the brick work is up to ceiling height. The structure is about 50 per cent completed. Mr. Walter Greene is the contractor.

HIGH PRICES PAID FOR 4-H CLUB CALVES



The 4-H boys shown above with their prize-winning baby heeves are happier and wealthier following the auction at the Western North Carolina fair which closed Saturday at Hendersonville. At the top is the grand champion, an 820-pound, 11-month-old Hereford, bought by the A. & P. Company for 35 cents a pound. Holding the calf is James Dugger, 12, of Vilas, Watauga county, who raised it and with him is L. A. Bell of Charlotte, buyer for the A. & P. At the bottom left is the reserve champion and Calvin Francis of Haywood county, who got 25 cents a pound from the Pender Grocery Company for his 965-pounder. At the bottom right is John Edmisten of Watauga county, and his 900-pound Hereford, second-place winner in the medium weight division, that Harry Falls of Asheville, at extreme right, bought for the Dixie Home stores at 19 cents a pound.

BURLEY GROWERS GRAND JURY IN TO VOTE ON QUOTAS USUAL REPORT

November 23 Is Date Set To Ballot On Three-Year Limits

Burley tobacco growers of western North Carolina will vote Saturday, November 23, on marketing quotas for their future crops, according to F. S. Sloan, western district farm agent of the State College extension service and he says that farmers will have the opportunity to approve quotas for the next three years instead of for only one year, as has been the case in past referenda.

This is the same three-year quota system that flue-cured growers in the eastern part of the state recently approved by a 6 to 1 margin," Sloan said. "It means that buyers can pay better prices when they know that production will be kept in line with consumption over a longer period, and growers can make their plans without fear of drastic changes from year to year."

The extension official said that at a recent burley conference in Lexington, Ky., it was indicated that any reduction in farm allotments that might be required in 1941 if quotas are approved for one year only, can safely be postponed or possibly avoided, if quotas are approved for three years. "Leaders (Continued from page eight)

Non-School Attendance Cited and Repairs on County Home Urged by Jury

Following is the report of the grand jury which was submitted to Judge Phillips court at the close of the body's deliberations last week:
We the grand jury have passed on all bills and presentments that have come before us.

School Attendance
It has been brought to the attention of this group that there are some children in this county that haven't attended school in the past three years. It is our urgent recommendation that these children be put in school.

Prison Camp
We visited the prison camp as a body, we were invited by the superintendent of the prison camp, Mr. Carter Farthing to take a meal at the camp while there. The invitation was accepted and a complete, sumptuous and well prepared meal was served. There were 108 prisoners in the camp. The prisoners with which we talked expressed themselves as being exceptionally well taken care of. The premises were well kept and in a good sanitary condition.

Jail
We inspected the jail in a body and found the prisoners well fed and with good sleeping accommodations. We, however, recommend that the two toilets downstairs be put in sanitary condition or padlocked. We also recommend that the steam (Continued on page eight)

District Conference Of the P. T. A. To Meet at Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, Sept. 24—The second district of the Congress of Parents and Teachers will meet at the Blowing Rock high school on October 1. Eleven counties will be represented and 150 persons are expected to attend.

Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, state president, and Mrs. W. P. Dorsey, district chairman, and many other notable speakers will be here for the program which will begin at 10 a. m. Rev. Walter K. Keys, pastor of the Ruple Memorial Presbyterian church here, will have the devotional.

The Boone and Cove Creek chapters of the P. T. A. will take part in the program, and the Boone high school band will furnish music for the occasion.

An educational program will be rendered and all P. T. A. members and others interested in this work are urged to attend.

TAXES NOW DUE

A. W. Greene, county tax collector, states that 1940 taxes are due October 1, and that the books are now in his hands. He asks that payments be made as promptly as possible.

PIPE FACTORY IS NEW ADDITION TO CITY'S BUSINESS

Woodcraft Novelty Plant is Leased to New Yorkers Who Are Processing Native Rhododendron Burls for Pipe Bowls; An Exclusive Process

Mr. David P. Lavietes and son, Paul, of New York City, have closed a deal for the lease with option to buy, of the Woodcraft Novelty Company of this city, and are using the plant for the manufacture of native briarwood smoking pipe blocks, to fill the need in the industry brought about by the war, there having been no imports of foreign pipe bowl materials since the entrance of Italy into the European war.

The senior Mr. Lavietes was in town two weeks ago and took an option on the local manufactory. On Sunday he and his son arrived back in town and bright and early Monday morning a crew of five men started to work sawing blocks from the burls or grubs of the native rhododendron, which in New York finishing plants will be transformed into the high quality briar pipes, which are in universal demand among pipe smokers throughout the world.

Mr. Paul Lavietes, who has established his residence here and who will be in charge of the manufacturing plant, states that for the present at least, no finished pipes will be manufactured here, but that the pipe blocks will be wholesaled to manufacturers throughout the country.

Patented Process
Mr. Lavietes says that through a patented process the native briarwood becomes an even more desirable material than the famed pipe-woods of Italy and France, that through the process employed the material is practically fireproof and that many more perfect cuts may be found in the native wood than in the foreign product. Pipes manufactured from the ivy burls are most beautiful, it is said, and have longer life than those made from the materials across the seas.

Mr. Austin Miller has been made foreman and when the business gets under way a large number of men will likely be employed. The dry kilns are being rebuilt for the special needs of the new industry, and the blocks will be delivered to pipe manufacturers, fully dried, processed and ready for the finishing.

An Aid to Farmers
Contracts are now being made with farmers of the region for the delivery of the ivy grubs and since it is expected that the industry will be permanent, a cash income will be provided during off-seasons for farmers who may earn good wages in digging the stools from their new grounds. Those wishing to furnish the grubs should communicate with Mr. W. H. Gragg or see Mr. Paul Lavietes at the factory.

Young Mr. Lavietes, who is welcomed as a new resident of the city, is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, 1938, and for two years was southern states backstroke swimming champion and captain of his team. He was trained by his father in the business, and has been most successful.

Federation Women's Clubs To Meet Here

The third district of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, September 28, in the first Baptist church of Boone, with the Boone Worth While Women's Club as hostess.

The meeting will be opened at 10 a. m. by district president, Mrs. Clyde Price of Hickory. The address of the day will be given by North Carolina's state president, Mrs. Mrs. John D. Robinson of Wallace. All friends are most cordially invited to attend.

L. L. Wall To Speak To G.O.P. Gathering

Hon. L. L. Wall of Winston-Salem, will speak to the Republicans of Watauga county Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, following the nominating convention of the party. Mr. Wall is regarded as one of the state's foremost stump speakers and party organization men are urging all the citizens of the county to hear him.

NEW GARAGE WILL BE COMPLETED SATURDAY

The new salesroom and garage of the Cook-Nichols Motor Company on Depot street will be occupied next Saturday, it is expected, and the structure is one of the best to be found in this section. Constructed of native stone, faced both inside and out, the building is a beautiful structure. The Ford agency is to be commended upon its fine new building.

MOVES TIN SHOP

Mr. W. S. Christian has purchased a lot near the Woodcraft Novelty plant and has moved his tin shop into the building there.

New Dress Shoppe To Be Opened Soon

Announcement is soon to be made of the opening of the Watauga Dress and Tot Shoppe in the Hahn building, and Mr. J. O. Cook, owner of the new business recently spent ten days in New York City buying the merchandise.

Mr. Cook states that nationally advertised lines of dresses for women and children will be handled and exclusiveness will be lent to each purchase on account of his policy of handling one garment only of any particular style. Further announcement of the new venture will be made soon.

Burley House Is Nearly Finished

Walter C. Greene, local contractor, has almost finished work on the new burley tobacco warehouse. The framework and siding are in place and the roofers are expected to commence their work in a few days. After the roof is in place, Mr. Greene will pour the concrete floor which will take only a short time and the structure will be ready for the song of the auctioneer.