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CREST STORE WILL OCCUPY NEW HOME ON NEXT THURSDAY

Plans Being Made for Gala Opening of Handsome New Mercantile Mart; Building is Ultra Modern and Houses 18 Departments

The Crest 5, 10 and 25 Cent store, one of Boone's most popular retail outlets for the past four years, reaches another milestone in its local history, Thursday, October 24, when it formally opens its new and elegant building on the corner of King and Depot streets.

All details have been completed for a gala opening and the people of Boone, Watauga county and surrounding territory, are the invited guests of the store management for this date, at which time nothing will be sold. Refreshments will be served and music and souvenirs will add to the general public's first impression of this modern establishment.

Thoroughly Modern

The new building, which was constructed expressly for the Crest stores by Greer Brothers with Mr. Ed Jenkins as building contractor, is one of the most modern mercantile buildings to be found, and every detail designed for the comfort and convenience of the buying public has been included in the spacious building.

The store will house eighteen complete departments along with a thoroughly adequate candy department, where freshness and sanitation will be twin watchwords. The establishment specializes in 5 cent to \$1.00 merchandise.

The Crest store, which has been so well received in this community that expansion became necessary, is a southern concern, operating in three southern states, with headquarters at North Wilkesboro, N. C. The company's policy of complete satisfaction is strictly adhered to, according to Mr. S. T. Taylor, official of the organization, who has been in town several times recently, aiding in making plans for the opening.

Mr. R. A. Manship, Jr., and his complete force are working night and day getting ready for the opening of the new building, and the store will be closed until the date of the formal opening. Mr. Manship, who has been in charge of the store here for three years, extends a special invitation to the people of this region to attend the opening in the new and modernized building.

On pages two and three of The Democrat today will be found complete details of the formal opening on Thursday evening, October 24, and of the grand opening sale which starts on Friday morning, October 25.

LADIES NIGHT IS WELL ATTENDED

Large Number of Boone and Blowing Rock People at Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Sixty-four Boone and Blowing Rock business men and civic leaders were present last Friday evening at the ladies' night banquet of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, and heard David Owens, Charlotte business man, deliver an inspiring address on Americanism.

Mr. Quattlebaum of the Queen City Coach Company, presented a movie reel of scenes along the Yonahlossee highway and the scenic parkway.

H. W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided at the banquet.

600,000 Ready For Red Cross Roll Call

Washington, Oct. 8.—The largest number of volunteers ever to take part in an American Red Cross Roll Call drive will appeal to the nation November 11th, when the organization seeks membership support for its year-round services.

Vice Chairman James L. Fieser, in charge of domestic operations, said the appeal would be carried by nearly 600,000 volunteers in more than 10,000 communities where the Red Cross maintains chapters and branches. He pointed out that many chapters have been organized for the membership campaign since early summer and anticipate the most successful roll call in their history.

No quota has been set as this year's membership goal, Mr. Fieser explained. He pointed out that the Red Cross this year needs the support of every adult American able to join.

"Today the Red Cross is faced with a year of uncertainty—a year of great potentialities of human suffering," he said. "If the Red Cross is to be able to share its responsibility in the important work of national defense, it must be ready to carry on its services full strength."

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crawford recently moved into their new home in Cherry Park.

Store Manager



Mr. R. A. Manship, Jr., manager of the Crest store here, which is celebrating the opening of its new building on Thursday, October 24.

POSTAL GROUPS HOLD MEETING

Congressman Doughton Speaks at Convention Held on Yonahlossee Highway

A district meeting of the western district, State Association of Letter Carriers, the North Carolina Federation of Postal Clerks and the ladies of the auxiliary was held at the Appalachian assembly campgrounds on the Yonahlossee highway near Blowing Rock Saturday and Sunday with several hundred members of the associations in attendance.

Congressman Robert L. Doughton was the principal speaker of the session, delivering his address Sunday afternoon. A number of state and national leaders of the groups also spoke.

The welcoming address was delivered Saturday by George M. Sudderth, Blowing Rock postmaster, responses being by C. A. Waldrop of Asheville, C. A. Oglesby of Forest City, and Jess Thornburg of Charlotte.

Speakers at the banquet Saturday were Oscar H. Street of New Bern, president of the State Association of Letter Carriers; J. M. Bradburn of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina Federation of Postal Clerks; and William H. Gunther of Baltimore, Md., seventh vice-president of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks.

In addition to Congressman Doughton, James K. Langan of Pittsburgh, Pa., an official of the National Association of Letter Carriers, spoke at the Sunday afternoon session.

Features of the convention were a trip up Grandfather Mountain and an old-time fox hunt.

Brother Mrs. Hardin Succumbs on Monday

Mrs. R. H. Hardin was called to Charlotte Monday on account of the death of a brother, Dr. Fred D. Austin, which occurred early that morning after an acute illness of several days.

Funeral services for Dr. Austin, who was coroner for Mecklenburg county and one of Charlotte's most prominent physicians, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Dr. Charles R. Nisbet, pastor of the Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian church, had charge of the services and interment was in Oaklawn cemetery.

Surviving near relatives are the widow and four children: Dr. Fred D. Austin, Jr., of Charlotte, and J. A. Austin, a student at The Citadel, Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. Charles F. Howard, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Mrs. Thomas H. Lever of Charlotte; his mother and the following brothers and sisters: B. O. Austin, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dr. Dewitt Austin and James H. Austin of Charlotte; Mrs. R. H. Hardin, Boone; Mrs. George H. Petteway and Mrs. J. B. Rudisill of Charlotte.

Wins Four Blue Ribbons On Potatoes

Mr. L. A. Henson of Vilas, one of the county's best farmers, did the unusual this year, in winning first prizes at four agricultural fairs on his Irish potatoes. Mr. Henson's tubers took the high award at Cove Creek, Hendersonville, state fair, and the Stanley county fair.

Mr. Henson exhibited the Green Mountain variety of potatoes, which he grew from certified seed, the seed being dipped to protect them from disease. He averages about 200 bushels of potatoes per acre, and attributed most of his success to using the very highest type of seed it is possible to obtain.

Traffic accidents killed 489 persons the first eight months of 1940.

BOILER BLAST KILLS TWO MEN

Explosion at Sawmill in Ashe County Blows One Man Distance of 315 Feet

Two men were instantly killed, another one was critically injured and three others miraculously escaped injury in a sawmill boiler explosion in Ashe county early Friday morning.

Ronda "Ross" Worley and John Worley, both of Todd, are dead and Tommy Greer of the same community, was brought to the Watauga hospital where he is suffering from severe burns.

The tragedy occurred in North Fork township near the home of Dr. A. G. Sharpe.

Ronda Worley, who was oiling the engine next to the boiler, was blown a distance of 315 feet while the boiler and firebox were blown an equal distance in the opposite direction.

Worley's body sailed over an apple tree and road and struck a rail fence. His neck was broken and the body severely burned and scalded.

John Worley was thrown about 20 feet and his head was crushed by a large piece of iron.

The sawmill belonged to George Greer of Todd. He and two others standing near the saw were not injured.

People living within a radius of three miles heard the terrific explosion and many said their homes shook.

No one seemed to know the cause of the explosion. It was stated that the boiler was getting old and that cold water might have been turned into it too quickly.

Hoey, Broughton Talk to Welfare Folk

Governor Clyde R. Hoey and the Democratic gubernatorial nominee, J. Melville Broughton were the headline speakers at the one-day joint conference of county welfare board members, county superintendents of public welfare and members of the state board of charities and public welfare, which was held in Raleigh October 9.

Governor Hoey and Mr. Broughton spoke at the luncheon meeting held at the Carolina hotel. Other addresses of interest and importance were delivered by Mrs. W. T. Best, state welfare commissioner, Col. W. A. Blair of Winston-Salem, chairman of the state board of charities and public welfare; Nathan H. Yelton, director of public assistance, and Dr. Frank T. DeVeyer, merit system supervisor. The meeting was attended by Mr. A. W. Greene and Mrs. Mary Harris, members of the local welfare board, and Miss Marguerite Miller, county welfare superintendent.

Campaign For Scout Funds Is Continued

Contributions are still being sought for a Scout fund of \$150 to finish the Scout hut, and to finance the winter activities of the local Scout troop. Following are the amounts received since the last issue of the paper:

Previously reported	\$94.00
Mrs. Hill Hagaman	1.00
Mrs. Mae Miller	1.00
Grady Farthing	10.00
Mrs. J. C. McConnell	2.00
Total	\$108.00

Contributions may be left at Stallings Jewelry store or at the Watauga Democrat.

MAN WHO LOST HOME IN SLIDE ERECTS ANOTHER ON SAME SPOT

(Dwight Nichols in Journal-Patriot) "If lightning doesn't strike in the same place twice, then why should slides?"

Perhaps that's the logic followed by Guy Carlton, who has erected a neat little dwelling on the side of highway 421 near Deep Gap—on the identical spot where a slide in the flood on the night of August 13 destroyed his residence, store and service station.

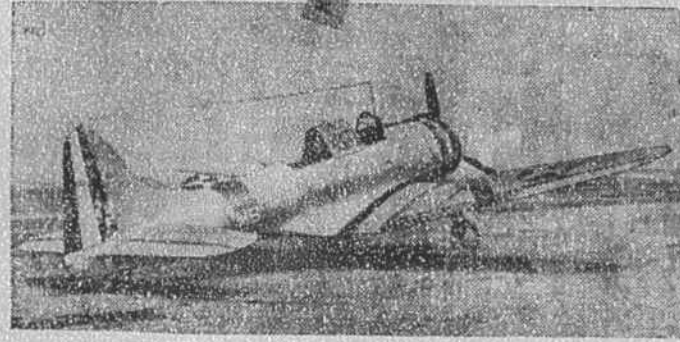
Mr. and Mrs. Carlton and three of their four children are already occupying their new home. Their fourth child hasn't recovered from injuries received when the slide swept away the service station and has not been released from the hospital.

Carlton figures that if there should be another flood as bad as the one in August, another slide at the same spot would be unlikely because the one which swept down the mountain took all the dirt and trees and left only bare rock.

With the residence completed, Carlton figures on erecting a service station adjoining the house. The gas tanks from the old one remain in the ground as the only thing left from his former business.

Instantly Demolished
Eight persons were in his service station when it was almost instantly demolished by the slide. Of the eight, two are dead: Carlton's mother-in-law, Mrs. Martha Carroll, who died August 16 of injuries received in the slide, and Johnny Greene, nine, who was visiting there and

America's Latest Dive Bomber



Los Angeles, Calif.—The Douglas Aircraft Company is turning out these new American air bombers as part of the nation's defense program. In performance, this latest U. S. model exceeds Germany's famous Stukas.

McNEILL TO SPEAK AT G.O.P. RALLY

Republican Candidate for Governor to Feature Gathering Here Next Week

Hon. Robert H. McNeill, Republican candidate for governor of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker at a rally of the Republicans of Watauga county to be held at the courthouse in Boone Wednesday evening, October 23, at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. McNeill is known as an unusually able and forceful speaker and a cordial invitation is extended to all citizens of this area to attend.

Hon. Monroe Adams of Statesville, Republican candidate for congress from the ninth district, will also be present at the rally and speak briefly.

At the same time Mr. T. E. Bingham, chairman of the Republican executive committee, has announced a series of township Republican rallies, which began Tuesday evening and which will end with a county-wide gathering in the courthouse here Saturday evening November 2. A complete list of these township engagements appears in an advertisement by the committee published today.

At the township meetings Dr. A. P. Kephart, candidate for representative, will be the chief speaker, but all the candidates for county office are to be present.

United States Civil Service Examination

The United States Civil Service commission announces an open competitive examination for operator (mountain highway maintenance and construction equipment) for filling the positions of junior employment operator; 30 to 56c an hour, when actually employed; and equipment operator, 50c to 75c an hour, when actually employed, in the public roads administration.

Applications for this position must be on file with the secretary, board of U. S. Civil Service examiners, Public Roads administration, 1523 L street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., not later than November 4, 1940. Competitors will not be required to report for written examination, but will be rated on their training and experience.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from J. Wilson Norris, secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service examiners, postoffice, Boone.

PARENT-TEACHER GROUP IN MEETING

Initial Gathering of Organization Consists of Business Session and Concert

The first meeting of the Boone Parent-Teacher Association was held in the high school auditorium on Monday evening at 7:30. The program consisted of a short business session and a concert by the school band under the direction of Mr. Gordon Nash.

The Band Boosters Club, organized last year to promote band work in the school and community, has this year been combined with the P.-T. A. It is hoped that this change will promote interest in the work of the P.-T. A. by increasing its scope. The organization has as one of its major aims this year the support of the band and other phases of music instruction. It will also lead its aid to other school and community projects. Special attention will be given to the problem of caring for needy children.

Officers of the P.-T. A. for this year are Mrs. F. E. Warman, president; Mr. John T. Howell and Mr. E. S. Christenbury, vice-presidents; Mrs. Mae Miller, treasurer; Mrs. Wiley Smith, secretary.

Parents of children enrolled in the elementary or high school are urged to join the P.-T. A. It is hoped that the organization will serve as a strong link between the school and the community, binding the two together in mutual understanding and co-operation.

Activities of Local Red Cross Are Cited

Mrs. E. E. Garbee, chairman of the Watauga chapter, American Red Cross, issues a brief statement of some of the regular activities of the chapter during the past year. The accomplishments mentioned here have no connection with the emergency activities following the flood.

Twenty-five dollars was expended for first aid supplies in institutions where trained teachers were employed for these courses.

Dr. Robert R. King of the district health department, received \$50, with which to purchase necessary items for undernourished children, and those suffering from tuberculosis.

Two army cases were handled by Mr. A. J. Greene.

The Junior Red Cross was operated under the direction of Miss Maude Cathcart.

Life saving and first aid courses were sponsored at Appalachian College and instructors trained 300 in first aid work. Also one WPA first aid course was given at the college.

R.A.F. POUND GERMAN BASES ALONG COASTS

London, Oct. 16—Adolf Hitler's "invasion bases" along the channel coast were under the blazing attack of R.A.F. bombers and British long-range guns yesterday and last night after a shattering assault on Berlin in the early morning hours.

For 75 hours, beginning shortly after 2 a. m. Tuesday, relays of British bombers unloaded "tons" of bombs that lighted the center of the German capital with leaping fires which blazed simultaneously over a chain of vital targets, the air ministry.

Britain's long-range guns planted along the Dover cliffs laid down a thunderous bombardment of the Nazi-held French coast 22 to 30 miles away this afternoon and a few hours later waves of British bombers swept across the channel in strong assaults.

Watchers along the Kent coast described a terrific pasting of the big French port of Boulogne, with flames spreading for miles along the French coastline.

STORY OMITTED
"Thunder From the Sands," a serial story being followed with interest by many readers of The Democrat is not being published today. A circumstance arising at press time, precluded the insertion of this week's installment, which will appear next week as usual.

2,000 WATAUGANS REGISTER TODAY UNDER DRAFT ACT

Election Officials Conducting Enlistment of Men for Military Selection; Eight Hundred to Register in Boone; Registration Ends 9 p. m.

More than two thousand of the flower of Watauga's young manhood are marching to the various polling places today to register in the first peacetime draft of manpower in the history of the country.

Registration is being conducted by the regular election officials, with large groups of voluntary workers assisting in filling out the forms, and it is expected that before nine o'clock this evening, a complete registration of men between the ages of 21 and 35 will have been effected.

In Boone precinct more than three hundred out of a possible eight hundred men had registered by eleven a. m. and a large crew of workers were busy filling out the forms, there being little congestion at the courthouse where the activity was being carried on. Students at Appalachian College are being registered on the campus.

Million at Work

For the big registration job about a million workers are being used throughout the nation, and as each man presents himself he is being asked eleven questions: name, address, telephone number, age, place of birth, country of citizenship, name of a person who will always know his address, the relationship to the latter, the address of the latter, his employer's name and, last, his place of employment or business.

A four by six-inch filing card, upon which his answers have been entered will be handed him for his signature, and that is all that each is being called upon to do today.

In the days that follow officials here and in the state capital will be busy making their reports to Washington. Sometime between October 26 and November 2, a lottery will be held. Numbered slips in capsules piled into a huge goldfish bowl will be drawn. The relationship of the numbers, as drawn, to the numbers on the filing card which the registrant signs today, will determine the order in which those who register may be called to military service.

Closes at 9 p. m.

Registration will close this (Wednesday) evening at 9 o'clock, but all those waiting in line at this time will be registered. Those within the age limit and not otherwise exempted are subject to arrest if they do not register.

The local draft board, which will handle the conscription details after registration is completed is composed of Vance C. Howell, T. L. Mast and J. E. Clay. Dr. Robert R. King is the examining physician for the board, and W. R. Lovill, the attorney.

DOUGHTON WILL ADDRESS VOTERS

Governor Morrison Also Invited to Attend Meeting Here October 26

Congressman Robert L. Doughton will speak at the courthouse in Boone on Saturday evening, October 26, at 7:30 p. m., and former Governor Cameron Morrison has also been invited to deliver an address at a rally of the Democratic voters of the county and all others who would like to attend.

The candidates for the house of representatives and county offices will also be present, a band is to be secured for the occasion, and the issues of the campaign will be discussed by local people as well as by the distinguished visitors.

UNUSUAL CHRISTENING

A very unusual christening took place at Boone Methodist church last Sunday morning, when little Jo Anne Hardin and Sarah Martha Crowell were christened during the 11 o'clock service. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hardin and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Crowell. Also present were the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stiles and Mrs. T. I. Crowell. But most unusual was the fact that the great-grandmothers, Mrs. Sarah Hardin and Mrs. M. B. Blackburn, were present, both being great-grandmothers to both the children.

FIRST TO REGISTER

Edward B. Mast, police officer of this city, was the first man to register in Boone township for military duty Wednesday morning. Mr. Mast is said to have appeared on the courthouse grounds before registration opened and waited for the chance to be the first name on the dotted line.

Mrs. Mary Winkler spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Coles in Winston-Salem.