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DR. KEPHART TO OPPOSE DOUGHTON IN CONGRESS RACE

Blowing Rock Man is Nominee of Ninth District Republican Convention; State Committeemen Are Named; Resolutions Are Adopted

Dr. A. P. Kephart of Blowing Rock, was nominated as the Republican candidate for congress in the ninth district by Republicans in convention assembled in Lenoir last Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Kephart will oppose Congressman Robert L. Doughton, who will be the Democratic candidate for the 17th time.

Dr. Kephart, who is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, was a member of the faculty of Woman's College at Greensboro for many years. Several years ago he established his residence near Blowing Rock, where he owns and operates the Yonahlossee Camp. Dr. Kephart was the Republican candidate for the legislature in this county in 1940. He has not yet made a statement as to his campaign issues, but it is expected that he will wage a vigorous campaign.

State committeemen to represent the ninth district were also chosen at the convention as follows: Plato E. Carson, Alexander; Upton G. Blevins, Ashe; O. O. Cruse, Cabarrus; G. W. Kluttz, Caldwell; Fred Lowrance, Iredell; G. C. Peeler, Rowan; Raymond Barker and Mrs. Jay Roland, Stanley, and Russell D. Hodges, Watauga.

A number of representatives from each county in the district attended the convention.

Following are resolutions adopted by the convention:

- Resolutions**
1. That we pledge our patriotic and sincere support to the present administration in its efforts to prepare for and win the war.
 2. That we urge an aggressive war effort as against a merely defensive one to the end that it may be brought to an end at the earliest possible moment.
 3. That as far as possible every element and feature of the war and defense effort be put strictly on a non-partisan basis and that advisers and administrators be taken from civil life without reference to party affiliations but with thought only for effective co-operation.
 4. That, with the non-partisan administration of the war effort, a healthy and critical opposition be maintained to the end that no measures may be implemented and applied without the most critical examination.

COUNTY LIBRARY GETS STATE FUNDS

Six Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars Received to Enlarge Library Facilities

The Watauga county library has been notified that it will receive immediately \$675 from the state aid fund for public libraries, according to Mrs. A. R. Smith, chairman of the local library committee.

This amount represents the money allotted the county from the state appropriation since last July. In the future the state payment will be \$75 a month, which is supplemented by county funds to the amount of \$25, all of which is to be expended for the enlargement of library facilities.

Mrs. Smith states that Mr. W. H. Walker, county superintendent, as well as members of the board of county commissioners, have aided in getting the state allotment.

It is stated that anyone having suggestions as to volumes they would like to have available at the local library, submit their lists to Mrs. Brown, the librarian, or to Mr. Leonard Eury, who is chairman of the selection committee.

JAPS LAUNCH MAJOR AIR ASSAULT ON PHILIPPINES

Washington, March 24—A furious renewal of the Battle of the Philippines was reported today by the war department, with the Japanese launching a major air assault against Corregidor and Bataan and American-Filipino troops springing a successful attack on an enemy motor column at Zamboanga on the southern island of Mindanao.

The Japanese losses in the Mindanao fighting were heavy, the department said, but the attacking troops lost only one soldier.

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MEN 45 TO 64 WILL REGISTER APRIL 27

Government Orders Enrollment of Another Group For Draft Service

The federal government Thursday ordered the oldest group of men under the selective service law—45 to 64 inclusive—to register on April 27, for possible non-combatant service in the future.

The new registration date proclaimed by President Roosevelt will leave only one group not yet recorded, those of 18 and 19 years. Estimates of the total registration for the 45-64 group range around 15,000,000.

While none of these comparative oldsters will be taken into the fighting forces, there is the possibility that some or many of them will be assigned eventually to essential war work. Brig. General Lewis B. Hershey has said that one purpose of the draft law was an "accurate and systematic appraisal" of the supply on man power.

Testifying before a house committee last month, Hershey asserted that "we must have much more control over placements of men than we now have to meet the war manpower problem." It was noted, however, that there is no existing law to compel a work-or-fight policy.

The April 27 registration will be the second since the United States entered the war. The first registered the 20 to 44 group on February 16, and the lottery for that group was held last Tuesday. Estimates before the Feb. 16 registration were that about 9,000,000 were in that age bracket.

The first draft registration since the World War was held on October 16, 1940, when about 17,000,000 men from 21 to 35, inclusive, registered. The second registration, of those who had become 21 since the first draft, was held last July and totaled about 750,000.

Like the previous drafts, Thursday's order applied to "male citizens of the United States and other persons" and is effective in the United States, the territories of Alaska and Hawaii and in Puerto Rico. Exceptions are made for those already in the armed forces and provisions made in certain cases for registration before or after the April 27 date.

Clothing Contest To Be Held On Tuesday

The Appalachian high school clothing contest will be held Tuesday, March 31, at 2 p. m., at the home economics building on Appalachian College campus.

Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties are urged to enter, and entrants are requested to be on time, as the contest will start promptly.

RADIO PROGRAM

Program for week beginning March 29, Boone radio station WDRS:

Sunday—1:00 to 1:30 p. m., recorded music; 1:30-2:30, Barber Bill and his quartette; 2:30-3:30, Dewey Mitchell's Sunday School hour; 3:30-4:30, Watauga's meditation hour; 4:30-5:00, children's program; Monday through Saturday, 11:00 to 11:30 a. m., devotional services, Rev. J. C. Canipe.

MAYOR DOUGLAS TO SPEAK AT VICTORY RALLY

Charlotte Mayor to Appear Here Monday in Connection With Civilian Defense Effort; Program for County-wide Meeting is Arranged

Hon. Ben E. Douglas, mayor of Charlotte, and chairman of civil defense in North Carolina, will be the principal speaker at a victory rally to be held in the high school auditorium next Monday evening at 7:30, under the sponsorship of the civil defense council for Watauga county.

Wade E. Brown, chairman of the civil defense organization in this county, states that Grady Cole of WBT radio prominence, has been invited to take part in the program, which will be interspersed with music by the Appalachian high school band, under the direction of Mr. Gordon Nash.

The purpose of the meeting, which is county-wide in scope and to which all are invited, is to inform the public of the progress of civilian defense, and to recognize the local needs and duties during the course of the world conflict.

The following program has been arranged:

- Concert by Appalachian high school band.
- The national anthem.
- Civilian Defense in Watauga County—Wade E. Brown.
- Address—Hon. Ben Douglas.
- Recognition of Watauga County Men in Service—Mayor Watt H. Gragg.
- Meditation—"Cast Thy Burdens Upon the Lord", band.
- Benediction—Rev. E. F. Troutman.

CLOYD HARMON COMMITS SUICIDE

Resident of Laurel Creek Township Uses Razor to End Life; Poor Health Likely Cause

Cloyd Harmon, 42-year-old unmarried man of Laurel Creek township, was pronounced a suicide last Wednesday when the body was found in a wood nearly a mile from the late residence, both sides of the throat slashed deeply, and a tell-tale razor lying nearby.

Deputy Sheriff Fred Norris, acting coroner, stated that the deceased had left home at about 9 o'clock that morning, had crossed a mountain and sat down in the dege of the forest, where the body was found. Indications were that he had remained seated until death came. Mr. Norris found no evidence to indicate foul play and an inquest was deemed unnecessary.

Mr. Harmon left no message, but it was believed that bad health was the cause of his death.

Funeral services and interment were at Zion Hill church on Friday.

Appalachian Group To Meet at Mabel

The Watauga county chapter of the Appalachian College Alumni Association will meet Friday evening, March 27, at 8 o'clock, in the Mabel school.

Dr. W. Amos Abrams, Appalachian English professor, will be guest speaker for the event. Other entertainment features of the evening as announced by the program committee are renditions by the boys' quartet of Appalachian and by a string band from Bethel. Various contests and games are also slated for the evening's entertainment.

As announced in The Democrat last week, an entertainment and refreshment fee of ten cents will be collected at the door.

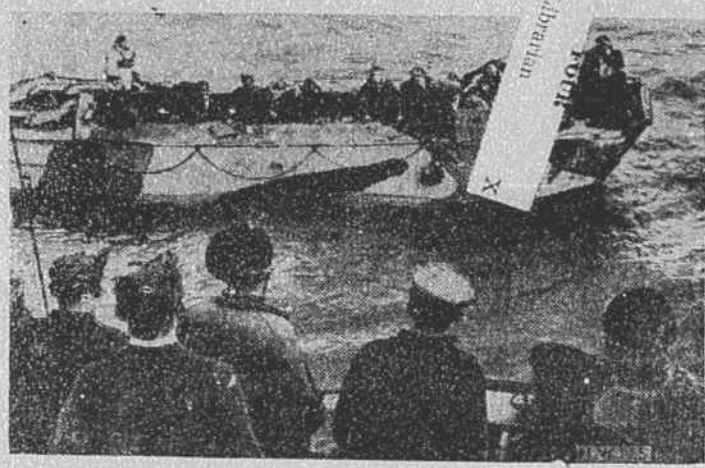
INFORMATION ON NEGRO DRAFTEE IS SOUGHT

Anyone having information as to the whereabouts of John Bobbett, colored, is asked to communicate with the local selective service board. Bobbett was transferred to the Watauga board from Board No. 2, Cumberland county, and hasn't been located by local officials. Any information would be appreciated.

OPERETTA AT BLOWING ROCK

An operetta, "Smiling Six Pence," will be given by the grammar grade children of the Blowing Rock school auditorium March 28, at 8:30. The proceeds from an admission charge of 11 and 25 cents will be used for the benefit of the school.

British Raid Radio Post on French Coast



In a daring raid by the British navy, air force and army on a German radio-location post on the coast of France, near Havre, parachute troops of an air-borne division were dropped by members of the R.A.F. to initiate the attack. They were supported by infantrymen landed in invasion barges, one of which is shown above. The location station was completely destroyed, and some prisoners were taken.

To Subscribers

This is the last edition of The Democrat a number of subscribers will receive unless their renewals are received by the time next week's issue is mailed. Look now at the date on your label, and determine whether or not your subscription has expired, as the publisher does not want you to miss a single copy.

Everyone well knows the situation as pertains to materials used in any kind of production process. Prices of publication are constantly increasing and while there have been no advances in either advertising or subscription rates, the publisher cannot continue sending the paper to those who have not paid.

We would like for everyone to continue reading the county newspaper, and they will, if all renew; otherwise we just can't afford it.

In thanking the people for their fine response to renewal statements, we again emphasize that the relatively small number who have not heeded these notices, must renew by press time next week, if they want The Democrat.

CHAUNCEY MOODY TAKEN BY DEATH

Well-Known Sugar Grove Citizen Dies Sunday From Sudden Illness

Chauncey B. Moody of Sherwood, aged 39, former Watauga school teacher and Boone business man, died at Mabel Sunday afternoon from a sudden illness with what is believed to have been a heart ailment.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody were visiting at the home of Mrs. Moody's mother, Mrs. John Eggers, when he became ill. He was talking with friends at the store of Bert Mast a short distance from the Eggers home, when he complained of a pain in the region of the heart. Medical aid was summoned at once, but he succumbed within an hour. Mr. Moody had been in his usual good health prior to that time, it is said.

Mr. Moody was born and reared in the Cove Creek section, a son of Mr. Will Moody and Mrs. Laura Fletcher Moody. He taught in the public schools of the county for a time, was engaged in the mercantile business at Sugar Grove, and in later years had been in the automobile business in Boone. He was one of the leading young men in his community, was a splendid citizen, and was unusually popular with his large number of acquaintances throughout this area.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Tuesday from the Henson's Chapel Methodist church, and a large crowd attended the rites. Rev. H. K. Middleton of the Baptist church and Rev. M. A. Osborne, Methodist minister, conducted the services. Interment was in the Cove Creek cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

Active pallbearers were Will Payne, Olen Younce, Clyde Wilson, Grant Sutherland, Bert Mast and Frank Payne. Flower-bearers were: Mrs. Grant Sutherland, Mrs. Ivan Church, Mrs. George Moretz, Mrs. Will Payne, Mrs. Edward Baird, Mrs. Lloyd Seehorn, Mrs. Paul Walsh, Mrs. James B. Mast, Mrs. Sam Horton, Mrs. Olen Younce, Mrs. J. D. Horton, Mrs. Vaughn Reece, Mrs. Bert Mast, Mrs. Ernest Hillard, Mrs. Leroy Stine, Mrs. John Horton, Mrs. Ruth Mast, Mrs. Don Henson, Mrs. Dora Mast, Misses Mabel Norris, Sue Wilson, Kate Henson, Ophelia Bingham, Louise Grayson, Maude Williams, Ruth Sherwood.

Surviving are the widow, two brothers and one sister: Tom J. Moody, Sugar Grove; Grady Moody of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. D. T. Brown of Sugar Grove. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Moody, also survive.

TOBINS TO MANAGE BLOWING ROCK HOTEL

Mr. and Mrs. William Tobin, formerly in charge of hotels in Bermuda, will manage the Green Park hotel this season, it has been announced. They are expected to arrive in Blowing Rock April 20.

TWO WARSHIPS SUNK

Washington, March 24—The navy reported tonight that the United States destroyers Pillsbury and Edsall have been missing since early March in waters around Java and must be presumed lost.

Each ship had a normal complement of about 145 officers and men. It is with regret that we accept his resignation, however, in the appointment of Rev. J. C. Canipe, we feel that we have a very able successor.

SPRING TERM OF WATAUGA COURT TO CONVENE 20TH

Judge Felix Alley to Preside Over Two Weeks Term of Court, Scheduled to Try 80 Criminal and 50 Civil Cases; Jurors Are Chosen

The spring term of Watauga superior court will convene on April 20, for a two weeks session, with Judge Felix Alley of Waynesville, presiding.

About 80 criminal cases are to be tried, according to Austin E. South, clerk of the court. Most of these cases are for the commission of misdemeanors. Of most interest, likely, is the homicide case, in which A. N. Thomas is to be tried on charges of fatally shooting a cousin, B. M. Thomas, as the two men engaged in an affray in North Fork township some time ago. The defendant is out under bond.

About 50 cases are on the civil docket, it is stated. Following is a list of the men who have been chosen for jury service:

- First Week**
- Glenn Howell, Vester Phillips, J. R. Holman, Bald Mountain; J. B. Farthing, Clyde Perry, Donley Hagaman, Mack Johnson, Lynn Norris, Beaver Dam; Kent Brown, Richard Hollars, Aster Cook, Blowing Rock; Horace Cook, N. G. Cook, Blue Ridge; John F. Greer, E. D. Cook, John Dugger, W. C. Greer, Howard Cottrell, John Bolick, W. H. Gragg, H. F. Greer, Owen Wilson, Boone; John Oliver, Don Stokes, W. A. Stephens, Paul Walsh, Cove Creek; Chas. Simmons, Ward Carroll, P. G. Carroll, Elk; Renzo Ward, J. L. Shull, Laurel Creek; B. H. Gross, Bynum Clawson, C. G. Hodges, Walter Winebarger, Meat Camp; Rom Wilson, W. C. South, North Fork; Don Oliver, Howard Edmisten, Custer Wallace, Russell Farthing, Shawnee; W. B. Day, Hamp Blackburn, Russell Wellborn, Stony Fork; W. H. Greer, Hard Thomas, Howard Mast, Watauga.

- Second Week**
- E. B. Hagaman, Laurel Creek; A. W. Greene, Alvin J. Cole, Meat Camp; Collis Greene, Blowing Rock; Stanford Jones, Stony Fork; Grady Farthing, Mack Cowles, Gordon H. Winkler, C. C. Triplett, G. K. Moose, D. L. Wilcox, B. D. Dougherty, Bart Norris, Boone; W. H. Wagner, W. S. Moretz, Will Wellborn, C. D. McNeil, Stony Fork; J. E. Harbin, Watauga; Walter Hampton, Ross Lentz, Blue Ridge; Granville Triplett, Elk; J. Allen Gragg, Blowing Rock; Lee Carrender, Ernie Triplett, Shawnee; E. J. Farthing, Beaver Dam.

EDITOR SPEAKS TO COMMERCE BODY

Hon. Sanford Martin Speaker at Chamber Commerce Banquet Thursday Evening

Hon. Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, will address the dinner meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce which will be held at the Gateway Cafe Thursday evening at 7:15. The well-known journalist will use as his subject: "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

A report of last year's activities of the organization will be submitted to the gathering by Wade E. Brown, the secretary, and officers for the coming year will be elected. Members and non-members of the Chamber of Commerce are invited to attend the meeting, but all who plan to attend should call either Wade E. Brown or Mr. Price at the Daniel Boone hotel for reservations. The dinner charge will be 75 cents.

New Operator at Mayview Manor

Mayview Manor hotel in Blowing Rock will be operated during the coming summer season by Milton Chapman, widely known in hotel circles as managing director of the Miami Biltmore hotel in Miami, Fla., according to announcement by T. H. Broyhill of Lenoir, owner of the Mayview Manor and now in Miami, Fla. Mr. Broyhill stated that he was greatly pleased at the prospect of having Mr. Chapman operate the Mayview Manor this coming season. It will be recalled that Mr. Chapman operated Mayview once before, during the season of 1935.