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BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1942

LIEUT. KEPHART DIES IN ACTION IN PACIFIC ZONE

Son of Dr and Mrs. A. P. Kephart, Was Attached to Ill-Fated Carrier "Wasp"; Officer Had Been in Navy for Several

(Robert A. Erwin in Winston-Salem

Washington, Nov. 10 .- Dr. A. P Kephart of Boone, well-known North Carolina educator, and Mrs. Kephart came to Washington yesterday to piece together the story of the death of their son, Lt. William Harry Kephart, 27, U. S. N. R., pilot and avia-tion engineer, in the battle of the Solomon Islands,.

Lt. Kephart was one of the offi-cers lost from the ill-fated airplane carrier Wasp, sunk in September by a Japanese submarine. Paradoxially he did not go down with the Wasp but met death on an island near the scene of the battle. It was the chap plain of the Wasp, Lt. Mer itt Williams of Washington, and himself a survivor of the disaster, who helped round out the story for the bereav-

The death of Lt. Kephart brought the war home not only to his parents but to veteran Representative Robert L. Doughton, just re-elected for a 17th term in congress. Dr. Kephart was the Republican nominee for congress in Mr. Doughton's district, and he withdrew early in the campaign in the interest of adjournment of politics for the durajournment of politics for the duration. He and Mrs. Kephart visited dent of the United Dry Forces of the congressman in quest o infor-North Carolina, a meeting is called mation about their son.

just down the Capitol Hall from the to advance the cause of temperance, house chamber, Dr. and Mrs. Kep-hart recounted the career of their son who had been "crazy about airplanes since he was a boy."

Dr. Kephart was professor of education at University Woman's Col

zen of Meat Camp township, died at the Mountain hospital in Johnson City, Tenn., Monday morning, at the age of 66. He had been seriously age of 66. He had been seriously L. Harrison, J. E. Holshuser, Rev. M. C. Miller, Dewey

Methodist church by Rev. Huss of Lansing, and Rev. W. H. Neese of Todd, and interment will be in that neighborhood. neighborhood.

Mr. Wall was born in Caldwell county in 1876, but the family moved to Watauga in 1878, where he has since resided. He had been engaged in farming for the greater part of his life, and saw action in mands for Military Man
More Wataugans Called as Demetal has been collected for the war friendships in Watauga county. the Spanish-American war. He was a splendid citizen, well liked in this section, and took a keen interest in public affairs.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Callie Norris; three sons and five daughters: Gus Walls, U. S. navy, San Francisco, Calif.; Pvt. Grady Walls, Fort Jackson, S. C.; Guy Walls, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. time to time. Those in the current Robert Coffey, Fleetwood, N. C.; quota follow: Mrs. Larry Moore, Eatontown, N. J.; Mrs. Frank McWhorter, Baltimore, Md.; Miss Anne Walls, Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Woodrow Starnes, Boone. Also surviving are brothers and one sister: R. L. Walls, Eubank, Ky.; Mack Walls, Todd, and Mrs. Nan Moretz, Zionville R. F. D.

Junior Order Holds District Meeting Here

Daniel Boone Council No. 129, Jr. O. U. A. M., was host to a district gathering of the organization held at the Junior hall in Boone Monday evening.

The principal business of the meeting was the election of the following slate of officers for the com ing year: District councilor, C. C. Huskins Elk Park; vice-councilor, W. H. Gragg, Boone; secretary, Clyde R. Greene, Boone; warden, E. D. Odom, Elk Park; conductor, B. S. Dugger, Elk Park; inside sentinel, B. K. Osborne, Boone; outside sen tinel, J. H. Perkins, Elk Park; chaplain, Wallace Gentry, Elk Park.

Plans were made for the annual Thanksgiving offering for the benefit of the Junior Orphanage at Lex- Thursday, November 19th, at 1:30 ington. The next meeting will be p. m., to hold the regular monthly with Elk Park Council No. 85.

After Seven Days On a Raft at Sea



They can still smile as they look back on the horrors of seven days on a raft built to hold four, during which they saw one of the original nine leap to his death in delirium, and another die of exposure and starvation. They are the survivors of the crew of a Flying Fortress forced down in the vast Pacific. The heroes are pictured as they convalesced abord a U. S. aircraft carrier, examining a bottle and can in which their water and tomato juice spoiled.

IS NOMINATED

FOR POSTMASTER

by President Roosevelt for

Boone Position

John E. Brown, Jr., of Boone, clerk in the local postoffice, was

nominated Monday by President

Roosevelt for the postmastership in this city, and the senate is expected

to confirm the appointment either

Under the rules of the senate, it

is explained, a nomination must lie

on the vice-president's desk for one

session of the senate, and since the senate met Tuesday, early confirma-tion is to be expected. The postof-

fice committee is meeting almost daily to expedite such business.

Here Monday Evening

A flock of wild geese, believed to

number about 25, was forced down in the fog here Monday night, and various residents of the community

told of hearing the commotion caus-

Reports from Appalachian College

cafeteria workers say that some of the geese came down on the foot-

ball field, but that before broad

daylight came Tuesday morning, the stragglers had been reassembled and the flight to warmer climes was

ed by the stranded wildfowl.

Half Million Pounds

central collection points.

quickly as possible.

Wild Geese Stranded

today or tomorrow (Tuesday or

Wednesday.)

DRY FORCES TO ORGANIZE HERE

Meeting to Be Held Sunday to Organize County in Behalf of Temperance

for the purpose of organizing the Seated in Mr. Doughton's private dry forces of Watauga county, that ways and means committee office a more effective effort may be made announces Mrs. T. P. Adams, chairman of the organization committee.

. The meeting will be held Sunday, November 15, in the Boone Baptist church at 2:30 p. m.

Those appointed by the president Those appointed by the president of the state dry forces as an organizing committee are as follows:

E. A. Banner, Rev. D. E. Ashley, (Continued on page eight)

J. W. Walls Succumbs

In Johnson City

James W. Wall, well-known citizen of Meat Camp township, died at Camp township to Camp township to Camp township to Camp township to Camp to Camp township to Camp to Camp township to Camp to Camp township to Camp to Camp township township township to Camp township to Camp to Camp township to Camp township to Camp township to Camp township township township township to Camp township townsh age of 66. He had been seriously ill for the past three weeks, and was taken to Johnson City on Saturday.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 11 o'clock from Bethel Mathedist church by Rev. Huss of

TO BE INDUCTED

mands for Military Manpower Are Increased

Twenty-five Wataugans are to be inducted into the army at an early date, according to the local selective service board, which announces that additional lists of men called will be published rather regularly from quota follow:

Lester Winfield Wilcox Willard Dale Auton Joe Hardin Aldridge Olin Jay Coffey McDaniel Dotson Charlie William Price William Dempsey Watson Carl Stewart Townsend Grady Howard Green Arthur Stuart Wilcox Earl Grant Main Boyd Roscoe Cooke Joe Linney Walker Narvie Kirby James Butler Ragan William Filmore Harmon Willie Yates David Monroe Woodring Edgar Dean Farthing John Benjamin Johnson Charlie Nelson Warren J. Brewer Albert Alfred Ward

Bynum Green

Silas Franklin Penley.

Clinic For Crippled Children November 19

Dr. J. S. Gaull of Charlotte, will be at the district health office on clinic for crippled children.

INITIAL PLANS FOR SEAL SALE

Mrs. Holshouser General Chairman of Annual Christmas Seal Campaign

Mrs. J. E. Holshouser has been ppointed county chairman of the Christmas Seal campaign of the National Tuberculosis Association, and has named the following chairmen, who will aid in the drive to sell \$1,000 worth of the health stickers

Blowing Rock, Miss Margaret

Deep Gap-Brownwood section. Mrs. Virginia Jones

Valle Crucis, Mrs. R. A. Olsen. Cove Creek, Mrs. Sam Horton and Mrs. James Mast.

An investigation committee to look into cases of tuberculosis in the county is headed by Dr. Robert R. King and includes Mrs. Sam Hor-ton, Mrs. Howard Holshouser, Mrs. Rob Rivers and Mrs. Virginia Jones. The central treasurer is Mrs. Rusell Hodges.

The publicity committee includes Rob Rivers, chairman; S. C. Eggers, Mrs. Walter K. Keys, Miss Gladys Taylor, Dave Mast.

"Every effort must be made to have the coming seal sale the most successful ever held in Watauga county," says Mrs. Holshouser. "The association will need additional funds during 1943 in order to carry John E. Brown, Jr., Nominated out the expanded program now planned to keep tuberculosis under control during wartime." The seal sale will open Monday,

November 23, and continue until Christmas.

HARSTIN SHULL DIES IN VIRGINIA

Former Resident of Boone Succumbs to Heart Attack Following Accident

Harstin Shull, aged 55, Watauga native, died near Petersburg, Va., in Dinwiddie county, on October 31. Death was attributed to heart failure. Mr. Shull's death was said to have been occasioned as a result of extreme shock received in a car ac cident. He suffered a slight cut on the lip and a minor bruise on the left leg in the accident. Mr. Shull had been retired since last March due to the condition of his heart.

Funeral services were conducted from Laurel Fork church in the Aho section of Watauga county on Tues day of last week, by Rev. Raymond Hendrix of Boone, and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Mr. Shull was born and reared in Watauga county, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shull. He engaged in the motor transfer business ere for a number of years, and up Of Scrap Collected until ill health forced his retirement last spring, had been in the mercantile business at Saltville, Va.

effort, according to County Salvage Surviving are the widow and two Chairman Harry Hamilton, who small children. One son and one states that some of the metal report-daughter by a former marriage sured has not as yet been brought to vive: Willie Shull, Blowing entral collection points.

Mr. Hamilton asks farmers who Kansas. There is one brother, R. B. have scrap to be patient and says Shull of Boone and one sister, Mrs. that trucks will collect the metal as Mamie Marshpound, of Petersburg, Va.

State Election Board Will Me t Here Friday To Pass Of 312 Disputed Ballots

Two of Winners





Charles M. Watson, bottom, who are elected to office regardless of the outcome of the contest in Boone township. As certification now stands, Mr. Farthing, a Dem-ocrat, candidate for the State senate, won in the district by 927 over Kenneth B. Linney, republican. Mr. Watson, republican, defeated Sheriff A. J. Edmisten, incumbent, by 22 votes.

Chamber Commerce in Important Session Next Monday Evening

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will meet in an important session at the Gateway Cafe next Monday evening at 7:30, according to H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization.

The principal business to come before the meeting, is regarding the publicity campaign for the opening of the tobacco market. A full attendance is desired, and all those planning to be present should notify either Mr. Wilcox or Wade E. Brown, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Action of State Officials to Decide Fate of Majority of Ticket; Fist Fighting Results From Meetin gof County Board; No Serious Injuries

The state board of elections will meet in Boone Friday to act on the validity of 312 county ballots found in the constitutional amendment box, and about which a heated political controversy has raged since the allegedly illegal votes were found near the end of the tallying in Boone township election night. The hearing had been scheduled for Wednesday, but was continued until Friday due to the indisposition of county elections chairman, Roby T. Greer, who was injured when he conducted a hearing on the disputed ballots last Thursday evening.

The county elections board met Thursday for the purpose of canvassing the township returns, and it was at the evening session that vio-lence flared in the courtroom. Russell D. Hodges, Republican member of the board, made a motion that the election returns be certified less the 312 ballots. Don Hagaman, Democratic member, moved that the disputed ballots be included in the returns. After the motions were made and before Chairman Greer could cast the deciding vote, a heated dispute developed, and the board voted to recess until Friday afternoon, be-fore taking action. The angry crowd was said to have red the exit, fist fights resulted, and a number of persons were injured in the melee. Mr. Hagaman managed

A number of officers arrived from neighboring towns on call of Democratic leaders, but the disturbance had been quieted before they arrived.

On Friday the board reassembled, the results of the election including the questioned votes, were certified, Russell D. Hodges dissenting, and the matter was appealed to the state board, which acted promptly on requests of leaders in both parties that the hearing be conducted immediately. At Friday's meeting a number of state highway patrolmen and sheriff's officers were present, and although there was evidence of continued tension in the crowd of spectators, no further disorders occurred.

The contest involving the tickets, which included 274 Democratic votes, 30 Republican and eight 'mixed" tickets is of paramount interest due to the fact that the Republicans would elect all county officers with the exception of the representative if the inclusion of the ballots is sustained. Chas. M. Wat-(Continued on page eight)

TALK OF FOREST FIRE HAZARDS

Parkway Rangers Instruct Students at College in Suppression of Forest Fires

Mr. G. B. Liles of Sparta, district ranger for the Blue Ridge Parkway, and Mr. Campbell, chief forest ranger of Roanoke, Va., were here Tuesday and gave 25 Appalachian College men a lecture on the causes of forest fires and protection, together with a history of such conflagrations during the past five

Fifty per cent of forest fires, they said, were caused by smokers, and those burning brush; the others being due to camp fires, incindiaries and sabotage. Hunters are particularly asked to be careful this fall, and when "warming" fires are absolutely necessary, sportsmen are requested to be sure they are extinguished.

The local college students were instructed in the use of fire suppression tools, and organized into squads, subject to call at the district ranger's request. Most all the high schools and colleges near the Parkway have been organized to aid in forest fire control, and the forest officials state that timber protection is vital to the war effort. Fighting fires draws needed manpower from war industry, where it is urgently needed.

WATAUGA'S OFFICIAL VOTE IN GENERAL ELECTION

The following table shows the tabulation of the vote of We taugans in the election of November 3. The totals for Boone include the 312 votes which are in dispute, and the returns were not signed by Russell D. Hodges Republican member of the board. The matter is to come before the state election board here Friday

PRECINCT	State Senate		House			Sheriff			Surveyor		County Commissioners						U. S. Senate	
	Farthing D	Linney R	Jackson D	В	Clerk South D	Edmisten D	Watson R	Coroner	Thompson D	Bumgarner R	Greer D	Edmisten D	Moretz D	Greene R	Aldridge R	Winker R	Bailey D	Morris R
Bald Mountain	78	81	88	73	83	78	85	161	80	79	- 81	83	83	80	761	741	82	7
Beaver Dam	287	91	285	91	289	288	90	292	278	97	288	289	286	92	90	94	244	9
Blowing Rock	195	202	207	193	209	196	205	399	204	191	196	202	202	201	194	197	219	18
Blue Ridge	45	249	45	249	47	49	247	293	45	245	46	45	45	248	257	250	42	25
Boone	1275	741	1342	678	1361	1275	748	2019	1302	696	1304	1356	1336	702	683	691	1080	59
Cove Creek	399	447	406	439	407	394	457	841	398	440	402	404	402	447	446	450	270	39
Elk	34	108	36	108	32	31	112	140	32	110	34	33	34	109	109	108	37	10
Laurel Creek	314	199	317	199	315	308	199	520	316	199	319	319	317	193	195	197	265	20
Meat Camp 1	232	236	260	229	253	218	256	462	247	222	249	247	250	224	226	224	247	22
Meat Camp 2	37	45	35	45	37	30	51	81	35	45	36	36	36	45	45	45	37	4
North Fork	18	98	17	99	34	25	92	112	23	93	21	27	21	96	93	96	18	9
Shawneehaw	90	142	92	137	94	89	138	96	93	136	90	90	90	139	137	137	94	13
Stony Fork	170	342	173	342	175	173	346	572	172	399	171	172	178	342	341	340	131	34
Watauga	203	372	214	366	216	213	373	577	212	365	207	204	206	371	380	370	209	36

Henry J. Hardin, indépendent Democratic candidate for the state senate, received the following vote, according to the official returns: Bald Mountain, 1; Blowing Rock, 2; Blue Ridge, 1; Boone, 29; Meat Camp No. 1, 5; Watauga, 4, or a total of 42.