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CANDIDATES OUT FOR TOWN OFFICE AT BLOWING ROCK

Two Sets of Candidates Named At Blowing Rock Mass Meeting; Mayor Robbins Named Again; Other News Items From Blowing Rock.

Blowing Rock, April 17. — At a mass meeting of the citizens of Blowing Rock held at the high school auditorium Monday evening the following candidates for town office were nominated:

For mayor: G. C. Robbins and D. P. Coffey; for town council, H. P. Holshouser, W. C. Lentz, W. M. Bolic, R. M. Coffey, Fred Hartley and J. H. Winkler. These candidates will be presented on the ballots of the general town election on May 5, when the mayor and three councilmen will be elected.

The only members of the present town board in the list of nominees are G. C. Robbins, incumbent mayor, and Fred Hartley, member of the council for the last two years.

The system of selecting candidates for town office in Blowing Rock is a democratic and non-partisan one.

At the meeting any citizens may be nominated for the offices at stake. Then by popular vote at this meeting the two men receiving the largest vote for mayor are declared the candidates; while six men in the same manner are selected to run for the town council.

The Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual election of officers next Tuesday evening at the "Wagon Wheel" cafe, where a chicken pie dinner will be enjoyed by all members of the organization and guests.

Recent guests registered at Sunshine Inn have included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sigmon of Hickory, Mr. and Mrs. John Weinik of Blowing Rock, and Don Con of New York City.

The following guests have spent some time recently at the Watauga grill: Sergeant Joseph E. Blahink of Fort Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Howard of Wilmington, Captain and Mrs. C. A. Ullman of the United States army, Private C. A. Hartley of Tampa, Fla., Walter P. Smith and R. C. Cobb of Norris, Tenn.

Mrs. R. B. Scales has been a guest at Greene Inn for several days while waiting for suitable weather to open her home "Afterthought." Dr. Scales remains a patient in Davis hospital Statesville.

The commencement sermon for the senior class at the Blowing Rock High School will be preached Sunday evening April 18th, in the Blowing Rock Baptist Church by Rev. W. M. Gerald. Graduating exercises will be held in the school auditorium April 23 at 8 o'clock. Honor students in the senior class are Graham Wright valedictorian, and Johnny Young, salutatorian. The literary address will be made by Rev. J. C. Canipe of Boone.

The sunrise Easter service of the Ruple Memorial Presbyterian church will be held at the church on Easter morning as usual. After the service a breakfast will be served in the social rooms by the young people of the church.

Harry Robbins of the Navy has returned to his post of duty in Maryland after spending a weeks' furlough with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. Grover Robbins, Blowing Rock.

Rev. Walter K. Keys, accompanied by Rev. Marian Currie of Boone, attended the meeting of Holston presbytery in Kingsport, Tenn., Monday and Tuesday.

Visits Homefolds. Pfc. Ray F. Houck, who is stationed at Fort Myers, Fla., spent Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Houck.

Manpower Shortage



A picture received in America from London, after publication in an Axis magazine, proves the extreme shortage of manpower in Germany, even in the armed forces. Here is a boy of about 13 being trained for duties as a so-called "help sodier" aboard a German warship.

VICTORY LOAN CAMPAIGN HERE IS ON LAST LAP

County Must Reach Goal of \$53,000 By First Day of May; Predictions Are That \$75,000 May Be Raised Here; Name Of Private Henry Proffit Used.

"Watauga County must reach its goal of \$53,000 in the second Victory Loan Drive before May 1," says Dr. A. P. Kephart, publicity chairman of the Watauga county campaign, in predicting that the county will have no difficulty in doing its full share. "A few who know the county well," says Dr. Kephart, "have predicted that we will reach \$75,000. We have already sold about four-fifths of the quota. That means a mighty effort in the next ten days and no one must be excused from doing his part. Have you done yours? It is well known that many have done all they can or could be expected to do. There are still probably many who have done nothing. Are YOU among that number? Buy a share of freedom this month if you have never done it before or may never again.

"We are asked to risk so little, while our men are risking so much. All we have to do is lend our money for a while. It will come back with interest at a time when it will be most welcome. Before you go to bed tonight ask yourself whether you have done all you can and should to back up the boys in the fox holes and in the navy who are risking everything for us who are so unworthy. We must buy about \$20,000 of bonds in the next ten days. No, we are not buying anything, we are simply taking Uncle Sam's note, the best security in the world, for it means all of our money back with interest. Some of our boys will lose even life. They will get nothing back."

In connection with the Victory campaign, the name of Private Henry Grady Proffit is honored. Young Mr. Proffit, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Proffit of Meat Camp, was the third Watauga man to give his life for freedom in the present conflict. He was drowned in a storm on the Gulf of Mexico, while engaged in practice landing operations. How little money means when compared with the loss of that promising young man! Help pay for your share of freedom today by putting up all the money you can. Remember IT comes back.

Mayor To Have Shrubbery for Citizens

Mayor W. H. Gragg states that there will be available to the citizens of Boone on Thursday and Friday April 29 and 30, a nice collection of shrubbery, evergreens, and flowering shrubs at a very low price. These plants are nursery grown and acclimated, and should add much to the beauty of our town and homes. Mr. Gragg suggests that we keep the city beautiful and home like for our soldiers when they return.

FISHING WILL BE PERMITTED EASTER SUNDAY, MONDAY. Anglers in this section will be interested to know that fishing this year will be permitted on Easter Sunday and Monday.

This information was given out Monday by county game warden Walter Edmisten.

WINKLER HEADS CITY DEMOCRATIC ELECTION TICKET

Former Representative to Oppose Mayor Gragg; Owen Wilson, Dr. Matheson and Lee H. Stout Completes Ticket Nominated By Democrats Tuesday.

Gordon H. Winkler, former representative in the Assembly was chosen by the Democratic Convention Tuesday evening to oppose Mayor W. H. Gragg, as head of the city government in the election to be held on May 4th.

For the board of aldermen, Owen Wilson, Dr. W. M. Matheson and Lee H. Stout, were chosen.

A municipal executive committee was established with the following members: Lee Stout, Dewitt Barnett D. J. Whitener, Wade E. Brown and V. C. Howell.

The convention was presided over by Chairman T. B. Moore and was well attended. The nominations were affected without dissent.

The Republicans have renominated all of the incumbent officials: Mayor W. H. Gragg; Messrs D. L. Wilcox, G. K. Moose and Kenneth Linney for the council.

The election will be held on Tuesday May 4th, and Saturday is the last day the registration books will be open at the city hall. All those who have previously voted in city elections need not register, but those who have reached their majority since last town election or who have become eligible through residence since that time must register Saturday if they are to be allowed to participate in the election.

Named Chairman Of Aviation Cadet Group

Mr. H. Grady Farthing has been notified of his appointment as Watauga county chairman of the State Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Committee, and releases the following set of requirements for admission of young men in this branch of the service:

Applicant must be a male citizen of the United States for a period of at least ten years.

Must be 17 years of age.

Must agree to remain on duty for four years, including periods undergoing training, unless released sooner by the Navy Department.

Must be unmarried and must agree to remain unmarried until completion of training and acceptance of commission unless sooner discharged or released from such duty by the Navy Department.

Must be morally, physically and psychologically qualified for appointment as aviation cadet in accordance with prescribed standards.

Must be graduated from or currently enrolled in an accredited high school or secondary school with reasonable expectation of graduation by June 30, 1943. Must be in the upper half of his class in academic standing, and must be recommended as to moral character and quality of leadership.

Must be able to pass Fine Screen Mental Tests as prescribed.

Anyone interested may get further information by getting in touch with Mr. Farthing.

ASSOCIATION MAPS SPRING PROGRAM

Baptist Association to Gather at Tabernacle Church On April 30th.

The regular spring session of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held with Tabernacle Baptist Church on April 30th, and the following program for the meeting has been released:

10:00-10:15—Devotional, Rev. Raymond Hendrix.

10:15-10:45—Presentation of program and miscellaneous, Wade E. Brown.

10:45-11:15—Church opportunity in Time of War, Rev. G. A. Hamby.

11:15—Dedication of Tabernacle Baptist Church, in charge of Rev. N. M. Greene, the pastor. Dedication sermon, Rev. W. D. Ashley.

12:00 Noon—Lunch on ground.

1:30-1:45—Devotional, Tom Stansberry.

1:45-2:15.— Church Evangelistic Opportunity in Time of War, Rev. Burl B. Culler.

2:15-3:00—Roll call of churches; miscellaneous.

3:00-3:30—Inspirational address by Rev. John W. Kincheloe, Jr.

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR SHARE?



"They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money"

40 WATAUGANS ENTER THE ARMY

List Given of Those Definitely Accepted From Local Draft Board.

Forty Watauga county men have been definitely accepted for army duty as Watauga's current quota, says the Watauga County Selective Service board.

New regulations provide that the names of those sent cannot be published, but the names of those actually accepted are released.

The names of those recently inducted are as follows:

- Melvin Jennings Norris
 - Robert Lee Hayes
 - Bruce Ellington Higgins
 - Herbert Wiley Hofflield
 - Glenn Paul McGuire
 - Darrel Ralston Elrod
 - Robert Ray Wallace
 - Herman Henson
 - Cason Clay Eggers
 - David Pinkney Love
 - Alfred Parks Watson
 - Jack Garland
 - Delmer Jones Scott
 - Rudolph Carson Greene
 - Bruce Carlton
 - Raymond Ray Ward
 - Lee Roy Miller
 - Jack Edgar Ward
 - John Edward Ward
 - Robert Ransom Greene
 - Carl Greene
 - William Martin Harmon
 - Rawleigh Edgar Young
 - Estel Solomon Eggers
 - Moyer Hurl Stephens
 - James Earl Bryan
 - Jim Murphy Ward
 - Earl Dean Cornett
 - John Wesley Scott
 - Mack McCoy Hodges
 - James Milton Payne
 - Carlton Cole
 - Wiley Norman Combs
 - Albert Lee Holman
- The following men volunteered through the draft board:
- Andrew Jackson Eggers
 - Robert Calvin Winkler
 - Lewis Dee Hodges
 - Clyde Eller Welch
 - Norman L. Reese
 - Ronald Tommy Snook.

Mabel Youth Kills 300 Pound Bear

Glenn Isaacs, 17 year old, a resident of Mabel shot and killed a 300 pound black bear on the Tennessee side of the state line on Tuesday of last week.

The bear, which was credited with having slain 3 sheep in Watauga County was killed with seven shots from an ordinary .22 calibre rifle.

MRS. PANSY PHILLIPS

Mrs. Pansy Phillips died at Patterson April 16, 1943. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Phillips, and the following children: Billie Joe Jean, Zella and Geneva. The funeral services were held at Pilot Mountain April 16, 1943. Mrs. Phillips was 25 years of age and a former resident of Watauga County.

If you haven't gotten around to buying a Second War Loan Bond, stop and think what it would mean to you if our soldiers hadn't gotten round to the fight.

LOCAL CATTLE BRING BIG PRICE

Eleven Head of Local Herefords Sold At Wilson For An Average of \$510.

Watauga county Hereford cattle breeders sold eleven head of registered Herefords in the State Hereford sale on Friday April 16, at unusually high prices.

The breeders and the number of cattle each sold is as follows: Shipley farm, Vilas, 6 head; W. H. Walker Sugar Grove, 4 head; and Bernard Dougherty and Gordon Winkler, of Boone, 1 head.

W. H. Walker of Sugar Grove, sold the highest priced animals among the Watauga breeders. He sold four bred heifers for the following prices: \$629, \$610, \$475, and \$410. The Walker cattle averaged \$528.50 per head.

The Shipley cattle sold for the following prices: One bred heifer \$600, one bred heifer, \$400, one nine year old cow \$345, one 10 months old heifer calf \$345, two 10 months old heifer calves \$300 each. This breeder's cattle averaged \$381.66 per head.

The bred heifer which belonged to Barnard Dougherty and Gordon Winkler, sold for \$410. The entire sale of 55 animals averaged \$510.

The Watauga breeders who attended this sale also received a number of inquiries for more cattle like the ones sold at this sale. This sale gave the county some real publicity and it is hoped that more breeders of purebred Herefords in this county will consign cattle to next year's state sale.

Blowing Rock Chamber Commerce Holds Meet

A special meeting of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce was held in connection with a banquet at the Wagon Wheel restaurant on Tuesday evening.

After a delicious meal the meeting was turned over to Dr. Kephart, for the regular business session and election of officers for the coming year.

The following officers were elected: Vice-President, Dr. A. P. Kephart; President, F. W. Webster, First Second Vice-President, Geo. M. Sudderth; Secretary-Treasurer, Hal C. Beck, Board of Directors: C. G. Beck, Frank Isenhour, G. C. Robbins.

The meeting was largely attended and a number of talks were made and all were enthusiastic over the prospects for the coming tourist season.

A Few Recent Red Cross Contributions

Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the local Red Cross war fund drive, says the Watauga county contributions have now reached the sum of \$5,815.34. The following late contributions are reported:

Linville Creek Prayer Band 6.00, E. B. Hardin 1.00, Mrs. A. L. Miller 1.00, Mrs. Carrie Greene 1.00, Mrs. Clay Beach 1.00, Martin Moretz 1.00. In a recent report Stacy Lester was reported as having given 1.00. The name should have been Stacy Tester.

POLICE OFFICER IS FREED IN SHOOTING BY GRAND JURY

"Not a True Bill" Finding of Jury In Investigation of Case Brought Against Lee Gross in Death of Vonley Triplett; Other Superior Court News.

A. L. Gross, until recently Boone police chief, was freed of charges growing out of the fatal shooting of Vonley Triplett Tuesday, when the Grand Jury of Watauga Superior Court found "not a true bill" as a result of its investigation into the indictment. Judicial comment was to the effect that presumably the jury had examined each witness, and arrived at the conclusion that the officer was justified in firing the fatal shots.

Mr. Gross fired upon Triplett, in a fight which resulted from the deceased man and three companions resisting arrest on a charge of drunkenness. The officer maintained that he acted in defense of his own life, and this belief was shared by a number of witnesses to the shooting.

The spring term of court convened Monday with Judge Will Pless presiding, and Mr. L. S. Spurling prosecuting a light criminal docket. The term was for two weeks, but Clerk Austin E. South states that the most of the civil cases have been continued and that the session will likely adjourn by Friday of this week.

A large number of cases had been tried up to Tuesday night, but in many instances sentences had not been passed. Following are the judgments of the court up until that time:

James O. Cook, non-support, 2 years on roads, suspended on condition that he pay his wife and children \$50 per month.

Edward Puett, Roy Puett, breaking and entering, Not guilty.

Walter F. Clarke, carrying concealed weapon \$50 and the cost.

Willard Greene, manufacturing whiskey, \$40.

Bruce Phillips, carrying concealed weapon, 3 months on roads.

Bruce Phillips, larceny, 6 months suspended for 2 years during good behavior.

Dillard Watson, larceny, 6 months on roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and one-half the cost.

Perry Greer, larceny, 6 months on roads.

Willard Ray, receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, 18 months on the roads.

Clyde Triplett and Raymond Triplett, public drunkenness, one-half the cost.

Joe Harold Triplett, driving drunk \$50 and the cost.

Norman Walters, Albert Hayes, larceny, 2 years on roads. Also a 2 year suspended sentence passed at a former court term, was placed in effect.

FINAL RITES HELD FOR LIEUT. SHIPLEY

Funeral Services Are Conducted At Bristol For Army Aviator.

Funeral services for Lt. Joseph W. Shipley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shipley of Vilas, N. C., and Bristol, Tenn., were conducted Wednesday afternoon of last week from the Akard Funeral Home in Bristol. The services were in charge of Dr. Robert Yost, assisted by the Rev. A. C. Clear of Wallace, Va.

Lieut. Shipley met death Saturday a week ago, when he and a group of other officers were on routine flight over Tampa Bay. Young Mr. Shipley was not piloting the plane at the time of the crash, it is revealed. The bodies were removed from the bay on Monday.

The body was accompanied to Bristol by Lieut. Edward P. Richardson.

Lieut. Shipley is survived by his widow, the former Jocelyn Baillie of New Orleans; his father and mother Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shipley; four sisters, Miss Virginia Shipley, of Bristol; Mrs. T. A. Belk, of Mount Holly, N. C.; Mrs. Foster Bryant of Blacksburg, Va., and Mrs. Claude S. Perry, Columbus Ohio, and two brothers, James Shipley, Reidsville, N. C., and Pfc. Robert G. Shipley of Keesler Field, Miss.

Lieut. Shipley, who was 27 years old, was a graduate of the Wallace Va., High School and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He entered the army air corps in December 1941.

Private Joseph H. Johnson of Co. D, 725 M. P. Bn. Fort Jackson, S. C. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Sugar Grove, over the week-end.

BUY WAR BONDS