



MANY SEEK STATE OFFICES AS FILING PERIOD IS ENDED

Both Democrats and Republicans to Have Number of Primary Contests; Five After Democratic Senate Nomination; Three for Lieutenant Governor

Raleigh—The list of Democratic candidates seeking the United States senate seat now held by Robert R. Reynolds swelled to five here Saturday and a third candidate filed for the office of lieutenant governor as filing books in the office of Secretary Raymond Maxwell of the State Board of Elections closed for the 1944 primaries.

Giles Y. Newton of Gibson, is the new Democratic candidate for the senate. His opponents are former Governors Cameron Morrison of Charlotte, and Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby; Marvin L. Ritch of Charlotte, and Arthur Simmons of Burlington.

In the race for lieutenant governor, James T. Lyda of Greensboro, added his name to the list which already includes L. L. Ballentine, of Wake county, and W. I. Halstead of Elizabeth City.

Two new Democratic candidates for major state offices are W. N. Crawford of Greensboro, who filed for secretary of state against the incumbent, Thad Eure, and L. J. Phipps of Chapel Hill, who entered the race for state treasurer against incumbent Charles Johnson.

Two last-minute Republican filings assured a complete slate of candidates for all major state offices, including the Ninth congressional district. Republican primaries were assured in races for the office of state treasurer, lieutenant governor and in the ninth congressional district.

The complete list of candidates (D—for Democrat and R—for Republican) for major state offices:

Governor: Ralph McDonald (D), R. Gregg Cherry (D), Olla Ray Boyd (D), and Frank C. Patton (R).
 U. S. Senate: Marvin L. Rich (D), Clyde R. Hoey (D), Cameron Morrison (D), Arthur Simmons (D), Giles Y. Newton (D), and A. J. Ferree (R).
 Lieutenant Governor: W. I. Halstead (D), L. Y. Ballentine (D), Jamie T. Lyda (D), George L. Greene (R), Robert L. Lovelace (D), and A. Harold Morgan (R).
 Secretary of State: Thad Eure (D), W. N. Crawford (D), and W. H. Gragg (R).
 Auditor: George Ross Pou (D), Fred S. Hunter (D), and J. M. Van Hoy (R).
 Treasurer: Charles M. Johnson (D), L. J. Phipps (D), Hiram B. Worth (R), and S. B. Roberts (R).
 Attorney General: Harry McMullan (D), Sam J. Morris (R).
 Superintendent of Public Instruction: Clyde A. Erwin (D), and B. Carl Fussell (R).
 Commissioner of Agriculture: W. Kerr (D).

Boone Man Speaks To Postal Workers

The Women's Auxiliary of the North Carolina Federation of Post Office Clerks held a meeting last Saturday evening in Winston-Salem, at which a number of the officials of the organization spoke, in celebration of its tenth anniversary. J. W. Norris of Boone, president of the Men's Federation of Postal Clerks, was present and spoke briefly, commending the ladies for their cooperation with the federation in gaining legislation beneficial to postal employees.

P.-T. A. to Meet on Monday Night, 27th

At 8 o'clock next Monday night, March 27, the Parent-Teacher Association of the Boone Demonstration and Appalachian High schools will have its regular meeting at the high school auditorium.

The business meeting will start at 8 o'clock and will be followed by several one-act plays put on by Mr. Williams' dramatics class. The dramatics class has staged several plays this year and have proved to be very successful.

Camp Yonahlossee to Open This Year as Usual

Dr. A. P. Kephart, owner of Camp Yonahlossee, Blowing Rock, as well as the Out-of-Doors School, Sarasota, Fla., writes The Democrat that the camp enrollment for this year was completed on Feb. 1, and that there is a good waiting list.

Dr. Kephart regrets that so many wish to come to the camp who cannot be taken care of at this time, and explains that only so many can be taken without endangering the effectiveness of the camp program.

At least 100 more could be enrolled if they could be cared for, Dr. Kephart says. He adds that the camp will again raise its own gardens, beef, pork and chickens, using campers and counsellors for much of this work, as was the case last season.

Dr. and Mrs. Kephart will be at the camp March 26 to 31st looking after the spring work and getting things in readiness for their return June 1 for the summer.

Seeks State Office



W. H. GRAGG

WATT GRAGG RUNS SECRETARY STATE

Boone Man Named as Candidate by G. O. P. Convention last Thursday

Watt H. Gragg, of Boone, was nominated for Secretary of State by the Republicans assembled in State convention in Charlotte last Thursday, at which time the minority party in the State named a full slate of candidates for office, and strongly endorsed the candidacy of Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, for the presidency.

Mr. Gragg, who was the unsuccessful candidate for State treasurer against Charles M. Johnson four years ago, was also named as alternate delegate at large to the Republican national convention.

Other nominees of the G. O. P. included: For governor, Frank Patton, of Morganton; for senator, A. I. Ferree, of Asheboro; for lieutenant governor, George C. Green, of Marshall; for state auditor, J. M. Van Hoy, of Charlotte; for state treasurer, Steve B. Roberts, of Marshall; for superintendent of public instruction, Carl B. Fussell, of Wilmington; for commissioner of agriculture, C. T. Allen, of Aurora; for commissioner of insurance, Halsey B. Leavitt, of Asheville; for commissioner of labor, James E. Spence, of Siler City; for justices of the supreme court, E. P. Stillwell, of Sylva, and Algernon L. Butler, of Clinton.

In drafting a draft Dewey resolution, the convention was unanimous. It said that "we are confident that the Republicans of this state, together with many thousand independent-minded Democrats, emphatically oppose the fourth term and the subtle theory of the 'indispensable man' and believe that Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, has the capacity, ability, character and Americanism to lead us to an early victory, liberty and peace."

Vesuvius Explodes In Fresh Eruptions

On the Slopes of Mt. Vesuvius, March 22—Vesuvius exploded anew with a terrific roar this afternoon, belching a pillar of flames, smoke and rocks more than 5,000 feet after burying two villages under a wall of molten lava which crushed and seared all in its path.

The lower part of the column of steam and smoke billowed up slate-grey, speckled with flame, and then turned laundry-white as it spread out above Pompeii and Naples, seven miles away.

All traffic throughout Naples ceased at 5:30 p. m., as the huge columns of smoke darkened the sky. Doughboys jumped from their jeeps and automobiles stopped in the middle of the streets while their passengers got out to watch the phenomenon which seemed hour by hour to be growing more dangerous.

In an eruption unmatched since it buried Pompeii under a scorching blanket of molten rock and ash in 79 A. D., a sizzling wall of lava rising 60 to 70 feet high spread over the towns of San Sebastiano and Massa di Somma.

Dr. King to Remain Till Middle of April

Dr. Robert R. King, who was to have sailed for Africa today, will remain here until perhaps the middle of April, it was learned Monday. The public health officer is delayed due to the change in the sailing date of the ship on which he had arranged passage. Meantime, there has been no appointment made to fill the vacancy which will result from Dr. King's leaving the local health department to resume his work as medical missionary in the Belgian Congo.

JURORS DRAWN FOR SPRING TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Wilson Warlick to Preside Over April Term Watauga Superior Court; Near 50 Cases on Criminal Docket, Most of Which Are Misdemeanors

The county commissioners have drawn the jury for the spring term of Watauga Superior Court, which convenes on April 24, with Judge Wilson Warlick, resident judge of the sixteenth district, presiding. The term will be for two weeks, and both criminal and civil actions will be tried.

Clerk Austin E. South states there will be from 45 to 50 cases on the state docket, most of them involving the commission of misdemeanors. Perhaps two-thirds of the docket, he says, involves violation of the prohibition laws and driving while intoxicated. There are about 50 civil cases.

Following is a list of those who have been summoned for jury duty:

First Week
 Wade F. Norris, Marshall E. Ward, Frank P. Wilson, Raleigh Wilson, Floyd Warren, Chas. Johnson, Chas. E. Coffey, A. B. Craig, A. C. Galyen, R. W. Ashley, Granville Story, B. D. Yates, Grady Hayes, Lester L. Billings, J. Milton Gragg, J. C. Yoder, J. R. Simmons, George Wilson, William L. Cole, Charlie Simmons, D. C. Warren, D. C. Mast, Dillard Greene, Mastin Trivett, Ernest Glenn, Earl H. Norris, S. G. Wilson, M. Clyde Brown, James McNeil, Chas. K. Norris, Frank Main, Greene R. Michael, Grant Townsend, Jacob Harrell, Grady O. Greene, Roscoe Greene, L. M. Cook, Wade Tugman, Clyde Norman, Walter Storie, L. A. Callaway, Harve A. Shook.

Second Week
 J. B. Farthing, Spencer Warren, Roy Anderson, Lee Roark, Bert Farthing, A. C. Moody, C. C. Bowles, Roy Hagaman, Hight Hollars, L. T. Tatum, W. M. (Barber Bill) Hodges, D. L. Glenn, Lawrence Parlier, Raymond Hendrix, W. F. Miller, Jr., W. W. Chester, B. W. Stallings, Joe J. Miller, Eno h Isaacs, Granville Trivett, Robert Ward, Lewis Harmon, Henry H. Proffitt, M. H. Norris, Clay Beach, M. H. Cornell, John O. Potter, Archie Wilson, Chas. E. Townsend, Calvin Yates, Manuel C. Rominger, J. Wade Byers, Prince Hamby, H. S. Steelman, Jeff Shook, M. C. Cornett.

Promoted
 Great Lakes, Ill., March 18—Alton E. Hodges, Jr., of Boone, has won an early promotion in the navy as a result of his past civilian training. Because he has had sufficient experience in a trade essential in the navy, he was advanced to the rating of hospital apprentice, second class upon completing his recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Station here. His wife, Mrs. Edith D. Hodges, resides in Boone.

To Address Merchants



RALPH W. McDONALD

DR. M'DONALD TO SPEAK HERE

Candidate for Governor to Address Joint Meeting of Merchants and Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, one of the principal contenders for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina, has accepted an invitation to address a joint meeting of the Boone Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening, March 30, it being the occasion of the annual employer-employee banquet of the local retailers.

The meeting will be held at the American Legion hut, and is scheduled to start at 7:30 p. m. In addition to the dinner and the address of Dr. McDonald, there will be a short program of entertainment, details of which haven't been completed. There will be no business session. All members of the merchants group, their wives, employees as well as Chamber of Commerce members are expected to be present.

Since Dr. McDonald is so prominently mentioned in the news these pre-primary days, and since he has established his summer residence in Boone, the local business men feel fortunate in that he accepted the invitation to speak at their annual meeting.

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION HEAD TO ACCOMPANY DR. McDONALD HERE

Information Wednesday morning is that F. R. Stout, of Greensboro, treasurer of the Odell Hardware Co., and president of the North Carolina Merchants Association, will accompany Dr. McDonald to Boone and will also be present at the Merchants Association meeting.

BUY WAR BONDS

BOONE MAN GETS AIR MEDAL



Southwest Pacific Headquarters—Lieut. George C. Kenney, commander of Allied air forces in the South Pacific, has awarded the Air Medal to Sergeant Edward Earl Greer, a member of the 5th air force. The award was made, the citation read, "For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of long-range bombing missions; against enemy airdromes and installations and attacks on enemy naval vessels and shipping." Sgt. Greer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Greer of Boone. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in January, 1942, shortly after his 18th birthday, and was stationed at Eglin Field, Fla.; El Paso, Texas; Denver, Colo., and Spokane, Wash., and Salt Lake City, Utah, before going overseas the last of April, 1943.

Three-Fourths of Red Cross Fund Has Been Raised; End of Campaign Next Week

Government Will Buy Irish Potatoes

Plans have at last been worked out whereby the government will purchase U. S. No. 1 potatoes from the farmers of this county. Farmers who are interested in selling their potatoes under this plan should contact the county agent at once.

G. O. P. CONTEST IN HOUSE RACE

Emory C. McCall Files After Monroe Adams Announces Candidacy; Lively Race Seen

For the first time in many long years the Republicans of the Ninth Congressional district face a primary fight to determine the man who will oppose Congressman Robert L. Doughton in the general election next November.

The congressional convention in Taylorsville last week made no nomination, it being the opinion of most of the gathering that Congressman Doughton should remain unopposed. Following the convention, and contrary to the wishes of many leaders, Monroe Adams, of Statesville, filed his candidacy in the primary. Subsequently, Emory C. McCall, prominent Lenoir man, filed his candidacy. Grapevine information is that the Lenoir man and his friends will wage a vigorous campaign for the nomination.

Local Republicans, friendly to the candidacy of Mr. McCall, point out that while the Lenoir man is a newcomer in congressional campaign activities, he has been a leader in the party in Caldwell county for many years. In support of his candidacy, they cite that he is one of Lenoir's prominent manufacturers, a fine business man, a leader in the religious and civic life of his city, a member of the city school board, director of the Chamber of Commerce, and a fine gentleman.

It is believed that the friends of the Lenoir man will wage a thorough-going campaign, and leave no stones unturned in their efforts to bring about his nomination. The list of other contests in which the Republicans and Democrats will participate in the May primary appears elsewhere in this newspaper.

ELECTION BOARD IS APPOINTED

Greer, Hagaman and Hodges Again Constitute Watauga County Election Group

Roby T. Greer, Boone; Donley Hagaman, Reese, Democrats, and Russell D. Hodges, of Boone, Republican, again constitute the Watauga County Board of Elections, having been named Saturday by the State Board of Elections. All three were incumbents.

The organization date for the board hasn't been determined. However, since the registration books open for the primary next month, the board is expected to appoint the registrars and judges of election in the near future.

The State board fixed dates and places for county board chairmen to meet with members of the State board to discuss handling of absentee ballots of servicemen, and offered two amendments to the regulations governing the soldier absentee ballot, designed to simplify the handling of ballots used by service personnel.

Amendment Described
 The amendment to the absentee regulations provide that a separate register be set up for absentee voters (servicemen only) and also provides that a second record book be kept of those members of the armed forces whose names have been submitted for registration but who are not qualified for various reasons.

Another amendment provides that county elections board chairmen mail ballots to service personnel within the continental United States as soon as possible after an application is in hand. The mailing of ballots to addresses beyond the United States "shall not await the receipt of ballots for local offices."

A resolution passed by the board provides that "presidential approval or disapproval of the present congressional service vote bill would not make necessary any changes in the North Carolina board's rules and regulations," and that "absentee registration and voting (on the part of North Carolina service personnel) of the personnel of the United States army shall remain in effect and shall be carried out whether or not the said bill becomes a law."

No Extension of Time in Which to Raise Quota is in Prospect; Chairman Asks Everyone to Make Special Effort in Closing Days

A total of \$4,507.13 has been raised for the Red Cross War Fund campaign in Watauga, said Clyde R. Greene, campaign chairman, Tuesday afternoon, or just a little more than three-fourths of the county quota of \$6,000.

Mr. Greene calls attention to the fact that the campaign comes to a close at the end of this month (Friday of next week) and that no extended period has been announced in which to complete county quotas. Therefore, he insists that all workers exert a little extra effort during the remainder of the campaign, give every one a chance to contribute, and make their reports as quickly as possible.

"A number of nearby counties have already reached their quota," says Mr. Greene, "and we must not let Watauga lag in this important phase of the war effort. Our men on the fighting fronts need the Red Cross—and the Red Cross is YOU. Even if you have already made a contribution, can't you spare just a little more for the benefit of the men who are fighting YOUR battles. It's a privilege to give to the Red Cross. Let's join together in a final effort that will put us over the top by the end of the month."

The Democrat in an effort to aid the campaign is recognizing those who contribute by publishing their names. Due to the efforts of the publisher to conserve paper, etc., this can't all be done at one time. They will appear as rapidly as possible, however.

Below are the names of some of the contributors:

- BOONE**
 Mrs. Nora Warman, Worker.
 Mrs. J. B. Clark \$1, Mrs. Vener Benson \$1, Mrs. Harve Hodges \$1, Mrs. Earl Blackburn \$50, R. F. Greene \$50, F. E. Warman \$10.
 Mrs. Paul Coffey \$1, Mrs. F. A. Linney \$7, Mrs. J. M. Moretz \$1, Mrs. J. W. Jones \$2, Mrs. James L. Harrison \$1, Miss Jennie Coffey \$1, Dr. J. C. Farthing \$5, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brown \$5, Mrs. Albert Watson \$2, Albert Watson \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Watson \$5, Mrs. Roy Johnson \$1, D. E. Bentfield \$1, Mrs. Lewis Loudermelt \$1, J. O. Cook, Sr. \$1, B. R. Page and family \$5, Mrs. L. L. Critcher \$1, Miss Essie Greene \$1, Mrs. H. N. Adams \$2, Mrs. W. C. Greer \$1, Morris Casey \$1, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Greene \$5, Mr. and Mrs. C. Murray \$1, Mrs. W. L. Trivette \$5, Stacy Tester \$1, J. Sam Horton \$1, Mrs. George Triplett \$1, Miss Auburn Moretz \$1, Mrs. Florence Barbee \$1, Mrs. Annie Lee Beach \$1, Rock Hutton \$1, Mrs. Ora Brown \$1, Miss Iris Williams \$1, Mrs. Dennis Teague \$1, Mrs. Jack Hardy \$1, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Critcher \$10, Mrs. C. S. Edmister \$1.
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Friday to Be Work Day at Red Cross

There will be an all-day working at the Red Cross room on Friday, March 24. We have a quilt to be quilted and many surgical dressings to be labeled and packed. The room will be opened at 10:30 a. m., and we hope that some will come then with their lunches prepared to spend the day. The room will be closed at 5 o'clock. Everyone willing to work may come.

Concert Violinist Will Appear Here

Appalachian College has secured Mark Wollner, concert violinist, for a recital in the college auditorium, Saturday morning, March 25, at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Wollner has just finished a series of concerts in New York, where he played in a number of recitals at Teachers College, Columbia University, and also as soloist at the annual festival concert at the Riverside Church, sponsored by the Emerson Fostick Good Fellowship Clubs. He was pronounced one of the nation's foremost violinists. His accompanist, Miss Mary Brooks, has been praised by Washington critics as an accompanist of outstanding ability. She was student artist of Edwin Hughes in New York, and is also the accompanist in the Southern States of the artists of the George College Management at Rockefeller Center.

Last week these artists played in their second recital in the Reynolds auditorium in Winston-Salem, to an audience of more than 2,000.

They are also credited with introducing for the first time living American composers to Southern music lovers, such as Cecil Burchell, E. Bloch, Stone, Achron and others. Among the composers performed at the college here will be works by Vitali, Gershwin, Prokofiev, Noel Coward, Kreisler, and others. In addition to the music, Mr. Wollner will display his collection of winning water color paintings from North, South and Central America. The public is invited to be present.

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