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DEWEY IS ASSURED G. O. P. NOMINATION ON FIRST BALLOT

New York Governor to Win This Afternoon; Governor Warren of California, Apparent Choice For Second Place, Withdraws From Race.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, is expected to be nominated for the Presidency by the Republican party in Chicago this (Wednesday) afternoon on the first ballot, speculation being that he will receive no less than 800 votes on the one and only presidential nomination roll call.

Since the Republicans began gathering in Chicago last week it has daily become more apparent that the Empire State executive would have no difficulty in receiving the o. k. of the convention, and the handwagon rush approached something of a stampede, after such states as Pennsylvania had signified their intention of supporting Dewey.

The nomination will likely be made at about 1:30 this afternoon, and Dewey is expected to fly to Chicago to deliver his acceptance address. Governor Bricker, of Ohio, hasn't as yet withdrawn from the race and is credited with less than 100 votes, while former Governor Stassen, of Minnesota, will receive a scattering of delegate strength.

Meanwhile, the keyholder, Governor Earl Warren of California has eliminated himself as a candidate for the Republican vice-presidential nomination "under any circumstances," dropping a bombshell into well-prepared plans of party leaders to draft him as a running mate for Governor Thomas E. Dewey.

Warren's statement stunned the convention as it had been believed that while Warren did not want the nomination, he would accept if it were offered. Party leaders immediately began discussing Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, an avowed candidate for the presidential nomination, as the man for second place on the ticket.

PLATFORM ADOPTED

The Republican national convention late Tuesday unanimously adopted a 1944 presidential platform calling for use of international "peace force" to prevent future wars and pledging the party to "re-establishing liberty at home."

The delegates adopted the platform without discussion after hearing Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, chairman of the resolutions committee, read the 4,300-word document.

In adopting the platform without amending its foreign policy plank in any way, the Republicans snubbed their candidate of 1940, Wendell L. Willkie, who criticized it Monday night as "ambiguous and vague."

Second of the Lyons Triplets Dies Today

Jimmie Lyons, six months old, one of the triplets of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lyons, of Boone, died Wednesday morning. Janice became ill and died a week ago, leaving only one of the triplets, who had been the source of much interest in this section.

The funeral services are to be conducted from the Grace Lutheran Church Thursday afternoon, and interment will be in the Hine cemetery by Reims-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

The parents survive, together with a sister, Janette, and a brother, Billie.

Veteran Mail Carrier Dies in Wilkes County

Charlie Thomas Crow, 68 years of age, former resident of Boone, died last Thursday afternoon in North Wilkesboro, following a heart attack. Funeral services were held Saturday and interment was at Edgewood Church cemetery.

Mr. Crow is survived by the widow, Mrs. Louise Crow, and an adopted son, Robert Bowers, who is with the army in the South Pacific.

Mr. Crow is well remembered by the people of Boone, as for many years he and Mrs. Crow carried the mail from Boone to Elk and return. In those days, a greater part of the time, the mail was carried on foot, but always came through on time, regardless of the weather.

Six Inducted Into Army on Monday

Six young Watauga selectees left Monday morning for Fort Bragg where they were inducted into active military service. The group included:

- Willis Butler Swift, Jr.
- Daniel Adolphus Klutz, Jr.
- Henry Oakes
- Cecil Warren Moretz
- Thomas Roy Matheson
- Fred Cannon Hodges

To Speak Here



Hon. Frank Patton, of Morganton, who will deliver the address at the patriotic rally in Boone on July 4.

LOCAL VETERANS AT LEGION MEET

Lionel Ward Awarded Bryce Baird Trophy; Best District Commander in State

Local Legionnaires attending the State Legion convention in Asheville last week pronounced the meeting one of the best state-wide gatherings of World War veterans for a number of years. Those attending from Watauga were: H. Grady Farthing, delegate; Howard Steelman, post commander; and Lionel Ward, 17th district commander.

Lionel Ward was awarded the Bryce Baird trophy for being the best district commander in the state, it being his district that led the entire state in membership during the year.

Local legionnaires say their organization is now doing a real job in helping the men who are returning home from World War 2, and in seeing that they get the benefits to which they are entitled now, rather than having to fight for them for years as was the case following World War 1.

10,080,000 in Armed Forces

Washington—The armed forces totaled 10,080,000 officers and enlisted personnel on June 1 and requirements for young, able-bodied men are being met successfully. Selective Service disclosed Friday in announcing that 159,000 of the 185,000 men inducted during May were between 18 and 25.

In a monthly draft report filed with the house military affairs committee, Col. Francis V. Keesling, Jr., said that some men 30 and over are being taken each month but they come from a group whose civilian activities "play absolutely no part in the war effort in the eyes of their local boards."

Used Car Dealers to Meet in Morganton

Charlotte, June 27—A meeting of vital importance to used car dealers at this time has been arranged by the district office of the OPA, to be held in the Burke county courthouse at Morganton, on June 30, at 2:30 p. m. It will deal with the new regulations pertaining to ceiling prices which will go into effect on used passenger cars on July 10.

D. C. Goff, district price liaison officer, and G. J. Bennett, district commodity specialist, used cars and service, will be the principal speakers. They will explain the used car ceiling price regulations, distribute the new ceiling prices and answer all questions pertaining to this program.

TWO BOONE BOYS IN INVASION OF FRENCH BEACHES

Olen R. Goodnight, M/3c, son of Mrs. J. L. Goodnight, and Cecil W. Farthing, S/1c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed G. Farthing, of Boone, spent some time with their parents last week, returning to their ship Sunday night for further duty.

Messrs. Goodnight and Farthing are members of the crew of the same destroyer escort, and of particular interest here is that their vessel was in the midst of the landing operations on the French coast. In line with naval tradition, the young men relate little of their experiences for publication, but seem to be enjoying their part in the big drive toward Berlin, and are going right back into battle. It is presumed that their ship returned for further convoy of supplies to Europe.

FINAL PLANS ARE MADE FOR 4TH OF JULY GATHERING

Parade, Sports Events, Speech of Hon. Frank Patton to Be Feature of Patriotic Celebration; Bond Sale Arranged With Many Prizes

Plans are virtually completed for the patriotic rally and bond sale to be held in Boone on July 4th under the auspices of the American Legion, Lions Club, Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce, and indications are that the program will attract large numbers of people from Watauga and adjoining counties.

The activities of the day will begin with a parade which will form at the Baptist Church, which will include Legionnaires, members of the armed forces, Boy Scouts, Red Cross workers, college and high school band, Merchants Association, Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce. The parade will move through the town to the courthouse lawn where a band concert of patriotic numbers will be rendered. At 11 o'clock Hon. Frank Patton, of Morganton, will deliver the address. Mr. Patton is an outstanding Legionnaire of Western North Carolina, a very able speaker, and is the Republican candidate for Governor of his state.

Following the address there will be offered at auction a large assortment of valuable merchandise, the bids to be in the form of war bond purchases.

At 2 o'clock there will be two or more baseball games on the college field. A number of county players have been secured which will make this feature outstanding.

The committee on arrangements looks forward to having a large number of visitors attend the celebration from a wide area.

Axis Losses Reach 70,000 With Fall of Big Cherbourg Port

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, June 28—British troops striking out quickly on the eastern Normandy front after the fall of Cherbourg, which boosted Axis losses to at least 70,000 men since D-Day, yesterday outflanked the German stronghold of Caen on the road to Paris.

Late front dispatches said the British had reached the Odon River at a point five miles southwest of Caen after cutting the trunk highway and railway linking Caen with Villers-Bocage and Avranches at the base of the Normandy peninsula.

With the last German resistance crushed in Cherbourg, the Allies turned their growing power against the eastern side of the Normandy front where the British, who had been fighting a holding action in that area while the Americans were driving up the Cotentin peninsula, cut loose with their first great offensive of the invasion.

Front dispatches said that the fighting was growing more intense by the hour as guns from battle-ships, cruisers and monitors standing in Seine Bay and hundreds of field artillery pieces blasted paths through the German lines for the tank-land tommies striking out on a great sweep below Caen, 120 miles from Paris.

As the third phase of the Normandy campaign opened on the eastern end of the 1,000-square mile Allied beachhead, it was officially disclosed that the Germans had suffered almost 80,000 casualties thus far. Most of the prisoners taken—the total was soaring near the 40,000 mark last night—were under 21 or over 28, apparently indicating a Nazi shortage of manpower in the best fighting age group.

In Cherbourg, salvage veterans of Pearl Harbor and Naples were starting to repair the great port which in a few days will be in use as the first great Allied supply funnel into Western Europe. The city fell completely into American hands yesterday at 9 a. m. when a group of Germans who had been waging a last-ditch fight in the arsenal on the western side of the city raised the white flag of surrender.

Headquarters announced that at least 20,000 prisoners had been taken in the Cherbourg area.

Half-Year License Tags Now Available

Automobile tags for the last half of the current year will be on sale at the license agency conducted here by W. R. Winkler, after July 1. Beginning then, the tags will be sold at one-half the annual fee, although it is to be understood that auto licenses are on sale at all times at the local agency.

JAPS USING GAS

Chungking—Japanese forces, using mustard gas for the third time in little more than a week, Sunday pierced outer defenses of the vital Hunan railroad junction on Hengyang in their rapid knife-like thrust down Central China, a Chinese war communique announced.

Naval Task Force Battle at Saipan



The biggest naval task force in history battles for the island of Saipan (1) in the Marianas group, and for Saipan's airfields, the importance of this particular spot—some 1,465 miles from Tokyo and 1,470 miles from the Philippines—becomes increasingly evident.

War Bond Sales Reach \$66,000 To Approach One-Half Overall Quota; Sales of 'E' Bonds Are Lagging

To the People of this Community

There are many urgent reasons for buying War Bonds. First, the Government needs money. Bonds pay interest and dividends. Our fighting men must have the best possible equipment and it is up to us to let our money provide this. A second reason is this: There is a shortage of goods now. Later on there will be plenty for civilian desires. Money put into War Bonds now will be available then. Business opportunities will be open then, too, and the "nest egg" saved now may hatch out commercially then. Money put into War Bonds now will be deprived of its current potentiality as a part of the causes of inflation. You will be doing your part toward stabilizing the money situation by buying Bonds instead of dwindling stocks. That is a third reason.

But the best reason for a selfish viewpoint is this: Right now there is no better investment than War Bonds. There is no safer repository for your money. By buying Bonds you become a stockholder in the strongest "money" concern in the world today, the United States of America. THE EDITOR.

Sales of War Bonds in the Fifth War Loan campaign have reached \$66,397.50 in Watauga county, as of Tuesday evening, says Mr. W. D. Farthing, chairman of the War Savings Staff, who points out that this is almost one-half of the overall quota for the county, but that the quota for bonds of "E" series has been less than one-fourth subscribed with sales of \$36,397.50.

DROUTH BRINGS WATER SHORTAGE

Mayor Asks Citizens of Town to Conserve Water; Farmers Look in Vain for Rain

The protracted dry weather is gradually creating a water shortage for Boone, Mayor Gordon H. Winkler said Monday, and he has notified city service stations to refrain from using water for car washing, etc., until the rains come. Householders are asked not to make use of the dwindling supply of water for watering lawns, etc. The mayor states that the water shortage will be critical if no rains fall for another week.

STATE PRIVILEGE LICENSE REQUIRED BY JUNE 30TH

All merchants and professional people, subject to N. C. State Schedule "B" license for the fiscal year 1944-45 are required by law to have proper license on or before June 30. Failure to do so will incur penalty, says F. L. German, deputy collector.

Big Bass Entered In Fish Contest By Local Anglers

The bass fishing contest being conducted by B. W. Stallings, local jeweler, and sportsman, got off to a good start Monday when two big bass were caught, and duly entered at the City Meat Market, where they were the subject of much comment Tuesday.

The larger of the two fish was landed by Dr. R. C. Busted of Boone, and the bass weighed 3 pounds, 12½ ounces. Lee Siont, also of Boone, caught a bass which weighed 2 pounds, 8½ ounces. The fish were 20½ and 18 inches long, respectively, and both were taken from the waters of New River in Ashe county.

WOMAN SAYS SHE STRUCK DECEASED; WINE BOTTLE USED

Mrs. Edna Rhymer Makes Confession to Officers in Regard to Tragic Death of David C. Guy; Mrs. Maggie Hicks Released From Jail

Mrs. Edna Oliver Rhymer, after several hours of questioning last Friday, told Watauga officers and an agent of the State Bureau of Investigation, that she engaged in an altercation with David Crockett Guy Saturday night a week ago, and struck him on the head with a wine bottle, alleging that he had made improper advances toward her, according to State Patrolman C. M. Jones, one of the investigating officers.

The body of Guy, a resident of the Beech Creek section, was found floating in the Watauga River the following Sunday, and a post-mortem examination revealed that he had been struck violent blows on the head with some object before being cast into the water. Medical opinion was that a cut on a wrist could have caused death from bleeding, since there was no skull fracture or concussion.

Patrolman Jones stated that Mrs. Rhymer had said she and Newland Dotson were with Guy's car at the time of the altercation, and retracted a former statement that two men and a woman robbed them and took the deceased man away.

According to the confession, say officers, Dotson was asleep at the time Guy is supposed to have made improper advances on Mrs. Rhymer at a point where the car was stopped near the river, that she struck him with the bottle, that they got out of the car and other facts were struck, and that Guy was left sitting in the road. She stated they looked for him later but could not find him. At this point it is alleged the officers were notified.

Mrs. Guy had previously told officers that her deceased husband carried \$1,000 on his person when he left home the day of his death. The billfold in which the money was carried, was missing from the body.

Dotson and Mrs. Rhymer are still being held in the county jail pending a preliminary hearing. Mrs. Maggie Hicks, a sister of Mrs. Rhymer, was released from jail Friday, following the confession. It is said.

Doe Ridge Church Is Dedicated Sunday

Services dedicating the remodeled Doe Ridge Baptist Church were held Sunday, the pastor, Rev. Ronda Earp, preaching in the forenoon, and Rev. J. C. Canipe of Boone, delivered the dedicatory sermon in the afternoon. Dinner was served on the grounds and chous from the Oak Grove and Mountain Dale churches were present.

Doe Ridge Church was formed in 1894, with an original membership of 21, largely drawn from the Howard's Creek Church. Eight of the charter members are now living. Records show that the late Rev. J. M. Payne was the first pastor. Mr. Elijah Trivett served as the church's first clerk. Rev. Mr. Payne served as pastor for about a year, and then Rev. Edmund Greene was elected. Among others who served the church were Rev. J. F. Davis, Rev. Carlton, Rev. John Crisp, and Rev. William Pennell.

Pfc. Jake Miller Wounded in Battle On French Beachhead

Mrs. Hatie Miller of Boone Route 2, has received word that her son, Pfc. J. H. (Jake) Miller, was wounded in the invasion of France and is now in a hospital in England. The press dispatch of the action in which he was wounded will be of interest.

Montebourg, on the Cherbourg peninsula, was captured by troops of the American Fourth Division after the stiffest fighting these men have yet had.

German dead are estimated at 2,000 and wounded at 1,200. Larry Lesueur, reporter for America's Columbia Broadcasting System, sent this message from the town last night.

After smashing German storm battalions which bicycled over from Cherbourg, leading units of the Fourth Division were held up outside Montebourg for two days. They bombarded the town heavily and called on the navy to destroy the tower of the medieval church which the Germans were using as an observation post.

It was only after knocking the Germans out of the tower that the Americans could advance without coming under direct artillery fire. The Germans counter-attacked repeatedly with a small number of tanks and fought stubbornly in the streets all Monday night. They were mopped up at dawn yesterday.