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"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them."  
—Thomas Jefferson.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2, 1944

**BE SURE TO VOTE**

Next Tuesday the people of America are given the privilege of again choosing the men who will guide the destinies of their national, state and local governments, through the exercise of the free ballot, and certainly there has been no election in history which deserves more serious consideration than this.

Without going into the various arguments for and against particular party slates and individual candidates, the point to be made here is the absolute duty of every qualified voter to go to the polls next Tuesday and register his or her choice, and thus assume his rightful share of governmental obligation. It is questionable whether a person can claim all the elements of the model citizen and refuse to exercise the franchise. Let's all get out and vote, whether the mark is placed in the right or left hand column, let's register our choice. It's a privilege that is not accorded the peoples of most lands, and is one of the freedoms our men are fighting and dying to preserve.

**War Fund Within \$800 of Quota**

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and Mrs. Ed Williams \$5.  
Upper Meat Camp—Mrs. Howard Gragg and Mrs. Wade Clawson, Solicitors

- H. S. Jones \$1, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Greene \$1, Mrs. Alex Tugman \$1, Mrs. Naomi Tugman \$1, Mrs. Sallie Chaven \$50, Mrs. G. F. Phillips \$1, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Greer \$3, Mrs. Walter Davis \$50, Mrs. Chester Jones \$2, Mrs. Wilson Brown \$1, Mrs. C. C. Greene \$1, Mrs. J. A. Idol \$2, Mrs. Raymond Jones \$1, Mrs. W. O. Brown \$1, Mrs. W. S. Christian \$1, John Lanning \$1, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gragg \$5, Wade Clawson \$5, Ralph Hartley \$1, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Tugman \$5, Verne Greene \$1, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Clawson \$1, Mrs. Carl Byers \$1, Mrs. Troy Norris \$1, Mr. and Mrs. John Clawson \$5, Warren Greene \$1, Pantha Greene \$1, Mrs. Ray Ellison \$1, Miss Lola Rowe \$1, Rev. A. E. Metz \$1, J. Bynum Clawson \$2, Mrs. Julian Sharpton \$1.50, Albert Woodring \$1, M. and Mrs. Hubert Norris \$1, Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Clawson \$3, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Greene \$2, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown \$1, Mr. and Mrs. Ronda Carroll \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Greene \$2, Mr. and Mrs. John Greene \$1, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson \$1.

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Rev. R. C. Eggers \$1, Mrs. Mozelle Thomas \$1.

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- W. J. Farthing \$5, Conley Isaacs \$1, Grady E. Tester \$2, Mrs. Wilmetta Norris \$2, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Farthing \$4, Mrs. Alice Bingham \$2, Mrs. Elizabeth Melby \$2, Miss Katherine Sherwood \$2, Miss Verna Ball \$2, Miss Vera Hagaman \$1, Mrs. Simon Shull \$1, Mrs. Ray Swift \$1.

Mark Twain lived at one time near a colored family, and used to stop and chat with them. One day he was met by the news that twins had come. He said to the mother: "This little one is a girl, I suppose?" "Yes." "And the other one—is it of the contrary sex?" asked Twain. "Yes," replied the mother, "dat's a girl, too."

The improved outlook for tobacco exports and the continued high level of domestic consumption puts tobacco in a favorable position for the next year or two.

**From Our Files**

**ITEMS FROM THE DEMOCRAT OF OCTOBER 26, 1905**

For some reason that is unknown to us, William Edmisten has resigned his position as postmaster at Blowing Rock, and aspirants for the job are many.

The deer hunters have returned from Mitchell county, but neither hoof nor horn did they bring; some nice venison they had, however, and remarked that meat of that kind was "high as a tree in Mitchell."

Two wagons going in opposite directions met near this office yesterday, and the driver in the one going west remarked: "This makes 99 wagons I have met between here and Lenoir." These wagons, we suppose, were all loaded with mountain produce.

It has so turned out that the school election in Boone district will have to be postponed until a later day owing to the fact that a later registration is required in an election of this kind, and our people, as a rule, were not aware of this fact, until the registration books were closed.

Thomas Triplett of Lenoir, got on a "whiz" last Monday, went to one of the livery stables in that town, and mistaking a bottle of horse lotion of some kind for whiskey, drank it and died soon afterwards. Mr. Triplett was a brick mason, worked on the courthouse in Boone from start to finish, and will be remembered by many of our people.

On last Thursday, Mr. Christian Moretz died a this home at Moretz, at the age of 75 years. His last testimony was that he was going to rest. The burial services were conducted and the will read at the residence on Friday evening by Rev. W. T. Albright. As the coffin did not arrive in time Friday, the body was laid to rest in the family graveyard Saturday with Masonic honors.

**NOVEMBER 2, 1905**

The Sanduska Turnpike is nearing completion, and a pretty road it is.

Moses H. Cone, of Blowing Rock, spent a short while in town Monday evening.

Dr. E. M. Madron has been in town this week, and executed some beautiful dental work while here.

Mrs. N. A. Jurney, after a visit of three weeks to her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Rivers, left on Friday last for her home in Ohio, Iredell county. She was accompanied as far as Statesville by her nephew, Capt. E. F. Lovill.

Miss Mattie Blackburn returned last week from a visit to the Middle West, and reports a most pleasant trip. While at Seymour, Mo., she was present at the marriage of her cousin, Miss Ada Greene, to Mr. Samuel E. Trimble, both of that city, which occurred on the 18th ult.

Miss Mattie was accompanied on her return by Master Tom, son of Mr. Wiley Blackburn, who has been with his aunt, Mrs. J. R. Green, at Semour for the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moses, proprietors of the Jackson Hotel at Sumter, S. C., have been in the county looking up help for their hotel. From the number who left with them yesterday from the Bamboo section, they must have succeeded well. Following is the list: Florence, Roby and Venor Lay; Lloyd and Maggie Cottrell; Eva Kirley, Tyre and Claude Elrod, Nila, Iola and Lena Cook, and Dora Critcher. We hope the young people may succeed well.

**TWO THANKSGIVINGS**

Because there are five Thursdays in November this year, there will once more be considerable confusion over what day is Thanksgiving day. This year, although there are now laws to guide the setting of the date for that annual event, the laws appear to be conflicting.

From information gathered so far 40 states will celebrate Thanksgiving on November 23, the fourth Thursday of the month. This will be in accordance with a federal law, passed in 1941, which requires the President to proclaim the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving. But a number of states have conflicting laws which instruct their governor to proclaim the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving.

The eight states which plan to celebrate Thanksgiving on the last Thursday are: Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Nebraska, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

**Church News**

**FIRST BAPTIST**

Rev. J. C. Canipe, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a. m.; worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Training Union 6:15; Bible study Wednesday 7:30.

**LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD**

Grace Lutheran Brotherhood met last Wednesday evening in the parsonage. The topic, "Onward Christian Soldiers" was ably discussed by various members. It was resolved that from the challenge of the topic that each member should become more alert and active in "personal evangelism," realizing that the Kingdom of Heaven advances as "one tells another" of God's love for a sinful world.

There were 12 present. It was voted to hold the November meeting in the parsonage.

**PASTORS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE**

The regular monthly meeting of Baptist pastors and deacons will be held at the Boone Baptist Church on the first Monday in October, at 2 p. m. The program is as follows:

- "Pentecost and the Kingdom," by Leavitt, R.
- H. E. Nash.
- "The Habit of the Early Church," by W. D. Ashley.
- "Baptismal Regeneration" by Rev. Ben Lee Rav.

**Local Political Parties On Last Lap of Race**

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the ticket, which is printed below:  
For United States Senator: Clyde R. Hoey, D; A. I. Ferree, R.  
For Governor: R. Gregg Cherry, D; Frank C. Patton, R.  
For Lieutenant Governor: L. Y. Ballentine, D; George L. Greene, R.  
For Secretary of State: Thad Eure, D; W. H. Gragg, R.  
For State Auditor: George Ross Pott, D; J. M. Van Hoy, R.  
For State Treasurer: Charles M. Johnson, D; S. B. Roberts, R.  
For Supt. of Public Instruction: Clyde A. Erwin, D; B. Carl Fussell, R.  
For Commissioner of Agriculture: W. Kerr Scott, D; Clarence T. Allen, R.  
For Commissioner of Insurance: William P. Hodges, D; Halsey B.

Amendments  
Five constitutional amendments which are to be voted on are explained in another story in this issue. No interest has been shown in these proposals by either party in Watauga, and the vote will likely be negligible.

**Ninth ANNUAL AUCTION**  
100 Choice REGISTERED HEREFORDS  
70 Heifers (7 to 18 Months) 30 Bulls  
TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA  
Saturday, November 11th  
Modern Type, the Blocky, Deep Mellow kind with Dependable Background, Blood of National Champions.  
TAZEWELL HEREFORD BREEDERS  
D. W. LYNCH, Secretary, Tazewell, Va.  
(WRITE FOR CATALOGUE)

**FIRE SALE**

A close-out sale of the merchandise on the second floor of our store, which was damaged by fire, smoke and water in Sunday's fire, will begin...

**Thursday at 9 O'clock**

All this merchandise will be sold at a drastic reduction, and our loss is your gain. Never will you have such an opportunity to save as now.

OUR FIRST FLOOR WILL ALSO BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL

THURSDAY MORNING.

**HUNT'S DEPARTMENT STORE**



FINE DIAMONDS  
B. W. STALLINGS  
BOONE, N. C.