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ENGINEERSRESUME SURVEY BLOWING ROCK HIGHWAY

Complete Plans For Post-War Building Program To Be Made By State Righway Commission. Says Division Engineer

Lenoir, Nov. 14—Resumption of survey work on the Blowing Rock highway has been stated, according to an amouncement Monday by Zeb Stewart, division engineer of the State Highway Department.

An engineering party headed by Guy L. Dillard is taking up the survey work at a point where the previous survey was compicted and will continue the survey of the remaining distance to Blowing Rock. The previous survey with all ne-

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The previous survey with all necessary plans for letting of contract, was completed for a distance of about three miles from the end of the present new road or to a point near Dr. Hedrick's cabin on the Blowing Rock highway. The war intervened, however, and the contract was held up for the duration.

The present survey which will cover the remaining distance to Blowing Rock is being made so that the preliminary details will have been worked out and plans made for letting of contract for work to start as soon as the project is approved after the war.

V. D. Guire, highway commissioner, who has given close attention to the Blowing Rock highway, said Monday that completion of the road from the end of the present improved road will be among the first projects to be worked on at the conclusion of the war.

The survey and plans for the last lap on which the engineers are now

DEWEY LEADS IN

Unsuccessful Presidential Candidate Hos Large Local Majority Over F.D.R.

Italy, according to a letter just received by his mother.

Sgt. Harrison was injered in the shoulder and knee but information did not state whether the wounds were the results of gunfine, shrapnel, or were inflicted through other means. At any rate the young man means. At any rate the young man leading to be a leadin

Wounded



Cpl. Councill J. Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Norris of Boone Route 2, who was wounded in sction on Oct. 14 in the fighting in Italy. The message to the parents stared that they would be advised as reports of his condition are received. are received.

COMMERCE GROUP HOLDS MEETING

Problems Discussed Dealing With Post-war Development of City

The Chamber of Commerce meet-

The water committee reported talks with the city administration regarding the water shortage, with some promise of a solution. Opinion was that some solution must be found to the water shortage, as future development of the town must depend on an adequate water supply

ply.
The housing committee made a report, indicating confidence that a solution of this problem could be

found.

The gathering favored a new valuation of all property in Watauga county for taxation, thus enabling a reduction in the tax rate, and offering further inducements to people from other sections to invest here.

Sgt. Bynum Harrison

Recovering From Hurts

Sgt. Bynum Harrison, son of Mrs.
J. O. Harrison of Blowing Rock who was wounded in action in Italy Oct. 13, is recovering in a hospital in Italy, according to a letter just received by his mother.

Sgt. Harrison was injured in the service. Pfc. Mast, who was 25 years old, and unmarried, entered the army in September. 1941, and was never home again. He was trained at Fort Bragg, Camp Wolters, Texas, and in California, before going to the Pacific perhaps two months prior to his death. He was in the Hiawiian Islands when the Saipan attack was launched, and asked to be in the engagement.

WATAUGANS CAST RECORD VOTE IN NOV. ELECTION

About Eight Hundred More Votes Cast in Election of Last Week Than Was the Case in 1942; First Senator Elected by G.O.P. Since 1920

Watauga county turned out perhaps the largest vote in history last week, when the Republican party wen every contested county office, elected a senator from the 29th district, and went preponderandy for G.O.P state and national nominees.

This significantly large Republican This significantly large Republican majority marked the first time since 1924 for the Republicans to make a clean sweep of the county, although in 1942, they elected every candidate except Representative Tom Jackson, who nosed out his opponent by only 25 votes. This year only Register of Deeds Helen Underdown is a local Democrat office holder, having had no Republican opposition.

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Taking the figures cast for rep-resentative, it is found that the to-tal vote in 1942 was 6,461, as against 7,268 this year, a gain of 807 votes. S. C. Eggers won this year over Gordon Winkler by 260 votes. In the race for surveyor, for instance, the Republican candidate, fredeli-Burgarner defeated Ernest Bolick, Democrat, by 388 votes, further in-dicating the current Republican trend.

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The survey and plans for the last lap on which the engineers are now working, will be ready in time to let contract before the second lap for which plans are ready, is completed, he said.

The survey and plans for the last many matters of city and county concern were taken up for discussion. The dinner was served by the cradic roll workers of the Baptist church.

The water computes GOP Takes Senate Seat

tradition in this district of 24 years' standing.

In checking up on the old records for this senatorial district, it is interesting to note that Hon. R. L. Doughton was elected in 1902 R. K. Tinney in 1910, E. S. Coffey, Watauga, 1912, R. L. Ballon, Ashe, 1914, Eugene Transon, Alleghany, 1916; E. F. Levill, Watauga, 1918; Dr. W. J. Rebinson, Ashe, Republican, 1920; Allen Jones, Alleghany, 1922; John E. Brown, Watauga, 1924; P. T. Me. Neil, Ashe, 1926; C. W. Higgins, Alleghany, 1926; W. H. Lovill, Watauga, 1930; P. T. McNeil, Ashe, 1932; Dalton, Warren, Alleghany, 1924; R. T. Greer, Watauga, 185; W. B. Austin, Ashe, 1938; Eugene Transon, Alleghany, 1940; H. G. Farthing, Watauga, 1942.

and Mrs. John Wilson of Meat Camp township, has been missing in action in the fighting in Ger-many since October 28, according to a message received Friday by

his parents.

Pfc. Wilson had informed his parents some time ago that he was in Germany. He was a machine gunner in an infantry di-

Wounded in Actio



Word has been received by Mr. Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Miller. Sr., of Zionville, that their son, Pvt. Max L. Miller, was wounded in France on Oct. 8. Pvt. Miller has been in service since February, 1943, and has been overseas for the past four months. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

DOUGHTON LEADS BY 14,000 VOTES

Congressman Gets Six of Nine Counties in District With \$8.7% of Vote Cast

Congressmen Robert L. Doughton was re-elected to his minth district seat by a majority of 14,197, complete figures from the nine counties of the district reveal. He carried six counties, while his Republican opponent, E. C. McCail, of Lenoir, led in three—Wathuga, Alexander and Stanley. McCail get 41.2% of the vote, while Doughton received 58.7%. Congressman Robert L. Doughton

The vote by counties is as fol-

| County | Dough- | McCall | ä |
|----------|---------|--------|---|
| | ton, D. | R | £ |
| | 2,315 | 2,895 | |
| | 1,973 | 1,250 | |
| Ashe | 4.478 | 4,436 | |
| Cabarros | 9.126 | 3,678 | |
| Callwell | 5,214 | 4,400 | |
| Iredell | | 4,172 | |
| Rowan | 10.010 | 5.225 | S |
| | 2.768 | 3,721 | |
| Watnuga | 3,399 | 3,851 | |
| Total | 47,815 | 33,618 | |
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Gevernor Thomas E. Drucy of New York, who hast week was destracted in an electoral college lands of the President Festikin at an electoral college lands of the President Festikin at the tax rate and offer-rate with the local and national states. The offering fewers of the state cases of unnormal. The offering fewers of the state cases of unnormal. The offering fewers of the state cases of unnormal. The offering fewers of the state cases of unnormal to the state cases of unnormal states. The offering fewers of the state of the county of the state of the control of the control

Mr. Moody is survived by two attention of more than 1,500 delesons and two daughters: Coy D. gates to the North Corolina State Moody, Cleveland, Ohio: Sgt. Hardy Moody, who is in a Texas army will be a vote Wednesday afternoon camp. Mrs. James Horton, Des on the controversial proposal to more Moines, Ia., and Mrs. William D. Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio. There is cone sister, Mrs. Roby Greer of Elk versity.

Park

Mr. Moody was reared in Watauga ence of opinion within the denomination and had spent most of his nation and the prospect of a decision by today's vote was expected to Cove Creek Baptist Church, was a deeply religious man, and a splendid, upright citizen. The news of his death was received with sorrow by his many friends throughout this.

STORES OF CITY by his many friends throughout this

Tommy Osborne House Is Damaged by Fire

The stone house in Daniel Boone Park, occupied by Mr and Mrs. Tomany Osborne, and owned by Miss Marguerite Miller, was severely damaged in an afternoon fire Saturday, the structure day, the structure having been damaged an estimated \$1,000 by the flame and water. No one had been in the house

since 7 a. m. and it is not known how the fire started. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne lost practically all their personal effects, including clothing, bedroom furniture, etc., but there is no estimate on their loss. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne had no insurance, it is

Red Cross Accepts Messages for Internees

The Watauga Red Cross chapter states that it will now accept messages for delivery to any prisoner of war or United States civilian internee in the Philippines. While delivery cannot be guaranteed in every case, this is the first time the Red Cross has been able to contact those left in the Philippines.

Sixth War Loan Drive To Start Here Monday

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

Whereas the United States of America has been in an all-out, global war with the outlaw and aggressor nations of Germany and Japan for almost three years; and

Japan for almost three years; and
Whereas a war of such magnitude which is being fought around
the world necessitates that we
have forces on every continent
and in every ocean; and
Whereas a modern war of this
scope requires almost unlimited
amounts of equipment of all kinds,
supplies and materials which
must be delivered to these forces
scattered throughout the world;
and

Whereas large sums of money Whereas large sums of money

Whereas large sums of money are required to purchase all this necessary materials of war; and Whereas the Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr. has announced that the Sixth War Loan drive will run from Nov. 20th to Dec. 16th, 1944, to raise \$14,000,000,000 and has called on the 5,000,000 tetail employees in the United States to form the Third Army for the sale of these honds; now therefore.

I Gorden H. Winkler, mayor of Boone, N. C., do hereby designate Monday, Nov. 20, at 8:30 a, m. as the time and the Appalachian Theatre as the place for the store owners, managers and employees of the city of Boone to meet to organize the Boone unit of this Third Army and I further call upon all places of business of Boone to close from 8:30 to 10:15 on Monday, Nov. 20, and that each of them altend this organization on Monday, Nov. 20, and that each of them altend this organization meeting.

Done in the city hall in Boons, N. C., this the 15th day of Novem-

GORDON H. WINKLER, Mayor.

WAR FUND DRIVE REACHES QUOTA

54,500 Collected in War Campaign

WILL CLOSE FOR THANKSGIVING

Pursuant to old custom the stores and most other business places of the city will close Thursday, Nov. 23, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Drug stores, cafes and some service will remain open as usual, it is

The bank, postoffice, city and county offices will close for the

Patrons of business establishments are asked to anticipate their needs, and attend to their business in town prior to Thanksgiving so that the minimum of inconvenience may result from the general closing.

As is often the case, considerable display advertising was omit-ted from The Democrat this week, in an effort to take care of the news situation and to co-op erate in the saving of newspaper and labor. Contributions without news value or general public interest are usually omitted, to make room for information of concern to large groups of citizens of the fown and county.

Mayor Asks That Store Owners, Managers and Employees of the City Meet at Theatre Next Monday to Start Sixth War Loan; Other Information as to Financing Campaign in Watauga County

The Sixth Wer Loan campaign of Watauga county will get under way next Monday morning, when War Drive Chairman Clyde R. Greene and Mayor Gordon H. Winkler insist that all business men and their employees of the city meet at the Appalachian Theatre at 8.30 a, m., to organize the Boone unit of the THIRD ARMY All places of busness are asked to close from 8:20 to 10:15 and all the people employed attend.

Mr. L. H. Crowell, chairman of the retail bord sale effort, explains that a program is being arranged for the meeting, and that at this time pledge cards will be given out, and each attendant promises to sell \$300 in bonds. Under the plan the first army is composed of the men in action, the second army those in war factories, and the third army the war bond salesmen. Army insignia will be distributed and solicitors will be given anything from a private to a four-star general's insignia, depending upon the amount of his or her bond sales.

Chairman Greene is organizing an

Chairman Greene is organizing an intensive campaign throughout the county in an effort to raise the local quota of \$117,000 as quickly as pos-

The Rural Campaign
Mr. H. M. Hamilton, Jr., has been placed in charge of the rural areas of the county, and is establishing an organization in each neighborhood, the personnel of which will be published next week.

ished next week.

Schools Participate

Dr. D. J. Whitener is chairman for the county-wide school system, and has supplied the principals of each school with complete rules of a contest which has been arranged.

Under the plan \$5 in war stamps will be given to the student in each school seiling the largest amount fin cash value of war bonds E series, during the period Nov. 20 to Dec. 16. \$5 in stamps will also be given to the student in each school seiling the period Nov. 20 to Dec. 16. \$5 in stamps will also be given to the student in each school seiling bonds to the greatest number of people. A grama prize of a \$25 pond will be given the student in the county selling the most bonds (in value) and \$25 to the student spring bonds to the greatest number of individuals.

The following schools will not

Each housewife to buy a

bond from "pin money." Mrs. Con-nie Cook, chairman.

4. Mrs. Mae Miller will be in charge of bond booths at the bank

and other public places.

Chairman Greene points out that

Chairman Greene points out that the war is going into its most de-cisive phases, that the conflict is far from finished, and insists that the folks on the home front buy bends to the point of sacrifice, to back up the men who are winning our battle for liberty and justice.

Memorial Service to Be Held Sunday For Pvt. Michael of Valle Crucis

Memorial services are to be held the Holy Cross Church, Valle at the Holy Cross Church, Valle Crucis, Sunday, Nov. 19 4 o'clock, for Pvt. James Linville Michael, of that section, who was killed in action in France on Sept. 15.

tion in France on Sept. 15.

Pyt. Michael entered the service at Fort George G. Meade, Md., on Feb. 6, 1943, and later was transferred to Camp Croft, S. C. After receiving his final training at Greenville, Pa., he left for overseas duty on June 25, 1943. He was in the invasion of Italy and remained in Italy until the latter part of July, 1944. He arrived in France sometime in August. 1944, and was killed in action Sept. 15, 1944.

He is survived by his parents, Mr.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Michael; a sister, Miss Edith Taylor, and a brother, Frederick Michael, all of Valle Crucis.

VALUABLE PIPES

The D. & P. Pipe Works has placed on display at Boone Drug Co. three pipes made by the famous Marxman Co., of New York, from Watsings county wood, and which are masterpieces of the pipe maker's art. Such pipes, it is said, would retail for around \$25 each.

Official Vote of Watauga County in the Nov. 7 Election

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| Precinct | W. C. Thomas, | E. M. Thomas, R. | Winkler, D | Eggers, R | Reg. Deeds Underdown, D | Bolick, D | Bumgarner, R | Greene, D | Bradley, D | Barnett, D | Winkler, R | Aldrich, R | Miller, R |
| Boone | 666 | 247 | 686 | 239 | 697 | 668 | 251 | 666 | 660 | 672 | 263 | 2441 | 259 |
| Bald Mountain | 85 | 98 | 88 | 93 | 87 | 87 | 85 | 87 | 84 | 82 | 95 | 95 | 102 |
| Beaver Dam | | 173 | 312 | 180 | 322 | 311 | 176 | 316 | 315 | 314 | 174 | 173 | 173 |
| Blue Ridge | 42 | 269 | 45 | 266 | 43 | 42 | 269 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 269 | 269 | 269 |
| Brushy Fork | 285 | 166 | 289 | 164 | 292 | 285 | 166 | 288 | 289 | 2911 | 169 | 165 | 166 |
| Blowing Rock | 215 | 243 | 223 | 241 | 230 | 218 | 241 | 218 | 216 | 216 | 245 | 241 | 244 |
| Cove Creek | 400 | 478 | 398 | 479 | 404 | 392 | 482 | 396 | 400 | 403 | 480 | 475 | 476 |
| Eik | 17 | 141 | 19 | 141 | 17 | 17 | 141 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 141 | 141 | 141 |
| Laurel Creek | 286 | 261 | 286 | 263 | 289 | 286 | 260 | 288 | 289 | 287 | 260 | 259 | 261 |
| Meat Camp 1 | 283 | 239 | 288 | 237 | 289 | 284 | 236 | 289 | 287 | 288 | 232 | 231 | 241 |
| New River | 333 | 305 | 353 | 289 | 341 | 330 | 305 | 327 | 333 | 336 | 305 | 308 | 306 |
| North Fork | 19 | 103 | 15 | 106 | 14 | 14) | 107 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 107 | 107 | 107 |
| Shawneehaw | 77 | 197 | 81 | 178 | 81 | 71 | 179 | 78 | 80 | 79 | 177 | 179 | 177 |
| Stony Fork | 143 | 404 | 152 | 404 | 150 | 145 | 400 | 149 | 137 | 149 | 433 | 436 | 415 |
| Watauga | 233 | 440 | 230 | 438 | 236 | 230 | 433 | 231 | 235 | 237 | 433 | 436 | 438 |
| Meat Camp 2 | 37 | 47 | 39 | 46 | 39 | 37 | 41 | 38 | 38 | 41 | 46 | 47 | 44 |