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WINKLER AGAIN NAMED CHAIRMAN BY DEMOCRATS

Representative Group of Democrats Attend County Convention Saturday, Perfecting County Organization; Many to Attend State Convention Today

W. Ralph Winkler, Boone business man, was again chosen chairman of the Watauga county Democratic executive committee last Saturday afternoon, at a meeting of the committee held immediately following the county convention. M. W. Beach was likewise chosen secretary of the committee for the ensuing two-year term. Mrs. Dare Strother was named vice-chairman.

The convention was attended by a representative group of Democratic partisans from the different sections of the county, delegates being present from 11 of the 16 voting precincts.

In the absence of Chairman W. R. Winkler, who had been called to Winston-Salem by State Chairman Umstead, Dr. H. B. Perry called the meeting to order, and Wade E. Brown served as chairman. Secretary M. W. Beach aided in holding the convention.

The convention decreed that all Watauga county Democrats who would go to Raleigh Thursday of this week to the state convention, would be seated as delegates, and cast their proportionate share of the organization's 23 votes. Indications were that a considerable number would go to Raleigh to participate in the proceedings, and to hear the keynote address by Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of this district. The convention starts at 12 noon, following district meetings to be held in various assembly halls in the capital city at 10 o'clock.

Plot To Murder General MacArthur Is Discovered

American counter intelligence officers Tuesday hunted through all of Japan for the thin-lipped Jap leader of a plot to assassinate General Douglas MacArthur with pistols and hand grenades during Wednesday's gigantic May Day Communist celebrations.

They expected to seize the leader Hideo Takayama, a former member of the Japanese overseas police force within 48 hours. If their agents do not turn him up before today, they will release an informer Takayama tried to kill with poison and let him circulate among May Day crowds. Closely followed by counter intelligence agents, he will try to find Takayama.

The plot, as intelligence men got it from their informer, a member of the plot, was this: Takayama and his fellow conspirators would shoot MacArthur and throw grenades into his automobile while the supreme allied commander was en route from his headquarters to his home in the United States embassy. Then they would disappear into the confusion of the May Day crowds.

Takayama had collected about 104,000 yen (about \$7,000) to finance the killing.

Band-Glee Club Concert To Be Presented May 2

The Appalachian High School Band and Glee Club, under the direction of Gordon Nash and O. M. Hartsell, will present one of the feature programs of the school year on Thursday night, May 2, at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The Glee Club and voice students will sing songs of the United Nations and will be dressed in the costume of the country they represent. Joann Hardin and Johnny Hodges, first grade pupils, will act as pages and show the flag of each United Nation. A prize will be awarded for the best vocal solo and will be judged and presented to the winner by Miss Virginia Wary, director of the department of music, Appalachian College.

The band program will consist of American music only, featuring popular and classical music of American composers.

There will be no admission fee, and the public is cordially invited.

Charred Bones of Hitler May Be Held By Russia

The Russian army has in its possession the charred bones of Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun, his mistress-wife, since a few days after they killed themselves in the bunker of the Berlin reichschancellery a year ago, a British intelligence officer said Tuesday.

Circumstantial evidence collected by the British and others seemed to leave little doubt of the truth of the Nazi assertion of their deaths, broadcast May 1, 1945. British intelligence officers were shown bones which Russian soldiers said were those of Hitler and Eva. The Russians said positive identification was made by one Frau Heusermann, assistant to Hitler's dentist, and by one Eichmann, the dentist's mechanic.

Chief Justice Dies



Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone of the U. S. Supreme Court, who died in his home at Washington of a cerebral hemorrhage recently. He had just finished reading a dissenting opinion when the attack occurred. The 73-year-old jurist was appointed chief justice in 1941, following 16 years as an associate justice. He received his original appointment by President Coolidge and was elevated to the chief justice position by President Roosevelt.

MILLARD GREER IS GIVEN LIFE TERM

Desperado Who Kidnaped North Wilkesboro Taxi Operator Sentenced in W. Va.

Millard Greer, desperado alleged to have committed highway robbery, kidnapping and other crimes in North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, was sentenced to life in the West Virginia penitentiary at court in Welch, W. Va., last week.

Greer, a native of the Deep Gap community, was charged with the kidnapping and robbery of money and automobile from Clayton (Bozo) Davis, North Wilkesboro taxi operator, a few months ago, for the same crime in connection with the abduction of a taxi operator at Kingsport, Tenn., for an abduction and robbery at Lenoir, and for crimes in West Virginia. He was convicted under the habitual criminal act of West Virginia, which calls for life imprisonment. His brother, Estel Greer, was sentenced from one to ten years.

With Millard Greer when he took Davis' car and money and tied him to a tree in Ashe county were Frances Greer Watkins, his sister, and Alfred Bradley, who were arrested in Boone that night when Millard Greer eluded the officers. The woman and Bradley drew long terms in Ashe county court recently.

Millard Greer was later arrested in North Wilkesboro by police and was taken to Lenoir to face charges. There he escaped jail and was alleged to have committed a series of crimes prior to his capture several days later in Welch, W. Va.

Reports from Welch last week stated that Greer had tried twice to escape from jail since we was captured after an exchange of shots with Welch police.

U. S. LAUNCHES DRIVE AGAINST TAX EVADERS

Washington, April 29—Attorney General Tom Clark announced today that the justice department has started a "vigorous crack down" on income tax evaders alleged to have made high profits from black markets and otherwise.

"Experts from the department's tax division are being sent out to each United States attorney's office to insure vigorous prosecution of income tax evaders," Clark told reporters.

"Tax evasion," he added, "is a big problem now because of black market activities. Many individuals are afraid to report their correct income because they know they would be prosecuted for black market activities. We're going after these fellows."

ON WEST COAST



Pvt. Raleigh D. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Wilson, of Reece, entered the army Aug. 15, 1945. He received his training at Camp Crowder, Mo., and is now stationed at Oakland, Calif., and expects to go overseas soon.

ELLISON DRAWS 7 TO 12 YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

North Fork Man Found Guilty Second Degree Murder in Slaying of Howard Hockaday; Three Given Heavy Sentences in Assault Case

Sam Ellison, of North Fork township, was found guilty of second degree murder in Watauga Superior court last week, and was sentenced by Judge Don Phillips to serve a term of no less than 7 nor more than 12 years in the state penitentiary for the slaying of a neighbor, Howard Hockaday, last October. Ellison immediately filed notice of appeal to the Supreme court and the appeal bond was set at \$7,000.

The state based its principal contention on the evidence tending to show that Hockaday was shot three times, and that two of the shots took effect in the back of the slain man. The defense insisted that Hockaday had approached Ellison with rifle in hand for the purpose of taking his life, and that the defendant had fired in self-defense.

Assault Cases Heard

Willie Phillips was sentenced to 6 to 8 years in the state prison on charges of assault with intent to commit rape. Spencer Phillips and Herbert Tucker, indicted jointly on the same charge, were tried, their sentences being: Spencer Phillips, 8 to 12 years; Tucker, 5 to 8 years.

Charles Adams, of Caldwell county, indicted for driving drunk, was fined \$50 and the costs, while Roy Roger Wilson was given \$25 and the costs on a charge of reckless driving.

Court was adjourned Tuesday afternoon, following the trial of a number of civil actions, including several divorce cases.

An action for a permanent injunction against the operation of the Bark Blowing Rock establishment, was brought before the court Tuesday, and Judge Phillips denied the motion of the state, which sought to prevent the reopening of the establishment.

CLEANUP EFFORT IN LAST WEEK

Mayor Says Business Places Not Co-operating Properly in Cleanup Campaign

Residential property owners in the city have responded well to the appeal of Mayor Gordon H. Winkler to clean up their places, and the official takes occasion to thank the citizens for their splendid co-operation during the cleanup campaign.

However, Mayor Winkler states that business people of the town have fallen behind in cleaning up about their establishments, and wants to insist that these places be cleaned up and put in good shape during the remaining week of the campaign.

May Day Festivities At College Saturday

The annual May Day exercises at Appalachian State Teachers College will be held at the football stadium, Saturday afternoon, May 4th, at 4 o'clock.

Following the coronation of the May Queen, a program prepared for her entertainment and for that of her court will be presented by members of the student body. The theme for the program is "Fun Through the Year."

Butcher Shops to Post New Retail Meat Prices

OPA Chief Paul Porter announced Tuesday night that beginning on May 1 butcher shops would post new retail meat price lists to help stores and housewives "in fighting off the black market."

Porter said these lists would show recently increased retail prices for every grade and cut of meat. "If the consumer will help to get compliance with ceiling prices at the retail level," he said, "he will help keep prices stable at all levels of distribution—all the way back to the livestock producer himself."

Spare Sugar Stamp 49 Good For Sugar Today

A new sugar stamp, spare stamp 49 in the family ration book, became valid today—Wednesday. It is good for five pounds.

The new coupon, OPA has announced, will expire August 31.

GREAT SPENDING SPREE IS UNDER WAY, REPORT SAYS

Washington, April 29—Consumers were spending at a record annual rate of \$120,000,000,000 for goods and services during the first three months of this year, the commerce department reported today.

The rate of expenditures, on an annual basis, represented an increase of \$20,000,000,000 over the second quarter of 1945.

The department said price rises were responsible for part of the increase. Another factor was demobilization.

CHILDREN'S HOUR IN BERLIN



With the coming of warm weather, one hardship is temporarily ended in battered Berlin. People need not worry about heating for the next few months. The German children, too, welcome the coming of spring, for now they can play in the sun, as these children are doing in a badly bombed area of the city.

S. E. CLINE VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK

Superintendent of Local Hosiery Mill Died Suddenly Monday Afternoon

Solom E. Cline, 51 years old, for the past two years superintendent of the Baker-Mebane Hosiery Mill of this city, died at his home in the Rivers Apartments Monday afternoon from a sudden illness. A heart attack was given as the cause of his demise. Mr. Cline had just returned from work when stricken, and was dead by the time a physician arrived, only a few minutes after the attack.

The body was taken to Mr. Cline's former home in Hickory where funeral services will be conducted, but plans are not completed, pending word from relatives at distant points.

Born in Catawba county, Mr. Cline was a son of E. Pat Cline and Mrs. Cline, and had been in the hosiery mill business for 33 years. Prior to moving to Boone he had been engaged as plant superintendent for the Shuford Mills of Hickory. He had managed the local mill since it was started, and in recognition of his success here, had received a cash bonus from the corporation the day prior to his death. During his residence here he had made many friends.

The widow survives, together with a son and a daughter, W. E. Cline, of Spruce Pine, and Mrs. Harold Shuping, of Morganton. The following step-children survive: Ralph, James, Russell, Ambrose and Betty Collins, of Hickory, and Mrs. H. L. Burns, of Morehead City. There are two brothers, J. Lee Cline, Vancouver, Wash.; Thilmer Cline, of Hildebran, and the following sisters: Mrs. M. C. Austin, Granite Falls; Mrs. Lola McDaniel, Connelly Springs; Mrs. Rose Moore, Hickory; Mrs. Garman Powell, Valdese, and Mrs. Margaret Phelps, Hickory. The mother, Mrs. E. P. Cline, also survives, together with eight grandchildren.

WATAUGA COUNTY LIBRARY

National Boys' and Girls' Week marks its 26th annual observance this year from April 27 to May 4.

Build for tomorrow with the youth of today! Your public library has books on hobbies, occupational guidance, health, scientific research and recreational subjects.

Plan to visit your library.

The largest county in Texas is Brewster, with an area of 6,208 square miles—six times the area of Rhode Island.

With Local Bank



Miss Margaret Hughes, who has accepted a position with the Northwestern Bank. She is a graduate of Norfolk Business College, Norfolk, Va., and held a position with the army transportation command during the war. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hughes, who now reside in Boone.

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STANLEY LOVE HELD IN DEATH OF CHAS. POTTER

Meat Camp Man Dies Monday Afternoon as Result of Blows on Head, Allegedly Inflicted By Love; No Hearing Arranged

Stanley Love, 20 years old, is being held in the county jail in connection with the death of Charles Potter, 30, of Meat Camp township, who died en route to the local hospital late Monday afternoon of head injuries, which State Highway Patrolman C. M. Jones said his investigation indicated, were sustained in a fight in the western limits of the city, a few minutes earlier.

Love was placed in jail immediately after the alleged affray, but no formal charge had been booked or no date for a hearing established, it is indicated.

Dr. J. B. Hagaman conducted a post mortem examination of Potter's body and deduced that he came to his death "as a result of an intracranial hemorrhage, due to a blow with some blunt instrument." It was indicated that the dead man was struck a number of times about the head, but the weapon used has not been determined.

Funeral services for Potter, who was a wounded veteran of the late war, are to be held this (Wednesday) afternoon from the Meat Camp Baptist Church, and interment will be in that neighborhood.

The widow survives.

PARKWAY OPENED FOR TRAVEL NOW

The Blue Ridge Parkway was officially opened to travel last week, including the Bluffs and Cumberland Knob, recreational areas. At the Bluffs there are available for visitors picnic areas, campgrounds for overnight camping, and an area for those travelers in trailers. At each of these units are dutch ovens for cooking, tables, water, and comfort stations. All accommodations are inspected by the Health Department and the water supply is periodically examined by the State Health Department.

Of the proposed 500 miles of the Parkway, 140 miles are finished for travel and surface between a point near Roanoke, Va., and Deep Gap, N. C. Also completed is a 25-mile stretch between Grandfather Mt. and Little Switzerland. Beyond this point the Parkway is open to travel to a point near Mount Mitchell. This part of the motor road is stone, and safe for travel. Recreational facilities are available also at Rock Knob and Smart View areas in Virginia. Rocky Knob is about 45 miles south of Roanoke.

Visitors are urged to be careful with fire at this time of the year, by extinguishing their campfires in the recreational areas, by using ash trays in their cars rather than tossing the match or burning tobacco from cars.

Two Auction Land Sales Here Next Week

Messrs Z. A. Robertson & Co., Johnson City, Tenn., are advertising two auction sales of valuable real estate to be held in the county next week.

On Monday, May 6, the Joe Ward farm, the property of Ira and Jack Edmisten, located near Vilas, will be offered. The farm has been divided into tracts of from one to 20 acres.

On Wednesday, May 8, the Fred Winkler property, known as the Jeff Stanbury place, located near Boone, will be sold. There are 50 residential lots and ten small tracts.

Much interest is being shown in these offerings of local real estate, and a number of people are expected to place their bids when the auctions start.

LOCAL TRIO TO APPEAR ON JOHNSON CITY R'DIO

The Oak Grove trio, composed of Misses Marlene Hodges, Alma Hodges and Kathleen Berry, with Betty Farthing, pianist, will be heard over radio station WJHL, Johnson City, Tenn., Sunday morning, starting at 8 a. m., and lasting for about 30 minutes. The vocalists will be accompanied by Johnson City by Barber Bill Hodges.

ART EXHIBIT

The public is invited to attend the annual exhibit of the art department of Appalachian College, Sunday, May 5, from 3 to 5 o'clock. Work done by students who are primary, grammar grade and home economics majors, will be shown. The exhibit will be held in the art building on the college campus.

LONG DISTANCE ORDER

B. W. Stallings, local jeweler, tells The Democrat that its advertising brings him business from far distant points, as is evidenced by an order received from San Francisco, Calif., for one of the new Reynolds pens. Louis Farthing, originally of Valle Crucis, saw the ad in the county paper, and immediately placed his order, asking that the pen be sent him at once via air mail.