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KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

"SNOOKS" LINNEY cleans house over at Republican headquarters Monday. The oversized pictures of Governor Dewey have disappeared from the windows and walls of the Linney building, and the huge hand-painted elephant which took up about half of the glass front, and which had twice carried Dewey into the shadows of defeat, was rapidly giving way to swift strokes of the razor blade, when Snooks stopped to mop his brow, and hailed us, allowing as how we could now re-route our steps to the postoffice via the spot where local Republican activities centered . . . a few days ago when victory was in the air and nice fat political jobs appeared to be ripening for the harvest . . . Anyway the campaign posters (there wasn't any of Harry) are fast getting out of the public eye, the campaign buttons have been discarded, and the election is officially over . . . However, it seems that the talk will never end of the graying Missouri farm lad who straddled a jaded donkey, and took all the columnists, analysts and politicians for a ride, as he won the presidential sweepstakes with the political counterpart of Man o' War slated to win in a walk by all the race-track fans . . .

HARRY did the impossible, with his old-time brass-knuckled campaign, even in the face of a smaller vote than had been envisioned by most (great numbers have always favored the Democracy) and most everyone has cooked up a very definite reason for his success . . . Some say farmers and laborers lined up together . . . Others aver the talk of Hoover days, and the fear of a depression drove the folks away from Dewey . . . Some opinion is that a sight of Republicans, who thought the thing in the bag, and didn't crave a job, stayed at home, but such speculation accomplishes nothing . . . Harry will be President cause the folks want it that way, and we like Governor Warren's ripe summation: "He just got the most votes!"

CONGRESSMAN DOUGHTON goes back to Washington to again preside over the Ways and Means Committee, while present Chairman Knutsen goes back home, a defeated man. Besides celebrating perhaps his most comprehensive victory in his career, Doughton celebrated his 88th birthday Tuesday . . . With due deference to our good friend Clyde Greene, whose outstanding worth to the community and State is well known . . . we should be excused for expressing a certain pride in the Doughton record since the Watauga Democrat has the treasured distinction of having first "discovered" the rangy Alleghenian as a Congressional possibility . . . that is, it raised the first voice suggesting him for the House, back in the days when he had just rolled up a majority in the State Senate in this district, at the end of an arduous campaign against heavy odds . . . the judgment of a country newspaper man has been vindicated by the folks every biennium for forty years . . . Congratulations, Congressman!

WATAUGA COUNTY likewise ran contrary to the opinions of lots of astute politicians when it returned the reins of county government to the Democratic party, which had been out of the courthouse saddle since 1942 . . . only Representative Eggers on the county ticket survived the Truman trend . . . Helen Underdown, for 20 years the keeper of the records in the Register of Deeds office found top favor with the voters winning in what would have to be deemed a landslide of more than seven hundred . . . Miss Underdown has done a good job she has stayed apart from party politics, and has rendered the same courteous, helpful service to all the people, and the people indicated their appreciation of her long administration in a great big way . . . Good service to the people . . . all the people . . . and friendly treatment will always pay off, as is evidenced by the overwhelming and bi-partisan support accorded "Miss Helen."

AN ORDERLY LOCAL election has been chalked up for Watauga county . . . Impressed by (Continued on Page 4)

GERMANS RETURN FROM BRITAIN



One German who managed to reach Churchill's England during the war is shown on his return to Berlin after four years of captivity. He is greeted by his girl friend. He and other prisoners of war had difficulty in getting through the Russian zone. At Seddin, the Russians took the engine of the train and refused the ex-PW's permission to continue their journey to the British sector. This man jumped from the train. His parents are at left.

RADIO TALKS WILL PRECEDE START LOCAL BURLEY SALES

Warehousemen Map Publicity Campaign for Market; Sales Will Start November 29; Merchants Cooperate in Putting News on Air.

R. C. Coleman, R. C. Coleman, Jr., Joe Coleman and Miss Harriet Sikes, operators of the local Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouses, have arrived from Tabor City to get everything in readiness for the start of the tobacco auctions here on November 29.

Accompanying them is "Happy Sam" Fowler, veteran radio entertainer and commentator who will be in charge of the radio broadcasts and other publicity for the warehouses this season.

The radio programs, which are sponsored by the warehouse operators and the Merchants Association, will start over station WJHL, Johnson City, next Monday, says Mr. Fowler and will be heard daily at 11:45 to 12:00. After the start of the sales, market news will be broadcast each morning from 6:30 to 6:35.

Starting November 15, Mr. Fowler says, the broadcasts will be made direct from Boone, and a "man on the street" feature will be instituted from the bank corner in Boone, November 20, at 1:15 to 1:30.

The three big warehouses of the local market will open November 15 for the receipt of tobacco and the business office is already open in Warehouse no. 1, where members of the warehouse staff will be glad to render any service possible to the farmers during or prior to the opening of the market.

Health Clinics At Appalachian

The physical education department of Appalachian Teachers college, through its health service, will bring two important opportunities to its students within the next three weeks. First, there will be an eye clinic, conducted by Dr. Jones of the Jones Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital of Johnson City, Tennessee. This clinic will be held at the Watauga Hospital on November 10. Appointments should be made through Mrs. Cleone Hodges of the college physical education department.

The second important opportunity will be offered beginning November 23 when the State Health Department will send to the Appalachian campus a mobile x-ray unit for a mass x-ray examination for tuberculosis. The unit will remain on the campus for several days for service to the college students and faculty members, and while here, will also offer services to the people of Watauga county. Any in the county, who wish x-rays made, may do so any time after November 23. The college administration is making an effort to have one hundred per cent of its college population take the x-ray examination.

Farm cost rates rose 10 per cent from 1945 to 1946 and 22 per cent from 1946 to 1947.

Eccles sees peril to U. S. economy in world tension.

FIRST FAMILY OF PACIFIC



This is an unusually attractive photo of Genari Douglas MacArthur and Mrs. MacArthur. It was made as Mrs. MacArthur waved farewell to president Syngman Rhee of embattled Korea as he left for his native land. The top administrator in the Pacific and his wife journeyed to Haneda airport to bid farewell to Rhee.

OFFICIALS END TABULATION HEAVY VOTE CAST LOCALLY

Miss Underdown Out Front in County Majority; Representative Eggers Lone Republican to Win in Local Race; Dewey Gets Local Nod.

The County Board of Elections completed the tabulation of the Watauga vote late Friday, when news was confirmed that the Democrats had filled every county office, and that on the local ticket Representative S. C. Eggers was the only Republican to win.

Governor Dewey carried the county by a considerably narrower margin than was the case in his race against the late President Roosevelt in 1944. Governor Scott triumphed, and Congressman Doughton maintained a very narrow lead over Clyde R. Greene of Boone, in the race for the 9th district Congressional toga.

Miss Helen Underdown, who has occupied the office of Register of Deeds for the past 20 years, had by far the heaviest majority of any candidate on either ticket, as party lines were crossed to give her the record lead of 755 over her Republican opponent, Mrs. Laverne Fox.

Dr. H. B. Perry carried the county by 238 in his race for the State Senate against Dr. A. P. Kephart, his majority in the district being around 1,500.

Representative Eggers, running for the Assembly for the third time won with a lead of 74 over Mrs. Mary Harris.

C. F. Thompson was elected surveyor by a majority of 122 over Jack Storie.

Returns indicate that Democratic candidates for the board of commissioners won, Charles Clay by 123, Wm. Winebarger by 115, and H. M. Hamilton by 134. The Republican candidates were A. G. Miller, R. M. Ward and E. D. Cook the two first mentioned being incumbents.

On the State ticket Kerr Scott carried the county by 230, while Congressman Doughton had a 35 vote lead over Clyde R. Greene. Governor Dewey took the county by 472, with Thurmond breaking into Democratic ranks for 158, and Henry Wallace chalking up 12. Watauga, which traditionally votes for the Republican presidential nominee, went for Dewey by a majority of 740 votes in 1944.

Despite a rather apathetic campaign Watauga voters rallied to the polls in considerably greater numbers than was the case two years ago, to perhaps set a record in number of votes cast.

Doughton Gives No Tax Prediction

Sparta—Representative Robert L. Doughton, dean of the House and expected to resume his chairmanship of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, refused to predict what action the 81st Congress will take on taxes.

"It will have to be studied," said the 85-year-old Congressman who became Ways and Means chairman at the birth of the New Deal and held the post until Republicans swept into control of the House in 1946.

"You can't tell now. We'll just have to do the best we can after studying revenue and consulting with experts," he said.

Doughton predicted that Southern Democrats who joined the States' Rights movement will not follow President Truman on civil rights legislation.

"Those Southerners have their convictions," he said, "and I don't think they will follow him on that subject. Maybe Mr. Truman won't be so extreme about it as he was before the election. I hope not."

Doughton, who defeated Republican Clyde Greene to retain the seat he has held since 1911, said he was "humble and appreciative over the greatest majority I've ever had."

STORY HOUR
Story hour will be held at 2 p. m. every Saturday in the county library, instead of at 4 p. m. as announced in the last issue of the newspaper. All children are invited to attend. The students of the Elementary Teachers' Club are telling the stories each week.

Mountaineers Get Burley Bowl Bid

National Note Of School Program

The guidance program of Appalachian High school has received national recognition in an article published in the National Association of Secondary School Principals. This article was written by Mr. Herbert Wey, principal of the local school, and was published in the May 1948 issue of this bulletin.

The article describes the ten-year growth of the group guidance program of Appalachian High and tells of the many problems that were overcome during this time in leading up to the present program of group guidance at Appalachian High school. Patrons and friends interested in reading this article may get a copy of the magazines at the high school or college libraries or may order a copy from the National Association of Secondary School Principals, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Winkler Attends Park Meeting

Mr. W. R. Winkler of Boone left Sunday for Raleigh where he will attend a meeting of the budget committee of the North Carolina Park Commission. Mr. Winkler was named chairman of this committee at a meeting of the full commission in Asheville August 10. Serving with him on the important committee are Frances Heazel of Asheville, and Raymond Sutton of Sylva.

Mr. Winkler's committee is appearing before the Advisory Budget Commission to make requests for additional funds for park and parkway purposes in this area.

New device enables blind to "read" by invisible light.

OFFICIAL WATAUGA COUNTY ELECTION RETURNS

Precincts	Sen.		House		R. Deeds		Sur.		Commissioners					Gov.		Cong.		President				
	Perry, D.	Kephart, R.	Harris, D.	Eggers, R.	Underdown, D.	Fox, R.	Thompson, D.	Storie, R.	Clay, D.	Winebarger, D.	Hamilton, D.	Ward, R.	Miller, R.	Cook, R.	Scott, D.	Pritchard, R.	Doughton, D.	Greene, R.	Truman, D.	Dewey, R.	Wallace	Thurmond.
Bald Mountain	76	97	64	104	75	99	70	100	65	67	102	104	107	78	95	70	100	64	106			2
Beaver Dam	323	111	306	119	367	79	329	100	342	339	94	98	98	356	95	349	100	314	112			9
Blowing Rock	200	212	186	219	255	166	196	211	196	193	197	207	212	207	205	206	204	209	160	228		2
Blue Ridge	59	217	35	237	35	233	33	236	34	35	36	231	229	226	38	231	33	232	32	237		1
Boone	746	355	894	393	817	279	713	372	734	730	751	351	347	359	785	326	763	365	646	413		3
Brushy Fork	353	151	337	161	368	138	330	159	340	337	341	161	160	151	246	156	342	160	308	175		18
Cove Creek	461	417	466	407	487	393	469	403	474	469	467	401	404	404	467	416	456	429	489	428		3
Elk	24	165	24	165	24	163	24	165	24	24	24	165	165	165	24	165	24	164	20	164		11
Laurel Creek	262	238	259	239	272	225	258	230	259	257	244	239	237	244	237	261	242	256	242			4
Meat Camp No. 1	343	242	338	246	350	284	337	246	337	351	337	240	249	240	231	244	330	247	316	253		1
Meat Camp No. 2	36	56	36	53	39	52	36	57	36	36	36	57	57	36	56	36	57	34	57			2
New River	406	328	392	327	416	317	391	336	390	394	388	334	333	340	378	334	369	340	333	347		2
North Fork	17	125	4	134	23	115	20	118	17	12	22	125	122	121	18	123	19	123	17	124		1
Shawneehaw	94	172	86	177	103	160	89	171	92	89	89	175	176	173	85	166	86	174	76	179		6
Stony Fork	185	376	179	374	200	363	180	379	182	184	185	377	382	371	185	379	183	382	164	383		1
Watauga	283	370	267	368	296	366	264	385	267	265	264	391	389	385	240	388	238	394	220	408		7
TOTAL	3868	3630	3667	3741	4137	3382	3739	3617	3789	3781	3800	3655	3666	3640	3846	3616	3753	3718	3379	3851		12
MAJORITIES	238			74	755		122		123	115	134			230		35			472			

Furnishings Needed For V. F. W. Hall

Furnishings are urgently needed for the new V. F. W. hall in Boone, and those wishing to contribute any of the following are asked to get in touch with either Greer Hodges or Custer Wallace in Boone. Whatever is given will be picked up by members of the veteran group.

The following articles are particularly needed: 2 sofas, 2 arm chairs, 3 card tables, 12 straight back chairs, 2 floor lamps, 1 writing desk, 6 smoking stands, 1 large old rug, 1 used radio.

Private fish ponds are becoming increasingly popular with Tar Heel farmers.