

KING STREET

BY
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POLITICAL CHATTER

The withdrawal of President Truman from the field of candidates for the Democratic Presidential nomination, made the news of the year for those who follow the caprices of party politics, and while the impact of the momentous declaration may be caused the greatest comment in the more populated regions, still the folks along King Street and thousands of other main streets, and out in the broad expanses of the farming country, are joining in the resultant discussions with such a fervor that, after all, the current campaigns may still be colored up a bit as a new group of competent candidates comes to the fore in the ranks of the majority party.

MANY FOLLOW TRUMAN

In Boone and Watauga, where straight party voting is the traditional and time-honored practice, and where politics is played for keeps, the President had never accumulated as much of the unpopularity and bitterness, as has been shown in less orthodox channels of political thinking, or in the areas where the voters could be thrown into panic on account of the race issue. . . . Which is to say that in this county, where the two major parties are fairly well matched, Truman was holding to his own in surprising fashion, and many of the faithful, who sincerely wish for a continuation of the New Deal-Fair Deal Administration, are just a bit peeved at the man from Missouri, who is cherished by many local politicians for his bare-fisted political powers and his strict fidelity to the party. . . .

SCATTERED COMMENTS

On the other hand there are a heap of folks roundabout who dislike the President with a vengeance. . . . Some carry the thing to the point of hatred. . . . and these are happy that there is to be a new face in the new White House come next year. . . . But, since the excitement of the first few hours, Democrats generally are receiving the Presidential ultimatum as perhaps a good thing for the party in the long range view, and even his own partisans are now weighing the matter in an optimistic vein. . . . At any rate a few scattered comments, gathered from a few folks along the street Monday might be of interest:

"Happy day for the Democrats. . . . Truman couldn't have won. . . . Now we can pick a winner from any one of a number of candidates. . . . and the help to our Southern party is great."

"Truman is the only man who could beat out a victory over Taft or Eisenhower," said a farmer, "and assure a continuance of the farm program, and other activities which have made Watauga rich."

"We can win in a walk, if Truman doesn't try to cram a candidate down our throats."

"The South will vote for anybody. . . . The Dixiecrat business was largely a personal thing. . . . The south just don't like Truman."

"He'd been aiming to quit all the time, and announced just as soon as he saw Taft couldn't be nominated. . . . he didn't intend for Taft to be President—ever."

"He's the greatest politician of our day. . . . but there are others who can carry on with greater harmony."

"The Republicans set up Eisenhower, because they thought Truman would beat Taft. . . . Now with the President out of the way the G. O. P. may turn to the man who's really their choice. . . . Senator Taft."

And so, on and on, the comments continue. . . . Most of those questioned spoke out in favor of Governor Stevenson of Illinois, and Senator Kerr of Oklahoma, while a large number would like to be for Russell, "but he can't win." . . . At any rate the Roosevelt-Truman era is approaching its end, for better or for worse, and Democrats and Independents far and wide, are looking forward to one of the most spectacular wide-open conventions in the history of the party.

Holy Week Observance Being Arranged in City

Pre-School Meeting To Be Held March 26

A very important meeting of primary teachers, mothers of pre-school children, the county supervisor, and members of the Health Department was held in the courthouse Wednesday, March 26, to plan for and discuss the preparation for school of those children who will be next year's first graders.

The group decided to work as individual school committees to plan for a pleasant experience in the "first trip" to school. It was agreed to call this a "Get Acquainted Day" for pre-school children and their parents. Every effort is to be made toward getting all children accompanied by one or both parents to attend these special days. A schedule will be announced soon as to the exact time and place for each school's "Get Acquainted Day." Parents are urged as much as possible to attend to the necessary immunization before this time and to bring along the certificate or record of the immunization their child has had. Representatives of Parent-Teacher Organizations agreed to aid in the problems of transportation and pre-education of parents as to the importance of this day for both the child and the parent. A special committee was appointed to work on materials to be produced for this phase of the school work.

Both parents and teachers present were enthusiastic over the working plans and indications are that next year's beginners will have a happy day and a boost toward a good starting of school.

Israel expects bumper crop to ease food shortage.

Three Sections Scenic Are Opened on First

The three sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway that have been closed to travel throughout the winter season because of persistent hazardous driving conditions will be open April 1, it was announced today by Superintendent Sam P. Weems. These are the Peaks of Otter, Craggy Gardens and Socco Gap sections. All other sections of the Parkway have been open throughout the winter except during periods of ice or snow.

The April 1 visitor will be able to travel the Parkway from its northern entrance near Waynesboro, Va. to Asheville, N. C. over a paved surface except for five short and directional by-



JAMES WILEY SHERWOOD
James Sherwood
Receives M. D.

Mr. James Wiley Sherwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sherwood, of Trade, Tenn., received the Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Tennessee on March 24th, and passed the State Board of Medical Examiners of Tennessee March 27.

Dr. Sherwood received his pre-medical training at Appalachian College, and completed the medical courses at the University in four years. He is 27 years old, and left Friday for Atlanta, Ga., where he will serve his hospital internship.

He served three years in the Navy during the last world war. He was third in his class at the University, treasurer of his class, and was an honor student at Appalachian.

He was married to Miss Myrl Reynolds of Tuscaloosa, Ala. in June 1951. She is also graduate of Tennessee U.

Dr. Sherwood will specialize in surgery after his internship and a short while in general practice.

Sunrise Service To Be Climax

Religious services of both a Union and denominational character will highlight the observance of Holy Week in Boone. Outstanding in the events is the traditional Good Friday Service centering on the Seven Last Words of Christ which this year will be held in the Methodist church from 1:00 until 2:00 p. m. The ministers have requested the Merchants Association to close all commercial establishments during that hour and as long before and after to allow all employees to make the necessary personal preparations to attend the service and to return to work.

This Union service will be preceded by a service in the nature of a musical cantata presented by the Presbyterian church on Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock for the whole community on "The Seven Last Words" of Christ. On Friday night at 7:30 the Lutheran church will offer for the community, Stainer's "Crucifixion," a cantata.

A new observance in the community will be held when the churches join in a Good Friday observance for all the elementary and high school children and youth to be held on Good Friday in the four churches adjacent to the school grounds from 11:00 to 12:00 noon. The children will be released to this Union program of the churches by the school officials. Mrs. Elsie Erneston will be in charge of the vocal music for these services as well as of that for the community Good Friday Service at one o'clock at the Methodist Church. Ministers of all churches will direct and participate in this program for the school children, and the children will be directed to one or the other of the church sanctuaries according to grades.

The climax of the observance of the week will come when the annual Blue Ridge Sunrise Service is held on Easter Sunday morning at the Cone Memorial Mansion. This service is under the direction of Rev. Joseph Thomas of Blowing Rock Baptist Church. It will be followed by Easter celebrations in all of the churches of Boone and Blowing Rock and the surrounding area at the worship hour on Easter Sunday morning.

Of denominational observance, evening services will be held throughout Holy Week at the Lutheran Church at 7:30, except Wednesday at 7:00 o'clock including the traditional Maundy Thursday Communion service on the night before Good Friday. The Methodist Church will likewise observe this historic communion service. At each of these services, the same invitation is

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Red Cross Fund Effort Is Being Extended Here

The Red Cross Fund Campaign has been extended until April 7th. This extension has been made on account of the extra effort being made to raise the additional amount asked for on account of the recent disaster in Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi and Alabama.

In view of the liberal aid extended by the Red Cross in this county after the 1940 flood the local chapter officials feel that we should raise and send in our quota for this immediately on Monday noon of this week \$1,141.89 has been reported. All volunteer workers are asked to make their final report not later than April 10th. Any amounts received later than this should be forwarded to Paul Coffey, treasurer, or to the Northwestern Bank as soon as received.

It has been impossible to obtain volunteer workers in all parts of the county and those who have not been solicited are asked to mail their contributions. Any contribution of \$1.00 or more entitles you to membership in your Red Cross Chapter and a membership card will be mailed to you if you will enclose your name and address with your remittance. Only a little over 40% of our quota has been raised. Support your Red Cross Chapter by making your contribution at once.

New Business Opened In City

The Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., announces today the opening of a new building supply store at their building on West Howard Street, and a large ad in the Democrat today tells of the new enterprise.

Mr. Clyde R. Greene, in making the announcement, says that Mr. Turner Storie will be in charge of the business, and that almost all kinds of building supplies will be featured. It is expected that finished lumber will be added later.

Mr. Greene states that low overhead costs, a non-delivery policy, and other economies, will enable the new store to offer the lowest possible prices in building materials.

Phillips Home Razed By Fire

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Phillips, on New River eight miles east of Boone, was completely destroyed by fire, Friday, together with furnishings, and other contents, and the net loss after a small amount of insurance has been paid, will likely reach \$4,000, it was said.

The seven-room frame dwelling was believed to have been ignited as a result of a defective flue.

Judge Sink To Hold Spring Court Here



Jurors Drawn For April Term

Judge Hoyle Sink of Greensboro will preside at the spring term of Watauga Superior Court which opens here on April 22.

The following have been chosen for jury duty during the term:

Bald Mountain, Wade Woodring, Todd; Beaver Dam, Laney Henson, Reese, and John W. Ward, Sugar Grove; Blowing Rock, Berlin Greene, Blowing Rock; Howard Coffey and Justin Coffey, Blowing Rock. Blue Ridge, Elmer Miller, Blowing Rock RFD; and Kermit Storie, Blowing Rock.

Boone township, Edwin S. Dougherty, J. H. Council and Bill Rush of Boone; Cove Creek township, Tom Lawrence, Vilas; John B. Sherwood; and Vance Presnell of Vilas; Elk township Judson Hayes, Triplett; Laurel Creek, Charles E. Trivette, Beech Creek; Lloyd Isaacs, Sugar Grove; J. Wayne Harmon of Beech Creek.

Meat Camp, Grady G. Moretz, RFD 2, Grady Wilson, Boone; and Marvin Proffitt, Todd; New River, George Austin, Shulls Mills, Gene Phillips, RFD 1, Boone; and M. W. Greene Sr. Boone; North Fork, John Potter, Tamrack; Shawneehaw, David Tester, Valle Crucis, Fred Rominger, Banner Elk.

Clyde Tester Rites Sunday

Clyde C. Tester, prominent resident of the Matney neighborhood, died suddenly last Friday from a heart attack. Mr. Tester, who had been in failing health for a long time, was seated in his automobile at the James Mast Store on Cove Creek, when he suffered the fatal attack.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 o'clock at the Valle Crucis Methodist Church. Rev. Ralph Miller, the pastor, was in charge of the rites and burial was in the Greer cemetery on Watauga River.

The widow survives, with two daughters: Mrs. R. H. McMillan, McDonald, N. C.; Mrs. E. W. May, Concord.

Hiott To Speak To Chamber

Harry W. Hiott, Jr. secretary-manager, Wilkes Chamber of Commerce of Wilkesboro will be guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at the Skyline Cafe, on Tuesday, April 8th.

Mr. Hiott is an outstanding authority on Chamber of Commerce work and Mrs. Roberta Ray, secretary of the local chamber believes every member will be interested in hearing him. There will also be reports from the chairmen of several of the resolutions committees.

Boone Student Wins Contest

Douglas Clawson, 4-H club member from the Boone Senior Club won the Green Pastures speaking contest in Watauga County held Friday, March 28, in Appalachian State Teachers College Auditorium.

The contest is sponsored each year jointly by the North Carolina Bankers Association and the North Carolina Extension Service. Douglas will represent Watauga County in the district contest Friday 4, in Lenoir. The district consists of 11 counties in Northwestern North Carolina.

The runner-up in the contest was Bobby Gore from the F. F. A. Chapter at Cove Creek. Douglas won \$15 as first place winner and Bobby won \$10, which was presented by James Marsh and donated by the Northwestern Bank.

Douglas is one of Watauga's outstanding 4-H club members and has been nominated for membership in the North Carolina 4-H Honor Club in 1952.



DINA SALVATOR

Health Student Working Here

Dina Salvator, a student from The School of Public Health, U. N. C. is spending the spring quarter from that school doing field training in both college work and with the local Health Department in Boone with Madeleine McCain, local health educator, as counselor.

Before coming to North Carolina to study, Miss Salvator was assistant professor of health at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Miss Salvator formerly worked in the health centers and normal schools and taught nutrition in the same University.

After completing her work in public health at the University of North Carolina, Miss Salvator will return to Brazil to teach Health Education at the School of Public Health in Brazil.

Dr. Stevens To Preach In City

Dr. Herman Stevens, former State evangelist with the Baptist State convention, will speak at the First Baptist Church at both services Sunday.

Dr. Stevens will conduct the county-wide revival which will be held at the First Baptist Church each evening next week at 7:45.

Shuping To Address District Legion Meeting

Local Debaters Win Contests

Miss Beckie Shoemaker and Miss Patsy McGuire, affirmative speakers, Douglas Clawson and Tom Greer, negative speakers, for Appalachian High School, along with the affirmative team of Jefferson High School won the Triangular Debate Contest held in the local high school Monday evening, March 24.

These three teams from the Lansing-Jefferson - Appalachian Triangle will speak in the district contest to be held in Appalachian State Teachers College on April 10.

The current debate question is "Resolved: That the United States Should Have Universal Conscription of all Citizens in Time of War."

Judges serving for the debate were Mrs. Frank Gragg, Leroy Rogers, Howard Barringer, Mr. Shackford, Mr. Parker, Mr. Cratis Williams, Dr. Whitener, Miss Shipman, and Captain DeLima.

Mr. Leroy Shuping of Greensboro, will be the principal speaker at the 30th district meeting of the American Legion which will be held at the Deep Gap School April 5 at 7:30, at which time a chicken pie supper will be served.

Mr. Hugh Alexander of Kannapolis, former State Legion commander, and candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the ninth district, will also be present, as will Richard Davis and Dan King of the Winston-Salem VA office.

Mr. Howard Steelman, district Legion commander says the purpose of the meeting is the election of district officers and election of delegates to the department convention. The district includes all Legion posts in Watauga and Avery counties.

Commander Steelman insists that all ex-service men be present for this important meeting.

Chemical sprays for blossom thinning—a postwar development in commercial orchards—will be used on an increased number of apple trees this spring.

Dairy Coop Hears Talk By Agricultural Official

By HARRY W. HIOTT, JR.
Over 100 milk producers attended a barbecue-meeting Wednesday which was sponsored by the Yadkin Valley Dairy Cooperative at Wilkesboro. Highlighting the culmination of a stock drive which began in January, L. Y. "Stag" Ballentine, N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture, gave the main address, commending the management and stockholders of the Coop for the manner in which they have taken hold of their opportunity to be the leader in the development of a tremendous dairy industry in North Carolina.

After hearing from a number of speakers at the Wilkes County Courthouse, the group toured the dairy plant and enjoyed a barbecue luncheon. Wednesday marked the final day of the recent stock drive in the 10-county area served by the distributing plant, and the goal of \$50,000 in common and preferred stock sales was exceeded by \$600. The additional capital was needed, the management explained, to provide additional working funds with which the company can speculate on market deviations during the high milk production season. The cooperative distributes in bulk to users of milk and its by-products over the Southeast.

Token prizes were awarded to the most successful stock salesmen, and P. E. Burch, president of the Cooperative, won first prize having sold \$9,050 in stock. Burch is a resident of Surry county which was the leading county with over \$16,000. H. R. Allen of Davie sold the largest amount of common stock alone, for which only cow owners are eligible, selling \$2,490 worth at \$30 per share.

In addition to the principal address by Commissioner Ballentine, the program featured talks by J. V. Whitaker, assistant state commissioner of agriculture, who spoke on the state's "Need For Fluid Milk." The topic of R. G. Lytle, manager of the N. C. Milk Producers Federation, was "This Is Your Market," and O. F. McCrary, district supervisor of the Extension Service, spoke on "Will You Accept the Challenge?"

Garland Johnson, president of the Bank of Elkin and financial advisor to the Cooperative's board of directors, gave a report on the financial condition of the firm. He commended the present management, particularly Gaylord Hancock, new general manager, on their recent progress in setting up an efficient and profitable cooperation.

In his address Ballentine said that it was very impressive that such a fine number of men gave their personal interest and time to carry out a stock drive. He also commended the board of directors, the manager and the financial advisor for the way they have come along in overcoming the disadvantages they faced in the beginning. He cited as the greatest disadvantage they faced: the severe criticism by the public of cooperatives in general. "As long as a number of farmers have their individual and collective welfare at stake," he said, "the North Carolina Department of Agriculture will endorse any program which will aid them in getting out of the rough."