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THURSDAY JUNE 5, 1952.

Days Of Tragic Sorrow

The people of Boone and Watauga county have spent the week-end in the gloom of mass tragedy, which brought the deaths of six on the highways of the area.

The Democrat extends condolences to the bereaved, and shares the pangs brought by the deaths of the five in the prime of life, the serious injury of another, and adds, its tears in the death of the little child, which occurred through such distressing circumstances and which added crushing weight to the grief of the people.

We share the tragic troubles of our friends and walk with them in the shadows. May the clouds soon part and the way grow bright again for us who have been so sorely smit-

Wild Creatures Visit Town

Big rangy possum crossing the street in front of the Democrat office . . . three halfgrown rabbits force motorists to stop and sound horn, two blocks away from the center of the business district, and a Bob White whirs away from tall grass along Howard Street. The birds and the rabbits and even the possums are said to be seeking the relative safety of town life, where the hordes of foxes which are preying upon them are unwilling to go. Leastwise we haven't seen Reynard walking along the King Street pavement, but do see most of the other creatures of forest and field.

Some of the fox hunters are beginning to agree that the pests are a little too plentiful, that a killing of a large number of the animals would improve the sport. Added sentiment against the predators stems from the fact that rabies appears to be running rampant among the foxes in some sections of the country. When foxes in this locality are so afflicted they would lose their instinct of fear, and would be expected to follow their prey into the town.

The outcome of the Gubernatorial primary tion, or yet the party nominee at in the State was gratifying to partisans in Chicago. The delegation simply The outcome of the Gubernatorial primary Watauga, where sentiment was so preponderantly in favor of the victorious candidate William B. Uinstead.

The results of the race here could be easily foreseen from the beginning of the campaign. The sentiment is not only due to the admiration felt here for the Durham man, but to the resentment which had been building against the Scott machine for a long while, and which flared forth when the Lexington candidate received the Executive's blessing. The unpopularity of Scott in this county stems, to a great degree from the unwillingness of the Governor to follow orthodox political paths as regards matters in these parts. The Governor's charges of manipulated primary returns here four years ago caused considerable hardness, ensuing talk on the breaking down of the adding machine in Watauga, as well as endorsement of the county tax revaluation program, all have taken their toll from the Scott jackpot here. When the Governor lined up with Mr. Olive, it was a kiss of death for the Lexington man in Watauga.

Mark Goforth, who, admittedly, has done an awful lot of road work in Watauga, and who is genuinely liked by most of the folks, likewise met defeat here from circumstances not unlike those which beset the defeated Gubernatorial candidate.

Right or wrong, Watauga voters-Republicans as well as Democrats, take their party affiliation with a good deal of seriousness, and those who want to fare well in these parts have to follow time-honored rules of political procedure.

The winning candidates are widely popular*here, but they benefitted to a vital degree from the anti-administration vote.

Road To Open Today

The information that the Lenoir-Blowing Rock highway is to be opened for traffic today is being welcomed by the people of Blowing Rock and Boone.

It is of vital local concern that this muchtraveled artery is to be open well ahead of the tourist season.

Highway officials and contractors are to be commended for their tireless efforts in completing this huge project in record time.

UNINSTRUCTED

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

OF WATAUGA COUNTY

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ments made later on your valuations will be refunded. All

unpaid 1951 taxes will be advertised during July 1952.

G. B. MILLER,

County Tax Collector.

(Asheville Citizen)

The State Democratic convention acted wisely when it turned down a resolution to instruct its delegates to the national convenion for Senator Russell. It would have been no less wise if the subject of the resolution had been a man of demonstrably wide popularity in North Carolina.

In North Carolina, unfortunately, there is no way of divining the people's choice for the Presidential nomination even though the primary election method is in general use. It is in use generally for every office save that of President of the United States, for whom North Carolinians customarily cast a larger number of votes than any one of 30 other states.

The Presidential preference is harder to deermine. Four years ago the delegation was split between Russell and Truman, and no one would have precideted that in November North Carolina was to give Mr. Truman the largest majority over his Republican opponent than of any state save

Lacking a preferential primary or a device for instructing delegates according to the manifest will of the voters, an uninstructed delegation is the only alternative. Although Senator Russell alone

was commended by the conven n, no one really expects him to be the final choice of the delegawill preserve its freedom of action and perhaps conserve North Carolina's bargaining power. It cannot do more for it lacks the mandate it should have if there were some way of expressing the popular will.

Sheep Breeders Sell Top Lambs

Seven Watauga county purebred Hampshire sheep breeders sold eighteen yearling Hampshire rams in the ram sale at Tarboro and Raleigh this week. A total of seventy-two rams were sold for \$7,000. The eighteen rams from Watauga county sold for \$2,018.50, or an average of \$112.15 per head. The breeders from Watauga county who sold in these sales were Norris Brothers, Ed Love, Clyde Love, Chalmer Phillips, Joe Wilson, Robert Shipley, and J. W. Norris.

PROMISE BACKFIRES

Mandan, N. D.-Jack Harris radio announcer, told his listeners he would do the laundry for whomever identified a saving he quoted. Mrs. Henry Hoppe identified the quotation and called on Harris to make good-she was laundress for the Mandan State Training School and its 300 inmates and employees.

North Carolina's 1952 Club Week will be held at State College from July 21 to 26. Farm and Home Week will be held August

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shet. Looked like a half shed muskrat where the hole he had bin using had bin too small and he had were hil of the he had wore all of the hair off of his head. That half shet eye has a sneaking look . . . If you can find the paper take a look at that

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Melvin Hartley Is Given Top Honors

Melvin G. Hartley, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hartley of Vilas, is an honor student in law school at the University of Miami, Fla. war II, he attended Appalachian State Teachers College before entering the University.

Mr. Hartley has also received nembership on the board of the Miami Law Quarterly, one of the highest honors a law student can attain.

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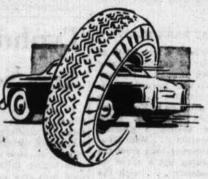
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